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SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOREACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK."

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## Germany's Newest Role Is That Of Pirates Of The Atlantic Ocean

### TOBACCO WAREHOUSE PLANS COMPLETE

FINAL MEETING ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT RECEIVE REPORTS AND FORM PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

### TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE LIKELY

The final meeting of farmers to complete the plans for the establishment of tobacco warehouses for Scotland Neck for next year will be held Wednesday afternoon next, October 24, at 3:30 o'clock in the Mayor's office.

Two committees are hard at work obtaining the figures that will be given to the meeting next week, and then the temporary organization will be made permanent and the new industry will be an assured fact.

The farmers are a necessary adjunct to the success of these warehouses, both in point of view of supply, but also as an integral part of the organization scheme, for it is to be essentially a mutual feature and farmers are asked to come in and take a special part.

When the permanent organization is effected directors and officers will be elected and here too the farmer will be represented.

Likewise it is expected that a Tobacco Board of Trade will be organized on Wednesday next, so that Wednesday will be a busy day for farmers and merchants together.

Every farmer whether he expects to grow much tobacco next year or not. Whether he is in this immediate vicinity or fifteen miles away, is expected to be present, for this warehouse plan is one of the big things and should interest every farmer.

Come one and all. You will be entertained.

### SUGAR SHORTAGE IN EUROPE

Washington, Oct. 19.—Compared with America's average consumption of ninety pounds of sugar per person a year, England and France are almost without this commodity. The English person, who in pro-war times consumes his ninety three and a third pounds a year, is now allowed one-half pound a week. In France the allotment is but eighteen pounds a year.

The British government has been careful to announce that it cannot guarantee that even the half-pound allowance can be obtained and a sugar card for a family is issued only for the number of persons sleeping in the house. In a public restaurant, if sugar is taken on cereals, the person must do without sweetening in his coffee. It is now customary for a lady, invited out to tea, to take her sugar with her. She is also expected to bring her own cake.

### LIBERTY BOND DAY WEDNESDAY

(By United Press.)  
Raleigh, Oct. 19.—October 24, Wednesday next, will be Liberty Bond day in North Carolina.

A proclamation setting aside this day has been issued by Governor Bickett, at the same time the governor appeals to "all classes of the citizens of the state," to devote the day to the sale of these bonds, and especially urges Mayors of incorporated towns to wage a community canvass in connection with rural canvasses by all the sheriffs of the state.

### LABOR MEMBER REFUSED ORDER

(By UNITED PRESS)  
London, Oct. 19.—Will Thorn, one of the most prominent labor members of the House of Commons, recently refused the new Order of the British Empire, a number of which were bestowed by King George.

Thorn gave as his excuse for refusing the honor "personal reasons," but it may be significant that a few days later W. C. Anderson, M. P., in an address to engineers of Woolwich Arsenal, stigmatised the British governments awards of honor to labor as attempts to influence the workmen.

### \$7,000,000. R. R. TUNNEL

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Denver, Oct. 19.—Construction of a \$7,000,000 tunnel under James Peak—a dream of years of railroad construction engineers—probably will be realized in the near future, if plans to secure investment of \$5,000,000 of eastern capital, negotiations for which are now under way in New York, are consummated.

Two millions of capital toward the seven millions required to construct the tunnel, rehabilitate the road and remove the receiver-ship under which it is now being operated and place it on a paying basis, is assured by Colorado bondholders, provided the required additional five millions is secured.

### PRESIDENT AT COUNCIL MTG.

(By United Press.)  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—Today Premier Kerensky returned from grand headquarters, recovered from his recent attack of influenza, and presided at a council of his ministers.

### AUSTRIAN REGIMENT GIVE UP

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—One entire regiment of Austrians, with their officers at its head, and carrying their own arms, has surrendered to the Rumanian troops along the Russian-Rumanian frontier, cables received here announce.

### NEW LOAN TO FRANCE

(By United Press.)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The Treasury department has announced a loan of \$20,000,000 to France, bringing France's total loan up to \$770,000,000, and the grand total to all allies to \$2,731,400,000.

### ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, former congressman from Pennsylvania, has been named by President Wilson as alien property custodian under the enemy trading act.

### GULF OF FINLAND GERMANY'S OBJECTIVE

REPORTED EVACUATION OF REVAL ONE OF THE THREE GREAT NAVAL STATIONS PROTECTING PETROGRAD.

### RUSSIANS FEARS ENEMY'S GREAT FLEET

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The evacuation by the Russians of the naval base, Reval, was begun on Tuesday, according to the newspapers, Novoy, Veremad and Vrema.

The withdrawal of the Russian forces, necessitated by the operations of the German fleet in the Gulf of Riga, features a threatening naval campaign against the Gulf of Finland.

The evacuation of Reval, if confirmed, would appear to indicate an even greater menace to Russia by the German battlefleet

### GRECIAN KING OPERATED ON

(By United Press)  
Zurich, Oct. 19.—Former King Constantine, of Greece is reported to be in a critical condition, following an operation as the result of the re-opening of an old wound in his side.

### TRAINS OPERATE IN ARGENTINE

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Buenos Aires, Oct. 19.—For the first time in twenty four days some trains are running in Argentine marking the governments successful step in combating a general strike.

All these trains are being operated under heavy military guard.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS SPEEDING UP

(By UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—The second liberty loan is developing a momentum that is necessary for a smashing success.

Although only one third of the five billions of dollars, the maximum to be subscribed the nation can reach this stupendous goal if it keeps on accelerating its pace as in the last few days.

From now on subscriptions must pour in at the rate of \$400,000,000 daily, practically twenty times what it was in the first week.

Mr. Camilas Best and family, of the Littleton section, spent a few hours in town yesterday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Weeks.

### ROBBING FOODSHIPS OF THEIR CARGOES

SPURIOS VERSENK—THE NAME GIVEN LATEST RUTHLESS UNDERSEA PIRACY OPERATING HUNDREDS OF MILES FROM COAST OF BRITAIN

### 15,000 TON SUBMARINES WORK IN PAIRS

### SOCIALIST FOR "SYMPATHIES"

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Amsterdam, Oct. 19.—"We want democracy, self administration and constitutional freedom within the empire, when we will not wage wars for Flanders or any other territories, but we will fight for world's sympathies," declared Philip Scheidermann at Wursburg, at a majority socialist conference, dispatches report.

Scheiderman further predicted that a "socialist democracy party" would obtain political power after the war.

(By United Press)  
London, Oct. 19.—Germany's giant pirate U-boats are now robbing foodships of their cargoes and stowing them within the submarine held, then sinking their unfortunate victims.

Spurius Versenk, the name that is given to this newest development in ruthless undersea warfare, according to confidential embassy reports to hand.

The Germans are using new 1500 ton vessels, apparently in pairs, and operating off the beaten track, several hundred miles outside the old danger zone around Great Britain and France.

The newer U-boats are sufficiently large to permit the stowage of large portions of captured cargo.

### TWO TORPEDO BOATS SUNK

(By United Press.)  
Petrograd, Oct. 19.—Two torpedo boats were sunk by mine fields yesterday it was officially announced.

### FLEET RADIO OPERATORS

(BY UNITED PRESS)  
Washington, Oct. 19.—Two New England youths decided some time ago that the United States needed a free radio school to train wireless operators for our new merchant fleet. And so, without making much fuss about it, they went ahead and established the school without cost to the government.

Today these young men are training a class of forty in the mysteries of the Hertzian waves. The graduates of the free six months course are all pledged to join America's mercantile forces as wireless operators. Secretary of Commerce Redfield, traveling through New England on his vacation "discovered" the lads and has commended them in an official report.

Arthur Batcheller, a radio inspector in Boston, and Walter J. Butterworth, a clerk in the same office, were working for the Navigating Bureau of the Commerce Department when the national crusade for a huge merchant marine began. "If we need thousands of ships, we will need thousands of operators," said Batcheller. "How are we going to get them?"

### "FITZ" ILLNESS LIKELY FATAL

New York, Oct. 19.—"Fitz can put up a mighty battle even unto death," stated former world's pugilistic champion, James J. Corbett, when informed of the serious condition of Bob Fitzsimmons.

Old Bob Fitzsimmons, the greatest boxer of all time, is on the verge of a knockout in the biggest fight of his career—a battle with death. The old ring hero is slowly taking the count from pneumonia. All hope has been abandoned.

### ASKS PUBLIC SACRIFICE

Washington, Oct. 19.—Patriotic sacrifices by the public, with regard to coal, as with food, will be necessary this winter fuel administrator is reported as having announced.

The public will be asked not to grow hysterical over the admittedly serious coal shortage in many cities.

Fuel will be supplied for every domestic and war emergency needs.

### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	27.61	27.61	27.51	27.54
Jan.	27.15	27.15	27.10	27.15
Mar.	26.82	26.91	26.75	26.91
May	26.81	26.85	26.75	26.85
July	26.59	26.59	26.52	26.52

Local Market 27 1/2 cents.