ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 20, 1917.

# RAPID PROGRESS ON FOOD BILL IS

Limited Agreement, Control is Limited to Necessities.

TENTATIVE ACTION EXPECTED TO STAND

Hoover Off Commission Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, July 19 .- The administration food control bill today pproached final form in the senate. Making rapid progress under a pproved sixty to sixteen an amendment drafted at joint conferences of emocratic and republican leaders to imit government control to food, feeds and fuel including kerosene and gasoline, and to vest the administra tive authority in three salaried members instead of a single individual. Action Tentative.

Although the action was tentative and will be subject to re-consideration before Saturday's final vote, it is expected by the leaders to stand and to be accepted by the house in conference. The vote was regarded as forecasting general support of other bipartisan proposals awaiting action. Tomorrow the senate expects to dis-pose of the modified federal licensing

section and that fixing a maximum price for wheat. A price of \$2 per bushel at primary markets is expected have the support of a large group Partisan lines were erased in today's

Partisan lines were erased in today's debate and voting which brought to a head in sharp clashes the controversies which have engrossed the senate for a month. The name of Herbert Hoover frequently was brought into the discussion and although the senate voted for a food commission instead of a single administrator, it rejected. voted for a food commission instead of a single administrator, it rejected by overwhelming viva voce votes amendments by Senator Reed, who has assailed Mr. Hoover bitterly designed to prevent him from serving. Senator Reed was vigorously criticised by Senators Hollis, Williams and others for his attacks upon Mr. Hoover.

The amendment limiting the neces-saries for government control and providing for the food board was written into the bill after many futile written into the bill after many futile attempts were made to name other articles for government regulation. The sixteen senators voting against accepting the substitute were: Borah, Cummins, France, Gronna, Hitghcock, Husting, Jones, of Washington; Kellogs, LaFoliette, McNary, Nelson, Norris, Reed, Sherman, Sutherland and Townsend.

An amandment by Senator Kenyon

An amendment by Senator Kenyon seaking to include iron ore and its products; including steel, farm im-plements and tools, and binding twine was rejected forty-four to twenty-eight. The senate also rejected by identical votes of fifty to twenty-seven amendments by Senator Newlands to add iron, steel, copper and aluminum and its products and by Senator Borah to add fertilizers and their ingredients. Senator Husting's amendment to give the president power at any time to place additional products under fedcontrol, was rejected fifty-eight

During a recurrence of the controversy over Herbert Hoover's appointment an amendment under which Mr. (Continued on Page Two.)

## MOTIVE FOR THE TRIPLE SHOOTING AT JOHNSTOWN STILL REMAINS MYSTERY

Authorities State Tompkins Has Confessed Murder.

#### NO DETAILS GIVEN.

COMNSTOWN, Pa., July 19.—Although, according to suthorities, Geo.
C. Tompkins, of Philadelphia, today
confessed that he murdered his business associate, Edward I. Humphries,
Philadelphia coal operator, Mrs.
Humphries and their son, Edward,
Jr., on a country road near Carrolltown last Sunday, there is still much
mystery as to the motive for the triple
shooting.
At the request of Tompkins' counsel, it is understood, Warden Knee. DORINGTOWN, Pa., July 19 .- Al-

sel, it is understood. Warden Knes, of the Cambria county jail, at Ebensburg, where the man is confined, will permit no one to visit Tompkins. Those conducting the investigation. which ended today with Tompkins' alleged voluntary confession, stated several days ago a motive for the murders had been uncovered, but they refuse to disclose this informa-

Neither has it been said whether Tompkins in his confession assigned a cause for the crime. His attorney has stated the man did not put his

Tompkins' admission of guilt was made, according to Warden Knes, while Astorney Devans, Mrs. Tompkins and the accused man's father. Goo. C. Tompkins, Sar, of Ciffron, N., were discussing plans for defense. The Robert H. Gross, J., were discussing plans for defense. The Robert H. Gross, J., were discussing plans for defense the work of the mail. I killed Europhine's and the accused. The corneled. I bought the gun and the warden with the negroes are said to have contession, it is said. With that, were don't confession, it is said. With that, were dears from his chair in the warden from his bear, and walked back to his confession will be the many of the said to have had water company. Inc., and the witten-age.

# PLANS FOR DRAWING DRAFT LOTTERY ARE MATERIALLY **CHANGED AT LAST MINUTE**

Elaborate System for Drawing Whole Army With Few Numbers Has to Be Abandoned—Simpler Process Will Take Over Ten Hours to Complete.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Plans for the drawing which will be held tomorrow to fix the order of military Reed's Attempt to Keep liability for nearly 10,000,000 registered men throughout the country were materially changed late today and the intricate method of double drawing worked out by officials to lessen the physical task was abandoned.

Instead of a process requiring not more than an hour and involving one set of numbers from one to 1,000 and another from 0 to 10, it will be necessary to draw one at a time at least 10,263 numbers. Probably, to make certain that every registrant in the largest district is placed, 10,500 drawings will be made. It will require at least ten and a half hours and officials in charge believe it will take twelve. The process will begin at 9:30 a. m. Will Be Announced.

The numbers will be publicly announced for tele-graphing to the newspapers over the country as fast as they are drawn. General Crowder at first considered a plan under which they would have been held in confidence for publication everywhere Saturday morning, but that suggestion was abandoned late tonight.

Following is Provost Marshal General Crowder's explanation of the sudden abandonment of the double drawing plan which it had taken weeks to work out in detail and which was made public only a few hours before it was discarded:

Crowder's Statement.

"Advices received by long distance telephone this afternoon indicate that in certain areas the boards, in numbering registration cards, have kept the cards segregated by election districts and that serial numbers have been assigned to the whole group for a board while the cards were thus segregated. If the drawing is conducted sometimes the cards were thus segregated. If the drawing is conducted sometimes the cards were thus segregated. as originally planned, in groups of 1,000, the result will be that considerable proportions of certain election districts will be brought up for examination together.

"This will result in drafting persons from one locality within the jurisdiction of a board before any person is drawn from another locality within the same juris-

diction. For this reason, it has been decided to abandon the drawing by thousands and to draw 10,500 numbers, which is in excess of the highest number of cards under that manager of the board's emerging board and Major-General Goethals, manager of the board's emerging board and major-General Goethals, manager of the board's emerging board and major-general goethals, manager of the board's emerging board and major-general goethals, manager of the board's emerging board and major-general goethals, manager of the board's emerging the board of the board's emerging the board of the same of the same of the same of the same of the board's emerging the board of the same of the the jurisdiction of any board.

be one drawing instead of two.

Greater Simplicity.

"The advantage will be greater simplicity. The dis-board held a separate conference. advantage will be that the drawing will require ten hours to complete.

The stage setting for the great lottery has not been changed. It will take place in the public hearing room of the senate office building. The invited guests who will sit with Secretary Baker, of the war department, and watch the proceedings, will be members of the senate and house military committees. The only other persons

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# INDICTMENTS AGAINST SEVERAL COMPANIES AND OPERATORS DISMISSED

for the Dismissal of the Indictments.

THOSE AFFECTED.

NEW YORK, July 19 .- Indictments gainst several Virginia and West Virginia coal corporations and operators lealing in smokeless and bunker coal. dealing in smokeless and bunker coal, charging them with conspiring to fix prices and restrain trade, were dismissed by Judge Grubb in Federal court here today upon the ground of "prior jeopardy." The same individuals and companies were among those recently acquitted of similar charges in relation to semi-bituminous coal. Those against whom indistracts. coal. Those against whom indict-ments were dismissed were:

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The Houston Coal company; New River Coal company; Smokeless Fuel company; Castner, Curran and Bullett, Inc.; Crozier Pocahontas company; Flat Top Fuel company; Chesapeake and Ohio Coal Agency company; Leckie Coal company, Inc.; Pocahontas Fuel company; West Virginia Pocahontas Coal Sales corporation; White Oak Coal company; C. Blake Coal company; George H. Caperton, Justus Collins, Frank Ellison, Thomas E. Houston, Kuper Hood, Thomas F. Farrell; Robert H. Gross, T. S. Crockett, Oscar H. Deyerle and John J. Tierney.

Indictments against eight other companies not previously placed on

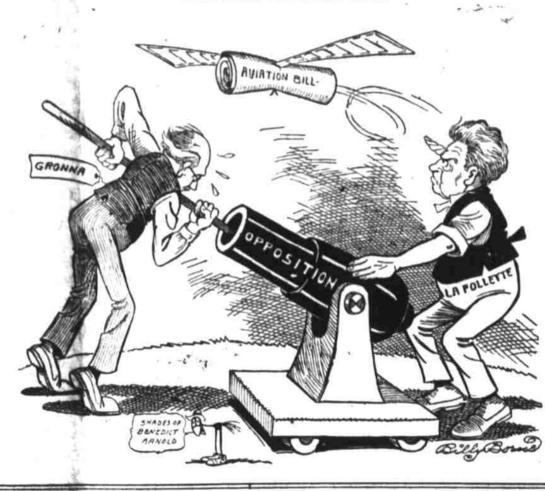
# NEGROES RESCUED FROM MOBS LODGED IN JAIL AT LYNCHBURG FOR SAFETY

'Prior Jeopardy' Grounds Said to Have Confessed to Killing of White Farmer.

NARROW ESCAPES.

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 19 .- After being rescued from mobs, one at the point of guns and the other by persuasion, Albert Barrett, colored, and his fourteen-year-old son, Aubrey, charged with the murder Monday at Red Gap, Charlotte county, of A. T. Roach, a young farmer, were lodged in jall here this afternoon for safein jail here this afternoon for safe-keeping, by Sheriff R. L. Perrow, of Campbell county, and J. C. Priddy, of Charlotte county. The negroes were captured early this morning near Mt. Zion, about fifteen miles from the scene of the crime, the mob immediately starting towards Red Gap with them. Five men in an automobile with Aubrey were overtaken after the machine had stalled, by three members of the sheriff's posse and forced to give up their prisoner. A crowd of 200 armed men were debating the fate of Albert Barrett when the two sheriffs traveling another road, reached Red Gap. The crowd quickly swelled to 500, some urging that the negro be Lurned while others favored hanging, but their hossile at-

The Anti-Aircraft Gun



## CONGRESS TAKES COGNIZANCE OF ROW BETWEEN GOETHALS AND DENMAN AND CALLS ON PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION

Requests for Appropriations—Men Still Apart

took note of the shipbuilding row to- consideration. day when the senate passed without

"The only change in the plan will be that there will discussion of General Goethals' plans for building two government ship Chairman Denman announced tonight that the board seeks further

plants and for commandeering ton-nage building in private yards. Gen-eral Goethals met with the board in

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Congress | until the subject has been given full | last Monday. We expect to receive Persons in close touch with the sit-

> the general's scheme. If this situa-tion arises many believe it may be necessary for President Wilsen to de-cide finally as to who shall be in su-preme charge of the building pro-gram. Friends of General Goethals say he may refuse to accept the board's suggestions if they involve redices to his plans. radical changes in his plans. Chairman Denman's statement to night indicates that the board doe

not agree with General Goethals as to sites for the government plants, and that it will insist that they be placed on government-owned land, and that the general abandon his plan for giving contractors who build the plants options to purchase them. The shipping board, it is under stood, is determined that profits in building the fabricated ships be held down and that there shall be no dou-ble profit on manufacture of the sicel

Chairman Denman's statement for-

formation concerning the general's "We are rapidly acquiring full in-program and that no decision as to approving the program will be made posed to be let by General Goethals "We are rapidly acquiring full in-

tomorrow facts as to the amount of the estimated \$150 per dead-weight-ton per ship which is to be spent in the government yards, and the amount which is to be spent of the

amount which is to be spent of the total product in the private yards where the ships are to be fabricated. "The matter of commandeering is a matter for discussion with the state department, which probably will be decided, almost immediately. Although the general plan of commandeering has been approved by the administration, how it will be worked out in detail presents questions which will receive immediate decision.

"We are receiving every assistance and co-operation from General Goe-thals that his great ability can give us. The government fabricating yard will be built on government and no on leased property, and no agreement looking to the giving up of any of these yards to private interests will be entered into at this time.

"Adequate compensation will be paid to interests who will be asked construction of ships. These men are not of the type to ask stimulating profits beyond a fair return for their doubt contracts will be shortly closed."

#### AMERICAN PATROL HAS BATTLE WITH MEXICANS AGAINST SUBMARINES

Knots or More an Hour Are Sunk.

NEW YORK, July 19 .- Danger from submarines is virtually non-existent if the vessels attacked can attain a speed of twenty knots an hour, according to charts displayed at a shipbuilding conference held here to-day under the auspices of the cham-ber of commerce of the state of New ber of commerce of the state of New York. The chart showed that 100 per cent of vessels with a speed of five knots or less which have been attacked by submarines have been sunk. The percentage of losses decreases steadily as the speed of the ship increases. At sixteen knots an hour the percentage sunk has been about twenty-five.

"If the present rate of sinkings is maintained without full force of our industrial efforts, there can be only one conclusion, and that is that we shall lose the war," declared E. H. Outerbridge, president of the chamber, in outlining the seriousness of the submarine campaign."

REFUSES TO PLEAD.

PHILADELPHIA. July 19.—Captain Max V. Thierichens, former commander of the German sea raider Prinz Ettel Friedrich, stood mute in the Federal court here today when called upon to plead to indictments charging him with amusgling and violating the Mann act. The court directed a plea of not suilty be entered. rected a plea of not suilty be entered. He will be tried in September. Thierichens refused to plead on advice of counsel, who said he wanted to preserve certain rights for the prisoner under international law.

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changed Across Border During Engagement.

MISSIGN, Texas, July 19.—Approximately 500 shots were exchanged across the Rio Grande today at Ojo De Agua, eight miles southwest of Mission, between a small American border patrol and a number of un-identified Mexicans. There were no American casualties, but latest re-ports here say two or three Mexi-cans were seen to fall during the engagement, which started at 11 o'clock this morning and ceased at 5 o'clock, when the Mexicans withdrew from

the river.

The Americans were under command of Corporal Kent and the fighting started when several shots were fired from the Mexican side. were fired from the Mexican side. The outpost at Ojo De Agua, hearing the Americans returning the shots, immediately sent reinforcements under Sergeant J. C. Henderson. The fighting continued six hours. Late today Colonel B. F. Delamater reached the scene with 100 men from K and M companies of the Second Texas infantry from nearby posts. A strong patrol has been thrown out along the Rio Grande in the affected vection as a precaution against a vection as a precaution against a possible attempt at border raiding. Few details of the engagement reached here tonight.

> +++++++++++ GERMAN CASUALTIES.

LONDON, July 19.—The German casualties reported in the German official lists dur-ing June, but not as having occurred in June, are given out by the war office here as fol-

ORDERS PREPARED FOR GUARD MOBILIZATION

Few Vessels of Twenty More Than 500 Shots Ex. B. S. Royster, Jr., Declines Appointment First Lieu tenant Field Artillery.

> RALEIGH, July 19 .- General orders are being prepared in the North Carolina national guard headquar-ters here for the mobilization at their home stations of all organiza-tions and units of the North Caro-lina guard, July 25.

This will include all headquarters divisions, all units and enlisted men, national guard reserve and men on furlough, the latter to report to their organizations if convenient, also to the nearest national guard home sta-tion. This mobilization is the first move looking to the concentration of the guard in training camps in preparation for service. The mobilizations that have received federal recog-

nition. B. S. Royster, Jr., declined to accept the commission from Governor Bickett as first lieutenant of the bat Sickett as first fleutenant of the bat-tery of field artillery. Durham, his declination being due to the stir that was raised in Durham over the ap-pointment of Royster and S. N. Gattis, Jr., to lieutenancies, both non-resi-dents, when there were Durham men just as available. just as available.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Forecast for North Carolina: Local thunder-showers Friday and probably Satur-day, warmer Friday in the interior. RECRUITS ACCEPTED.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Regular army recruits accepted yesterday to-talled 1,246. +++++++++++++

# CENSORSHIP BEING RIGIDLY ENFORCED IN GERMAN EMPIRE

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Not Even an Inkling of New Chancellor's Speech is Released.

WORLD ANXIOUSLY AWAITING ADDRESS

Teutons Launch Great Offensive Against Russians in Galicia,

Apparently the censorship in Gere many is being rigidly enforced. Not even an inkling of the address which the new imperial chancellor was to have delivered to the reichstag Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock for which the world is waiting as an indication of what his stand in the war is to be, has yet reached the outlying countries, with all of which telegraphic transmission with the United States

Having brought up heavy reinforce-ments all along the line the Germans and Austro-Hungarians in Eastern and Austro-Hungarians in Eastern Galicia have started what apparently is a tremendous offensive against the Russians. From Brody, near the northeastern border of Galicia, southward to below Kaluas the operations are in full swing, but have not yet developed to an extent where particulars of the battles in their entirety are available.

The latest German official communication announces that the Germans

The latest German official communication announces that the Germans have accepted the gage of battle thrust upon them by the Russians and in a counter-attack on the line guarding Lemberg from the east have defeated the Russians over a wide front near Zlochoff, which lies on the Tarnopol-Lemberg railway line about forty miles distant from the capital.

Artillery Duels.

To the north, in Volhynia and still farther north on various sectors to the Baltic sea, especially around Smorgon and Dvinsk, heavy artillery duels are being fought. Near Lutsk in famous Volhynian fortrees triangle, the Germans report the capture of many Russian prisoners.

Apparently, the Germans are intent on breaking the French line in the region between Solssons and Rheims, having delivered another tremendous assault from northeast of Craonne to east of Hurtebise. Into the fray were thrown picked troops, who were mown down everywhere, and the attack, like others that had preceded it, failed.

east of Hurtebise. Into the fray were thrown picked troops, who were mown down everywhere, and the attack, like others that had preceded it, failed. Near St. Qintin where for sometime the situation has been calm, the Germans also delivered attacks on a front of about half a mile. Here they succeeded in penetrating French first line positions, only to be expelled from them in a counter-attack.

British Regain Ground.

There has been no diminution in the artillery duels between the British and Germans in Northern Belgium, nor in the ceaseless small attacks the British have been making against German trenches for many days. Around

# ARMED TROOPS RUSHED TO GUARD BRIDGES AFTER AN ATTEMPT TO BURN ONE

The Destruction of Bridges Would Hamper Work on New Naval Base.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN.

NORFOLK, Va., July 18.—Armed troops were rushed to guard the La-Fayette river bridge and Norfolk and Western viaduct of the traction company today when Rear Admiral A. C. Dillingham, U. S. N., received reports that his lines of communication were in danger of being fired. An attempt to set fire to the viaduct this morning was frustrated. It was reported that an attempt would be made to destroy the Tanners Creek bridge either yesterday or today.

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About 3,000 men are now working at the new naval base at Pine Beach. If the Tanners Creek bridge should be destroyed, it would mean untold inconvenience in transporting the men to and from Norfolk. They would have to be taken over the Ocean View lines, detouring by the Mason's Creek division. It would add at least forty-five minutes to the schedule time from Norfolk to the naval base.

Admiral Dillingham said tonight that nothing could be allowed to inter-

that nothing could be allowed to inter-fere with the work on what will be-come the most important naval base on the continent.

> THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN Circulation Yesterday

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