#### WEATHER FORECAST.

North Carolina-Fair, probably light frost in mountain district; Thursday fair, slightly warmer. South Carolina—Fair tonight and Thursday; probably light frost tonight, extreme northwest portion.

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to Government—Officials

Are Very Optimistic.

(By Associated Press.)

means to the anti-submarine crusade.

DOING GOOD WORK

A Remarkable Week's Record

In The Destruction of Ger-

man Air Craft.

(By Associated Press.)

Lieutenant Dorme brought down his

(By Associated Press.)

est losses in the past three weeks.

12th and Adjutant Madon his 10th."

**DECREASE IN NUMBER** 

campaign tonight:

People of Newport News !: Thrilled by Ghastly Spectacle in Midair.

### VICTOR CHARLSTROM

Smashed to Bits and Bodies work to superintendent Godwin, \* required by Smashed to Bits and Bodies of the county stockade, this after- wof victory. Were Horribly Mutilated- | \* ndon, and will begin service \* "The Germans' aim to be sinking Carlstrom Noted Airman.

(By Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., May 9 .- Victor aristrom, aviator-instructor at the Adantic Coast Aeronautical Station chantic Coast Aeronautical Station ere, and one of the foremost flyers America, and Cary B. Epes, of export News, a student flyer, we ere, and one of the foremost flyers Newport News, a student flyer, wo instantly killed this afternoon at 12:33 ock when the aeroplane in which hey were flying collapsed at an altiude of about 3,500 feet and fell like plummet to the earth.

The machine was smashed to splinters and the bodies of the victims were horribly mutilated beyond recognition. The fall was witnessed by bundreds of persons in various sections of the city and caused a nearpanic among the children at one of the public schools, who were watching the flyers during their noon re-

Carlstrom was giving Epes his first idly rose to about 3,500 feet. They ing independently of the Naval Conwere flying along smoothly when sulting Board. A number of conferplunge downward.

As the crippled machine fell observng after it. This proved to be the

New York for the New York Times some cases extensive practical tests over the larger ships to the New York Times some cases extensive practical tests over the larger ships to the New York Times some cases extensive practical tests. time he had flown from Newport results. News to New York without a stop, flying. Carlstrom also held the Amer- was disclosed at the conference last ican record for altitude with pilot night. Some of them appear to be ports. and one passenger, having ascended carefully holding their optimistic first o a height of 16,500 feet here a year judgment in check, fearing that an ago. Earlier in his flying days Carl- unexpected difficulty will arise to from flew from Toronto to Buffalo. bring their plans to naught. le had won numerous other laurels! One official explained that what n the aviation world and had been was being done probably would result awarded a medal by the Aero Club of in adding several different ways and

A few weeks ago Carlstrom had It is upon the cumulative effect of eceived an appointment as first lieu- all the proposed new devices as well enant in the aviation reserve corps as new methods of operation against the United States army. He was submarines that the feeling is based considered one of the best instruct that something can be accomplished ors in the country and had a large toward checking the ravages of the ass of army students at the local U-boats.

Epes resigned his position as teller ! a local bank last Saturday and had arranged to take the aviation coinse as a civilian until his application had been acted upon by the cation had been acted upon by the army authorities. He recently detayed his own expenses to Washington to undergo the examination and anticipated an appointment at an early date.

# FOUND TRUNKS

Raleigh Police Chief Makes Raid on Express Office and Gets Big Haul.

Releigh, N. C., May 9.—Captain ously hit, fell within their own mes, department and other scientific bodies.

W. L. Saunders chairman Warren, of the police force, raided the ably destroyed. express office this morning and captrunk check, but the owners did not gesser brought down three machines, of investigation. call for the liquor. It was then brought which brought his total of enemy to city police station and is held for machines destroyed up to 24. Subthe nature of the experiments.

GERMANS AND BULGARS TRIUMPH.

Berlin, May 9 (Via London).— \* German and Bulgarian troops \* have administered a severe de- \* submarines in the last weekly remarked upon the Entente forces in \*
macedonia, army headquarters \*
marked upon the Entente forces in \*
shown in the forthcoming weekly report of shipping losses. In fact, it is announced today.

# SMALL SHIPS AS AGAINST LARGE

osition Made by Manchester Shipping Experts.

#### **SERIOUS RESULTS** OF SUCH POLICY

ointed Out By The Protestants—Facts and Figures Given to Sustain Their Position.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Manchester, April 26.-A commit-The grand jury returned not a \* tee of shipping experts heer has adopt-\* true bill in the case charging \* ed a report against the building of ship Company, told the commission trial of Prof. Charles E. Vawter, of \* Oscar Johnston, colored, convict \* small ships in preference to big ones

\* Walton at 3:20 o'clock this after- \* report says: Former Young Bank Teller \* negro convict is concerned is \* tion can only have a most disastrous ployes of all kinds have been raised. The sun in turn brought a renewal of \* ed on an indictment for assault-The Other—The Machine \* now closed. He will be turned \* effect on the nation, the man power the company has had to stand a 73 the large attendance of the sensational \* ing a Kansas City school boy. \* over to Superintendent Godwin, \* required by the army and our chances per cent. increase in the cost of its testimony days, to hear the speeches Thaw is still in a Philadelphia

> \* still more. Allowing losses by mines duced because of the war. \* and natural causes to balance any exaggeration of German claims and asance, we have increased last year's. alent to 11,600,000 tons of cargo capac- come.

"Comparing ships of 2,000 tons and and taking the North Atlantic passage as a basis, we should require building each year of 2,460 of the smaller ships, Other Scientists Make Reports but only 185 of the larger.

000,000 pounds sterling, the larger only 46,000,000 pounds sterling. The small-Washington, May 9.-Additional inwould consume 6,750,000 tons of coal on the outward voyage per year. The ant comptroller of the Southern, and formation on experiments with devices for combatting German submat-larger ships would absorb 1,030,000 rines came to the Navy Department tons of steel and 382,000 tons of timflight. They left the ground and rap- from scientists who have been work- ber, and consume only 1,560,000 tons

were flying along smoothly when sulting Board. A number of confer-those persons watching the machine ences were held, while the board building the ships, including making saw it suddenly crumple up and members who were present at the con-and handling steel and other materials, ference last night at Secretary Daniels' home also remained in the city and 285,000 for the larger. The coal would be 635,000 for the smaller ships ers saw a portion of the plane sail- to continue work with naval experts. consumed would account for 45,000 Neither the Secretary nor any na-men for the small ships as against val official would discuss the results 10,500 for the larger. Thus the larger and caused the remainder of the plane to say that progress was being made to say that progress was being made sons for other national service. More-Carlstrom reached the zenith of his and that further experiments would over the larger ships would require

"Again the percentage of loss both several months ago. Previous to that already have been made with striking in number of ships and in cargo car There is no doubt that navy offi- rying capacity will be greater with small ships than large, and the former setting a record for cross-country cials were deeply impressed by what will produce greater congestion

## CONFERENCE ON U-BOAT QUESTION

Of Naval Experts—Prospects of Success in Combatting Submarines.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.-Hope is bright ening that American inventive genius has found the road that may lead to freedom of the seas from German submarines.

 A conference of unusual important was held last night at the home of Secretary Daniels. It was called in order that high officials of the navy might go over with members of the naval consulting board the experiments already tried and those that are in prospect. "They believe they are on the right road." Mr. Daniels said. "They believe they are going to turn out something that is worth while. There will be more experiments. Fur-Paris, May 9.—The War Office is- ther than that I do not care to say." sued the following statement on the

Those at the conference were Secretary Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief "During the period of May 1-7, our of operations; Rear Admiral Taylor, pilots had numerous combats with chief constructor; Rear Admiral Grifenemy aviators, in the course of fin, chief engineer; Rear Admiral which 25 German machines were Earle, chief of ordnance; Rear Admiral brought down, the destruction of Grant, chief of the submarine service, which was absolutely established. In and Capt. Wm. Strother Smith, who addition 51 German machines, seri- orms the connecting link between the ously hit, fell within their own lines, department and the consulting boar-

"Our pilots in that period added to sulting board, headed the representathe German government to return thred, in ten trunks, seven hundred the number of their exploits. Caption of scientists. Reports also were home through Germany from Switzerand nineteen pints of liquor. The tain Guynemer gained his 37th and available from Thomas A. Edison, who land after the revolution. He underbooze came through a customary 38th victories. Sub-Lieutenant Nun- is at work on a somewhat different line took a vigorous campaign at the head

No intimation has been given as to

#### 22nd machine, Captain Heurteux his 21st, Lieutenant Pinsard his 11th and SUBMARINE SIGHTED THIS SIDE DANGER ZONE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, May 9.—An officer on OF U-BOAT DISASTERS British steamship arriving here today from Europe said a submarine \* London, May 9.-A substantial dewas sighted "far west of the sub- \* crease in the number of sinkings by marine zone." He refused to state \* moving and his fellow-officers and \* today issued a declaration in fa- \* lation. the passengers declined to discuss the \* vor of a coalition ministry. stated, the report will show the smallsubject, except to assert that the \* passenger vessel was not molested. | \* \*

# WATER CARRIERS

Protest Against Former Prop- Head of Old Dominion Line Case Expected to Go to The Appears Before Commission Today.

#### ARGUES FOR RAISE OF FREIGHT RATES

Expense of Labor and Also of Attorney Calhoun Makes Stir-Coal Has Been Largely Increased, Declares President Walker.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 9.-H. B. Walker, \* anew on the sentence he is serv- \* 9,000,000 tons a year and hope to sink ger traffic, he declared, had been re- State.

tonnage and other countries the bal- go far toward ameliorating conditions house early was filled. but it will not close the gap between output by about 4,000,000 tons, equiv- operating costs and operating in- dramatic moments of the trial and

> Counsel for the roads then filed a Jordan, of Radford, for Vawter, formal petition with the commission | It is expected the case will be in

Statistical tables showing revenues, ed likely. expenses, property investment and were compiled by J. B. Duke, assist- the case and seeking information. costs of all varieties.

On Roosevelt Volunteers Enlistment Provision in The War Army Bill.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 9 .- Conferees of

the House and Senate on the War army bill today sought to comproshall be permitted, as provided by a pects of an agreement, however, on her upon the cross of infaniz. this, the main issue, seemed slight.

promise was said to be based on the resulted in Heth's death and exclaim- try's yards. chance that the Senate might recede ed: from its position on the question. In | "I thank God that some kind fate 21 to 27 in lieu of the House provi- the traducer and avenged her ruin." sion fixing it at from 21 to 40.

# LENINE UNKNOWN

This Pro-Greman Agitator in Russia Suddenly and Mysteriously Disappears.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 9.-It is reported in Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen that Nikolai Lenine, the Russian Radical Socialist leader, has been missing for two days. The dispatch, which quotes the Svenska Dagbladet, of Stockholm, as its authority, says nothing is known as to Lenine's fate.

Lenine, an expatriate under the old of a group of ultra radicals in favor the use of grain, including barley, in ern Pacific 21-4, New York Central regained. of peace and was so active that he the manufacture of beverage alcohol 23-8. supported the government in its deter- day, before the Senate Agricultural low record of 36 3-4. Utilities tractions, ly, however, Lenine's influence is the food council of the committee shipping joined in the recession with' said to have been waning.

#### RUSSIA.

(By Associated Press.)

Jury Before The Sun Has Set.

#### DEFENSE HAVING INNING THIS MORNING

ring Plea For Vawter-Womand Crucified on Cross of Infamy, He Asserts.

(By Associated Press.) Christiansburg, Va., May 9.-What . NEW president of the Old Dominion Steam- promises to be the closing day or the that everything said by spokesmen for Virginia Polytechnic Institute, for the ONE OF VICTIMS. \* trusty, with the murder of Neal \* to offset the submarine danger. The the railroads relative to increased killing of Stockton Heth, Jr., March 13. \* ernor Brumbaugh today refused \* operating costs applied similarly to brought the first view of the sun this + to extradite Harry K. Thaw to + \* noon and the case so far as the \* The policy of small ship construction has had since early in the trial. New York City, where he is want. coal, and supplies of all kinds have of W. H. Colhoun, closing for the de- hospital, where he was taken aftmounted. Both freight and passen- fense, and "Jack" Lee, closing for the re an attempt at suicide.

The court was to convene at 10 "The existence of the Old Domin- o'clock, sitting again in the moving ion," said Mr. Walker, "is seriously picture theatre, now given over to threatened. An increase in rates will staging a vivid spoken drama, and the

Yesterday brought one of the most probably for the first time in the his-Counsel for shippers today asked tory of a Virginia court a recess was that the roads file complete state- ordered to permit jurors, court officials 16,000 tons displacement, carrying 650 ments of their relations with coal and spectators to compose themand 8,675 tons of cargo, respectively, producing companies and operators. selves after the sentimental upheavval The commission granted the request caused by the pleading of Judge R. L.

for increases of from 5 to 15 cents a the hands of the jury before 6 o'clock "The smaller ships would cost 111,- ton in the rates on anthracite coal. | and a verdict this evening is consider-Attorneys and court officers are re

er ships would use 1,550,000 tons of return of 22 carriers of the South ceiving a flood of communications from steel and 575,000 tons of timber, and were filed with the commission. They all over the country giving advice in

Attorney Colhoun, who speaks this showed greatly increased operating morning for the defense, received a letter from a Richmond woman advancing an argument for Vawter that! even he had not thought of. The writer | President to commandeer not only cates that the British are much suggested a plea for Yawter's acquittal shipyards, but steel production, and closer to the southern end of the in view of his wonderful technical to direct its distribution. Officials Drocourt-Queant line than has been knowledge so badly needed by the believe, however, that the mere pow- claimed by London. The German War country in the present crisis, with the er put in the Executive's hands will Office tells of heavy fighting between proviso that Mr. and Mrs. Vawter en- | make its use unnecessary. ter into bond never to drink again. Mr. Colhoun began speaking, the

first address of the day, at 10:40 a. m. He painted in vivid fashion Mrs. Vawter's sacrifice on the stand, when at ergency ship corporation, which unlast with the whiskey furnished by der the management of Major-General Stockton Heth out of her system, with George W. Goethals, is to build a great the power of his dominating influence gone, her womanhood reasserted itself and she took up the cross of shame which she must bear to her grave to Louis & San Francisco Railway, will! make atonement for her sin.

The attorney arraigned the prosemise their differences over the ques- cution for holding up "the crazy letter" | fleets. tion of whether Colonel Roosevelt to spring without warning. Stockton Heth, he described, as insidiously go-Senate amendment, to raise a volun- ing about his task of dragging down ly the lines laid down for the wood- tremity. teer force for service in France. Pros- the name of a woman until he crucified en program. The emergency ship

The only hope held out for a com- recounted details of the struggle which all steel cargo ships built in the coun- front, constantly developing in sever-

that case it was said the House conferees might accept the Senate amendment fixing the age limit of ger of that pistol, permitted her to those subject to selective draft at have part in firing the shot that killed,

Colhoun referred to the alleged statement of Heth that all women were approachable as "the damnable lie of his; an insult to womanhood." Severe Break Through List

"Had physical force been used," said the attorney, "his crime would have been lily white outside the one committed." Colhoun closed by referring to the sunshine as a prophecy from God of happiness a favorable verdict will bring to the home at Blacks-

## ASKS LIQUOR MAKING STOP

Grain Needed For Eating, Declares Herbert Hoover to Congressmen.

(By Associated Press.) caused some anxiety among those who or beer during the war was urged tomination to continue the war. Latter- Committee, by Herbert C. Hoover of telephone issues, oils, motors and of National Defense, and Dr. Alonzo losses of 2 to 5 points. Taylor, a special assistant to Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture. Dr. Taylor said the brewers who

told the committee recently that bar-\* ley was not good for human food \* were wrong and that it was used in Petrograd, May 9 (Via Lon- \* Europe. He said 87,000,000 bushels steamer Kaparaika, 1,123 tons gross, \* Teuton positions and advance \* which way the under-water boat was | \* don).—The Russian government \* would be saved by prohibitory legis- has been sunk by a German subma- \* towards Jenawer, says the offi-

Mr. Hoover continued his testimony nounces, says a special news dispatch ' the Russian war department. into the necessity for a central food from Christiania today. Two men of, \* department.

The Canadians Already in Possession of Most of The Lost Territory.

OF GERMANS

Harrisburg, Pa., May 9.-Gov- +

With Leaders in Congress of

Both Parties—Most Im-

portant of Them.

(By Associated Press.)

by President Wilson at conferences

ers for the purpose of securing early!

nounced the appointment of David L.

Ewing, of St. Louis, as director of

Owing to Government's

War Tax Policy.

New Haven duplicated its previous

SUBMARINE VICTIM

NORWEGIAN STEAMER

the crew were killed.

ation policy.

fleet of wooden ships.

TEMPORARY

#### TREMENDOUS DRIVE OF THE GERMANS

To Check Allies' Advance Shows Importance Placed on Holding The Points Now Being So Vehemently Contended For By Both Sides.

With massed reserves of every vailable gun at his command Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria is striving to halt the ceaseless British assaults on the Drocourt-Queant line, the last bulwark protecting the richest prize of the Germans in northern France, the coal fields of Lens.

The reckless expenditure of hum life by the German commander has had at least a temporary reward in the recapture of Fresnoy at the northern end of the line. This little village and the wood which surrounds it formed a sharp salient driven by the Canadians to within two miles of Drocourt. Its capture marks the Washington, May 9.- The adminis- first time in the present offensive tration's plans were discussed today that a German counter attack has succeeded in wresting an important po-

with Democratic and Republican lead-sition from the British. Curiously enough, the same official statement from Berlin which an-The measures would empower the nounces the capture of Fresnoy indi-Riencourt and Fontaine, the former The Shipping Board today and village being a bare mile and a half from Queant and less than that distance from Cagnicourt, the next German stronghold north of Queant.

traffic for the board and for the em-Everything indicates that the pres ent struggle on the British front is regarded on both sides as one of the most important actions of the war, but it may be many days before any de-Mr. Ewing, who has been assistant cision is reached.

general freight agent for the St. The determination with which the Germans are fighting and their strenhandle delivery and shipment of sup- uous efforts at the concentration of plies for ship yards building the guns and reserves show that the Drocourt-Queant line is regarded by The Shipping Board's steel ship-them as of vital importance and will building campaign will follow close- only be surrendered in the last ex-

From two other war theatres news corporation will direct the work. Plans comes that opens up many possibili-With dramatic intensity, Colhoun are about completed for standardizing ties. The fighting on the Macedonian ity and extent, gives renewed color to the belief that General Sarrail is initiating operations of major importance and possibly a general offensive. The developments on this front appear to have given fresh impetus to the revolutionary movement in Greece, reinforced by the news that Venizelist troops are on the firing ine and have been victors in the first clash with the Bulgars. King Constantine has been declared deposed at a great mass meeting in Saloniki and an Athens dispatch says that the King's followers are deserting to the provisional government in increasing numbers.

Mesopotamia offers the second point New York, May 9.—Crumbling of interest, with an announcement prices at the opening of the stock from Petrograd that Russian troops market today extended during the are again on the move in the Persian forenoon trading into a severe break border. The unexplained inaction of which carried the market down from those forces was believed in some 2 to 6 points in virtually all parts of quarters to have been responsible for the list. The liquidation appeared the sudden halt in the victorious adto be provoked chiefly by the pub- vance of the British army from Baglication of the government's war tax- dad. General Maude's successes had resulted in the practical surrounding The market was feverish and unset- of the Turkish army in Mesopotamia United States Steel broke over when the Russian withdrawal from 2 points to 1125-8, Bethlehem Steel, Mush and the halting of the Russian old stock, 10 points to 125, and other drive from Persia changed the situ-

industrials, including the principal ation. Field Marshal von Hindenburg's tremunitions and equipments, 2 to 6 mendous drive of yesterday in an ef-War stocks fared no worse than fort to stem the tide of British vicstandard issues, some of the divi-tory on the Arras battlefield speedily dend-paying rails falling to lowest spent its force and all his lavish expenditure of men and material bids prices of recent years. Net losses from last night's close included 43-4 fair to be wasted.

points for St. Paul, Union Pacific Already the British have reacted so 3 1-4, Reading 3 1-2, Baltimore & Ohio strongly that most of the ground lost Washington, May 9.—Prohibition of 21-2, Canadian Pacific 23-4, South in the vicinity of Fresnoy has been

The Germans are still clinging to (Continued on rage Eight).

LINE.

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, May 9 (Via London. \* -Russian troops on the Ruma-

(By Associated Press.) \* nian front, northwest of Benne, London, May 9.—The Norwegian \* yesterday broke through the \* nian front, northwest of Benne, rine, the Norwegian foreign office an- \* cial statement issued today by \*

## (By Associated Press.)