WEATHER FORECAST.

Carolina-Local thunder showers this afternoon or tonight. Friday, probably fair; cooler in the

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GIGANTIC PLOT TO BLOCK NEED OF THE NATION UNEARTHED

Countrywide Scheme to Prevent Young Men From Enlisting in Army

HAD HEADQUARTERS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Shop and Find Literature Important Arrests Made in New York City Today In Alleged Conspiracy.

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, May 31.- . gigantic plot, with national headquarters in men of military age all over the Unit- the middle of next week, for imme- In his opening address, Dr. Gross ed States to refrain from registering diate consideration. been uncovered by State and Govern

Details of the plot which was said o have extended in many States, became known when United States Marshals raided a print shop and office at 111 1-2 South High street, where practically all of the propaganda literature was printed and distributed. It was stated that the plot appeared to be well financed and well organized.

Arrests Made in Gotham. New York, May 31 .- Otten Cattrell and Charles F. Philips, described as Columbia University students, and Eleanor Wilson Parker, a telephore op-erator, were today arrested by agents of the Department of Justice, charged with being engaged in a conspiracy to spread anti-conscription sentiment.

The complaint against them alleges that as a committee appointed at an anti-conscription meeting held on May 8, they went to a printing establishment on May 24, with manuscript folders containing anti-conscription literature and headed: "Will You Be Drafted?" The names of the three, according to the complaint, were signed to the manuscript.

SOLDIER FELL FROM BRIDGE AND KILLED

(By Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., May 31.-Colonel larry S. Berry, commander of the First Tennessee, announced the death today of Private George W. Moore, of Knoxville, where he fell from the Louisville and Nashville bridge he was guarding. His sister resides at Scotland Neck, N. C.

EXPLOS: VES LADEN STEAMER BURNED

Caused by Mysterious Explosion—Two of The Crew Killed.

(By Associated Press.) Honolulu, May 31.—Two members The vessel was a total loss.

George Nystrom, first officer, was killed while directing the fighting of ing and is believed to have perished. phasized by the Prince. Captain Wichert thought the fire blew off the hatches and caused the ship to be enveloped in flames almost immediately. The gasoline drums on the ship's deck exploded shortly after, making impossible a successful fight against the fire. Captain Wichert said the cause of the explosion was a mystery.

The Hamakua, owned by the Inter-Island Steamship Navigation Company of Honoludu, was of 646 gross

(By Associated Press). St. Louis, May 31.—Additional + reports on the havoc wrought by

Government Officers Raid Amount Reduced by Commit- Many Differences Shown In Hundreds Besiege Marshals tee to Billion and Half Dollars—Bill Nearly Ready

(By Associated Press.) far on the War Tax bill by the Sen- - Dr. Gustav Gross, leader of the Ger (ate Finance committee made it seem man National League, has been electpossible today that a redraft of the ed President of the Lower House of tic plot, with national headquarters in measure would be completed by Satthe Austrian Parliament, according to this city, organized to induce young urday and presented to the Senate by a Vienna dispatch.

ment secret service agents, according total amount to be raised by the bill House to see to it that the expectato announcement made this afternoon to \$1,460,000,000, and indications are tions of Austria's enemies that great will carry about \$1,500,000,000. The session should remain unfulfilled. total of \$1,800,000,000.

> The committee today took up minor papers and magazines.

Further reducing the War Tax bill, the Senate Finance committee decided to raise \$80,000,000 in excise, or contions, sumption taxes, of 2 cents a pound on coffee, 5 cents on tea, one-half a cent ties had been stated by their repre- tion of the applications already filed

will be taxed.

coffee, \$18,000,000; tea, \$3,000,000 and Germans and the Czechs, and that the will be levied upon imports. Under ing to improve this situation. the House bill it was proposed to tax continues: "The fact is that the Govcoffee one cent a pound and tea 2 ernment appears before the House

beer and reducing its alcohol content Martinic already are mentioned. in the making of "near beer" when such alcohol becomes denatured for NAMES DIRECTORS OF commercial purposes.

The committee did not discuss the proposed increase on second class publications.

MORE GERMAN SHIPS

(By Associated Press.) to the German commerce raiders supreme president of the Order. Prince Eithel Frederich and Kronprinz' Wilhelm, the seized German ships Liebenfels, and the gunboats Geier and Locksun will be used by the

For colliers and cargo carriers the following German ships will be used: Hohenfelde, Frieda Leonhardt, Nicaria, Kiel, Rudolph, Blumberg, Vogesen, Breslau, and Saxonia.

PRINCE UDINE ADDRESSES SENATE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 31.—Prince Udine of the crew were killed when the head of the Italian mission, delivered deamship Hamakua, carrying explos- in the Senate chamber today, a mes-

was caused by an explosion which PROMINENT EDUCATOR

Confederate veteran and widely follows: known educator, who formerly con- "It has been brought to my notice on their backs over trails that horses kind of meeting the Department of ducted a military academy at King's that many of the citizens of Florida could not have traveled, the cruiser Justice means," said Dr., Magnes, Mountain, N. C., died this morning at that many of the citizens of Fiorida are going out of the State to Cuba and at the home of his daughter, in this to other places in order to escape the city. His body will be taken to Rutherfordton, N. C., tonight for burial of June. In order that these people of June. In order that the June of June of

SUBMARINES SINK MORE NORWEGIAN SHIPS white or black, between the ages of *

(By Associated Press.) the storms in Southeastern Mis- Norwegian ships are reported in a and if any white or black Americans * had been taken to prevent men, * Dr. Magnes pointed out that the or-Souri and Southern Illinois Wed- Central News dispatch from Christi- in Florida are taking passage out of subject to military registration, * ganizers of the conference had resolv-+ 358 tons) and the steamship Fridtjof ed, after which said person may be * Nansen (2,197 tons).

Parliamentary Debate-Government in Minority

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 31.—Progress so Amsterdam, (Via London), May 31

promised freedom of speech and im-The committee has pared down the partiality in debates. He urged the that the measure as finally redrafted, dissension would develop during the

bill as it passed the House carried a "We are one in our unshakable determination," he said, "to continue the line in the Federal building early tofight, which was forced upon us, to day anxious to make application for nexations does not apply to Alsacetax schedules including those on news- which will guarantee our safety and independence in the future. At the same time nothing is further from our thoughts than suppression of other na-After the policies of various par-

other important change agreed upon tinic said the Government would make sentatives, Premier Count Clam-Mar- began today. was elimination of the present tax of a declaration in regard to all the ques-lz per cent, on war munitions, now tions raised in one of the first sittings. after the speech from the throne. The Substitutes for tea and coffee also next sitting was fixed for June 5.

From the new taxes, the commit-Austrian Parliament, the Tageblatt, of tee estimates the following revenue Berlin, says differences of opinion will be raised: Sugar, \$50,000,000; were marked, especially between the cocoa \$7,000,000. Coffee and tea taxes Austrian Government had done nothwithout a majority behind it, and it Another provision adopted today by may easily happen that the Governthe committee would exempt from ment will find itself in the minerity." taxation alcohol reclaimed by refining Various successors to Count Clam-

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

(By Associated Press.) New Orleans, May 31.—Archbishop Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati, has been appointed supreme spiritual director some of the severest fighting of the IN AMERICAN USE of the Catholic Knights of America, to war, naturally has resulted in a large New Orleans, according to announce- active winter season. Casualties for the need for a state form in which Washington, May 31.—In addition ment here today by Dr. Felix Gaudin, the last few months have not been Alsace-Lorraine can fit as an inde-

LEAVING FLORIDA

Young Men Said to Be Going To Cuba to Prevent Conscription.

(By Associated Press.) Jacksonville, Fla., May 31.—Sheriffs Wes, burned yesterday off the Island sage from King Victor Emmanuel to along the Florida seacoast today are of Haui, of the Hawaiian group, ac- the American people. Resplendently maintaing a close watch for slackers forming to word received here today, garbed in uniforms of gold and blue who may attempt to leave the State sion was enthusiastically received. for foreign shores by launch or by The union of effort and purpose of steamer in order to escape registration the flames. The boatswain is miss- Italy and the United States was em- next. Tuesday. Under instructions from Governor Catts, who says he has information that not a few draft sub- here, that a secret wireless plant is of the organizers of the conference, jects have already left for Cuba, the in operation on Elk Creek, in the had referred to newspaper dispatches DIES IN RICHMOND sheriffs will from now until next Tues- Olympia Forest Reserve, about 24 from Washington telling of the purday detain any person within the age miles from the Pacific ocean. The pose of the Department of Justice to (By Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., May 31.—Captain limit suspected of trying to make esther with the wireless plant were taken into ings and prosecute those who infringe the steamship filled and went down William T. R. Bell, 73 years old, a cape. The Governor's order reads as Queen's county in the summer of the law.

may not escape this draft which has * been set up by our President and in & which every able bodied American, * 21 and 31, is subject, I therefore ask * you to appoint special deputies tof * London, May 31.—Further losses of watch the roster of all outgoing ships * announced today that steps * our meeting." permitted to proceed on his way."

ONLY THREE CAMPS TO BE PREPARED NOW.

(By Associated Press). Charleston, S. C., May 31.- 4 First work of preparing training + camps in the Southeastern Military District will be centered on + + three camps, probably Atlanta, + Augusta and Columbia, according * + to an announcement at headquart- + ers here today. Preparation of & the other nine camps would not + • begin at once, it was indicated, • • but as it is believed they will be • is not expected that work on 4 them would be long delayed.

Offices to File Applications For Such Permits.

TIME EXTENSION

Crowds-Many Stand In Line All Night-Fifteen Hundred Applications

(By Associated Press,) several hundred Germans formed in German internal the extension in time a majority remained in line until their cases could be heard by Marshal Thomas D. Mc-

besieged all day yesterday by applicants for permits. It was estimated Commenting on the meeting of the that 1,500 applications were made up to the time the office closed.

Campaign Than During Inactivity of Winter.

(By Associated Press.) London, May 31.—The British of fensive on the Arras front, involving succeed the late Archbishop Blenk, of increase in casualties over the inreceived, but in February the total re- pendent portion of the empire. ported was only 1,243 officers and 17,

> withstanding the fact that larger forces are engaged, is not borne out by the May figures, although in the absence of the casualties report for April, early in which month the offensive was launched, the showing is not conclusive. The casualties recorded in the first three months of Meeting of So-Called Pacifists the Somme drive were 307,169 officers and men. In August of last year, the second month of the Somme battle, the casualties were 127,945, as compared with 112,233 for May, the second month of the Arras battle.

ON PACIFIC COAST

1915. Three Germans bore the stuff "I don't know whether this is the

WILL STOP THEM FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY.

SOCIALISTS

Territory Annexation Proposition Does Not Apply to Alsace-Lorraine.

GERMAN SOCIALIST POSITION OUTLINED

By Leading Member of That Party-Indefinite As to Belgium-Proposal Regarding Poland

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, (Via London), May 31 -The lavish promises of some of the outside intermediaries in the peace movement that the German Socialists and the German government, in order o arrange peace, would be ready to negotiate a settlement of the Alsace-Lorraine question under the guise of 'frontier regulation' have no basis, in fact, according to a statement made to the Associated Press by Dr. Eduard David, a prominent German Socialist delegate to the Stockholm conference. Dr. David was emphatic in declaring FOR APPLICATIONS that no German party and no German government could or would be found which would consent to the alienation

fixed part of the German empire. The only alterations of frontier which could be contemplated by the German Socialist party were such New York, May 31.—Unaware that the phrases he used were: "The questhe time had been extended to June 9, tion of Alsace-Lorraine is purely a German internal one. Alsace-Lorraine erica.

"The formula of peace without anpermission to live or travel in the Lorraine, because there has been no zones about forts, navy yards, and change in possession during the war, attack and one was brought down by armories. Even when informed of Neither the German Government nor the British. the German Socialists are going to surrender Alsace-Lorraine."

In further explanation of the program with which the German majori-In Hoboken, N. J., where a third "restoration" of Belgium, but his lan- shows that the arrangement for hold- ing retined intact. he meant financial ald toward restoring the desolated country to its prewar condition. As far as Russian Pocialists advocate a plebiscite to determine whether the population wishes

> The statement of Dr. David, regardng Alsace-Lorraine is illumined by an article in the Socialist organ of Emmel. The socialist organ argues in the Dardanelles. against any cession, on the ground that in a centralized State, like France, there is no place for racial CLOSING AT THE ODD particularism for a population like the Alsatians, marked out by names and dialect from the great body of the French nation. The paper argues that a federated structure, like Germany, just meets, on the other hand

The assertion of the British that their losses are 50 per cent. smaller than in the battle of the Somme, not-

Denounces Act As **Immoral**

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 31.-The Conscrip tion act was characterized today as both immoral and unconstitutional at GERMAN WIRELESS POST the first American conference on democracy and terms of peace, which was again in session today at Madison Square, with Socialists and pacifists in (By Associated Press.)
Seattle, Washington, May 31.—A attendance. The speaker was Daniel timber cruiser residing in Seattle has Kiefer, of Cincinnati, who was introreported to United States authorities duced after Dr. Judah L. Magnes, one cruiser reported that materials for take stenographic notes at peace meet-

> Prussia, at political meetings the sten-* ographers are seated on the platform. * They take notes and report to the Government. Inasmuch as we are very

Her Hydroplanes Using Admiral Fiske's Invention For Handling Torpedoes.

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 31.-Ideas embodied in Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske's Has No Effect on The Anxious of territory which was regarded as a invention of a torpedo launching seaplanes have been "appropriated" by the Champagne region have been rethe Germans and were used by them in torpedoing the 3,000-ton British minor ones as were based on local steamship Gena, off Aldeburgh, May 1, blows dealt it early today in a susconditions and considerations. Among according to a statement given out tained effort of an extremely violent here tonight by the Aero Club of Am-

ported by the British admirality May 2. Two seaplanes participated in the

The charge of theft against the Germans is based on evidence received by the Aero Club, the statement said ty Socialists are going to Stockholm, The evidence consists of a sketch of Dr. David said that it included the the captured German seaplane, which guage left it uncertain as to whether ing the torpedo is exactly like that in Admiral Fiske's invention.

land is concerned, the majority So- statement said, provided for the con- arras battle front, however, is restruction of large seaplanes capable ported today, the big guns on both the establishment of a kingdom under of launching the regulation, "White-Austro-German auspices or alignment head torpedo." Later he decided it with Russia, either as part of that would be best to reduce the size of country or as a Polish State with the torpedo, provided this could be close relations to its great eastern done without materially lessening its explosive power.

The British admirality, in reporting the torpedoing of the Gena, claimed that this method of attack was prac-Mulhausen, Alsace, edited by the So-in August, 1913, by Royal Navy Air Naturally Larger in Spring cialist Reichstag Deputy Joseph L. Service pilots, who sank several ships

FELLOWS' ORPHANAGE

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., May 31.-Closing exercises at the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home will begin Sunday evening, June 3, with the baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. M. L. Kesler, D. D., the Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C. The cies." Rev. Mr. Kesler needs no introduction, as he is one of the most forceful speakers in the State.

Interesting exercises will be given by the children each evening, and on Wednesday night, June 6, it will be concluded by a play prepared and given by the children of the High school department.

The final examination will begin Monday and will close next Saturday, by which time everything will be in readiness for the closing exercises.

COLLISION AT SEA; BARK SELGE SUNK

(By Associated Press.) New York, May 31.—News of the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Selge in a collision at sea was brought here today by a Norwegian bark which was towed into port in order that she might undergo repairs of damage resulting from the mishap. The Selge had left Baltimore with

she was run into by the bark which reached here today. The barks bow The steamship filled and went down within ten minutes. Her Crew of 22 men took to the small boats and were rescued by the bark. The collision took place off the coast of North Caro-

ITALIAN TROOPS ADVANCE IN ALBANIA

Rome, May 31.—(Via London.)— (By Associated Press.) * rapidly becoming Prussianized we Washington, May 31.—Earth-was * should follow the Prussian example at cupied the villages of Cerevoua, Velunounced today that steps * our meeting." * Italian troops in Albania have oc- * washington, May 31.—Earth-was * should follow the Prussian example at isest, Csoja and Cafa, the war office * riod of two hours were recorded * riod of two hours were re announced today.

The town occupied by the Italians & University seismograph. They be-* nesday brought the known death • ania. It quotes the Norwegian foreign the State between now and June 5th, injured has grown to about 60, • marines have sunk the sailing vessel and a family set of the fifth day of June and see that proposed adoption of any action contrary to the law would be described by the Central News dispatch from Christian are taking passage out of the subject to military registration, * subject to military registration. * subject to and a family of 7 is reported miss. Asters (1,531 tons gross) and the til after the fifth day of June and see wing made to prevent evasion of a garded as "perfectly within the law, the Adriatic, has been long held by mated the center of the disturb-* steamship Glyn (probably the Glyg, that such person is properly register- * the law by leaving the country. * and favored all discussions as to the Italian forces. Their advance is re- * ance at 4,000 miles distant. * wisdom and unwisdom of existing claiming more of Albania from Austrian influence.

Von Hindenburg Making Desperate Attempts to Recapture Vital Lost Positions

FRENCH LINES SO FAR ARE UNBROKEN

Comparative Quiet Along the British Front-Situation in Spain Said to be Grave and is Being Closely Watched.

Desperate attempts by German to push back the French from the vantage ground won in the recent attacks by General Petain's forces in newed.

ed intact under the successive severe and sanguinary character, gas shells being liberally employed. The front was dented at only one place and The torpedoing of the Gena was re- this but slightly, the Crown Prince's troops gaining a footing in some advanced trenches, northwest of Mont

At the Teton, the Casque, at positions northwest of Auberive and at Mont Blond, on the front against which the attacks were launched, the net German gain was nil, the valuable ground which the French need for the pushing of a further offensive particularly for observation purposes, be-Along the British line in France

the comparative quiet continues broken into only by trench raids. In-Admiral Fiske's original idea, the creasing artillery activity from the sides having started up again in somewhat lively fashion near Bulle Court, and further north along the Scarpe east of Arras.

> British losses in men in the Arras battle are reflected in the figures of casualties published during May, which total 112,233 including 5,902 of-

The political situation in Spain is being closely watched, particularly in view of today's newspaper announcement in Madrid that the constitutional guarantees would shortly again be suspended. Former Premier Romanones is quoted as declaring that conditions in the country, which is known to be suffering keenly in a general economic way from the war, as well as directly from submarine sinkings, were becoming graver every hour. He considered the recent great meeting of pro-Ally sympathizers as of enormous importance and as perhaps likely to exercise "a greater inefficient superintendent of the Baptist fluence on foreign than on home poli-

FOOD LEGISLATION BEING DEBATED

Senate Discussing House Bill. House Committee Framing Another Food Measure.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 31.—Food legislation was under consideration on both sides of the capital today.

In the Senate debate on the bill, already passed by the House, providing for a survey and stimulation of food production was resumed, while the House Agricultural committee began work of perfecting the bill for establishing food administration and price coke for Peru. At 3 a. m. on May 24 fixing. Both bills are administration The Senate is expected to pass its

bill within the next two days. Chairman Lever, of the House Agricultural committee, plans to report out the bill his committee is considering some time next week, if possible, for immediate consideration by the House.

+ EARTHQUAKE TREMORS REG. ISTERED.

(By Associated Press). Washington, May 31.-Earththis morning by the Georgetown