

WEATHER FORECAST.
North Carolina—Fair tonight and
Wednesday; warmer in north por-
tion tonight.
South Carolina—Fair tonight and
Wednesday.

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GERMAN U-BOAT OFF ATLANTIC COAST

Sub. Now Between New York--Wilmington

AMERICAN PATROL FIRED ON TODAY BY GERMAN WARSHIP

Submarine Was Hundred
Miles South of New York
When Sighted

FIRED TORPEDO AT
DESTROYER SMITH

Projectile Went Wide of Mark
and Submarine at Once
Ducked—Presence Indi-
cates Blockade of Atlantic
Seaboard

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 17.—A
German submarine today fired
on the destroyer Smith, 100
miles south of New York.

The presence of enemy
submarines in American wa-
ters indicates that the threat-
ened German submarine block-
ade of American Atlantic ports
has begun.

This announcement was
made at the Navy:
"Reported from Fire Island
lightship to the Naval stations
at Boston and New York at
3:30 a. m., on the 17th, an
enemy submarine was sighted
by the U. S. S. Smith, running
apparently submerged. Sub-
marine fired a torpedo at the
U. S. S. Smith which missed
by 30 yards. The wake
of the torpedo was plainly
seen crossing the bow. Sub-
marine disappeared."

First information of the
encounter came to the Navy
Department in a round about
way from Boston navy yard
which picked up the Smith's
report, saying she had been
red upon by a German boat.

The Navy Department, after
communicating with Fire Island, Boston,
New York and other points on the At-
lantic coast, announced that the re-
sult of the Smith's encounter had
been substantiated by official investi-
gation.

At noon no further details were
available here.
Whether the presence of the Ger-
man submarine merely foreshadows
sporadic raid, such as the U-53 con-
ducted off the New England coast,
or whether it is the signal for the be-
ginning of a general submarine block-
ade of the Atlantic coast, is not yet
known.

The attack by the U-boat is Ger-
many's recognition of the state of
war declared by the United States. It
is stated in Germany soon after the
action of Congress that no aggressive
moves would be taken against the
United States.
Practically no American officials be-
lieved this statement, however, and
moves to meet aggressive steps were
taken. The probability of
submarine attack on unprotected sea-
board cities and towns, raids on ship-
ping within sight of American shores,
and a submarine blockade of the prin-
cipal Atlantic ports to terrorize ship-
ping and people were expected.

Last week word came to Washing-
ton that Germany was about to de-
clare a prohibited submarine zone
about the harbors of Boston, New
York, the Delaware Capes, Chesapeake
Bay, Charleston and Savannah.
Virtually all the important ports on the
Atlantic seaboard.
Some American officials were dis-
satisfied. (Continued on Page Eight).

SOUTHPORT TO NOMINATE MAYOR

Looks Like Plain Sailing for
Ruark at the Convention
Tonight

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Southport, N. C., April 17.—The con-
ventions of the second and third wards
were held last night for the purpose
of nominating candidates for alder-
men for those wards to be voted for
at the May election. In the second
ward, R. W. Davis was chairman and
A. K. Goldfinch secretary, and B. J.
Holden and F. O. Loggett were se-
lected as the two candidates for alder-
men. In the third ward convention,
M. C. Guthrie presided and R. E.
Ranson acted as secretary, and Wat-
son Hood and T. H. Lindsey were
elected as the nominees for aldermen.
The convention to nominate a can-
didate for mayor will be held tonight.
It seems now that it will be smooth
sailing for J. W. Ruark, the incumbent.
The opposition—not very great—has
failed, so the rumor goes, to persuade
any one to consent to take the place.
Former Mayor Price Furpess was so-
lited by some to make the race, but
"Barkis wasn't willing," and so the
race tonight it seems will be alto-
gether one-sided.

There seems to be no issues this
year and no very great amount of en-
thusiasm can be stirred up. As to the
candidates for aldermen there seems
to be an issue—but it is the future.
It has been the custom to make a mem-
ber of the Board the city tax collector,
and this means a side issue job
of \$300 or \$400 a year. Some interest
is being shown. There is a sentiment
that the salary of the tax collector
should be increased and other duties
added and a man employed for his
full time. Under the city charter this
can be done.
G. W. Rappaport has been notified
that his commission as Second Lieu-
tenant in the engineering corps is on
the way. He recently stood an exami-
nation for the appointment. He has
been in charge of the electric light
plant. He states that he will put a
good man in charge of the plant.

WILL SEAL WIRELESS WHEN SHIPS ENTER

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., April 17.—Naval au-
thorities announced here today that
until further notice no commercial
messages would be handled in the
first naval district between ships, sea
and shore radio stations. Wireless
apparatus of all ships entering ports
in this district will be sealed while
the vessels are in port.

SENATE CONFIRMS TWO N. C. POSTMASTERS

(By George H. Manning.)
Washington, D. C., April 17.—The
Senate has confirmed the nominations
of Charles L. Ingram to be postmas-
ter at Franklin, N. C., and Isaac J.
Young at Henderson, N. C.

FURTHER ADVANCE BY BRITISH IN EAST

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 17.—British troops in
Mesopotamia are continuing their ad-
vance up the Tigris in pursuit of the
retreating Turks. It was officially an-
nounced today. They have pushed to
within a little more than ten miles of
Samarra, 70 miles northwest of Bag-
dad and within a mile and a half of
Istabilat, where the Turks apparently
are expected to make their next
stand.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

The British steamship Karmala, an
8,933 ton passenger vessel, was driven
on a reef and sunk March 17 near
Spezia, Italy, after being shelled and
torpedoed by a German submarine, ac-
cording to two Americans who were
among the Karmala's 190 passengers.
All on board the Karmala were saved.

Physicians attending Archbishop
Blenk, critically ill at New Orleans
since Sunday, announced his condi-
tion was little changed today. The
archbishop was steadily growing weak-
er and his attendants feared he would
not survive the day.

A dispatch to the London Daily Ex-
press from Petrograd quotes the Rus-
sian Volla as saying that former Em-
peror Nicholas and the former empress
now have been forbidden to communi-
cate with each other or their fellow
prisoners, except in the presence of
officers or their guard.

Daughters of the American Revolu-
tion held the first business sessions of
their national congress today, after
devoting most of the opening program
yesterday to patriotic addresses and
receptions to delegates. Reports of
officers and committees were received
today. National officers will be nomi-
nated tonight and balloting begins to-
morrow.

The loss of the American steamship
Zealandia on the British coast early
this month was due to striking a mine,
and two of the crew were scalded to
death, according to officers of the ves-
sel who arrived at New York today
on an American steamship.

Delegates and good roads advocates
from about 40 States were present
when the fifth annual session of the
United States Good Roads Association
was called to order at Birmingham,
Ala., this morning, by the President,
United States Senator John H. Bank-
head, of Alabama.

An armed posse of citizens today are
scouring the Tuscaloosa, Alabama, sec-
tion for an unidentified negro, who it
is alleged, attacked a young white
woman in Tuscaloosa several days ago.
News of the assault did not become
known until today, when the woman
asserted she saw her assailant on the
street yesterday and that he fled at
the sight of her.

ONE GREATEST BATTLES IN HISTORY.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin announces the battle
which opened on the Aisne is
"one of the greatest in the world's
history." The French attempt
to break through failed with very
heavy losses, says the German
statement, which declares that
fighting continues at a few places
where the German lines were pen-
etrated and fresh attacks by the
French are expected. The Ger-
mans report the capture of more
than 2,100 prisoners.

COMMISSIONERS FROM THE ALLIES

Soon to Arrive—Plans For
Their Reception and Enter-
tainment Perfected

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 17.—Plans for re-
ceiving the British and French war
commissioners went forward today, sur-
rounded by the curtain of official se-
crecy which has been deemed neces-
sary until the commissioners are here.

The indications today were that the
French commissioners would arrive
later than the British members, but in-
asmuch as some of the conferences are
to be conducted separately this will
not retard the discussions of co-opera-
tion between the United States and
the Allies.

American officials, representing the
executive branch of the government,
the army and the navy, have com-
pleted their preparations for receiving and
looking after the welfare of the com-
missioners while they are here.

Official announcement was made at
the State Department that "so far as
the department's information was con-
cerned, the British commission, head-
ed by Foreign Secretary Balfour, had
not arrived in this country and reports
to the contrary were utterly false and
made from the whole cloth."

WAR MEASURE TO PASS THE SENATE TODAY.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 17.—Debate
on the \$7,000,000,000 revenue war
bill, already passed by the House
and approved, with slight modifi-
cations, by the Senate Commerce
Committee, began in the Senate
today. Its passage before ad-
journment, virtually without op-
position, was expected.

Before taking up the bill in the
Senate, Republican Senators held
a conference to discuss this and
other measures on the adminis-
tration war program.
As soon as the bill is disposed
of, Democratic leaders of the Sen-
ate hope to take up the measure
which the military committee is
drafting for raising a large army.

DAY OF UNEASINESS IN BERLIN OVER LABOR SITUATION

Strikes Over Reduction of
Weekly Bread Ration Oc-
cur In Some Factories

MEN WALK OUT AT CONCERTED HOUR

Attempt of Strikers to March
to Charlottenburg Pre-
vented By Police—Strike
Quiet, Police On Guard.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, April 16 (Via London, April
17).—A day of apprehension in Berlin
ended tonight without alarming
events. The threatened strikes be-
cause of a reduction in the weekly
bread ration materialized in only a
portion of the larger factories and did
not affect transportation nor public
utilities. The strike leaders had
planned an elaborate system of street
demonstrations which were to unite
in an assemblage, but inclement
weather kept down enthusiasm.

Some of the factories affected an-
nounced tonight that the workmen
would resume work tomorrow. Other
meetings will be held in the morning
to decide the future course of the
strikes.
The streets are quiet tonight, but
the police are still on guard. The
government authorities declare that
they will make no effort to interfere
with the strikers, because they are
only registering disapproval of the
new food regulations and are expect-
ed to resume work everywhere be-
fore the end of the week.

The strikes are limited to factories
manned by unions belonging to the
Liebknecht-Ledebor branch of the
Social Democracy. The Scheidemann
group is not striking. The Vorwarts,
the organ of the Scheidemann Social-
ists, printed a warning against strik-
ing for fear that the latter would in-
terfere with efforts to obtain a sepa-
rate peace with Russia. There were
no strikes in factories employing the
so-called Christian Unions.

The workers appeared in all the
factories as usual this morning, but
an hour later those who had agreed
to strike walked out. Apparently,
there was an agreement to march
through the Unter den Linden to Char-
lottenburg. The police, however, pre-
vented the parades from entering
Unter den Linden and most of the
Friedrichstrasse and prevented the
different parades from uniting. Po-
lice officials said tonight that the
trouble was over.

TRINITY STUDENTS PREPARING FOR WAR

(By Associated Press.)
Durham, N. C., April 17.—Trinity
College has authorized credits toward
graduation to students taking part in
military drills. Trinity, a non-military
institution, has applied to the War
Department for guns and the faculty
has appointed one of its members to
take charge of the work.

GREAT OFFENSIVE IS INAUGURATED BY ENTENTE FORCES

THE AUSTRIANS WANT PEACE

Provided it Can Be Secured
Without Humiliating Terms
—Food Situation

(By Associated Press.)
Bern, Switzerland, Monday, April 16.—
(Via Paris, April 17).—Peace and
spring weather are what the Austrian
and Hungarian people most desire.
During a long stay in Vienna whence
the Associated Press correspondent
has just come, there was observed ev-
ery indication that the government and
the people are willing to accept any
peace proposal leaving Austria-Hun-
garian territory intact and making no
claims for war indemnity.

By the same token there appears to
be no doubt that the monarchy will
continue fighting unless these mini-
mum conditions are met. While the
public is extremely weary of the war,
its mind is made up to persist in the
struggle to the end rather than ac-
cept humiliating terms.
The demands made on Austria-Hun-
gary's economic resources and human
reservoir by the war are beginning to
reach the limit of bearableness, and
the severe winter, whose after effects
are still felt, tends to increase the
great burden borne by the population.
The sowing of crops is about three
weeks behind, which causes consid-
erable anxiety, notwithstanding the fact
that the winter crops are reported as
in good condition. Spring weather is
awaited eagerly for the planting of po-
tatoes and other summer crops.
The lateness of the season has been
the cause of deferring the calling to
the colors of recent levies of recruits,
who will start training May 15, in-
stead of April 15.
Vienna and other large cities con-
tinue the struggle with food problems,
which are due very largely to the ex-
tremely poor conditions of transport.
The long war has caused a general de-
preciation of railroad tracks and rolling
stock.

The government regulations have
been far from successful in many re-
spects, although thus far they have
served to keep in reserve supplies
which ultimately will be available. In
the meantime, however, the public is
paying a terrific cost for this system
in the form of extortion practiced by
unscrupulous middle-men whom the
government in most cases has been
unable to reach, owing to the fact that
they have powerful Vienna banks be-
hind them.

ALLEN TELEPHONES HE WILL SURRENDER

(By Associated Press.)
Wytheville, Va., April 17.—Search
for Fred C. Allen, Ivanhoe, Va., justice
of the peace, who is charged with kill-
ing J. C. Lawson, of this city, was
abandoned today, after Allen telephoned
to the authorities that he would
come here and surrender himself. Al-
len is a cousin of members of the Al-
len clan who shot up the Hillsville
court house some years ago.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS GIVE PLACE TO WAR

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., April 17.—The ath-
letic council of the North Carolina
State College of Agriculture and En-
gineering, at a meeting last night can-
celled all athletic events scheduled
after April 23, in view of the present
state of war. The baseball schedule
thus canceled includes three games
here, with V. P. I. University of Geor-
gia and Guilford College, and the en-
tire northern trip on which the team
was scheduled to meet Washington
and Lee, V. P. I., Navy and George-
town. One track meet is lopped off
the season's events by the decision.

Pushing Back German Lines Along One Hundred and Fifty Mile-Front

FURIOUS COUNTER ATTACKS BY ENEMY

Failure to Check Onslaught—
Total German Casualties
One Hundred Thousand—
Joint Attack Carefully Plan-
ned—British Aerial Attack
On Freiburg As Reprisal
Measure

Along a 150-mile front battle line
the French and British are pushing
back the German armies in a titanic
struggle for the mastery of the west-
ern front.

Stepping into the fray after the Brit-
ish had been hammering the German
lines in the Arras region to bits for
a week, the French struck along a 25-
mile front along the Aisne, carried the
German positions to an average depth
of from 2 to 2 1/2 miles, captured more
than 10,000 prisoners, and maintained
all the ground won. Last night, after
the great success of their initial rush,
General Nivelle's forces occupied
themselves with consolidating their
new positions and resisting German
counter attacks. All these assaults
were repulsed and in the Allies' re-
gion, west of Craonne, the Germans
suffered heavy losses. Their total
casualties, all told, in the first 24
hours fighting, are estimated at 100,
000 men.

Both British and French reports to-
day indicate that the continuation of
the operations is being hampered by
bad weather. Nevertheless the Brit-
ish pushed forward in the region be-
tween St. Quentin and Cambrai, ad-
vancing east of Epehy to Le Tombois
farm, within 2 1/2 miles of Le Catelet,
where they threaten to cut the St.
Quentin-Cambrai main line of commu-
nication.

The strategic outlines of the
great Anglo-French attack have been
worked out in complete harmony by
the staffs of the two armies. The dis-
patches indicate entire coordination
for placing and timing the blows de-
livered so as to insure their great-
est possible effectiveness.

Violent French Offensive.
Paris, April 17 (5:45 a. m.).—The
great offensive opened by the French
along a 25-mile front from Soissons to
Reims is likely to extend still far-
ther tomorrow or the day after. The
tremendous assault on the German
lines had long been carefully planned
and for a month past French artillery
had been pounding the enemy's posi-
tion.

The Germans were well aware of
what was coming, as they showed by
a number of furious attacks made,
notably at Sapieneul and Godat farm,
with the object of finding out some-
thing definite in regard to the French
preparation. The invaders had
manned naturally formidable posi-
tions with effectives amounting to at
least twenty divisions, and an enor-
mous number of guns well supplied
with munitions.

The battle opened on the left of the
line where, shortly after 8 o'clock in
the morning, the French infantry
swept forward in an irresistible wave.
In spite of a stiff resistance the Ger-
mans were driven back, and inside of
half an hour prisoners began stream-
ing toward the French rear by hun-
dreds. The struggle was hottest east
of Loivre as well as in the whole sec-
tor of Berry-au-Bac, and to the east
of Craonne, but the French heavy
shells were too much for the Ger-
mans and before noon the whole first
line was won.

On the right the action began a lit-
tle later in the morning. The French
met with a very determined resist-
ance and the fighting was terrible.
After several hours of heroic strug-
gle the infantry, thanks to the sup-
(Continued on Page Eight).

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