

WEATHER FORECAST.
North Carolina—Fair, continued cool tonight and Sunday.
South Carolina—Fair tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature.

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BRITISH HIT GERMAN LINE HEAVY BLOW

Another Successful Thrust Made Against The Hindenburg Defense
SEVERAL HUNDRED PRISONERS TAKEN
Signs Point to Another Aerial Attack on Zeebrugge—French Artillery Continue Heavy Assault on Teutons. Nothing Spectacular in Mesopotamia.

Telling blows were struck by the British at the Hindenburg line last night and early today. Near Bullecourt, where the main Hindenburg line has been pierced, a further successful thrust was made by General Haig's troops. This was pushed home and the objective gained despite the desperate efforts which have been made during the last few days to compel the British to relax their unceasing pressure upon this vital spot. Further north, beyond the Scarpe and along the Arras Cambrai road, ground also was gained. The purpose of the attacks was completely attained. The London official statement declares. The German concentrations of men and guns here have evidently not been able to prevent General Haig pressing ahead when he was ready toward the Drocourt-Queant switch in the Hindenburg line protecting Douai, one of the chief nerve centers of the German front in Northern France.

Several hundred prisoners were taken by the British in these operations, which the official report characterizes as "very successful."
On the Aisne and Champagne fronts the French are keeping up a destructive artillery fire and harrying the Germans by outpost attacks. Less energy is being displayed by the German artillery along the line held by the French, the only exception being the Verdun region, where violent big gun fighting in the neighborhood of Avocourt Wood is reported.

Nothing spectacular has occurred in connection with the campaign in Mesopotamia since early this month, but an official statement issued in London today reports an important clearing operation by the British. The Turks have now been driven out of the very lowlands north of Bagdad, falling back to the Jebel-Harrin range, 60 to 80 miles from that city.
Aerial Attack on Zeebrugge.
London, May 12.—Flashes of light indicating another aerial attack on Zeebrugge were observed between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning, a Reuter dispatch from Flushing, Holland, reports. Later heavy and continuous gun fire was heard from the west. It is believed a naval engagement was in progress.
German Munitions Depot Exploded.
Paris, May 12.—Unusually heavy artillery fighting took place last night on the Verdun front in the region of Avocourt, today's official statement says. French patrols penetrated the German lines at several points in Alsace and in the region of Bezonvaux.

The enemy's artillery fire along the Chemin-des-Dames was less active last night. Our batteries kept up a destructive bombardment of the German organizations and caused the explosion of a munitions depot northeast of Juvenecourt.
On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there was violent artillery firing all night in the region of Avocourt wood, with no infantry actions. Our detachments penetrated the German lines north of Bezonvaux and at several points in Alsace, and in the sector of Ammersweiler we took a number of prisoners. On the remainder of the front the night passed in quiet.

MEN COMPOSING THE RUSSIAN COMMISSION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—The State Department has announced the personnel of the American Commission to Russia as follows:
Elihu Root, of New York, chairman; Charles R. Crane, of Illinois, Chicago manufacturer and business man; John R. Mott, of New York, general secretary; International Committee of Y. M. C. A.; Cyrus McCormick, Chicago president of the International Harvesting Company; Samuel R. Beaman, banker, of New York; James Duncanson, vice president American Federation of Labor; Charles Edward Russell, of New York, author and Socialist; Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral James H. Gleason, U. S. N.

T. P. A. WILL MEET NEXT IN WILSON

High Point Man Selected as President of The Body—Fine Convention.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Charlotte, N. C., May 12.—The meeting of the North Carolina Division, Travelers' Protective Association, has been very enjoyable and has accomplished much business. The opening exercises consisted of an address of welcome from Charlotte's new mayor, Mr. Frank R. McNeill, and the acceptance by Mr. C. C. McLean, of Greensboro.

State Chaplain Rev. Wm. M. Vines was present and offered prayer and reading from the Holy Word. The number and personnel of the delegates are better than heretofore. Reports of officers showed splendid gains and greatly increased activities in all lines. The membership committee's report showed an enrollment of 2,448 May 1st. Fourteen members won the prizes for largest writers of applications. Post T. of Wilson, showed nearly 400 per cent. gain during the year.

At 3 o'clock Friday afternoon a memorial service was conducted by State Chaplain Vines in commemoration of the 17 members who have died during the year. At 5 o'clock the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce gave all the delegates an automobile ride over the city.
At 7 o'clock a delightful and delicious banquet was served at the Selwyn hotel. State Chaplain Vines made a remarkably strong speech on "Our Nation," stating that he believed that our Nation stood for protection, righteousness and democracy. Today's business has been conducted with dispatch, and the meeting will adjourn this afternoon. O. E. Wilson, of High Point, has been chosen as president, and Post T. at Wilson, as the place of the next convention.

Among the delegates present are: J. W. Patterson, Greensboro; J. L. Day, Wilson; K. Woodruff, Wilson; C. C. McLean, Greensboro; J. S. Funchess, Wilmington; B. H. Marsh, Winston-Salem; J. Wash Bizzell, C. H. Moore and H. I. Shrago, Goldsboro; J. Edward Kirkman, O. E. Wilson, R. H. Walker, B. S. Cummings, G. W. Clark, A. T. Wishart, C. F. Tomlinson, of High Point; J. H. Niggel, Wilmington; John P. Quelch, Wilmington; W. G. Weeks, Rocky Mount; R. Rawley, Winston-Salem; E. I. Fleming, Rocky Mount; T. P. Gaskins, Greensboro; H. W. Cutchin, Rocky Mount; J. T. Brooks, Greensboro; J. C. Bragg, Raleigh; L. L. Greenwood, Fayetteville; C. V. Jones, E. M. Lewis and James L. Gainey, Fayetteville; E. N. Baker, Wadesboro; J. J. Norman, J. C. Goodman and E. C. Clement, of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., Winston-Salem; Sam Houston, A. B. Clark and J. F. Allen, Wadesboro; N. H. Wright, Winston-Salem; C. N. Justice, Raleigh; F. C. Ferguson, Rocky Mount; P. M. Dellinger, Salisbury; John A. Martin, and J. C. Hill, of Mount Airy; W. H. Lea, Greensboro; T. J. Brooks, Greensboro.

GENERAL COUNSEL THOM TO RESIGN

(By Associated Press.)
Atlanta, May 12.—On May 15 Alfred P. Thom will resign as general counsel of the Southern Railway in order to devote his entire time as general counsel of the Railway Executives' Advisory Committee, a position he already is filling, according to announcements at Southern Railway offices here today.

JULY WHEAT MAKES SENSATIONAL RISE.

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 12.—The most sensational advance in the history of the present crop, if not in history, marked the trade in wheat today when a net gain of 32 cents was scored in the July and September options.
July wheat closed yesterday at 2.46, today it closed at 2.73 to 2.75. September, which closed the previous session, 2.14 closed with bids ranging from 2.44 to 2.46.

FIRST ALLIED FIGHTER TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK.



FRENCH SAILORS.
French sailors on board the French cruiser Admiral Aube, which arrived in New York from Hampton Roads. She was one of the vessels that conveyed the French War Mission to this country.

THE HOLDING UP OF KANUGA CAMP

Club Members Want the Cottages For Themselves This Summer.

(By Associated Press.)
Asheville, May 12.—Representatives of the United States Labor Department, who arrived at Hendersonville, N. C., today, said that if there is any legal difficulty about the delivery of Lake Kanuga property to the government for the German internment camp, the camp will be located on Davidson's river in the Pisgah National Forest.
George Stephens, of Charlotte, at whose request transportation of the Germans was delayed, said that his only objection is that E. B. Gresham had no right to lease the property and that the Kanuga Club members are expecting to spend the summer in the hotel and cottages. A mass meeting in Hendersonville adopted resolutions declaring that the community favors the location of the camp at Kanuga. Gresham says he had legal right to lease the lands.

An exhortation to the Austrian people to hold out until the new harvest gives relief is made by Emperor Charles in an autograph letter to Premier Clam Martinic, of Austria, which is published in the Zeitung of Vienna.

TO MAKE PLANS FOR NEW POLAND

Polish Delegates to Conference to be Held in Stockholm Arriving.

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 12.—Preparations are being made for a conference of representatives of all parts of Poland, according to the Dagens Nyheter, as quoted by the Exchange Telegraph's Stockholm correspondent today.
Polish delegates from Russia, Germany and Austria Poland, says the newspaper, have arrived at Stockholm. Among them are army officers, owners of estates, politicians and even members of the government established by Austria and Germany in the occupied territory. The conference, it is stated, will decide whether the new Poland shall join Russia or the Central powers, or whether it shall become a monarchy or a republic.

NOT TO RETARD WAR ARMY BILL

Letter From Mr. Roosevelt to Advocates of His Volunteer Division Plan.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—Senator Harding and Representative Gardner leading advocates in the Senate and House of Colonel Roosevelt's plan to raise a volunteer division, received a telegram from the Colonel last night saying he hoped none of his friends in Congress would carry their fight for authorization of the plan to the point of seriously delaying enactment of the army draft bill.

SENATE KILLS ACT TO MUZZLE THE NEWSPAPERS

Cut Out Objectionable Clause by a Majority of One and Then Slew Subterfuge

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—By a majority of one vote the Senate today entirely eliminated the Administration's hard fought newspaper censorship section from the espionage bill and then, by an overwhelming vote, defeated an attempt to reinsert the section in a different form.
This action, if permitted to stand on final passage, leaves the House in record in favor of the censorship and the Senate against it, and probably will throw the question into a conference committee for settlement where the full force of the administration will be exerted to put a censorship through in some form.
Without a record vote, the Senate adopted an amendment by Senator Reed to make the whole bill effective only for the duration of the war.
Senators voting to eliminate were: Democrats—Ashurst, Bankhead, Broussard, Chamberlain, Gore, Hardwick, McKeller, Martin, Reed, Saulsbury, Shields, Smith, of Georgia; Thomas, Underwood and Vardaman 15.
Republicans—Borah, Brandegee, Calder, Cummins, Curtis, Fernald, France, Frelinghuysen, Gallinger, Gronna, Harding, Johnson, of California; Jones, of Washington, Kellogg, Kenyon, LaFollette, New, Norris, Page, Sherman, Smoot, Sutherland, Townsend and Watson—24.
Total 39.
Against striking out the censorship: Democrats—Culberson, Fletcher, Gerry, Hollis, Hunting, James, Jones, of New Mexico, Kendrick, King, Myers, Overman, Pittman, Pomeroy, Randall, Robinson, Shaforth, Sheppard, Simmons, Smith, of Arizona; Smith, of South Carolina; Stone, Thompson, Trammell, Walsh, Williams and Wolcott—27.
Republicans—Brady, Colt, Hale, Lodge, McCumber, McLean, Nelson, Poindexter, Sterling, Warren, Weeks—11—Total 38.
After the censorship clause had been stricken from the bill Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, introduced an amendment providing for a definite and specific press censorship, under the supervision of the Secretaries of War and the Navy, but this was defeated 65 to 5.

THE COOL WEATHER SEVERAL DAYS LONGER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—Continued cool weather followed by a general rise in temperature beginning Tuesday or Wednesday is forecast for the southeastern States during the week beginning tomorrow. Local showers are predicted for Wednesday and Thursday.

THE WAR TAX BILL UNDER HEAVY FINE

In House of Representatives and Before Senate Finance Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—A multitude of objections to many specific taxes of the \$1,800,000,000 war revenue bill was voiced again today in the House debate and the Senate Finance committee hearing the measures. The committee took up the war taxes on public utilities, advertising, amusements, insurance, club dues and manufacturers of automobiles, moving picture films, cosmetics and chewing gum, and representatives of all the interests affected were on hand eager to tell how their businesses would be unjustly burdened, or even ruined, by the proposed assessments.
In the House a number of representatives took turns at attacking various provisions of the bill, which was defended with equal vehemence by members of the Ways and Means committee, or other advocates of the measure.

MEMORIAL WINDOW TO WASHINGTON

To Be Placed in Chapel at West Point by the Society of the Cincinnati

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Asheville, N. C., May 12.—The Society of the Cincinnati in session here has appointed a committee to arrange for placing a memorial window to George Washington, first President-General of the Society, in the chapel at West Point.
The next meeting will be held at Exeter, Mass. Each triennial meeting is held in one of the original thirteen States.

MARSHAL JOFFRE TO WEST POINTERS

A Letter Declaring The Cadet Officers Ready For Service in France.

(By Associated Press.)
West Point, N. Y., May 21.—Marshal Joffre promised the United States military academy authorities today, after he had reviewed the private cadets, that he would write a personal letter to the student officers expressing his belief that they were ready for service in France. This communication from the great French soldier is expected to reach West Point tomorrow and to be posted in the order of the day.

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ROOSEVELT DIVISION WINS IN HOUSE.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—By a vote of 215 to 178 the House today, after a stormy debate, voted to instruct its conferees on the Army bill to restore the Senate amendment to permit Colonel Roosevelt to lead a division to France.

THIS STATE'S QUOTA UNDER THE NEW WAR ARMY BILL

Estimated by Census Bureau at Nearly Two Hundred Thousand Men.

TEN MILLION MEN FOR WHOLE COUNTRY

Is the Estimate of The Bureau. Quotas For The Other Southern States Given.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—Ten million men in the United States will be subject to the selective conscription on July 1, within the ages agreed upon in the conference report on the War Army bill, Director Rogers, of the Census Bureau, announced today. This number of men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, represents very nearly 10 per cent. of the total estimated population of 103,000,000 to 104,000,000 on July 1, 1917.
Of these conscription eligibles the bureau estimates: Alabama, 209,900; Arkansas, 158,000; Florida, 95,300; Georgia, 365,400; Kentucky, 202,200; Louisiana, 171,000; Maryland, 121,500; Mississippi, 175,100; North Carolina, 194,400; South Carolina, 137,100; Tennessee, 191,080; Texas, 420,200; Oklahoma, 213,500; and Virginia, 186,400.

PEACE PROPOSALS NOT TO BE MADE BY CHANCELLOR

Who Has Won to His Side Sufficient Following of The Opposition.

THE CHANCELLOR OBJECT OF ATTACK

Conservatives Declare Throne in Danger Under His Weak Rule—Proposed Warning to Kaiser.

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen (Via London), May 12.—The Germania, organ of the Clerical party, indicates that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg does not intend to make a statement with regard to peace terms before the Reichstag.
The Chancellor has evidently won over the Centrists and part of the Liberal delegation to his view that a discussion of peace terms now is inadvisable. In view of the general attitude of Philipp Scheidemann and other majority Socialist leaders it would not be surprising if the Socialists also abandoned their intention of forcing a peace debate.
The result of the proposed interpellations probably will be a controversy between the opponents and supporters of the Chancellor rather than a debate on peace possibilities. The Conservatives are daily growing more desperate as the work of the constitutional revision committee proceeds without any intervention from the government to dam the wave of reform which threatens the political influence of the Junkers.
"Where is Hindenburg to raise the fallen Kaiser's banner again and defend the rights of the throne?" cries Prince Zu Salm-Horstmar, in the Prussian House of Lords. The Prince is president of the German Naval League and one of the war horses of the Conservative old guard.
The South German Gazette, the organ of the South German Conservatives, suggests sending a deputation to the Emperor to warn him that his throne is in danger unless he dismisses Von Bethmann-Hollweg. The suggestion is taken by the Kreuz Zeitung, representing the Prussian Junkers and the military aristocracy, the Deutsche Tages Zeitung and the Reichsbot. Other Conservative papers echo the cry that the Hohenzollern throne is tottering unless a new Chancellor comes to suppress the reform movement with an iron hand. In spite of all, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg still seems very strong, and there is no intimation that the Emperor's confidence in him is seriously shaken.

END TO TRADING IN MAY WHEAT

Directors of Chicago Board of Trade Order Discontinuance on the Exchange.

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 12.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago board of trade last night. The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjudicated either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee appointed for the purpose. This committee is headed by James A. Patten and will meet this morning.

ALLIES' EFFICIENCY IN RESISTING U-BOATS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—The increasing efficiency of the allies in submarine destruction was recognized in a speech by the German Secretary of the Navy in the Reichstag on May 10. Official accounts of the speech reaching here report the German Secretary as saying that while the submarine warfare had achieved far greater results than was expected a certain number of submarines had been lost as the result of improved means of destruction devised by the allies.

FACTORY HANDS DOING THEIR BIT

Their Success in Gardening in The Mill Towns of The Carolinas

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 12.—Textile workers in North and South Carolina mill towns are helping increase the food supply by successful gardening. Federal investigators reported today to the Department of Agriculture. These investigators found that each of 548 families raised an average of \$30 worth of food in gardens containing only about .15 of an acre and with an average cost of labor and fertilizer of \$3.54.
Chickens, pigs and cows are often kept by the workers to good advantage. Chickens were found to yield an average of \$1.08 a fowl.
Notwithstanding increased receipts of approximately 25 per cent., the country's express companies operated at a loss of \$112,123 during January, according to a summary made by the Interstate Commerce Commission. In the same month last year they made a net profit of \$138,226.

BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK.

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, May 12 (Via London)—The Admiralty announces that a British destroyer was sunk in the engagement on May 10, between German light forces and British cruisers and destroyers.

MORE AMERICANS ARRIVE FROM TURKEY

(By Associated Press.)
Berne, May 12 (Via Paris)—Twenty more American teachers and missionaries arrived from Turkey yesterday on their way home.

TO KILL POLICE CHIEF AND LOOT BANKS

(By Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Md., May 12.—A conspiracy to murder the heads of the police department here and enable a gang of thugs with headquarters in New York to blow a number of banks in the excitement that would follow was reported to General Lawrason Riggs, head of the police board here today.

Preceding this came the action of Judge Gorter of the Supreme Bench signing an order for the commitment of Joseph Wagner, of New York, from a local insane asylum to the Maryland penitentiary to finish a term of ten years. The police say Wagner was about to escape and put the conspiracy into operation. It is said he was to receive \$1,000 for slaying Marshal of Police Carter. The police say they have clues to the men in other cities, who were to have worked with him.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO CARDINAL GIBBONS

(By Associated Press.)
Baltimore, Md., May 12.—Cardinal Gibbons has made public a letter which he received from President Wilson thanking him for the declaration of fealty made by him and the members of the Catholic Hierarchy at a meeting at the Catholic University a short time ago. The letter is as follows:
"My Dear Cardinal Gibbons:
"The demand on my time incident to the arrival and entertainment of the foreign commissions now in Washington have delayed my replying to your gracious letter. I am sure you understand, and I beg that you pardon the delay.
"The very remarkable resolutions unanimously adopted by the Archbishops of the United States at their annual meeting in the Catholic University on April 18 last, a copy of which you were kind enough to send me, warms my heart and makes me very proud indeed that men of such large influence should act in so large a sense of patriotism and so admirable a spirit of devotion to our common country.
"Cordially and sincerely yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."