

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair and warmer tonight and Friday.

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PRICE TWO CENTS

GERMANS LAY DOWN HARD TERMS TO THE RUSSIANS DISCONTENT IN GERMANY SAID TO BE GROWING AMONG THE MASSES

HUNS LAY DOWN LAST PEACE TERMS

Definitely and Frankly Germans Tell Russia That All of Courland and Baltic Must Go.

RUSSIA TAKES RECESS TO CONFER OVER THE TERMS

Answering Direct Question the German Delegates Point Out the New Map.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Jan. 24.—Russia must give up Courland and all of the Baltic provinces or the Germans will resume military operations and occupy Rival within a week, the German delegates to the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk informed the Russian delegates at the last session of the conference. A recess has been taken till January 29th to give the Russian representatives to confer with their government and to confer on the German terms.

CHAS. D. POOLE DEAD.

Well Known Young Man Victim of Meningitis—Funeral and Burial Friday Afternoon. Mr. Chas. D. Poole, aged about 25 years, died at his home on South Main street this morning at 3 o'clock of meningitis. The funeral will take place from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery. Surviving is the wife and two children. Deceased was a member of Salisbury Council of Royal Arcanum.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.—Old Testament.

EXCESSIVE PROFITS ARE BEING MADE IN HIDES BY THE PACKERS

Hoarding of Hides While Prices of Leather Goods Climbed is Charged by Federal Trade Commission—No Excuse for This Condition.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The hoarding of hides by meat packers while shoe prices have been climbing upward with excessive profits to packers who practically control the hide market, is charged in a report by the Federal Trade Commission and submitted to Congress. The commission points out that the slaughter of cattle and calves in the United States increased in the last five years by 5,100,000 head, or virtually 30 per cent.

"Such a record of food animals ought not at the same time mean the country would be forced abnormally to high priced leather products made from the correspondingly increased take-off of hides," the report declares.

MOONSHINE ON THE INCREASE

Traffic Said to Be Growing in the Southern States and Especially About the Military Camps.

A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN TO BE STARTED AT ONCE

State Laws Forbidding Importation of Whiskey and Federal Tax Puts Price to \$12 Quart.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Discovery that the manufacture of moonshine whiskey is increasing rapidly in bone dry states and that quantities of it are sold illicitly to soldiers in Southern towns caused Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper to announce today a nation-wide campaign against illicit distillation in co-operation with state governments.

The military camps where most of the moonshine liquor is sold, despite the precautions by military and civil authorities, are Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.; Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.; Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., and Camp Oglethorpe, Chattanooga. Investigations about these camps is under way. The campaign has already resulted in the arrest of hundreds of moonshiners in Southern dry states.

State laws forbidding the importation of liquor and the Federal tax of \$3.20 a gallon have driven the price of crude corn liquor, about many camps to \$8 and \$12 a quart, according to evidence by revenue agents.

Commissioner Roper has obtained from a number of governors specific endorsement of the anti-liquor campaign. Some state agents requested for the work. Special efforts will be made to clean out stills in dry states where conditions are reported bad.

Illegal manufacturing of whiskey is thriving best in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee and Arkansas, according to reports of revenue agents. State agents already are at work vigorously in some states.

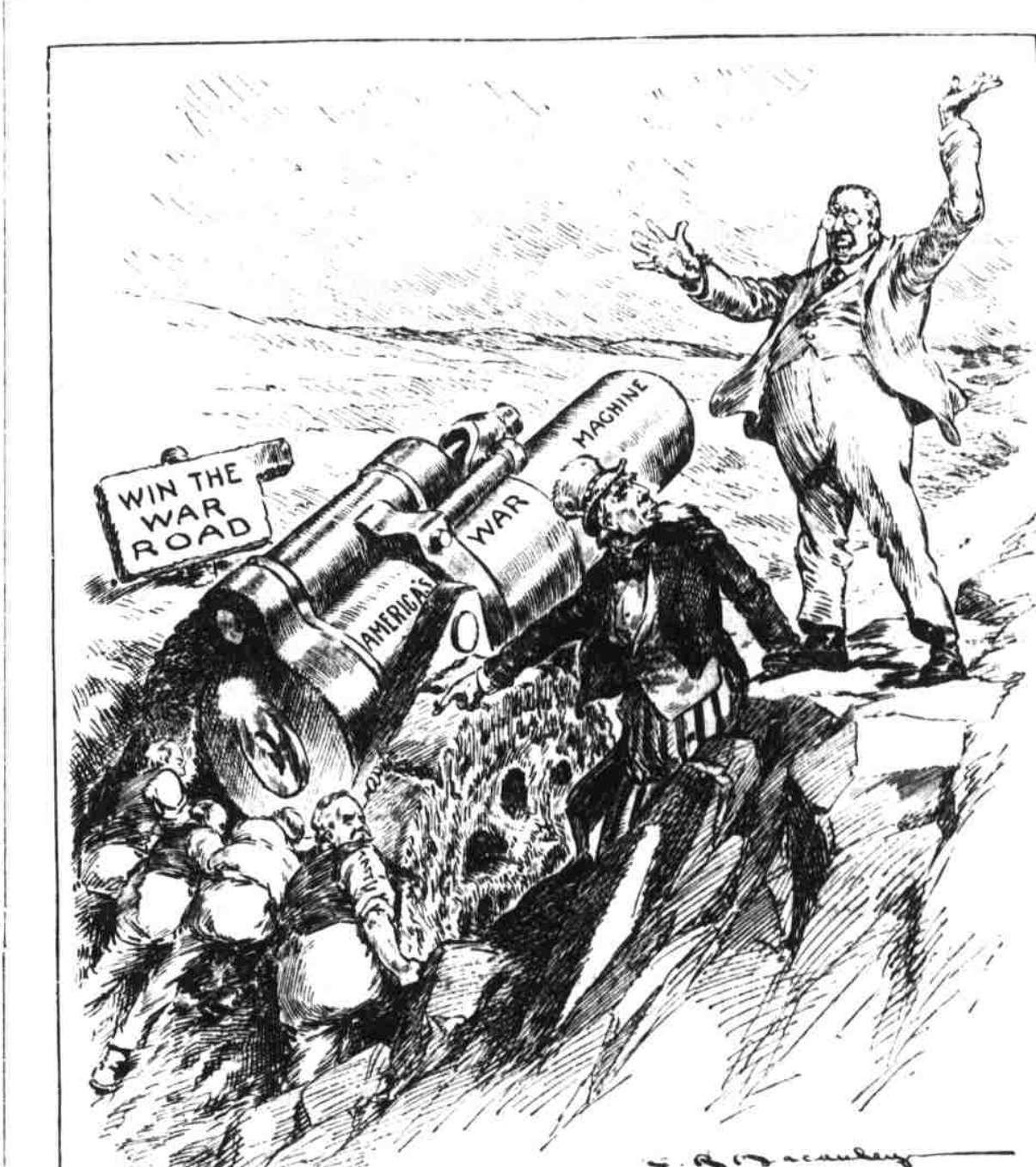
A report presented to Commissioner Roper by Chief Revenue Agent Nutt shows that in North Carolina 54 of the 100 counties are known as "good moonshine territory" and that nearly 700 stills were seized and destroyed during the year.

Conditions are reported bad in Henderson, Polk, Wilkes, Orange, Johnston, Transylvania, Alexander, Yadkin, McDowell, Burke and Wake counties. In a number of counties in the western part of the state local officials, it is said, refused to give proper assistance to government agents and intimidated they were friendly to the moonshiners.

Bringing a High Price. There is no doubt about the price of crude corn liquor having gone sky high. Only this week two soldiers from Camp Greene, Charlotte, who had fallen into the hands of Salisbury officers, told Chief of Police Miller that they had secured their liquor in the country "out across that river bridge"—the county would not be hard to guess—and that they and two other companions paid \$40 for four quarts, a quart each. Numbers of soldiers coming to this city have learned the way "across the river" and make the journey, paying well for transportation facilities and then forking out anywhere from \$8 to \$10 a quart for the cheapest and most inferior grade of corn liquor. And this is only a drop in the bucket of the moonshine liquor of which the above Associated Press dispatch speaks.

BUNKER COAL SHORTAGE RELIEVED SAYS PARSONS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—The shortage of bunker coal, which a few days ago was seriously hampering the fueling of vessels in New York harbor, has been entirely relieved, according to a statement by J. E. Parsons, detailed by the United States shipping board to supervise the bunkering of ships at this port.



"IF YOUR SHOULDERS ARE AS STRONG AS YOUR LUNGS, COLONEL, WHY DON'T YOU GET DOWN BESIDE MR. TAFT AND HELP?"

FIGHTING RESUMED ON BATTLE LINES

Fronts in France and Belgium and the Italian Front Are Again the Scene of Operations.

FRENCH CAPTURE GROUND THEY LOST WEDNESDAY

King of the Belgians Declares His People Will Have Peace Only on Certain Guarantees.

(By Associated Press.) On the Western front in Belgium and France and the Italian front, where the contending armies of the chief belligerents in the world war have displayed little activity for some time, official reports announce a resumption of hostilities of unusual activity for winter months. While the operations mentioned in statements from various army headquarters are of little consequence from a military view yet general extent of activity indicates that developments of considerable magnitude are in immediate prospect.

Intensity of the artillery fire has increased all along the western front and raiding parties and fighting has been resumed under more favorable conditions. The success of a German raid on British trenches west of La Bassee is announced by the British official communication which claims that another hostile party was dispersed west of Villiers Guislain. In the Nieupoort sector the French war office announces the recapture of ground gained by the enemy in raiding Wednesday morning. The French statement says the artillery was active in the Chaume wood. During the period from January 17 to 20th ten German airplanes were brought down by the French. More intense artillery firing between Adige and Brentina valley is reported in the Italian official statement, which also tells of small engagements on the right bank of the

MANUFACTURING PLANTS BURNED

(By Associated Press.) Camden, N. J., Jan. 24.—Two manufacturing establishments engaged in the manufacture of war material were destroyed by fire this morning which swept a two-story building covering a half block. The entire loss will reach \$500,000, it is believed.

IMPURITIES IN CANDY DISCOVERED

Navy Canteen Found to Contain Candy That Was Thought to be Harmful and Sale Withdrawn

MAV LIMIT FLOUR SALE FROM MILLER TO USER

Washington Considering the More Drastic Method of Controlling Flour.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Discovery of "impurities" in candies distributed to the canteen of the navy ships has caused the issuing of an order suspending the sale of candy to the men, also the purchase of fresh supplies pending an investigation.

Forty Killed in Petrograd

Petrograd, Jan. 24.—Forty persons were killed and 200 injured in rioting at Moscow during a demonstration on "Bloody Sunday." American Ship Sunk by U-Boat. An Atlantic Port, Jan. 24.—The American steamship Oswego, formerly the German Allemanina, seized in this country following the outbreak of war, was sunk by a German submarine in the early part of December in the Mediterranean near the Spanish coast, according to survivors who reached here on a Spanish liner. According to the reports given two lives were lost when the ship went down. The Oswego was the ship recently reported as having been one of the three vessels sunk while passing a lighthouse with submarines lying off shore and picking the vessels as they passed through the beam of light. The two other ships sunk were Norwegian and British.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN REPEATS WORDS

Making Speech in Senate Today Oregon Senator Declares President Does Not Know Truth.

ROSE TO QUESTION OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Asserts That Hundreds of Soldiers Lives in Military Camps Could Have Been Saved.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee of the Senate, rose to a question of personal privilege in the Senate today to reply to President Wilson's recent statement charging the Senator in a speech in New York with advocating government war reorganization and declaring inefficiency existed in all branches of the government had made "an astounding and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth." Chamberlain reiterates his charges. Washington, Jan. 24.—Standing firmly behind his charge that America's military establishment is enmeshed in inefficiency Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, chairman of the military committee of the Senate, replied today in the Senate to President Wilson's denunciation of his recent New York speech by repeating the statement which drew the President's ire, and declared the President himself does not know the truth.

Senator Chamberlain, after having read to the Senate a verbatim copy of the speech for which the President denounced him, declared he adhered to what he had said. Senator Chamberlain declared that he could show that the death of hundreds of these men in the cantonment camps was due to the war department and that all epidemics could have been prevented if the war department had been effective.

THE ADMINISTRATION WILL WIN.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Administration leaders, including Senator Simmons and Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, are confident tonight that the President will win when the showdown comes between the White House and Congress over the proposed legislation, advocated by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military affairs committee, creating a council of war and munitions head. It is admitted however, that the vote may be close.

Senator Chamberlain will arise in the senate tomorrow to a question of personal privilege and reply to the President's rather bitter letter condemning the senator's New York speech of last Saturday when he declared all departments of the government are inefficient. Senator Chamberlain, his friends say, will lay all the facts developed by the recent investigation of the war department before the senate. He will then attempt to justify his statement regarding the inefficiency of the departments, especially as it relates to Secretary of War Baker.

The bill which proposes to create a munitions head and council of war will then be referred to the military affairs committee. In this there is little objection anticipated. Those favoring the legislation will of course favor it being referred to this very proper committee and the friends of the president are not expected to interpose an objection.

Should a mere handful of Democrats join with the Republicans in support of the munitions and war council measures it is certain that the bill would have a good chance of passing the Senate.

The Congressional Line up.

Washington, Jan. 22.—A poll of the Senate by the World today showed that 27 senators would vote for the war cabinet bill, 34 against it, and that 32 were non-committal absent, undecided or refused to state their positions. There are three vacancies in the Senate. A poll of the House showed that 84 members would vote for the war cabinet bill, 78 against it, and that 267 were non-committal, absent, undecided or refused to state their po-

UNREST OF MASSES GROWS STRONGER

News From Austria, Where Upheaval is Expected, is Being Suppressed by Authorities.

GERMAN PAPERS HOLDING OUT HOPE SUPPRESSED

Influence on the German Workmen is Reported to Be Growing Stronger and Stronger.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.—The impression which is gathered from reports coming through Switzerland and Holland regarding the internal troubles in Germany on the eve of Chancellor von Hertlings expected address before the reichstag is that the unrest is still strong among the masses, and while it is a fact that the news from Austria is suppressed by the military authorities, the news of the strikes and peace demands in the dual monarchy has leaked out and these events are well known to the German workmen. Hope, however, that they would follow has not materialized, and been suppressed. Nevertheless, according to the Post's Amsterdam dispatches indicate that the influence on the German workmen is growing stronger and stronger. This is attributed to the attitude of the German delegates at the Brest-Litovsk conference which caused wide spread dissatisfaction. At meetings of the Fatherland party held the matter has been uppermost and the socialists also have been active along similar lines of endeavor.

Railway Bill Modified. The administration's railroad bill has been modified to stipulate expressly that the federal operation is undertaken as a war emergency measure and shall not prejudice the operations of the future policies towards municipal ownership. No fixed time is given for the turning of the roads back to the owners.

WOULD HONOR NORTH CAROLINIAN

French Government Asks Permission To Place Bronze Tablet on Monument at Grave of James McConnell at Carthage.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The French government desires to place a bronze tablet on the monument erected at Carthage, N. C., to James McConnell, the American aviator who, as a sergeant in the Lafayette flying corps, died for France. French Ambassador Jusserand has so notified Senator Overman and the request will be forwarded to McConnell's father at Carthage.

SOUTHERN MINES SHIPPED OVER EIGHT MILLION TONS 1917

Bulk of This Ore Was Produced in the Birmingham District, But Other Southern States Contributed—Country's Output 75,000,000 Tons. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The Southern mines shipped more than 8,100,000 tons of ore in 1917, the bulk of which was produced in the Birmingham district, but the iron mines of Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia contributed 1,400,000 tons. Iron ore shipped from the mines of the entire country amounted to 75,640,000 tons valued at \$236,178,000. Shipments showed a 2.9 per cent decrease while the value showed an increase of 29.3 per cent over 1916.

There are seven vacancies in the House. The members who refused to state their positions declared that it was not a House fight and they did not care to discuss a Senate measure.