

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

VOL. 11, NO. 218

HICKORY, N. C., FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 25, 1917

PRICE TWO CENTS

CAMPAIGN ON J-BOATS MEETING WITH SUCCESS

Lloyd George Says Destruction of Merchant Vessels in May Will be Less Than in April--American Navy Praised for Fine Assistance Rendered.

The success of the campaign on J-boats has resulted in our food supplies being less in danger than in the past. The success of the campaign on J-boats has resulted in our food supplies being less in danger than in the past. The success of the campaign on J-boats has resulted in our food supplies being less in danger than in the past.

MANY RECRUITS HAVE JOINED ARMY

The Hickory regular army recruiting station yesterday sent Isaac J. Bell forward to the recruit depot at Fort Thomas, Ky., where he will be enlisted in the field artillery. Today John Riggs and Will Anthony of Newton were forwarded to join the United States cavalry. The regular army is composed of volunteers only, and all enlistments are made for the duration of the war. The quota of volunteers for the regular army from North Carolina is 4,412 and since April 700 young North Carolinians of spirit have joined the "best fed, best paid, best clothed, and best fighting army in the world."

THREE ARE DEAD AND FOUR ARE VERY SICK

Newton, May 25.—In response to urgent summons, the state board of health has sent Dr. Crouch here from Raleigh to investigate the strange disease that has caused the death of three children of the Marlowe family and which has crippled four more, for whom not much hope is felt unless the nature of the malady can be swiftly determined and a remedy found. Newton and Hickory physicians performed an autopsy on the latest victim of the deadly visitation and discovered that the intestines of the lower bowels were ravaged to an amazing degree by a bacillus the character of which has not been ascertained; and specimens of the affected parts have been sent to Raleigh for microscopic examination. Meanwhile, the autopsy has caused a change of treatment and today the four surviving children seemed improved. While here, Dr. Crouch, at the invitation of the town authorities, will make a sanitary survey of the southern part of the community, inspecting a number of premises that have been under suspicion. Local doctors have been completely mystified by the affair and frankly confess that they know nothing about it. That it is infectious is proved, and speculation as to what would happen in a community become epidemic in the conclusion that it wouldn't take long to kill up a town.

STEEL AGAIN BREAKS INTO HIGH GROUND

New York, May 25.—United States Steel led the general list of securities to fresh high ground today in an extraordinary bull movement accompanying enormous trading. In the first half hour more than 500,000 shares changed hands. Shipping issues and kindred shares also were active. Steel and related stocks reacted one or two points, but moved forward again in the early afternoon when Steel exceeded its previous record at 134. Shares at 1 o'clock had tallied 1,250,000.

GUARDSMEN ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN CENSORSHIP IS AGREED UPON TODAY

Washington, May 25.—Members of any newly organized and recognized forces, military or naval, subject to be ordered for drafting are not required to register June 5 under the selective service act. In telegrams to all governors Provost Marshal Crowder today said: "The only exceptions are persons in the military or naval service of the United States which includes all officers and enlisted men in the regular army, the officers reserve corps, the national guard and national guard reserves recognized by the military bureau of the war department; the navy, the marine corps and the coast guard; the marine corps reserves and the reserves recognized by the navy."

READY TO OPEN WORK FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Washington, May 25.—Offers to serve without compensation in the nation's food administration were received in great numbers at the office opened by Herbert C. Hoover. No names were made public but it was said a surprising number of prominent men were among volunteers. Mr. Hoover, who agreed to act as food administrator on the condition that he and most of his aides serve without pay, will select men who are to work with him without delay and will proceed with organization of the administration to be ready to start work as soon as congress passes the food bills. Yesterday he went over details at a conference with President Wilson. The food administration will be divided into four branches. The first will comprise a number of separate executive bodies for regulation of certain commodities, along the line of commercial institutions with a board of directors, a president and executive officers, who will work out problems involved in handling the commodities and who will institute measures necessary to regulate distribution and prices. The membership of the executive bodies will comprise leading producers, distributors, bankers and consumers. The second branch will handle matters of cooperation with the states and will direct local distribution of foodstuffs and seek to prevent illegal practices. The third branch will deal with questions of domestic economy and will put before the women of the country a plan of organization to conserve foods within the household. Every American woman will be asked to become an actual member of the food administration. The fourth branch will have to do with the food exports and probably will assist in purchasing for the allies and the European neutral countries, to eliminate competition and to force down prices. The subject of food exports was gone over by Mr. Hoover during the day with Secretary Redfield who will administer new provisions of the export control and trading with the enemy legislation asked of congress. The administrator's conference with President Wilson lasted more than half an hour and is understood to have covered many features of the food situation here and abroad.

FORD STATE AGENCY UNDER INVESTIGATION

Raleigh, May 25.—Complaint that the Ford Motor Car Company through its state agency at Charlotte is violating that section of the North Carolina anti-trust laws, which provides that dealers cannot be confined to handling one article, is being investigated today by Attorney General Manning. Numerous automobile dealers were present. The Ford company has not revoked contracts with any dealer in the state because they sold other cars in addition to the Fords, it was said, but testimony was brought out to show that the Ford people had not allowed agents to handle other cars. A fine of \$1,000 is the penalty for violation of the state law.

CONFEREES DRAFT CENSORSHIP BILL

Washington, May 25.—Conferees on the espionage bill met today to draft a modified newspaper censorship section which they believe will be acceptable to both the senate, formerly opposed to all censorship, and the house which passed a censorship bill. The compromise gave the president authority to prohibit the publication of news regarded as prejudicial, but does not prohibit editorial criticism. The new proposal has the backing of President Wilson.

CENSORSHIP IS PLAN TO INSURE OUR MILITARY FORCES

Washington, May 25.—Conferees on the espionage bill have drawn a modified censorship section which will be brought before congress with the influence of the administration behind it. The working of the new section confines prohibitive publication to military information and leaves to a jury to decide whether the published information was of value to the enemy. The conferees also agreed to the senate amendment to permit the president to declare embargo exports. It is designed to prevent shipments to Germany through neutral countries. Hope prevailed among supporters of censorship that most of the Democrats and some Republicans, despite house Republicans in conference have voted against all censorship, would support the section. The censorship was insisted upon by President Wilson. Doubtful of its success, they prepared one and sound members as to its chances of passage. The conferees also agreed subject only to formal action at tomorrow's meeting extending the use of search warrants and for censorship of the mails.

THE WAR AND BUSINESS

Nashville Banner. As to the effect the war will have on business, there are two salient facts to be considered. It will greatly increase production and it will keep prices high. These facts necessarily augur good business. The wealth of the country is in production and increased production at good prices necessarily means more money in the hands of the people. More money means larger expenditures and that means active business. The war will bring a tremendous demand for the production of the farms, mines and factories. Not only the armies of the United States but those of Great Britain, France and Italy are looking to the country for supplies of food, munitions and general equipment, and we must feed the people of these countries as well as their soldiers. Billions of dollars are to be expended in the United States for these purposes, and that that money will go into the pockets of producers. The constant employment of all the labor in the country will be required to supply the demand and a ready market at good prices will be assured for all that can be produced. It seems beyond all controversy that a condition of that kind will stimulate business. It means great industrial activity and that is an assured concomitant of business. Where everybody is at work everybody will have more or less money, and when money circulates freely among the people it will be spent with the merchants. There are some commodities in trade for which the war will not create an extraordinary demand, but the general activity will be in their favor. It is estimated that more than half the world's supply of gold is already in the United States. As long as all the world is this country's debtor and continues to look his way for its supplies this gold will not depart. Money must necessarily circulate freely because there is to be so much active buying on the part of our own government and that of the foreign countries that are looking to us for support. Their purchasing agencies are already being established here, and will have billions at their command to be expended. Such a demand will be put upon this country as it never knew before, and the country is aroused to the necessity of a production that will meet the demand. There will be a ready market at good prices for anything anybody has to sell and that all must necessarily mean brisk business. The entire logic of the situation points to a lively business period. Those who are holding back and apprehensive of evil have not studied what the logic of the situation portends, but are governed by fears which have no basis in reason.

SENTIMENT FOR REDUCING TAXES

Washington, May 25.—Sentiment among members of the senate finance committee considering the war revenue bill was said today to be strongly in favor of reducing the total amount carried in the bill from \$1,800,000,000 to \$1,250,000,000 and in raising the difference by short term loans. This question was up for consideration when the committee met today.

ASSESSED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR TOTTING A PISTOL

Will Pitts, the white man who went hunting with a big pistol in Kenworth on Sunday, May 13, drew another unlucky number in Recorder Russell's court this afternoon. It was a \$50 fine for carrying too much armament. Pitts also was required to ante the costs for disorderly conduct and he squared accounts with the law by donating the fine and costs to those responsible for seeing that the public is protected.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

By the Associated Press.		
New York, May 25.—Still higher prices were reached in the cotton market here today with all active deliveries selling about the 21-cent level. The market opened firm and the advance met considerable realizing but was higher during the first half. July sold 57 to 60 points above the low level reached yesterday.		
	Open	Close
July	21.25	21.64
October	20.98	21.27
December	21.07	21.37
January	21.09	21.46
March	21.21	

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	21 1/2
Wheat	\$2.80

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, May 25.—Although wheat prices showed a temporary disposition to rally from the decline which resulted from the rumors of a naval battle, the opening was somewhat unsteady. The opening with July at 2.23 and September at 1.93, was followed by a slight further hardening of values and then a setback all around to little below yesterday's close.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Probably showers tonight and Saturday; gentle to moderate west winds becoming variable.

ITALIANS STRIKE SERIOUS BLOWS IN THEIR SECTOR

Austrians Admit Offensive is Serious, but Trieste is Long Way From Capture--Austrian Parliament to Assemble Amid Confusion of Elements.

Austrian official statements supplementing the announcement from Rome indicate that the Italian offensive is steadily growing in intensity and extent. General Cadorna apparently is making a supreme effort to smash the Austrian defenses between Gorizia and the sea. The Italian commander is apparently following the Anglo-French tactics of striking mighty alternative blows at the Austrian flanks. The roar of his guns already can be heard in Trieste, but the wilderness of volcanic rocks and caves which lies between him and his goal makes rapid advance under the most unfavorable conditions slow and tedious. The most advanced Italian posts are more than 10 miles from the great Austrian naval base, but this distance is not to be compared with an equal extent in an open country. The Italian blow was struck at a time when political conditions in Austria-Hungary had reached an acute stage. The resignation of Count Tisza, staunch junker exponent and supporter of the Germans, comes on the eve of the assembling of the Austrian parliament, a step bitterly fought by the bureaucrats since the outbreak of the war, and as bitterly contended for by the Democratic leaders. The new situation gives color to the now numerous reports that the young Emperor Charles has Democratic leanings and is bitterly opposed to the junker crowd in Berlin. No change of importance is reported from any of the other war theatres. The British are preparing for another drive in the Arras region, but bad weather is halting operations. In Russia Minister of War Kerensky is vigorously working to restore the morale of the army and is reported to have met with considerable success. Presumably they demoralization in Russia's fighting forces has had its effect on the British campaign in Mesopotamia, as no fighting has been reported from that area lately.

ANOTHER LARGE LOAN MADE TO ALLIES

Washington, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain today by the United States, bringing the total loan to that nation thus far to \$400,000,000 and the total loans to all the allies \$745,000,000. A payment of \$45,000,000 also was made to Italy today, in the payment of the \$100,000,000 announced some time ago. Italy already has obtained \$25,000,000.

MAKING PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHYSICAL TRAINING CAMPS

The physical reconstruction camps for men rejected from the army because of physical unfitness should be provided by congress is the opinion of Mr. E. E. Rittenhouse of the Equitable Life Insurance Society of New York city. According to Mr. Rittenhouse, these health camps would be receiving stations for the 50 per cent of the men who volunteer for service in the army and who for some physical impairment are not accepted. To work on the subnormal and inefficient men of today in an effort to bring them up to required standards of fitness and efficiency is, in the mind of Mr. Rittenhouse, an undertaking worth while and feasible. But in the opinion of the state board of health, this plan proposed for remedying a serious condition from both an economic and health point of view, is the old story of providing an ambulance at the foot of the precipice instead of building a fence at the top of the cliff. Medical school inspection work properly conducted is according to the board, the fence needed to prevent the work of the ambulance in the valley. England, Japan and Germany have already recognized this work as sufficient to this end. The United States is rapidly coming to it. At the meeting of the last general assembly recognition was given this work of relieving youths of their handicaps and directing them on the road of health and efficiency in North Carolina through an act passed requiring every school child in the state to be given at regular intervals a physical examination for the purpose of discovering and correcting defects and impairments that would otherwise become handicaps to manhood and incapacitate for service. In other words, the public schools of the state with all the people cooperating with this law can be made physical training camps for future citizens and soldiers, the principle of which will be that training the child is more practical than making over the man.

BRITISH MISSION IS IN DOMINION TODAY

Washington, May 25.—The British mission left Washington last evening for Canada. Official announcement was made at the state department today. The mission crossed the Canadian border today. The mission left here quietly last night on a special train. The departure was withheld from publication at the request of the government for considerations of safety. As was the case with the French mission, American newspapers cooperated loyally with the government in keeping the movement a secret.

FIRST DETACHMENT LEAVES FOR AISNE FRONT CARRYING AMERICAN FLAG TO BATTLE

From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press, Grand Army of the French Republic, May 24.—The first American combatant corps went to the front today under the command of Captain Pinkham and Lieutenant Sully of Princeton. Captain Pinkham won the war cross at Verdun. It was a proud moment when the first American field service detachment, consisting mostly of Cornell graduates, departed for the Aisne. They were armed with carbines, and drove American motor cars. As they left, the French and other detachments cheered them to the echo. They are all strong young men, many of them civil engineers and show an adaptability to meet any circumstances. Many of them had enlisted for ambulance service, but decided to go to the firing line when the United States declared war.

MORE THAN DOUBLE NUMBER OF WIRES OUT OF CAPITAL

Washington, May 25.—A war re-arrangement of telephone and telegraph wires so as to provide 500 long distance wires radiating from Washington, instead of 150 as in ordinary times, has been nearly completed by the council of national defense. When the plan is in full operation it will be possible for officials to communicate quickly with any military or naval station in the country. Plans have been made to wire the war army camps so as to provide a service extending to every company.

TO CONFISCATE ALL GERMAN SHIPS

Rio Janeiro, May 25.—It is stated in official circles that parliament will order the confiscation of all German ships in Brazilian ports as soon as the official inquiry into the sinking of the Brazilian steamer made at Bordeaux is ended.

Yesterday Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and Possesmen H. W. Jones and C. A. Moser captured two plants. At the first place they seized the still six fermenters and about 100 gallons of beer and the second the still was found in operation. It was a 100 gallon copper still, cap and worm and about 400 gallons of beer, the beer in the still boiling and whiskey running from the worm. The two men escaped, but they are known to the officers.

TWO STILL FOUND IN A SINGLE DAY

Yesterday Deputy Collector P. P. Jones and Possesmen H. W. Jones and C. A. Moser captured two plants. At the first place they seized the still six fermenters and about 100 gallons of beer and the second the still was found in operation. It was a 100 gallon copper still, cap and worm and about 400 gallons of beer, the beer in the still boiling and whiskey running from the worm. The two men escaped, but they are known to the officers.

BRAZIL TO HELP IN SOUTHERN WATERS

According to a local messenger, it was decided at a meeting of the parliamentary and diplomatic commission yesterday to allow the complete revocation of the laws of neutrality between the United States and Germany and to place the South Atlantic seas.

SHIPPERS EXAMINE RAILROAD EXPERTS

Washington, May 25.—Conferees and a committee of western shippers met today at the interstate commerce commission's hearing on the 25 per cent increase by shippers and commercial representatives.

NEGRO ELECTROCUTED

Raleigh, May 25.—Bank Maske, negro, was executed in the penitentiary here today for murder last March of Edward Williams, a member of the police force of Wingate, Union county. The officer was attempting to arrest the negro for a minor offense when he was shot and killed.

Ely Construction Co. of Charlotte Given Street Paving Contract Here

City council Thursday night awarded the contract for \$10,000 worth of street asphalt paving to the Ely Construction Company of Charlotte, its bid of \$100 a yard being the lowest of seven bids submitted by contractors. The price ranged from \$115 to \$220. The meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce, the manager's office not being large enough to accommodate the representatives of construction firms and interested citizens who were present. Mr. J. N. Ambler, engineer of Winston-Salem, was with council and straitened the bids. Mayor Yount after the contract had been awarded,

thanked the contractors for their presence and said the city appreciated the fact that none but first class concerns was represented here. The streets to be paved include Trade avenue, Eleventh avenue, Ninth avenue, Thirteenth avenue and Seventh street among others. The bidders Thursday night were Ely Construction Company, Charlotte, which secured the contract; West Construction Company, Chattanooga; Robert C. Lassiter and Company, Oxford and Raleigh; Gulf Paving Company, Monroe; Asheville Paving Company; R. M. Hudson, Concord; Noll Construction Company, Chattanooga; Crinkley Construction Company, Asheville.