

WEATHER FORECAST.
North Carolina—Probable show-
ers tonight; warmer in north por-
tion; Thursday, fair.
South Carolina—Probable show-
ers tonight; Thursday, fair and
cooler.

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BIG WELCOME GIVEN CHIEFS OF FRANCE BY GREAT CROWDS

Commissioners From Republic
Across The Sea Now at Na-
tion's Capital.

HEADED BY LANSING
AMERICANS GREET

Marshal Joffre The Center of
Attention—Richmond Gets
Glimpse of Party and Thun-
ders Its Welcome—People
Cheer Party Along Wash-
ington's Streets.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—The French
mission headed by General Joffre
and former Premier Viviani, landed
today at the Washington Navy Yard
today, soon after noon.

The reception of the principals of
the French mission transcended the
usual diplomatic courtesies. Rousing
cheers and hand-clapping, both from
officials and private citizens, greeted
the Frenchmen.

Marshal Joffre was the center of
attraction, although Rene Viviani was
very warmly received. As Marshal
Joffre stepped from the Mayflower a
young French officer, already ashore
bent low and kissed his hand. Tears
glistened in the eyes of many present
at this mark of devotion to the great
French general.

Headed by Secretary Lansing,
American officials paid the visiting
Frenchmen every honor of greeting.
People of Washington, gathered on
the streets on the line of march from
the Navy Yard to the headquarters
of the mission, applauded enthusias-
tically.

Richmond Sees Them.
Richmond, Va., April 25.—Members
of the staff of the French mission,
passing through here on their way to
Washington, were warmly greeted by
crowds on the streets and in the rail-
road stations. The party arrived in
Richmond shortly after 11 o'clock and
took automobiles for a tour around
the city.

During all of today's trip all the
visiting Frenchmen commented espe-
cially upon the absence of any signs
of war.

"You look as peaceful and as quiet
here," said one of the party, "as
France did a few years ago. Let us
all hope the conditions here will
never change."

As the Mayflower came to her wharf
marines and sailors lined the driveway
to the gate of the navy yard, with bay-
onets fixed. A close guard kept all
but those directly connected with the
reception ceremonies outside. A com-
pany of marines stood at attention di-
rectly opposite the landing place.

Attacking the French embassy and
of the State Department waited near
a long line of automobiles, carrying
French and American flags. Marshal
Joffre, Minister Viviani and the other
members of the party lined the rail-
of the Mayflower.

Standing on the deck also were Am-
bassador Jusserand, Assistant Secre-
tary Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary
Long, Major General Hugh L. Scott,
Rear Admiral Huse, and other officials
who went to Hampton Roads to wel-
come the visitors.

As soon as the gang plank was run
up, Secretary Lansing, accompanied
by Counselor Polk and Assistant Sec-
retary Phillips, boarded the vessel.
Members of the commission, with their
escorts, were grouped at the stern, un-
der the French tri-color flying from
the masthead.

Secretary Lansing stepped forward
and warmly clasped the hand of Min-
ister Viviani and Marshal Joffre and
the other commissioners. Warm words
of greetings were exchanged. The vigor
of the hand clasp and the earnest
looks on the faces of all present, show-
ing the welcome were more than per-
functory. During the brief ceremony,
the ship's band played the "Marsell-
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ARMY BILL STILL BEING DEBATED

House Hopes to Reach a Vote
By Friday—Many Senators
Desire to Speak.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—The House
and Senate resumed debate today
on the War Army bill. House lead-
ers hoped to reach a vote by Friday,
but this appeared by no means cer-
tain, since more than 60 members
will were to be heard.

In the Senate a similar situation
existed. Many Senators wanted to
express their views on the bill before
consenting to a vote and leaders dis-
like to resort to the new rule under
which debate may be limited.

Chairman Chamberlain, of the Mil-
itary Committee, expected to ascertain
sentiment in the Senate today, how-
ever, on an agreement to set a time
for voting.

Members and spectators in the gal-
eries broke into cheers at the outset
of debate in the House when Repre-
sentative Huddleston, of Alabama,
who opposes conscription, read a list
of names of men who, he said, fa-
vored it. Among them were Henry
P. Davison, Frank A. Vanderbilt,
Frank A. Munsey, Theodore N. Van
Cornellius Vanderbilt, Ellihu Root and
J. P. Morgan.

Mr. Huddleston also declared that
most of the pleas for war and con-
scription came from members of such
organizations as the Harvard, Yale
and Union League clubs and not from
the working people.

"Everybody who is familiar with
industrial oppression and reaction in
its most vicious form," he said, "will
recognize the men named. They and
their associates are the men who
rule the nation. They rule it through
their newspapers and their wealth."

Representative Bankhead, of Ala-
bama, declared strongly for conscrip-
tion.

When the Senate began the fourth
day's consideration of the Army bill
Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the
Military committee, sought unanimous
consent for a vote tomorrow after-
noon.

Several Senators thought that
too early and Senator Chamberlain
withdrew his proposal, promising to
resubmit it later. He said he would
be satisfied if the final vote could be
reached Saturday.

"The whole preparation for the de-
fense of the country is up in the air
until Congress acts on this bill,"
said Senator Chamberlain.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, made
the principal speech today in opposi-
tion to conscription, which he de-
nounced as undemocratic and in vio-
lation of all American traditions.
Also he denied that the bill is a "uni-
versal service" measure.

Advocates of conscription claimed
that a poll of the House showed a
majority of 60 to 70 for conscription
at that body.

Representative Byrnes, South Caro-
lina, supporting the volunteer plan,
said he believed in standing by the
President, but in doing so by service
of free men and not of slaves.

**GOOD PROGRESS MADE
IN COTTON PLANTING.**
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—Good pro-
gress was made in cotton planting in
nearly all the Southern States during
the week, and was nearing completion
in the more southern sections, ac-
cording to the National Weather and
Crop Bulletin.

MAJESTIC EFFORT TO OVERTHROW GERMAN PREMIER

His Political Enemies Encour-
aged by Dissensions Over
Internal Reforms.

STRONG HAND AT
HELM DEMANDED

By Conservative Press—Chan-
cellor Denounced For Pand-
ering to Socialists—Con-
flicting Demands

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, (Via London), April 25.—
The movement for the overthrow of
Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg,
halted for a time by the adoption of
ruthless submarine warfare, is again
becoming evident in Germany. The
agitator is encouraged by dissensions
over internal reforms, possible peace
terms, and food troubles.

The pan-German, Conservative and
National Liberal organs are today
sharply campaigning against the So-
cialist programme and take the Chan-
cellor severely to task for not dis-
associating himself and his administration
from Scheidemann and his propaganda.
The Conservative Deutsche Tages
Zeitung demands a strong hand at the
helm which alone, it says, can save
the country from the breakers to
which it is heading on the dangerous
Scheidemann course. The Liberal or-
gans speak of the hopes and fears that
ruthless submarine warfare have intro-
duced and declare that a strong and positive
policy at home and abroad is much
needed.

Reports from the Berlin Socialist
conference indicate that there is trou-
ble too, among the Socialist majority,
and that Scheidemann is having diffi-
culty in keeping in line what has
virtually been the principal govern-
ing party. A decided drift toward
the policies of the secessionists of the
Radical wing was noticeable, and
Scheidemann and other speakers in-
dicated that, unless the government
speedily and unequivocally pronoun-
ced itself on peace terms and made a
satisfactory beginning toward the re-
form of the Prussian franchise, a
break in the ranks in the direction of
radicalism was highly probable.

Other papers accuse the Chancellor
of staking and losing the imperial pre-
stige on the Emperor's Easter man-
ifesto, which failed to satisfy any par-
ty, Von Bethmann-Hollweg's strength-
ties in the fact that his enemies have
no points of unity in their general dis-
content.

The administration is evidently hav-
ing no happy time in facing the uter-
ly conflicting demands of its Social-
ist friends and junker enemies, both
clamoring for a definite statement as
to war aims and internal reforms.

The evident shakiness of Austria-Hun-
gary is another source of concern and
the encouraging assurances of con-
fidence and support which the Chan-
cellor has been accustomed to receive in
such times of trouble from press and
Parliament are at this time lacking.

TURKS STILL DRIVEN BACK BY BRITISH.

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 25.—The Turks in
Mesopotamia have been driven from
their position between Samara and
Istiatlat, the War Office announces.
The British pursuing them occupied
Samara station yesterday, capturing
16 locomotives and 224 railway
trucks.

PROCTOR NOMINATED LUMBERTON'S MAYOR.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Lumberton, N. C., April 25.—James
D. Proctor was nominated for Mayor
in the town primary Tuesday by a
majority of 28 votes over A. P. Cald-
well.

Amos King and E. M. Johnson were
nominated for Commissioners.

AMERICAN GUNNER SINKS SUBMARINE; WAR'S FIRST SHOT

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 25.—Captain Rice of the American steam-
ship Mongolia which has arrived at a British port told the
Associated Press today that the Mongolia had fired the first gun
of the war for the United States and sunk a German subma-
rine.

The naval gunners on board made a clean hit at 1,000
yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.
The submarine, Captain Rice said, was about to attack the
great liner in British waters on April 19. He declared there
was absolutely no doubt that the U-boat was hit and that there
was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

Even more pertinent a fact, as regards the ultimate fate of
the submarine was that the shell disappeared immediately
the hit was made. The captain stated that a shell always
ricochets in the waters and can be seen again unless it finds the
mark. Oil also was seen on the water after the submarine dis-
appeared.

The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long dis-
tance away when the spray and foam subsided, but from the
bridge the officers observed the spot through their glasses and
they are confident the submarine was sunk.

Was One Great Trip.
New York, April 25.—The American steamship Mongolia
a vessel of 13,638 tons, owned by the International Mercantile
Marine Company left an American port for England on her
trip since Germany submarine declaration of February 9.

GERMAN PRODIGALITY OF LIFE OF SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 25.—Reuter's corre-
spondent at British headquarters in
France contrasts the reckless prodigality
with which the Germans are now
throwing reserves of men and guns in-
to the firing line with their previous
prudence, and says that they clearly
realize the full extent of the Anglo-
French menace to their whole system
of communications and are desperately
trying to counter the danger. Con-
tinuing, the correspondent says:

"They are throwing in their strate-
gic reserves wholesale and are rush-
ing up guns and ammunition which
must be weakening some other point
in their long-drawn armor. Since the
Germans began their retreat in the
middle of February they have shown
every desire to conserve man-power,
but during the last 36 hours they have
shown a complete recklessness in re-
peating counter attacks in mass with-
out regard to the cost, which must be
appalling."

RATES ON TAR HEEL GOODS ARE TOO HIGH

(By George H. Manning.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—The
Interstate Commerce Commission to-
day held that the all rail and water
rates charged by the Southern Rail-
way and connections on cotton towels
from Concord and Kamasopolis, N. C.,
to eastern points, including Philadel-
phia, Baltimore, New York and Bos-
ton, and to interior eastern points
are unreasonable because they ex-
ceed by more than 3 cents per 100
pounds the established rates on cotton
piece goods.

The Southern Railway and its con-
nection are directed to reduce the
rates. The Cannon Manufacturing
Company was the complainant.

PLANT OF BOILER COMPANY DESTROYED

(By Associated Press.)
Chattanooga, Tenn., April 25.—The
plant of the Walsh and Weidener
Boiler Company, valued at \$250,000,
was burned at 5:35 o'clock this morn-
ing. The erecting, assembling, ma-
chine and blacksmith shops and tower
were totally destroyed. The company
carried \$100,000 insurance, which
makes a loss of something like \$50,-
000. This company did a large export
business especially in South America.
The plant will be rebuilt at once.

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is an evening paper and is brought into the home at night instead of being taken out of the home in the morning. It is read at a time when the entire family have the leisure to read and be influenced by the advertisements. Besides, its news and features appeal to every member of the family.

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TEUTONS NOW HURL MASSES ON ENTENTE

HON. H. L. GODWIN WITH PRESIDENT

On Selective Draft Bill—Says
It is Necessary to Stand by
Mr. Wilson.

(By George H. Manning.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—Con-
gressman Godwin will support the
selective draft bill urged by President
Wilson for raising the war army, in
preference to the Dent bill, which
provides for resorting to a call for
volunteers before enforcing the se-
lective draft.

"I have been with the President
right along and this is no time to
desert him," said Mr. Godwin today.
"The opponents of the bill the Presi-
dent will give the President what he
wants after volunteers have been
called for."

"A short time ago we passed a res-
olution declaring a state of war exists
between this country and Germany,
and all the resources of the country
were pledged to bring the conflict to
a successful termination.

"I have been considering the best
method of raising an army to meet
the emergency. It is now my delib-
erate judgment that the proper thing
to do is to stand by the President in
this trying hour and give to him that
full measure of confidence and sup-
port which he deserves.

"I will, consequently, support the
policy of the President and vote for
the selective draft system, which, in
my opinion, is the fairest, most equit-
able and most democratic of the
measures proposed."

WATERWAYS BILL AS PROPOSED

Items For Improvements That
It Will Probably Contain,
With President's Approval

(By George H. Manning.)
Washington, D. C., April 25.—At a
conference held Tuesday by Congress-
man John Small of North Carolina,
chairman of the Rivers and Harbors
committee, and Senator Fletcher,
chairman Senate Commerce commit-
tee, with Secretary of War Baker,
to learn the wishes of Mr. Baker and
President Wilson regarding waterway
legislation for this extra session, Mr.
Baker stated that the chief engineer
is already at work preparing a list of
projects that will be approved by the
President and recommended to Con-
gress for enactment and appropriations.

Mr. Baker said that as far as pos-
sible, the Rivers and Harbors bill will
be confined to appropriations for main-
taining present waterways, for contin-
uing projects now under way, and a
few new items for waterway work in
the line of national defense.

Mr. Small gave it as his opinion that
all the items for North Carolina in the
bill which failed to pass at the last
session, including \$110,000 for Cape
Fear river and at below Wilmington
and \$1,000,000 for continuing the in-
land waterway from Norfolk to Beau-
fort will be provided for at this ses-
sion.

Spain's Note to Germany.
Amsterdam, April 25.—(Via London)
Spain's note to Germany, as given
in a Berlin dispatch, while conveying
a grave warning that the end of Span-
ish patience is in sight, also contains
a suggestion that a crisis may be
averted through negotiation. The note
says:

"All the repeated attempts of the
Spanish government undertaken with
the intention of safeguarding its sea
traffic and the lives of its sailors, have
failed in the face of the imperturbable
resolution of the Imperial government
to employ unusual and violent war
measures. It is asserted that these
measures render impossible the eco-
nomic existence of the Imperial govern-
ment's enemies but simultaneously
they expose to great dangers the ex-
istence of friendly neutral powers."

The note then complains of the
series of restrictions Germany has im-
posed on Spanish shipping and of the
sinking of Spanish ships without warn-
ing. It declares that these methods
render the economic existence of
Spain almost impossible. The note
continues:
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SCORE OF STEAMERS RUN GAUNTLET AND ARRIVE NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)
New York, April 25.—Twenty steamships, runners of
Germany's submarine blockade, arrived at this port today and
thus made available about 60,000 tons of space for cargo
awaiting transportation to Europe. Four of these vessels are
among the largest merchantmen afloat. One is a British craft
on her maiden voyage.