

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

# IS IT POSSIBLE THAT GERMANY HOLD WHIP?

## ALLIES IN DIRE DISTRESS SAYS CORRESPONDENT

WITH RUSSIA OUT OF WAR FOR TWO YEARS, FRANCE ALL IN, BRITAIN WITH SOME "PUNCH" — U. S. MUST CARRY BURDEN

## MISLED AS TO REAL SITUATION

by Webb Miller  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, May 25.—Russia is out of the war for at least two years as far as a military power is concerned.

France is about at the end of her man power.

These cold facts about the war situation, asserted by military men in position to know through American observers abroad.

While Great Britain has still considerable "punch" left these military men believe the struggle abroad is rapidly reaching the point where the United States must bear the main burden of the war which they say will be of long duration.

America's half million men to be drawn in September will be only a "drop in the bucket," and must be followed by other vast increases if conditions continue as at present.

On the west front of the struggle experts say, has been misrepresented, and unreliably reported, either through the allies unwillingness to let the real facts be known or is due to ignorance of the exact state of facts on the part of the American newspapers.

It is further declared that Americans have been led astray as to the real situation.

The allies, it is declared are not making the headway the country is led to believe, and in this connection it is stated that the solution of the submarine menace must eventually determine to a great extent where the victory rests, except for what part America shall play in the struggle.

## LIVES LOST ON AMERICAN SHIP

(By UNITED PRESS)  
New York, May 25.—The loss of the Cunard liner Feltria with at least two colored American firemen, and with fifty three others missing, as reported by travelers from Europe.

The ship was torpedoed un-

It is also reported the sinking of the British steamer Maine, under American charter and flying the American flag.

## SOCIALISTS IN TIGHT PLACE

by Arthur Mann  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Stockholm, May 25.—Scandinavian socialists denounced their suggestions for peace today and follow the re-establishment of Belgium Serbia Montenegro and Roumania as separate entities.

The future of Alsace-Lorraine is left for settlement on the basis of national rights of freedom of action.

That beligerent parliamentary assemblies be refused entry into the league if they decline to work for a speedy peace, general disarmament, and the establishment of a court of arbitration.

Publication of these plans are outlined to serve and direct attention again to the scant likelihood of any sort of agreement in ecialistic deliberations here, as well as the failure to secure a general conference.

Bulgarian socialists are demanding Dobrudja in Macedonia for Bulgaria, not as "annexation but as a return of territory which is rightfully Bulgaria's through original ownership."

## U. BOAT MENACE BE CONTROLLED

(By UNITED PRESS)  
London, May 25.—"We dealt more severe blows at the submarine menace during the last three weeks than any corresponding weeks than during any corresponding period" declared Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons today. "Our ships losses for May" he added "probably may be under those of April. We are making satisfactory progress."

The premier paid an eloquent tribute to American destroyers in the submarine fleet.

"We can congratulate ourselves on an early unexpected improvement in dealing with the submarine menace."

London, May 25.—The British are advancing despite the massing of formidable fresh German divisions from the Russian front.

## MUSIC STUDENTS GIVE RECITAL

The pupils of Mrs. W. R. Bond and Miss Nannie Shields Open the Commencement Exercises

## AT THE SCHOOL BUILDING

The programme tonight of the music scholars of Mrs. W. R. Bond and Miss Nannie Shields is an extensive one and should attract a very large crowd of townspeople to these exercises.

This, in fact, is the opening of the 1917 commencement, and will be followed by several other events of interest and entertainment.

The full program is given on one of the inner pages of this issue and well worthy of the attendance of all who are interested in the well being and progress of the local school and children.

The exercises start promptly at eight thirty o'clock in the school auditorium.

COTTON MARKET				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
July	21.39	21.64	21.39	21.64
Oct.	20.97	21.27	20.97	21.27
Dec.	21.06	21.37	21.06	21.37
Jan.	21.07	21.40	21.07	21.40
Local Market 20c.				

## SEVEN POINTS ABOUT DRAFT REGISTRATION

ONLY ON EDAY ALLOWED JUNE 5th., AND EVERY MAN BETWEEN 21 AND 31 MUST REGISTER

## PENETENITARY OFFENCE-NO FINE

1. There is only ONE day for registration, June 5, 1917.

2. Every male resident of the United States who has reached his 21st and has not reached his 31st birthday MUST register on the dayset, June 5, 1917. The only exceptions are officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the marine corps, and the national guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the officers' reserve corps and enlisted men in the enlisted reserve corps while in active service.

Registration is distinct from Draft. No matter what just claim you have for exemption, you must register.

Registration is a public duty. For those not responsive to the sense of this duty, the penalty of imprisonment, not fine, is provided in the draft act.

Those who through sickness shall be unable to register should cause a representative to apply to the county or city clerk for a copy of the registration card. The clerk will give instructions as

## U. S. FIGURES BIG IN EUROPE

European Society Showers Favours on Americans and Copy Their Slightest Whim

## C. GUM IS FASHIONABLE

(By UNITED PRESS)

Since America entered the war this country is very much in the limelight abroad. Here are some United Press dispatches, how Uncle Sam is figuring in Europe.

Rome, May 25.—Italy's fad of the hour is anything and everything "Americane." The Romans toast Uncle Sam in Manhattan cocktails, then go and see movies entitled "The Invasion of the United States," "Civilization" and "The Mysteries of New York," the latter a series of melodramas.

London, May 25.—The gum-chewing habit will become firmly saddled on the British public when an American expedition comes over. Already the Canadians have introduced gum to their brothers-in-arms. Medical folks, in weighty papers, find that the American chicle raises the blood-pressure and thereby im-

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## SENATE COM. BALKS AT "PAY AS YOU GO"

TRIES TO FOIST ANOTHER BOND ISSUE ON COUNTRY INSTEAD OF TAXATION

## PRESIDENT AND KITCHIN REFUSE

## KEEP FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

Raleigh, May 25.—The "Paramount issue" (as Colonel Wm. Jennings Bryan would say) this week is whether you have bought or will buy Liberty Loan bonds. The banks and special organized committees have enlisted as salesmen for Uncle Sam and are industriously exploiting the bonds as a most patriotic and safe investment. As they can be had in small denominations of \$100 or even \$50, one does not need to be a plutocrat to get in on the ground floor of this investment enterprise with its tax exemption and 3 1-2 per cent interest inducements. Besides, it is the duty of all who can to aid in placing this enormous loan, for obvious reasons, and your subscription is needed right now.

## N. C. Concentration Camp

North Carolina is to have one if not two of the big army concentration camps. Several officers of the staff of Gen. Wood (who has charge of the selection) are looking over available sites. It appears that Hamlet has attracted favorable attention, both on account of its fine railroad transportation facilities (which is a necessary condition) and the suitable stretch of level land for marches and drilling. But there are several other points that will bid for the concentration camps—a big thing wherever located.

## Big Man at A. E. College

"The sweet girl graduate" is much in evidence here this week with the commencement occasions of two of the colleges for women—Peace and Meredith—the young men of the State College of Agriculture and Engineering will step into the spot light in a few days. A big man, former Ambassador to Turkey, Henry Morgenthau will deliver the A. & E. commencement address.

## BRITISHERS ARE NOW IN CANADA

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, May 25.—The British mission left last night and will cross the Canadian border this morning, thus concluding their visit to America.

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, May 25.—The decision of the senate finance committee to modify "pay as you go" plan of financing the war is being met with vigorous administration opposition.

The president, through secretary of the treasury McAdoo, let it be known that fully one billion eight hundred million dollars was needed and must be raised by taxation by the present generation.

It is considered inadvisable to attempt to float more bonds.

Claude Kitchin said the fight was an attempt to foist another bond issue on the revenue bill.

## ADJUTANT ASKS FOR RECRUITS

(By United Press)

Richmond, Va., May 25.—The Adjutant general has issued an appeal to all Virginians to take a more active interest in recruiting the militia to war strength before the reserves draft takes place.

## GERMANY BUILDS MERCHANT SHIPS

(By UNITED PRESS)

Washington, May 25.—Germany is building over one hundred thousand tons of merchant ships for use after the war.

## STAGNATION AT WESTERN FRONT

(By UNITED PRESS)

Paris, May 25.—The lull on the western front has extended to the French lines today.

An official statement indicates that only restricted fighting is taking place and no major actions seem to be in prospect today.

New York, May 25.—The prediction that "some, or all, of the South and Central American republics, together with China, Spain, Scandinavia, Holland and Switzerland will probably declare war on Germany, is made in a speech at the annual meeting of the American iron and steel institute by Judge G. C. ...