

THE CONCORD DAILY TRIBUNE

AUSTRIA TO DECLARE WAR ON UNITED STATES

The Possibility of This On Account of Aid to Italy is Recognized by Officials at Washington.

OTHER ALLIES OF GERMANY ALSO

Nothing in the Existing Situation That Would Cause the United States to Take the Initiative.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The possibility that Austria and perhaps other allies of Germany may soon declare war against the United States because of financial aid given to Italy, is recognized by administration officials.

It was carefully explained today that there is nothing in the existing situation either diplomatic or military that would cause the United States to take the initiative, but that an anomalous state of affairs may result in broadening the war does exist, was not denied.

The relations of the United States with Germany's allies were designated, as still in a state of broken diplomatic relations.

Officials hesitate to describe them as unfriendly, but admit they could scarcely be called friendly. The policy of extending aid to the countries fighting certain of Germany's allies without having declared war against Germany will be continued, and it was admitted that Austria or any other ally might perhaps not improbably construe such assistance as a warlike act.

FIRST CASUALTY TO AN AMERICAN OFFICER

Lieutenant Morris Death in a Motor-cycle Accident.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 28.—Word of the first casualty to an officer in Gen. Pershing's forces in France was received here today by the marine corps in a cablegram, announcing the death in a motor-cycle accident of Lieutenant Frederick S. Morris, of the marine corps.

No details of the nature of the service the lieutenant was engaged in when he met death were contained in the message.

At The Theatre.

Carter and Flora De Haven are starred at The Theatrical Theatre today in a big comedy, "Where are My Trousers?"

The New Pastime today offers the ever popular and versatile actress, Edna Mayo, in "The Strange Case of Mary Page" today in a big love and romance drama, "The Chaperon."

The picture is in five parts. "The best show ever presented here" seems to be the consensus of opinion in regard to Moore's Merry Maids, which will be at The Strand all this week.

Shell Kills Two Soldiers on Cantonment Range.

Fort Hill, Okla., Aug. 26.—Private Nelson and James Kelley, of Battery A, Second Missouri Field Artillery, were killed and four others seriously injured when a shrapnel exploded on the Cantonment range here late today, completely wrecking the mess hall in which they were preparing their first meal after arriving at the Oklahoma post.

Nelson was killed outright and Kelley died on the way to a hospital. The shell is believed to have exploded after having been left partially buried on the field, by the heat of a fire nearby, over which the men were cooking.

Scientists have found that children grow little from the end of November from spending more than five hours to the end of March.

A total of 200,000 men fell in the Franco-Prussian war.

MANY FARMERS AND THEIR WIVES EXPECTED

To Attend the State Farmers and State Farm Women's Organization. (By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 28.—At least one thousand farmers and their farm women were expected to attend the sessions of the annual conventions of the State Farmers and State Women's organizations which began here today at the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

The address of welcome by President W. C. Riddick, of the Agriculture and Engineering College, at the initial joint session this afternoon preceded the annual address of Mrs. Jane McKimmon, president of the women's organization, and John Paul Lucas, president of the Farmers' Convention. Governor Blackett is expected to address the visitors tonight.

Conservation is the keynote of the conventions but virtually every phase of agriculture, poultry and stock breeding will be discussed. The sections devoted to marketing and rural credits are expected to attract a great deal of attention also.

Speakers on the programme include F. J. H. von Engelken, president of the Columbus, S. C. Federal Farm Loan Bank; Dr. Bradford Knapp, Dr. C. E. Leighty and Dr. Frauts P. Lund, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and Dr. C. A. Cary, of Auburn, Alabama.

The conventions will adjourn Thursday.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT LANDIS

Nine-Year-Old Boy Injured by Explosion of Dynamite Cap.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock Master Will Trice, 8 or 9 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Trice, of Landis, was quite seriously injured by what is believed to have been the explosion of a dynamite cap. The boy, with another child about his age, Master James Honevett, was playing with a dry battery, some parts of a flash light and other little articles of this sort, when an explosion occurred that tore off a thumb and one finger from his hand, and two fingers from the other hand. One eye is injured also, but it is not known how badly.

The little Honevett boy received only a few scratches from bits of flying metal. Dr. Edwards was hurriedly called, and he took the injured boy to the hospital in Salisbury for treatment.

INTEREST IN ACTION CATHOLICS WILL TAKE

American Federation of Catholic Societies at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—Interest in today's session of the convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies centered around the action of the Federation was expected to take in regard to Pope Benedict's peace proposal.

Plans were to elect officers and choose the 1918 convention city before the close of today's session. The convention will adjourn tomorrow.

With Our Advertisers.

Fresh fish at H. A. Graeber & Son's today. Read carefully their new ad. You can get a mutton meat pie for ten cents at Lippard & Barriett's. Read their change of ad today.

Young men who are preparing for school can find many bargains, and the latest styles at Hoover's. Read their new ad in this paper.

The Concord Steam Laundry has an announcement today that will be of marked interest to you. Look up their new ad—and read it carefully.

Second Ogleshorpe Camp Opens.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 27.—With men from North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Florida, the second officers' training camp at Fort Ogleshorpe opened today, the thousands of candidates for officers' commissions being enrolled and assigned to companies. It is expected that there will be 5,800 men in the camp when actual work begins Wednesday.

British Lines Advance 2,000 Yards. (By The Associated Press.) London, Aug. 28.—As a result of a British attack on Flanders front yesterday, the British lines have been advanced along the front of more than 2,000 yards.

STRIKE OUT THE ONE CENT TAX ON LETTERS

Senate Today, By a Vote of 39 to 29, Voted to Strike Out Provision to Levy Tax on Letters and Postcards.

SOLDIERS TO MAIL THEIR LETTERS FREE

The Proposed Tax on Letters Was Designed to Raise Fifty Million Dollars in War Revenue.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 28.—In resuming consideration today of postage sections of the war tax bill the Senate by a vote of 39 to 29 struck out the provision levying a one cent tax on letters and post cards destined to raise \$50,000,000 in revenue.

A provision giving American soldiers and sailors abroad the privilege of mailing letters free of postage was retained.

Eight amendments to the war tax bill, providing for levies on war profits, ranging from 76 to 48 per cent, were introduced by Senator La Follette.

COMPANY L TO LEAVE FOR GREENVILLE TOMORROW

Is Rapidly Recruiting Up to Full War Strength of 250 Men.

Company L, which is to leave here tomorrow to go into camp at Greenville, is rapidly recruiting up to the new authorized war strength of 250 men. About a dozen recruits have been added this morning, it was stated by one of the officers, and there remain only about 19 more to be secured to have the needed number.

If the men continue to come in as they have for the past few days, there is no doubt but that the 250 mark will be passed—a record which, if achieved, will scarcely be equalled by any other company in the whole of the 12th division.

RUSSIANS RETIRE WITHOUT WAITING FOR AN ATTACK

Retirement Occasioned by Beginning of German and Austrian Offensives.

(By The Associated Press.) Petrograd, Aug. 28.—The Russian infantry left its trenches before the enemy attack in the Boyan region and is retiring eastward, the war office announced.

The retirement was occasioned by the beginning of an offensive in the region of Cernowitz, Bukowina, yesterday by the German and Austrians. The troops retreated without waiting for the attack on their trenches, which were occupied by the enemy.

AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER FILL

A Near Serious Accident Near Landis Sunday—Mills Used Summer Vacation—Death of Mrs. O. G. Walton.

Landis, Aug. 25.—Mr. W. T. Adams, while driving his automobile today, ran over the embankment where the public road crosses a deep ravine just south of Landis. He was alone in his machine and fortunately was not hurt. The ditch into which he tumbled is about 12 feet deep.

The mills here gave their employees the usual summer vacation this week. The Linn mills has just installed a new set of drawings.

Mrs. G. C. Walton, living one and a half miles west of town, died Saturday.

CONTRACTORS ASK FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT

For Supplies Furnished for the Army and Navy.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 28.—Advance payment for supplies for the army and navy as yet undelivered has been asked by contractors, and the Treasury Department is considering making such payments to enable the contractors to go ahead with their work.

In most instances, contractors are operating on insufficient capital to enable them to turn out supplies in volume needed by the government.

School Teacher Meets Anti-Draft Meeting at Landis.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 25.—An anti-draft meeting was held in Landis today. C. L. Baker, a school teacher, was leader, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get sitters to petition Congress in favor of the Hardwick bill, re-enacting the volunteer system. One hundred and thirty-three signed.

An opportunity was given for speeches and several interesting addresses, notable among them being one by Homer Jones Anderson, a farmer, who is now a naturalized American citizen.

A business man of Vancouver, B. C., has a record of fifty-one round trips to London, England.

FOREIGN OFFICERS WILL TRAIN TROOPS

French and British Specialists Will Be Sent to Draft and National Guard Camps as Instructors.

WILL NOT TRAIN THE TROOPS THEMSELVES

But They Will Train And Instruct the American Officers Who Will Then Impart Knowledge to Soldiers

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 28.—A group of French or British army officers, specialists in the various details of trench warfare, will be attached to the National Guard and National Army camps under plans worked out by the War Department to expedite the training of the troops for special conditions they will meet at the front.

The French and British governments already have been asked to detail officers and probably 8 or 10 will be assigned to each of the 32 camps.

The foreign officers will not come in direct touch with the American troops. The training will be done entirely by American officers of the companies, regiments or brigades; but the American officers will have opportunity of consulting with their foreign associates who have had actual experience at the front.

A RECEPTION TO THE MEMBERS OF COMPANY L

Given by the Concord Merchants' Association Last Evening at Central School Building.

A crowd that comfortably filled the auditorium at the Central School building was present last evening at the reception given by the Concord Merchants' Association to the members of Company L, who will leave tomorrow for their assignment to the front.

Mr. J. E. Davis, president of the Association, introduced the chief speaker of the evening, Mr. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, who delivered an address that was much enjoyed by all. Mr. D. B. Coltrane next made a talk to the boys after which the chairman proposed three cheers for the Concord citizen who had donated an ambulance through the local Red Cross Chapter—Mr. J. W. Cannon.

So hearty were the cheers given that persons at the hotel at the time inquired as to what was making so much noise. After this, Mr. Charles F. Ritchie, for the Men's Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church, presented Bibles to the members of the Company who had not yet been presented with one.

The refreshments served consisted of three kinds of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cakes. Although it was not so announced, the entire audience was served with refreshments, and still there was plenty to spare, so generous was the provision made by the Merchants' Association.

At intervals during the evening, selections were rendered by the Forest Hill Band, which added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. The meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Rev. J. M. Grier, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

The occasion, which was very informal, was one of the most enjoyable that has been held here for a long time, and on the streets this morning can be heard many expressions of congratulations for the ones who had the meeting in charge.

To Confer on Rural Education.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 28.—The Governors of all the Western and Northwestern States, together with leading educators, agriculturists and business men have been invited to attend a conference on rural education to be held at the Minnesota State Agricultural College, beginning tomorrow and continuing through the remainder of the week.

A Danish doctor at a hospital in Paris has invented a cardboard lens which enables the wearer to go without crutches two days after his limb has been amputated.

LABOR CONFERENCE OPENED IN LONDON

The Inter-Allied Socialist and Labor Conference Opened Its Session in London This Morning.

SEVENTY DELEGATES WERE PRESENT

Representing Great Britain, Belgium, Russia, France, Portugal, Greece, South Africa and Italy.

(By The Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 28.—The inter-allied socialist and labor conference was opened in London today under the presidency of Arthur Henderson, member of the House of Commons, and representative of Great Britain. Some 70 delegates, representing Great Britain, Belgium, Russia, France, Portugal, Greece and South Africa and Italy were present. More than one-half of them are British, representing the socialist and labor party.

Figures are of little significance, however, as the conference in London is to be followed in Stockholm. It is proposed to reach an agreement the various sections will put forward their own views at Stockholm.

NEW PROCESS OF EXTRACTING OIL FROM SHALE

Wins Pardon for Convict in the Nevada Penitentiary.

(By The Associated Press.) Carson City, Nevada, Aug. 28.—The discovery of a new process of extracting oil from shale has won a pardon for A. H. Crane, who was serving a term in the state prison for grand larceny.

Crane was granted a pardon by Nevada board yesterday afternoon by parole board yesterday afternoon and supervised by the process of extraction plant. Federal experts sent here to examine the process informed the board that the method would be of almost invaluable value to the government.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Prices From 17 to 28 Points Above Last Night's Closing.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 28.—There was renewed covering in the cotton market today and after opening one point to 10 points higher, active months sold 17 to 28 points above last night's closing figures, with October touching 22.28 and January, 22.25.

Cotton futures opened steady; October, 22.02; December, 22.12; January, 22.12; March, 22.28; May, 22.50.

HOUSTON QUIET.

The Real Story of the Horror of Thursday Night Being Developed.

(By The Associated Press.) Houston, Aug. 28.—The city of Houston today was scheduled to begin what acting Mayor Moody termed the development of the "real story" of the horror of last Thursday night, when 100 negro soldiers of the 24th infantry, shot down 15 whites.

The Board of Inquiry, appointed by Moody was to hold its session late today. Appeals have been sent out through newspapers for every person with information to report voluntarily to the board of inquiry.

Austrians Captured in Drive Now Total 23,000.

Rome, Aug. 28.—The Italians have made a further advance on the Isonzo front north of Gorizia closely pursuing the Austrians, the war office announced. Austrian counter-attacks on the Carso were repulsed. The number of prisoners has been increased to more than 23,000 in addition to which a great amount of booty has been captured.

"PENNY A WEEK" FOR THE RED CROSS

Appeal Made to Help Society By "Penny a Week" Contribution.

Once again we are making an appeal to you for help in the Red Cross work, and this time we believe that you are going to do "your bit" most eagerly. As you know, on four days of the week, and often six, some of us are busy at the headquarters, cutting and making shirts and surgical dressings. Right now it is necessary to add this work the knitting of mufflers, sweaters, etc. But to continue the work and begin the knitting we must have funds. Heretofore we have depended on individual gifts of material and money for our supply. What we would like now, in order to keep up the work unhindered, is to have a steady income. So we propose to you a plan—one that would assure us of this steadiness and also give everyone an opportunity of really doing something for the comfort of the "boys." It is simply a "penny a week" plan—nothing more than your giving a penny every week until the need for the work tops. Will you do it? We believe that you will, and because we believe it we have made arrangements with Mr. Caswell, of the Caharrus Bank, to act as treasurer for our "penny a week" fund. Mr. Caswell is chairman of the executive board of the Red Cross, and has consented to take charge of the pennies for us. Will you begin this week? Wednesday is to be pay day, but if any other day is more convenient do not wait for Wednesday. Please take your penny to Mr. Caswell right away and ask others to do the same.

We are still waiting for you to find it convenient to help us with the sewing of shirts and folding of surgical dressings, too. If you once come you will realize how greatly your help is needed; you will find, too, as others have done, that the work becomes almost a matter of conscience, for we feel it is for our own boys. Come and help us if you can and when you can. And do not forget we are counting on you for your "penny a week."

RED CROSS COMMITTEE.

ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS ARRIVE IN THIS COUNTRY

It is Said That Their Mission Here is to Purchase Aircraft.

(By The Associated Press.) At Atlantic Port.—An authorized commission of 20 Italian army officers, the majority belonging to the aviation corps, and headed by Capt. Carlo Tagliari, arrived here today on a French passenger ship. Capt. Tagliari said he could not discuss the object of the mission, to purchase aircraft.

Flower Show in October.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. James Lutheran Church of this city each fall holds a flower show in early October. Work on the one to be held this fall has already been started, and plans are being made to have a show this time that will not be surpassed. The weather has been favorable for the growth of the flowers, and unless Jack Frost gets in some of his work there will be some splendid specimens on exhibition. Then, too, the ladies will have a large number of pieces of fancy work for sale, and they will serve dinners, as in the past.

Has Squad of Pigs That Drill Alone.

Belchertown, Mass., Aug. 27.—Jack Newman of this town has organized his piggery according to the infantry drill regulations. From a hundred pigs out of the hundred he picked a squad of thirty-two.

Every morning before breakfast, for two miles, these thirty-two pigs followed their drill master around the edge of the field, just inside the wire. Then they paraded across the center. Then Newman purposely delayed his appearance and found that the pigs went through their usual evolutions alone.

Two Men Carrying Payroll Shot to Death.

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Aug. 28.—Two men carrying \$8,100, the payroll of Winslow Bros. Iron works, were shot to death today by five bandits, who escaped with the money in an automobile.

ROADS CUT OFF 110 PASSENGER TRAINS

This is in Southeastern District as Part of Movement For Increased Efficiency Handling Troops.

LOCOMOTIVES AND MEN RELEASED

Permission Has Been Asked of Corporation Commissions for Authorization to Cut Out 50 More Trains.

(By The Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., Aug. 28.—W. J. Hannah, President of the Seaboard Air-Line Railway and chairman of the Southeastern Department of the Railroads' War Board, announced today that the roads in his department, up to August 15, had eliminated 116 passenger train schedules as a part of the movement for increased efficiency for handling troops, ammunition supplies and foodstuffs.

This has released 91 locomotives and 428 men for other service, and will result in a coal saving of 233,754 tons and a saving of 4,557,182 train miles yearly.

Permission has been asked of the Corporation Commissions of the various states for authority to discontinue the 30 additional passenger trains which would release 17 locomotives and 91 men for other service, and save 30,669 tons of coal, 3,840,000 gallons of fuel oil, and 120,000 gallons of gasoline yearly as well as 766,002 train miles.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS RECEIVE COMMISSIONS

State University is Represented in Every Training Camp of the Country.

(By The Associated Press.) Chapel Hill, Aug. 28.—Two hundred and thirteen students and four faculty members of the University of North Carolina received their commissions as first and second lieutenants and 13 members of the faculty have received commissions, according to an announcement today by Edward K. Graham, president of the institution, who has just completed a war roster of the student body. The University is represented in every training camp in the country, President Graham said.

POPE'S NOTE TO BE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION

At Berlin This Afternoon.

(By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Aug. 28.—The Pope's peace note will be the principal subject of discussion at the meeting in Berlin this afternoon, at which Chancellor Michaelis, members of the German parliament and representatives of Prussian Bavaria, Saxony and Wurttemberg will participate.

Gen. Morrison Assumes Command at Camp Sevier.

(By The Associated Press.) Greenville, S. C., August 28.—Major Gen. J. F. Morrison today assumed command at Camp Sevier, relieving Col. J. D. Meigs, of North Carolina, of the executive details of the camp.

International Conference of Women.

Stockholm, Aug. 28.—An international conference of women from both belligerent and neutral countries will be held here September 16, 18. Conference will be of a semi-private nature.

Watch the Opening A Modern Store, in a Modern Way. Up-to-date Merchandise. OPENS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st Tanenhaus Bros.

THEATORIUM TODAY CARTER DE HAVEN "WHERE ARE MY TROUSERS?" Victor Comedy Feature with a Thousand Laughs. GALE HENRY in "THE STRONG STUNG" UNIVERSAL WEEKLY The World's Latest News in Moving Pictures.

Strand Theatre DON'T FAIL TO SEE Nan Hope Characteristic Dance of the South Also SWEENEY and BOONEY in "The Dancing Wagon" Entire Change of Program. 11 PEOPLE PRETTY GIRLS LATEST SONG HITS, ETC. Don't Miss This Number.

ENLISTED MEN! While you are helping to make your country's history, those who stay at home will miss you. Part of your duty is to have your portrait made for the home folks, and it is only fair that your loved ones should also have their's made for you to carry away with you. Their portrait will cheer you, your portrait will cheer them. "Do not put off for tomorrow what you can do today." We are going to be busy making lots of the "boys'" pictures, let us make yours before the rush begins. Matthews' Studio