

WEATHER
Probably showers tonight and Saturday. Gentle to moderate west winds becoming variable.

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A AMERICAN TROOPS GO TO THE FRONT; ITALIAN OFFENSIVE GAINS GROUND

FIRST CORPS TO GO AGAINST THE GERMANS

They Are Under Command of Captain Pinkham, Who Won the War Cross During the Battle of Verdun.

All Are Husky Youngsters and Mostly Under-Graduates From Cornell University Sent to France.

From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press, Grand Headquarters of the French Army in France, May 24.—The First American combatant corps went to the front today under Captain E. I. Pinkham and Lieutenant Cully of Princeton. Captain Pinkham won the war cross at Verdun.

It was a proud moment when the first detachment of American field service consisting mainly of Cornell under graduates departed for the Aisne battlefield. They were armed with carbines, attired in khaki uniform and drove American five ton motor cars. As they left the stars and stripe floating over the cantonment in the breeze and other cantonments cheered them.

They are all strong young men, many of them civil engineers and they show an adaptability to meet any circumstances. Most of them intended to serve with the American ambulance but selected the fighting corps after the United States entered the war.

FREIGHT RATES TO BE TALKED TONIGHT

Manufacturers and Shippers From Several Sections of State to Discuss Advances This Evening.

Prominent shippers and manufacturers representing several sections of the state will meet this evening at the Elwood hotel with the local members of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' association to discuss the proposed advances in freight tariffs which the representatives of several railroad companies have petitioned the corporation commission to be allowed to put in force. The rate on freight to interstate points as well as the chief shipping centers would be materially increased, so local men state, and would serve to put an additional burden on the manufacturers. It is probable that steps will be taken to lodge a strong objection with the corporation commission in behalf of the manufacturers and shippers of the state.

ANOTHER LOAN MADE TO GREAT BRITAIN BY UNITED STATES

Washington, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain today by the United States bringing the total loan thus far to \$400,000,000 and the total of loans to all the allies to \$745,000,000. The payment of \$75,000,000 also was made today and the report of \$100,000,000 loan made to Russia sometime ago made public today. The Italian government recently received a loan of \$25,000,000.

Cotton.

New York, May 25.—Still higher prices were reached in the cotton market here today with all active deliveries selling about 21 points net higher. The market opened at an advance of 19 to 20 points. This advance made considerable before the openings were observed with the market selling 29 to 35 points higher before the end of the first half. July sold at 21.45 and October at 21.07 or 57 to 60 points below the low level reached yesterday.

Cotton futures opened firm: July 21.25, Oct. 20.98, Dec. 21.07, Jan. 21.00, March 21.26.

Miss Minnie Lambeth, of Brown Summit, is the guest of friends and relatives in the city.

MODIFIED CENSORSHIP IS PLANNED BY THE SENATE

Washington, May 25.—Conferees on the espionage bill met today to draft a modified censorship section which they believe would be acceptable to both the senate, formerly opposed to all censorship, and the house, which has inserted a drastic censorship in the bill. The compromise would give the President authority to forbid publication of certain information considered military but would not prohibit editorial criticism of officials and policies. The new proposal has administrative support.

DRESS PARADE IS HELD BY VETERANS

Members of Local Camp Confederate Veterans Array Themselves in New Uniforms.

The members of the High Point camp United Confederate Veterans gathered at the hall last evening at 7:30 o'clock and for the first time in many years, a dress parade was held. The new uniforms to be worn to the Washington reunion had arrived and the "boys" had to try them on. The uniforms were excellent fits and the privates of 1861-65 looked like generals last night. One of the oldest members of the camp, a mere "lad" of 84 years, stated that the color was very familiar but that the new suits had more buttons than any of the general's uniforms during the four year struggle. The uniforms were unanimously adopted, however.

The meeting was called to have the veterans sign application blanks to the county commissioners for appropriations to pay half their expenses to the Washington reunion early next month and about half the members of the High Point camp will make the trip with the county paying half the expense.

ACTION OF FORD COMPANY IS PROBED

Investigation is Held in Raleigh on the Sherman Anti-Trust Law.

Raleigh, May 25.—Complaint that the Ford Motor company through its agency in Charlotte is violating that section of the anti-trust law which provides that the sale of goods on conditions that purchasers shall not deal with rival concerns is illegal was being investigated at a hearing here today by J. S. Manning, attorney general. Numerous auto dealers were summoned.

The Ford company has not revoked contracts with any dealers because they sold other cars in addition, it was said, but testimony indicated the company required dealers to carry no other line. Infringement to the law entails a fine of not less than \$1,000 for each violation and upon the outcome of the investigation will depend whether the state will prosecute.

WANTS COMPENSATION PLAN FOR FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS FIXED

Washington, May 25.—Foreign system of compensation for the families of soldiers are under study by the government with view to instituting an insurance plan for the American forces. Assistant Secretary Sweet, of the commerce department, who has the subject in charge, has conferred with members of the British commission. Many plans have been suggested and a number of persons interested have sent in drafts of legislation.

"There have been many abuses of the pension system" said Mr. Sweet today, "and a program should be worked out in advance of dispatching troops."

Mrs. C. P. Coble and children have gone to Florence, S. C. to spend some time as the guests of her parents.

NEW GAG LAW PERFECTED IN CONFERENCE

Modified Censorship, at the Personal Insistence of Mr. Wilson, is Prepared for Introduction in Both Houses.

Sentiment Among Members of the Senate Finance Committee is For Reducing War Revenue—Burden Too Heavy.

Washington, May 25.—Conferees on the espionage bill have drawn a so-called modified censorship section which will be brought before the Congress with the influence of the administration for inclusion in the present bill. It must be accepted by both houses to become a part of the bill.

The wording of the new section confines prohibited publication exclusively to military information and retains the provision that a jury shall decide whether information is useful to the enemy. It is considered a more liberal section than others proposed by the administration.

The conferees also agreed on the senate amendment to empower the President to declare export embargoes. It is designed to prevent shipping of supplies to Germany. The agreements will be presented tomorrow.

Hope prevailed among supporters of censorship that most of the Democrats and some Republicans, despite the fact that house Republicans have voted against all forms of censorship, would support it. The new section is the result of President Wilson's personal insistence on censorship. Recently he called the senate conferees to the White House and told them one must be included. Doubtful of its success they agreed to prepare one.

The conferees also agreed subject only to formal action tomorrow to the senate amendments extending the use of search warrants for a censorship of the mails.

Sentiment among members of the senate finance committee considering the war revenue bill was said to be in favor of reducing the total amounts carried as passed by the house from \$1,800,000,000 to about \$1,250,000,000 and of raising the difference by short term bonds.

This question was up for determination when the committee resumed revision. Most of the committee members are understood to favor the proposed reduction on the ground that the house levy is too great a burden to be borne this year.

EXPLAINS DRAFT LAW TO THE GOVERNORS

Only Persons in Military Service Are Exempted from Army Registration.

Washington, May 25.—The following telegram was today forwarded to the governors of all states further explaining the registration under the selective conscription law by Provost Marshall General Crowder:

"The only exceptions are persons in the military and naval service of the United States which includes all officers enlisted and enlisted in the regular army and regular army reserves and officer's reserve corps, the enlisted reserve corps, national guard, national guard reserve corps, recognized by the military bureau of the war department, the navy and marine corps, and naval military and marine reserve corps."

BRAZIL WILL GIVE THE U. S. HER CO-OPERATION

Rio Janeiro, May 25.—According to a local paper it was decided at a meeting of the parliamentary and diplomatic commissions to adopt the principal of revocation of Brazil's neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany and to police the south Atlantic with the fleet.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS U-BOAT WAR DOOMED

Shipping Losses for May Show a Reduction Compared With Those of April, British Premier Announces.

With Weight of America Thrown Into the Balance Victory is Certain to Follow for the Allies, Says Statesman.

London, May 25.—The shipping losses for May will probably show a reduction over the April figures, according to an announcement today in the house of commons by Premier Lloyd George.

"Now that the American nation is in the war it is easier to protect our merchant marine than it was before," Mr. Lloyd George said.

There is no danger of starvation because of the German submarine blockade, Mr. Lloyd George said, but the strictest economy and an increased food production are essential to the success of the allies.

There is no danger, Mr. Lloyd George emphasized, that the war will be lost because of the German submarine warfare. The Germans, he said, are depending greatly on the accomplishments of their submarines, and are doomed to disappointment, Mr. Lloyd George continued.

"The German submarine warfare is destined to be the greatest miscalculation in the whole series of miscalculations of that fated empire."

HOW PETER ESCAPED FROM HEROD'S JAIL

Subject of Sermon That Was Inspiring by Rev. J. A. Clarke at Baptist Church.

"How a Man Got Out of Jail" was the subject of a most interesting sermon at the First Baptist church last night. The house was almost filled, and the singing stirring and uplifting. Mr. Rogers, who is leading the singing for Mr. Clarke is one of the best gospel song leaders High Point ever had.

The discourse of Mr. Clarke's was taken from Acts 12th chapter, the account of the Apostle Peter who was imprisoned by Herod. In an interesting way it was shown that Peter was imprisoned, guarded by sixteen soldiers, bound by two chains; and slept between two soldiers for his safe keeping, yet he made his escape.

First by what the church did. The church prayed without ceasing for the Apostle Peter while in jail. In making his application to this point Mr. Clarke pointed the church to its duty regarding those round about imprisoned by sin. In no uncertain terms the speaker declared that the church was too much asleep, and many of its members a stumbling block in the way of sinners.

He next showed that Peter made his escape by what God did. He did what the church could not do. "The church's extremity is God's opportunity. God cares not for iron bars and bolted doors," said Mr. Clarke. "The church did its part, and God finished the job. He always does. The only reason God is not doing great and miraculous things more today is because that which the church could easily do is left undone," he declared. "The devil has his jails and in them his prisoners, but none of them are beyond God's power to save. Mel Trotter, Sam Hadley, Jerry McAuley and the Apostle Paul were used to illustrate this point."

Lastly, it was pointed out that Peter made his escape by what he himself did. He obeyed the command of the angel when he said "Arise quickly and follow me." "You, my friends, who are living apart from God, let me say that the church while it fails in many ways, tries to do some things for your salvation, and God is ever ready to receive you, but if you are ever saved it will be when you are willing to arise and obey God when he says 'Follow me.'"

ROAR OF GUNS IS HEARD IN PORT OF TRIEST

Italian Commander is Following Out Tactics of Anglo-French, Delivering Mighty Blows At Vital Points.

Strange Reports of Democratic Sweep Come From Austria on Eve of the Assembling of Parliament.

Austrian official statements supplementing the announcement from Rome indicate that the Italian offensive is growing in importance and extent. General Cadorna is apparently making a supreme effort for a decision and the brilliant successes he has won have aroused high hopes.

The Italian commander is apparently following the Anglo-French tactics of striking mighty alternative blows at the enemy's flanks.

The roar of his guns can already be heard in Triest but the wilderness of Volcanic rocks and caves which lie between him and his goal makes rapid advance a practical impossibility.

The most advanced Italian posts are scarcely more than 10 miles from the great Austrian naval base but this distance is not to be compared with an equal extent in open country.

The Italian blow is struck at a time when political conditions in Austria have reached an acute phase. The resignation of Count Tisa, "iron man" of the dual monarchy and staunch pillar of pan Germanism and Junkdom, comes on the eve of the assembling of the Austrian parliament, a step bitterly fought by the bureaucrats since the outbreak of the war and as bitterly contended for by the democratic leaders.

The two events give decided color to the numerous reports that the young emperor has democratic leanings and is consequently opposed to the Junker ring in Berlin.

No change of importance is reported from any of the other war theaters. The British are preparing for another drive on the Arras battlefield and reports of bad weather on the front may possibly delay the blow.

In Russia minister of war Kerensky is working to restore the morale of the Russian army and is reported to have met with considerable success.

TERM OF COURT FOR TRIAL LOCAL CASES

Only High Point Cases Will Be Tried During Coming Term—To Set Docket Tomorrow.

The one-week term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, which will start June 11, has been set aside for the trial of High Point cases only. Tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock Clerk of Court Mason W. Gant or one of his deputies will meet with the members of the High Point bar in the municipal courtroom on Jordan street for the purpose of setting the calendar. Every attorney of the city who is interested in any suit to be tried during the one week of court is requested to be present at this meeting. So far as is known, the coming term of court is the first that was ever set aside for the trial of High Point cases.

Ban on Horse Racing.

Newmarket, Eng., May 25.—The ban on horse racing is having a serious effect on the price of horses. After running in the Two Thousand Guinea trial plate, a thoroughbred named "Minister Bell" was sold for two guineas. This is believed to be the lowest price ever paid for a thoroughbred horse.

Negro Electrocutted Today. Raleigh, May 25.—Bunk Maske, negro, was electrocuted in the penitentiary here today for murder last March of Edgar Williams, a member of the police force of Wingate. The negro killed the officer while resisting arrest.

U. S. STEEL LEADS THE GENERAL STOCK LIST

New York, May 25.—United States steel led the general list of securities to fresh high ground today in an extraordinary bull movement accompanied by trading. In the first hour more than half a million shares changed hands. Shipping, coppers, oils and specialties also were extremely active and strong.

The character of the trading indicated a general public interest. Realizing for profit caused moderate unsettlement before noon. This was accentuated by reactionary tendencies in rails.

Steel and related stocks reacted one to two points but moved forward again in the early afternoon when steel exceeded its previous record at 1.34. Sales to 1 o'clock totaled 1,100,000 shares.

BANKERS ORGANIZE LIBERTY LOAN CLUB

J. Elwood Cox, of This City, Heads Organization to Further Sale of Bonds.

To further the sale of "liberty loan" bonds to the people of Guilford county, a number of representatives of the leading banks of the county met yesterday at Greensboro and organized the Liberty Loan club of Guilford county. J. Elwood Cox, of this city, is president of the club. E. P. Wharton, of the Greensboro National bank, vice president, and W. E. Allen, of the Greensboro Loan and Trust company, secretary. A board of control was chosen, composed of a representative from each of the banks of the county. Following the organization yesterday the officers of the club met with the chamber of commerce and the Merchants' association and spoke of plans.

Mr. Cox said that the government's \$2,000,000,000 war issue of bonds makes it incumbent upon the people to buy freely. To take the issue, it would require 6 per cent of the total resources of the banks in the country. The resources of the national banks are \$14,000,000,000 and of the other banks about \$18,000,000,000. Therefore it is not healthful for business for the banks to absorb the loan. They can do the clerical work, but the bonds should be bought by the people. The Guilford club of bankers therefore wants the assistance of all the associations of business men and others in the county to help in popularizing the purchase of bonds.

Mr. Cox said his bank in High Point, the Commercial National, had subscribed for \$100,000 worth of the bonds and has arranged to sell bonds to the people on the installment plan. For a \$50 bond, a citizen may subscribe through his bank, paying \$1 a week until the full amount is paid. The bank clips the first two semi-annual coupons. Mr. Cox said that in addition to being a patriotic act, the purchase of the liberty bonds is a good investment, because the bonds pay 3 1/2 per cent and would pay more should the government have to issue 4 per cent or higher priced bonds before the war is over. The 3 1/2 bonds are interchangeable for any issue of higher percentage rate.

Mr. King followed Mr. Cox to the floor. He said the people will have to buy the bonds in order to leave the banks with plenty of money to keep business moving. Everybody should subscribe through the local banks, because the government leaves the money on deposit where the bonds were bought until it is needed.

The North Carolina share in the \$2,000,000,000 is \$10,500,000 and the bankers here yesterday want Guilford to lead the counties of the state in subscriptions. The meeting yesterday adjourned to this afternoon at the same hour, when plans will be made to encourage general popular subscription to the bonds.

BRAZIL TO TAKE OVER ALL THE GERMAN SHIPS

Rio Janeiro, May 25.—It is stated that parliament will order the confiscation of all German ships in the ports of the country as soon as the report of inquiry into the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Tijuca, made at Bordeaux, is received.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASE HERE IS ALARMING

Proposed Increase North Carolina Roads Are Asking Would Increase Cost of Production of Many Articles.

Radius of Shipments of High Point Products Would Be Restricted, Traffic Expert Explains in Statement.

Many large manufacturers and shippers of High Point are very much alarmed at the proposal of the railroads to make marked advances in freight rates which it is believed will greatly increase the cost of their products and at the same time restrict the markets to a very narrow radius. Officials of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers' association stated today that its members in North Carolina will immediately file protest with the corporation commission against the advances proposed being allowed to take effect as they are considered exorbitant and unreasonable. Further, it is stated that should the increase in tariff be permitted, manufacturers in other states can ship furniture points in North Carolina at a lower rate than can the local manufacturers. Furniture is not the only commodity that will be affected should the increase be granted, for practically every commodity will have a raise in freight rates, in some instances as high as 200 per cent.

Today a traffic expert was asked for a statement on the freight rate problem by The Enterprise and his statement rather clearly sets forth just what will come to pass provided the railroads are permitted to make the advances in rates as they petition the corporation commission to be allowed. The statement follows:

"The principal railroads of North Carolina on May 15 filed a petition with the corporation commission to be permitted to publish exorbitantly advanced rates on all traffic moving within North Carolina.

"Papers throughout the state have published brief items stating that the railroads all over the country were asking advances in all rates because of various increases in operation costs. This increase is covered by a blanket petition to increase all rates 15 per cent over those now in effect. If granted the increase will become effective July 1.

"The Southern railway, effective May 15, advanced all rates based on a mileage scale on interstate traffic, which results in material increases. For instance, the fourth class rate, which covers building material and many other important commodities in less than carload shipments, were advanced from High Point to points in Virginia as follows: to South Boston, 75 per cent; to Amelia, 47 per cent; to Union Level, 50 per cent; to Churchland, 43 per cent.

"To these advanced rates they are now asking to add an additional increase of 15 per cent, which would make the increase over the rates in effect prior to May 20 varying from 65 to 118 per cent.

"Following this step they are now petitioning for rates higher than have ever been in effect in North Carolina, which if permitted to become effective will seriously handicap the shippers and manufacturers of all commodities within the state.

"It is the belief of manufacturers and shippers that the railroads should be permitted some advance in their rates to meet in part the temporarily inflated costs of operation, but the railroads state in their petition that any advance allowed will not be of a temporary nature, but is intended to be permanent. They state 'Your petitioners do not wish to be understood as expressing belief that their necessities for higher rates as herein set forth are of a temporary nature. Your petitioners are hopeful that the next few years will bring some relief in the way of lessening some of these costs, but they believe that many of their present high costs may

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