MISTREATMENT OF PRISONERS ALLEGED

Camps Sent to Governor.

CHARGES AGAINST

One of Charges Is That Col-Subjected to Inhuman Torture by Doctor in Charge.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9.—Complaints alleging mistreatment of prisoners and purported instances of brutality toward them in prison camps in charge of Capt. C. J. Rhem were forwarded today to Governor Bickett of North Carolina by the prisoners Relief Society, with headquarters here. The letter to Governor Bickett accompanying documents tending to substantiate charges of mistrentment follows:

"We have been for a long time re ceiving complaints of inhuman treatment of convicts in your state. We have ed a position with the R. J. Reynold lately received numerous letters telling us of the bentality in the camps under the command of Capt. C. J. Rhem. One of the letters states that a certain col-ored prisoner has been subjected to inhuman tortures by the doctor in charge

of the camps. "Please let us know immediately if should be called upon first; and our was decorated in patriotic fashion executive committee has deemed it of and refreshments were served. sufficient seriousness to bring it to the

practice stopped." Gov. Bickett in New York.

Raleigh, April 9,-Gov. Bickett to whom a letter has been addressed by the Prisoners Relief Society at Washington in which complaint is made, alleging mistreatment of prisoners in camps in North Carolina in charge of Capt. J. C. Rhem, is in New York City and no statement regarding charges was obtainable at the Governor's office here today. The letter containing the complaint has not yet been received, the Governor's secretary stated.

Collie Says Charges Are Untrue. J. R. Collie, superintendent of the state prisons, when shown the story little daughter, of Greensboro, spent from Washington, declared that so far the past week-end here at the home of a she knew the "charges are without foundation." Mr. Collie said he visits the prison camps weekly, and talks freely with the prisoners, and they are at liberty to make any complaint they have the week-end guests. The past week-end family, of all liberty to make any complaint they have the week-end guests. desire to him. No complaint had been of Mrs. L. A. Lentz. made to him, he stated. When a prisoner is subjected to corporal punishof Holy Trinity Lutheran church will made to him, he stated. When a pris-Collie said the law of be held at the church next Sunday af-North Carolina requires that the prist ternoon at 2:30 o'clock. on physician or chaplain be present for the purpose of preventing cruelty. "welcome and invite an investi-

"She won't even take off her eyeglasses longing to one of his neighbors. The when there are men around."

MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Play Saturday Evening.-Recital Friday Night.-Soldier Boys Hono Other Matters of Interest.

Mt. Pleasant, April 9.—A military omedy in three acts, entitled, "A Lit Purported Instances of Brutality Toward Them In
North Carolina Prison

Comedy in three acts, entitled, "A lattle Savage," will be presented at the auditorium Saturday evening, under the auspices of the M. P. C. I. Athletic Association. The cast is a strong one, and the play will doubtless draw a full house. The curtain will rise at 8:30, and the admission charges will be 15 and 25 cents.

A musical treat is in store for Fri-day evening when a Recital will be rendered at Mont Amoena Seminary. The Eutre Nous Club delightfully en-tertained the brave lads in khaki who

CAPT. C. J. RHEM have recently returned to our town, at the home of Miss Bonnie Misenheimer Monday evening. Mr Russell Lentz won the prize in Progressive Anaored Prisoner Has Been Subjected to July 2007. Subject

licious refreshments were served.

The M. P. C. I. baseball team cross bats this afternoon with the Concord High School team. The game will be called at 4 o'clock.
Mr. Russell Lentz, of the famous

Rainbow Division, reached his home

here Sunday. Mr. Ben McAllister, of the 115th Machine Gun Battalion, arrived here last Thursday.
Mr. John Faggart, of the 67th Di-

vision, also arrived at his home here last Thursday. Rev. John H. Keller, of China Grove

the pulpit at the Reformed filled church Sunday evening.
Mr. Karl Cook leaves today for Winston-Salem where he has accept

Tobacco Company. Mr. Oscar Shuping is expected arrive at his home here next Sunday Camp Gordon where he has from been for several weeks since his

turn from overseas. A reception was tendered last Sat urday evening by the Y. M. C. A. of the Collegiate Institute to the Faculty you will look into this matter, as we feel that you are the authority that hary and other invited guests. The hall

Mrs. J. H. C. Fisher and Miss Ella attention of the Federal government unless immediate steps are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities are taken by the state authorities to have the inhuman state authorities are taken by the state authorities are t Mr. Paul Lentz, of Salisbury

visiting here at the home of his mother, Mrs. L. A. Lentz.
Mr. Fred W. Foll was a business vis

itor in Charlotte yesterday.

Mr. Martin Schnibben, of Wilming ton, is here, a guest of Mr. Virgil Schenck. Mr. Schnibben is an ex-Schenck. Student of the Collegiate Institute.

Mrs. J. E. Schenck, Miss Anna
Schenck, Messra, T. C. Johnson and Martin Schnibben spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Mr. J. F. Misenheimer, who has hi headquarters at Lumberton, paid Mt. Pleasant a brief visit yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Schenck and

Recently, dogs entered the pasture He said the charges came as a com-plete surprise to him, and that he Valley, Caldwell county, while he was away from home, and killed practical ly his flock of 35 sheep. On returning Mr. Cowles caught They were discussing the bespec-tacled girl from Boston. "I never knew them but the others succeeded in getanyone so exceedingly modest," said ting away. It was said that Mr. Blobbs, "That's right," agreed Slobbs. Cowles recognized the dogs as be-

HON. CHAMP CLARK

will speak

Y. M. C.

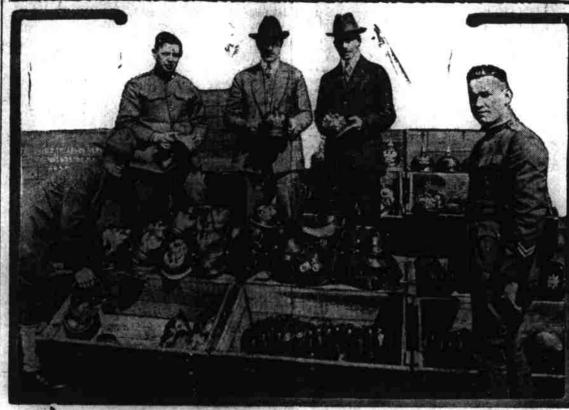
KANNAPOLIS. N. C.

Friday Evening, April 11th, at 8 P. M. (fast time)

Write the Y. M. C. A. and Secure Your Tickets at Once

Admission 50c and \$1.00

THOSE TRIUMPHAL GERMAN HELMETS



Eighty-five thousand German helmets, captured by allfed troops in Cobienz, are to be awarded as prizes by federal district committees in the Victory Liberty Loan campaign. They will be given to Victory note salesmen making the best selling records and school children writing the best essays on the loan. In the picture shown above, taken on the Treasury steps in Washington, are shown Frank R. Wilson, director of publicity (left), and Lewis B. Franklin, director of War Loan Organization (right). Wilson created a panic in the helmet market by buying the entire 85,000 allotment from the War Department for \$1. It cost the German government more than that amount to manufacture each one of the helmets,

These helmets were a special supply held in reserve for a triumphal entry into Paris. Eventually they arrived there by freight.

REPORTS OF BOLSHEVIST

AGITATORS AT WORK Reported That Wealthy Woman Will Pay Expenses of Work Among Sou-

thern Negroes. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 9.—Reports that Bolshevist agitation in the United States is being financed by a number of wealthy persons, particularly wo-men, have reached the Department of Justice, but have not been taken seriously so far. One report related that :

wealthy American woman had undertaken to pay the expenses of agitators o work among the negroes in the South to get them to organize soviet committees. No evidence of this agitaion has developed.

INCREASED RATES ON COTTON FACTORY PRODUCTS

From Albemarle and Charlotte and Points in North Carolina and Vir-

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, April 9,-Increases ates on cotton factory products from Albemarle and Charlotte, N. C., and points in North Carolina and Virginia taking the same classification to Sedalia, Mo., were approved for filing to-day by the Interestate Commerce Commission, on application to the Southeastern railroads.

The Siren.

Mr. J. L. Hartsell has always done his bit in a true American spirit, for both his city and his country, but no act of his life perhaps, has added so much happiness to the lives of others, as the blowing of the siren whistle at the Hartsell Mills, with the arrival home of an overseas man. Just the light of Cabarrus county and Concord brings unbounded happiness to mind and heart of each soldier as he nears home, but when the siren starts dowing it seems that home-folks and happiness are brought nearer to you; it makes you feel that you are not for-gotten, and that you are being welomed by all the people of Concord. The siren was invented as a signal of listress. What can be finer than to change its mission in life to bringing message to welcome to the Concord men who have done their "bit" there? This act on the part of Mr. Hartsell is a most patriotic and commendable one. It is certain that ten ever by the men and the parents of the men, whom he has helped wel-

Johnny on the Spot" Is Rapid-Fire Comedy.

"Johnny on the Spot," the latest Metro picture in which the dynamic young actor, Hale Hamilton will be tomorrow's engagement is a play of said he had accepted the terms offered him. he attraction at the Piedmont theatre this noted star a role particularly suit-ed to his alert and virile capabilities. cei to his alert and virile capabilities.

The play was especially written for Mr. Hamilton by Shannon Fife and adapted for the screen by June Mathis, The story is that of a young man who, for some time, believes that everything comes to him who waits—what eventually changes him into the galvanic Johnny who is always on the spit is thrillingly shown in this play which will anneal to all ages.

Heavy formed Church.

The Holy Commulon will be administered at the New Glicad Reformed Church Palus Sunday. April 13 at 12 noon. Every member should attend. The services preparatory to the Communion will be held Saturday after noon at 4 o'clock. Quarterly meeting of the Consistory at 5 o'clock.

W. C. LYERLY. Pastor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Quint Klutts, t No. 9 township, a son, April 3rd. Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Auten, f No. 9, April 4, a son, Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Isen-our, of No. 11, April 6, a son.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Opening Advance of From 8 to 30 Points,-Reactionary Sentiment La-

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, April 9.—A continuation of yesterday's buying movement caus ed an opening advance of 8 to 30 points for new style contracts in the cotton market here today. Steady cables and expectations of an unfavorable weekly weather report encouraged the ad-vance, but there was considerable reactionary sentiment and a renewal of scattered Southern selling, which caused setbacks right after the call.

ber olyd 22.25, new 22.70; January new 22.55.

COLLISION BETWEEN STRIKERS AND WORKERS

Occurs at Essen, Where the Christian Workers Desire to Continue Employ-

(By The Associated Press.)

Lieut. Neely Killed in Airplane Accident.

(By The Associated Press.)

Hampton, Va., April 9.—Lieut, John S. Richardson seriously injured when an airplane which Neely was driving fell from a height of about 250 feet at Langley Field, Witnesses said Neely attempted a nose dive too close to the ground. Neely was twenty four years old. Richardson's address was not given.

Black Sea Ports of Odessa Evacuated. By The Associated Press

allied forces is confirmed officially.

The Paris disputch Tuesday night said that a wireless message received here from Moscow reported the capture of Odssa by the Ukrainian soviet

Cobb Leaves Home

Holy Communion at New Gilend Re-formed Church.

noon. Every member should attend.
The services preparatory to the Communion will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Quarterly meeting

A Volunteer Wanted.

If there is a woman in Concord or to sied patriotism to accept the Chairmanship of the National Woman's Liberty Loan

PARADOXICAL TO SUPPORT THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Says Paris Paper,-Americans Would Violate League of Nations by Mixing in European Affairs.

(By The Associated Press.)

Parls, (Havas) April, 9.-In an aricle discussing whether the Monroe octrine can be reconciled with the league of nations, the Matin declares would be paradoxical to support it adding:

"Either the league of nations extends to the entire world, in which case Europeans would violate the Monroe doctrine in mingling in American af-Cotton futures opened steady: May fairs, or the league of nations included al 24.08 new 20.58; July old 21.95, only Europe, in which case Americans new 24.70; October new 23.10; December old 22.25; new 22.70; January new would violate the league of nations by mixing in European affairs."

HEALTH EXPERTS PUZZLED Sleeping Sickness Prevalent Here No Fully Identified Yet.

Washington, April 6.—Although 183 cases of lethargic encephalitis, or "sleeping sickness," with 14 deaths were reported to the United States Copenhagen April 9,-German gov- Public Service up to March 29, officials rument troops are marching on Essen, of the bureau still are undecided there a collision has occurred between whether the disease of the type prevathe strikers and the Christian workers lent in Europe has reached the Unit-organization, the members of which ed States. The bureau said it was imdesire to continue at their employment, possible to say whether the figures a Berlin dispatch announces. The gave a true picture of the prevalence strike demonstration such as t strikers have occupied the Krupp mu- of the disease, inasmuch as the dishealth officers.

"The diagnosis, in most of the case reported, appears to have been based largely on the presence of stupor, a condition found in many other dis-eases," the statement said. "In the ab-E. Neely, of Scattle, Washington, was eases," the statement said, "In the abinstantly killed today, and Sergeant J sence of any method of posts and expenses are expenses and expenses are expenses and expenses and expenses are expenses are expenses and expenses are expenses are expenses and expenses are expenses are expenses are expenses are expenses and expenses are expenses are expenses are expenses are expenses and expenses are tablishing a correct diagnosis, and especially because of the failure thus far find a specific germ in these cases, the ing to accept 'lethargic encephalitis' as a new disease"

Surgeon General Blue has detailed qualified medical officers to make a comprehensive investigation in order to learn the true facts regarding the Paris, April 9.—The evacuation of prevalence of the malady, it was the Black Sea ports of Odessa by the ed, and has requested State Healt ed, and has requested State Health Officers to make the disease reportable so that the study of it can be facilitated.

Has Joined Diaz To Oust Carranza. General Blanquet, Minister of War diers in securing their under Huerta and later Vice-President other employment, viz.: M Augusta, Ga., April 8.—Ty Cobb left
Diaz to serve as second in command.
his home here today to join the Detroit American league team tomorrow
had been living in New York City for
at Rock Hill. S. C. where the Tigers Cobb does not expect to sign his Jamaica on the German gunboat Drescontract until he reaches Detroit, but dren.

Enrope has the power to force us into war, willy-nilly, then Uncle Sam must get a little power to keep Europe out of war willy-uilly. Houston Post.

Sleeper Suffocates in Pillow. Sleeper Sufficates in Pillow.

Alientown, Pa., April 6.—When George Adams, aged 29, a machinist came home late last night, he pulled a pillow off the bed, threw it on the parlor floor, sank his face into it and went to sleep. When members of the family came downstairs this morning they found him dend. He had been sufforested.

of the National Woman's Liberty Loan
Committee please advise me and she
shall have the appointment, Act quickly. C. W. SWINE, County Chairman Victory Liberty Loan.

The County Chaircan Red Cross in Serbia, and her assistant. Dr. Mabel Flood, have been

RECEPTION LAST EVENING. Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bost Entertain in HOW PROHIBITION

Price Five Cents.

Henor of Their Son, Mr. Allan Bost. The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J.

Post on Depot street, was a many real beauty and festivit State Library ning from 8 to 10 o'cl tion of the 21st birthday and the return from France of Mr. Allan M. Bost, the only son of the home. He fought with the valiant Old Hickory Division (of which we are justly proud) having been wounded several times Although very modest as to the part he took in the war he told in a very pleasing and informal way of some of his experiences which were listened to with much interest.

The decorations were patriotic all through the house. The centerpiece in the dining room was of red and white carnations banked with violets. Music was furnished by Mr. Bell on the Vic-trola, while delicious refreshments, consisting of a salad course, ice cream rake and punch, were served by Miss Ida Bost and a bevy of pretty girls to bout 60 guests. Mr. M. H. Caldwell was toastmaster

and after a speech of welcome and good cheer and many good wishes for the gallant young soldier and his hospitable parents, the guests departed with memories of a very enjoyable

SIDNEY DREW DEAD

Famous Actor on the Stage and Moving Pietares Dies in New York.

(By The Associated Press) New York, April 9 .- Sidney Drew ctor on the stage and for the moving deture screen, died today at his home

wife in the play "Keep Her Smiling" in Detroit last week, when he became Against the advice of physicians III. Against the advice of physicians he insisted upon being brought to his home in this city, and his condition rapidly grew worse. The cause of his death was given by his physician as a partial of the condition of the conditi uremia, due to nephritis. Mr. Drew, who was a native of New York, was 54 years old.

MAY APPEAL TO THE

ALLIED ARMIES To Maintain Order in Germany in the Interest of all Europe.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, April 9 (Havas) .- At the latest session of the German cabinet council, the government considered the eventuality of making an appeal to the allied armies to maintain order in Germany in the interest of the whole of Europe, the Zurich correspondent of

the Paris newspapers reports,
Another newspaper understands that Gen. Humbert, former commander of the French third army, will be ap-pointed "commander of the allied troops in central Europe."

STRIKE AT ROME IS TO OCCUR THURSDAY

General Strike Decided Upon to Last

For 25 Hours. (By The Associated Press.) Rome, April 9, (Havas).-The Rome ouncil of the general federation labor has decided upon a general strike to last 25 hours. The strike is set to begin on Thursday at 6 a. m.

No recent news has come out Italy to indicate the reason for strike demonstration such as that

AMERICAN RED CROSS STORAGE SHEDS PILLAGED

Goods To The Value of \$700,000 Marks Are Taken in Nuremburg. (By The Associated Press.)

Basle, April 9.-Storage sheds of pecially because of the failure thus far the American Red Cross were among both in this country and abroad, to the food depots pillaged by armed crowds in Nuremburg Tuesday, according to dispatches received here. Goods to the value of 700,000 marks are said to have been taken from value. Public Health Service is as yet unwill- cording to dispatches received here. rious food depots,

Meeting of Soldiers' Employment Com mittee.

Mr. Max Payne, of Greensboro, representing the U. S. Labor Bureau, recently visited Concord and appointed the following persons to serve as a committee to aid our returning solof Mexico, heads the latest revolution in that country. He has landed near Chief of Police C. A. Robbesser Vera Cruz with a staff of the country. or Mexico, heads the latest revolution in that country. He has lauded near Vera Cruz with a staff of old Federal officers and joined forces with Felix Diaz to serve as second in comments. W. R. Odell, president Kerr Bleachery Sherrill and Kestler, Prof. McAllister in charge at Mount Pleasant. Mr. Payne planned at the

time to have a separate committee for Kannapolis N. C. An urgent necessity has arisen for Former President Taft says it is the duty of the United States to become a member of the league of nations. If ction on the part of this committee. to be held upstairs in the City Hall tion admitted Lucy Stone and Mary A. Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Don't fail the men who have risked their gates.

fives for us. MORRISON CALDWELL, April 9, 1919.

William Deese, ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Deese, of Union county, was burned to death, while attempting to build a fire with kerosene. His father was plowing and Mrs. Deese had gone to carry some water to Mr. Deese, instructing the boy to build a fire. The kerosene can exploded throwing oil over the boy and the kouse. The boy fell dead as he rushed from the house and the house came near being destroyed by the fire.

A request that women journalists be admitted to seats in the press gallery of the British House of Commons has been refused by the Speaker minimum.

'VILL BE ENFORCED

Three Thousand Revenue Agents Will Work in Especially Arranged Zones Throughout the Country.

800 INSPECTORS

TRAINED FOR WORK

The Force of Men Will Be Distributed Among Districts Where the Violation of Law Is Threatened.

(By The Associated Preus.)

Washington, April 9.-Three thousand internal revenue agents working in especially arranged zones through-out the United States will enforce prohibition after July 1, according to plans announced today by the revenue mreau, Nearly 800 inspectors will be trained for the work, to be added to the force of 2.283 revenue agents already available for police regulations, and the machinery for enforcement will be in working order before the date when absolute prohibition becomes ef-

feetive This force of special agents will be distributed among the districts where law violation is threatened, to the largest extent, and special attention will be paid to cities where revenue officials ook for most persistent efforts to make whiskey illegally.

THE AMERICAN PEACE DELEGATION NOT AFFECTED

By the Harsh Denunciation Made by The French Press.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, April 9 .- The harsh denunciation of the American peace delegation by the French press and charges that the ordering of the transport George Washington to come to Brest before its regular time is nothing short of blackmail, have not affected the Amer-

ican delegation, who are not surprised at the newspaper criticism. While the Americans repeaterly reaffirm their belief that considerable progress has been made in the last three days, one member remarked to

day "It is not a bad idea to have the ship at Brest, ready for return."

Comment From Paris Paper. Paris, April 9 .- "We do not accuse our allies of forgetting what France has done," says the Matin today, "but nevertheless men knowing that Presilent Wilson has summoned to Brest he ship which is to take him back to America saw in this natural order an

opportunity for blackmail. "They made with the disapproval of Americans who are friends of 111 France, a bold-faced attempt at intim-'If you are not for accommodation,' they went all over the city saying, 'our president will return and you can extricate yourself from your difficulty by yourselves'."

TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS WITH THE BOLSHEVIKI

Allied Delegation Goes Into Lines Under a Flag of Truce. (By The Associated Press.) With the American Army South of Obozerskaya, North Russia, Monday, April 7.—An allied delegation went

garding an exchange of prisoners. The delegation, which consisted of one American and two British officers, was escorted by American troops and an American bugler. WAR GIFTS NOT EXEMPT.

Income Taxes Must Be Paid on Red Cross and Other Donations. Washington, D C., April 7.-Big corporations cannot escape or dodge inome taxes by including in expense accounts gifts and donations to Red Cross and similar organizations. All efforts in that direction have failed, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will proceed to collect the tax. This means that approximately \$60,000,000 will be

saved to the Treasury. The recognition of women by the regularly organized political parties is not altogether new. It is recalled that not altogether new. It is recalled that almost half a century ago in 1870 the Massachusetts Republican conven