

FIGHT IS STILL RAGING IN FRANCE; UNREST GROWING THROUGHOUT EUROPE

General Haig is Forcing His Way Foot by Foot Against the German Line Despite the Fact That Thousands and Thousands of Reserves are Thrown in to Check His Advance...

(By Associated Press.)

The battle of the Arras is still raging with the issue remaining in doubt. Tens of thousands of reserves have been hurled against the British battle front...

However momentous the issues are that hang on the bloody struggle in France they are not sufficient to hold the attention of the German people...

The Major Socialists are supporting the government in its effort to induce the workers to keep out of a strike. Even the radical minority is frightened by the agitation which it has fostered...

Austria and Sweden are two other countries that are stor mcenters where May Day may bring far reaching results. In the face of these brewing storms word comes that Hungary has declared in favor of important democratic demands...

Another serious and unexplainable piece of news from the Dual Monarch is that which says that in Bohemia, long a hot bed of dissatisfaction, all German newspapers have been suppressed.

The entire situation in Europe seems to have reached that one of those confused stages where conflicting views makes the relative importance of the events uncertain and obscure a situation intensified by the increasing rigors of the censorship in all countries.

Outside of Europe interests centers on the possible course Brazil and China will take. Dispatches from Peking say the Chinese republic will probably enter the war against Germany within two weeks.

HOMICIDE CASE WILL COME UP ON TUESDAY.

D. S. McCorkle Will Be Tried at Newton on the Charge of Killing L. B. Nichols of Badin.

Newton, April 29.—The trial of D. S. McCorkle, of Johnson City, Tenn., for the homicide of L. B. Nichols, of Badin, N. C., at Lookout dam on the Catawba river April 20, will come before county court here Tuesday.

It used to be German efficiency that was held up to us. Now it is Britain's mistakes.—Albany Journal.

WILSON AND BAKER DISCUSS DIFFERENCES IN THE WAR BILLS

Age Limit Fixed by Senate of From 21 to 27 More Nearly Meets the Desires of the War Department—Registration Date Will Be Fixed Later.

Washington, April 30.—President Wilson and Secretary Baker today took up the differences between the Senate and House army bills. The age limit of 21 to 27 fixed in the Senate bill are preferred by the administration...

A date for the registration of those liable to service will not be formally fixed by the President until the bill is perfected in both houses. Until that time no campaign will be undertaken to recruit the regular army and national guard up to full war strength.

ADMINISTRATION FOOD BILLS ARE INTRODUCED

Do Not Cover Price Fixing or Control of Use of Grains for Distillation of Liquor—These Will Come Up Later.

Washington, April 30.—The administration's food bills were introduced in the House today by Chairman Lever of the Agricultural Committee. They do not cover price fixing or controls of the use of grains for the distillation of liquors.

WEALTH AND ILLITERACY HAVE DIRECT RELATION.

Chapel Hill, April 28.—That the accumulation of wealth has a direct relation to the illiteracy of a community, was shown by H. V. Koots, of Rowan County before the North Carolina Club Monday night.

"The Middle Western States," he said, "have realized that before wealth can be created and accumulated you must reduce illiteracy to a minimum. Nebraska has public school property amounting to \$18,900,000, whereas in our own State it is only \$5,050,000 per thousand, making us rank 40 in the States of the Union."

"This, however, does not mean that North Carolina has not made great progress in the support of education in the last few years. The 1917 Legislature, in voting \$1,054,500 for reformatory and technical schools, health education and the University, has written one of the greatest chapters in the history of the State."

AMERICAN ADMIRAL PLANS TO SINK SUBMARINES



REAR ADMIRAL SIMS

Rear Admiral W. S. Sims, of the United States Navy, has been very successful on his mission in London, where he went to make arrangements with the British Admiralty for a campaign to sink every German submarine.

ARMY BILL PASSED SATURDAY BY CONGRESS

Final Vote Gave the Administration Select Draft Bill an Overwhelming Majority With All North Carolinians Voting for the Bill.

The administration army bill passed the Senate and the House last Saturday by large majorities. There were a few amendments which will force the bill to a conference and in a few days these ought to be adjusted and the bill sent to the President for his signature.

The final roll calls brought into line behind the bill many Senators and Representatives who had fought for the volunteer system until routed by decisive defeats of volunteer amendments earlier in the day in both houses.

The Senate, which has voted down the volunteer plan 69 to 18, passed the bill by a vote of 81 to 8. In the House, the vote against the volunteer plan was 313 to 109, and that by which the bill itself was passed was 397 to 24.

As passed by the Senate, the measure provides for the draft of men between the ages of 21 and 27 years, while in the House measure the age limits are fixed at 21 and 40. This and lesser discrepancies will be threshed out in conference early next week so that the bill may be in the hands of the President as quickly as possible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—On the new vote in the House upon the Kahn amendments tonight striking out the volunteer provisions of the Administration's selective draft plan, the North Carolina members voted six for and four against, as follows:

For—Godwin, Small, Stedman, Robinson, Weaver and Webb. Against—Doughton, Hood, Kitchin and Poe.

On the passage of bill, all North Carolina members voted "aye."

MILLIONAIRE JOINS FOOD CULTIVATION MOVEMENT

J. B. Cobb of New York Plants 500 Acres at His Hunting Lodge in Guilford in Wheat, Corn, Potatoes and Other Food Products.

Greensboro, April 30.—J. B. Cobb, retired millionaire tobaccoist of New York, is cultivating 500 acres of land at his hunting lodge, situated four miles from this city in an effort to increase the country's production of wheat, corn, potatoes and other food stuff.

Brazil is Neutral. Rio de Janeiro, April 30.—The Brazilian government has issued a proclamation of neutrality with respect to the war between the United States and Germany.

Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.

BREAD RIOTS BREAK OUT IN CHICAGO

Strike of Bakers Results in Trouble in the West Side Ghetto District of Windy City.

BREAD IS DESTROYED BY POURING OIL OVER IT

City Finds Itself Short of Million and a Half of Loaves and Many Have to Eat Stale Crust.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 30.—Rioting in the West Side in the Ghetto district and a bread famine in many sections of the city marked the bakers strike in Chicago today.

In the Ghetto district hundreds of strike sympathizers, many of them women, spoiled hundreds of loaves of bread by throwing kerosene on the shops and bread wagons. Mounted police were called out to scatter the rioters.

The tremendous significance of the strike, called Saturday, and which has cut off one million five hundred thousand loaves of bread daily, dawned upon the city today when families dependent on large bakeries found they must get along on stale crusts or no bread at all.

THE FRENCH AND BRITISH COMMISSION DOWN TO WORK

Began Second Week of Conferences With Preliminaries Cleared Away—French Commissioner and Ambassador Call on President Wilson and Hold a Conference.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 30.—The British and French commission settled down to the second week's conferences with preliminaries cleared away and the ground work laid for perfection of the part the United States is to take in the grand alliance for the overthrow of Prussian autocracy.

M. Viviani, head of the French commission, accompanied by the French ambassador, had an hour's conference with President Wilson. No announcement will be made about the meeting but it is understood the needs of France and the co-operation of the United States were fully discussed.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FOR OFFICERS' RESERVE CORPS.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, April 30.—National Guardsmen designated for appointment in the officers reserve corps will be discharged from the guard under a ruling today by Judge Advocate General of the army. It applies to guardsmen whether their organization has been called into the Federal service or not.

YOUNG ROCKWELL BOY DIES FROM WOUNDS

Lester Lee Miller, After Lingering a Week or More, Succumbs to Injuries Inflicted by Discharge of Gun in Hands of a Young Companion.

Lester Lee Miller, aged 15 years and 8 months died at the sanatorium in this city Sunday afternoon of injuries received by being accidentally shot some days ago by a companion at Rockwell. The body was taken to Rockwell Monday and the funeral was held from the First Baptist church at that place and the interment took place at Lower Stone church.

The death of young Miller was distressingly sad. A week or more ago he and a companion by the name of Fesperman, a son of a partner in business of the father of the deceased, were out hunting and in some manner the Fesperman boy accidentally shot his companion the Miller boy, the lead entering the right side near the hip, tearing a hole and it is said pierced the intestines in a number of places.

Mr. Lent, the county demonstrator, had called this meeting and was present and made reports on the various clubs, such as corn clubs, pig clubs and potato clubs in the county and the work they were doing. Among those who made short talks at the meeting were Messrs. J. M. Boyett, A. C. Honeycutt and W. A. Bivins, and the meeting was presided over by W. L. Mann, Esq. Mr. Lent has taken as his slogan for this campaign, "Let Stanly Feed Herself."

There is art in pride; those who were not brought up to it seldom drove a master.—Jersey Collier.

BRITISH COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY OF STATE.



ARTHUR J. BALFOUR. SECRETARY OF STATE LANSING.

Arthur J. Balfour was welcomed in Washington by Secretary of State Lansing. The British commissioner, who is taking up all the important questions of the war with President Wilson, was in the best of humor and he seemed glad to pose for his picture.

AMERICAN OIL TANK IS SUNK; A NUMBER OF LIVES ARE LOST

The Vacuum Is Sent to the Bottom By a Submarine and a Number of Men Missing, Including Three of Navy Crew Maning the Gun—Ship Left New York for Birkan and Was returning to the United States.

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 30.—The American oil tank steamer Vacuum has been sunk. The captain and part of the crew including the Lieutenant Laval and nine American gunners are reported as among the missing.

The Vacuum was sunk on Saturday by a German submarine while she was on her way to the United States. The chief mate and seventeen men, including three of the naval crew of gunners have been landed. The master of the ship and the remainder of the crew of the naval lieutenant and the nine naval gunners are still missing.

Left New York March 30th. New York, April 30.—The American tank steamer Vacuum left New York on March 30th for Birkan, England. She carried a crew of 34 of whom 15 were Americans, nine of these being native born Americans.

STATE AID ASKED IN PROBE FOR FOODPRICES

Representatives of State Food Boards Gather in Washington for a Conference With Federal Authorities—Women to be Asked to Help in Movement.

Washington, April 30.—State aid in the Federal Trade Commission's investigation of high food prices was taken up here today at a conference of representatives of State food boards with the commission. Government of States that have no boards also sent delegates.

The commission is just starting the inquiry directed by President Wilson and is enlisting the assistance of States to hasten its completion. It will make a survey of the country's food resources with special reference to violation of the anti-trust laws. Secretary Houston today saw editors of fifty women's publications and asked them to help the Agricultural Department household food conservation program. Through the magazines and newspapers the department hopes to teach the women of the land to practice closer food economies in the home.

Living high has laid many a man low.

NAME CHANGED, CAPITAL INCREASED

The Mint Cola Company Becomes the Carolina Beverage Company and Re-organizes.

L. D. PEELER, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW CONCERN

Mr. F. T. Patterson Continues as Sales Manager and is Raising Capital for the Company.

The Mint Cola Company changes its name to the Carolina Beverage Company and is increasing the capital stock by several thousand dollars, from fifty thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand.

The charter of the company having been revised and the increase authorized by the Secretary of State the company is re-organized with the following officers:

President, L. D. Peeler. Vice-President, S. F. Harris. Secretary-Treasurer—W. C. Maupin.

F. T. Patterson being sales manager and will sell the increased stock. The Company has been organized in Salisbury for several years and has been making and selling the popular drink, Mint Cola. In addition the company now sells Cheerwine, which is a fast growing seller, proving popular locally and it will be further introduced as a soft drink.

The new company as organized will be one of the largest soft drink concerns in the Southern states and will continue to do business from this city in a progressive way. The men managing the company are safe business men of wide experience, and all of them are progressive and wide-awake. They propose to extend their business rapidly and to make the two drinks, Mint Cola and Cheerwine sell far and wide.

The old company did good business and prospered and there is every evidence at hand that the new organization will take up the business and push it with success. The change in the charter recently received permits the change of name and the increase in the capital stock. Directors in the company are as follows: L. D. Peeler, S. F. Harris, W. C. Maupin, E. E. Barringer, C. J. Norman, C. N. Bolinger, O. W. Spencer, F. T. Patterson, C. Valer.

FREIGHT YARDS CROWDED.

Unprecedented Heavy Freight Moving Over the Southern at This Time. Sidings Used to Park Cars.

Sunday morning found the freight yards at Spencer literally jammed with loaded freight cars, and it was necessary Sunday to park other incoming cars on sidings, especially the sidings on the Western road within the city limits being filled with cars, these coming down the Western. Never before has so much freight been moved over the Western division of the Southern, much of this going to Pinner's Point for shipment to European countries.

One morning recently found the freight yards here packed with 400 cars. The capacity of the transfer sheds is something like 300 cars a day and it can thus be seen how busy freight transfer men are at this time.

STRIKES THREATENED.

New York Workers Are Threatened to Strike Unless Their Demands are Forth Coming With the May Day Festivities.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 30.—May Day demands for increased wages are to be submitted in this city and leaders declare that unless these demands are granted strikes will follow. The most serious controversy is expected with the machinists who want a \$4 minimum for inside work and a minimum of \$6 for outside work.

Others who threaten to strike in order to enforce their demands are the bakers, bronze workers, mineral bottlers, longshoremen, munition packers, hotel workers and workers on children shoes.

GREECE'S KING TO ABDICATE.

Such is the Report Coming in Dispatches from Rome—King and Queen Will Land at Italian Port and Go Overland to Denmark.

(By Associated Press.) London, April 30.—The report that King Constantine of Greece is soon to abdicate is reiterated in a dispatch from Rome to the Star which says its has been confirmed from neutral diplomatic sources. It is suggested that the King and Queen may land at an Italian port and thence proceed overland to Denmark.