

WEATHER FORECAST. North and South Carolina—Probably showers tonight and Saturday.

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TASK FACING AMERICA IS TOLD TODAY

Members of Cabinet Address Meeting of Newspaper Men on Vital Subject. BELIEVES SUBMARINE WILL BE CONQUERED

So Declares Secretary of Navy Daniels. While Secretary Baker Tells of Selective Draft Exemptions—Industrial Problems Discussed.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 25.—The magnitude of the task facing America in the conduct of the war was put before the country's technical and trade paper editors today by cabinet members and others taking a leading part in preparing the Nation. All speakers predicted that the war would last longer than generally predicted.

SWEDISH STEAMERS CAPTURED BY GERMANS

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, (Via London), May 25.—Four Swedish steamers with cargoes of varied character, bound for Russia, have been captured by a German submarine in the Gulf of Bothnia, the official news agency announces.

BUNK MASKE PUT TO DEATH IN RALEIGH

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., May 25.—Bunk Maske, negro, was electrocuted in the penitentiary here today for the murder last March of Edgar Williams, a member of the police force of Winston-Salem. The negro killed the officer while resisting arrest on a minor charge.

GREEK STEAMER GOES TO BOTTOM

On Way From New Orleans to France She Was Torpedoed By a Submarine.

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 25.—The Greek freight steamer Odysseus, a vessel of 3,463 tons, which left New Orleans for France, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine April 13, according to two members of her crew, both Americans, who arrived here today on a Norwegian vessel.

U-BOAT ACTIVITY BEING OVERCOME WITH AMERICAN AID

Reduction Being Shown in Number of Victims of Submarines.

SIGNAL DEFEAT AWAITS GERMANY

In Her Dependence on Undersea Boats to Starve Out Allies—Praise For American Navy.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 25.—The successes against submarines have resulted in a distinct improvement in our food situation, said Premier Lloyd-George today in the House of Commons. The premier said more effective blows had been dealt the submarine during the last three weeks than in any corresponding period of the war.

REGISTRARS NAMED FOR BRUNSWICK

(Special to The Dispatch.) Southport, May 25.—Sheriff J. E. Robinson, Clerk of Court A. T. McKeithan, and County Officer J. D. Decher, visited every precinct in the county Tuesday and selected registrars for June 5th. Men volunteered in every precinct, except two, to do the work without compensation, and it is expected there will be no doubt more volunteers would have been found. The registrars selected are:

BRAZILIAN FLEET TO PATROL WATERS

(By Associated Press.) Rio de Janeiro, May 25.—According to the Journal Do Commercio, it was decided at a meeting of the parliamentary and diplomatic commissions called yesterday by the foreign minister to adopt the principle of reciprocity of Brazil's neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany and to police the South Atlantic with the Brazilian fleet.

PRESBYTERIANS DECLARE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

(By Associated Press.) Dallas, Texas, May 25.—By a large majority, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America today adopted a resolution favoring woman suffrage. A resolution was introduced by John B. Rendall, of Chesapeake, and was passed after debate.

WAR TAX BILL TO BE AMENDED

Senate Finance Committee to Reduce Amount Provided by House Bill

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 25.—Sentiment among members of the Senate Finance committee, considering the War Revenue bill, was said today to be strongly in favor of reducing the total amount carried in the bill as passed by the House from \$1,800,000,000 to \$1,250,000,000 and of raising the difference by short term bonds.

GEN. WOOD SOON TO MAKE DECISIONS

(By Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., May 25.—Major General Wood arrived at Southeastern headquarters today from Savannah, where he spent yesterday closing his recent tour. He will receive reports tomorrow from Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Ladue and Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Gallagher, who have headed two parties of inspection, one reviewing proposed training camp sites, the other investigating post facilities. General Wood is expected to make an announcement in the next day or two as to training camp sites recommended in his department.

LOCAL NURSES ON THE PROGRAM

Heard at Session of State Nurses' Convention Being Held at Fayetteville

(Special to The Dispatch.) Fayetteville, N. C., May 25.—The State Nurses' convention, being held here, observed public health day in most profitable and impressive way. "Public Health Nursing" as a vocation was discussed by Miss Virginia Gibbs, of Columbia, S. C., and the "Social Service Side of District Nursing" by Mrs. J. C. Hanna, of Wilmington. Dr. L. B. McKeithan addressed the convention on the "Nurses' Duty in Disease Prevention." Doctor McKeithan urged that private duty nurses cooperate in the sale of Red Cross seals. Mrs. Mack Davis told the history of public health work in Fayetteville, and Miss Mary L. Wyche, of Henderson, delegate to the National Organization of Public Health Nursing, made her report.

ITALIANS CONTINUE TO GAIN

(By Associated Press.) Rome, May 25 (Via London).—Italian troops engaged in the offensive movement south of Gorizia have captured the fortified heights north of Jamiano, the War Office announced today. The Italian positions have been extended still further, the announcement adds. South of Jamiano to the sea the Italians also gained ground, driving south of the Jamiano-Brestovizza road. The battle is still raging from the sea as far north as Plava. The Italians yesterday and the day before took a total of 10,245 prisoners and much war material.

MODIFIED FORM OF CENSORSHIP MAY BE ADOPTED

Conferees Agree On Such For Espionage Bill at Request of President.

PROVIDES FOR A JURY TRIAL

Would Apply Only to War Information and Not Bar Criticism—Censorship of Mails Provided.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 25.—Conferees on the Espionage bill have drawn a so-called modified newspaper censorship section which will be brought before Congress with the influence of the administration for inclusion in a pending bill. It must be accepted by both Houses to become part of the bill. The wording of the new section confines prohibited publication exclusively to military information and retains the provision that a jury shall decide whether published information is useful to the enemy. It is considered a much more liberal section than others previously proposed by the administration.

A FATAL AFFRAY NEAR NORFOLK

(By Associated Press.) Norfolk, Va., May 25.—Until the coroner's inquest, the time for which has not been fixed, mystery will surround the killing of R. L. Johnson, a general storekeeper in the public road at Gilmerton, Norfolk county, late Wednesday night. W. E. Porter, a detective agency man, and L. W. Lewis, a Norfolk & Western section foreman, are under arrest. Porter admitted firing three shots at Johnson to the officer who arrested him, claiming the latter was menacing him with a gun. Five shots were fired altogether. Neither Porter nor Lewis will make any statement of the cause of the dispute. Porter had turned to go home with his wife, following a dispute, when the shots were fired which ended Johnson's life.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES TO BE PROVIDED FOR

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 25.—Foreign systems of compensation for the families of soldiers are under study by the government with a view to instituting an insurance plan for the American military and naval forces.

RIOTING IN RUSSIA BECOMING SERIOUS

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd (Via London), May 25.—The agrarian disorders, wholesale confiscation of property, incendiarism and other dangerous symptoms of anarchy which followed the overthrow of the old authority in many important industrial centers, and agricultural districts of Central and Southern Russia are becoming more serious, according to dispatches from various points in Bessarabia and Siberia.

TAR HEELS SLOW IN ENLISTING

This State Has Furnished Only Sixteen Per Cent. of Its Quota.

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., May 25.—North Carolina has enlisted in the regular army from April 1 to today only about 16 per cent of what the War Department estimates to be its proportional quota. This is one of the lowest percentages of any State in the Union.

DENOUNCES PROPOSED PLANS FOR PEACE

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, May 15 (Via London).—The Berlin Vorwaerts declares that no German, after the horrors of the three years of war, could think of purchasing peace on the terms indicated in the speech of Premier Ribot. The Socialist organ asserts that rather than this the war must last for another three years.

ANOTHER BIG LOAN TO GREAT BRITAIN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 25.—Another loan of \$75,000,000 was made to Great Britain today by the United States, bringing up the total loaned that nation, thus far, to \$400,000,000 and the total of loans to all the Allies, \$745,000,000. A payment of \$75,000,000 also was made to Italy today as part of the \$100,000,000 loan announced some time ago. The Italian government already had received \$25,000,000.

MOBILE MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

Identity of The Woman's Body Found in a Creek Not Yet Established.

(By Associated Press.) Mobile, May 25.—A young woman, whose body, with the throat cut, was found in Chickasaw Creek had not been identified to the satisfaction of the police last night. The night clerk of the St. Andrews Hotel told the authorities that he thought it was a Jacksonville, Fla., woman who had apartments at the hotel until last Monday morning. He said she left the hotel at 2 o'clock in an automobile, in company with a man the clerk did not know. They were quarreling, the clerk said.

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DAILY STRENGTH OF BLOW DELIVERED BY THE ITALIANS GROWS

PARDON REFUSED TO ANSON COUNTY BANK PRESIDENT

Governor Bickett's Reasons For Refusal to Exercise Executive Clemency

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The Southern's Application to Corporation Commission. Checks For Firemen's Relief Fund.

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Pan-Germanism Hates to See Assembling of The Austrian Parliament—No Change of Importance in Any Other War Theatre.

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