ESTABLISHED 1876

PRELIMINARY PEACE TREATY CITIZENS OF TOWN WILL BE READY TO SIGN BY EASTER, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE Will Ask Germany To Come And Sign

Lincoln

AND COUNTY

but, the meeting Saturday is for the purpose of starting the movement for

PRESIDENT TO RESCUE.

Financial stringency of the war

CALLED TO MEET

By The Latter Part of April.

Paris, April 6.—The preliminary peace treaty will be ready by Easter and the Germans will be asked to come and sign it at the end of April or the court

come and sign it at the end of April or the beginning of May, Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britian, declared in an interview today with Stephane Lauzanne editor o.' the Matin. In answer to a remark by M. Lau-zanne that what troubled the vublic oninion was not so much the delay, as the secrecy in which the peace ne-gotiations were wrapped and the fear that there was some divergence of county desire a big celebration in hon-or of all the soldiers, and the meeting that there was some divergence of opinion, the British premicr said. "I affirm absolutely that there is no divirgence among the negotiators. They are often confronted with technical difficulties which can only be settled after close study. Take the question of reparations. In substance the allies have one common principle, which I once set forth thus: 'Germany must pay up to the last farthing of her nour."

ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT

MAKES HIM STOP WORK.

risk insurance bureau has been reliev-ed by a message from President Wil-But For Having Been Under Great son to Secretary Glass saying the President had made an allotment from Strain Sickness Would Cause Lit-

tle Worry

Paris April 4 .-- Until late today no specific bulletin was issued concerning the condition of President Wilson. Were it not for the fact that the President had been under a terrific strain and deprived of his usual amount of

exercise, his illness would be the cause of little worry. Since his return the President's work has been enormous and he has been unable to secure more than an occa-sional walk at odd intervals either with Mrs. Wilson or Rear-Admiral Grayson. Golf has been dropped from his schedule and an automobile ride in the bureau. now and then about the city has been the President's only form of recreation, in addition to the short walks. Rear-Admiral Grayson has been

Confirmation of the execution of the former emperor of Russia and his constantly on the alert watching the President for signs of a breakdown, especially since the two days on board ship when the President was slightly daughters, under particularly revolting conditions by bolshevi ktroops. was goven at San Francisco, Cal. this week, by General Robert C. Paris, one of the first French officers to be Other physicians have not been called in for consultation, and up to midday Friday the services of no trained nurses had been solicited, but assigned to the Czecho-Slovak army in Russia. General Paris is on his way home to make an official report of the occurrence to the French gov-Mrs. Wilson has been always within reach of her husband, doing practical work and assisting in the care for ernment. Nichols and his family were shot in the basement of their

nouse at Ekaterinburg, Siberia, Tho women of the once royal family were Rear-Admiral Grayson is always nearby the President. His treatment for the patient for the most part con-sists of the requirement of absolute subjected to indignities and mistreat-ment in the presence of the former czar before the execution took place General Paris said. quiet and rest.

The President's appetite today was good, but at luncheon he was limited to oyster soup and a light entree. HELD FOR VIOLATING LAW.

G. A. McAndrews, of Cincinati, The American executive, however, is

MANY CAROLINA SOLDIERS APPREHENSION SPREADS AT LANDED AT CHARLESTON BUSY

ience today.

behind scenes:

perate, was at least serious because of radical differences on some fundamen-

tals in the cettlement of Germany's western, the Franco-German and the

"The situation is extremely difficult,

Charleston S. C., April 3 .- Lacking the many spectacular features that accompanied the docking of the Madawaska yesterday, the transport Huron one of the largest in the service, crept

quitely along the dock at the North Charleston terminals early this morning, and by 7:30 o'clock the debarka-tion of the troops on board was in full The citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln county are requested to meet in the court house in Lincolnton next swing.

Saturday, April 12, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of formulating plans for a Welcome Celebration for Lincoln to sunty soldiers, who served in any way in the world war. It is understood to be the idea of many that the citizene of the idea of the solution of In meeting processes and another er wave of apprehension spreading through the conference over lack of any tangible results after the council of four had labored continuously for many that the citizens of town and

The navy yard band was greatly in evidence during the debarkation, and played sprightlyairs interspersed with the touching strains of "Home, Sweet Home," as the soldiers filed ashore. Saturday, April 12, is for the purpose of giving all an opportunity to take part in, and give their support, to a future celebration. The men are re-turning each week, and it may be some days before all are at home, we the touching strains of "Home, "sweet. Todays contingent consists of troops from North Carolina, Tennessee and a few from South Carolina, in addi-tion to which every unit has been filled up with replacement troops until the up with replacement troops until the original identity of the command is almost lott. The 113th machine gun battlion, for instance, contains men from 22 states and many of the other

he future celebration. It is hoped that the people of every community in the courty will see to it that their section is represented as it is to be a county wide meeting. units have an coually diversified personnel Perhaps the most distinctively North Carolina unit arriving today

was the third hattalion, 119th infan-try, communded by Maj. Robert J. Lamb. of Fayetteville, with Lieut. J. A. Clifton, of Maxton. as adjutant. This unit saw service in the Ypres solient and in the Somme offensive which endminated in the bracking of resident had made an allotment from his emergency war fund to pay ex-penses of the bureau until Congress appropriates a sum at the next ses-sion. The amount allotted way set

diminutive fox terrier, clad in a neat specified. Treasuary officials have es- khaki blanket, decorated with two specified. Treasuary officials have es-timated a little more then \$3,000,000 will be needed to pay the burcau's ear-penses until the middle of May, when Congress may be called in special ses-sion. This action of the President "Pat" was the only mascot smuggled in the treas is not considered to the conviction that they are open to construction as meaning sion. This action of the President means that there is no immediate danger of allotment and allowance "Pat" was the only mascot smuggled across from the United States to France. He was at Camp Sevier and curity and verging in territorial conwas taken on board ship rolled up in a blanket. His owners claim that he has been at the front in avery checks or remittance for insurance or compensation being held up by a force reduction of clerical help withhas been at the front in every

action and has been gassed. EXECUTION OF RUSSIAN CZAR. Confirmation of the execution of the execution of the execution of the execution of

British forces and fought beside Eng-lish, Scotch, Irish and Australian troops. They were especially loud in their praise for the Australians, who they claim have established a reputa-tion that makes a Boche force simply melt away when it learns that it is facing the intrepid men from he An-

tipodes. "They were 'some' fighters," said one doughboy, "and went into action with the most unearthiy yells I ever heard. Of course, with mon like that around, the Americans could not but try to surpass them and I think being near the Australians made us fight Matt Wheeler, Karl Garrison better.'

PRAISE FOR WOMEN In a statement made while inspect-

ing hospitals at Coblerz, General Pershing said: Without doubt America

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR THE PARIS-ALL CONFEREES ARE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS

> The war department is sending out to its officers the following circular much appreciated letter I received relating to hospital treatment for dis-last week. Today is Sunday and I soldiers: charged "1. Discharged soldiers are civil-

ans under the law and in the matter American soldiers have taken it

of hospital treatment come under the provisions of paragraph 1459, army regulations. However, any soldier who has been honorably discharged since October 6, 1917, for disability incurred in line of duty, and whose present condition is a reactivation of

This was accompanied by well founded reports from those close in touch with the council of four show-ing that the situation, while not des-

that river, even to the extent of con-sidering that any military activity in that section shall be looked upon as hew away the earth and stone to lay the foundation of these tremendous structures. This is the process of "diggin" in,"—the first steps in lay-ing the foundation for the buildings "The President is not willing to go that far in creating more Alsace-Lor-raine situations and it is this stand against these claims which is causing the delays until some middle ground using the forces that man the great

victory for justice, for democracy of the world, over autocracy, There, too, they laid the foundation for a fitting monument to their own hercic courand Italians and other nationalities came to U. S. to live. I know now.

ground-hog. He does his "digging in" late in October or early November. He does it atmply, naturally, and along about February 2, he emerges and predicts spring and sunshine. Like the ground-hog, our how at

across and then England and those

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SHORT NEWS ITEMS

It is announced that a de Haviland airplane last Friday flew from Lon-don to Paris, 250 miles, in 80 minutes, estabishing a new air record.

Secretary Baker will sail from New fork today on the transport Leviathan for France to attend meetings of the American liquidation commission, and to direct winding up the affa of the American army in France. the affairs

At a meeting, Monday, of the commissioners of Mt. Airy, the police force resigned. They seemed to be of the opinion that they could get along better at something else. Chief Tom Hatcer said that he wished to turn his attention to farming

In session at Raleigh, Tuesday, two In session at Katel₂h, Tuesday, two sites for a state prison was consid-ered, one at Durham and the other on the Camp Polk property at Raleigh. A Definite announcement was not made but it is thought that the site at Raleigh will be selected.

Governor Pleasant, of Louisiana, has called another conference of rep-resentatives of cotton interests to meet in Memphis April 10. The tion of organizing banks in the South for the purpose of financing cotton will be taken up, the Governor said. Mrs. Miguel Ampare, wife of Capwar has shown to the world zomething tain Ampare, and her three children that has never been shown before ranging in age from seven months to faight in age from seven months to five years, were among the 11 who perished when the Cuban schooner Lucia, run laden, this week founder-ed 400 miles of the North Carolina coast.

but I will say that we were treated much better than our fore fathers were in the war of 1861. We have had better rifles, better clothes, better ra-Monday night at Charleston, W. Va., prisoners escaped from the city prison for the twenty-third time with-in the past year. Those who escaped were Joe McCrea, charged with grand larcency, and James Stanly with burg-lary. Ten other prisoners refused to leave

Troops arriving overseas during the week ending March 25 the war depart-ment announces totaled 59,395, the largest number to arrive during any one week since the armistice was signed. To March 25, a total of 502,830 officers and enlisted men and nurses landed from overseas.

Under the new method only the names of those killed in action and whose deaths have just been verified and those whose death occurred from other causes will be announced by the war department for immediate publication. Announcement of the casual-ties will be sent by mail to the news-papers of the country. Announcement of the casual-

Monday, at Trinidad, Colorada, 13 gives men were entombed by an explo-sion in the Empire mine of the Emthem better opportunities in financial ways. The American so'dier is paid more than any other soldier in the world. This trip has been a great pleasure to me as I have said before. nire Coal Company. The body of John Lundquist was recovered and the bodies of the other 12 men were expected to be reached that night. Of the 36 men in the mine 23 made their escape through a connecting shaft.

Resumption of trade and communication with German Austria, effective last Wednesday, was authorized in an order issued by the war trade oard acting in accordance with an agreement reached by the associated

The only restriction upon

Paris, April 3.-President Wilson and Promiers Lloyd George, Clemen-ceau and Orlando continued their dis-cussion at President Wilson's resi-Other peace conference orginizations also met. All the con-ferences tended to unravel the tangled issues still standing in the way of The meeting proceeded amid anoth

present condition is a reactivation of that disability or as consequent upon it is entitled to hospital or sanato-rium care under the provisions of the war risk insurance act, either in mili-tary hospital, if there be room for him, or in local civilian institution. "2. If the case is one of emergency, the chief medical adviser of the bu-the chief medical adviser of the bu-the chief medical solution and the solution of the

informed by telegraph of the case, giving the name, rank and organiza-tion from which the man was discharged, the character of the disabileastern Polish frontiers. One of the American experts who is constantly being consulted on various questions before the council, gives the following glimpse of what is going on ity and suggestions as to the treatment needed. The nearest represen-tative of the United States public health service should also be notified as these officials are authorized to If there take action in such cases. If there be no representative of the public health service in the vicinity, ar-rangements will be made with local to take

willing to do most anything to assure French security short of the stultifi-cation of engagements made at the temporary charge of the case. "3. If the case is not one of emer-gency, the information called for in are grumbling about the way they was paragraph 2 should be furnished by letter to the chief medical adviser of have much to eat and not much clothes

used to wonder why so many Germans

Everyone has heard about th The renson is because U.

Like the ground-hog, our boys at home "dug in". They dug deep into their pockets; they cut the purse strings. They bought Liberty Bonds, strings. bought bought generously of each issue. They did it hat the world might awak-

en from the night-mare of war. Had ting army no

LINCOLNTON, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, APRIState LADITALY SOLDIER'S LETTER. From Seldier Ellis Heuser, to hi Mother, Mrs. W. F. Houser: Dear Mother: 1 will answer you

Reusse

am sitting in one of the largest Y. M. C. A. buildings I ever new. It was one charge.

I cannot express in words the plea sure I have over here in this country. These building are very magnificent. It is awe inspiring to stand in these ncurred in line of duty, and whose fine constructed buildings and look at present condition is a reactivation of their fine art pictures of ancient

I received a letter from Russel and he said he was tired of this army life and that he wanted to get home. He

does not realy realize why he is over here. Of course I want to come home too, but remember I am not coming until everything is settled for good say that we American soldiers have accomplished the most wonderful objects in the history of the world. The

particularly as regards the western frontier of Germany. President Wilphysicians or institutions to temporary charge of the case.

time of the armistice. The French have been ascured of every military protection along the Rhine and for 50 kilometers east of the bureau of war risk insurance."

DIGGING IN

Everyone has heard about the won-derful buildings in our great cities. Air hammers, power drills, steam shovels, electric blasts, suction pumps tions and better ways in everything and better whys in everything in carrying on the wir. I received a copy of the Lincoln County News and noticed that Fur-man Martin had fallen on the battle field of France. Sorry to hear that. Say did Burt Houser ever get to France? I received a card from Mrs. R. S. Reinhardt the other day and I

housing the forces that man the second secon

There will be a free entertainment given at Salem school house, Friday night, April 11th; opens 7:30 o'clock fast time and a play given Saturday night, April 12th, opening at 8:00 o'clock feat time,

because it has broadened my mind from an educational stand point. I have had a free trip across the Atlan tic ocean a distance from New York issue. City to Liverpool, England is three thousand five hunderd and forty miles

sick enough to make him not care to Ohio, president of read. He appears to be quite content to rest, and sleeps lightly from time ville, Ky., was arrested at Winstonto time.

beside was sent to the Wilson's peace delegates this evening, although the news indicated that the President's condition was such as to make it advisable that he remain is his room at least for tomorrow.

Study of the case has caused Rear Grayson, the President's Admiral physician, to reach the conclusion that the President is not suffering from influenza, but that the severity of the cold is such the patient will require careful watching.

MORE CAROLINA MEN DUE AT CHARLESTON APRIL 12

Weshington, April 3.— The war de-partment announced today the sailing of the transport Martha Washington, due at Charleston S. C. about April 12, with the second and third battalions of the 120th infantry, of the Thirtieth division, which include com-panies E and M.

THE PRESIDENT MUCH

IMPROVED IS REPORT

Paris, April 6.—President Wilson remained in bed today, although an official bulletin said that he was much improved this morning. The Presi-dent slept well during the night and had no temperture when he awoke. The official statement issued this morning sold.

morning said: "President Wilson had a good night and his temperture is normal. He is much better but remains in bed today.

Rutherfordton will soon have Main street paved and a new water supply. Bonds for the improvements will be sold soon and the work begun at once. R. F. Greenlee, of Marion, has been employed as city engineer. He is now on the job making surveys and per-fecting plans and specifications. Con-tracts are in the hands of the prin-ters and the authorities are ready for prospective bond bidders. A sum of \$25,000 for water and street improve-

Osvald Villard came back with the news that Germany is on the pre-cipice. All of us knew she was on a bluff.—Richmond Times-Dispatch. That Virginia private who wears a No. 16 shoe is the fellow who ought to be sent overseas to keep his foot on Germany's neck.—Charleston News

the International ers. The warrant was based on the fact that the organization pays sick and funeral benefits, placing it under the supervision of the State insurance department. Mr. McAndrews "to that if the International Tobacco Workers Union came under the supervision of the insurance department all method is the insurance department all method. The supervision of the insurance department all method is the insurance department all method. The supervision of the insurance department all method is the insurance department all method. The supervision of the insurance department all method is the insurance department all method. The insurance department all method is the insurance department all method. The insurance department all method is the insurance department a b time. Reassuring news from President an organization of the tobacco work-likeovic beside was sent to the ers. The warrant was based on the for the sick and wounded in France Mrs. Ticrnton, Myrtle Sherrill.

vision of the insurance department all other branches of the American Fedcration of Labor as well as the road brotherhoods, are equally involved. The case will be called tomorrow, in the municipal court.

The German Minister of Finance cays Germany will not give up at inch of hor territory. But the fact is that she couldn't take back an inch of what the Allies have now got unless they allow.-Portland (Mc.) Eastern Argus.

Senator Knox is reported confined to a dark room in Florida to get over "eye-strain." This may have been caused by his intense effort to see in the Lezgue of Nations things that were not there.-New York Evening

The number of United States soldiers who are willing to re-enlist even though they have to stop off at Brest must be disconcerting to some army critics .-- New of the World. York

Notice of Town Election

Appointment of Registrar, and Judges of Election.

George Gray, Lee Hovis.

flict as she did if it had not been for the willingness and courage of the Pedro, Blair Clanton. Parson Brownlow, Harvey Cloninger

is found

GERMAN THREAT.

Herr Stoessek, a member of the German majority socialist party, addressing the council for soldiers and workmen at Brombery, Prussia, according to the Berlin Tageblatt, threatened that if the Entente pow-Tageblatt, ers enforced an oppressive peace the workers of Germany would cease work and let the allies come and make what they wanted themselves. 'We in the executive committee," "We in the executive committee, Herr Stroessel is quoted as saying for State building as well as an "are resolved that in given circum-stances that we may follow the ex-ample of Hungary. We also can al-ly ourselves with Russia."

FROM "THE BLACK DIAMOND"

March 22, 1919. "With steam coal buyers gradually coming to the point where they realize they cannot expect lower prices in view of the present high cost of production at least, prospects for fu-ture business are continually improving in the coal trade generally. That there can be no hope for decreased cost in production is evidenced by the new wage demands of the coal miners announced this week at their meeting in Indianapolis. The program of the miners provides for a six hour work day and substancial increase in wages. Added to this is the prediction by men

who are making a careful study of conditions that sooner or later there will be a shortage of labor due to the fact that a vast number of men of

R. F. Greenlee, of Marion, has been on the product of Registration of Registration and specifications. The is now of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., that for the two the stand specifications. Contracts and the authorities are ready for prospective bond bidders. A sum of \$25,000 for water and street improve ments each, is allowed. The water will be an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday 525,000 for water and street improve of the Board of Aldermen, of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., for the purpose of electing a Mayor, four Aldermen, of the Board of Aldermen, of the Town of Lincolnton, Graded at as if meeting of the board of Aldermen of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., on the 7th daw of April, 1919, it being the first Monday of said meeting of the board of Aldermen, of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., on the 7th daw of April, 1919, it being the first Monday of said meeting of the board of Aldermen, of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., on the 7th daw of April, 1919, it being the first Monday of said elections.
May several weeks.—Shelby Start, April 4th.
As to what the Germans will pay, you can wager safely on this. They will not pay any more than they're asked to pay.—Chicago Tribune.
Osyrald Villard came back with the
Registration Books Te Be Open For

Clanton.

SALEM SCHOOL CLOSING.

Characters:

Pete, a colored servant, Lee Harrill

Daisy Dean, a servant, Eva Clanton. Read, Blair Clanton.

Deacon Thornton, Frank Clanton. Billy, the Deacon's boy, Lester Self.

Admission 15 and 20 cents for Sat-Misses Lela Hovis and Eunice Mullen

A DECISIVE ADVANCE.

The Legislature of 1919 will have the credit for many decisive advances in its work, and probably few things will have a more lasting influence the State than the creation of the juvenile courts. Heretofore a child has been in the eye of the law a prac-tical nonentity until it became old enough to be given a rating as a criminal. The recent Legislature recognizindividual having a cortain right at the hands of the community, and a civil action ever begun in North Car-juvenile court has been created to take olina. It is scheduled to be heard comizance of the child, of its indivi- at the term of civil court convening

dual claims on society, and of society's claims on the child, who is the fun-damental of society as it continues.

The juvenile court is a trail blazer and in saying that it is noteworthy that North Carolina is blazing a new trail every now and then of late. In-stead of lolling along at the tail of the procession the old State is coming up eccasionally with the rest of the world following come new conception and some new practice, and the future looks mighty good in respect to the work the State is helping in this way to advance. The new court in effect divides the the work the upheaveal of bolshevism

the race into adults and children, and in Hungary and is trying on the one its jurisdiction is practically over every child in the State. While the Mr. child in its progress continues within normal boundaries the authority of the court is not called into action, but at any point in its progress where any thing out of the usual order develops, the may take back to America some sort of a document which is without value and represents nothing except the interested assent of the nations who juvenile court comes into action But it is a preventive court rather than a punitive or , and its purpose is to hold the child on the correct incs, and to see that it shall make of

itself a proper citizen rather than a restrained or punished criminal. Under the new law the clerk of the court of each county is the judge of the juvenile court. Any child of ab-normal habit, of effective mentality, of no here the lacket undertake to improve the child's sur-

roundings in such why as may seem most promising for the child and for the State. To aid the judge in the juvenile court a probation officer is to

Registration Books To Be Open For City Election. The registration books for the town election will be open for reg-istration of voters for 7 days only, from April 19th to 26th, inclusive, sunday ercepted. Registrar will be found at polling place in court house, as required by law.

other European Countries. I saw and would have been postponed; peace would now be a probability, not a fact. Last fall you "dug in" to help win the war. Now's your chance to "dig the war. Now's your chance to "dig in" toward laying the foundation for universal peace. Soon the Victory Liberty Loan will be offered. Get I have now got \$113.30 in a Period. ready and "dig in."

BIG CIVIL SUIT

The Charlotte Observer learns that suit has been started by the Harda-Annie Mae Clark, Well way Contracting Company against the Western Carolina Power Company, of Hoping to be at home scon, I am your which James B. Duke is president, for con, Ellis K. Houser

between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 damages for an alleged breach of contract. The suit follows a dispute over contracts said to have been awarded the Hardaway company for the construction of three dams near Bridgewater. N. C. The exact amount for which the plaintiff will sue could not be as-certained other than that it will be between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The suit is said to be one of the largest

in Charlotte April 24.

GLOOMY FORECAST

"The league of nations is dead. All ministration given for reason for reschance of the real settlement of the ignation. problems is at an end," is the infor-mation that Frank H. Simonds, noted correspondent and war expert, sends from France. A desperate effort Mr. Simonds says, is being made to patch up a peace that will put an end J. D. Elliot, former senator and many times mayor, was nominated for mayor. The election will be held Monday, but will only be a matter of form. F. A. Abernethy and George S. Watson were nominated for aldermen.

House, Monday, that hand to placate the German and on the other to please the bolshevists. Wilson, continues Mr. Simonds do not subscribe, except on paper, to the principles there formulated." This is a gloomy forecast indeed. Mr. Simonds is a noted writer and an session

Tuesday, Gus Chandler, the 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chandexperienced observer of world events, but seeing that he was assuring us armistice was signed, that the war would continue another year, some of us haven't the same confidence in Mr. Simonds' forecasts that we had last support the work of the same set of the same set. last fall, up to about the very day the last summer. It might be well to wait of no home tics, lacking in training or restraint, may be brought before the juvenile court, and three the court will value his prophecy in this instance.— Statesville Landmark.

These county officers of late are chowing no mercy on the thirsty ones in any part of the country Since the, be appointed in each county, and be-tween the judge and efficer s new au- from the public roads of Bandy's thority is thrown about the child, and township they have establised list-

peace got my board and clo hes free and got nations. paid also I have saved \$20 a month imports into German Austria will be on all commodities of a military nature. Lieut .- Col. Theodore Roosevelt has announced that he intends to retire fice money order in my pocket. Well I will close for this time hop

Co. B. 167th Inf

It is reported that Hickory's

42nd Division

He

from business life and that he intends to enter politics. He has been dis-cussed by Republican party leaders of ing to hear from you all soon. I guess Ola and T. W. are going to school every day and Grady too. I have writ-New York as a possible candidate for President of the board of aldermen next fall, but he has declined to state ten a letter to Carrie and one to whether he would accept if he received a formal invitation to run for that ffice.

> Representatives of Costa Rica have protested to the European powers be-cause, although Costa Rica declared war on Germany, it was not invited to the peace conference to participate in the league of nations. The Costa Ricans added that therefore Costa Rica cannot join the league of nations eith er as a belligerent or as a neutral. Costa Rica declared war on the central powers late in May, 1918. The government of Costa Rica, headed by President Tinoco, has never been rec-ognized by the United States.

Tuesday Mayor William Hale Thompson, of Chicago, Republican, was re-elected by a plurality of nearly 15,000. His opponent was Robert M. Sweitzer, Democrat, who was defeated four years ago by Mayor Thomp-son by a plurality of 137,000. The nicipal primary passed off without excitement, as there was no contest. city voted wet by a sweeping majority. This was the first time that the wet and dry question has been voted in Chicago and the question went on the ballot by order of the Supreme court

The Atlantic fleet has sailed from Quantanamo Bay, Cuba, having completed its annual winter maneuvers, It was announced from the White for New York, and it will remain in the North river from April 15 to 30 Thomas D. Warren, of New Berne, has been givin order to give the men shore leave. en a recess appointment as district attorney of eastern North Carolina by the President. Mr. Warren was The fleet will then proceed to Hampton Roads for gunnery and other exer or nominated during the last session of cises. Battle inspection will be held Congress, but the Senate did not while the fleet is proceeding to Hamp-reach his appointment. It is believed ton Roads. The entire fleet will as-that he will be confirmed at the next semble at Newport, R. I., some time semble at Newport, R. I., some time after July 4.

> American army strength on March 25 totaled 2,131,503, a net decrease of 42 per cent since November 11, 1918. A table compiled by the General Staff gave the locations of the forces as follows: In Europe, 1,409,789 officers and men; in Siberia, 8,893; at 63,760; in the United States, 603,178; in insular possessions, 45,883. Not included in the total are 23,700 Marines remaining with the Expeditionary Forces.

Labor conditions in the Southern aviators met death and another way Aviators met death and another was seriously injured when two machines came together in mid-air. Those point are excellent although a slight killed are, Ensigns Carl Wigel, of Baltimore, and L. A. Robinson, of Coldwater, Mich. and Student Officer E. L. D. Trux of St. Louis. Ensign Jesse Simpson of Anderson S. C., surplus of labor was reported by 36 was saturd when the states in the Southern and the Southern set of the country is shown in reports for Coldwater, Mich. and Student Officer E. L. D. Trux of St. Louis. Ensign Jesse Simpson of Anderson S. C., surplus of labor was reported by 36

England is out with a flving machine that will carry one hundred people and make eighty miles an hour for fifteen hours. But wait until your Uncle Sam gets in a hurry and see week.

ler, of Yancey county, was burned to death. The boy was sleeping in a small room of a livery stable with Wesley Ekins when the barn and stable caught fire. Ekins was arroused and rushed down to call the fire department, forgetting the lad who was left asleep. When he remembered his

companion it was impossible to reach Monday, at Pensacola, Fia., three

American E. F. Lohndorf Germany SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS. The State fair and Victory jubilee will be held on the State fair grounds at Raleigh October 20-25. A great reunion of the sailors and soldiers of

North Carolina, who participated in the world war, is planned. Dr. R. L. Fritz, has resigned as

president of Lenoir college, Hickory, and becomes dean of the faculty and

professor of mathematics. been president of the institution for 19 years. Ill health and strain of ad-