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# AMERICAN WARSHIPS REACH EUROPE

## ITALIANS IN GREAT DRIVE GO FORWARD

Open Big Offensive on Isonzo Front and Gain Successes

FIRST CAME HEAVY ARTILLERY ACTION

Infantry Boldly Jumped Over Parapets in Teeth of Curtain of Fire and Rushed The Austrians—Fine Work of Aviators.

HAVE TAKEN OVER THREE THOUSAND PRISONERS.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, May 16.—(Via London) The war office announced today that as a result of the offensive begun yesterday, the Italians thus far have captured 3,375 prisoners, a mountain battery and thirty machine guns. They have captured the wooded heights on the east bank of the Isonzo, north of Gorizia. They have forced a passage of the river between Loga and Bormio, capturing the latter village. In the center of the field of attack the villages of Zagora and Zambola were taken by the Italians.

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(By Associated Press.) Rome, Sunday, May 15 (Via Paris, May 16).—Important successes were won by the Italians today in inaugurating their drive on the Isonzo front. The following official note in regard to these operations was given out here tonight:

The offensive action now being developed on the Julian front, which was announced in today's statement, was preceded by vast, intense and methodical artillery preparation. Fire was opened on the morning of May 12 along the whole line from Tolmino to the sea. It was maintained with a regularly quickened rhythm until the morning of May 14, when it was intensified to a powerful drum fire.

During the first part of the bombardment, the enemy reacted but feebly. It seemed as though the Austrians had been taken by surprise, but their reply was more vigorous on May 13 and extremely violent on the morning of the 14th. Austrian batteries then opened a heavy curtain fire, pouring thousands of projectiles on the trenches in the Italian line.

Undeterred by this tempest of fire the Italian infantry towards noon leaped over the parapets and dashed resolutely forward towards the objectives previously assigned. These positions were almost all difficult ones and some of them hitherto had been regarded as impregnable, such, for instance, as the heights on the left bank of the Isonzo, from Plava to Salcano Pass. The steep slopes, covered with rocks and dotted here and there with thick clumps of brush, constituted a formidable obstacle to an infantry advance. Successive lines of trenches, prepared months ago above deep ravines, well supplied with defensive and offensive material, were defended by seasoned troops and protected batteries placed so as to flank attackers with their fire.

Notwithstanding these conditions, the Italian infantry advanced and still continues to advance. Valuable positions have been won and prisoners are flowing into our concentration camps.

Our aviators co-operated with great effect by bold and ceaseless reconnaissances, by the skillful regulation of the artillery fire and bombardment of the depots and convoys and by brilliant combats with Austrian airplanes.

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY WILL REMAIN OPEN.**

(By Associated Press.) Princeton, N. J., May 16.—It was definitely announced here last night by President Hibben that Princeton University will remain open as usual next year.

## SECOND TRAINING CAMP PROBABLE

Another One Found Necessary to Take Care of Number of Applicants.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Chattanooga, Tenn., May 16.—It was authoritatively stated here today that a second training reserve officers' camp for Tennessee and North and South Carolina will be opened at Chickamauga in August, to accommodate 2,500 men applicants, who failed to gain admission to the present camp after passing a successful examination. They will be given the preference. Regular drilling by the entire camp began today, the task of vaccinating and administering anti-typhoid serum having been completed by the hospital corps.

## FINE YEAR, SAYS BISHOP DARST

Yearly Diocesan Council of Episcopal Church Being Held at Elizabeth City

(Special to The Dispatch.) Elizabeth City, May 16.—The thirty-fourth annual Council of the Diocese of East Carolina is now being held in this city, meeting in Christ church, and is both largely attended and full of fervent interest. The Diocesan sessions were called to order yesterday, following a stately procession of the clergy into the edifice. Bishop Darst's sermon-address at this service was not only exceedingly able, but a comprehensive review of the work of the past year, which was most gratifying. His report showed more clergy than ever in the Diocese, that all fields were filled and that \$30,000 had been raised for the church pension fund, when only \$20,000 had been called for.

The Bishop touched on the war, declaring that the situation had so shaped itself as to make peace impossible. He also raised eloquent, prayerful voice in urging every parish to use all available land for raising foodstuffs.

The reports of different officers were presented, including a decidedly fine one from Captain Thomas D. Meares, treasurer of the Diocese.

Last night a splendid missionary meeting was held, addressed, in able manner, by Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., of Wilmington.

## TWO MEN INJURED BY HYDROPLANE

Second Such Accident Within Week at Atlantic Coast Aeronautic Station.

(By Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., May 16.—Ted Hequemebourg, instructor, and Lawrence Curtis, of Boston, a student, were seriously, though not necessarily fatally, hurt about 10 o'clock this morning, when a flying boat in which Hequemebourg was giving Curtis a lesson fell a distance of about 50 or 75 feet at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station, here. Officials of the station stated that the accident was caused by banking too sharply. The machine was badly smashed.

Today's accident was the second within a week at the local school, Victor Carlstrom, instructor, and Cary B. Epps, student, having been killed in a fall of a land machine last Wednesday.

## ANTI-SUBMARINE SCHEME INVENTED BY A TAB HEEL

Torpedo Rendered Ineffective by Heavy Water Pressure From The Vessel.

AN OPEN LETTER TO POLICY HOLDERS

Of The Pittsburg Life Insurance Company by Commissioner Young—Elks' Convention.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., May 16.—Howard F. Jones, county superintendent of public instruction for Warren county and editor of The Record of that place, has presented to Secretary Daniels a submarine remedy which the editor wishes tried.

Mr. Jones does not hide the principle and, without asserting a vigorous claim, believes that the device is worth trying. He would meet the torpedo by water compression, setting pumps in action as the ship strike the pirate zone and running through the danger area.

He believes that this water pump, with great power through the side of the ship would at a distance of 5 feet from the ship begin to break the force of the oncoming gyroscope. When nearer the water pressure would be greater and at 2 feet Mr. Jones does not believe the torpedo could make further headway. He is at least convinced that the explosive would be deflected and would not discharge.

The editor has offered it in all good faith to the government and wants to see it tried. He would be willing to see it worked out by anybody who can improve upon it.

Mr. Jones has recently been awarded his patent on an automatic train stopper, but he has not carried his invention to the market.

James H. Pou, of Raleigh, has been appointed a member of the North Carolina Food Commission, and the Raleigh lawyer, who is a big farmer also, will be one of the most valuable members of this body. Mr. Pou has been a steady contributor to the cause of the allies and for many months sent \$100 every 30 days to the French soldiers who, as he declared, were fighting his own battles.

North Carolina Elks passed under the capacious arch at the capitol entrance today and began seriously to night their great State convention in this city.

The big lights that lit a welcome to the fraternalists could be seen from all sides of the city and made a beautiful spectacle. Little was done at the opening. Mayor Johnson welcomed and William G. Brahan, of Durham, responded at the podium. The grand exalted ruler, Edward Righter, of New Orleans, was the chief attraction of the first night.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, first vice president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, spoke to Raleigh people Monday night on food conservation, barely touching on suffrage.

Mrs. Miller, who is to make the commencement address at the Normal, is touring North Carolina. She has dates in Goldsboro, Wilson, Durham and other places. Her mission is solely to aid the country in the food crisis.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young today issued letters to the policyholders in the Pittsburg Life Insurance Company, a corporation that holds \$1,393,446 insurance in this State and is now in a receivership. Mr. Young advises payment of the premiums as they come due and writes:

"At this time it is impossible for me to say with any degree of exactness what will be the outcome of this company. It had about \$24,000,000 assets, and \$1,000,000 capital, with over \$650,000 surplus, and was thought to be doing a pretty fair business.

"The recent attempt to loot the company by a New York promoter and his associates seems to have gotten away with between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 of its assets. How much of these assets will be recovered, and how much of other assets will be saved, it is impossible at this time to say, but the company in Pennsylvania has been placed in the hands of the Insurance Commissioner as receiver, and he is doing all in his power to save the company and protect the policyholders.

## WILMINGTON GETS THE ODD FELLOWS

Unanimous Choice as Next Meeting Place of State Lodge.

(Special to The Dispatch.) High Point, May 16.—Wilmington was chosen as the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the State Assembly, Daughters of Rebekah, for 1918 during the morning business sessions of the two bodies here today.

Wilmington was the unanimous choice of the delegates, for the supporters of Rocky Mount's claim as the best meeting place went over for the City-by-the-Sea immediately after a move was made to take a vote.

The selection of the meeting place was made after memorial services had been held in honor of Grand Lodge members, who died since the last meeting of the body. Especially touching were the references to Richard J. Jones, of Wilmington, former Grand Treasurer, who died but a few weeks ago, the Odd Fellow with the longest term of membership in the order in the United States.

The morning session of the Rebekahs was given over entirely to hearing reports from several committees, while the afternoon will be devoted to unwritten work for a cup to be given by Mrs. Hattie Whitaker, of Hendersonville, treasurer of the State Assembly. The Rebekahs will elect their officers at the 9:30 o'clock session tomorrow morning and will probably complete all business by noon.

This afternoon the Odd Fellows are to elect officers and hear reports from the committees on by-laws and other items of importance to Grand Lodge members.

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## CRISIS IN RUSSIA STILL UNSETTLED

Cabinet Refuses Terms of Committee of Workmen's and Soldiers' Council

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, May 16 (Via London).—Having discussed the conditions under which representatives of the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates would consent to enter the cabinet, the provisional government decided today that it was unable to accept the first of these conditions, which called for the enunciation of a fundamental principle of a foreign policy openly pursuing the aim of reaching as soon as possible a general peace without annexations or indemnities, on the basis of the right of nations to work out their own destinies.

The provisional government was unable to agree to such a principle, because it did not consider possible any renunciation of principles set forth in its proclamation of April 9.

The provisional government further thinks it necessary to confirm the unity of all allied fronts, and insists on an energetic struggle against anarchy. To the financial and economic reforms mentioned by the council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates, the government raises no objections, regarding it as part of its task to realize such reforms. The executive committee of the Duma has approved this decision of the government.

## JUDGE CARTER NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION

(Special to The Dispatch.) Asheville, N. C., May 16.—Judge Frank Carter has made it known that he will not run for re-election, and this has caused great surprise, as well as throwing a bomb in the camps of both Democrats and Republicans, as it was thought he would surely be in the race. It is conceded that he undoubtedly would have been re-elected.

## SENATE TAKES UP WAR BUDGET BILL; HAS RIGHT OF WAY

To be Kept Before That Body Continuously Until Disposed of

AN AMENDMENT AIDING RAILROADS

To Use One Hundred Million Dollars in Building Freight Cars—Other Amendments.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 16.—Debate on the big war budget bill, already passed by the House, began in the Senate today and the measure will be kept before that body continuously until disposed of.

The bill carries a total of \$3,390,946,000 mostly for the army and navy and is an increase of \$750,000,000 over the measure as it came from the House. Of this increase \$400,000,000 would be for the use of the shipping board in carrying out its program for a large merchant fleet.

The bill displaces the administration's food conservation bill on the Senate calendar.

An amendment designed to relieve the freight car shortage was offered by Senator Smith, of Georgia, proposing that of the appropriation for merchant ships, \$100,000,000 be used to construct or acquire freight cars, and permit their use by the railroads upon terms to be approved by the President.

Senator Martin, Democratic leader, assented to considering the bill in executive session upon the suggestion of Senator Weeks, Republican of Massachusetts. It was not decided whether the entire bill would be so debated or merely sections relating to war problems.

Senator Weeks said that the Senate could not properly act upon such a great bill without confidential information. Secretary Baker, of the War Department, had specially requested that information be kept confidential.

The Senate first took up \$500,000 appropriation for the Council of National Defense, and then the \$400,000,000 appropriation to start construction and purchase of a fleet of merchant ships.

## LOOKING FOR SITE IN SOUTHLAND

Government Wants to Intern Germans in Camp in This Section.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., May 16.—Agents of the Department of Labor again are looking for a site in the South for a concentration camp for interned Germans. Commissioner of Immigration, assistant commissioner of immigration, returned today from Hendersonville, N. C., to report to Secretary of Labor Wilson that it would not be possible to use the property of the Kanuga Club.

A contract for the use of the property has been signed with E. B. Gresham, of the Bureau of Immigration, at Hendersonville, but a protest by the members of the club developed the fact that Mr. Gresham had acted without authority.

Secretary Wilson said that a contract for another large tract in the South probably would be signed in a few days.

## ROOSEVELT TO ACCEPT COMMISSION IN STATE GUARD

(By Associated Press.) Albany, N. Y., May 16.—At the conclusion of a two-hour conference today with Governor Whitman, Colonel Roosevelt announced that he would accept the Governor's offer of a major-general's commission in the State service if the Federal Army bill were passed without the provision to permit him to go to Europe with an expeditionary force.

## CHAOIS IN RUSSIA STOPPED THE ALLIES' GREAT ONSLAUGHT

STATES AFFECTED REED AMENDMENT

Those in Which Unlawful to Mail Matter Containing Liquor Advertisements.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 16.—Postmaster General Burleson has announced that the territory to which it will be unlawful to mail letters, postcards or publications containing liquor advertisements, embraces at least twenty-four States in their entirety and portions of two States, while data is incomplete as to four more. The ban is effective July 1, except where otherwise stated.

## CHAOIS IN RUSSIA STOPPED THE ALLIES' GREAT ONSLAUGHT

Germans Take Vast Forces From The East and Rush Then to The West.

BRITISH HOWEVER GAIN BACK GROUND

Have Again Penetrated Bulle Court and Hold Fast to It—Food Situation in Germany Said to Be Acute—Radicalism Asserts Itself.

The demoralization of the Russian army and the consequent withdrawal of German forces from the eastern front are having their effect in France. The heavy reinforcement of men and guns which Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been able to throw into the defense of his sorely battered lines have for the time being, at least caused a deadlock which the most furious efforts of the British and French have failed to break.

These first fruits of the chaos in Russia are the more ominous in the hints they offer of future possibilities. The council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates seems to have been aroused at last to the perils of the course it has elected to follow, but it is a question if its awakening has not come too late. The soldiers in the ranks evidently have the bit in their teeth and it remains to be seen if there is a hand strong enough to check them from bringing about practical anarchy.

The hopeful side of the picture is drawn by the multiplying signs that the political and economic crisis in Germany is as acute as ever. The extraordinary measures taken by the German censorship to prevent the outside world from learning conditions in the empire have been largely successful, but some facts could not be concealed. Possibly for the first time in history revolution and a German republic have been openly talked about in the Reichstag and, most significant of all apparently, the authorities do not dare to check the growing audacity of the radicals. In fact, the pressure of the malcontents has become so great as to force the government to hastily withdraw its refusal to permit radical Socialist delegates to attend the international Socialist conference at Stockholm.

The food situation in Germany also appears to be growing steadily worse and alarm is expressed in various quarters that the available supply will not suffice to feed the Nation until the next harvest. The effective promises with which the administration checked the May Day strike agitation have proved hollow and there are complaints that the attempt to substitute meat for bread is seriously diminishing the country's stock of milk animals.

Apart from France, the only news of importance in the war regions comes from the Italian front. General Cadorna has opened an offensive on the Isonzo line, but the reports from Vienna and Rome are diametrically opposed as to the initial results. The Italians have made some gains in the direction of Trieste, but it is too early as yet to judge how the operation will develop.

On the front in France the hard fighting has been confined to the Bulle Court sector and the region north of the Scarpe in the Arras battle area, and to a strip about 2 1/2 miles in length on the western end of the Aisne front.

Correspondents' dispatches from the Bulle Court region report General Haig's troops as having reclaimed virtually all the ground they had lost within the confines of the ruined village and to have established new posts west of Bulle Court. As to the fighting north of the Scarpe, which the British press reports as severe in character, there is nothing in the official account to give a clue to its definite import or the way it is tending.

A new German attack on the French lines was delivered on a four kilometre stretch in the region of the La-faux mail, where the French front bends northward west of the Chemin-des-Dames plateau. The French post-gang league.

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## ALL RECORDS WERE BROKEN YESTERDAY

Heaviest Day Yet For Enlistments in National Guard at Goldsboro.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., May 16.—All records of enlistment in the National Guard were broken yesterday when about 25 young men from Pender, Brunswick, Columbus and New Hanover counties came to the headquarters of the Second Regiment in this city and volunteered in a body.

Many people watched with intense interest the men as they marched two by two down the streets of Goldsboro and to the office of Recruiting Officer Captain W. W. Pierce, where they signed up. Each man was marked by a label on his coat, and many citizens were inclined to believe that conscription had actually begun.

For the present the men are stationed at Camp Royster, but in all probability they will be distributed among the other units who are doing guard duty in different sections of North Carolina.

At a combined social and business meeting of the Goldsboro Fire Department held here last night the following officers were elected: Chief, Leslie Yelverton; assistant chief, W. L. Lane; captain, M. J. Crumpler; Lieutenant, John Myers. The election of Mr. Yelverton as chief did not come as a complete surprise, for he has been active in the department for many years, and they could not have selected a better man to serve in that capacity. It is hoped that through his services that the local fire department will soon be brought up to equal that of any in the State.

The new Central Michigan league, comprising Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and Port Huron, is scheduled to start pasturing May 26. This is the first All-Wolverine circuit organized since the passing of the old Southern Michigan league.