

**BOTH SIDES REST
IN PREPARATION
FOR MORE FIGHTING**

Little Infantry Activity on Flanders Front for Whole Day.

**GERMAN EFFORT ON
AISNE REPULSED**

Russians and Roumanians Forced to Give Ground in East.

**FIRST INCREMENT
OF DRAFTED ARMY
IN TRAINING SOON**

Will All Be in Camps at Various Places Early in October.

**ARMY WILL BE MOVED
IN THREE DIVISIONS**

Conditions of Crops Surrounding Camps Will Be Considered.

**GENERAL DEBATE
ON WAR TAX BILL
MAY CLOSE TODAY**

Republican Senators Speak in Favor of Revised Revenue Measure.

**BILL IS TEMPORARY
IN ITS OPERATION**

Tax System of Country Will Be Revised Again After War.



**SEMI-OFFICIAL GERMAN PAPER DENIES
EXISTENCE OF TELEGRAM SENT THROUGH
GERARD TO PRESIDENT BY THE KAISER**

State Department at Washington Answers the Charge by Publication of the Telegram, Given to Ambassador Gerard in the Kaiser's Own Handwriting—Kaiser Claimed England Promised to Be Neutral if War Were Declared

BERLIN, Aug. 13, (Via Amsterdam).—The semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung denies the existence of the telegram alleged by James W. Gerard, the former American ambassador at Berlin, to have been sent by Emperor William to President Wilson in August, 1914, when the German emperor is quoted as having asserted that Belgium's neutrality "had to be violated by Germany on strategic grounds." The alleged telegram, which has reached Berlin by way of Switzerland, has the emperor saying that King George sent him word through the emperor's brother, Prince Henry, that Great Britain would remain neutral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France and Austria and Russia.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The German emperor's telegram to President Wilson, given to Ambassador Gerard in the emperor's own handwriting, was made public officially by the state department today for the first time. It follows:

"I am in a position to say that no such telegram from the emperor exists. It is true that Mr. Gerard was given an audience on August 19, 1914, in order to give him an opportunity of placing President Wilson's offer of mediation before the emperor.

"The president's personal message to the emperor read as follows: 'I feel it to be my right and my duty in accordance with Article III of the convention to declare to you in a spirit of true friendship that I would be happy to have the opportunity to act in the interests of European peace, whether now or at any other time that might be better fitted, to render you and all concerned services which give me satisfaction and joy.'"

"The emperor then conversed for some time further with Mr. Gerard and explained to him the events that led up to the outbreak of war. The emperor particularly pointed the ambiguous disloyal attitude of Great Britain.

"Mr. Gerard's statements in his memoir appear to be a reproduction of this conversation.

"Possibly during the conversation the emperor wrote a memorandum for the ambassador so that he might not announce anything to Washington that would be incorrect. In that case it would be a matter of record destined to assist Mr. Gerard's memory but it would not be a communication from the emperor to President Wilson."

Infantry fighting on the western front and especially in Flanders, has not been marked during the last twenty-four hours.

In southern Moldavia the Teuton drive against the Russians and Roumanians progresses.

The plan to assemble the new forces in three increments distributes the task of furnishing supplies and equipment through September.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The first increment of the army draft forces will be under training early in October. Under orders issued today the first thirty per cent of the quota of each district will begin entrainment for cantonments September 5; the next thirty per cent September 15; and another thirty per cent September 30.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Forecasts for North Carolina: Fair Tuesday except showers in mountain districts; Wednesday, probably showers.

**JAPANESE REACH
PACIFIC PORT ON
SPECIAL MISSION**

Come Officially "as Comrades in Gigantic Struggle" Is Declared.

**WAR PREPARATIONS
IMPRESS VISITORS**

Believe That Activity in This Country Means Earlier Peace.

A PACIFIC PORT, Aug. 13.—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here today and proclaimed that its members came officially "as comrades in a gigantic struggle which involves the liberties and the sacred rights of mankind."

"We are here," declared Viscount K. Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, responding to an address of welcome from the mayor, "as the representatives of Japan, on a mission of friendship and good will. We come as allies in a common cause."

"Meaning to Japan. Tonight he advertised to this nation's war panoply and its meaning to Japan.

"We are particularly glad to be here just at this time," he said, "when all America is showing a courage, patriotism, energy and whole-hearted zeal. Naturally Japan is interested in your preparations. We are glad to see them. Not a sensible person in Japan sees anything in your preparations but great benefit to both countries in the future."

"We have always had confidence in the fundamental justice, sound sense and broad vision of alliances. We are glad of your preparations on land and sea because we believe they mean an earlier peace."

Brackley Long, third assistant secretary of state, and Corin McFab, an attorney sent from Washington, with representatives of the army and navy, boarded the liner bringing the mission as she made port.

A United States ship circled the vessel until the mission was put aboard a launch, shore bound.

Ceremonies of Welcome. The real ceremonies of welcome began at the landing place. Masses of troops at "present arms" lined the street while the Japanese anthem was played.

Charged with uttering seditious statements, preacher is arrested. Will be tried for violation of Recently Passed Espionage Act.

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**GEORGE NICOLL BARNES
SUCCEEDS HENDERSON
IN BRITAIN'S CABINET**

Appointment Has Approval of All Other Labor Members.

CRISIS IS SOLVED.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—A day of great political excitement in London concluded tonight with the announcement that George Nicoll Barnes, minister of pensions, had been appointed to replace Arthur Henderson as labor member of the war cabinet.

**ADDITIONAL EMPTIES
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
TO VARIOUS RAILROADS**

Designed to Facilitate the Prompt Movement of Grain.

MANY SENT SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—To facilitate the prompt movement of grain and food products, as well as munitions, the car service commission of the railway board, has ordered the immediate distribution of nearly 21,000 additional empty cars among the lines operating in the south, the middle and the northwest.

**PLANS FOR CONTROLLING
DISTRIBUTION OF WHEAT
ARE COMPLETED BY BOARD**

Wheat Control Board Will Be Announced When President Approves.

WILL FIX PRICES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Plans for controlling the distribution of wheat and for regulating the manufacture and sale of flour were completed today.

**SEVENTEEN KILLED WHEN
TROLLEY CARS COLLIDE**

Meet at High Speed in Head-on Collision on Straight Track.

NORTH BRANFORD, Conn., Aug. 13.—Seventeen persons were killed and upward of two score injured, some probably fatally when two trolley cars on the Shore Line Electric railway met head-on in high speed collision.

**PHIPPS AND M'COY CASES
POSTPONED UNTIL TODAY**

Attorneys for Defendants Will File Demurrers to Several Indictments.

BIG STONE GAP, Va., Aug. 13.—When the United States District court convened here today, Judge Henry C. McDowell presiding, it was announced that the cases of John Walter Phipps and William Vernon McCoy, indicted on charges of treason and anarchy and open defiance of the federal government, would not be called until tomorrow morning.

**LABOR CONVENTION IS
OPENED AT SALISBURY**

James F. Barrett, of Asheville, Delivers Principal Address at Meeting.

SALISBURY, Aug. 13.—With representatives in attendance from almost all sections of North Carolina the state federation of labor opened its annual convention here today.