

## DUMBA PLANNED TO HAVE AMERICA STOP SHIPPING TO ALLIES

Gave Up Hope for Embargo When Wilson Set His Foot Against It

### HAD AN EYE ON BRYAN

Thought Modified Restrictions Might Be Secured by Working on Pacifists Among Washington Officials

Washington, Sept. 26.—That Austrian Ambassador Dumba was taking an active hand in trying to get the United States to declare an embargo on munitions before his dismissal is proven by papers in this Government's possession.

These papers show, however, that he abandoned hope of getting this embargo after President Wilson declared against it.

Instead, he wrote his government that he favored trying to get an embargo on munitions when shipped aboard passenger ships. He expressed the view that then then secretary of state, William J. Bryan, "and his democratic followers," might be favorable to such a scheme.

Whether Dumba spent money to influence Congress is not revealed.

## IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR FORMATION OF THE STATE MILITIA

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—Governor Bickett today directed Adjutant-General Young to proceed immediately with the appointment of three men in each county of the State to select the men to be chosen must be of "intelligent character and courage in their communities."

If any selected decline the honor the Governor directs that "it will not be thrust upon him but unwillingness to serve will indicate that the committee has made a mistake in the selection."

### CONVENTION NEXT MONTH.

(Special to The Free Press)

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 26.—A convention of delegates from the camps composing the North Carolina Division of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives at Raleigh at 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, October 17, for the purpose of electing the division and four brigade commanders and transacting such other business as may be necessary.

Only those camps will have a voice or vote in this convention that have paid their annual dues. All camps in arrears are earnestly requested by Maj.-Gen. James G. Metts, division commander, to pay their arrears without further delay.

All veterans in the State are cordially invited to attend this convention.

## STATE NEWS

Will Floyd, a colored preacher of Wake County is held at Raleigh on a charge of killing his son-in-law.

Sixty labor commissioners and factory inspectors are attending the 30th annual convention of the Association of the Government Labor Officials at Asheville.

Hon. Max Gardner, lieutenant-governor of North Carolina, was among the speakers at a patriotic rally at Spartanburg, S. C., Sunday in honor of the New York troops in camp there.

## BRITISH SCORE A COMPLETE SUCCESS IN NEW OFFENSIVE

Anzacs and English Renew Push and Achieve Victory on a Considerable Scale—French Air Record Published

By William Philip Simms (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies Afield, Sept. 26.—Full success was attained by the Anzac and British troops in the Sonnebeke region today when the great British "push" was renewed. Close to Sonnebeke the Anzacs swept forward taking the whole of their first objectives. Headquarters reports received as this was dispatched, said the British to the right were equally successful.

Earlier Report. London, Sept. 26.—General Haig has started another offensive. "East and Northeast of Ypres at 5:30 this morning, we attacked on a wide front, making progress," was reported.

General Haig failed to definitely fix the "wide front" along which his troops "went over."

### Brilliant Aerial Record.

By Henry Wood (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French Armies Afield, Sept. 26.—France's brilliant aerial fighting is aptly illustrated in figures available today.

Since the start of the war France has developed 37 aerial "aces" now living who have downed a total of 393 German planes. Eleven French "aces" now dead downed 91 enemy craft in their time.

Against this the German aviation service numbers only 28 living "aces." Twenty-nine Germans who would be classed as "aces" because they each downed five enemy planes have been killed.

## GERMANS AIDING IN PROLONGATION BIG ARGENTINA STRIKE

By Charles P. Stewart (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Buenos Aires, Sept. 25.—By a vote of 53 to 18 the Argentine Chamber of Deputies today voted in support of the breaking off of relations with Germany.

The Senate last week voted 23 to 1 in favor of such a break.

Under Argentine constitutional law, it is authoritatively believed that President Irigoyen can over ride this legislative approval by a veto if he so desires.

Public opinion here, however, today supported the belief that the administration would follow the course recommended by the Senate and Deputies.

## Britishers Dislike Armor, They Say; a Secret Covetousness

London, Sept. 1 (By Mail)—The Englishman, Canadian, Australian—still refuses to gird himself with armor, although several inventors have perfected shields capable of deflecting bullets, shrapnel and small shell fragments. It is the story over again of the tin-hat which the soldiers first sneered at as a bonnet made for cowards.

Secretly thousands of men want body armor, protective visors for their eyes and every other sort of safeguard that inventive ingenuity can devise. A soldier of unquestioned bravery will admit confidentially that the only reason he refuses to buy the stuff for himself is that he would be ashamed to wear armor while other fellows can't afford to buy it.

Some officers of great value to the army have the courage to wear

## MEANS DIRECTS HIS FIGHT FROM PRISON CELL; IS PREPARING

Further Arrests May Be Made—Woman May Be Taken In Custody—Prosecution Holds a Conference Concord

By George Martin (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Concord, Sept. 26.—Further arrests in connection with the murder of rich Maude King, Gaston Means today directed the continuance of his fight from a prison cell here in his home town.

### More Arrests Expected.

Concord, Sept. 26.—Further arrests in connection with the murder charge against Gaston B. Means are expected to be made in a few days. Following the prosecution counsel's conference early today, Assistant District Attorney Dooling of New York said further arrests are probable. Detective Cuniff told Concordians that he would return in "a few days" to arrest probably two others—one a woman whose name has been mentioned frequently in connection with the case.

## Give Our Boys Chance, Says Training Advocate

(By Wm. Wrigley, Jr., Chicago)

How fortunate it would have been had we adopted universal military training five or ten years ago. It would have meant much in the present crisis—it probably would have kept us out of the war. But it's no use to cry over spilled milk. The question is, what shall we do now? Every thoughtful man must feel that a nation unable to protect itself promptly is blind to the tragic possibilities of its heedlessness. War comes unexpectedly and, as in our own case, it is sometimes forced upon an "innocent bystander." For three years we submitted to insult and injury, until forbearance ceased to be a virtue and there was nothing left for us but to assert our rights and to defend them. No country in the world hates war more than we do. Only extreme provocation would induce us to take up arms. Experience shows abundantly that a peace-loving nation is not safe because of that fact. Belgium and some of the Balkan states are evidence of it.

Men of special training only can be used in modern warfare. The plan of universal military training as outlined in the Chamberlain bill would make available at all times, millions of young men who have had sufficient military training to enable them to become excellent soldiers with a few weeks of additional training. War is a calamity beyond description. We are sorry that any of our young men should be compelled to engage in it, but there are some things worse than war, and one would be to have our country dominated by a foreign power—by a rule, of ruthless militarism that counts war as a regular business.

We must not be asleep at the switch. The responsibility is up to the American citizen and the voters of this country to demand the passage of the Chamberlain bill or some similar measure by Congress at its next session. It has already been postponed too long. It's time now for action.

A supposedly rabid dog bit three children at Raleigh Monday afternoon.

shields, not to spare themselves suffering but to safe-guard their services to the forces. Armor has its faults. It is heavy and expensive and its manufacture in great quantities would divert the energies of a great number of skilled workmen now making other war materials. But the severest tests have shown that many lives could be saved and many hospital cases averted by protective plates.

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## ARGENTINA TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY BEFORE MANY HOURS

President is Investigation State of the Public Mind, It's Reported

### NO HALF WAY COURSE

Either War or Neutrality for Latin-American Power—Won't Merely Break off Relations When She Acts

By Charles P. Stewart (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Buenos Aires, Sept. 26.—Argentina today still hesitated between war and neutrality, while proof piled up that the general strike throughout the nation is being actively fostered and aided by German agents. Best information was that President Irigoyen would either maintain neutrality or declare war, that he would not take the middle course and break off relations.

His decision rests with his interpretation of Argentine public sentiment. Compelling proof of this public state of mind may be furnished tonight at a great mass meeting scheduled to be held here.

## Lajoie at Last With Pennant-Winning Team

By H. C. Hamilton (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Sept. 26.—After twenty-four years of brilliant playing—star of ages at his position, Napoleon Lajoie finally has landed with a pennant winner. And he put it over himself.

Lajoie celebrated his first year as a minor league manager by winning the International League pennant for Toronto in one of the toughest seasons the old league ever had known. The going was so tough the battle was not settled until two days before the season closed. Three clubs were in the fight right to the finish.

## FIREWORKS EXPECTED AT REICHSTAG MEETING; A DECIDED TENDENCY TOWARD DEMOCRACY LIKELY TO BE MANIFESTED; POWER TO WITHHOLD WAR MONIES

By Perry Arnold (United Press Foreign Editor)

New York, Sept. 26.—There may be some fireworks of the German brand, when the Reichstag meets in Berlin today.

It will be the first session of the German parliament since Chancellor George Michaelis was inducted into office, in July. The Centerists and members of the Left party combined at that time in demands that the government state its position on the Reichstag formula of peace "without annexation" and also that equal suffrage be granted. The upshot was the tumbling from power of Chancellor von Bethman Hollweg.

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Since that time considerable opposition has developed against Michaelis, according to word which has just leaked out of Germany. Certain of the extreme radical elements in Germany have not hesitated to declare that Michaelis is even more representative of the militarists than Hollweg. His refusal to date clearly to outline his policies have made even the near radicals distrustful of him. Dr. Matthias Erzberger, the Clerical (Catholic) leader who assumed leadership of the "revolvers" in the July session of the Reichstag, has been quoted recently as severely critical of Michaelis.

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## THOMPSON WANTS TO GO TO SENATE NOW; 'STANDS ON RECORD'

Chicago's Mayor Announces as Candidate to Succeed James Hamilton Lewis—Primaries to Be Held September 18

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Sept. 26.—William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, wants to be a United States senator. He today announced through a formal statement "to the people of Illinois" his candidacy for the Republican nomination in the primaries on September 18, to succeed James Hamilton Lewis.

"I stand upon my record as a public official, my public addresses, my authorized public statements," he declared.

## LOUISVILLE BACKS JUDGE BINGHAM IN RESENTMENT, SHOWN

Given Ovation When He Appears in Public for First Time Since Body of Wife Was Exhumed at Wilmington

(By the United Press)

Louisville, Sept. 26.—Louisville is with Judge Robert Worth Bingham in the controversy that has followed the death of his wealthy wife, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flagler and legate of his millions.

Bingham received a stirring ovation today on the occasion of his first public appearance here since Mrs. Bingham's body was secretly removed from its grave at Wilmington and the vital organs taken to New York for examination at the instance of her relatives.

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## FARMERS PETITION PRESIDENT ASSIST IN LABOR TROUBLES

Mere Exemption Would Not Meet Situation—Want Draining of Youth From Farms Checked for Greater Production

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 25.—Representatives of more than two million organized farmers met President Wilson at the White House this afternoon at 5 o'clock and discussed with him the methods of determining exemption of farm labor in connection with the draft. The farmers were accompanied by a large assemblage of senators, congressmen and prominent persons from various states who gathered here to present their case to the President. The farmers presented a memorial drawn by the Federal Board of Farm Organizations, a federation of national farm associations, which was formed shortly after the outbreak of our war with Germany, as a means of giving the farmer a voice in national affairs. The Board proposes to do for the farmers what the American Federation of Labor does for workers and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States does for organized business interests. Joining with the board were the legislative committee of the National Grange. The memorial in part follows:

### Shortage of Labor.

"Mr. President: There is an unprecedented shortage of agricultural labor. Because of it the farmers of the United States fear they may not be able to do, as they desire to do, their full share in the great common task of winning the war. For this reason the Federal Board of Farm Organizations, speaking for the farmers of America, has asked permission to lay certain facts before you.

"Mere exemption or discharge of skilled farmers from the draft would not meet the case. They should be required to remain in productive labor on the farm during the period for which their exemption may be necessary.

"What we seek is a more perfect administration of the purpose of the act to protect the essential occupations. We ask you to see to it that farm laborers and farm owners may be kept or placed where they may serve the Nation best."

## Twelve-year-old Miss Elopes But Cupid Gets Worsted; Man Arrested

(By the United Press)

Washington, Sept. 26.—President Wilson's labor investigating commission meets tomorrow to complete plans for probing Western labor unrest, including a searching inquiry into the famous Mooney bomb plot case. Throughout the country there is growing pressure on the Government for a Federal investigation of Mooney's conviction.

### Discharged From National Army.

Benjamin F. Cox and Roland Barwick, Lenoir County men, are among a number of selectmen from this State discharged from the National Army at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., having been disqualified by reason of physical unfitness.

### Cases in Supreme Court.

Sixth District cases argued before the Supreme Court Tuesday included W. L. Sutton and nine Sutton vs. C. G. Craddock and Cora A. Craddock and Dr. Ira M. Hardy vs. City of Kinston and West Construction Company from Lenoir County.

### TO BE GREAT MARITIME NATION.

Washington, Sept. 26.—By the end of 1918 America will have a merchant fleet of more than 1,600 ships, aggregating 9,200,000 tons, for overseas trade, the United States Shipping Board today announced.

## AMERICANS GO WILD IN DERISION BOCHE RAIDS OVER LONDON

Yell and Sing When German Flyers Bomb the British Capital

### FIRST TASTE OF STRIFE

"We're Coming, Kaiser Bill"—Liked the Excitement—Jackies and Sammies Hoot Teuton "Baby Killers"

London, Sept. 26.—Upwards of 100 American soldiers and sailors got their first taste of war during air raids the last two nights in London. They liked it.

The sound of anti-aircraft guns bringing them the first warning of the raid was greeted with cheers. They marched out of the Y. M. C. A. quarters where they were playing pool, singing "We're Coming Kaiser Bill." After the raid the returned to their pool and joined the British in denouncing the "baby killers."

## BULLETINS

### MITCHELL'S LEAD REDUCED.

New York, Sept. 26.—Mayor Mitchell's lead in the contest for the Republican mayoralty nomination has been slashed to 234 votes by a recount of the ballots in last week's primary.

## More Than Half a Million Pounds of Tobacco Here Again

More than 500,000 pounds of tobacco was sold here Tuesday. Threatening weather probably kept the receipts lower than they would have been with bright skies.

Tobaccoists estimated the day's average price at something like 32 cents.

## COMMISSION READY MAKE PLANS PROBE THE LABOR UNREST

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