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ANNUAL MEETING

Delegate Says Convention is

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## "OLD GLORY" NOW FLIES IN EUROPEAN WATERS SOUTHERN IMPROVEMENTS TO START SOON



Scores Executive Branch of Government Behind Closed Doors.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL IS SCORED

Declared That Council Has Usurped Authority-President Criticised.

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Crowd Cheers Destroyers.

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an commander replied promptly.

believed to be much more whole-some than in the capitol. The army, according to all reports, is extremely anti-peace. The danger of German domination, it is said, now

is being impressed on the minds of the simple mystic peasants.

BANKER DIES.

After the exchange of short greet-

WASHINGTON, May 16 .- In he-uning consideration today of the \$3,399,000,000 war budget, the senate devoted the entire session to sweep-ing criticism of the executive branch of the government. Seldom has the senate chamber seen the scene of such vehement attacks continued for live hours behind closed doors, and re-newed after the doors were opened. No progress was made on the bill, No progress was made on the bills, No progress was made on the bills, out of the way, senate leaders thought out of the huge war appropria-until it reached the dock. The crowd until it reached the dock. The crowd

## Wilson Criticised.

Wilson Criticised. The Council of National Defense, ficer and Wesley Frost, the Ameri-proposed of cabinet officers, its civil-can consul, who had come down to composed of cabinet officers, its civil-ian advisory commission and the government shipping board, were special targets of senatorial wrath, and Presi-dent Wilson himself was sharply criticised. The council was charged with usurpation of authority and with un-lawfully delegating power to the advisory board.

The shipping board was , ssailed for alleged interference with private shipbuilders and for insisting upon its wooden ship program. The president was attacked for alleged lack of cooperation and consultation with con-

The upshot of the entire discussion was adoption of Senator Sterling's amendment setting forth that the powers of the Council of National Defense shall not he considered enlarged because of war conditions. A section of the bill appropriating \$500,000 for the defense council was the basis for the debate Democratic Leader Mar.in convent-

ed to an executive session, suggested by Senator Weeks, because the whole bill involved discussion of confidential military questions. Five hours afterward the doors were opened, because n of can senators, including Lodge, Norris and Brandegee, suggested it

AMERICAN TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS ARE NOW ON **DUTY IN EUROPEAN WATERS** 

Squadron of U. S. Warships Reaches Queenstown, "Ready for Business" and Immediately Puts to Sea on Patrol Duty Against the Submarines.

QUEENSTOWN, May 16 .- A squad- 1 mitted that the American tars looked ron of American torpedo boat de- prepared. stroyers has safely crossed the At- "Yes."

replied the American comantic and is patrolling the seas in war mander. "we made preparations on over. That is why we are the way over. The American navy's actual entry ready into the war zone has already been The equipment on board the deproductive of a brush between a de-stroyer and a German underwater

The equipment on board the de-stroyers was found to be in excellent condition and remarkable well suited to the requirements on this side of the ocean. In fact, it was said by the British officer, that the only thing lacking in the equipment of the American sailors was heavier cloth. boat, according to an announcement by the British admiralty, but the re-sult of it has not been made public. The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voylacking in the equipment of the American sailors was heavier clothage across the Atlantic, but almost ing. It appears that the Americans were wearing clothing too light for immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British naval officers put to sea again for the hard the varying weather conditions they will encounter in these waters. This lack, however, was quickly provided

for A crowd of several hundred per-sons, some of them carrying tiny the needs of the men were attended American flags, lined the water front to the American ships at once put to sea, the men from cartains to out to sea, the men from captains to ordinary seamen looking in the pink of condition and apparently enthusi-astic for their task. later the American senior officer came

"Craft Look Fit." "They are certainly a fine body of men, and what's more their craft look just fit," said the British commander as he watched the destroyers file sea-Everything was done in a simple, business-like manner. There was an ward. One of the American destroyers be-

gan war duty even before reaching this sile of the Atlantic. This was when it picked up and escorted flotilla was waiting on board his ship through the danger zone one of the argest of the Atlantic liners. This acso pleased the passengers on on board that they sent a message of greeting and appreciation to the com-mander of the destroyer. The mes-

ings and the British commander had congratulated the American officers sage read: "British passengers on board a on their safe voyage, he asked: "When will you be ready for buststeamer bound for a British port un-der the profection of an American torpedo destroyer send their hearty "We can start at once," the Amerigreetings to her commander and her officers and crew and desire to ex-press their keen appreciation of this This response, so characteristically American, surprised the British compress their keen appreciation of this practical co-operation between the government and peoples of the United States and the British empire, who are now fighting together for the freedom of the seas." mander who said he had not expected the Americans would be ready to be-gin work on this side so soon after a

Many enthusiastic persons managed (Continued on Page Two.)



American Destroyer Engages in Brush With German Submarine,

GERMAN ATTACKS ON ALLIES REPULSED British Fall Back But by

Brilliant Counter Attacks Regain Ground.

The physical participation of the United States in the war is a reality. American torpedo-boat destroyers, well-groomed for the task and their officers and men enthusiastic in their quest are patrolling the eastern At-iantic searching for German submanines, which have wrought such dis-aster to shipping. Although the an-nouncement of the participation of the American boats has just been made for the first time, with it comes the report that already one of the speedy boats has been in action with speedy boats has been in action with an enemy undersea craft, while an-other has safely convoyed through the war zone to a port of safety one of the great liners that ply the At-lantic. The result of the fight between the destroyer and the subma

rine has not been made known by the British admiralty.

Counter-Attacks Made,

Between Gavrelle and the Scarpe river in France, the German forces have again made counter-attacks on positions taken from them recently by Field Marshal Haig's men, but again the British inflicted heavy casagain the British minicted heavy cas-ualities on them and held their ground. At one point, by numerically superior forces, the Germans made the British fall back but, returning to the fray, the British immediately repulsed the Germans and re-cap-tured their lost terrain tured their lost terrain.

Likewise on the Aisne sector held by the French, the Germans threw in large effectives in an endeavor to push back the line. At several places the French line bent under the impetus of the forceful offensive, b.t. like the British, the Frenchmen launched brilliant counter-attacks which enabled them to re-take th r ost ground and inflict heavy losses on the Germans.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY WILL START WORK ON TERMINAL FACILITIES AT EARLY DATE

Announcement Means That Land Purchased at Biltmore Will Soon Be Scene of Large Activities-Will Not Interfere With Training Camps.

The Southern rallway's Intention, unnounced yesterday, to begin at an engineering skill of the very highest early date the building of increased terrainal facilities here will make none of its recently acquired property great freight yards soon to be built

none of its recently acquired property svallable for a training camp site. Commissioner of Fublic Works J. G. Stikeleather, Major Francis J. Clemenger and N. Buckner, secretary of the board of trade, are now in Charleston in consultation with Major General Leonard Wood as to the loca

tion at Biltmore of one of the sixteeu

federal training camps to be estab-lished in the south immediately. The Southern railway recently bought from Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, Mrs. Alice Connally and the Mont-gomery estate, more than 100 acres of land between the Asbeville and somery exate, more than 100 acres of land between the Asheville and Hiltmore stations. It is said the con-sideration for these lands was the highest by far ever known in the south, for property acquired for similar purpose. It was desired to use a part of this area for the camp it is now believed the government in-tends to establish here. This will be tends to establish here. This will be now impossible, for the railway com-pany will begin the work of enlarging its terminals very soon-certainly during this summer. An official an-nouncement to the effect that the terminal property was not available was received in Asheville yesterday. Will Not Interfere. The expressed intention of the rail-way company to at once increase its

Will Not Interfere. The expressed intention of the rail-way company to at once increase its lions of feet of lumber for the camps freight terminals here, will not, it and other purposes, adds still more freight terminals here, will not, it may be definitely stated, interfere with the location of the training camp on the Biltmore estate. It is under atod that Mrs. Vanderbilt's patriotic and most generous offer of a site on the estate remains open, subject to certain and very easily met condi-tions. The decision of the govern-ment as to the camps' location, will

be made known very soon, it is believed. The tremendous increase in the Southern railway's traffic here, and a confidently expected still greater in-crease when the nation and the gov-ernment begins to call upon the na-tural resources of Western North Carolina, may be stated as the reacontemplated. A Greater Asheville. A well known Asheville business man, present at the board of trade dinner at the Batter. Park hotel, Tuesday night, referred to the state-ment of E. D: Anthony there made, that Asheville would have 50,000 population in the next five years and that we why he was investing heavily sons for beginning the work of en-larging the terminal facilities of Asheville. The land purchased bord-ers on the present right of way of the railway and in the course of time the ground will be covered with miles of new rails. and act for the convention in the interim of its meetings on necessary matters. It further recommended that was why he was investing heavily here, "Mr. Anthony was quite correct, of new rails. that the committee "also be empowerstood that the pra It is understood that the practical impossibility of doubling the track to Knoxville was also an important fac-tor in the company's decision to spend approximately \$1,000,000 increasing its facilities here. A plan has been evolved by the executives of the com-pany which obviates this tremendous undertaking of double hasting one and his estimate ed to act in an advisory way on all and his estimate as to the carsful esti-mates of the Southern Bell Telephone company's experts, made a short time ago, and whose findings were covered in The Citizen. The enormous exquestions submitted to it on matters arising between the three boards and the state boards, but only on request of one or more of the boards con-cerned." penditures involved in the construct Moved and Seconded. A motion to adopt this report was made and seconded when Mr. Brown-(Continued on Page Two.) undertaking of double hasting one low took the floor. He stated that he had consulted eminent lawyers re-VIGOROUS MOVEMENT TO ELKS ELECT T. J. MURPHY, · (Continued on Page Four.) INCREASE INCOME TAXES GREENSBORD, PRESIDENT **CONFERENCE REPORT ON** STARTED IN THE HOUSE OF STATE CONVENTION ARMY BILL IS ADOPTED Insurgents Succeed in Rais- Officers Will Be Installed Provides Increased Pay for at Today's Meeting ing Percentage on Big Soldiers-Senate May Act of Elks. Incomes. Today. 181.18 KITCHIN OPPOSED. CUPS PRESENTED. WASHINGTON, May 16 .- The com ference report on the war army bill was adopted by the house without a record vote late today, after Repre-sentative Dent had announced that the senate conferees had agreed to the house provision increasing the new of collision more and the second WASHINGTON, May 16.—A vigor-ous movement to increase the proposed war revenue bill income surfaxes an-RALEIGH, N. C., May 16 .- The North Carolina convention of Elks elected T. J. Murphy, Greensboro, as president, D. L. Daughtridge, Rocky Mount, and B. P. Beard, Salisbury, as vice-presidents, and re-elected T. B. Kehoe, of Newbern, as secretary-treasurer. Greensboro was elected unanimous-by for the next convention. In the big parade this evening, Newbern won the silver trophy by Raleigh, for the best appearance in the line of march. Newbern also won a cup for the best musical organization in line. It was a of \$8, and those receiving \$45 or the silver treasure in the line of march. alected T. J. Murphy, Greensboro, as onther twenty-five per cent on all amcunts above \$40,000 started in the house today under the leadership of Representative Lenroot, of Wisconsin. and Representative Sherley, democrat, and Representative Sherley, denotes, of Kentucky. Over the determined opposition of Democratic Leader Kitchin and Rep-resentatives Fordney, of Michigan, and Hill of Connecticut, republicans, the insurgents succeeded in obtaining in the committee of the whole their in the committee of the whole their proposed increase from eight to thirty-three per cent on incomes be-tween \$40,000 and \$60,000 and toof \$8, and those receiving \$45 or more, an increase of \$6. The senate is expected to accept the conference report tomorrow or Friday, and then it will go to the musical organization in line. It was a morrow they will resume their fight drum corps. The cup offered by New-The motrow they will resume their build for a comparation of the second seco determined to elevate every division until incomes above \$50,000 would pay almost sixty per cent. bern for the lodge having the largest president.

which would call for the exercise of between Asheville and Biltmore play an important part and will enable the Southern to handle its enormously increased west-bound traffic to advan tage.

Larger Freight Depot. The present freight depot will b

The present freight depot will be increased in size to proportions quite adequate to meet new conditions quite will be moved and will be re-located involving the moving, also, of the present street car tracks in the street. The railway company will bear the entire expense of this, it is stated. As previously announced, the present Asheville passenger station will re-main quite undisturbed, and eventualmain quite undisturbed, and eventual-ly there will be either a new or a greatly enlarged passenger station at Biltmore. This, however, will be of secondary importance, it is beleived, and the energies of the railway com-pany for the present will be devoted entirely towards preparation for the coming flood of traffic. The location of a training camp, here, it is pointed out, will but add to that traffic prob-lem, and the announcement of United States Forester Hall, when in Asher-ville recently, that the government

to the company's heavy burden of re-sponsibilities. There is still no definite announce-ment as to the purpose of the corpor-ation for whom the Swannanoa Realty company has been buying, and secur-ing options on lands above Biltmore. The land has not been acquired for any amusement or residence develop-ment, however, but the transfers indicate another industrial develop-ment for Asheville that will rank among the most important here or

Asserts Baptist Convention Has No Jurisdiction Over Boards.

NEW ORLEANS, May 16 .- A de-NEW ORLEANS, May 16.—A de-cided sensation was created in the Southern Baptists' convention herd late today, when J. F. Brownlow, a banker and lay delegate from Colum-bia, Tenn., declared on the floor that high legal authority, which he had consulted, had held that the conven-tion, together with its various heards tion, together with its various boards, which handle several million dollars annually, were operating Hiegally and that under the laws the convention had no legal jurisdiction over its af-filiated boards. Mr. Brownlow's assertions were made during discus-sion of a motion to adopt the report of the committee on consolidation of the home and foreign mission boards and the Sunday school board of the denomination, a proposition which has been the subject of controversy in conventions for several years. Revise Suggestions, The committee on consolidation of

the three boards revised the sugges-tions contained in the majority and minority reports previously published in the denominational journals. The majority prior to the convention had recommended the appointment of an executive committee to direct and co-ordinate all the work of the three

ordinate all the work of the three boards and supervise appeals and campaigns for funds, will head-quarters in Nashville. The minority favored tabling the whole question. In the revised report submitted to the convention today, which was a compromise between the two ele-ments in the committee, it was rec-ordinate the the three boards re-

ommended that the three boards re-main separate as at present, and that an executive committee of seven be elected annually to have oversight of the arrangements for the convention

was not proper that such statements, as had been heard, should be made without cognizance of the public and without opportunity for those attacked to offer defense.

Democratis Start It. Democratic senators, it was said af-terward, began the discussion by crititerward, began the discussion by criti-cising certain acts of the advisory board. Senator Reed was said to have been particularly vehement. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, vigorously condemned certain activities of the board, especially regarding the letting of government contracts, and offered an amendment to the law creating the defense council to provide that the defense council to provide that hereafter men shall be appointed to the advisory board subject to the senate's confirmation.

Some senators said President Wil-son was not being kept properly informed regarding supply purchasing. Others declared that the president and the cabinet had without warrant of law, conferred some of their pow-ers upon the advisory commission,

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Senate Asks House for Subcommittee to Help Draft Measure.

WASHINGTON. May 16-Re-drafting of food legislation pending in congress to meet the views of the administration, was forecast today in the request of the senate agricultural committee that the house committee name a sub-committee to assist it in drawing new bills .

Members of the committees of both houses received a clear idea at a white house conference last night of gotten in the internal confusion. Neither surprise nor alarm at what is going on is expressed by those who have recently returned from Russia. They say that such an im-mense upheaval as the revolution could not but be followed by a period of uncertainty and that the present chaos is but a groping about to find a permanent form of government with a just distribution of authority. News received in this country is feit to be unduly disquieting, because it all originates from the German-infested center of Petrograd. Condi-tions in the rest of the country are believed to be much more wholewhat the administration wants enacted into law. The administration program calls

for three measures, one to promote food production, another providing regulatory measures and the third regulatory measures and the third giving authority to insure preferential shipments to food supplies. The first two bills are pending in the house and the third was introduced today in both houses.

The first house bill probably will be allowed to stand as it is, but the secand will be changed to give the president regulatory powers vested in the bill in the agricultural department. The second bill also will authorize creation on an emergency food agency to operate under direction of the president. It would be headed by one man, with a staff of assistants. many of them business men working without pay, and would be authorize to utilize the services of other govern-

ment departments and agencies. Herbert C. Hoover in all likelihood will be named to head this board.



tinction being that in application of the program Russia heads the list. The government, the letter set forth, has been desirous of effecting an immediate settlement which will Great Britain, France. Italy and other beneficiaries of American loans soon will follow, as plans for mobilizing in beneficiaries of American loans soon will follow, as plans for mobilizing in American banks all purchases to be made here by the allies are rapidly prejudice to the undertaining by par-nearing completion.

nearing completion. Today's loan to Russia, her first participation in the huge sum which the United States will lend the allies, was made, it was authoritatively said, first to help the Russian gov-ernment obtain supplies which she needs here and secondarily as an earnest manifestation to the Russian people that the United States places no credence in rumors that Russia is contemplating a separate peace with ment of the most disputed questions after the war. The government's proposals provide for the introduc-tion of a bill for the immediate ap-plication of the home rule act to Irs-land, but excluding the six counties of northeast Ulster, such exclusion to be subject to reconsideration by par-liament at the end of five years; a council of Ireland, to be composed of two delegations representing the ex-cluded areas as well as the new Irish parliament; consideration of the bill after its second reading by a special conference under the chairmanship of some one commanding general confidence. As an alternative, it is suggested by ment of the most disputed question contemplating a separate peace with Germany. No verbal assurances of American confidence, it was thought. could give to the Russian government the conviction that America is ready to help her which a substantial loan would give. A credit of \$45,000,000 to Belgium

As an alternative, it is suggested by the premier that a convention of Irishmen of all parties be assombled LYNCHBURG, Va. May 16.—James R. Gilliam, prominent Lynchburg banker and philanthropist, died here today folowing a brief illness.

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