

WEATHER FORECAST. North Carolina--Cloudy tonight and Sunday, probably rain; warmer tonight in interior; cooler Sunday in extreme west. South Carolina--Generally fair tonight and Sunday.

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CHILDREN AND WOMEN SLAIN BY GERMANS

Southeast Coast of England Raided By Aviators On Big Scale. LARGE NUMBER OF BOMBS DROPPED

Two Squadrons of Airships Flew Over Town and Hurling Projectiles--Streets Were Crowded and Many Were Killed--Buildings Demolished.

(By Associated Press.) A Town on the Southeast Coast of England, Friday Evening, May 25 (Via London, May 26).--The most ambitious airplane raid yet undertaken by the Germans on Great Britain occurred here late this afternoon, while the streets were crowded with shoppers, promenaders and workers returning to their homes.

The raiders dropped a large number of bombs, apparently in haphazard fashion, from a mile or two above the town, killing 76 persons, mostly women or children, and injuring nearly 175 more.

The first raider to arrive was the leader of a squadron of five. It was flying at such a height that it could not be seen against the brilliant sunlight which flooded the cloud-flecked sky, except by trained observers, with good glasses. The raider was followed by the other four at a slightly lower elevation. They sailed in a bee line across the town, dropping bombs continuously.

Many persons in the streets first learned of the air raid when they heard explosions of bombs around them. The zone in which the bombs were dropped cut a wide swath across the city, with the chief damage in the shopping and residential districts. The bombs, which were of large size, demolished completely houses and small shops which they struck.

The following report on the air raid was made by Field Marshal Viscount French:

"A large squadron of enemy aircraft--about 16--attacked Southeast England between 5:15 and 6:30 o'clock last evening. Bombs were dropped at a number of places, but nearly all the damage occurred in one town, where some bombs fell into the streets, causing considerable casualties among the civil population. Some shops and houses also were seriously damaged."

The total casualties reported by the police from all districts are: Killed, 76; injured, 174. Of the killed 27 were women and 23 were children, while 43 women and 19 children were injured.

Airplanes of the Royal Flying Corps went in pursuit and the raiding aircraft were engaged by fighting squadrons of the Royal Naval Air Service from Dunkirk on their return journey. The admiralty reports that three enemy airplanes were shot down by the latter.

Three hostile airplanes returning from last night's raid on England were brought down by British air forces in the English channel and off the Belgian coast, the admiralty announced today. The admiralty statement says:

"Naval airplanes attacked the air-drome at St. Denis Westres, near Bruges, yesterday morning, dropping many bombs. In the evening several enemy aircraft returning from the raid on England were engaged over sea by royal naval air service machines. An encounter took place between one British and three hostile airplanes in the mid-channel, and one of the latter was destroyed. Several encounters also took place off the Belgian coast, in which two large twin engine hostiles were shot down. All our machines returned safely."

This is the second German air raid on England within three days. On Wednesday night four or five German aircraft flew over the eastern English coast and dropped bombs, killing one man.

German Account. Berlin, May 26.--German air squadrons yesterday dropped bombs on Dover and Folkestone, says the announcement issued today by the German War Department.

GOVT. RENTS HOTEL IN THIS STATE

Secures Place at Hot Springs For The Internment of German Prisoners.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--The Department of Labor announced today that it had rented the Mountain Park Hotel, at Hot Springs, N. C., to house some of the interned German civilians now held in various parts of the country. There are about 2,000 of them, mostly sailors from German merchant ships. All who cannot be put in the Hot Springs Hotel will be taken care of on government land in Western North Carolina as soon as quarters can be made ready.

"The Department of Labor is of the belief," said a statement by Secretary Wilson, "that any improvements which it may be necessary to provide in order to care for these people should go upon government land rather than upon private property. The Hot Springs property is taken because it is ready for immediate occupancy, while a few months time will be required to make ready the detention camp on public lands now available for the purpose and admirably suited for an internment settlement. The hotel will, within the next ten days, house the first contingent. The locations of the Germans at Hot Springs would insure healthful conditions and an opportunity to take outdoor exercises, which is, of course, difficult at immigration stations."

TAR HEEL "VETS" WILL MOVE ON WASHINGTON

Washington, May 26.--Preparations are being made to take care of about 5,000 North Carolina Confederate Veterans the week of the reunion. Major General James I. Metts, of Wilmington will be in command of the division, three brigades. His Judge Advocate General and Representative Charles M. Stedman. General Metts will be at Hotel Harrington. He will arrive here several days before the reunion opens. Chas. S. Stone, of Charlotte, was here today and placed on sale at Woodward and Lothrop and Brentano's copies of "Anson Guards," by Major W. A. Smith, of Ansonville. This is the story of a company participation in the Civil War from Bethel to Appomattox. "The Diary of a Tar Heel Confederate Veteran," by Major L. Leon, of Wilmington.

LIBERTY BONDS ON INSTALLMENT

Federal Reserve Banks to Establish Such Plan For Small Investors.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--All Federal Reserve banks are working upon a plan to issue memorandum certificates of \$10 denomination to prospective purchasers of small amounts of Liberty loan bonds to enable them to pay for the bonds by installment.

The practice is in line with the announced policy of returning to the money markets such funds as are not immediately needed to finance war needs. Most of the banks taking the deposits are in New York and the East. A number of other banks notified the government that such deposits were not desired. The money in this case will remain on deposit possibly ten days--until it is needed by the department to meet American or allied needs, when it will be withdrawn with accrued interest at 2 per cent.

SEASONABLE WEATHER FOR COMING WEEK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--Seasonal temperature is forecast for the Southeastern States during the week beginning tomorrow. Occasional showers and thunder storms are probable.

RIDERLESS HORSES USED TO RECRUIT IN NATIONAL CAPITAL



Riderless horses, with signs such as that shown in the photograph, are being used by Cavalry Troop A, of the District of Columbia, to stimulate recruiting for the army and National Guard in Washington. The animals are led through the city in a procession, inviting able-bodied young men to fill the empty saddles.

FORD COMPANY UNDER CHARGES

Investigation by Attorney General--County Officials Refuse to Act.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, May 26.--Attorney General James S. Manning had his office filled yesterday with attorneys and witnesses who have laid upon him the question whether the Henry Ford Motor Company is a combination in restraint of trade.

The facts presented during the day bore materially upon the question of agency. It was brought out that Ford's company insists that its agencies do not serve other companies and that those who do represent it shall buy all pieces through his company. Further testimony was that the men who sell the higher grade machines do not like the idea of surrendering their agencies and that many pieces which Ford does not himself manufacture may be bought from other companies for less and used in his machines.

The complaints appear to come from Ford dealers in the State, and there are at least 125 of them, it is said. The Charlotte company which dishes out the machines from that metropolis, supplies 269 agencies. The statute provides for each violation and conviction a fine of \$1,000. Should Mr. Ford have the bad luck of a fine each for the 125 agencies it will be seen that it would cost him almost as much as the forward trip on the peace ship a year and a half ago.

Judge Frank I. Osborne, E. T. Candler, John M. Robinson and other attorneys have come here to try the issues in the primary stages. The burden in this instance is upon the defendant to show that he is not an illegal combination. It is understood that the hearing will continue through at least two days.

The Secretary of State today chartered the Atlantic Humus Company, of New Bern, a corporation that will deal in barges, vessels, peat, humus soil, etc. The authorized capital is \$25,000 and the paid in \$300 by C. M. Kelsoe, T. H. Bennett and H. K. Land, of New Bern.

The Rocky Mount Wood Working Company, chartered to do a business in building materials, pays in \$4,000 of its \$15,000. J. W. and Mrs. Estelle Matthis, G. W. and May Fountain pay the money in.

Harnett's clerk and Yarkin's appointed registrar are on the job in registering the eligibles for military service and have waived their opposition to this service, according to the department here today. The clerk of the court had declined to serve. In doing so he was gentled about it. He and his forbears had good records. They had fought in the Revolution, in the Mexican War, Between the States and in the Spanish skirmish, and in about all other wars that they could get into. But he had talked against the draft, was opposed to it and would not be a good man to place in charge. The Yarkin man thought he had immunity in an opinion by the attorney-general, but the attorney-general had never given it. Each man was sent a message indicating the punishment that attends the violation of the trust that the government has imposed upon them. That seems to have settled the issues so far as they are concerned, and they are at work. (Continued on Page Three.)

RURAL KANSAS SWEPT BY STORM

Many Deaths and Great Destruction of Property In Its Wake.

(By Associated Press.) Wichita, Kas., May 26.--South Central Kansas today is recovering from the ravages of a spring tornado which late yesterday tore a jagged path through two counties and killed 30 persons.

Andale, a village of less than 300 inhabitants was the chief sufferer, with 16 identified dead. The country district to the northeast near Sedgwick reported 9 fatalities, while 2 dead were identified near Newton, still to the northeast. More than a half hundred persons have been injured.

The twister arose in the southwest and swooped down upon Andale with a suddenness that prevented any organized escape. With the small end of the funnel-shaped mass whirling debris and slashing a path from a quarter to a half mile in width, residences and business buildings were reduced to splinters with the accompanying loss of human life. The tornado swept through one of the richest farming districts of the State, leveling standing grain and farm houses.

EXCITING FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE

Steamer Attacked--Fire Returned--Running Fight For More Than an Hour.

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 26.--A running battle with a submarine, during which the U-boat fired one torpedo and more than a dozen shells, some of the latter striking the vessel, was reported here today by an Italian steamship, arriving from a Mediterranean port.

The submarine came up to attack on May 3 near the island of Sardinia, and despite a return fire from the steamship, it followed its intended victim for more than an hour. No damage of any consequence occurred to the ship.

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MAKE DESPERATE EFFORT TO OUST FRENCH IN WEST

Germans Attack With Fury But Opponents Hold Fast To Positions.

AIR-RAIDERS ATTACK AND THEN ESCAPE

General Haig Reports Improvement in The Western War Theatre Today

England has been subjected to another German air raid which cost the lives of 76 persons and caused injury to 174 others. The attack took place early last evening over Southeastern England. About 16 aircraft took part, their bomb dropping apparently centering upon one town, which the official report does not name, causing many casualties among the civil population and damage to houses and shops. The raiders evidently made good their escape from the English mainland, but were intercepted in the channel off the Belgian coast by British airplanes, where three airplanes of the raiding squadron were shot down. Fifty of the killed and 62 of the injured were women or children.

On the front, in Northern France, the Germans are making desperate efforts to oust the French from the vantage points they have gained recently north of the Chemin-des-Dames and in the Craonne region. The French are standing fast, however. An evidence of their holding power was given last night when they maintained the salient positions east and west of Cerny. In the Champagne the French themselves were successful aggressors, enlarging considerably their positions on both sides of Mont Carnillet and taking 120 prisoners.

The British, on their front, also are pursuing nibbling tactics. General Haig reports slight improvement of the British positions on the right bank of the Scarpe, east of Arras. New reactions by the Germans may be in preparation between Croisilles and the Scarpe, as an increased activity of their artillery in this section is reported.

HAMLET HOTEL MAN CAUGHT BY SWINDLER

Hamlet, May 26.--Manager J. C. Leigh of the Terminal Hotel, has been stung to the tune of sixty-one dollars by cashing a check for one L. C. Scarborough, claiming to represent Banner Franklin and Co., of Morristown, Tenn. A wire from the city National Bank of Morristown advises that Scarborough has swindled many hotels in this section of the State. Scarborough is about thirty-five years, sharp faced, clean shaved, weighing about one hundred and sixty, of good appearance, dresses well and good talker. Manager Corpening of the Rockingham Hotel also cashed a check for him for forty dollars, which has been returned. Warrants have been issued for Scarborough and Messrs. Leigh and Corpening each offer twenty-five dollars reward for the arrest of Scarborough.

GERMANY'S SPIES GET IN THEIR WORK

Notify Government of Sailing and Destination of American Warships.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--Official investigation was under way today to uncover whether the leak on the sailing of American destroyers to the war zone was on this side of the Atlantic or whether German spies got it in England.

Admiral Sims has reported that the German admiralty knew of the departure of the ships and their port of arrival four days ahead of time, and had opportunity to mine their path. Some navy officials are inclined to suspect the German spy system in England, despite the statement of Secretary Daniels that the incident emphasized the fact that the German spies still were at work in this country.

If the information was sent from the United States it was made doubly difficult because it had to pass the official censorship.

It was stated officially today that only a few officers in the office of Admiral Benson, chief of operations, knew the destination of the destroyers. The commanders themselves were ignorant of the port until they opened sealed orders, probably twelve hours at sea.

Admiral Sims report flatly charges that Berlin knew of the mission of American destroyers and their destination, which appears to dispose of the possibility that chance mining operations endangered the flotilla.

SENATORS CUT OUT THE 5 PER CENT. AUTO TAX

But The Finance Committee Agrees to Income Tax Section as First Drawn

SIGNS OF SLASHES YET TO BE MADE

Income Schedule as Adopted by Senate Committee Expected to Yield Over Half Billion Annually.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--Elimination of the 5 per cent. manufacturers' tax on automobiles in the \$1,800,000,000 war tax bill passed by the House and substitution of a license tax, at a rate yet to be fixed, upon motor vehicles, payable by those having possession, was decided upon today by the Senate finance committee, in its revision of the House measure.

The income tax section as first drawn, including the 2 per cent. normal tax and the House committee's surtaxes also, were adopted by the Senate committee. It struck out, however, the increased surtaxes on incomes over \$40,000 added in the House on amendments by Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin.

The retroactive tax of 38 1-3 per cent. upon incomes taxed in 1916 had previously been eliminated.

The committee's action today in rejecting the automobile tax was said to be the forerunner of further reductions of the 5 per cent. taxes on special industries.

Instead of the straight 5 per cent. manufacturing tax on motor cars, the committee is considering a graduated license tax ranging from \$1 or \$2 upon low-priced cars, to \$10 and \$20 on more costly vehicles. The Senate committee also rejected the tax on motorcycles and automobile tubes, motorcycle and bicycle tires and tubes.

The income schedule, as adopted by the Senate committee, is expected to raise \$33,000,000 annually.

As finally enacted by the measure by Congress before June 1 is probable, the date fixed in the House bill when railroad and Pullman tickets, freight and express receipt taxes would go into effect, the Senate committee plans to substitute a later date.

ARMY SEND OUT CALL FOR BAKERS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--The army sent out a call today for several thousand bakers, assistant bakers and apprentices to serve during the war. Virtually all will be rated as non-commissioned officers, and their pay will range from \$33 to \$51 a month, with additional pay for foreign service and everything in the way of quarters, rations, clothing and medical attention provided. Special blanks have been sent to army recruiting stations for the enrollment of the bakers, who will be in the quartermaster enlisted reserve corps.

U. S. TREASURY STARTS PLACING FUNDS BANKS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--The treasury today began the practice of re-depositing a portion of the proceeds obtained from certificates of indebtedness by placing \$128,598,000 among the various banks and trust companies which subscribed to the latest offering of \$200,000,000 in short term certificates of indebtedness.

NEW COMPROMISE FOR NAT. CENSORSHIP.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 26.--A new compromise provision for newspaper censorship was agreed upon today by the conferees on the espionage bill. They regarded it as greatly modifying that drafted yesterday.

The new plan provides that Congress shall prohibit publication of military information, but not that regarding "equipment" of the armed forces, and instead of authorizing the President to make censorship rules and regulations, confers upon him merely the power to permit publication of matter prohibited by the section.

LOCATION OF SEVERAL TRAINING CAMPS

(By Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., May 26.--Major General Wood today stated that training camps for men taken from the army selective draft were "practically assured" for Macon, Ga., Aiken, S. C., and Chattanooga. Savannah and Charleston also will come in for important preparation work, he said. Two or three divisions probably will be trained at Chattanooga.