

WEATHER
Partly overcast tonight; Saturday probably showers; with variable winds.

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PORT OF NEW YORK HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS

3 U. S. SHIPS ARE SUNK BY THE U-BOATS

No Explanation Given of the Close-Incoming Steamers Permitted to Pass into Harbor This Morning.

Steel Gate in the Net About the City Harbor Was Closed for First Time This Morning and Officials Are Silent.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, June 1.—For reasons which navy and customs officials refused to reveal the port of New York was for a good part of the forenoon closed today to all shipping and the passage of vessels in and out was barred by shutting the gate in the steel net closing the harbor. The gate was reopened at 12:20.
New York, June 1.—The port of New York was closed at daylight today to outgoing vessels not even fishing boats or barges being permitted to pass out. Arriving steamers were permitted to enter. The cause of the closing was not made known. Shortly after the order prohibiting vessels from leaving became known preparations were made to close the gate in the net that stretches across the mouth of the harbor. The gate has not been closed in the daytime since it was placed in position soon after diplomatic relations with Germany were severed. Navy yards and custom officials refused information.

London, May 31.—(Delayed)—The American sailing ship *Dirigo* has been sunk by a German submarine. The crew has been landed with the exception of John Ray, third mate, who was drowned when the small boats were being launched. A statement issued by the admiralty says that the *Dirigo* was attacked by a German submarine which gave no warning. The ship was sunk by bombs after it had been ransacked by the crew of the submarine. The sinking occurred May 31 and the crew was landed at Plymouth.

The American sailing ship *Francis M.* was attacked by a German submarine on May 18, according to a report from Cadix, Spain, given out today by the admiralty. All the members of the crew are at Cadix.

The admiralty reports that the American sailing vessel *Barbara* was attacked by gunfire of a German submarine at seven o'clock on the morning of May 24. All the members of the crew were landed at Gibraltar.

Lieutenant Resigns.
Raleigh, June 1.—The resignation of Lieutenant John R. Ashe, attached to the sanitary department of the coast artillery of the state forces has been accepted and Dr. James H. Bangle, of Charlotte, has been commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the command of the detachment, it was announced today.

Baseball Club Helps Red Cross.
Chicago, June 1.—Charles A. Comiskey, president of the Chicago American League baseball club last night sent a check to the Red Cross for \$2,939.54, representing 10 per cent of the receipts of 10 games in which the White Sox participated recently. Comiskey previously had sent \$2,109.11 to the Red Cross.

Cereal Losses 6 Per Cent.
London, June 1.—Great Britain's losses in cereal ships has been only 6 per cent, according to a statement made to the Associated Press today by Kennedy Jones, director of food economy. The ministry of food, he added, had made allowances for loss of 25 per cent of this kind of shipping.

No Safe Passage.
Paris, June 1.—Premier Ribot today announced in the chamber of deputies that the government would not aid the voyage of socialists to the socialist congress at Stockholm.

Bombs Dropped on Belgium.
London, June 1.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped by British airmen on the Belgian towns of Ostend, Zeebrugge and Burgoyne, says an official statement this afternoon.

TURNED DOWN THE RAILROAD TRACKS

Directions Were Accepted Too Literally, However, and Going Was Very Bad.

A rather unusual accident which, fortunately, did not result in injury to any of the parties concerned, occurred last night shortly after 9 o'clock a short distance west of the passenger station of the Southern railway when a Ford automobile driven by J. L. Allen, of Hopewell, Va., and having Ed Conwell, of Hopewell, as a passenger, collided with northbound passenger train No. 12. The machine was wrecked and the occupants escaped without suffering anything worse than a scare.

While on Main street the man driving the car asked the direction to take to go to Salisbury and the reply was "Down the railroad tracks," the words being accompanied by a gesture to convey the general direction to be taken. The driver of the car apparently accepted the remarks as literally as could be, for he drove to the crossing just below the passenger station and then turned down the railroad tracks, just as suggested by the citizen who was handing out information.

Northbound train No. 12 with a huge engine doing the pulling, came in sight around the curve and the little Ford rumbled right along. Perhaps the driver did not notice the rails of the track as he sped along, for the lines are well ballasted there and make a very good road for almost any kind of traffic, that of engines and railroad cars especially. The train slowed down as much as possible but the slackened speed did not save the henny—it was wrecked. The occupants are stopping in the city while the Ford car that bucked a locomotive now rests peacefully and almost in pieces by the wayside.

TYPHOID OUTBREAK HAS BEEN CHECKED, IS REPORT

Raleigh, June 1.—Since the outbreak of typhoid in Canton, Haywood county, on April 7 about 120 cases of the disease have developed, several terminating fatally, it was learned today.

Investigation has developed that the disease was caused by impure water and although the state board of health has taken precautions the period of incubation is such that it may yet be several days before the epidemic will have run its course.

COAST ARTILLERY COMPANIES ARE GIVEN CREDITABLE PRAISE

Raleigh, June 1.—Too much cannot be said in praise of the Coast Artillery companies of the North Carolina national guards, according to Captain Wm. H. Pace, United States army, who has returned here after a tour of inspection and instruction at the various points where the units are located. Captain Pace said today that with one exception all the companies are practically at full war strength, and the one company behind probably had its full quota at the present time.

REDUCE CANTONMENTS FROM THIRTY-TWO TO ONLY SIXTEEN

Washington, June 1.—It was explained at the war department today that the cantonments from 32 to 16 and quarter decision to reduce the number of army camps was reached because the cantonment system had been found to be an expensive as expected. The sites of the 16 camps have not been settled. So far as possible the tents will be in the south.

WILL CELEBRATE THE BIRTH DAY OF JEFFERSON DAVIS

Mobile, June 1.—Veterans of the G. A. R. and Confederacy will unite with the Daughters of the Confederacy here this afternoon in celebrating the birthday anniversary of Jefferson Davis Sunday next. They will parade the streets prior to the beginning of the exercises.

Henry Grove Resigns as President.
Philadelphia, June 1.—Henry S. Grove yesterday resigned as president of the William Cramp and Sons ship and engine building company and was succeeded by H. W. Hand, vice-president and general manager. Mr. Grove was elected chairman of the board of directors and J. H. Mull, another official of the company, succeeded Mr. Hand.

RECRUITING IN THE STATE PICKS UP

But About 4,500 More Men Are Needed for Full War Strength by National Guard.

Raleigh, June 1.—Statistics obtained today from the office of the adjutant general show that since April 1, 1914 enlisted men have been recruited by those units of the North Carolina national guard not in federal service. 345 of these men were recruited between May 29 and May 31.

Recruiting by units which are in federal service and which includes the second infantry and two companies of engineers is believed heavy in proportion. About 4,500 more are needed to bring all units to full strength.

OATH OF OFFICE IS GIVEN THE NEW CITY OFFICIALS ON TODAY

The oath of office was administered this morning to J. Allen Austin, as judge of the municipal court, and Walter Royak, as solicitor. During the morning Mayor Ragan also swore in the six patrolmen elected by the city council yesterday afternoon.

PREACHER ARRESTED FOR "SEDITIONARY STATEMENTS"

Minneapolis, Minn., June 1.—Rev. Charles L. Lehmer, pastor of the Central German Methodist Episcopal church, was arrested here yesterday by agents of the department of justice on a warrant charging him with making seditious statements in denouncing the liberty loan.

COTTON

New York, June 1.—The cotton market was quiet during today's early trading with operators waiting for the reports. The opening was steady at an advance of 5 to 9 points with July selling at 21.81 and Oct. at 21.30 during the early trading or about 8 to 10 points higher.

Cotton futures opened steady: July, 21.78; October, 21.25; December, 21.36; January, 21.39; March, 21.68.

Chinese May Build Submarines.

Peking, June 1.—The minister of the navy, Chen Pih-quan, has submitted a proposal to the Chinese cabinet for the construction of 30 submarines to assist in the protection of the Chinese coast. No action has been taken as yet by the government on the recommendation.

Chicago, June 1.—A setback was given wheat prices today by news of the closing of the port of New York to outgoing vessels. Opening prices which ranged from unchanged to 1 cent higher were followed by a break below yesterday's finish.

Sentences of Finns Remitted.

Petrograd, via London, June 1.—The provisional government on the proposal of the Finnish senate, has proclaimed the complete or partial remission of sentences pronounced on all Finnish citizens for crimes or offenses committed prior to March 20, 1917.

American Gives Prizes in Nice.

Nice, June 1.—H. W. Barol, an American resident here, has given 125,000 francs to the ministry of marine as prizes for officers and gunners on merchantmen who sink marines. The money is to be distributed in prizes of 5,000 francs.

Italy Gets \$100,000,000 More.

Washington, June 1.—Formal conferences between the Italian mission and American officials today reached the stage where it seemed probable another loan of \$100,000,000 would be made to Italy.

No Chance to Evade Service.

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson in a proclamation today warns all persons seeking to avoid registration by leaving the country that they expose themselves to prosecution and service eventually.

SHOOT DOWN TWO ENEMY MACHINES IN ONE MINUTE

Paris, June 1.—Captain George Guymer, most famous of all French army aviators, has brought down five more German airplanes, two of them in one minute. The captain now is credited with having destroyed 41 enemy machines. Between May 11 and 31 the French airmen brought down 32 German machines and 57 others are believed to have fallen to earth behind the German lines.

MAY DISCONTINUE PASSENGER TRAINS

Railroad Commissions of South Carolina and Tennessee Allow Southern to Lay Off Trains.

(Special to The Enterprise.)
Atlanta, June 1.—The railroad commissions of South Carolina and Tennessee have granted the request made by the Southern Railway system for permission to discontinue some of its passenger train service as a necessary war measure, according to advice received here today by Vice President E. H. Coapman, who announces that they are the first states to act on the petition.

The advice stated that the commission in South Carolina and Tennessee met and without delay acted favorably, granting the petitions in full upon the showing made by the Southern that the step was essential to the interests of the government during the war.

MISS DONALDSON'S SAD DEATH AT DANVILLE, VA.

Danville, Va., June 1.—An unusually sad death was recorded here early yesterday when Miss Helen Murray Donaldson, aged 23, passed away at the home of her mother after an illness of 10 days. The young woman developed a serious internal complaint and as soon as a proper diagnosis had been made she was hastened to the hospital, where she was operated upon. Another operation followed a few days later, but it was seen then that nothing could be done for her. She was a graduate of the Blackstone Female institute and was born and raised in this city.

OLIN S. DEAN IS ELECTED PROFESSOR IN DAVENPORT

Laurel, June 1.—Olin S. Dean, of the Cullowhee Normal school, has been elected professor of English in Davenport college and will enter upon his new duties at the beginning of the fall session. Mr. Dean has been professor in English in the Cullowhee school for five years and prior to that was president of Weaver college, North Carolina, and Mansfield college, Louisiana.

His coming to Davenport was decided upon at the recent meeting of the board of trustees and his election is considered a most fortunate one for the college.

AGED LADY IS DEAD IN NASH COUNTY, AGED 77

Rocky Mount, June 1.—Mrs. Francis C. May, age 77, who resides at the residence of P. H. May, in Red Oak township, Nash county, died last night. She is survived by two grandchildren, Geo. May, who lives near here, and Wiley T. May, who is at the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet.

FAYETTEVILLE MEN TO SEE GENERAL WOOD

Fayetteville, June 1.—A delegation composed of Postmaster J. B. Underwood, W. F. Smith, John G. Shaw, T. H. Sutton, president of the chamber of commerce and Mayor J. D. McNeill, went to Charleston yesterday to see Major General Wood in the interest of the proposed training camp for Fayetteville, which has been frantically recommended by Col. B. J. Hunt.

STRIKES BREAK OUT IN MANY PETROGRAD FACTORIES

London, June 1.—Strikes or other measures to paralyze production have been decided upon in more than 130 of the largest factories in Petrograd most of which are engaged in war work. Reuters correspondents at Petrograd telegraphed.

Capt. Wm. T. R. Bell Dead.

Richmond, Va., June 1.—Capt. Wm. T. R. Bell, 73 years old, a Confederate veteran and widely known educator, who formerly conducted a military academy at Kings Mountain, N. C., died yesterday at the home of his daughter, this city. His body will be taken to Rutherfordton, N. C., for burial.

Reproductions of Sculpture.

Mexico City, June 1.—Reproductions of some of the more famous examples of Aztec sculpture have been sent by the Mexican government as a gift to Rodin the French sculptor. Rodin in return has promised to send a reproduction of one of his works to be placed in the national academy of fine arts in Mexico City.

FRENCH WILL RENEW THEIR BIG ATTACKS

Dispatches Today Indicate That Everything is Being Made Ready For a New and Gigantic Drive.

British, Who Have Only Been Making Raids, Are Starting Attacks in Force at Several Old Positions.

(By Associated Press.)
On the French front in France, May 31.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Between April 15 and May 24 the number of German prisoners taken by the French reached a total of 31,829, of whom 28,045 were unaccounted. This period covers three phases of the general attack now abated, which the French undoubtedly will continue when the moment arrives.

Dispatches from the French front in France today indicate a renewal of the offensive against the Germans there as soon as the moment is considered ripe for an attack. The French are in more advantageous positions than when they began their offensive in April and are still further improving their positions from time to time in local thrusts.

One of the minor but collectively important operations was carried out last night when a German post near Craonne was captured.

The British on their front to the north are again reporting gains after a period in which only raids were started. The advance was scored in the region of Cherley between Croiselles and the Arras-Cambrai road. In one of their big attacks during the height of the Arras battle British troops were reported to have reached this point but were not able to hold it. They now have pushed forward in the west.

CIVILIAN ASKED TO INSPECT THE SOLACE

Secretary Daniels Wants Civilian Commission to Inspect the Hospital Ships.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, June 1.—A civilian commission will inspect the naval hospital ship *Solace* and other naval vessels at the request of Secretary Daniels, to form their own conclusions as to the navy's methods of handling the sick.

The secretary said today he had determined upon this course so a complete study might be made of the whole problem of medical and sanitary precautions for the naval service.

ORDERED TO LEAVE CENSORSHIP CLAUSE IN BILL FOR FUTURE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, June 1.—The administration espionage bill, with its newspaper censorship clause, again today was in the hands of the joint conference with instructions from the house to eliminate the censorship proposal. The action of the house is regarded as ending for the present the administration fight for a war censorship, although there was no definite indication today from the President that further steps may be taken to enact the legislation.

OBJECTORS TO CONSCRIPTION ARE PLACED IN BASTILLE

Kansas City, June 1.—Many objectors to the conscription law in Kansas City and in the territory are in jail today as the result of the activities during the last two days of federal agents here and in other cities.

SOLDIERS START RIOTS IN SPAIN; ARREST OFFICERS

Madrid, June 1.—Disorders, participated in by soldiers, have occurred in Barcelona. Several officers have been imprisoned in the fortress.

Meet at Morehead City.

Fayetteville, June 1.—James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, president of the state women's association, announced today that the executive committee has accepted an invitation from Morehead City to hold the annual convention there this year. The meeting will be held from July 24 to 26 inclusive.

Mr. McNeill stated that because of war conditions the tournament will not be held.

BLAST AS RESULT OF PLOT HURTS 13

Cleveland, O., June 1.—A terrific explosion of dynamite early today in a frame store and apartment building on Woodland avenue demolished the building and injured 13 persons, three of whom are in hospitals. Physicians say all will recover. Police are investigating on the theory that the blast was the result of a plot.

VETERANS READY TO GO TO WASHINGTON

Seventeen Members of the High Point Camp Will Attend the Reunion.

All veterans who applied to the county board of commissioners for assistance to defray their expenses to Washington to attend the annual reunion of Confederate veterans, are asked to meet Adjutant A. M. Idol at the headquarters of the local camp Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Idol has received the vouchers from the commissioners and is ready to issue them to the "boys" who are going to make a victorious advance on the capital of the nation.

The uniforms of the camp members who will attend the Washington reunion have all arrived and the veterans will be attired in the regulation Confederate uniform from head to foot when the start is made. Before leaving the city the famous "Rebel Yell," of which there has never been an imitation half successful will be practiced until High Point's feelings are to the task of making Washington sit up and observe.

The members of the High Point camp who will attend the reunion are L. J. Wood, N. W. Beeson, J. E. Brooks, John Carroll, Thomas J. Folwell, A. J. Dodamead, R. P. Hutchins, A. M. Idol, O. C. Jones, H. C. Lewis, J. B. Little, A. W. Samuel, A. H. Samuel, James Southern, Joe Payne, William Marsh, J. W. Thrift and perhaps others.

COTTON CONDITION IS REPORTED FOR THE SOUTH THIS YEAR

Washington, June 1.—The condition of the cotton crop on May 25 was 69.5 per cent of a normal compared with 77.5 last year and 79.1 the May twenty-fifth ten year average, the department of agriculture announced today in its first report. The acreage planted to cotton will not be announced until July.

Condition of the cotton crops by states follow:
Virginia, 75; North Carolina, 63; South Carolina, 70.

DEATH LIST FROM TORNADES IN WEST CONTINUE TO GROW

(By Associated Press.)
St. Louis, June 1.—The death list of the tornado in southeastern Missouri and southern Illinois swelled to 79, according to scattered reports received here. Hundreds were injured and homeless but relief has been prompt and it is not believed much suffering has resulted.

PASSAGE OF FOOD BILL DELAYED IN THE HOUSE

Washington, June 1.—Passage by the senate of the administration's first food bill probably will not occur before tomorrow. Final action was delayed by a number of proposed amendments which were yet to be disposed of.

Work of perfecting the bill to authorize a food administration and price fixing, second of the government measures, was continued today by the house committee.

CHARTER GRANTED CONCORD HOTEL COMPANY TODAY

Raleigh, June 1.—The American Hotel company of Concord, capitalized at \$50,000 was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to engage in the hotel business.

An amendment to the charter of the Cade Manufacturing company, of Shelby, Cleveland county, increasing its stock from \$50,000 to \$1,500,000, was filed.

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A. L. RIDGE IS KILLED BY AN ELECTRIC CAR

Caught Between N. C. P. S. Switch Engine and Lumber Pile, and Life is Crushed From His Body Instantly.

Accident Happened At Four O'clock This Morning At the Tate Furniture Factory on East Green Street.

A. L. Ridge, conductor in charge of the shifter of the North Carolina Public Service company, was almost instantly killed this morning shortly after 4 o'clock when his body struck a pile of lumber in the yard of the Tate Furniture Manufacturing company, on Perry street. Immediately after the accident physicians were summoned and they arrived on the scene in five minutes but by that time life was extinct. The effects of the contact with the pile of lumber were such that the deceased was terribly bruised about the body.

According to the report of the matter made to the officials of the Public Service company, Mr. Ridge was on the front of the shifter as it went into the yard of the furniture company to take up some cars. One hand was holding the rail provided for the purpose and the conductor swung out to one side to wave the electric shifter forward. The signal was obeyed when the conductor was struck by the pile of lumber, he being knocked from the shifter, which was stopped in time to prevent the body being badly mangled.

The deceased was married and resided on Centennial avenue. Surviving are the widow and four children, none of whom are very large or old. Mr. Ridge for some time was engaged in the furniture business in the city and was very well and favorably known. He was 25 years old and as conductor in charge of the shifting crew engaged to transfer cars over the street car line of the city to the different railways from the many manufacturing plants, had gained a number of friends by his attention to duty.

The funeral services over the remains will be conducted from the family home, 208 Centennial avenue, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services will be in charge of Dr. S. Water Newlin, pastor of the Friends church. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

NEED NOT ANSWER EXEMPTION CLAUSE

Efforts Made to Quell Anti-Conscription Demonstrations Over the Country.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, June 1.—With only four more days before Tuesday, draft registration day, the department of justice planned today to exert every energy to quell anti-conscription agitation, which has resulted in a number of requests. The war department is also busy thrashing out minor questions and answering a multitude of questions.

The war department announced no man registering would be required to answer the question of whether he claims exemption. It will be sufficient to present his claim later.

Officials at warports and along the coast had orders to detain men seeking to leave to avoid registration, and the war department is considering means of enrolling Americans abroad.

COTTON WAS HURT BY COLD WEATHER IN TWO MONTHS

Washington, June 1.—Cold weather in April and May hurt cotton crops severely in the entire south.

An official statement today by the department of agriculture says:

"Temperatures for many days in May were so low that frost formed even in the southern part of the cotton belt. Much cotton was killed and the stand damaged."

SMALL TOWN IN TEXAS IS DAMAGED BY WIND

Gainesville, Texas, June 1.—Lindsay, a small town 6 miles west of here, is reported to have been badly damaged by a tornado last night.

Communication with Lindsay, a town of 150 persons, was cut off.