

GERMANS RAID ENGLISH COAST

Airplanes Invade Territory to a Point Within Thirty Miles of London and Drop Bombs.

FALL OF CHIEF AUSTRIAN VANTAGE POINT IMMINENT

Italians Continue Steady Creeping Up the Slope—No Renewal of Flanders Fighting.

(By Associated Press.)

While the operations of the Germans in the Riga district on the Russian front and the great Italian campaign for Trieste continue to furnish the chief developments of military interest the German authorities caused a momentary diversion by the reactionary spectacle of a raid on the English coast, apparently at one of the chief naval bases. Whether British naval property suffered is not yet apparent. It is known, however, that airplanes reached Chatham site, an extensive naval and military establishment 30 miles southeast of London and that 107 men of the naval establishment were killed and 86 wounded. All six of the German machines participating appeared to have escaped, although they were engaged by British forces.

Press dispatches from the Austro-Italian front report the Italians continuing their steady advance operations for Trieste, pushing their lines ahead in the Brestovizza valley in the district south of Gorizia and working farther toward the east over the great Bainsizza plateau.

The fall of Monte San Gabriele, the chief remaining vantage point of the Austrians, aside from their Carso stronghold, is considered only a matter of time, as the Italians continue to steadily creep up the slope.

There is no renewal of the Flanders fighting on a large scale as yet, although intense artillery fire suggests this is impending.

The British are biting further in the German positions at points on this front and today a slight advance of the British lines northeast of St. Julienne is announced.

German Ships Shell Coast.

Petrograd, Sept. 4.—The Russian retirement in the Riga region is being continued along the coast northeast in the direction of Uskull, the Russians retiring northward, having been dislodged by the Germans in the Jevill river region. Hostile ships are shelling the coast.

Riga Evacuated by Civilians.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Riga was evacuated by the civilian population and foreign consuls three weeks ago. This news was contained in official dispatches surrounded in so much mystery at the time and over which so much uneasiness was felt.

Former Emperors' Brother Arrested. Petrograd, Sept. 4.—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, brother of the former emperor, and his wife have been placed under arrest in connection with the counter revolutionary plot recently unearthed.

Austrian Naval Base BombarDED. Rome, via London, Sept. 4.—Thirty Italian airplanes dropped nine tons of bombs on the Austrian naval base at Pola, causing destruction and a large conflagration, it was officially announced today.

French Fire Checks Germans. Paris, Sept. 4.—Attacks made by the Germans last night on the French lines in the Hurtelise region on the Aisne front and east of the Meuse in the Verdun sector, the war office announced today. Both were checked by French fire.

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MEN ARE TODAY REPORTING FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMY

First Five Per Cent of Drafted Men Will Soon Be On Their Way to the Cantonnements—Men of Military Experience and Bakers and Cooks First Chosen.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—Drafted men of the five per cent quota going to the national guard cantonnements were reporting today to local boards in all districts to receive instructions and railroad transportation and meal tickets. Most of these men will be given permission to spend the night at home under orders to report to the board shortly before train time tomorrow.

About 30,000 men, most of whom were selected because of previous military training or experience as cooks, are included in the first quota.

NATION'S LAWYERS PLEDGE LOYALTY

Members of American Bar Association Renew Their Allegiance to Gov. at This Time.

ELIHU ROOT PRESIDING OVER THE SESSIONS

Nation's Ablest Lawyers Condemn German Gov. for Violating International Law.

(By Associated Press.)

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 4.—Resolutions pledging the loyalty of the American Bar Association to the government were presented at the opening session of the annual meeting of the organization here this morning by Elihu Root on behalf of the executive committee, with the unanimous recommendation of the committee that they be adopted.

Great Legal Lights Uphold President.

Saratoga Springs, Sept. 2.—The convention of the Federal Government that Germany has violated the provisions of international law in its methods of warfare is upheld by a report of the Committee on International Law of the American Bar Association, which will be presented at the annual session opening here on Tuesday. Members of the society, who include Federal and State Judges, United States Senators and Representatives, State legislators and other well-known members of the profession from many states, have been arriving all day to attend the sessions.

The committee on International Law expresses its unanimous concurrence in the views of international right and human obligations presented by the President in his message of April 2. The report strongly condemns as a gross violation of the settled rules of warfare "the sinking by Germany of merchant ships without warning;" the "homicidal conspiracies" against the domestic peace and manufactures of this country; the "wanton and illegal" murder of great numbers of civilians; the looting of occupied territory; the "illegal and inhuman" murder of Capt. Fryatt; the deportation of the civil population from occupied territory and the sinking of hospital ships.

A change of opinion regarding the merits of judicial recall which has resulted in the failure of any Legislature to adopt such a measure during the last year will be reported, with the recommendation that the association continue the recall.

Other reports will condemn Socialism as an attack upon constitutional government; will recommend that the President and Congress be permitted to settle the question of the advisability of changing the date for the inauguration, and will ask the adoption of a memorial to the United States and State courts, requesting a "conscious effort at the shortening of opinions, and the recognition of brevity as a cardinal virtue second only to clearness."

Elihu Root will preside over a conference of the delegates tomorrow and will be the guest of honor at the annual banquet. Boris Bakhmetieff, Ambassador from Russia to the United States, will speak on Tuesday before the judicial section.

Coleman L. Blease, former Governor of South Carolina, will discuss prison reform tomorrow at the annual meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General.

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PRESIDENT OPPOSES REDUCTION IN INSURANCE OF SOLDIERS

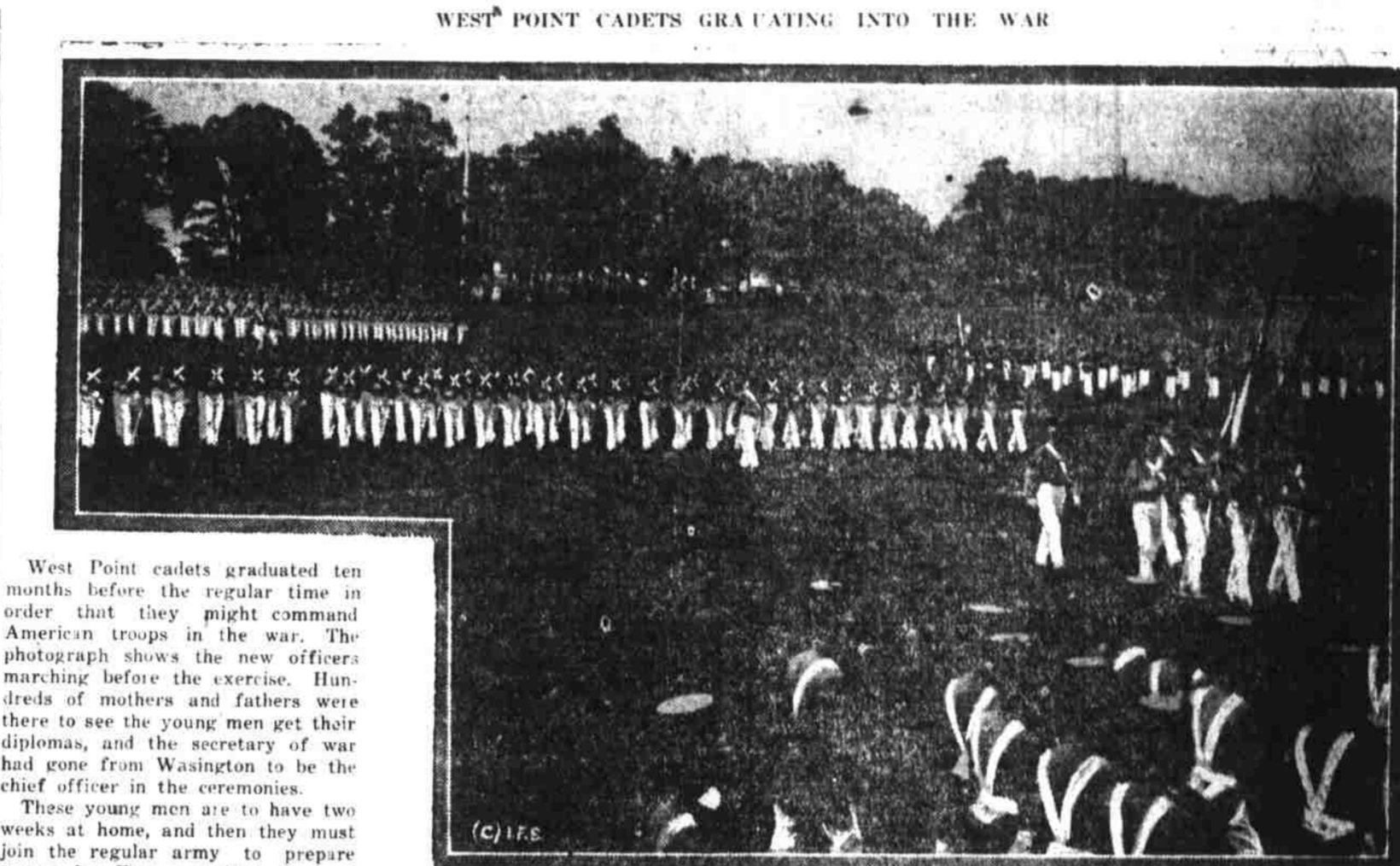
Move by the House to Cut Maximum From \$10,000 to \$5,000 Meets Disapproval of Mr. Wilson—Hopes it May Be Restored.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—The action of the House in decreasing from \$10,000 to \$5,000 the limit of life insurance available to officers and men in the national army under the administration's insurance bill is not approved by the President.

In a letter to Represent. Adamson, of Georgia, made public today, the President expresses regret over the reduction and says he hopes the \$10,000 limit may be restored.

BRITISH CASUALTIES. Some of the Losses Which the British Have Sustained in War.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 4.—British casualties reported last week were 15,614 and they are divided as follows: Killed and died of wound—officers 354; men 2,880. Wounded and missing—Officers 846; men 10,524.



West Point cadets graduated ten months before the regular time in order that they might command American troops in the war. The photograph shows the new officers marching before the exercise. Hundreds of mothers and fathers were there to see the young men get their diplomas, and the secretary of war had gone from Washington to be the chief officer in the ceremonies.

These young men are to have two weeks at home, and then they must join the regular army to prepare troops for France. Within a short time most of them will be on the firing line there. Every member of the class is wild with the idea of going to war, he wants to get into the fray just as soon as the government can send him to France. He shows the spirit which has actuated West Point graduates ever since the foundation of the military academy.

DRAFT ARMY PARADE LED BY WILSON

Fourteen Thousand Men of District of Columbia March Behind the President.

ONLY ONE FLAG FLOATED—THE STARS AND STRIPES

Senators, Congressmen, Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Men From Camps in Procession.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—The vanguard of the national army is being honored throughout the country in demonstrations celebrating the departure of the first drafted men for the cantonments.

Typifying the spirit of the nation sending forth her sons to battle for democracy the capital today gave itself over to a great public demonstration. President Wilson, congressional heads, government leaders and men in high rank were in the parade. The place of honor in the procession between Peace monument at the foot of the capitol to the White House was reserved for the 14,000 drafted men comprising the District of Columbia's first contribution to the national army.

Led by President Wilson and escorted by Senators, Representatives, sailors, soldiers and marines, men of the officers training camp at Fort Meyer and thousands of their fellow citizens the national army men marched along lines of cheering thousands bidding them goodspeed on the first step of their journey to France.

Exemplifying a united nation, civil war veterans had a place of honor. Senators Warren and Nelson of the Union army and Senators Bankhead and Martin of the Confederate army marched together. There was only one flag fluttering everywhere over the winding column—the Stars and Stripes.

AMERICAN SAILORS ATTACKED BY RUFFIANS IN CORK, ENGLAND

The Sailors Were Walking With Their Sweethearts When a Gang Paraded the Streets Set Upon Them—Attack Unprovoked and Uncalled For.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 4.—Attacks on American sailors on Sunday night were reported in a dispatch from Cork to the Chronicle.

It is said that gangs of young men paraded the streets and set upon the Americans who were accompanied by their sweethearts. The correspondent reports that the sailors did nothing improper or contrary to good taste to invite the attack, as far as could be learned, and did not retaliate.

An attempt was made at 11 p. m., to break in the places where the Americans are staying, the dispatch continues, but after a short seizure the attackers departed.

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN KILLED

Air Raid Over Chatham Results in the Killings of More Than a Hundred Persons.

NINE AIRSHIPS TOOK PART IN THE ATTACK

Chatham is a Prominent Base for Naval Operations and Large Dock Yard.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 4.—In last night's air raid 107 persons were killed and 86 wounded at Chatham, according to official announcement made today by the war office.

Chatham is on the east bank of the Medway, 30 miles east of London. It is the seat of immense "naval rating" station including a vast dock yard and extensive barracks.

The term "naval rating" is applied to that grade of men in barracks, principally those before the mast.

THE DURHAM TOBACCO MARKET OPENS WITH PRICES SOARING

Such Huge Breaks on Opening Day That the Market Will Fall to Complete the Sales at Three Big Warehouses.

(By Associated Press.) Durham, Sept. 4.—The opening of the Durham tobacco market witnessed such huge breaks today that the markets will fail to complete the sales before nightfall.

J. S. Burch, secretary of the Durham Tobacco Board of Trade, estimates that 180,000 pound will have been sold when the offerings at the three warehouses is hauled away today. The sales began at 9:30 o'clock and the offerings of a single warehouse only had been disposed of at 1 o'clock.

Prices ranged from 8 to 65 cents. Inferior grades excelled all former prices and probably doubled the figures of 1916. Green pits and sand dugs were commanding around 20 cents a pound.

What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? —George Elliot.

WEATHER FORECAST

FAIR tonight and Wednesday.



SALISBURY FIRMS GET A CHARTER

State Grants Four Important Industrial Charters—Two Being from Salisbury.

TO MAKE ARMY SUPPLIES GUN COVERS AND OTHERS

Yadkin Real Estate Company is Also Given the Privilege of Doing Business.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Sept. 4.—Four new enterprises in Western North Carolina were given charters by the secretary of state today.

The Tennessee and South Eastern Railway Company, of Sylva, Jackson county, is chartered with a capital of \$25,000, and propose to operate a road.

The Clay Manufacturing Company of Maiden, Catawba county, is chartered with a capital of \$100,000, in tended to do a general wood work and machinery business.

Two Salisbury Concerns Chartered. The two remaining charters granted went to Salisbury. The first being the Yadkin Realty Company, commencing business with a capital stock of \$25,000, the second being the Army Supply Company, chartered with a like capital. The last named proposes to make army supplies, such as gun covers, gloves, hats, suits and other items used by the army.

SHIPS BUILDING AT A RAPID RATE

England Shipping is Being Substantially Encouraged by the Building of Ships—Record of Six Weeks Was Most Encouraging.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 4.—Commenting on the rapid increase in the ship building to offset the loss by submarine sinkings the Cadiff correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that two supplementary statements published by Lloyd's that the shipping registry shows that between June 8th and July 17th, more than 100 ships, of which 63 were British, were added to the registry. The most of these were ships of large tonnage. The rate at which ships are building is shown to be rapid.

SWITZERLAND WONT PARTICIPATE.

Will Not Take Part in Stockholm Conference—Now That America is in War Voice of Small Nations Will Not Avail Much.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept. 4.—It is learned from reliable sources that Switzerland will not be officially represented at the proposed conference of neutral nations at Stockholm. Swiss authorities believe since the entrance of America in the war the voice of smaller nations would produce little effect on the belligerents. They are also of the opinion that when peace terms are discussed Swiss interests will be neglected.

The Swiss minister at Berlin may attend the Stockholm conference in an unofficial capacity.

HOUSE CONSIDERING IMMENSE WAR BILL

Will Carry an Appropriation of More Than Eleven Billion Five Hundred Million.

LARGEST REVENUE BILL EVER PRESENTED CONG.

General Debate Will Continue Through Wednesday—Supported by Both Parties.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.—The House began consideration this morning of the \$11,538,945,460 war bond and revenue bill, the largest that ever was presented to Congress. This measure has in it mean the support of both Republicans and Democrats.

General debate on the bill will continue tomorrow when the bill will be taken up for amendments and final vote. It will probably be passed late tomorrow.

With the final vote on the war profit bill to be taken in the senate within the next 24 hours, the higher tax advocates are taking a stand for their position.

Three Great War Measures.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Congress works this week on three great war measures, the \$11,538,945,460 war bond and certificate, the \$3,000,000,000 revenue and the \$176,000,000 soldiers' and sailors' insurance bonds. The revenue bill may be sent to conference by the senate before Saturday night, by which time the others will have been passed by the house. Republicans of the house will oppose a few minor features of the bill and seek to amend it so as to provide for a war expenditures board, and the optional insurance feature of the insurance measure will be subjected to attack, but both probably will pass.

The war profits provision of the revenue bill, levying a total of \$1,286,000,000, is generally expected to stand, although the high tax senators will continue their fight. The two financial bills are the largest of the kind ever introduced and the insurance bill contemplates revolutionizing the entire system of compensating a nation's armed defenders and their dependents.

Disregarding the labor day holiday, the senate will continue to work tomorrow on the war profits section of the revenue bill. The house adjourned yesterday to reconvene Tuesday for consideration of the bond bill.

Both houses will adjourn tomorrow to march with President Wilson in the parade of district of Columbia men drafted for the new army.

Other important contests to be decided before passage of the tax bill are promised over the consumption taxes on sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa, aggregating \$86,000,000, which many senators believe will be eliminated, and the proposed sugar "drawback" repeal, the freight and parcel post tax provisions and the McKellar substitute providing increased postal rates on second class publications.

After sending the tax bill to conference there probably will be short but sharp discussion of peace on resolutions of Senators LaFollette and Sherman suggesting promulgation of peace terms. The Senate leaders expect to have the resolutions overwhelmingly beaten.

BIG RECORDS ARE MADE BY OSBORNE

Collector of Internal Revenue Makes Record Collections on Tobaccos and Whiskeys.

OTHER ARTICLES ALSO SHOW A BIG INCREASE

Interesting Facts and Figures in the Preliminary Report which Commr. Osborne Makes.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 3.—Individuals and corporations have paid to the government \$359,681,338 in incomes tax during the past fiscal year, according to the report just made by Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Osborne. The report shows that the amounts contributed by corporations and individuals are about equal. The exact figures are: Corporations, \$179,572,888. Individuals, \$180,108,340.

Returns from the Southern States show that the following contributions were made: North Carolina: Corporations \$551,189.51; individuals \$1,232,609.13. South Carolina: Corporations \$498,116.17; individuals \$81,874.28.

Virginia: Corporations, \$1,837,125.64; individuals \$621,607.06. Some Previous Records Are Broken.

Washington, Sept. 3.—All previous records for consumption on whiskey, cigars and tobaccos went by the board apparently the past fiscal year, according to the preliminary reports of Commissioner Osborne covering the year ending June 30th, and also showing record collections for all other articles subject to tax through his office.

Here are the grand total productions upon which taxes were paid: Distilled spirits from every source 164,665,246 gallons, an increase of 26,000,000 over the previous year, yielding tax returns of \$186,563,055.

Cigars of all descriptions and weight, 9,216,901,113, approximately 90 per capita as compared with 8,337,720,530 the previous year.

Cigarettes 30,520,193,538, as compared with 11,087,757,978, an increase of more than 40 per cent.

Tobacco, chewing and smoking, 446,763,206 pounds, an increase of 28,500,000 pounds.

Even snuff went to apparent new high levels of production with 35,377,751 pounds, an increase of 2,000,000 pounds in the year.

The return to the government in taxes on cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and snuff was \$108,201,592, an increase of approximately \$15,000,000, or 18 per cent over the previous year. The record figures indicate great nationwide prosperity, officials state, and in the case of cigarettes tremendous growth of the habit among women.

The production of beer, while exceeding that of the previous year, fell considerably below the high record of 66,000,000 barrels in 1914. Taxes were paid last year of 60,720,509 barrels at \$1.50 per barrel, and other taxes on brewers and retailers brought the total up to \$91,897,193 against \$88,771,104.

Other tax receipts included those on oleomargarine, \$1,995,720; special taxes on bankers, corporations, brokers, theaters, bowling alleys, commission merchants, etc., \$15,708,739; documentary stamps and perfumes, \$8,926,310; estates \$6,076,576; excess profits \$37,176; munitions \$27,063,940, and miscellaneous \$2,093,853, bringing the total ordinary receipts up to \$449,712,412.

Income taxes of \$359,681,338 brought the grand total, including the Alaskan railways tax of \$35,256 up to \$809,393,640, as compared with \$512,723,288, the year before.

The cost of collecting the revenue was approximately \$9.53 per \$1,000, or .95 per cent, the lowest on record.

BARBER ITEMS.

Barber, Sept. 2.—Mrs. J. L. Thompson, of Barber vicinity, died the 2nd of Sept. about 5 o'clock. She had been confined to her bed about seven weeks with enlargement of the liver later developing into dropsy.

Mrs. Thompson was a Miss Seagrave before her marriage to Mr. Thompson. She goes to be with one sister and two brothers, also two children, who have gone on before.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and two sons and a living brother, Mr. Samuel Seagrave, of Coolemea, and a sister, Mrs. John Gibson, of Huntersville, both of whom were with her during her last illness.

Mrs. Thompson was 49 years and 8 months old, being born in 1867 in Huntersville.

The funeral and burial took place at Lebanon church on Sunday, conducted by Rev. V. R. Stieky.

When our heart is glad, the world is full of song. When our heart is sad, the world is full of tears.—Miller.