(By Associated Press)

The commission will be composed

The needs for Russia, as outlined,

are for financial and commercial help.

(By Associated Press.)

cord National Bank, in which capac-

ity he is meeting with splendid suc-

**MARKETS** 

COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press)

The close was easy.

July \_\_\_\_ \_\_19.66

October \_\_\_ \_ \_ 18.59

then a moderate reaction.

HICKORY MARKETS

CHICAGO WHEAT

By Associated Press.)

for Russia within a few days.

to accomplish.

## TERRIFIC STRUGGLE

Days' Battle Continues Without Decision -Germans Attack in Massed Formation---Turkey Sick and Tired of War---Censorship in Germany Tightened.

expedition.

(By the Associated Press)

pears as during an eclipse. But the

break into rounds or cheers.

With the British forces in Palestine

(By Associates Press.) griving vainly for a decision. ording to spectators of the titanic

would seem that f the revolu-

No news of any importance has sandstorm is a worse torment than

from Austria in several days, the penetrating rays, for it brings het which has given fresh vigor additional heavy labor to men with monarchy to column are now free from these trya separate peace. No confirma- ing conditions. They are in Palesof the report is available from tine. Before them, as far as the eye reliable sources, but there is can reach, is unfolded a picture of definite information from Tur- troops from the desert come up over

Reuming travelers tell appalling the biller ( klown, they invariably

mm reaching the rest of the world, walls. Apart from the British there is litto report in military activities. The British continue to drive for- the plain beneath the southern end the ominous silence in regard to the line of the hills of Judea.

The first town in the Promised Land entered by the British troops was Khan Yunus a not will be a southern and the line of Judea.

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The first town in the Promised Land entered by the British troops was Khan Yunus a not will be a southern and the line of Judea. and in Mesopotamin, but there is of the hills of Judea.

At attack on a large scale has been lection of houses amid wonderfully ande by the allies on the Saloniki fartile gardens hedged around by imfont, but its propress has not been penetrable walls of huge cactus with Last night's fighting in the great chards and gardens provided a de-

a distance the green foliage of orthe of the Arras region seems to lightful foil to the sand dunes which we been chiefly in connection with hid the view of the Mediterranean's Me. Through the capture of this a once sumptuous palace. Nace on Monday General Haig push-Ma sharp wedge in the German line dong the Dounis-Arras road. The Germans have sacrificed MINISTER OF JUSTICE thousands of men in an effort to re-

ale it, but failed completely. Last aight's forces were caught by the arillery fire and swept back. On the Alsne battle front the Fruch also had to contend with Gerthese assaults by the French ar-

# MINIMINITIAL

(By the Associated Press) Vienna, via London, April 26-Oficial announcement was made here buy that the Austrian government to decided to convoke parliament

in session since before the war. improvement.

(By Associated Press) the German people for peace, it was sia.

It is reported also that bread rations have been reduced from 1,900 to 1,600 grams per week.

HAAG'S CIRCUS HERE

April 26th.—After twelve months of Haag's circus, the first of the scasincessant toil in the Sinai desert, on and incidentally the first tent show sometimes fighting hard, always since the flood of last July, rolled inthe digging, making military roads, buil-no. ding railways, constructing pipe lines to Hickory this morning from Conand roads, and forever marching over nelly Springs and pitched tents on the the inhosupitable wastes, the British old show ground. Two performances troops have at last come into the were to be given, rain or shine, the of the Promised land, says the story of the first at 2 p. m. and the second at 7:30

What a marvellous change of The show had been extensively adscene- Behind them is a hundred miles vertised throughout the county, and grmany may and more of monotonous sand, blaz-a fairly large attendance was expectinternational So- sun, with here and there a group of ed. Before the hour of parade the palms to relieve the sameness of the streets were showing signs of cirdesert. Behind them, too, is the in- cus day and visitors from the counswelen is also planned for that which is never softened except when night was the cause of releasing struction without warning by suba screen through which the sun apassured the show of a larger crowd pears as during an eclipse. But the than would have been the case otherschooner Percy Birdshall of

## the ever recurrent reports of the The British troops in the desert SPLENDID SHOWER transconding beauty. When the

the ridge of Rafa and look out over With a rainfall of not quite half MISS PANTHA GRIFFIN an inch-to be exact it was .46 of Before and around them everything an inch—the garden idea received its disease and starvation in the is green and fresh with the green- greatest boost last night, and every Mss Pantha Ola Griffin, daughter this empire. They also say the ness and freshness of springtime. man or woman who has out any po- of Mrs. Sarah Griffin, and Mr. Giltold story that the Turkish peo- Big patches of barley, for which the tatoes or beans or other truck was bert Hendrix of Concord will be unitthe sick at heart of the war and like emeralds, and the immense two weeks since any rain fell and the o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

the sallowed to leave the empire who the become desert veterans can better be imagined than described.

Beyond Rafa, reconnaissance particular have also been erectified and the big may see the high minarest of Gaza above the dark framework of the cerwifts where also been erectified with the formal Swiss frontier to the solly and the story. Every mostified with the solly lately move also been erectified good remained to the ship and came up when it hard our propellers. I immediately sent a long dry spring and summer was in Winnie Griffin, Mr. Tom Hendrix and Winnie Griffin, Mr. S. M. Cline of Concord.

Mere the ship and came up when it hard our propellers message stating that a submarine had been seen.

"That's about all the story, excepting the county—every mother especially—to ided with Mr. and Mrs. Fogle, Miss of the campaign.

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The ministers of the city have Captain Rice recalled that he came

(By Associated Press,

Washington, April 26 .- Part of the \$125,000,000 deposited in postal sav-cess. the British the village of Gafrom the British the village of Ga- snadow of its former sent. It has a thin the postal savings bank system, it was announced today, to accept at

par farm loan bonds. Applications for loans already received by the farm loan board indicate that farmers will borrow more than \$100,000,000 this year through the land bank system to help solve problems of shortage of labor and high prices of seed.

## Man reaction. Several powerful atdispatch says the Norwegian minis TRENCH COMMISSIOD October were somewhat lower.

(By the Associated Press) December \_\_ \_\_ 18.67 Washington, April 26.— Rested January --- --- 18.70 from their long overseas journey to Washington, the heads of the French war commission to the Unit The passage of the "blue sky" law ed States arranged to call formally on Cotton by the senate gives us a piece of leg- President Wilson today to pay their Good clean wheat \_\_\_\_\_\_\$3.00 \$1.200. islation that may be made useful. It respects. This was the principal event on a program calling for strengrave question as to its impartiality uous activity today on the part of the

An automobile trip to the principal points of interest in the national May 30 to deal with questions or cians attending Sarah Bernhardt said party in the afternoon.

number of consultations from three brought to a close tonight with a din-The Austrian parliament has not ing said the actress showed steady of the Frenchmen.

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For North Carolina: Local showers about two weeks for the benefit of once to charleston, department of the new department of the Red Cross. The play will be mand of the new department of the Red Cross. Friday; gentle variable winds.

Washington, April 26.—Reports to Washington, April 26.—Elihu Root, (Washington, April 26.—President the state department through official former secretary of state, after a Wilson in a letter to Arthur Brischannels tell of a strike of 250,000 conference early today with Presi- bane of New Nork declared today laborers in Berlin. While the dent Wilson and Secretary Lansing, that he is opposed to any principle name of the informant was withheld, formally accepted the chairmanship of censorship that would deny the the incident indicates the desire of of the American commission to Rus- American people their indisputable right to criticise their own public Mr. Root spent an hour with the officials. He wrote that whatever president at the white house discuss- action congress may decide, he would ing the Russian situation. The pres- not wish criticism of his official acts ident outlined fully what he desired withheld.

## of three or four members and a staff of secretaries. It is expected to leave

ike \$8 for 10 pounds, the problems ish waters as follows: of the housewife have increased in the last few weeks, and bid fair to Captain Rice, "I had not had my cates of the bill.

are men who declare to their wives off the port bow.' New good as

low the water line, some of them mother used to make-and either of submarine had been seen. while the captain and survivors these can be employed in place of bread. were taking to the boats. The men,

## were rescued by British patrol boats. AND MR. HENDRIX TO WED

is the result of the composition of the plant of the progress of the plant of the ferman divisors.

A notable example of the rigidity of the ferman consorship is afferded the news that no German newspare the normal newspare the newspare that the nome of Mr. The propellers and the process in the passage that the nome of Mr. F. Fogle in the process in the propeller that the normal newspare the newspare th

fortified themselves within Gaza's walls.

Away on the right, beyond the abandoned Turkish stronghold of Wah Sheik Narun is Beersheba, tucked in Sheik Narun is Beersheba, tucked in Sheik Narun is Beersheba, tucked in fortified themselves within Gaza's to be seen whether they are to the plan for training as a little. The plan for training as a little that will be of practical benefit.

The ministers of the city have that will be of practical benefit.

Captain Rice recalled that he came the patriotic call of the country to into the country to into a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the that will be of practical benefit.

The ministers of the city have to a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the summand that the encounter with the submarine occurred week, and the merchants, ever willing in a good cause, will do their patriotic call of the country to into a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the summand that the encounter with the submarine occurred here from the date when the Bay State was celebrating the battle of Lexington.

She ik Narun is Beersheba, tucked in the country to into a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the counter with the submarine occurred here from a good cause, will do their patriotic call of the country to into a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the counter with the submarine occurred here from the country to into a climax a courtship of about three been asked to cooperate during the country week, and the merchants, ever will be of practical benefit.

The ministers of the city have from Allston, Mass., and that the encounter with the submarine occurred here.

A telegram received here from the country and the country have been asked to cooperate during the country and the country and the country and the country have a country and the country have been asked to cooperate during the country and the country and the country and the country and th thing like six months ago, and mov- part also.

## ed to Hickory. She has numerous friends in both Hickory and Concord. Mr. Hendrix is the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hendrix, and has spent practically all his life in Concord, where he is well known and has a host of friends. For years he has been in the building and loan business with his father, at the Con-

(By Associated Press.) collegiate Athletic Association, sched- computing these figures with the dismany colleges because of the war was affair took only two minutes." given as the reason.

## New York, April 26 .- The cotton market opened steady at an advance of six to ten points today. After selling at 19.85 on the call, however, May eased off to 19.80 and July and Close

(By the Associated Press) 18.70 service announced today that owing and they are confident the submarine 18.72 to the unusual demand made upon by was sunk. the government for stenographers, both men and women, examinations would be held every Tuesday in all the 400 principal cities of the coun-Salaries range from \$900 to

FUNERAL OF MRS. SIGMON

The funeral over the remains of tile fabrics and yarns. distinguished visitors preliminary w Chicago, April 26 .- New high re- Mrs. W. H. Sigmon, whose death occonferences with American officials on cord prices for wheat resulted today curred yesterday morning, will be held the part of the United States in the largely from prospects of sharp con- from the residence on Ninth avenue tinued competition largely from ex- at 3 o'clock this afternoon and interporters and domestic millers. Open- ment will follow in Oakwood cemetery. An opening event on the day's pro- ing prices, with May at 2.53 1-2 to Rev. A. L. Stanford, assisted by Dr. gram was a call of courtesy on Sec- 2.54 and July at 2.17 to 2.18, were P. L. Murphy, will condust the serretary Lansing by the entire French followed by respective advances and vices. The pall bearers are Messrs G. H. Geitner, W. A. Rudasill, J. A. Bowles, J. A. Lentz, S. P. Bisanar and Dr. W. H. Nicholson.

TO PRESENT PLAY

## DEBATE CLOSES TONIGHT

House Agrees to Have Closing Speeches Mad Tomorrow---Administration Forces Assured of Large Majority in Support of Measure--Poll of House Taken.

Captain Rice of the American steamer Mongolia describes the sink- Representative Kant, ranking Re-With flour selling at something ing of the German submarine in Brit- publican member of the military

accmmulate until the new crop of clothes off and we kept a big force of. Then the bill will be considered by wheat comes in late in the summer. lookouts on duty all the time. It was the house under the five minutes The bread problem is real in thous- 3:30 o'clock the afternoon of the 19th rule, with prospects of a vote Friday ands of households and many house- that we sighted the submarine. The night or Saturday. wives already are trying substitutes. officer commanding the gunner was Most every family requires biscuits with me on the bridge where in fact An agreement to vote upon and for breakfast. Corn bread will do we had been the most of the time dispose of the bill not later than Satfor dinner—there is no bread as good throughout the voyage. There was urday was reached by the senate. as that made from corn—but wheat a haze over the sea at the time. We Although Speaker Clark took the to substitute for supper is the prob- had just taken a sounding for we floor in the house and aroused great

ed the U-boat it emerged again about ly to become law for a week 1,000 yards off. Its intention prob- more. ably had been to catch us broadside Speaker Clark spoke for more than stern gun trained full on it.

and the big gun boomed. We saw that the volunteer system be tried and the submarine disappeared.

"Teddy" Fired First Shot

me every possible precaution has due was formerly a Christian church been spilled, glory be, and it remains ago and entered the Concord Hospital the first t

Fine Exhibition of Efficiency

"It was a fine exhibition of efficiency of American naval men. The lieutenant knew before the shell struck not attack." the submarine that its aim was accurate. There is no guess work about it, but a case of pure mathematics. Taking the speed at which the Mongolia was traveling at the New Orleans, April 26 .- The track time and the speed which the submaand field meet of the Southern Inter- rine undoubtedly would make and uled to be held at Vanderbilt Uni- tance we were from the submarine versity, Nashville, Tenn., May 11 and when it was first sighted and when it 12, has been called off, according to appeared the second time, it can be announcement made here today by shown that the lieutenant had his

marine disappeared.

The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long distance away when the spray and foam subsided but from the bridge the officer ob-Washington, April 26 .- The civil served the spot through their glasses

> NEW MILL FOR SALISBURY (By the Associated Press)

Raleigh, April 26 .- The Ivy Damask Mill Company of Salisbury, capitalized at \$50,000, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to manufacture tex-

(By the Associated Press)

Leonard Wood said today he would by South Carolina and Maryland in The Hickory Dramatic Club will turn over the eastern department order.

present "The Man on the Box" in next Monday and would proceed at North Carolina's quota is 4,412 men. For North Carolina: Local showers about two weeks for the benefit of once to Charleston, S. C., to take com- Of this number 353 or 8 per cent

(By Associated Press) Washington, April 26 .- The army bill continued to thread its way in debate through both houses of congress today under constant fire of attacks from those who oppose conscription and strongly defended by

those who favor it. The first prospect of a vote came in the house when it was generally agreed that debate should close today and leave only summoning up by leaders of both sides. Tomorrow Chairman Dent will close the debate for those who oppose the bill, and committee, will close for the advo-

lem. It has been suggested that were getting near shallow water and enthusiasm among opponents of the rice and gravy make a good substi- we were looking at the head when the administration army bill by his vigtute for bread for supper, and there first mate cried: There's a submarine orous denunciation of the selective Hit Periscope at 1,000 Yards
The submarine was close to us, too
still were confident that it would draft and defense of the volunteer the khamseen lifts the dust and forms many farmers from their work, and marine gunfire of the American atable if prepared right, and is severely the show of a larger crowd assured to the show of a atable if prepared right, and is as she was submerging again in order virtually as approved by the presi-York was reported today to the state little later Irish potatoes can be torpedoing us when we sighted her. day that a poll made of the house by department. Time and place were used as a substitute, but this vege- We saw the periscope go down and supporters of the bill disclosed a fatable does not possess the nutritive the swirl of the water. I quickly or- vorable majority of between 60 and ot announced.

The submarine fired ten shots, sevThere is nothing better for children starboard and we swung the nose of consent to vote it there by Saturday en of which struck the schooner be- than rice or hominy or mush-like the ship toward the spot where the will be sought tomorrow. Minor "We were going at full speed ahead er probably will necessitate a conand two minutes after we first sight- ference so that the bill is not like-

> on, but when it appeared we had the an hour. Most of the house membership and many senators heard "The lieutenant gave the command him plea in characteristic fashion the periscope shattered and the shell again and declared that in the minds of the people of his state the word "conscript" is classed with "convict." "I assure you we did not stop to Applause frequently interrupted him.

continuing their attempts to parley "I can't speak too highly of the cool with the Russian soldiers. At one manner in which the lieutenant han- place the Germans displayed a pladled his crew of gunners," he said. card on which was written: "Rus-

## TO BE SHOW PLACE

One of the show places in the the president of the association. Can-gun sighted to the inch. And it county this summer will be the Horcellation of athletic programs by must be remembered that the whole many colleges because of the war was affair took only two minutes." A pertinent fact, as regards the ul- concrete structure. The bridge will timate fate of the submarine, was that the shell disappeared immediately after the literature from ately after the hit was made. The 200,000 to 300,000 feet of lumber for captain stated that a shell always ricochets in the water and can be seen unless it finds the mark. Oil also was seen on the water after the submarine disappeared.

The control to 300,000 feet of infiner for molding for the concrete. It will be one of the finest structures in the state and will involve a lot of work in its construction. The cost, as has been stated, will be about \$38,000.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, April 26 .- Nevada led all the states in proportionate recruiting for the regular army between April 1 and 24 by contributing 94.4 of her war quota which is based on approximate population. Georgia led the southern states.

North Carolina was in New York, April 26.—Maj. Gen. place in the southern states, followed

have enlisted.

empts were made to drive General ter of justice has resigned, owing to welle's forces from a plateau. The the rejection of the government bill termans lost heavily in the breaking curtailing the freedom of the press. (By the Associated Press)

stems two feet in circumference. From

London, April 26.—The British blacklist of shipping has been withdrawn, so far as the United States is

A BLUE SKY LAW

is not a perfect law, but it is a step

## SARAH BERNHARDT CONTINUES BETTER

(By Associated Fress.) cians attending Sarah Bernhardt said party in the afternoon.

today that her improvement was so marked that they would reduce the marked that