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## SATISFACTORY NAVAL PROGRAM

Administration Officials Confident Congress Will Make Plans for Such Measure.

### TWO DREADNAUGHTS AND FOUR BATTLESHIPS URGED

House Leader Kitchin Makes Formal Announcement That He Will Not Oppose.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 19.—Administration officials were today confident that Congress would provide a satisfactory naval building program despite the fact that the naval committee of the House abandoned the five year program recommended by President Wilson and Secretary Daniels. Officials were disappointed at the action of the committee in providing for all battle cruisers, as they believe that some dreadnaughts are necessary.

It is understood that Congress will be pressed for a program for two dreadnaughts and four battleships.

The formal announcement of House Leader Kitchin that he would not oppose the program but that he approved the naval appropriation bill as completed yesterday is considered significant in view of the fact that he opposed the administration's preparedness measures.

Representative Kitchin declared that the bill was satisfactory to him and that he might make a speech in favor of it.

Washington, May 19.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs today adopted the following construction program for the fiscal year 1917:

Five battle cruisers at \$20,533,531 each; each to carry ten 14-inch guns and to have a speed of 53 knots; 20 submarines, three of which are to be fleet and 17 coast defense submarines, the former to cost \$3,600,000 and the latter \$12,325,000; four scout cruisers at \$5,571,900 each; 10 destroyers at \$1,225,314; one hospital ship at \$2,500,000; one fuel ship at \$1,363,272, and one ammunition ship at \$2,711,650.

The total amount appropriated for new construction in this year's program is \$160,211,317, which, together with some \$10,000,000 provided for the purchase and manufacture of ammunition, will aggregate \$170,000,000. The amount appropriated for this purpose in last year's naval bill was only \$50,000,000.

Secretary Daniels' plan, which called for an eventual appropriation of \$502,482,214, called for the following construction for the fiscal year 1917: Dreadnaughts, 2; battle cruisers, 2; scouts 3; destroyers 15; fleet submarines 5; coast submarines 25; gunboats 2; hospital ships 1.

For five years the Secretary asked for a total of 10 dreadnaughts; 6 battle cruisers; 10 scout cruisers; 50 destroyers; 15 fleet submarines; 85 coast submarines, and a gunboats.

He recommended the construction of a fuel oil ship in 1918 and another in 1920; an ammunition ship in 1920 and another in 1921; a repair ship in 1921 and a hospital ship this year.

In addition to the authorizations for new construction the bill will carry \$2,000,000 for aeronautics; appropriation of \$1,500,000 each for dry docks at Norfolk and Philadelphia; \$3,700,000 for ammunition for ships already built or authorized and \$4,500,000 in addition for reserve ammunition. In all the measure carries a total appropriation of \$240,000,000, which is \$90,000,000 in excess of the total appropriation carried in last year's program. The measure increases the navy personnel to a total of 80,000 men, including marines and exclusive of officers. The additional men for the navy authorized today is 16,500.

### CHARGED WITH TREACHERY.

Mayor Mitchell, of New York, Makes Serious Charge Against Senator G. S. Thompson in Connection With Wire Tapping Case.

New York, May 19.—Mayor Mitchell, in a statement issued today, accused Senator G. S. Thompson, chairman of the legislative committee which has been investigating wire tapping activities of the police, of "treachery to the United States," because he attempted to investigate the tapping of telephones to the munition plants of Seymour and Seymour.

## COL. ROOSEVELT AT DETROIT WRESTLING GROUND FROM ITALIANS



Theodore Roosevelt.

Detroit, May 19.—Hundreds of school children waving American flags were among the throng to greet Colonel Theodore Roosevelt here today when he arrived to be guest of honor at the American Day celebration.

Before he was driven to the Detroit Athletic Club where he was quartered as guest of honor, the Colonel made a talk to the Boy Scouts gathered at the station.

Colonel Roosevelt told them that he believed in their organization because it taught them to fight for the truth and not to be mollycoddlers.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLUB HAS LAST MEETING

Many of the Boys Were at the Meeting Despite the Rain. Last Meeting for School Year.

### CLUB HAS MADE RECORD FOR CLEAN SPEECH

Community Y. M. C. A. Notes From the Activities of the Boys—Camp Being Planned.

The Hi School Clubs last meeting for this year was one that will be remembered. The rain kept back a great number of boys but it was nearly forty lads who braved the clouds and came out. A glowing camp-fire was already on the grounds when the crowd arrived and for a half hour games and stunts kept things lively. The meeting was then called to order by Harry Arey the newly elected president of the Club. Short talks were made by different Senior boys. Every one of them paid high tribute to what Hi School Club had meant to them and spoke in no uncertain terms of what they had seen accomplished in High School for better things as a result of the influence of the club. All of them urged the incoming members of the High School to lose no time in identifying themselves with the club and to seek for the all-round life of High School. Short talks were then made by other fellows on Hi School Club Camp that will come just before school opens. Enthusiasm runs high on this subject among the boys who have been on Hi School Camp. Special recognition was made by different boys of the efficient work of Ralph Johnston as president of the Club for the past year. Under his leadership the Club has made a good year's record in the seeking to carry out its platform, "Clean Speech—Clean Athletics—Living." Arey gave a short forecast of what the next year holds for the club. After several prayers were offered by different boys for the work ahead of them and for the welfare of the boys during the summer months the meeting turned itself into a weenie roast. Every fellow enjoyed himself keenly from the start to the finish of the affair and not a fellow was there who did not gain something of an inspiration to seek in his own life the ideals that were so freely discussed around the fire.

Outdoor All Round Athletic Tests Records have been worked out for the seven grades.

These may be seen at the Y. M. C. A. office. So far the highest average is held by Miss Klutz's room 311. Mr. Anderson's average is 258. Miss McKenzie's 250. Miss Jenkins' 236. Hoke Basinger holds the all-round championship at 447 points. He is from Miss McKenzie's room and in the 125-lb. class.

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## PRESIDENTS SPECIAL DUE HERE AT 8:35

Mr. Wilson and Party to Travel on First Section of No. 37 Tomorrow Morning.

### TEN MINUTE STOP AT THE SALISBURY STATION

Splendid Opportunity Will Be Given to See the President and Probably Mrs. Wilson.

President Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and the distinguished party that is to accompany them to Charlotte tomorrow for the big celebration in that city are to travel on a special train which will leave Washington some time after 10 o'clock tonight and run as first 37. This train will pull into the Southern passenger station in Salisbury at 8:35 tomorrow morning and will make a stop of ten minutes here. It has already been stated officially that the President will make his appearance on the rear platform of his car and it is hoped Mrs. Wilson will give opportunity for Salisbury people to get a glimpse of her.

It goes without saying that a tremendous crowd will be at the station to greet the distinguished party.

There is in waiting at the Spencer shops a magnificent, brightly polished locomotive, No. 1270, to take the Presidential train from Spencer to Charlotte and in the cab will be that veteran engineer, W. A. Kizziah. This engine is said to be a beauty and has been "trimmed up" especially for this trip.

The engineer to pull the train into Spencer from Monroe, Va., is Engineer Hippert and he will ride locomotive 1362.

On the return trip the President's special will run as first 32 and will pass Salisbury about 8:50 p. m.

## WELFARE AGENT RECEIVES OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT

Southern Railway Created Such An Office and it is Being Approved by the D. A. R's.

Washington, D. C., May 19.—The action of Southern Railway Company in creating the position of welfare agent for the benefit of its employees has received the official endorsement of the Daughters of the American Revolution who adopted the following resolution at the twenty-fifth continental congress of the national society:

"That this congress endorse the action of the Southern Railway in creating the position of welfare agent and in appointing the Rev. Charles L. Bass, of Atlanta, to fill this most important and interesting office."

### GOOD NEWS FOR AUTOISTS.

Washington, May 19.—A bill to make motor car license of one State good in any other State was favorably reported to the House today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

## Austrian Offensive is Still Meeting With Success on the Italian Front.

### NOTABLE FIGHTING ON THE VERDUN FRONT

Germans Have Thrown Fresh Troops Into the Fray and Are Making a Great Fight.

(By Associated Press.)

Although the Austrian offensive on the Italian front is meeting with more resistance than at the outset ground is still being wrested from the Italian forces, which were led to one report, had been pushed back to a point as much as five miles.

The main line attack by South Tyrol, where the Austrians are approaching the Italians through Rozetto had threatened that place, was repulsed.

Latest reports from Vienna show continued progress for the Austrians in the valley southeast of Rozetto, the forces having crossed the frontier by capturing the Maggia bridge and are working into Italian territory as far as Costabella, which was captured.

Counter attacks by the Italians has not resulted in any territory being won back, according to Vienna office reports, which also claim the capture of more than 900 additional prisoners together with 18 cannon and a number of machine guns. The Austrians losses were small.

There is notable fighting on the Verdun front where the Germans have thrown fresh troops into the conflict. Two new divisions attacked the French lines west of the Meuse between Avoucourt wood and Hill 304 and obtained a footing in the small section near Hill 287 east of the wood.

Elsewhere, according to the afternoon Paris bulletin, the attacks were repulsed, as was the German attack on the front on the north slope of Hill 304, which the French took the previous day.

According to Berlin advices the Russians believe that the treaties recently concluded between Rumania and the Central powers go beyond the bounds of commercial agreement and have a political significance as they have taken measures to ascertain the circumstances which arise to the conclusion of the treaties.

No German Note Coming. Washington, May 19.—German consideration of the submarine controversy with the United States is closed, Germany having determined to make no reply to the last American note on the subject. Information to this effect was contained in confidential advices received here today from Berlin.

Steamers Assembled at Hungarian Port. Paris, May 19.—One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian port of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania.

This information was received here in advices from Innsbruck. It is supposed here that the Austrians intend to make a strong attack on the Albanian town of Azlona, which is occupied by Italians.

Dr. J. L. Price Moderator. Birmingham, Ala., May 19.—Rev. Dr. J. L. Price, of Searcy, Arkansas, was elected moderator at the morning session of the 86th meeting of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and the appointment of committees was announced.

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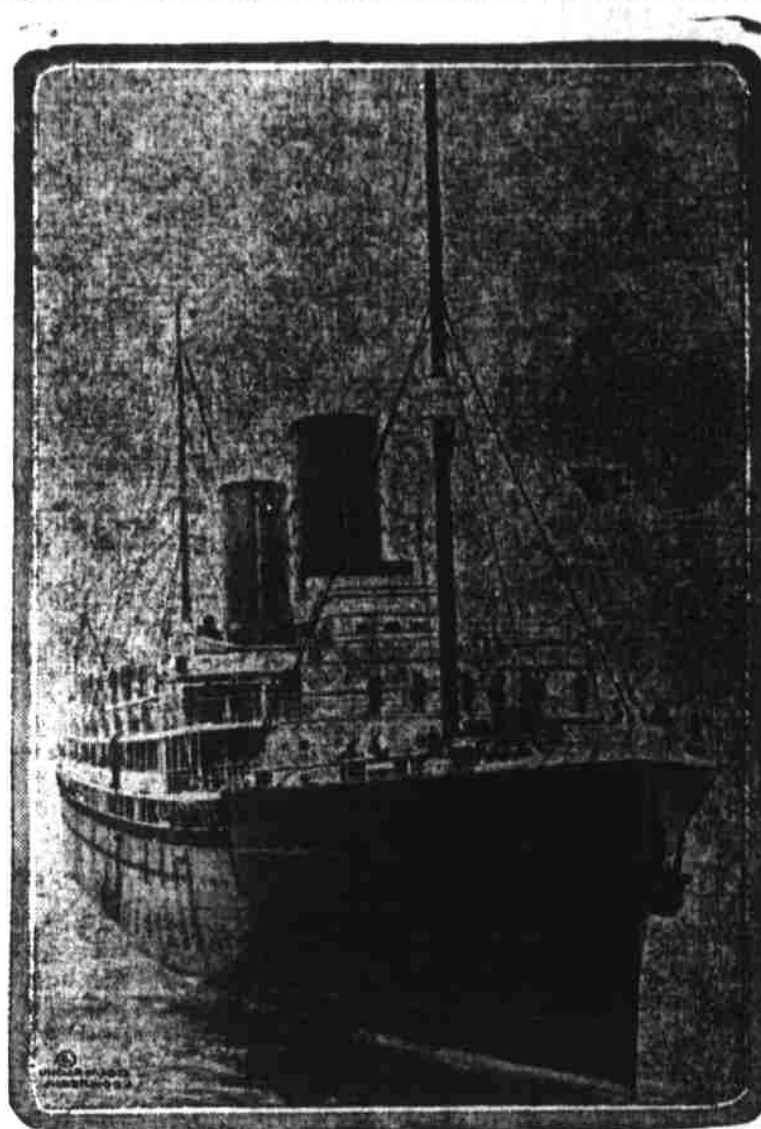
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## FRENCH LINER SUNK IN MEDITERRANEAN



LA PROVENCE

## NORTH CAROLINIAN DISTINGUISHES SELF

Asheville Man Attacks a German Aeroplane and Brings it Down on Fire Escaping Himself.

### TWO ROCKWELL BROTHERS ARE AIDING THE ALLIES

Kiffin Rockwell is Engaged Twice and Today He Made Successful Attack on German Craft.

Paris, May 19.—Corporal Kiffin Rockwell, of Asheville, N. C., a member of the American flying squadron on yesterday attacked a German aeroplane in action near Hartsmanns-Weilerkopf. The German machine was brought down in flames.

Enlisted Early After the Outbreak. This morning's Asheville Citizen carries this short article with reference to the incident of Wednesday and the Rockwell brothers.

"Kiffin Rockwell, of Asheville, an aviator in the Franco-American flying corps, took part in the first action of the corps since its organization as a separate unit on Wednesday and although the flyers were subjected to a heavy artillery fire as they recrossed the front the Asheville young man escaped unscathed.

Mr. Rockwell, or Corporal Rockwell, as his rank entitles him to be called, enlisted with his brother Paul at the very outbreak of the war. They sailed for England and crossed the channel. The brothers joined the Foreign Legion and saw service in the trenches in the first Teutonic drive on Paris. Paul was wounded and is now at Paris doing special newspaper work.

The American flying corps was organized recently and the majority of the aviators who are units in the organization have been taking a course in aviation to fit themselves for the work. Aviation on the European battle fronts has become even more hazardous than ever owing to the long range of the anti-aircraft guns. According to a recent dispatch, German shells struck aeroplanes that were flying at an altitude of 12,000 feet, indicating that the range of these guns have been considerably lengthened.

Among the members of the American flying corps is Lieutenant William K. Thaw, of Pittsburg, who was interested in aviation some time before the war's outbreak. The well-known Pennsylvania lost part of the tail piece of his machine in the recent flight and the propeller was somewhat damaged, but he succeeded in bringing the machine back to its base in safety.

## CHARLOTTE READY FOR PRESIDENT

City Fast Filling With Visitors and Activity is to Be Seen Everywhere.

### MR. WILSON TO REVIEW A MILITARY-CIVIC PARADE

Governor Craig of North Carolina and Governor Manning of South Carolina Arrive.

(By Associated Press.)

Charlotte, May 19.—A multitude of people will welcome President Wilson and party on their arrival here tomorrow morning for the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence celebration.

The city is fast filling with visitors; flags are flying from every mast head; the business section of the city and many private homes are gaily bedecked with the national colors; bands are playing and soldiers in uniform are to be seen on every hand.

Governor Craig of North Carolina and Governor Manning of South Carolina, with their staffs, arrived today.

The President will be met by the Governors of the two States, and the mayor of the city and prominent citizens will form in parade headed by the United States Marine Band and proceed to the grand stand where a parade of military and civil bodies will pass in review.

President Wilson's address will be delivered at 12:30, after which the President and Mrs. Wilson and party will be tendered a reception in the Manufacturer's Club at 2 o'clock.

## TWO MEXICANS TO BE EXECUTED FOR MURDER

(By Associated Press.)

Brownsville, May 19.—The first legal execution in payment of the penalty for American lives taken in raids across the border by Mexican bandits, will occur here today when two Mexicans will be executed for the killing last summer of A. L. Austin and his son, Arthur, at San Bastian. The killing of these two men took place last August.

Governor Ferguson has announced that he will not interfere which makes their execution practically certain.

You never can tell. Many a true word is spoken in jest, and many a lie in dead earnest.

## EUROPEAN WAR HINDERS WORK

Southern Baptist Convention at Asheville Makes Minor Changes in By-Laws.

### GUARANTEED RATES OF HOTELS IS DESIRED

Desired to Know Rate in Future Convention Cities Ahead of Selection of Same.

(By Associated Press.)

Asheville, May 19.—At the morning session here of the Southern Baptist Convention minor changes in the by-laws were adopted, the chief of which makes seven a quorum on the three boards of the convention.

A motion to require all cities seeking to entertain the convention furnish guaranteed lists of hotel and boarding house rates to protect delegates to the convention from exorbitant rates was offered. After objection was made and it was stated that such lists were not always obtainable in advance the motion was temporarily withdrawn.

At the request of the Woman's Missionary Union the delegates to the convention went to hear the address on the proposition to raise the foreign mission board debt.

The report of the committee of the World Conference on Faith and Order was then read. The committee stated that the European war had brought the proposed movement to a standstill. It was added that "American Baptists are not ready to yield assent to sacramental theories upon which prelatry would seem to rest as upon an essential foundation.

"Division existing in large denominations of this country should be reconciled among themselves and their separated groups reunited as a step toward the unity sought," the report added.

### WIDESPREAD LIQUOR SEARCH.

Practically Every House in Girard, Ala., Visited and Country Districts Now Receiving Attention—State Troops on Duty.

(By Associated Press.)

Girard, Ala., May 19.—Search for liquor, which began here three days ago by a large squad of special officers, was continued today. Beales pushing the work of investigating nearly every building in the town the officers in charge sent eight automobiles carrying deputies in as many directions in Russ county to search the country districts.

M. S. Baugh, representing the Alabama attorney general, said he was sure there were large quantities of liquor stored in the country.

Two company's of State guardsmen are on duty here but there is no disorder.

### DISCUSS COUNTRY CHURCHES.

Presbyterians at Orlando, Fla., Take Up Matter of Rural Churches—Representatives of Oglethorpe University Heard.

(By Associated Press.) Orlando, Fla., May 19.—Country churches and routine work occupied the attention of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States at today's session.

The report of the executive committee on publication dealing with young peoples' and women's auxiliaries were received and representatives of Oglethorpe university were heard at the day session. The night session will be given over to the discussion of "the country church."

### AN UNUSUAL QUARREL.

(Special to the Post.)

Hickory, May 19.—At Lenoir on yesterday, according to a reliable report reaching here a difficulty occurred altogether out of the ordinary, the details of which are as follows:

According to the story Mrs. W. S. Miller threw a lot of scalding water on two mules belonging to a neighbor, John Harshaw. Mrs. Harshaw came out with a revolver and fired five shots at neighbor Miller's wife. Mrs. Miller was not hit, she jumped behind a tree and escaped. The two families are prominent and live side by side.

Commencement exercises at Lenoir college begins here tonight. The college has closed a most successful year and much interest is manifested in the closing exercises.