

FRENCH MARINE MINISTER SAYS U-BOAT HAS FAILED

German Officials, Still Try to Fool People, but Facts Are Against Them—More Submarines Are Being Destroyed Than Are Built. Through Danger Zone

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Paris, May 13.—The effectiveness of the German submarine campaign is declining. The German government is aware of this fact, declared Georges Laygues, minister of marine, in the committee of the chamber of deputies today, but Germany has made the greatest effort to make the public believe it is a success. He said the situation was favorable and that the sinking of submarines in the first three months in 1918 was greater than production. Minister Laygues referred to the statement that was made in the reichstag on April 17 by Vice Admiral von Capelle, German minister of marine, in which he said 600,000 tons of allied shipping were sunk monthly. This figure, the minister said, was greatly exaggerated. It was reached and past in April, May and June, of 1917. In July it declined and in November it fell below 400,000 and since has diminished continuously. Leguys said that in February, March and April, 3,273 French steamers and 788 French sailing vessels passed through the danger zones, where a few months ago losses were heavy. Not a single ship was sunk.

MAY RECONSIDER TIME LIMIT ACTION

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Atlanta, May 13.—When the Southern Methodist church general conference convened today, it became known that the entire question of the time limit of the pastorate may be opened again this week in a resolution providing that the action of the conference in removing the limit under certain conditions be referred to the annual conferences. Rev. Robert Hood of the Memphis conference announced that he would introduce a resolution to reconsider. Bishop E. D. Mouson of Dallas, who presided at today's session, set aside an hour this morning for the delegates to hear an address by F. S. Brackman, assistant general secretary of the national war worked council of the Army Y. M. C. A.

WE MEAN YOU

University News Letter.
Today the Shah of Persia cables in to Washington an order for \$100,000 worth of Liberty bonds. So much for the patriotic interest in humanity, of a pagan on the other side of the globe. And the Liberty bond purchases of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association of Durham now amount to \$100,000. It is a negro insurance company—the largest in the world. So much for negro patriotism here at home. And the lepers at Molokai have bought \$3,000 worth of war saving stamps. So much for the patriotism of those on whom God has laid the hand of incurable disease. But how about your patriotism? How much is it worth—in Liberty bonds, or war savings stamps, or Red Cross support, or army Y. M. C. A. contributions? Nothing? You can't fight and you won't work for or lend to the cause of liberty and humanity? Can't put \$50 into a Liberty bond, or \$4.13 into a Thrift certificate, or 25 cents into a Savings stamp? Who are you anyway? Are you just busy laying up treasure on earth? If so, how many pocket-

KINSTON SUSPECT IS MERELY A DESERTER

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Kinston, N. C., May 13.—A man giving his name as George Jenkins, under arrest here on a charge of vagrancy, and who was believed by the police to be a dangerous enemy alien, suddenly cleared up the mystery surrounding his identity today in a letter to the chief of police declaring he was an American, being a deserter from Camp Wadsworth. He is being held pending an investigation.

CLOSING EVENTS AT LENOIR COLLEGE

The 27th annual commencement exercises of Lenoir College will begin next Friday night with the annual concert and will end Tuesday night with the alumni exercises. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday by Dr. J. W. Horine of Columbia, S. C., and the literary address will be made Tuesday by Mr. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, lieutenant governor. The program follows: Friday, May 17, 8:30 p. m.—Annual concert. Saturday, May 18, 8:30 p. m.—Junior Orators' contest. Sunday, May 19, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. J. W. Horine, D. D., Columbia, S. C. 8:30 p. m.—Address before the Luther League and Missionary Societies by the Rev. L. D. Miller of Mt. Pleasant, N. C. Monday, May 20.—10 a. m.—Sub-freshman declamation contest.—2 to 5 p. m.—Art exhibit. 8:30 p. m.—Dramatic entertainment. Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 a. m.—Graduating exercises and address before the literary societies by the Hon. O. Max Gardner, Lieut. Gov. of North Carolina. 4 p. m.—Business meeting of the alumni. 6:00 p. m.—Alumni picnic. 8:30 p. m.—Alumni exercises—Classes of 1893, 1898 and 1913. Dr. Horine, editor of the Lutheran Church Visitor, is one of the strongest and most favorably known men among the leaders of the Southern Lutheran church. A deep, logical thinker, a mature theologian, a ready and attractive writer, a vigorous and inspiring speaker—he will be heard with greatest pleasure. The Rev. L. D. Miller is a graduate of Lenoir College and the Southern Lutheran Seminary. He is one of the leaders among the younger ministers of the church, and a strong attractive speaker. His address and visit back to the college are anticipated with great pleasure. Mr. O. Max Gardner, lieutenant governor of North Carolina, is known throughout the state as one of the rising young statesmen of North Carolina. He received his education at the A. and E. College and the University of North Carolina. Lenoir College and the class of 1918 are fortunate in securing Mr. Gardner as a commencement speaker.

ets will you need in your shroud? Are you just a trick and flea citizen? Surely not. Or are you just willing for George to do it all? In either event, your neighbors are weighing you in exact balances these days? And their estimates of you are varied, variegated, and lurid. When this war is over there are some people that will have to move into new communities. Their old home towns will be too hot to hold them.

Lord Reading Has No News

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, May 13.—Lord Reading, the British ambassador, in a statement here today declared that the announcement coming by way of Ottawa that the American army would not be used on the western front until developed to its full strength was directly opposite to information he had received from the

British war cabinet and that he was in the dark as to its meaning. The ambassador's statement added to the doubt in which American officers were left by the announcement from Ottawa. Confidential information reaching here recently indicated that such a plan had been under consideration at allied headquarters.

PRISONERS SAY HINDENBURG IS DEAD

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, May 13.—All German prisoners captured in France say Field Marshal Hindenburg is dead, letters from British officers on the western front report, according to a dispatch to the London Express. At the same time the name of General von Mackensen is brought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring the Germans victory. The Express assumes that the Hindenburg story is circulated to explain the failure of the German offensive.

EMPEROR WILLIAM TELEGRAPHS AGAIN

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Amsterdam, May 13.—Replying to a message of congratulations from King Ludwig of Bavaria on the conclusion of peace with Rumania, Emperor William telegraphed: "I know I am as one with you in firm conviction that the Almighty will lead our good cause to victory. May God grant that our brave and faithful people will reach the fruits of their sacrifice in long and many years of fruitful peace."

REVIVAL BEGINS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. R. M. Courtney yesterday began his revival meetings at the First Methodist church and delivered two powerful sermons to large congregations. At the evening service his subject was "The Passion for Souls," and he gave the congregation a keener insight into this greatest of evangelists. Mr. W. A. Bassett of Asheville, an evangelistic singer was in charge of the music and this afternoon Mrs. Bassett will arrive to preside at the piano. The singing will be an attractive and stirring feature of the meetings. Mr. Courtney will do all the preaching. Mr. Courtney at the evening service followed St. Paul's career from Asia to Europe, from the time he was converted between Jerusalem and Damascus and showed how his great desire was to bring sinners to Jesus Christ. Paul may have been suffering bodily afflictions, but his thoughts were not of himself. He converted the jailor and the judge who tried was all but persuaded to become a Christian. Even on being tried for his life, Paul was thinking of salvation for others, not saving his life. If we could get Paul's zeal into our hearts, Mr. Courtney asserted, we could revolutionize the community and the state. Services will be held twice daily—at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. There was a large congregation at the morning service today, many school children being present. Today at 12:30 a short service was held at the Piedmont Wagon Company's plant and tomorrow at 12:15 a service will be held at the Hutton & Bourbonnais Company's plant.

ARTILLERY BUSY ON VARIOUS FRONTS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
London, May 13.—The hostile artillery was active during the night in the Somme valley and Albert section and also between Locon and the forest of Nieppe (Flanders front), says today's official statement.

MEN ARE ON TRIAL FOR LYNCHING PRAGER

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Edwardsville, Ills., May 13.—The trial of 11 men on murder charges growing out of the lynching on April 5 at Collinsville of Robert Paul Prager, enemy alien, was begun here today.

RED CROSS PIGS TO BE SOLD MAY 25

Those 25 Durco-Jersey pigs ordered by Mr. A. A. Shuford, chairman of the local Red Cross campaign, will be sold at auction in Hickory on Saturday, May 25, at 1 o'clock in front of the First National Bank, with Mr. Z. B. Buchanan as auctioneer and Mr. E. Bryan Jones as manager of sales. The pigs will be from 10 to 12 weeks old, are entitled to registration, will be named for world celebrities and will be of the best stock ever put on the market. A lively contest is assured. All the money received for them will go to the Red Cross \$100,000,000 campaign fund. Persons who purchase these pigs will be entitled to contest for good prizes. The First National Bank will award \$50 in War Savings Stamps to the owner whose pig has made the best progress on December 1. A committee will be appointed to visit contestants, take weight and judge the hogs. In addition Mr. Christian, the breeder, will give as a second prize a registered Durco-Jersey for the next best animal. Many inquiries have been received regarding the sale of these fine animals. The Liberty Loan drive caused the postponement of the Red Cross campaign, but the sale will take place on Saturday, May 25.

FAIRY FESTIVAL AT NORTH SCHOOL

In the second part of the Fairy Festival, to be given at the North school Tuesday night, a patriotic tableau will be staged. The part of Liberty will be taken by Margaret Holbrook; France will be represented by Mary Stuart Menzies; England by Alma Schell; Italy, by Elizabeth Wolff; U. S., by Vera Crouch; Belgium by Charlotte Payne; Scotland by Elizabeth Russell; Canada by Louise Flowers; Russia by Julia Mitchell and Earl Walker. Getimer makes a typical Uncle Sam. The national songs of these nations will be sung by a well trained chorus of 50 voices from the South school. This alone is worth the price of admission.

RUFUS B. SULLIVAN PASSES IN HICKORY

Mr. Rufus B. Sullivan died suddenly last night at 9:19 at his home on Eighth avenue of heart trouble. He was born April 22, 1861, and was 57 years old. The funeral will be held at Early Grove Lutheran church, near Lincolnton, tomorrow morning and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Aderholdt and Rev. J. C. Peery, the latter of Hickory. Mr. Sullivan, who was united in marriage to Mrs. C. B. Henderson of Hickory in December, 1915, moved to this city from Lincolnton county about eight months ago. He was a member of the Lutheran church, was educated at the University of North Carolina, class of 1888, and well read and scholarly gentleman, quiet and unassuming, and noble in character. A sincere Christian, he had a host of friends in Lincoln and Catawba counties who will sympathize with the family. Mr. Sullivan was first married to Miss Sarah Hargrove and to this union six children were born—Kemp B. Sullivan, who lives at the old home place; Mrs. Brown of Spartanburg and Misses Clara, Mattie and Dorothy and Master Blair Sullivan of Hickory. Though Mr. Sullivan was convalescing from an attack of pneumonia, there was no indication of his death for minutes before the end came. Mrs. Sullivan was sitting by his side and Mr. Frank Henderson had just left the home when Mr. Sullivan was stricken. News of his death reached Mr. Henderson by telephone. The deceased was a farmer and teacher and his influence was ennobling.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
NEW YORK COTTON
New York, May 13.—Unfavorable weather and crop news led to considerable covering in the cotton market during today's early trading. The opening was firm and after some irregularity active months sold about 60 to 73 points net higher. The strength of the stock market was a fraction on the advance, which attracted enough realizing to cause a reaction of 15 or 20 points before the end of the morning hour. The close was steady.

	Open	Close
May	26.70	26.70
July	26.15	26.45
October	25.37	25.71
December	25.24	25.59
January	25.22	25.73

HICKORY MARKETS
Cotton 27c
Wheat \$2.40
Corn \$1.75

WEATHER FORECAST
For North Carolina: Thunder showers this afternoon or tonight and cooler. Tuesday fair and colder in the east portion, moderate southwest and west winds.

FORMER CZAR IS REMOVED BY SOVIETS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
London, May 13.—The soviet government, according to a Times dispatch from Petrograd, dated Friday, confirms the report that Nicholas Romanoff, former emperor, and one of his daughters, was removed to Ekaterinburg from Tobolsk as a result of the discovery of a peasant conspiracy to assist in his escape. Alexis Romanoff, the former heir apparent, remains at Tobolsk owing to ill health. The question of the ultimate fate of the emperor, the dispatch adds, will soon be known.

RUSSIAN LEADERS ARE TAKEN PRISONER

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Amsterdam, May 13.—The Ukrainian press has received information from Odessa, according to which the former Dowager Empress Fedorna and Grand Dukes Nicholas and Alexander (Michaelovitch) who had been living at Bevar, near Aitodor, in the Crimea, are in the hands of the Germans.

REFORMED CLASSIS TO MEET IN CITY

The classis of the Reformed church of North Carolina adjourned on Saturday afternoon to hold its next annual session in Corinth Reformed church, Hickory, Nov. 5, 1919. At this time the congregation will also hold appropriate services in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the congregation. Rev. J. H. Keller was elected president of classis and he presided over the sessions with marked ability. Rev. A. S. Peeler of Lenoir is vice-president; Dr. Leonard of Livingston is stated clerk and Rev. D. E. Bowers of Winston-Salem is treasurer. Action was taken to put the Reformed Church Standard into every home of the Reformed church in this state. The paper is published here in Hickory. Rev. W. W. Rowe is editor-in-chief and Rev. W. H. McNairy of Lincolnton is business manager. Inspiring addresses were made on the subject of missions. Sunday school ministerial relief and education by the following brethren: Revs. Rupp, Mylan, Dr. Hauser, Rev. Rupp and Dr. Wolfinger, president of Catawba College. Catawba College received due consideration and much enthusiasm was manifested for the future of the school. The financial plan for the future of the school is to raise a fifty thousand endowment fund, two-fifths of which shall be applied to the debt. A Catawba College League is to be organized of one thousand members of ten dollars which will bring in the sum of ten thousand dollars for the current expenses of the institution. The committee on ministerial necrology reported one death in the classis during the past year and this was the late Dr. Murphy of this place. Rev. W. W. Rowe was chairman of this committee and read the account of his life and labors.

ITALIANS DRIVE OFF AUSTRIANS EASILY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Rome, May 13.—Austro-Hungarian troops yesterday made an attack on Mont Carmo which recently was captured by the Italians. The war office announces that they were repulsed with heavy losses.

SCOUTS RAID GERMAN NEST

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Washington, May 13.—The casualty list today contains 96 names, divided as follows: Killed in action, 10; died of wounds, 9; died of accident, 2; died of disease, 9; died of other causes, 1. Thirty-eight are reported missing.

ALLIES ARE CONFIDENT OF ABILITY TO HOLD LINE

Report That American Army Will be Used as Separate Organization Indicates This—Artillery Active, But Germans Fail to Strike. More Dissension in Austria

HOUSE STANDS PAT TO ABOLISH MINTS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, May 13.—The house today refused to recede from its action in voting to abolish eight United States sub-treasuries and sent back to conference the legislative, judicial and executive appropriation bill carrying a rider to do away with them. The sub-treasuries proposed to abolish are at Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New Orleans, Philadelphia and other places.

BACCALAUREATE TO HICKORY GRADUATES

The commencement exercises of the Hickory high school were begun yesterday morning with a strong baccalaureate sermon by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw in the First Baptist church and will close Friday night with class day exercises in the auditorium of the high school. The program includes a play tomorrow night at the North school; the literary address Thursday night at 8:30 by Dr. Charles Lee Raper in the high school auditorium; graduating exercises at 10:30 Friday morning at the high school, and the class day exercises in the high school Friday night. Mr. Bradshaw in his sermon held up to the young people, "The Model of a Perfect Man." He might have taken other subjects, the pastor said, but he chose the greatest character in all history, and pointed out why he should be imitated. If some other great figure had been chosen, his young hearers might have copied his defects, but in the case of Christ, he had none. Mr. Bradshaw told how service to humanity would cause more happiness than making money, and he appealed to the graduates to go to college and prepare themselves for greater usefulness. What is needed now above everything else is a world of vision, Mr. Bradshaw said. In future legislators will have to represent more than their counties, congressmen more than their districts and presidents more than the United States. The president of the United States now speaks for the world, and the premier of England does likewise. This war was brought about because of the particular kind of education the German people received, and there was nobody in England, France or the United States to foresee what that kind of education meant. If there had been, the United States would have an army of 10,000,000 men, Mr. Bradshaw said. But we do not want wars. We want statesmen who can prevent wars; we want men and women with the vision and wisdom to prevent them. By service to humanity we can make the world better and that is what the pastor urged upon his young hearers. The sermon was preached to a congregation that completely filled the auditorium of the church and overflowed into the Sunday school room.

CARR WILL VISIT SHIPBUILDING PLANTS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Washington, May 13.—Gen. Julian S. Carr and Dr. Charles J. Owens, representing the Southern Commercial Congress will begin a campaign for speeding up shipbuilding in the south at Wilmington next Monday. They will go from there to Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Mobile and thence into Louisiana and Texas. The shipping board has furnished General Carr and Dr. Owens with detailed information of the southern shipbuilding program.

CORPORAL DEAL IMPROVING

Mr. W. M. Deal and Mr. Claud Deal returned from Columbia, S. C. last night where they visited Mr. Deal's son, Mr. Charlie Deal, who was injured in the wreck last week. They found Mr. Deal getting along nicely and was well impressed with the splendid attention the doctors and nurses were giving the injured man. Aside from a broken wrist and a bad shake up Mr. Deal was not badly injured.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.
Assurance in the ability to stem the tide of the German advance grows among the allied leaders as the enemy delays a renewal of his offensive from day to day. With the French reserves almost intact it has been decided not to incorporate the American army in the Anglo-French armies at this time and not to use it until it is complete and self-sustaining. Washington has no official confirmation of this report received in Ottawa from the front in a summary of a report issued by the British war cabinet, but gratification is felt that the American army is to be used as a whole. When the German menace against Arras and the channel ports became serious and Foch became supreme commander, all American troops were offered the generalissimo, and Americans are holding a sector of the line near Amiens. Germany's military leaders have used up most of their reserves in attacks since March 21 and the British and French forces are believed fully able to meet the enemy. The allied strategy is aided by the fact that the Germans must attack or admit defeat. It is now two weeks since the disastrous repulse north of Mount Kemmel and in that time the Germans have gained hardly a foot either in Flanders or in Picardy. The French and British, however, have taken some small but important positions in local attacks, the latest gains having been made by the French north of Kemmel village in the capture of Hill 44 and an adjoining farm. It is felt the Germans cannot delay their attacks much longer and the front southeast of Ypres will soon rebound to the shock of battle. Meanwhile the opposing cannon are firing thousands of shells into and behind the hostile positions. Announcement that Emperor Charles had gone to the front to witness a new attack against the Italians has not improved internal conditions in the dual monarchy, and there is agitation for another separate state. Baron Burian and the emperor now have gone to German great headquarters, where it is said the foreign minister will discuss military plans for the empire. The serious lack of food which has caused outbreaks in Austria and Bohemia has spread to Galicia and many are reported to be dying of hunger.

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With the American Army in France, May 13.—American scouts yesterday afternoon attacked a German strong point in the Luneville sector, in which enemy snipers had such success that several Americans had been killed by the snipers. The scouts found the nest held by an officer and 12 men. The scouts attacked the post, captured the officer and killed four men. Important papers were found on the captured men. Upon the return of the scouts, 25 Americans crossed the German positions and renewed the fight. Reports on this encounter had not been received up this afternoon.