

Infantry fighting on the western front and especially in Flanders, has tire 687,000 men composing the first debate in the senate on the war fax twenty-four hours. In southern Moldavia the Teuton

drive against the Russians and Roumanians progresses. Preparing for Battle.

In Flanders the Anglo-French and next thirty per cent September 15; German troops apparently are resting and another thirty per cent Septemin preparation for further infantry ber 30. The remaining ten per cent activity. The Germans can hardly will be mobilized as soon after that

permit the British to hold the im- date as possible. The plan to assemble the new forces portant sailent east of Ypres and bein three increments distributes the tween Pilkem and Hollebeke without first making additional efforts to task of furnishing supplies and straighten out their front. By widen-ing the salient, Field Marshal Haig and any camp revent serious shortages in any camp, and will give the new ofadds to the insecurity of the Germans facers from the training camps time to the revenue measures since the from Dixmude to the coast as well as familiarize themselves with their present administration came into duties gradually before responsibility for a great body of men falls on the front southward toward Lens. for s them.

French troops again have repulsed German efforts along the Aisne front. Sunday night and on Monday the Teu-tons tried to re-capture the ground lots to the French south of Ailles. The French threw back all the attacka East of the positions the French took the offensive and succeeded in mak-ing a small-advance. 'Elsewhere on the French front the artillery fighting

continues violent. Forced to Retire.

The Russians and Roumanians hav-ing been forced to give up the Foks-hani-Marsechti line and retire to the hani-Marsechti line and retire to the Sereth river, Field Marshal von Mackensen has captured Paniziu, a railway town west of Marssechti. By taking the town the Teutons probably have cut the railway line north, im-perilling the Russians and Rou-manians fighting in western Moldavia around Ooma as the railroad north from Marssechti was one of their two means of obtaining supplies and re-inforcements.

German airplanes which raided the southeast coast of England Sunday apparently had London as their ob-jective, but the prompt defense by British airplanes and anti-aircraft guns compelied them to abandon that plan. In the pursuit two of the raiders were brought down by British air-men. Berlin admits the loss of one machine and Amsterdam reports that German airplane was forced to land a German airpiane was forced to land in Dutch territory Sunday, evidently while returning from England. Five Americans and fourteen others were killed when the British steamer were killed when the British steamer with others drafted, to be assigned

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 con-

cluded tonight with the announce-ment that George Nicoll Barnes, ministers of pensions, had been ap-pointed to replace Arthur Henderson

as labor member of the war cabinet. The appointment, according to a semi-official statement, has the ap-

proval of all the other labor mem-

proval of all the other labor mem-bers of the government. Thus, the crisis which seemed to threaten the existence of the govern-ment was at least temporarily solved and unless unexpected developments occur there will be no appeal to the

The government announced to par-liament today that the ministers had

decided not to grant passports to dele-gates to the Stockholm international

relations with the premier since his return from Russia. Mr. Henderson's supporters contend that the entire misunderstanding has arisen through the government hav-ing previously failed to make a de-oisive line on the Stockholm confer-

not been marked during the last increment of the army draft forces bill is expected to close tomorrow. will be under training early in Octo- Chairman Simmons of the finance ber. Under orders issued today the committee announced late today that first thirty per cent of the quota of only two more senators had signified each district will begin entrainment their intention of speaking and that for cantonments September 5; the he would move to take up the committee amendments as soon as they

> have been heard. Republicans Support Bill. Senators Penrose and McCumber

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 .- General

cpublican mercoers of the comn.ittee, spoke at length during the day in support of the bill, which they declared had been revised in a non partisan spirit. Senator Penrose said that while he had voted against power because they marked a departure in the inscal policy of the

United States of largely abandoning the tariff as the source of revenue

and resorting to direct taxation the situation is different now and the American government has never hesiwill take some time and the men will have to be furnished with temporary so by a state of war. The tax never nave to be furnished with temporary quarters and rationed while awaiting examination. If the full quota were assembled at one time, great confusion bill is temporary in its operation and that when the war is over the whole tax system of the country will be revised.

Will Need Tariff.

fore the second arrives. In farming communities, local boards now will arrange lists of those to fill the first increment with local crop conditions in mind. Men en-gaged in harvesting work and who otherwise would go with the first third of the quota will be passed over to the second or third as may be neces-sary. After the war, Senator Penrose said, the United States more than ever would need a high protective tari I to maintain its industrial prosperity. The Pannsylvania senator sharply

criticised the administration for delay in settling controversies with manu-facturers, declaring relentless prose-cution of the war was being held up and that an element of uncertainty Reviewing the question of discharge for dependent relatives, General Crowder issued a supplemental ruling today holding that persons should not be discharged because of dependents resident abroad.

and that an element of uncertainty as to the amcunt of revenue to be de-rived had been injected into con-sideration of the tax bill. Senator McCumber predicted war of at least four years and an ex-penditure of forty billion dollars. Ho said the bill was just the beginning of the taxes which must be beginning of the taxes which must be levied

"No Such Telegram." "We are 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 10, 1914, the taxes which must be levied but declared that the future generations should pay the greater part of the cost as the present one will furnish the men and supply them wirn the ma-terials which will be necessary to crush the German autocracy. During the debate Senator Reed made another attack upon Herbert C in order to give him an opportunity of placing President Wilson's offer f

Promised to Be Neutral If War Were Declared BERLIN, Aug. 15, (Via Amsterdam). the emperor wrote a memorandum for The semi-official Nord Deutsche lingemeine Zeitung denies the exist-that would be incorrect. In that case Allgemeine Zeitung denies the existence of the telegram alleged by James W. Gerard, the former American am-

bassador at Berlin, to have been sent by Emperor William to President 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 strategical grounds". The alleged telegram, which has reached Berlin WILL ISSUE EXPLANATION. COPENHAGEN, Aug. 13.—The Cologne Gazette says that the German government will issue soon an expla-nation of the telegram said to have been sent by Emperor William to President Wilson in August, 1914, and mentioned in the memoirs of James W. Gerard, the former Am-bassador at Berlin. The Gazette pub-lishes the text of the emperor's tele-gram as given to the vublic by Mr. Gerard. by way of Switzerland, has the emby way of Swiperiand, has the em-peror 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. The Nord Deutsche Allege-

THE TELEGRAM. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.-The Ger-man 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: "Berlin, Via Copenhagen.

Japanese mission to the United

States arrived here today and pro-

claimed that its members came of-

ficially "as comrades in a gigantic

struggle which involves the liberties

and the sacred rights of mankind."

K. Ishil, 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

Meaning to Japan.

Tonight he adverted to this nation's

"We are particularly glad to be here just at this time," he said, "when all

war panoply and its meaning to

triotism, energy and whole-hearted

seal. Naturally Japan is interested

in your preparations. We are glad to

see them. Not a sensible person in

Japan sees anything in your prepar-

cause."

Japan.

"We are here," declared Viscount

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 America is showing a courage, pa-Ambassador Gerard in the Kaiser's Own Handwriting-Kaiser Claimed England

SEMI-OFFICIAL GERMAN PAPER DENIES

it would be a matter of record des-tined to assist Mr. Gerard's memory but it would not be a communication from the emperer to President Wil-son."

Performance of the series of t

later to non-combatant branches of the services. It is presumed they will City of Athens struck a mine last Friday near Cape Town, South Africa. Four of the Americans lost were mis-sionaries. The American bark Chrismedical corps or other units not em tiane has been sunk off the Azores by a German submarine. The crew was ployed in actual combat.

landed safely.

(Continued op Page Two.) **GEORGE NICOLL BARNES** ADDITIONAL EMPTIES SUCCEEDS HENDERSON

serve in the guartermaster's crops, the

Each Camp's Quota.

The order issued today means that bout 12,000 men will reach each of

the sixteen cantonments soon after September 5. They will first be ex-amined physically by army doctors

would result. Presumably the first increment will have been organized into skeleton companies, battalions or regiments be-fore the second arrives.

Objects of Law. That conscientious objectors to was are not to be excused entirely from

serving the country was made clear in

Only in rare cases are railway mail clerks to be exempted. Today the

WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

TO VARIOUS RAILROADS

made another attack upon Herbert C. Hoover, asserting that the food ad-

ministration's statement of his plan to control wheat, flour and bread was the decree of a dictator.

PLANS FOR CONTROLLING

DISTRIBUTION OF WHEAT

nediation before the empe

"The president's personal message to the emperor read as from the offi-cial head of one of the powers which signed The Hague convention and said: I feel it to be my right and my duty in accordance with Article III of the convention to declare to you in a spicit of tweet friendship that

in a spirit of truest friendship that I would welcome any opportunity to act in the interests of European peace.

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." "This proposal was made at the time when the armies of both sides had already crossed the frontier and when it seemed out of the question to call a halt to events. The em-peror could, therefore, only have his thanks conveyed to President Wilson for his offer and thereby remark that ARE COMPLETED BY BOARD for his offer and thereby remark that while the present moment was too early for mediation by the neutral

"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 am-biguous disloyal attitude of Great Britain.

"Mr. Gerard's statements in his memoirs appear to be a reproduction of this conversation. sibly during the conversation

Straight Track.

Pated August 14

"Received August 15, 1916. "Secretary of State. Washington, August 14, 3 p. m. "The following was communicated

personally to me by the emperor in writing:

'Private and confidential.

"'Private and conndential. "'For the president personally. "'One. The Royal Highness Prince Henry was received by His Majesty. King George V in London who em-powered him to transmit to me verb-ally that England would remain neu-tral if war broke out on the continent involving Germany and France Auginvolving Germany and France, Aus-tria and Russia. This message was telegraphed to me by my brother from London after his conversation with His Majesty the king and re-peated verbally on the twenty-ninth July. Two. My ambassador in London

transmitted a message from Sir Ed-ward Grey to Berlin saying that only in case France was likely to ba wished to know whether Germany would refrain from attack. I tele-graphed to his majesty the king per-sonally that mobilization being al-ready carried out could not be stopped, but if his majesty could guarantee with his armed forces the neutrality of France I would refrain from strocking her leves her alone in case France was likely to crushed England would interfere.

crushed England would interfere. "Three. On the thirtieth my am-bassador in London reported that Sir Edward Grey in the course of a private (sic) conversation told him that if the conflict remained localized between Russia—not Servia-and Austria, England would not move but if we mixed in the fray she would take quick decisions and grave ma-neuvers. In other words, if Lieft my neuvers. In other words, if I left n.y ally, Austria, in the lurch to fight alone England would not touch me.

telegrams vice versa to Vienna and London. I felt that I was able to tide the question over and was happy at the peace dul outlock. at the pesso-ful outlor.x. "Five. While I was preparing a note to his majesty the czar the next morning to inform him that Vienna. London and Berlin were agreed about the treatment of affairs I received the telephone message from his ex-cellency the chancellor that in the night before the czar had given the order to mobilize the whole of the Russian army, which was of course also meant against Germany; where-as up till then the southern armies

CHARGED WITH UTTERING SEDITIOUS STATEMENTS PREACHER IS ARRESTED also meant against Germany; where-as up till then the southern armies had been mobilized against Austria. "Six. In a telegram from London my ambessador informed me he understood British government would guarantee neutrality of France and wished to know whether Germany would agarait from fittab

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Will Be Tried for Violation of Recently - Passed Espionage Act.

HELD WITHOUT BOND.

RALEIGH, Aug. 18 .- Charged with uttering seditious statements and flagrant violation of the act of espi age, act of congress, Rev. H. F. Wolf, of Franklin county, will be given a preliminary hearing Friday afternoon before the United States commissioner here, Deputy United States Marshal Sturdevant, who heard the preacher in one of his discourses, being the principal witness against him. He is charged to have denounced federal officers from the president down and to have declared that the meanest slackers would be those who deserted their wives and children and went to France to be shot in the back. Wolfe terms himself "prophet preacher," and is a native-blooded though naturalized German. 'He is being held without bail.

 THE ASHEVILLE CHIZEN Circulation Yesterday
City 4,840 Suburban 4,930 Country 1,592
Net paid
Total

Designed to Facilitate the Wheat Control Board Will powers the president's friendly pro-**Prompt Movement** Be Announced When of Grain. **President Approves.** MANY SENT SOUTH. WILL FIX PRICES.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.-To fa-cilitate the prompt movement of grain and food products, as well as munitions, the car service commission of the railway board, has ordered the WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 .- Plans for

of the railway board, has ordered the immediate distribution of nearly 21,-000 additional empty cars among the lines operating in the south, the mid-dle west and the southwest. This makes a total of more than 100,000 empty cars ordered moved in the last two months from one railroad to another, 'regardless of ownership, to mobilize in various parts of the

to mobilize in various parts of the country a sufficient number to bandle the abnormal government and com-mercial traffic produced by war conditions.

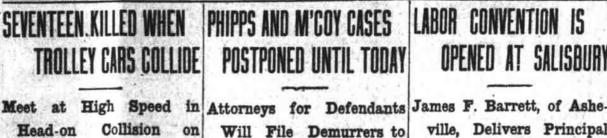
More than two-thirds of the cars ordered to the districts that need them will be supplied by the Penn-

gates to the Stockholm international socialist congress, thereby falling in line with other allied governments in this respect. It is not doubted that this decision will be accepted by the major section of the country and by the newspapers. Mr. Henderson in the house of commons today made an impassioned defence of his position in the conflict that has arisen between himself and prime Lloyd-George. He entered into great detail on the recent events, but still left much mystery regarding his relations with the premier since his return from Russia. them will be supplied by the Penn-sylvania system. "To protect the vegetable and southern watermelon crops," the com-mission announced, "more than 5,000 cars have been sent to the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic, the Central of Georgia, the Seaboard Air line, the Atlantic Coast line and other roads operating in the southeast. "Meanwhile, hundreds of cars are being rushed daily to the lumber states of the south to take care of the tremendous movement of lumber to the army cantonments and ship-building yards.

relations with the premiser since his return from Russia. Mr. Henderson's supporters contend that the entire misunderstanding has arisen through the government hav-ing previously failed to make a de-dusive line on the Stockholm confer-ence. Mr. Henderson impressed the house considerably by showing that the subject of a special cabinet meeting and much sympathy was aroused in his behalf by his having been kept of a cabinet meeting and much sympathy was aroused in his behalf by his having been kept that he first learned through the col-umms of an evening newspaper that his resignation had been accented.

controlling the distribution of wheat and for regulating the manufacture and sale of flour were completed to-day by the food administration. day by the food administration. Creation of wheat control board will be announced as soon as president Wilson has approved its personnel. This board, comprising officials of the food administration and leading men from the grain and milling industries will be made responsible for putting

trom the grain and milling industries will be made responsible for putting into effect measures ann unced last night by the food administration. Regulations governing the control of wheat from the time it leaves the producer until it reaches the baker will go into effect September 1. In fixing a price to be paid produc-ers for wheat, the food administra-tion, it was said today, will seek to give the farmer a fair price and at



Several Indictments.

NORTH BRANFORD. Conn., Aug. 13.—Seventeen persons were killed and upward of two score injured, some probably fatally when two trol-ley cars on the Shore Line Electric rallway met head-on at high speed a short distance from the local sta-tion late today. Both cars were of heavy construction and the force of the impact locked them together in a mass of twisted iron and steel and splintered wood. Both cars were well filled with passengers and most of the dead were women. Faw of the bodies have been identified thus far. The injured were rushed to New Haven hospitals. Most of the per-sons killed lived in Guilford, Madison, Saybrook and nearby towns. BIG STONE GAP, Va., Aug. 13 .-When the United States District court resentatives in attendance from convened here today, Judge Henry C. McDowell presiding, it was announced McDowell presiding, it was announced the state rederation for indov open that the cases of John Walter ibipps and William Vernon McCoy. indicted on charges of treason and anarchy and open defiance of the federal gov-ernment, would not be called until to-morrow morning. It is said that at-

sons killed lived in Guilford, Madison, Saybrook and nearby towns. One of the seriously injured is Leonard 8. Hotchkiss a banker, of New Haven, whose two sons were kill-ed in collision of express trains at North Haven on the New Tork, New Haven and Hartford railroad about two years age. The accident which is considered one of the worst of its kind in the history of New England, occurred on a stretch of straight augs track between two curves.

James F. Barrett, of Asheville, Delivers Principal

from attacking her, leave her alone and employ my forces elsewhere

His majesty answered that he though

my offer was based on a misunder-standing and as far as I can make out Sir Edward Grey never took my

offer into serious consideration. He

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Address at Meeting.

SALISBURY, Ang. 18 .-- With rep-

morrow morning. It is said that at-torneys for the defendants will file demurrers to the indictments to-morrow, and if these are overruied the cases will be tried on their merits. Many witnesses have been summoned

most all sections of North Caroli the state federation of labor open