

## WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight and Saturday, except rain Saturday in western portion of State; warmer.

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## AMERICAN TALK

### Fathers Want Protection.

"I want those fellows at Washington to stop fighting," said the father of a Salisbury boy who is now in the army. And that is what every father of a soldier wants and demands.

German-loving and Vote-loving senators are playing a pusillanimous game at the capital and the enemy is profiting by it. That is what plain, every-day Americans who are in this fight to win believe, and they are sick and tired of the antics of these chaps who think the whole game is staged for their advancement in politics.

Some members of the United States Senate are acting, according to the judgment of many daddies of American boys, on a par with the bone-headed Mexican president who sent the Kaiser a congratulatory message on the birthday of the Postdam chief.

The senate should rid itself of a few contemptible politicians who are unworthy of the confidence of any wholehearted American. LaFollette is not the only chap in the senate who ought to be pitched into the Patomac river.

Kaiser Bill certainly has a number of cheap skates working in his interest. He laughs up his sleeves, no doubt, to see how a lot of fools who claim to be Americans are working daily in his interest. They are earning no wage, but they ought to be paid off in the supreme contempt of real Americans.

We sincerely hope that the sinking of the Tuscania will produce some good results, among these being:

The patriotic rallying of all Americans in the spirit of true Americans to fight the common enemy at home and abroad and win this war.

The tightening down on the spies, aliens and disloyals who are brandishing bombs, firebrands and scattering German lies to the undoing of this country.

The concentration of an American sentiment in Washington, which will take form in a nation-wide denunciation of a lot of selfish German-loving politicians now so mouthy in their efforts to hinder and handicap the government.

One hundred dead from a Hun torpedo. What ought the rich, red-blooded American's answer be? The answer of the United States ought to go up in one united voice—Everything possible as quickly as possible to destroy the Huns. Let the answer to this illegal stroke below the belt be from every citizen: More food, more money, more men, more ships, more supplies, more machines, more munitions, more of everything needed to stamp out this lot of poisonous vipers that sting the world without regard to honor, law, decency or humanity.

The answer must be force sufficient to meet the brutal force of brutes and overpower them by reason of superior force. At home we must fight on the bread line, on the money line, feed finance and clothe, furnish ships and more ships. Let the answer be unanimous, and all America fight to avenge the death of real men killed by pirates and brutal outlaws.

The governmental departments at Washington will make mistakes. No man, no set of men have ever gotten by without making mistakes—serious mistakes—Whenever we get to where we make no mistakes the world will have passed and all of us will have been gathered to a better world. What hurts is not the mistakes the government honestly makes, not the blunders that officials make, but the vicious attacks made by unfair partisan, political tainted, German-loving men who think they are statesmen when they are nothing more than cheap crooked politicians worked by some unknown reason to the top of the dung-hill.

David Lawrence, one of the very ablest newspaper men at the National capital, says:

"If the country could read every single word of the forenoon hearing by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, at which it was endeavored to cross-examine Secretary Baker, it would be pretty much disgusted with the incompetency of the investigators and the rambling way in which they wasted nearly three hours of time without even formulating for themselves a definite means of procedure."

Let's put aside all this pussy-footed bunk about the Germans and the German people. They are wedded to their idols. Their idols are Kaiser Bill, Von Hindenburg and Von Terpitz. They are not going to revolt, they are going to be whipped. Let us also draw the line on non-Americans. There is no twilight zone, no midway station, no half-way house, no Pro-German, it is either for or against Uncle Sam, either for or against the Postdam gang. Let the lines be

# HEATLESS DAYS FOR SOUTH ARE ANNULLED

## American Soldiers Aboard Tuscania Showed the Courage of True Men

### SOUTHERN STATES GET FUEL RELIEF

No More Heatless Mondays for States South of Virginia—Other Modifications Probable.

WARM WEATHER IS THE REASON FOR THIS CHANGE

Officials Believe That With Continued Weather the Whole Situation May Be Freed.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 8.—Heatless Mondays have been suspended in all states south of Virginia. Fuel Administrator Garfield said that improved weather conditions and traffic improvements made further enforcement in the South unnecessary.

The state affected are North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. The first section of the closing order established a preferential list in coal distribution and section ten provided for a penalty for non-compliance and this will continue to stand.

It was also stated in the order that all the states in which the order is operative that fuel on heatless Mondays may be furnished for heat and light for shops and workmen in plants making inter-allied garments.

With the abandonment of heatless Mondays in all states south of Virginia fuel administration officials hope that with a continuation of warmer weather and improved traffic conditions improving it would be possible to relax the order all over the United States after next Monday.

With Sunday, Monday and Tuesday a holiday to noon would give three and one half days of rest and this is expected to go far towards solving the situation. The original order called for the heatless Mondays to cover the 25th of March.

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### COLONEL RESTING WELL AT PRESENT

Former President Roosevelt is Doing Nicely at Hospital Where He Was Operated on.

PULSE AND TEMPERATURE ARE NORMAL SAYS DOCTOR

The Ex-President Underwent an Operation on Wednesday For Fistula.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 8.—The condition of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who was operated on Wednesday for fistula and two abscesses in the ear is pronounced unchanged today by Dr. Harold Keyes, of the Roosevelt hospital early in the day. Dr. Keyes added that Colonel Roosevelt had slept well all night and is resting comfortably today.

A bulletin issued said that the pulse and temperature of Colonel Roosevelt were normal.

The condition of Col. Roosevelt at 1:30 this afternoon was declared to be satisfactory, in a bulletin issued at the hospital.

President Wilson Sends Message. Washington, Feb. 8.—President Wilson today sent to Mrs. Roosevelt the following message of sympathy. "May I not express my warmest sympathy and sincere hope that Colonel Roosevelt's condition will improve."

EX-PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS VERY ILL IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was resting easy tonight in Roosevelt hospital, where he was operated on yesterday for fistula and abscesses in both of his ears.

The physicians in attendance upon the former president, in a bulletin issued at 9 o'clock this evening, said they were "very hopeful about his progress, but are unable to say positively until tomorrow whether further operations will be necessary."



COME ON! WE'LL KNOW WHAT'S BEHIND THAT FENCE WHEN WE TEAR IT DOWN.

### NEW DRAFT LAW IS FAVORABLY TAKEN

Requires Registration of Men as They Reach 21 Years and Bases Quotas on Number in Class 1.

PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT MEN REACHING 31 IS REJECTED

Amendment to Require Youth of 19 Years and Over to Register Is Also Not Approved.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 8.—A favorable report on the war department's bill amending the selective draft law to require the registration of men as they reach 21 years and basing the quotas on the number of men in class No. 1 instead of state populations was unanimously ordered by the Senate Military Committee today.

The proposal to exempt men as they reach 31 years if they have not been drafted and which was opposed by Provost Marshal General Crowder, was not included in the bill.

An amendment proposed by Senator New of Indiana to require the registration of youth 19 years of age and over also was rejected.

Another bill was favorably reported which affects the draft and authorizes the president in any emergency to call into military service skilled experts in industry and agriculture regardless of classification, residence or quotas.

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A sudden development of inflammation in the inner left ear was responsible for the hurried calling of a consultation of specialists during the day. This resulted in the issuing of a statement which in effect characterized the colonel's condition as serious, but not critical.

### SURVIVORS TELL OF TUSCANIA SCENES

One Woman Survivor Did Much as the "Best Man in the World" Could Have Done.

MEN STOOD ABOUT AND SMOKED WAITING FOR AID

Only When It Was Seen No More Lives Could Be Saved Was the Work of Rescue Given Up.

London, Feb. 8.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at an Irish port says the survivors of the Tuscania were greatly relieved to hear of the safe arrival elsewhere of Major Wade, of Washington, commander of a contingent on the steamer, and hundreds of the American troops.

The only two women on board, the correspondent says, were Mrs. Collins, and Mrs. Parson, and these went down a rope to a life boat. The former said when the boat left the uscania many troops had been thrown out in lowering the next boat.

"We were immediately surrounded by men in the icy water wearing life belts. We had only two men in our boat who could manage the oars. They did their best and as we came across swimming and floating men we gathered them in our boat. Soon the boat was full and we witnessed many distressing scenes," said Mrs. Collins. "eventually we got on board a destroyer," she said, "and I don't remember a harder bit of work."

A soldier who heard Mrs. Collins

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 8.—Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, has tendered the resignation of his entire cabinet to King Charles, according to a dispatch from Vienna.

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### BOARD ALDERMEN HOLD A MEETING

Work of Chief of Police Miller Gets Approval of the Board—Salary Raised to \$150 Month.

ORDINANCE AFFECTING THE STREET R. R. WAS REPEALED

Report Made by Building Committee That West Ward School Would Be Completed Mar. 1.

The board of aldermen met in regular monthly session at the city hall last night with Mayor Woodson presiding and Aldermen Julian, Conley, Ludwick, Crowder, Rufy and Henderlite present. Mayor W. H. Burton, of Spencer, was present and was invited to sit with the body.

Mr. Melton, living on the southern limits of the city stated to the board that a residence belonging to him was totally destroyed by fire a week after it was listed for taxes and asked that he be relieved from payment of tax on the same. This was granted.

Manager J. H. Robinson of the Public Service Company and Stahl Linn, Esq., appeared before the board asking that the ordinance requiring the company to put off colored passengers at the rear of cars be repealed; this on account of the operation of the one-man cars, this plan of unloading passengers being impossible on these cars. Mr. Linn made a talk in behalf of the company, stating its position, and showing that these one-man cars are in use in many cities throughout the country and may be in the South.

Alderman Conley, author of the ordinance in question, opposed its repeal and asked that the matter be laid over until a full meeting of the board, but others thought this matter ought to be settled at once so that the street car company would know just where it stood, as at present it was violating the ordinance. A vote was taken on postponement of the matter, and it was lost 4 to 2, Alderman Conley and Julian being in favor of laying the matter over, while Alderman Henderlite, Crowder, Rufy and Ludwick favored settling the matter at this meeting.

It was then discovered that motions to repeal ordinances must be made in writing and Alderman Conley insisted on this being followed. This writing was made out at once and Alderman Henderlite made a motion to repeal the ordinance. Alderman Conley, its author, fought to the last trench to save his measure, but the vote was as above, 4 to 2 and the law as it formerly stood is now repealed.

Mayor W. H. Burton, of Spencer, stated to the board that this city was anxious to get a conference with the proper parties relative to discussing the question of Salisbury furnishing Spencer with water through its new plant and asked for information. Mayor Woodson stated that the matter could be arranged and would have been done so before but from the fact that some troubles had been encountered in the supplying of water to the Southern Railway at Spencer shops. This had now been remedied and Salisbury would be ready within a few days to take the matter up with the Spencer authorities.

The reports of the treasurer and various standing committees of the board were filed, read and approved.

City Engineer Webb submitted a report of monies due the city by certain property owners for the putting down of cement walks.

The south Main street assessment list was presented and approved by the board.

It was stated that Mr. Goodman, of the Goodman Lumber Company in South Salisbury desired to deed a street leading by his residence from Main street across the railroad to the city, and this was accepted.

The matter of some cracks in the cement on South Main street was brought up and City Engineer Webb stated that he had conferred with the contractors regarding the matter and had every assurance that this would be remedied. The cracking

### AMERICANS FACED DEATH BRAVELY

Heroic in Face of Almost Certain Death, Their Behavior Was Calm When Tuscania Sank.

SUNG NATIONAL AIRS AS THE SHIP WENT UNDER

Bolsheviki Government Expels Entente Allied Mission From Russia, According to Report.

LOSS MAY BE 200.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 8.—Revised figures indicate that the loss of life on the Tuscania probably was in excess of yesterday's estimates of 101. It is now believed complete returns will show the number of dead to be nearer 200 than 100.

American soldiers aboard the Tuscania which was wounded by a torpedo and sunk beneath the waves faced death in a most heroic manner. To their calm behavior, the skillful work of the British patrol boats and the trawlers assisting is due the fact that all but 101 of them were saved.

Of the lost late reports indicate many were members of the crew. The bodies of 44 of the missing soldiers have been washed up on the coast of North Ireland. Positive identification of the men is believed impossible because the tags they wore had not been provided with the information needed. All these soldiers will be buried in one grave.

When the Tuscania was hit by the torpedo the soldiers went calmly to their post. As they lined up on one side and the British on the other they began to sing the national airs. The destroyers endangered themselves by coming along side the sinking vessel and taking the men off the sinking ship.

The Tuscania remained afloat for two hours, and that she did is due largely to the action of the second engineer who stopped his engines when the ship was wounded.

The reports that the submarine which destroyed the ship was herself destroyed is not officially confirmed. It is said that the allied destroyers wreaked swift vengeance on the U-boat.

One American officer said that the U-boat attempted to sink one of the ships that came to the rescue of the Tuscania and that it was sunk by a destroyer that pursued it and dropped depth bombs which silenced it for all time.

On the American front in France the Artillery is endeavoring to even the score of the enemy by bombarding German factories, and lines of trenches and the American guns have replied to and silenced some German guns of two batteries and inflicted losses on the detachment.

German efforts against the French line at Verdun and in Alsace has grown stronger. Infantry attacks have taken the place of raids but the latest German attempts were repulsed with loss by the French northeast of Verdun in Alsace.

Small raids and the usual artillery action has occurred on the British front.

Italian artillery is active only slightly.

Petrograd is again the scene of grave disorders and it is reported there has been much shooting and robbing of supply stores. One hundred and twenty persons are said to have been killed in clashes between troops and rioters in three days.

The Bolsheviki government, according to an unconfirmed dispatch received in Stockholm, has expelled from Russia the entente allied mission to that city. It is added that the members of the mission have left Petrograd.

The Loss as It Stood Last Night. Washington, Feb. 7.—Latest estimate.

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