

When you have finished reading The Enterprise, please place it in a box and it will be placed in the hands of U. S. soldiers and sailors. No wrapping—no address.

# High Point Enterprise

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday; light variable winds.

VOL. 24, No. 239.

HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 27, 1917.

Member Associated Press.

## AUSTRIANS ARE RETIRING ON ISONZO FRONT

General Petain is Holding All His Gains Made About Verdun in the Recent French Offensive There.

Germans Have Resumed Their Fighting About the Aisne—British Smash Aerial Bases in Belgium During Raids.

Petrograd, Aug. 27.—(British Admiralty per Wireless Press).—An Austro-German attack on Rumanian positions south of Oena last night was repulsed, the war office says. Northeast of Sorev the Rumanians recovered a height which had been taken from them.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—Today's official report on the Russo-Galician front says that in the Divina river region north-west of Jacobstadt on the northeastern sector, the Russians yielded some positions to the Germans.

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The Germans were forced out of Beaumont, on the Verdun front, east of the Meuse, in yesterday's fighting but later recaptured it, the war office says. The fighting here continues.

London, Aug. 27.—It was reported from Austrian army headquarters that the Austrians who were fighting north of Gorizia on the Isonzo front have now retired, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

General Petain is holding all his gains of the great Verdun offensive movement in the face of formidable counter attacks which the crown prince is delivering.

The French commander reports the recapture last night of strong assaults on newly won positions in the sector.

He announces also the recapture of 100 prisoners in the fighting yesterday when the French lines were carried forward two-thirds of a mile on a 2½ mile front to the outskirts of Beaumont.

Possibly as a diversion the Germans have resumed their attacks in the Aisne region, where for many days in July and early August they met with checks in desperate attempts to drive the French from the ground on the Chemin-des-Dames won in the spring.

The renewal of the attempt met with no better success, the breaking up of the thrusts being announced today by Paris.

The British are continuing their smashing of aviation and other bases of a large number of bombs by naval behind the German lines. The dropping of bombs on the airbase of St. Dennis Western is announced today. In infantry operations the only activity reported is a successful tunnel raid carried out at Ostfavarne.

## COMPANY M A-WANTING SOME GOOD RECORDS

It Has the Machine But to Date Nary a Record Has Been Donated—Captain Explains the General Idea.

"The general idea," said Captain Welch, of Company M, today, "is to gather up a lot of good phonograph records to take along to France with us, and the machine we have to go and sorter tell the Germans over to the trenches much in the same manner as a hog is trolled, and then let loose with the little guns Uncle Sam furnishes us."

All of which is saying that Company M still has a perfectly good phonograph but nary a record. The company is particularly anxious to secure some records before it leaves for the cantonment camp in a few days. Any make of disc record will be accepted, or donations may be given and the company select its own favored music.

## Big Order for Shirts

New York, Aug. 27.—Shirt makers will begin work soon upon one of the largest orders ever given in the history of the company. The order, which calls for 500,000 dozen shirts for the men of the army and navy means the employment of 10,000 persons from now on until December 1, when it must be completed. It was said that the shortmakers would be paid from \$5 to \$6 per day.

## First American to Die

Washington, Aug. 27.—The first death of the American navy fleet at the French front was announced today in dispatches. He was George H. Manly, of the naval aerial corps, and was killed by an airplane accident.

## REPLY TO THE POPE MAYBE THIS WEEK

Secretary Lansing Refuses to Indicate the Nature of Reply to Be Sent.

Washington, Aug. 27.—A reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal may be made by the government this week, Secretary Lansing said today it would be made soon but declined to indicate its character or the time of dispatch.

Reports from the states today indicated that they might be waiting for this country to make the first reply.

## BIG DOCKET TODAY IN THE CITY COURT

Number of Cases Tried Before Judge J. Allen Austin This Morning.

Several cases were called for trial in municipal court this morning, the charges ranging from adorned drunks to larceny. Neil McDowell was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with being drunk and with leaving his horse standing on the street without being attached to a block or post, was taxed with the costs as was Jonas Yonkey, charged with the same offense.

Lacy Dameron paid the costs in the case charging him with speeding while Joe Strayhorn was taxed with the costs in the case charging him with bringing about a breach of the peace.

Jessie Pethel a young negro, was sentenced to serve six months on the county roads following his conviction in a case charging larceny while Malcolm Seaper, negro, charged with larceny in two cases, received six months for each offense, a total of a calendar. F. P. Cauble, charged with embezzlement, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. He appealed and a bond of \$100 was named, the defendant being recognized. Ida Beeson was adjudged guilty of beating an oarboard bill but prayer for judgment was continued until later.

## DEBATE TAXATION OF THE NEWSPAPERS

Also Hear Plan to Increase the Postage Rate on Letters to Three Cents.

Washington, Aug. 27.—While leaders prepared for the contest over profit taxation the senate today began consideration of the postage increase section of the war tax bill, with the debate on profits set for Wednesday.

War taxation of newspaper and magazine publishers was the principal subject of the debate today. Leaders hope to dispose of the section tomorrow or early Wednesday, together with the provision for increasing letter postage one cent.

Beginning debate on the postage sections, Senator Hardwick moved to strike out that section levying a cent increase on letters. The proposed increase taxes, he said, is "most unfair and unjust" while publishers rates make a postal deficit.

"It would accretate wrong," he said, "leaving second class rates admittedly unfair so low and raising postage paid by the masses."

"Not only is it in my opinion but also the postal department that it must deal with matters of this sort that such an increase in letter rate is unnecessary as a war measure and there is no justification for it," he said. He added, "that the day is coming when great masses of business people who do not own papers but who do own common business and who believe the postal business should be fair will assert themselves and oppose the government giving newspapers 70 or 80 million dollars every year while they are paying in enormous profits annually for the carrying of first-class mail."

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES ARE VERY HEAVY AT THE FRONT

Ottawa, Aug. 27.—Results of the heavy fighting on the Canadian front were reflected in the casualty list totalling over 1,000 for the week end. The noon list today is 227, of whom 10 were killed in action and 83 died of wounds.

## Miners Are Idle

Butte, Montana, Aug. 27.—Thousands of miners are idle today because of the shutting down of the mines because of the closing of the smelting plant of the Amoco.

## LOCATE ALUMINUM WARE PLANT HERE

C. M. Hickerson, of Asheville, Representing Concern, is Seeking Suitable Site.

C. M. Hickerson, of Asheville, representing an aluminum ware concern at present operating at Canton, is spending several days in the city looking for a suitable site, the firm having decided to move to this city and to greatly increase its facilities and output. Mr. Hickerson is associated in the business with T. L. Gwyn, Judge Wellfely, of Asheville, and J. O. Platt, of Canton, all reputable business men. It is the intention of himself and associates, so Mr. Hickerson stated this morning, to manufacture a general line of aluminum ware in this city, provided a suitable factory can be secured. Furthermore, Mr. Hickerson stated that he would remain in High Point for several days, until the needed building was found or he was convinced that a building could not be secured.

The building needed will have to be at least 50 by 150 feet, of two stories high, and 100 by 150 feet if a single story building. R. B. Terry, president of the Commercial club, and Thomas J. Gold are conducting Mr. Hickerson about the city in search of a building and the two club members state that they took no step until they had thoroughly investigated the claims of the aluminum company and the standing of the gentleman interested in it. Likewise do Mr. Terry and Mr. Gold state that the investigation has proved to them that the addition of the aluminum ware plant to the great number of manufacturing establishments in the city would be a distinct addition, something greatly to be desired, inasmuch as it in no way conflicts with the lines at present being manufactured.

The shipping advantages and the nearness to Baden and other aluminum manufacturing centers are big items in the argument which decided Mr. Hickerson and associates to move to High Point. The market is large for the product of such a factory as there are but few of them in operation, and the investment offered in the few are considered good by careful investors. In the event the factory is located in High Point, aluminum will be purchased by the sheet and made into ware. The large number of salesmen traveling out of the city could add the ware to their lines and thus afford the new concern great marketing opportunities.

Mr. Hickerson can be reached through either Mr. Terry or Mr. Gold during his stay in the city and is very anxious to communicate and confer with any person having a building that would meet with the requirements of the aluminum concern.

## TWO FALSE ALARMS OF FIRE SOUNDED DURING YESTERDAY

The northside fire station, the habitat of the little red truck, has a new telephone, No. 161. Formerly the fire ladders were subject to call over No. 71, copper headquarters, but very recently the new talking device has been installed. Yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock some nice young persons determined to see whether the new device was in working order and forthwith called and stated that a fire was raging out on South Main street. Helter skelter dashed the truck, with the big white one in pursuit. The telephone worked all right.

Last night at 9 o'clock the second false alarm of the day came in, it being sounded from box 47, located in the fourth ward. The firemen had a nice ride and it is probable that the joker had a laugh. Probable.

## LOOKING FOR THE RELATIVES OF AN INSANE WHITE MAN

Chief McGehee was in receipt of a letter today from the chairman of the board of commissioners at Morgentown asking for information concerning relatives and friends of Rufus Davis, a white man, who is being held there. Davis, according to the letter, was taken violently insane and had to be removed from the train some little time ago. At that time he had a ticket from Fairmount, Ind., to High Point in his pocket. The letter stated that the authorities of the Indiana insane asylum at Fairmount had given the information that Davis was released from that institution as cured in March, 1916, and that the man had relatives in Guilford county. Chief McGehee is anxious to communicate with these relatives regarding some disposition of the man now being held at Morgentown.

## Wheat

Chicago, Aug. 27.—The wheat pit was deserted today, all trading in futures having ceased.

## HARVARD HAS NEW "TACKLING DUMMY."



Harvard's old tackling dummy, which got a terrible mauling every autumn by the Crimson forces of the gridiron, has a rival named "Fritz," the same being a meal sack stuffed with straw whose sad lot is to receive bayonet thrusts from members of the Harvard Officers' Training camp. The boys are being taught the art of the bayonet by Captain J. Lealabay, the famous French fencer. At first they employ fencing sticks, but later receive sure-enough rifles with honest-to-goodness bayonets.

## HIP DISLOCATED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

John Teague Injured When Hit by Automobile Driven by Mrs. Ben English.

John Teague, a well known resident of this city, suffered a dislocated hip yesterday afternoon when struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Ben English, of Arundale. Mr. Teague was crossing the street in front of the Mann Drug company, it is stated, when the accident occurred. The injured man was attended by physicians and later removed to his home after the swelling had been reduced.

It is stated that the car driven by Mrs. English was not being driven at a high rate of speed when the accident occurred and this fact probably prevented Mr. Teague's injuries from being more serious.

## CHARLIE GURLEY HAD HIMSELF A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Charles Gurley, the city's blacksmith, and just the same sort of fellow that Longfellow had in mind when he wrote the poem starting "Under the spreading chestnut tree," had a birthday yesterday and celebrated it in fitting style. Charles is and was over 17—and then some—but the celebration he arranged would have sufficed had he been a hundred or so. Charles gun shoed around and urged different personages—33 in number—to call around to his home shortly after the noon hour, for something was going to transpire.

Time fitted, as it is wont to do, and soon the hour arrived—as did the 33 guests. Charles had a dinner served that brought reminders of times long since in the past; when meat and other articles of food were sold by the pound instead of by the carat. It was a regular spread, one that even the ravenous appetites of those honored could not make disappear. Charlie had a happy birthday and a happy manner of observing it. The guests hope he will be just as happy throughout the remainder of his life as he was yesterday and Charlie, not to be contrary, hopes the same way.

## Investigate Naval Disaster

Washington, Aug. 27.—Progress in the investigation looking to criminal proceedings against the persons guilty of causing the explosion at Mare Island, Cal., July 9, in which five persons were killed was discussed by Secretary Daniels today with the attorney general.

## Negro Virtually Confesses

Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.—In a letter to his mother, William H. Burgess, the negro who was landed in the Harrico county jail late yesterday for safe keeping, after being arrested on the charge of attacking two white women in Fairfax county, bid farewell to his family, the missive being considered as a virtual confession. The negro was brought here to prevent a lynching.

## Lieutenant Was Here Today

Lieutenant Barber, who was personal aid to General Morton on the border when the National guard was encamped there, and of Clinton, spent a few hours in the city today with Dr. H. B. Hiatt, while on his way to report for duty at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

## MAN GAVE WHISKEY TO THE SOLDIERS

Ford Gentry, Young White, Arrested Under United States Warrant.

Ford Gentry, a young white man who was arrested Saturday afternoon under a charge of being drunk and disorderly, now faces a far more serious charge, that of giving whiskey to soldiers while in uniform. Shortly after Gentry was arrested under the civil charge, Chief of Police McGhee appeared before United States Commissioner Warren G. Brown and secured a warrant charging the offense, which is punishable with a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

It is alleged that Gentry gave whiskey to two members of Company M Saturday afternoon. The United States warrant was not served until yesterday when friends of Gentry appeared at police headquarters and gave bond in the drunk and disorderly case. The government warrant was then served and Gentry was asked to give bond in the sum of \$300.

The young man was taxed with the costs in the drunk and disorderly case and was immediately sent back to jail to await the appearance of a United States marshal. In the event the marshal does not appear in the city this afternoon and the hearing is not held, it is stated that Gentry will likely arrange bond.

## REVIVAL CLOSED ON SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. Walter E. Rodgers Concluded Successful Engagement at Green Street Church.

The revival which has been in progress for the past two weeks at the Green Street Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Walter E. Rodgers, of Beaumont, Tex., and who is under the direction of the evangelistic department of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, came to a close last evening with a congregation that tested the capacity of the church. Mr. Rodgers delivered one of the best appeals he has made during the series of sermons.

There is no doubt to those who heard him sing at the First Baptist church and those who heard him preach but that he preaches with the same vigor and enthusiasm. He is strong, forceful and logical and he hits his mark but only preaches the Bible. There is nothing in his sermons to offend and his straight appeals were made by sticking close to the doctrine laid down in the Book. The meeting resulted in 10 additions to the church by baptism and five by letter.

## NEW OFFICER OF THE SALVATION ARMY HAS ARRIVED IN THE CITY

Captain C. M. Mellis and wife, who have been located at Spartanburg, S. C., have arrived in the city to take command of the local Salvation Army station. Captain Mellis succeeds Captain Talbirt, who has been transferred. The new captain formerly lived in North Carolina and his wife and three children, like himself, are glad to return.

## WAS BADLY INJURED YESTERDAY MORNING

Mrs. Joseph Lee Severely Injured When Struck by Passing Automobile Sunday Morning.

Mrs. Joseph Lee, wife of the local manager of the Arctic Ice and Coal company, who lives at Jamestown was painfully if not seriously injured yesterday morning about 10 o'clock when she was struck by an automobile driven by Mally Gray, of this city. The accident occurred near the home of Mrs. Lee, who was struck while standing away from the asphalt roadway and on the old macadam roadway. Her injuries consist of several bruises on the left side, a cut jaw and a few broken teeth. She was struck by the fender of the machine and dragged for several feet.

Eye-witnesses state that the machine driven by Gray was forced to take the wrong side of the road owing to the approach of a car from the direction of Greensboro which was driven by Heman Hughes, of Graham and which was using the left hand side of the curve. The machine driven by Gray was going toward Greensboro, and the driver had to exit in to the inside, or left, to avoid colliding with the Hughes machine.

Mrs. Lee had gone to the store a short distance above her home with her child who was going to Sunday school. She did not get near the asphalt road but remained on the side. She thought it was safe to walk there but the English system of driving employed by the driver of one car caused the other to follow suit with resultant injuries to Mrs. Lee.

The injured woman was brought to the city and placed in the hospital for treatment. She rested fairly well last night but is still regarded as in a dangerous condition.

## HOLDS UP DECISION ON WATSON PAPER

Federal Judge is Expected to Make a Ruling on It in a Few Days.

Asheville, Aug. 27.—Federal Judge Speer, who is in Sapphire country near here, has not yet announced his decision on the motion of Thomas E. Watson to enjoin the postmaster at Thompson, Ga., from sending the mails to his publication. Government attorneys have filed a bill of particulars pointing out alleged objectionable features in Watson's magazine. Watson is said to have been opposing the draft law.

## Cotton

New York, Aug. 27.—A slight early rally was followed by weakness in cotton today and prices broke into new low ground for the movement. The market opened steady generally 4 to 9 point higher and active months sold 10 to 16 points above Saturday's close. Increased offerings were encountered and the market weakened. Before the end of the first hour October was selling around 21.43 and January 21.54 or about 35 to 40 points net lower. Cotton futures opened steady. October, 21.77; December, 21.84; January, 21.86; March, 22.03; May, 21.12.

## ESTIMATES OF DESTROYERS TO BE SUBMITTED

Program Now in Contemplation Will Make the United States Leader of World in That Type of Ship.

\$350,000,000 is the First Estimate But This May Have to Be Increased in Order to Continue the Program.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Secretary Daniels expects to submit to Congress this week estimates of \$350,000,000 for the great number of destroyers which will make the navy the leader of the world in that type of ships.

The money will be used to expand existing shipbuilding plans, also to build additional engine and boiler factories, as the program upon which the shipbuilders are now engaged represents the full capacity of the industry.

Navy designers are preparing plans for a standardized destroyer to facilitate the quantity of production of this most successful weapon against submarines. Parts of engines will be assembled from various factories at central plants and forwarded to the yard building hulls.

Details of the number of destroyers now under building or the number contemplated are withheld for military reasons.

New destroyers will be delivered so rapidly beginning early next year that supply of officers and men will be taxed in putting them into commission. Means for training men will have to be extended.

The \$350,000,000 estimate, it was indicated today, is a minimum and may have to be increased.

## WATERMELONS TO BE ON TAP TONIGHT

Merchants of City to Tender the Members of Company M a Watermelon Feast.

The merchants of the city will be hosts to the members of Company M at an occasion this evening when countless watermelons will pay the penalty of being luscious. The affair has been brewing for several days and has now fully ripened, the result being that the soldiers are anticipating doing something to a whole and entire flock of melons this evening. It will be a feast as is.

## CONSIDER LARGEST FINANCIAL BILL

War Bond and Certificate Proposal Bill Pending Has a Staggering Total.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Consideration of the largest single financial bill in the history of the United States, the \$11,558,915,000 war bond and certificate proposal, was begun today by the house ways and means committee. Plans were to pass it this week if possible.

Details of the war saving certificate plan, modeled somewhat after the British plan, under which certificates of one pound are purchased, have been virtually completed, are before Secretary McAdoo and probably will be announced shortly.

Pending official announcement indications are that the certificates will be issued in denominations as low as \$3 and the stamp scheme will be used.

Mr. Merriam Ill.  
A. E. Merriam was recovering today from the effects of ptomaine poisoning suffered last night.