

WEATHER FORECAST.
North Carolina—Showers tonight and colder. Saturday, fair and colder in east and south parts.
South Carolina—Showers and thunder storms tonight; colder. Saturday, fair and colder.

THE WILMINGTON DISPATCH

FINAL EDITION

VOL. XXIII. NO. 85.

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 13, 1917.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

TO GUARD COAST FROM SUB. ATTACK

GOVT. TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT ITS LONG COAST LINE

An Executive Order Designating Defensive Area of U. S. and Insular Possession of Importance to Shipping

Rules Governing Entrance to and Departure of Vessels From Ports of the United States—Strict Patrol to be Enforced—Penalties For Their Violation.

Washington, April 13.—An executive order designating "defensive sea areas" on coasts of the United States and its insular possessions was made public today. Regulations governing the movements of vessels in these waters are appended and the order concludes with this statement: "The responsibility of the United States of America for any damage inflicted by force of arms, with the object of detaining any persons or vessel proceeding in contravention to regulations duly promulgated in accordance with this executive order, shall cease from this date (April 15th)."

The areas specified are north of the Kennebec river, Portland, Maine; Portsmouth, Boston, New Bedford, Newport, Long Island East; New York East, New York main entrance; Delaware river; Chesapeake entrance, Baltimore, Potomac, Hampton Roads, Wilmington, Cape Fear, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, Tampa, Pensacola, Mobile, Mississippi, Galveston, San Diego, San Francisco Columbia river Port Orchard, Honolulu, and Manila. An inner and outer line is fixed for each area and the Secretary of the Navy is charged with the duty of publishing and enforcing the regulations. The entrance for in-bound or out-bound vessels is designated for each port. The lightships or other markers of courses to be followed are given with compass bearings for information of the mariners.

"A vessel desiring to cross a defensive area," the regulations state, "shall proceed to the vicinity of the entrance to the proper channel, flying her national colors, together with international code number and pilot signal and there await communication with the harbor entrance patrol. It is expressly prohibited for any vessel to enter the limits of a defensive sea area otherwise than at a designated entrance and after authorization by harbor entrance patrol."

A WORK ARMY OF TWO MILLION

Old Men and Boys to be Enlisted in Agriculture to Increase Food Supply.

Washington, April 13.—Proposals for enlistment of a work army of 2,000,000 men and boys for agricultural service and other drastic steps to increase food production during the war were given enthusiastic encouragement at the Department of Agriculture today.

QUESTION OF PEACE WITH RUSSIA

Berlin Press Claims There is Strong Movement Therefore Among Russians

Amsterdam, April 13 (Via London).—The Berlin Vorwaerts, commenting on the program of the Russian provisional government urging support of the war, says: "The account between Austria and Germany on the one hand and Russia on the other can be settled on the basis of the program drafted by the Russian government without shedding more blood. Neither Germany nor Austria intend to humiliate Russia or to retain for themselves any portion of the occupied territory. The Russian manifesto shows the strength of Russian currents running in the same direction to be very great. To meet them is the duty of the German government."

Read The Sunday Dispatch

Contains many features not found in other newspapers that circulate in this section. This in addition to its live news features. For sale at the office, at news stands and on the streets. Ask for the Sunday morning edition of The Wilmington Dispatch. It surpasses in many respects other papers on sale here on Sunday mornings.

FIRST WAR BILL BEFORE CONGRESS FOR PASSAGE

Five Billion Dollar Bond Measure Reported to The Lower House Today.

KITCHIN LEADS THE FIGHT FOR IT
Democratic Leader Vigorous In His Advocacy—Favors Helping The Allies.

Washington, April 13.—The House agreed to close general debate on the bill at 7 o'clock tonight and then adjourn until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Kitchin explained that the purpose was to take up the bill tomorrow under the five-minute rule and to vote by 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Washington, April 13.—The first of the war measures actually came up in Congress today when the House took up for passage the bill to authorize an issue of \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates.

Democratic Leader Kitchin took charge of the measure on the floor and there appeared to be no opposition. There was no attempt to limit debate, but the leaders were desirous of getting the bill passed before adjournment, so it could be hurried over to the Senate.

Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the Appropriations committee, attacked as excessive the provisions which would authorize the expenditure of one-fifth of one per cent. of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue for expenses of the issue. He also urged a provision to prohibit sale of the bonds for less than par.

"This \$5,000,000,000 does not scratch the surface of our credit, and we should not discredit ourselves at the outset," he said.

Proposals to limit expenditure of the money loaned the allies caused Mr. Kitchin to declare, amid cheers, that nothing should be done to interfere with prosecution of the war by the allies.

At the end of two hours and a half Mr. Kitchin surrendered the floor, and Representative Fordney, of Michigan, ranking Republican of the Ways, and Means committee, began discussing the measure.

SEAMEN INTERNED HERE TO BE SENT TO PHILADELPHIA

Those From The Keil and Nicaragua Will Be Transferred From Wilmington.

Inspector Morton to Come For Them
Seamen From Norfolk Were Carried to Philadelphia Today and Wilmington Contingent Will Be The Next For This District.

GRANTS PRESIDENT NEW POWER OVER THE RAILWAYS

Common Carrier Bill Introduced in House of Representatives.

ROLLING STOCK IN HIS CONTROL
Authorizes Him to Order Railroads to Operate Any of Their Rolling-Stock in Any Manner He Sees Fit

Washington, April 13.—Power for the President to order railway officials to operate any part of their rolling stock during war time as he may see fit, without actually taking over the railroads, is given in the common carrier regulation bill of last session, re-introduced in amended form today by Chairman Adamson, of the House Commerce committee. Provisions to permit the President to control and operate all railroad, telegraph and telephone lines; to draft their employees into the military service; to use the militia in the protection of railway lines, and to increase the personnel of the Interstate Commerce Commission from seven to eleven members, are included as in the previous bill.

The section by which the President might order the operation of part of a road's rolling stock is considered of the greatest importance. It would permit the government to obtain the same service that it would if the lines were taken over, and at the same time prove economical in time and cost, it is believed. Compensation for the use of rolling stock by the government would be fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

All property taken over by the President would be returned to its owners at the close of the war. Attempts to evade the service order by the government will be dealt with severely.

Coupled with the proposed increase of the personnel of the Interstate Commerce Commission would be a provision to subsidize it, with the purpose of expediting business. As now constituted, the Commission finds itself impossible to keep abreast of its work.

HOSPITAL SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 13.—The British hospital ship Salta was sunk by a mine in the English channel on April 10, the war office announced. Fifty-two persons were drowned. The British hospital ship Gloucester Castle was torpedoed without warning in the English channel on March 30.

CUBA DENIES THE SUBMARINE STORY

Declares British Vessel Not Sent to Bottom Off Its Coast—Well Guarded

New York, April 13.—Official denial by the Cuban authorities that the British vessel Treval was sunk off Cienfuegos by a German submarine was cabled here today to the Republic of Cuba News Bureau. The story of the sinking was given out last night at Key West, Fla., by C. Peterson, claiming to be a member of the Treval's crew.

"The possibility of the presence of German U-boats in the vicinity of Cienfuegos or in any Cuban waters is scouted by the Cuban authorities," the bureau's statement says, "as a vigilant patrol of all waters surrounding the island has been kept by the naval guard ever since the Cuban declaration of a state of war with Germany. Peterson, who took the report to Key West, is not known by maritime authorities at Havana."

BRITISH SMASHING HINDENBURG LINE BY HEAVY DRIVE

EXAMINING WITNESSES.

The coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the killing of Neal Walton on Wednesday night was reconvened late this afternoon at 218 North Eighteenth street, was being examined. The investigation is being conducted by George F. Peschau, who has been retained by relatives of the deceased. It is not known how many witnesses will be examined this afternoon, and hardly none of the testimony had been gotten in as The Dispatch goes to press.

BRITISH SOLDIERS CHEERING AMERICA

Make a Demonstration Before The American Embassy—Band Plays

London, April 13.—A battalion of the Honorable Artillery company of London made a demonstration this morning before the American embassy. The soldiers, accompanied by a band, circled Grosvenor Gardens, where the embassy is situated, cheering for the United States and Ambassador Page. They then halted before the embassy while the band played American tunes. Ambassador Page, his naval and military attaches and secretaries appeared in the balconies in acknowledgment of the compliment.

TODAY'S GAMES.

Washington-Philadelphia, postponed on account of rain.
New York-Boston, postponed on account of rain.
Detroit-Cleveland, postponed on account of cold.

National League.

New York-Boston, postponed on account of rain.
Philadelphia-Brooklyn, postponed on account of wet grounds.

KING AND QUEEN TO ATTEND SERVICES.

London, April 13.—King George and Queen Mary will attend the services to be held in St. Paul's cathedral in commemoration of the entrance of the United States into the war. The time for this ceremonial has been fixed as 11:30 a. m., on April 20. It is understood the King and Queen expressed a special desire to be present.

GERMAN RAIDER IN GULF OF MEXICO

Rumor to That Effect Received at New Orleans by Radio Message.

Galveston, Texas, April 13.—Information that a German commerce raider, in the guise of a sailing vessel, has entered the Gulf of Mexico, has reached Galveston. News of the raider's entrance into the gulf was received from an unnamed British steamer in a radio message to a ship which has arrived here. The vessel is said to be equipped with auxiliary power. Reports of the presence of this vessel reached here shortly after announcement that a German submarine was operating in the eastern gulf. The raider is said to have entered the gulf through the Yucatan channel.

GERMANS FORCED BACK TO LINE OF WORKS NOT YET COMPLETED.

SHARP THRUST BY THE FRENCH

Results in The Capture of Several Lines of Trenches—Rapid Progress by British Over Territory Abandoned by Germans a Great Surprise to The Latter.

Great holes are being driven in the famous Hindenburg line by the British in their powerful offensive thrust from Lens to St. Quentin.

Having cleared Vimy ridge, the northern pivot of the line, and taken Monchy-Le-Preux, a key point to the southeast of Arras, compelling the Germans to look backward for another line on which to make a stand against the impetuous onslaught, the British are also giving attention to another important sector of the front—that between St. Quentin and Cambrai.

Today's official report from London tells of a notable victory won in an assault on this sector of the line, along a nine-mile front. Position after position was taken by General Haig's forces on this front, between Hargicourt, eight miles northwest of St. Quentin, to Metz-En-Courte, ten miles southwest of Cambrai.

It was in this region that the great German retirement of last month took place. According to the Germans, retirement was to have delayed any contemplated British offensive here for weeks, if not for months. Nevertheless the British have evidently been able to organize their communications and bring up their guns across the devastated territory and to deliver a smashing and effective blow within a comparatively few days.

While the British were halting momentarily on the northern end of the line to consolidate their gains and move up their artillery and meanwhile attacking in the center, the French chose the opportunity to make a sharp thrust south of St. Quentin. Their attack was delivered this morning and its success is recorded in the Paris official statement which recounts the capture of several lines of trenches between the Somme and the St. Quentin Railway against desperate German resistance.

General Nivelle's troops also have kept up their offensive movement south of the Oise, making further progress east of Coucy-La-Ville. Germans Making for Emergency Line. With the British Armies in France, April 13 (Via London). From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.—Under improved weather conditions there was stiff fighting along virtually two-thirds of the British front today. In addition to the gain made in the new attack between Hargicourt and Metz-En-Courte, the British are making progress further north. Another mile of the Hindenburg line has been captured.

Unusual news sometimes creates an unusual demand for your daily paper. Have you arranged with your newsboy or dealer to serve The Wilmington Dispatch for you every day? Telephone 176 or send a postal card to The Wilmington Dispatch Circulation Department if you want regular service by carrier at your home.