

WEATHER FORECAST.

North and South Carolina—Fair and somewhat colder tonight. Fri. day partly cloudy.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FOOD RIOTS STILL BUCKING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Women Continue Make Vigorous Protest Against Prices of Food.

Stores Attacked in Philadelphia Today.

In Melee A Woman is Trampled Under Foot—Provision Stores are Picketed—Arrests Are Being Made—Mass Meeting Called.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—Housewives continued their demonstrations against the high cost of living here today. Police reserves suppressed pickets in various parts of the city. Dozens of push-carts were overturned, the contents destroyed and the owners attacked. Two women were arrested charged with assault and later released.

Hundreds of women acted as pickets before provision stores in an effort to establish a boycott. Most of the disorder occurred when a would-be purchaser defied the pickets. A police court magistrate is suspending sentence on one offender warning that hereafter he would send disturbers to jail.

"I have had a number of you women before me," he said, "and not one of you have impressed me as though you were starving."

Results in Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Disorderly scenes occurred in the Southeastern part of the city populated largely by foreigners today when bands of women made demonstrations against dealers that have raised food prices.

In a melee in which stores were being attacked, a woman was knocked down and trampled upon. She was taken to a hospital with a broken leg. The police dispersed the crowd without any serious injury being done. Minor disorders occurred in other parts of the foreign quarter.

Today's demonstrations were the result of a meeting of women at which it was decided to boycott dealers who increased prices. Women with bottles containing perfume are alleged to have poured the oil on meats, fish and vegetables displayed by dealers and to have attacked curb merchants and push cart vendors.

Pickets were established and women who patronized stores where prices were raised were attacked and the articles they purchased taken from them.

Dealers in kosher meat have distributed circulars calling for a mass meeting to explain that retail dealers are not responsible for the high cost of living.

LUMBERTON SOLD BONDS YESTERDAY

Seventeen Bids Received For \$51,000 Issue Town Bonds. For Public Service.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Lumberton, Feb. 22.—The town of Lumberton sold bonds in the sum of \$51,000 Wednesday, Cummins, Prudden & Co., being the lucky bidders. They paid a premium of \$315 for the bonds which are to bear interest at 5 per cent.

Seventeen bids were received for sewerage and water and electric light extensions. The water now being pumped through the city mains is good enough to drink, according to an analysis by the State chemist just received by the city treasurer. Two analyses have been made since the filter plant was installed and both showed the water to be good. Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, stated that the water is as good as the average pump water here, according to the analysis just received.

The McLeod Building, formerly occupied by the postoffice, is being remodelled. The lowering of the floor to the sidewalk level constitutes the principal change being made. It is understood Newman's 5 and 10 cent store will occupy the building when the improvements have been completed.

SWEDISH MINISTER TO MAKE PROTEST.

(By Associated Press.) Stockholm, Feb. 22.—(Via London.)—The Swedish minister at Berlin has been directed to file a protest against the sinking of the Swedish motorship Hugo Hamilton. The fate of the crew is unknown.

The Hugo Hamilton was from Valparaiso with 4,000 tons of salt petre consigned to the Swedish Farmers' Association which was greatly needed on account of the scarcity of fertilizer in Sweden. She carried a crew of more than 20.

FRENCHMEN PAY HONOR TODAY TO AMERICAN CHIEF

Celebration Held Today in Paris in Honor of George Washington.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PAYS BIG TRIBUTE.

Minister of Munitions Extols American Spirit and Likens Struggle of France to United States.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 22.—All the great departments of the French government—the war office, the foreign office and the navy—and the municipality of Paris, were represented today in the ceremonies at the foot of the equestrian statue of George Washington in the Place d'Iena.

The statue was erected in 1900 by American women. Many hundreds of Parisians and Americans watched the placing of the wreaths.

General Savetier laid one at the foot of the statue for General Lyautey, the French minister of war, and H. Cleveland Cox placed one for the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. One of the most beautiful wreaths was that in behalf of the municipal council of Paris.

Albert Thomas, minister of munitions, represented the French government. He recalled that the first and only alliance made by the American republic was with France, and traced the analogies of the two peoples and nations.

"One of the best evidences of the community of thought and aspirations of the two people," he said, "is the fact that two Americans—Washington and Lincoln—expressed better than ever has been done before or since exactly the principles for which France is fighting today."

Referring to President Wilson's address to the Senate, he added:

"President Wilson, far from renouncing the Monroe Doctrine, asks that that doctrine be applied to the entire world, that all peoples be free to fix their own policies and to arrange their own destinies."

Referring to the American revolution and the war of secession, Minister Thomas said:

"The tenacity of Washington and Lincoln finds emulation in France today. People like ours never tire easily. All wars for liberty are long and have always been waged to the bitter end."

CAN'T AGREE ABOUT USING ARMED FORCES.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—The Senate Judiciary committee today failed to agree on the bill proposed by the Department of Justice to authorize the President to use the armed forces of the United States to enforce its neutrality obligation and it was declared by several members that it probably would not be reported.

AMERICANS SAID TO BE AT LIBERTY

Berlin Dispatch Says Prisoners From Yarrowdale Have Been Released.

(By The Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—(Via London.)—A dispatch received here from Berlin says that the American sailors who were taken to Germany on the steamer Yarrowdale have been released.

The Americans were released, the dispatch says, after the German government had been informed that German ships in America had not been confiscated and that their crews had not been interned.

GERMAN SUBS. REPORT.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Feb. 22.—(Via Sayville.)—Two German submarines which returned to their base on February 20, sank 24 steamers, three sailing vessels and nine trawlers, says an Overseas News Agency announcement today.

PRISON REFORM BILLS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Big Need Approached From Several Ways By The Legislature Today.

WOULD PAY THE FAMILIES OF PRISONERS.

Money to be Allowed Dependent Ones In Abandonment Cases—Senate Worked But Little.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—The upper house of the General Assembly knocked off this morning after half an hour's work, and went out to see Wallace J. Riddick, formally installed as president of A. & M. college, but the lower house put through a large batch of bills, among them one which forecasts the sweeping prison reform in North Carolina, for which so much sentiment has accumulated, and is making itself felt.

This measure, a bill by Sawyer, of Graham, provides that dependent families of well behaved convicts shall be paid not less than 10 per cent, nor more than 50 per cent of the earnings of State convicts. It passed by an overwhelming vote.

Another reform measure, a bill by Beasley, of Union, for the establishment of an advisory board of parole and not interfering in the slightest with the Governor's pardoning power, went over until tomorrow for the purpose of amendment. Grier, of Iredell, wishing to make its provisions hold out more hope to convicts, who demean themselves with credit.

Still another reform was passed by the House, the bill of Pharr, of Mecklenburg, to provide for support of families by persons guilty of abandonment. By this act authority is given to pay not less than 25 cents nor more than 50 cents a day to such a prisoner's family in return for the prisoner's labor in the workhouse or through hiring him or her out.

The Senate did half an hour's routine work this morning, and called it a day until 7:30 p. m.

PAJAMA STOCK IS TOO LARGE

Members of Bernstorff Party Thought to be Carrying Cotton Goods Home.

(By Associated Press.) Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22.—One of the German embassy secretaries returning to Germany with former Ambassador Bernstorff on the steamship Frederik VIII is reported to have 200 suits of pajamas.

In the baggage of nearly all the other members of the party, cotton goods known to be scarce in Germany are plentiful, the customs inspectors have discovered.

In view of the close association between cotton and explosives the examiners will take some of the excess clothing and make an allowance for it. It is learned also that the Germans are well supplied with gold. As this is contraband it is believed it will be exchanged into some form of currency less useful to Germany.

YOUNG PACIFISTS URGE AGAINST ANY WAR.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Fifty young men and women college students representing the "emergency peace federation" called on Chairman Flood of the House Foreign Affairs committee today and told him through half a dozen speakers that they did not want this country to go to war.

"I would teach my enemies justice and love," declared Carl Binder, Harvard student.

"What would you do if an enemy invaded this country?" asked Representative Flood.

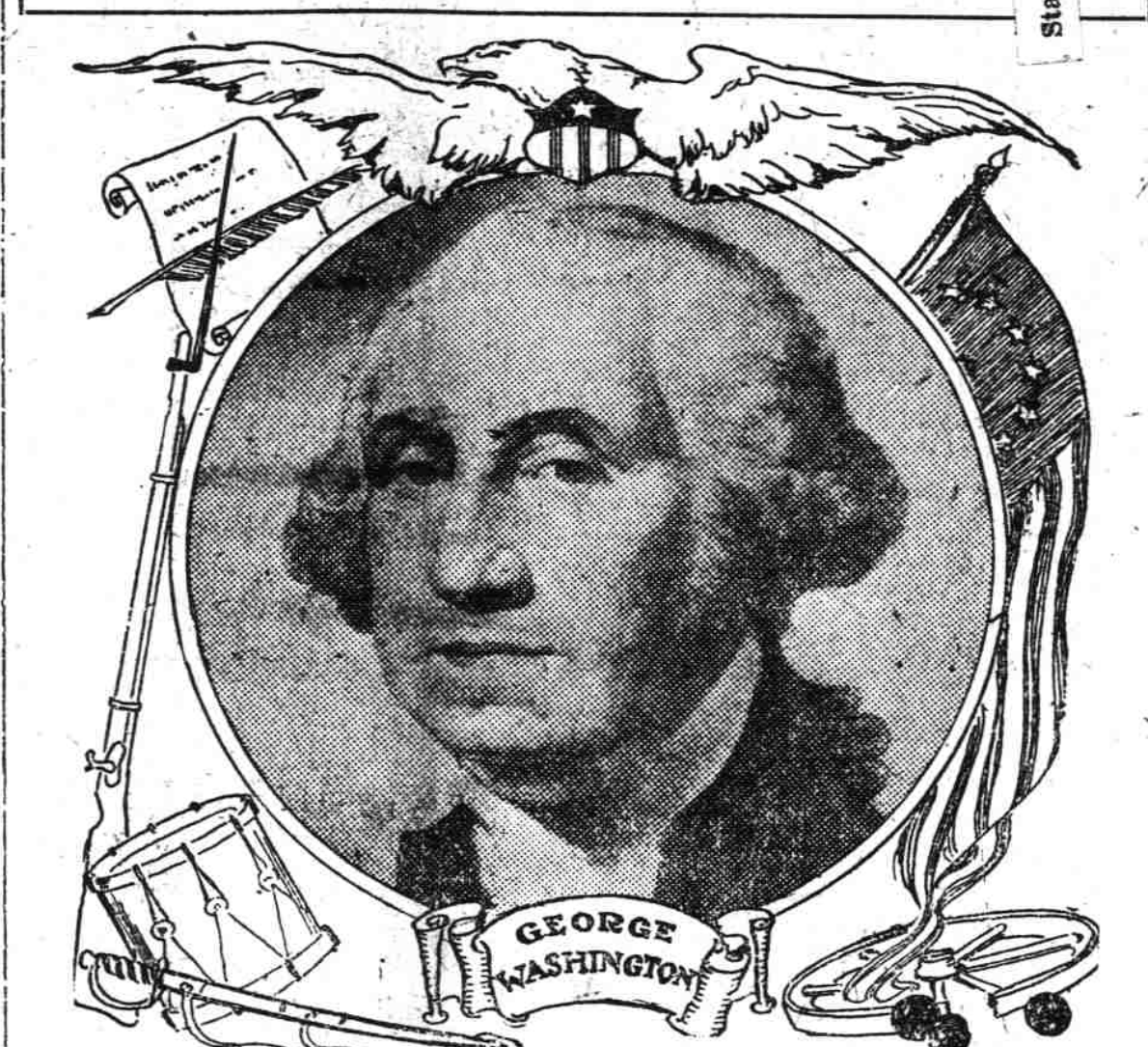
"I believe in non-resistance," replied Binder.

Mr. Flood indicated strongly that the views of Binder and himself were wholly dissimilar.

ARMOR PLATE MEN IN CHATTANOOGA TODAY

(By Associated Press.) Chattanooga, Tenn., Feb. 22.—The armor plate boat, composed of Rear Admiral F. F. Fletcher, H. H. Clark and Reuben E. Bakenhos, designated to inspect proposed sites for the local armor-plate plant, spent Washington's birthday in Chattanooga. The members visited various points of historic interest and inspected several sites for armor plant. They will be guests of Washington birthday banquet tonight and the formal hearings of Chattanooga's claims for the plant will be Friday afternoon.

Nation Enthused by His Memory



LINER MADE TRIP OVER IN SAFETY

American Steamer Philadelphia Arrives From Europe. Has Celtic Been Sunk?

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—The American Line steamer Philadelphia from Liverpool passed in at Sandy Hook shortly before 10 o'clock this morning.

The Philadelphia, which sailed February 14 was the first American liner to leave Europe after Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare. She was not armed. She carried a large passenger list, of whom many are Americans. She has a general cargo and two tons of dispatches for the state department.

Not a submarine was sighted during passage through the German zone, the officers said. From Liverpool to the Irish coast the vessel sailed with lights shrouded.

Among the passengers were 15 of the crew of the American steamship Housatonic, sunk by a submarine off the Selby Islands; 26 of the crew of the British steamship Japanese Prince, torpedoed and destroyed off the British coast; 15 of the crew of the former American steamship Erwin L. Fisher, sold to the French government and three of the crew of the American tug boat Vigilant abandoned at sea by some of the sailors but saved by three who arrived here today.

Soon after the Philadelphia left Liverpool passengers heard that a wireless message had been received saying the White Star liner, Celtic, which had preceded the American liner out of port, had struck a mine. The Celtic had to put back to Liverpool, assisted by the Canada, a troop ship. The Celtic was supposed to be bound for New York and was not believed to have passengers aboard.

Officers of the Philadelphia declined to discuss the report that the Celtic had struck a mine under plea of neutrality restrictions forbidding them to talk.

Officials of the White Star Line said no word had been received of the accident. The Celtic is a vessel of 20,904 tons and was last reported as having arrived in Liverpool on an unnamed date after leaving here January 22. Philadelphia passengers said the accident happened February 14.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR POSTPONES HIS SPEECH.

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 22.—The statement which Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German Imperial Chancellor, was to have made in the Reichstag today has been postponed until next Tuesday, according to Berlin advices of the Exchange Telegraph Company's correspondent at the Hague.

The chancellor deferred his address, says the dispatch, owing to the postponement of the speech of Premier Lloyd-George in the House of Commons to which Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg expects to reply.

HEAD OF STEAMSHIPS CONFERS WITH DANIELS.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—P. A. S. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, owners of the American Line, conferred here today with Secretary Daniels and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the Navy. None of the three officials would comment on the purpose of the conference.

It is understood that Mr. Franklin's visit today was on the question of the Navy furnishing arms for merchant ships. The government, it is understood, has not yet decided the question.

PATRIOTISM SURGES STRONG IN NATION; BIG CELEBRATIONS

NEUTRAL VESSELS AMONG VICTIMS OF SUB. TODAY

Almost Ten Thousand More Tons of Ships Have Been Destroyed.

RUSSIAN AND BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK.

Dutch and Norwegian Vessels Also Among Those Lost—Submarine Warfare Continues Unabated.

Four steamers aggregating 9,743 tons are on today's list of vessels sunk as a result of the new Teutonic blockade measures.

Neutral vessels are again figuring in the sinkings reported. One of today's announced victims of the submarine operations was Dutch and another Norwegian. A Russian and a British steamer were the other two. In addition a British trawler was sunk.

Military operations during the last 24 hours so far as reported, were of the same relatively minor nature as for several days past.

Norwegian Ship Goes Down. Paris, Feb. 22.—The sinking of the Norwegian steamship Alice, 709 tons, and of a Russian steamer of 2,194 tons also was announced.

Official announcement was made today of the sinking on February 21 of the Dutch steamship Ambon, 3,593 tons gross, and of a British trawler. The Russian steamship was the Sigrid.

London, Feb. 22.—Lloyds announces that the British steamer Corso has been sunk.

The Corso was a vessel of 3,242 tons. She was last reported as having passed through the Red Sea, eastbound, on January 4.

Another Britisher Sunk. The British steamer Perseus has been sunk, Lloyds announced today. Four of the crew are missing.

WARD LINER FORCED TO RETURN TO PORT.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—The Ward steamship, Monterey, which sailed last night from Havana, but was forced to turn back by a fire in her hold, discovered when she was 14 miles beyond the Scotland lightship, returned to her dock here today. Her captain reported that the fire was out.

The extent of the damage could not be estimated until the cargo was removed from the after-hold, where the fire occurred.

CANAL DID BIGGEST BUSINESS IN JANUARY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—The Panama canal did its biggest month's business in January, according to figures available today, 176 vessels with a tonnage of 557,839, having passed through the waterway. The previous record was in July, 1915, when 170 ships of 547,370 tonnage passed through the canal.

January also set a new record for customs business at the canal terminal ports where services were performed for 73 craft including those passing through the canal.

RAILWAY MEN MAKE REPLY TO GRIFFIN.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 22.—The American Railway Association issues a statement here today in reply to the request made upon the eastern railroads yesterday by J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, that embargoes be imposed upon all eastbound commodities except fuel and foodstuffs.

The association's statement asserts that representatives of the Chicago board who appeared before the car service commission were assured everything would be done to meet emergencies, but that the grain men "had shown no emergency." It was asserted to the commission, the state says, that fifty per cent of the cars Chicago needed were for export grain.

AMERICANS AWAIT TO BE TRANSFERRED.

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 22.—A dispatch to Reuters from Amsterdam says, according to the Munich Neuesten Nachrichten, a number of American officials, apart from those who have gone to Switzerland, are remaining in Munich pending their transfer to other countries.

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