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# IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

Happenings of This and Other Nations For Seven Bays Are

# THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in the South land Will Be Found In Brief Paragraphs.

The deadlock in the balloting for bishep of the Episcopal diocese of Atlanta (Ga.), to succeed the late Cleland Kinloch Nelson, was broken on the seventeenth ballot, when the Rev. Robert Sanders Coupland of New Orleans was elected.

Prominent instructors in economics in the United States, in a memorial each member of congress and the president and his cabinet, urge the adoption of the policy of taxation rather than that of bond issues as the principal means of meeting the expenditures of this country in the war.

Secret codes containing a cipher order to dismantle machinery on interned German liners upon the severance of diplomatic relations by the United States were discovered on the German steamships Prinz Oskar and Rhatetia, according to W. H. Berry, collector of the port of Philadelphia. It is announced that when interned liners are made seaworthy they be of Soissons and Rheims. placed in trans-Atlantic merchant serv-

Figures compiled by the Anti-Saloon League show that 142 saloons were taken from the Germans. voted out of business in elections in various cities and towns of Illinois. and towns, but lost three dry towns. Michigan's \$5,000,000 war loan bill has been signed by Governor Sleeper. The bill also creates a state war preparedness board.

The war was brought to the shores of the United States when the destroyer Smith reported by radio that an enemy submarine had tried unsuccessfully to torpedo her 100 miles south

men to form a regiment are being obtained daily. For the five-day period,

Detailing of army officers to educational institutions for military instruction work is ordered discontinued by the war department, with the suggestions that students of military joining the army or navy.

The white house is about to join The assistance of the department of ments are reported destroyed by fire. agriculture will be asked in selecting seed for the land.

The governor of Maryland an nounces that all idlers in that state must go to work either voluntarily on the farm or in houses of correction. A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives at Washingten proposing that exemption of married men from military Juty under any future compulsory service legislation is dead. shall not apply to those married after April 1, this year.

### Washington

control during the war was put be- church, while the people sobbed. fore congress by Secretary Houston in a communication to the senate asking power for the department of agri-

Market grades and classes for farm

within a few days a group of distin- the German army." The prince proguished Americans to confer with ceeded to the western front. members of the Russian duma anent

the war with Germany. known the facts may be sent to prison miles and made important gains and ras and St. Quentin, in the region almost no other train ever has been tained through the civil service. for seven years. The United States captured more than ten thousand prisat war is in a very different position oners and large quantities of war mafrom a neutral. The iron hand will terial. be applied to any form of treasonable utterance, deed or suppression of in-

The president personally appeals to the farmers of the South to plant foodstuffs. He says the Southern farm- thing and everything in the way of ers "can show their patriotism in no small craft, from destroyers to tugs," better or more convincing way than by will be the most useful contribution resisting the great temptation of the the United States can make against bresent price of cotton and helping German submarines. feed the nations and the peoples everywhere fighting for their liberties and

our own." President Wilson has created a publicity board, the head of which is vested in Secretaries Lansing, Daniels and Baker of the state, navy and war departments, respectively.

The agricultural department asks congress to require of transportation companies preference for the movement of farm machinery, seeds, fertilizers and materials that enter into

the processes of food production. Approximately three thousand German residents of the United States are under close surveillance, department of justice officials announce, because of their activities in behalf of the German government before the United States entry into the war or because of their pro-German sympa-

The senate has recorded itself in favor of a press censorship during the

First call to the country for war finances will be made, Secretary Mc-Adoo announces, as soon as the seven billion dollar bill becomes law.

The war finance bill, providing for issuance of \$7,000,000,000 in securities -the largest single war budget in any nation's history-was passed uanimously by the senate.

George Bakmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States since 1911, cabled the provisional government at forwarded from Minneapolis, Minn, to Petrograd that he has decided to relinquish his office and asks that some one be named to take charge of the

That, in the inability of the nation to supply men at once for the fighting line, money should be America's immediate contribution to her allies, was the dominant thought expressed during the debate on the war finance bill in the senate.

### European War

Steady progress is being made by the troops of General Nivelle in driving back the Germans in the region

Since the beginning of the French offensive in the west, more than nineteen thousand prisoners have been

General Maude, commanding the hem, attacked the Turkish main positions, and completely routed the Turkish forces

The British operating in Egypt have ette flying corps, a delegation from advanced to formidable positions north the American Ambulance at Nuilly, of the Wadi Ghuzze.

army against the Germans from the Association of Veterans of the Marne, bend in the line in France from Soissons eastward into the Champagne continues unabated. In three days' Recruiting figures for the regular fighting more than seventeen thousand army made public by the war depart- unwounded prisoners have fallen into ment show that more than enough the hands of the French, together with seventy-five cannon.

The British war office reports that April 11 to 15, a total of 7,171 men the forces of Field Marshal Haig have Greeted at Station by Lansing and were recruited, a daily average of gained additional ground along the River Scarpe, to the east of Fampoux. and also captured the village of Vil-

liers-Galslain, north of St. Quentin. Northwest of Braila, on the Danube river, in Roumania, the Germans delivered a violent attack against the Rus- mission which has come to Washingage can best serve their country by sians, but were repulsed, says the Petrograd war office.

Popular feeling against Germany in the increased food production move- Brazil is reported. German newspapers ment by planting a garden of its own have suspended publication, and the in which President Wilson may wield German flags have been taken down. a hoe when he finds a spare moment. Several big German business establish-

Russia has forwarded assurances to the United that under no conditions The Minnesota legislature passed a now conceivable will the provisional bill, which has been signed by the gov- government of Russia yield to the ernor, providing a commission of pub- overtures from German and Austrian lic safety for the duration of war. The | Socialistic representatives to negotiate bill carries an appropriation of one a separate peace. The entente diplomillion dollars to be used for war mats frankly confess a great sense of relief.

A Madrid, Spain, dispatch says that th Spanish steamship Tom was torpedoed and sunk without warning, entailing the loss of eighteen lives.

General von Bissing, governor general of Belgium since German occupation, and who became notorious because of his consent to the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, an English nurse,

It is freely admitted in Germany that if Germany loses the monarchy the visiting party was to pass on the loses with it.

The emperor and empress of Aus-The government's program for food tria prayed for peace in St. Stephen's

The English house of lords and house of commons have passed resolutions expressing profound appreciation culture to take direct supervision of of the British nation for the action food production and distribution in the of the United States government and United States and requesting a \$25,- people in entering the world war in 000,000 appropriation for putting the defense of the high cause of freedom

and the rights of humanity. Prince Ziaed-Din, heir apparent to produce, according to the agricultural the Turkish throne, arriving at the department, is one of the chief needs German main headquarters, presented in the history of the District. of the country to insure proper condi- Emperor William a sword from the tions in producing and marketing of sultan "as a sign of the royal comradeship in arms of the allied armies President Wilson probably will name and in recognition of the deeds of

London reports that the German war losses since the beginning of the war the Somme and the Cise.

otal 4,180,966 men. Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, now English first sea lord, says that any-

The news comes by way of Switzerland that the answer of the German people to the United States' declaration of a state of war is a huge pop-

ular war loan. German war losses during the month of March this year are reported I to have been 545,803 men.

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AMERICAN FLAG IS FLUNG HIGH TO BREEZES IN FRENCH CAPITAL.

Great Day in Paris.-Twenty-one Guns Are Fired and Procession Marches to Statue of Washington at Foot of Which Bronze Palm is Laid.

Paris.-The Stars and Stripes were flung to the breeze from Eiffel Tower and saluted by 21 guns. This marked the opening of the, ceremonies of "United States Day" in Paris. The French Tri Color and the Star Spangled Banner were at the same hour unfurled together from the residence of William G. Sharp, the American Ambassador in the Avenue D'Eylau, from the American Embassy, from the City Hall and from other municipal Government buildings.

It was a great day for the Redwhite and Blue. Over all the Capital, street venders did a thriving trade in the colors of both Allies, while 40,000 American flags, handed out gratis by the committee, were waved by the people who thronged the vicinity of the manifestations.

Jules Cambon, General Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; General du Bail, Military Governor of Paris; the members of the committee and others were received at 1:30 o'clock by Ambassador Sharp at his British forces in Mesopotamia, has residence whence they preceded to The drys won in fourteen wet cities forced a passage of the Shatt-el-Ad- the Place d'Iena, where a bronze plam was deposited at the foot of the top of Eiffel Tower.

Members of the American LaFayand the American field amblances The great offensive of the French with a large representation from the were the guard of honor before the LaFayette statue at the Tuilleries Gardens, where the official procession halted to deposit a bronze plam.

### WASHINGTON WELCOMES ARTHUR BALFOUR AND PARTY

Other Officials-Soldiers Guard.

Washington.-The American capital extended a simple, but heartfelt welcome to the British minister for foreign affairs, Arthur Balfour and the other members of the British comit, "to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it, namely a successful

There was no music to greet the visitors, the original plan, including the presence of the Marine Band, having been amended to conform to the view expressed by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that this was a grave and serious event in American history, and not to be lightly treated, or regarded as a social affair.

On the Union Station plaza were gathered some 5,000 people waiting patiently for a glimpse at the nation's guests, restrained at a proper distance by hundreds of blue-coated policemen ond by two troops of the Second cavalry, commanded by Colonel Fenton, part of the garrison at nearby Fort

Within the station lines had been drawn separateing the traveling public from the space at the eastern end of the concourse across which way from the train shed to the president's room. All of the police captains of the district had been ranged here history. in a double line as a guard of honor to keep back intruders. Two score newspaper men, standing to the east of the concourse, were the only unofficial persons permitted in this section of the station. Detectives swarmed everywhere through the crowds and at various angles where any danger might lurk. Altogether, the precautions taken to insure the safety of the nation's visitors exceeded anything ever known

### HAMMER GERMAN LINES.

along the front between Arras and gether. French troops in the department of Lens, where the British guns are again of the Havrincourt woods.

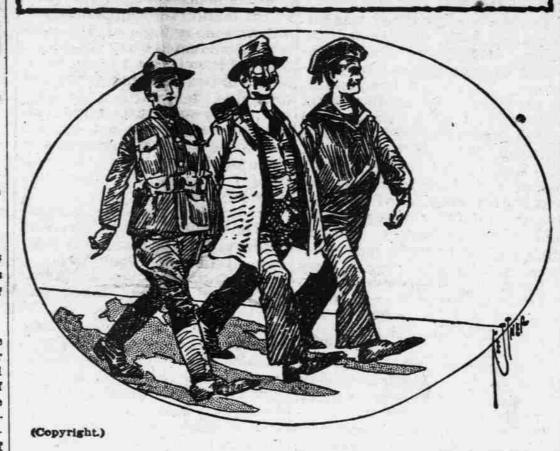
held by the French, artillery duels predominated, being intense between the track had been gone over within

### BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP

London.-The British Hospital ships Donegal and LanFranc, with many wounded aboard, have been torpedoed wi'hout warning. They were sunk on April 17. Of those on the Donegal, informal conversations which are extwenty-nine were wounded men and are believed to have perished.

### ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICAN

PITTSBORO, CHATHAM COUNTY, N. C., APRIL 25, 1917.



# BRITISH VISITORS HERE FOR MOST IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Some Of Empire's Most Prominent Men, Headed By Foreign Minister Arthur J. Balfour. Arrive To Take Part In War Council To Convene In Washington As Soon As France's Representatives Arrive---Port Of Arrival Kept Secret.

ain's high commissioners to the inter- and Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher were national war council to begin in Wash- soon in deep conversation on the vangton this week set foot on American | rious phases of American participasoil and made their way to the capi-

Arthur James Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs of the empire, dean of the world's elder statesmen, was the central figure of a party that included some of Great Britain's most promient men. With a genial smile and German prison camps, his gratifi- history. cation that England and the United States now were allied for a common purpose, and his conviction that this

only means that can secure it, namely, dispute.

"Your president, in a most apt and vivid phrase," Mr. Balfour added, "has proclaimed that the world must be made safe for democracy. That be treated as negligible simply because they are small, that the ruthless domination of one unscrupulous power imperils the future of civilization and the liberties of mankind are truth of political ethics which the bitter experience of war is burning into the souls of all

### freedom-loving peoples." Received With Honors.

England's leading statesmen, having safely evaded the German submarines and mines which sent Lord Kitchener to his death, were received with a place in America which cannot be named. A delegation of state, war and navy department officials welcomed the commission in the name of to the capital for what is admittedly

The commission was received with and with every recognition of the fact | paign that Great Britain had given of her very best. It is said, indeed, that no foreign minister has left England for Vienna a century ago.

The formal welcome was extended by Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, through the presentation to Mr. Balfour of a letter of greeting from Secretary Lansing, which the British statesmen acknowledged with equal simplicity while Brit-Apparently a big battle is brewing ish and American officials mingled to-

A special train of five cars, which guarded in this country. Double pro-Likewise on that part of the front tection had been afforded at all tunnels and bridges, and every mile of the previous 24 hours to guard against a possible fanatic. No detail of any sort whatsoever which could betray SUNK, MANY WOUNDED. the place of arrival or route of travel

was allowed to escape.

Break Into Groups. Almost immediately when the train started, the large party broke up into groups, of army, navy and state department officials to begin at once the and Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and States.

With the Balfour Party.—Great Brit-1 Rear Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair and

On all sides it was reiterated that the British had come in a spirit of service and appreciation, and that it formerly premier and often called the was their hope that lessons they had sary, Secretary Houston declared, as learned in the war at such cost might be of service to this country in avoiding similar mistakes. Similarly, as one official expresed it, the commission playing over his features, he consent- was moved by exactly the same feeled to a brief interview, warmly ex- ings which raised the Stars and Stripes pressing his appreciation of all the to the flag tower of the Parliament United States has done as a neutral in building in London for the first time charitable and relief work in Belgium a foreign flag has ever flown there in

Secretary Balfour, a tall, slim, white-haired man of 69 years has held the highest posts in the empires since country in its war efforts would as- he first entered parliament 43 years tound the world, particularly Germany. ago, saw today the completion of one The object of the commission, Mr. of his life hopes expressed under vast-Ralfour said, was to "make co-opera- ly different circumstances on January tion easy and effective between those | 15, 1896, when he was largely instruwho are striving with all their power mental in averting war between Engto bring about a lasting peace by the land and America over the Venezuela

### NATION-WIDE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN DECIDED UPON.

self-governing communities are not to Best Means of Disposing of War Bonds Department Flooded With Offers.

Washington.-A nationwide advertising campaign of extraordinary proportions has been decided upon by Secretary McAdoo as the most effective means of disposing quickly of the \$5,000,000 bond issue soon to be offered to the public.

So many patriotic offers of aid have poured into the Treasury Department recently that practically every method of publicity in the country will be at the highest honors as guests of the the Government's disposal, without a American people when they arrived at charge, in helping to make the issue a ing must be learned before remedies

Newspapers, magazines, street car advertisements, even the billboarks. soon may be proclaming the issue in the Government, and set out with them big type and summoning every Ameri can to his duty to his country by subthe most vital conference in American scribing. Large advertising agencies have offered their services, free of cost, in writing the advertisements the utmost simplicity and cordiality, and otherwise assisting in the cam-

Many newspapers have opened their advertising columns, without charge. Officials have welcomed such offers the length of time that Mr. Balfour and expect others of a similar nature. will be away since the Congress of There will be no general campaign of paid advertising, it was said authoritatively, nor the incurrence of any items of expense whatever that are not absolutely essential.

Five million dollars will be avail able for all items of expense. A force of approximately 1,000 persons will be added to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, already working night and day, to meet the present heavy demands of the Government, and at the Aisne and the Marne delivered a hammering the German lines. Except had been waiting with steam up and least 200 clerks will be employed in Any one who has knowledge of a violent infantry attack against the for this artillery activity and some crew aboard for five days, at once got the clerical work incidental to the big treasonable act and fails to make Germans over a front of twenty-five gains south of Loos and between Ar-

> ceived from many unexpected sources. epartment stores have offered not only to accept subscriptions, but to solicit them-There probably will be at least 150,000 places in the United States

REPORT IS ALSO RECEIVED AT BASAL

where bonds may be purchased.

Basil, Switzerland, via Paris.-A dispatch from Constantinople dated

# FOOD CONTROL IS WILL ENROLL ARMY PUT UP TO SENATE OF CLUB MEMBERS

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF PRO-DUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

IS PROPOSED.

# ASKS FOR AN APPROPRIATION

Secretary Houston in Communication With Senate Asks For \$25,000,000 to Put Plan Into Operation.-Wants to Fix Prices.

Washington. - The Government's program for food control during the war was put before Congress by Secretary Houston in a communication to the Senate asking power for the Department of Agriculture to take direct supervision of food production and distribution in the United States and requesting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for putting the plan into opera-

Authority was asked for the Council of National Defense, in an emergency, to buy and sell foodstuffs and to fix minimum or maximum prices.

As outlined to the Senate, the Government's plan is first to make a complete survey of the country's food supply to determine its ownership and distribution, then if necessary to license and control the operations of all concerns engaged in the manufacture of foods or feeds, agricultural implements and all materials required for agricultural purposes. Authority is sought for the Agricultural Department to take over and operate the concerns if it appears at any time that course is demanded by the public in-

Giving the Government power to deal directly in foodstuffs probably would make its application unnecesits very existence would tend to keep conditions normal. Market grades and classes for farm products, Secretary Houston said, is one of the chief needs of the country to insure proper conditions in producing and marketing farm products. Authority also was asked for the

Department to require of transportation companies preference for the movement of farm machinery, seeds, fertilizers and materials that enter into the processes of food production. The Department wishes to allow its market service division to assist in obtaining rerouting of foodstuffs to

relieve congestion on transportation In its plan for an investigation of the present food supply, the Agricultural Department has arranged for the help of the Federal Trade Comwas directed by President Wilson early in the year to make an inquiry to ascertain the amount of food stocks and determine if the anti-trust laws have been violated in food produc-

as Congress makes the necessary appropriation for this specific inquiry. the Trade Commission will proceed. Some officials believe the Trade make unnecessary the use of extreme legislation in regulating the control of food, although additional powers

should be given for an emergency. Officials of all Departments and divisions of the Government realize that the facts of the situation existcan be planned.

### STEADY PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE FRENCH

Driving Back Germans in Soissons and

Steady progress is being made by French troops in driving back the Germans in the regions of Soissons and Rheims. In a new offensive, the French also have entered the German second line in the Argonne forest. German counter attacks on the Vauclere plateau, south of Laon, have been re-

Since the beginning of the French offensive last Monday, more than 19,-000 Germans have been taken prisoners. Guns captured exceed 100, not including machine guns.

OFFICIAL ROUTE OF BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

Birmingham, Ala.—The official route of the Bankhead Highway from Washington, D. C., to Little Rock, Ark., will tee, which will make the trip in the this city is Miss Cooper Miller, who next 30 days, the Bankhead Highway writes that she enlisted at Philadelcided. Points to be reached by the Bankhead Highway include Lynchburg, Va., Reidsville, Greensboro and man." Miss Miller is a stenographer Charlotte, N. C.; Atlanta, Ga., and Holly Springs, Tenn.

### MANY GERMANS IN THE COUNTRY ARE BEING WATCHED.

Washington.—Approximately 3,000 German residents of the United States | tegrity through the generations since are under close surveillance, Depart- the Revolution, has made application ment of Justice officials announced. because of their activities in behalf of the state for acceptance as a unit of pected to sketch out America's part in April 21 says the Ottoman Government | the German Government. The Dehas notified the American Embassy partment's field force of officers is LanFranc carried German wounded as racy. Mr. Balfour and Secretary Long, that following the example of its keeping so close a watch upon the well as British. Of those aboard, Lieut. Gen. T. Bridges, who drew the Ally, Austria-Hungary, it has broken suspects that it would be possible to nineteen British and fifteen Germans first blood for England in August, 1914 diplomatic relations with the United arrest virtually every man under sus-

BOYS AND GIRLS OF STATE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO AID IN FOOD CONSERVATION.

More Than Five Hundred Have Already Begun Activities-Others Are Urged to Enlist.

Raleigh.-A tremendous effort will be made by the Agricultural Club agencies to enroll a great many more members in the various clubs in the state during the next two months, the purpose being the stimulation of the production of food and feed crops. An enrollment of two hundred boys and girls in each county in the state would mean an army of 20,000 industrially inclined, productvie young men and young women. Already 5,071 club members have begun their activities. The following is a list of the lead-

ing counties, based on the total enrollment for all clubs: Guilford, 249; Buncombe, 242; Wilkes 226; Iredell, 201; Wake, 188; Madison, 186; Stanley, 176; Cleveland,

167; Johnston, 131; Rutherford, 130. "With the entrance of this country into the European theater of war,' states Mr. S .G. Rubinow, of the agricultural club work, "will come not only the call for a display of military spirt and patriotism, but the assurance, on the part of the citizenship of the United States, of maximum industrial and productive development. As a tangible part of such preparedness measures, the members of the various Boys' and Girls' Agricultural and Live-stock Clubs, in a nation-wide movement, will do a great deal toward contributing feed and food-stuffs for the maintenance of both the military and civilian population.

"In North Carolina this year an army of 5,071 boys and girls have al ready begun work on their productive projects. This effort will resolve itself into 2,234 acres of corn, 82 acres of cotton, 1,215 pigs, from which may be expected a very large progeny; 72 acres of peanuts, 100 one-eighth acre patches of Irish potatoes, and 1,278 poultry flocks. What this means toward adding to the state's wealth can be illustrated by stating that the boys' corn crop last year increased the assets of the state by \$20,000; the pig work produced \$10,056 worth of pork anad the poultry club was responsible for raising 35,000 birds for egg pro-

"Wars are not only waged with guns and shells; they are fought along ecomission, which, with the Department, nomic lines with food, clothing and shelter as three great emprirical fundamentals. In Europe the call for industrial patriotism was sounded almost as soon as the calls to arms was made. Women and children are now tion, storage and distribution. As soon | tilling the soils of England, France and Germany, so that the men who fight may be fed. This country is embarking on an era of suffering and privation. Last year saw an incredible Commission has enough power to shortage of almost every commodity usd for food. Rice was the only excption. With an increased army and navy to support and feed, with thousands of men drawn away from their normally productive occupations, with the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of food by those in Europe, who normally would be producing, under such circumstances, every man, woman and child who grows an edible commodity is a patriot, in every sense

### Durham Employs Weigher.

of the word."

Durham.-The board of aldermen has empowered the city of Durham to employe a whole-time sealer of weights and measures and 5,000 copies of the ordinance are being printed for distribution. The office is practically a new one in North Carolina, and the appointee will be clothed with the authority of a policeman to minimize the frauds possibly practiced on the housewife. His term of office embraces one year, and it is mandatory that he visit all firms, persons and cor-

porations using balances, weights, etc. Concord Woman Joins Navy.

Concord.-While few recruits have been elisted for the Army and Navy from this city, Concord has the distinction of being one of the first Southern cities to send a woman rebe seelcted by a pathfinding commit- cruit to the war. The recruit from Association in convention here de- phia. She has been commissioned to work in the Navy yards there, and holds the commission of "Chief Yoeof much experience, and her work will consist of stenographic work.

> Company Wants Acceptance. Eavetteville.—The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, a military organization which has kept its into the National Guard authorities of the state troops. Dr. Carson and Mr. T. H. Lyon, of Fayetteville, came here which its work is needed.