

CHINA BEGINS WAR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Indications Are That the Celestials Will Wage an Independent Conflict on Teutons.

IT CREATED VERY LITTLE EXCITEMENT IN PEKING

Austrian Concession and German Barracks Taken Over—President Signs Proclamation.

(By Associated Press.) Peking, China, Aug. 17.—China's declaration of war on Austria-Hungary began this morning at 10 o'clock, and other documents relating to the conflict do not mention the association of the Chinese republic with the entente powers. They indicate that China's action will be independent.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS STRENGTHENED

Morale of the Men in Vastly Improved by the Drastic Measures Taken by the Chiefs.

A COMBINED LAND ACTION IS MOST LIKELY

Commanding General of the Russian Forces Says New Russian Army is Soon Ready.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Aug. 17.—General Kornoloff, commander in chief of the Russian army, in an interview says that in consideration of the drastic measures taken the moral fighting capacity of the men has been strengthened and he hopes for a complete regeneration of the whole Russian forces.



OVER THE TOP WITH THE ITALIANS. When the photographer got this picture of the Italians going "over the top" for the Austrians before them he had to place his camera where he might have been shot. He escaped. In this section of the Italian front there is so much rock it is impossible to dig trenches in the ground. The trenches here were made of dried clay bricks piled on each other till they formed a redoubt sufficient to withstand anything but heavy artillery fire.

PRESIDENT WILL TALK WITH LANSING

President and Secretary of State to Hold a Series of Conferences Before Reply.

MR. WILSON WILL STUDY TEXT MOST CAREFULLY

The Speech of Premier Lloyd-George Regarded as Indicating Britain's Strength.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are soon to begin a series of important conferences preliminary to the reply that is to be made to the Pope's message. Before the reply is sent the views of the allies of the United States will be ascertained. This will necessarily take some time on account of the delays experienced in handling cable messages.

SHIPS OVERDUE REGARDED LOST

Five Ships, Three of Which Are American are Overdue and Thought to be Destroyed.

TIME BOMBS IN CARGO BELIEVED WRECKED THEM

A Sailor Says That He Saw Bottles Containing Acid Put Aboard Ships.

(By Associated Press.) A Pacific Port, Aug. 17.—Five ships, three Americans, one British and one Japanese, are overdue at this port and practically given up as lost by their owners and marine agents. They say that it is believed the ships have been destroyed by time bombs placed in their cargo by enemy agents. This theory is strengthened by the statement of a sailor employed near the port, who told of how fragile bottles containing acids are stored in across of powder, placed in such manner as to ignite the powder when the bottles are broken.

A ROWAN LIQUOR CASE HEARD BEFORE COMMISSIONER RAY

Robert Freeze Waives Examination and Gives Bond for Appearance at Federal Court—Case Against Sloan Freeze Dismissed.

The case of Messrs. Robert and Sloan Freeze, charged with being implicated in the operation of an illicit still in Western Rowan, was heard before United States Commissioner W. L. Ray in this city this morning at 10 o'clock. This case grew out of the locating of a place where a furnace had been on a piece of land said to be under the control of Mr. Sloan Freeze, with whom his brother, Bob, lived and tended a part of the land. Some beer and slops were found and a tin bucket-like cap. No one was found at the place, however.

WAR TAX BILL BEING CONSIDERED

May Be That the Measure Will Reach That Stage Soon When a Vote Can Be Asked For—Senate is Considering Features of the Revenue Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—Disposal before night of nearly all of the provisions of the war tax bill over which there is no controversy is the program in the senate today. The senate tentatively agreed to the liquor section with the prohibition feature and in addition to many other provisions of the bill.

MAY FORM LOCAL COMPANY TO PURCHASE CANTONMENT MANURE

Rowan People Will Make Effort to Get Hold of 180 Tons Daily at Charlotte For Fertilizer Purposes On Rowan Farms.

An effort is being made by prominent Rowan farmers and those interested in the welfare of agriculture in this county to get the contract for removal of manure from the Charlotte cantonment, the big army camp now being built there. If the Rowan people can get the government to accept a bid from them for the purchase and removal of the many thousands of tons of manure from this camp a company will be formed at once, with a paid in capital of \$20,000 for the purchase and removal of this manure, for fertilizer purposes. Among those interested in the plan are County Demonstrator S. S. Stabler, Chairman J. S. Hall of the Board of County Commissioners and Secretary T. D. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce and Peoples Agricultural Fair Association.

GERMANS ATTEMPT REGAIN GROUND

Made Violent and Repeated Attacks Last Night in Effort to Re-establish Themselves.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON IN THE YPRES SECTOR

In Belgium the Germans Also Attempt to Retake Ground from the French Forces.

(By Associated Press.) The Germans made violent and repeated attempts last night to regain important positions recently wrested from them by the British and French. They gained a small advance on the Verdun front, otherwise the only result was additional heavy losses sustained. The British report three heavy counter attacks near Loos. At the second effort the Germans gained a slight success at several points and were driven back the third time. There is heavy artillery fighting in the Ypres sector where the British after gaining high ground on a nine mile front finally pressed back the attackers. The attacks on the French were made at widely separated points. In Belgium the German attempted to recapture ground taken by the French along the Steenebeke river but with no success. On the Aisne front the Germans made vigorous assaults near Calonne plateau. Shattered by heavy artillery fire the Germans were swept back with heavy loss.

A SOLDIER OF THE SIXTIES PRAISES OUR OFFICER SOLDIERS

Mr. A. H. Boyden Makes Some Fine Complimentary Utterances Regarding Young Men Just Back From the Training Camps.

In speaking to a Post representative this morning regarding Rowan's young men are, soon to go to war Mr. A. H. Boyden, who is always proud of the advancement of any young man, said of the boys who are just back from the officers training camps: "Well the soldier boys are back from Fort Oglethorpe and the other officers training camps, and a finer and handsomer soldierly looking set of young men I have never seen. The improvement is simply marvelous; and is the general comment of our people. As a soldier myself, I am just as proud of these boys as if they were all my own children. "Now that they have donned the uniform of an officer of this great government, with the insignia of rank on their collars their personal responsibility is great. As warfare today is conducted the individual soldier counts for more than ever. His skill and bravery, no matter how humble his rank, will be important factors in whether engagements are to be lost or won. They cannot expect any one else to carry their responsibility. Each man must depend upon himself. I feel that these young men, in assuming this responsibility will seriously and faithfully and loyally defend the honor and integrity of their country. The flag will never be lowered as long as they are able to shoot. I expect to hear of some Salisbury boys, after they get across the water, putting the Stars and Stripes a little farther at Vimy ridge than has yet been done. These boys are descendants of forebears who made the finest records on earth for bravery and heroism; self sacrifice during the days of the sixties, and I feel that that same blood that runs through their veins will be dominant factors in their soldiers life and that it will be their ambition to keep up the record their glorious forebears made. "I want these young men to feel that I am just as proud of them as I can be and that I am still one of them. I shall keep in close touch with them during their career as soldiers. They made a fine record at the training camps and all Rowan is proud of her soldier boys."

SPEECH OPTIMISTIC

Washington, Aug. 16.—Premier Lloyd-George's optimistic speech in the British parliament today was interpreted here as a preliminary indication of the attitude the allied nations may be expected to adopt towards any discussion of peace on a basis which might permit Germany as a conqueror to dictate terms. News of the premier's speech came while the state department was receiving by cable the text of Pope Benedict's message to the leaders of all belligerent nations, proposing a basis for peace negotiations and earnestly appealing for its consideration. In entente diplomatic quarters and among government officials Mr. Lloyd-George's announcement of improvement in food conditions, removing the danger of England being starved into submission, his assurance that losses through submarine attacks continued to decrease and his declaration that there would be sufficient tonnage for 1918 and for 1919 if necessary were hailed joyfully.

BERNSTORFF TO CONSTANTINOPLE

Former Ambassador to United States Will Represent Germany at Turkish Capital.

IS WELL QUALIFIED BY REASON OF EXPERIENCE

The Former American Ambassador Had Much Experience in Balkan States Diplomacy.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Aug. 16, Via London.—The appointment of former Ambassador Count Von Bernstorff, who represented Germany at Washington up to the breaking off of diplomatic relations, is to become German ambassador to Constantinople. Count Von Bernstorff is today in Berlin holding a conference with Imperial Chancellor Michaelis. The former ambassador is well acquainted with conditions in the Balkans. His first diplomatic experience was embassy attaché at Constantinople, thirty years ago. Later he was secretary of the legation at Belgrade and has been counsel general to Egypt. LEADERS OF CUBAN REVOLT SENTENCED TO PRISON.

LARGE FORCE WORKING ON ANOTHER BIG DAM 2 MILES BELOW BADIN

Railroad Completed Down the River Two Miles Below the Present Big Plant—All Labor Possible Being Sought by the Company.

(Special to Post.) Albemarle, Aug. 17.—A large force of laborers are now working with all speed possible on the erection of the second dam which is being built by the Tallassee Power Co. two miles below Badin. A railroad has been completed from Badin down the river to the site of the dam which is commenced to be constructed and men and material are being utilized as rapidly as business genius can command. Every available laborer is being sought after by this company, two car loads having arrived this week to assist in this work.

JAP SOCIALISTS TO STOCKHOLM

(By Associated Press.) Tokio, Japan, Aug. 17.—It is reported that a small body of Japanese socialists at Tokio has voted to send Japanese socialist leader now in New York as delegates to the Stockholm socialists convention. It is believed the government is opposed to participation in the conference by Japanese.

RED CROSS AT CLEVELAND.

A public mass meeting will be held at the Presbyterian church in Cleveland tomorrow, Saturday night, at 8 o'clock in the interest of the Red Cross. All members of Salisbury take notice. All who can do so are urged to drive over and help make the meeting a success. WARREN W. WAY, Chair.

CAMP POSTPONED.

Camp Collins, the Boys' Camp of the Community Y. M. C. A. has deferred the opening date until September 5th, and will run one week instead of ten days. If a guarantee of 40 boys can be secured for the camp, the fee will only be \$3.50 for the entire week. Application for the camp can be made at the Y. M. C. A. office at any time. The feature of the camp this year will be the all round patriotic service which will be taught to every boy. It is a training school out of door first and last.

ALL LIQUOR DISTILLATION IS TO STOP SEPTEMBER 8.

Limitation is Set By Section 15 of the Food Control Law, Approved on August 10.

Washington, Aug. 16.—All processes in the production of distilled spirits for beverage purposes, according to a ruling issued by the United States food administration today, must cease at 11 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, September 8.

This limitation is placed by section 15 of the food control law which reads: "That from and after 30 days from the date of the approval of this act no food, fruits, food materials or feeds shall be used in the production of distilled spirits for beverage purposes."

The act was approved August 10. The 30-day period named will expire at midnight, September 9. As this date falls on Sunday, and as the internal revenue laws prevent the operation of distilleries after 11 o'clock at night on Saturday until the following Monday at 1 a. m., it was ruled by the food administration that the provision of section 15 will become effective at 11 p. m. Saturday, September 8.

The law contemplates that all steps in the process of distillation shall cease at the point of time indicated in the ruling, it was said by the food administration. So far as the utilization of foods, fruits, and food materials of feeds for the production of distilled spirits or beverage purposes is concerned the act has been constructed to inhibit the initiation of any step, unless the entire process may be fully completed prior to 11 p. m. of September 8, 1917.

WOMEN TO REPLACE MEN.

War Draft Will Take Seventy-Five High School Men From the State and Women Will Be Called On.

(By Associated Press.) Durham, Aug. 17.—The war draft will take seventy-five high school principals from North Carolina, it was estimated today by N. W. Walter, State inspector of secondary schools. He is making plans to have these vacancies filled by women.

CONSPIRACY CASE TO JURY

Two Men on Trial at Big Stone Gap, Virginia Charged With Plotting Against the Government.

(By Associated Press.) Big Stone Gap, Va., Aug. 17.—The cases of J. W. Phipps and W. E. McCoy, Virginia mountaineers, indicted on charges of conspiracy to seize and destroy arms and munitions of war, was given to the jury in Federal district court here this morning. Four other indictments are pending against the men.

The optimist is a certainty while the pessimist is "neither here nor there."

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRERS TO BE SENT TO FRANCE

Will Include 3,500 Men and They Will Probably be Placed Behind the Firing Lines—Schools for Cooks and Bakers to be Established.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 17.—The organization of approximately 3,500 men under 162 officers, including three majors, in three army units to repair motor trucks and other transportation means for the allies use in France and elsewhere, was ordered today but no hint of their disposition was made. They will probably be designed for use back of the European battle fronts.

Another order directs that in addition to the numerous schools for cooks and bakers already organized temporary schools of that character shall be established at each cantonment and national guard camp. Many a fool, after putting his foot in it, isn't satisfied until he gets there with both feet.

CHARLOTTE BARBERS HAVE RAISED THE PRICE OF HAIR CUTS TO 35 CENTS.

When you pick up a pretty girl's handkerchief, it is permissible to wonder how she came to drop it.

WEATHER FORECAST



Fair tonight and Saturday. Light northerly winds.

SPY ARRESTED AT KANSAS CITY

(By Associated Press.) Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Dr. A. K. Graves, self-styled international spy who came into some prominence in 1914 after his book on his experience had been published, claiming himself a personal spy in the employment of the Kaiser, was arrested last night at the Union station for being within the zone refused to alien enemies. Dr. Graves told the authorities that he is working for the department of state.