

WEATHER FORECAST, North and South Carolina--Probably showers and thunder storms tonight and Sunday.

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BALFOUR AND PARTY BACK IN ENGLAND

GERMAN RULER WAS UNDER FIRE FROM ENTENTE AIRMEN

Officers Nearby Were Killed During Bombardment of Belgian Position. HAIG WILL ALLOW NO REST FOR ENEMY

British Troops Deliver Blows Around Lens--German Counter Attack Fails--King Received General Pershing.

THE KAISER UNDER FIRE. (By Associated Press.) London, June 9.--Emperor Wilhelm was with Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Prince Eitel Friedrich and other members of the German Emperor's staff inside the St. Peters station at Ghent, Belgium, when it was bombarded by Entente allied airmen the other day, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, from a Dutch frontier correspondent.

General Haig's evident purpose to give no rest to the Germans before the British front in Belgium and northern France had a new exemplification last night. His troops struck at the German positions around Lens. On a two-mile front south of the Souchez river the enemy lines were penetrated to a depth of more than half a mile and successful operations were carried on further north as far as La Basse.

Somewhat widely separated as are the two fields of attack, they bear relation to each other, constituting points from which the great manufacturing district of Northern France, centered in Lille, may be subjected to alternating pressure.

The movement reported today apparently means that another great blow is about ready to be struck towards clearing the Germans from their longheld and much-prized positions in this area.

London messages bring the news that Arthur J. Balfour, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs, has reached England safely from his visit to America as head of the British mission.

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY IS NOW IN LONDON

Mission That Visited America Returns Home in Safety

DEEP SATISFACTION FELT IN WASHINGTON

Departure Had Been Surrounded With Secrecy--Newspapers Knew But All Kept Quiet.

(By Associated Press.) London, June 9.--Foreign Secretary Balfour arrived at a British port this morning on his return from his trip to America at the head of the British mission.

Mr. Balfour at once departed for London, arriving here this afternoon. Relief in Washington.

Washington, June 9.--The safe arrival of British Foreign Secretary Balfour at a British port brought deep satisfaction to officials here, who surrounded his visit to this country with greater precautions and secrecy than probably ever prevailed before.

ITALIAN MISSION CLOSES ITS WORK

Effort Will be Made to Begin The Proposed Southern Tour.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 9.--The Italian war mission held final conferences today with American officials in closing the business which brought them here.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS GERMAN

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WOUNDED BUT READY FOR MORE.



THE THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Russian boy has been wounded in the fighting near Rheims. He was one of the Russian contingent sent to France last year and served through some of the worst fighting this spring.

UNIQUE REUNION COMES TO CLOSE

Confederate Veterans Homeward Bound--The Last Day at Gettysburg.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 9.--Veterans of the Confederacy were on their way home today, after a reunion unique among the many thousands, held during their stay in the nation's capital, they paraded up Pennsylvania avenue, from the Capitol to the White House--the line of march of Grant's victorious army; were reviewed by the President of the United States for the first time, and, as a climax, visited Gettysburg's battlefield, where, without opposition, they wandered over "Little Round Top," where the destiny of the nation was decided half a century ago.

Washington was swamped by the great inflow of southerners, and officials in charge of the entertainment features admitted today that they were unprepared for such a throng. Inauguration days in the past brought no greater crowds than those that came for the veterans gathering.

THE end of the reunion took place yesterday on the battlefield at Gettysburg, where, in the presence of thousands of veterans, including the survivors of Pickett's division, an equestrian statue of General Lee was unveiled, a memorial from the State of Virginia to the Virginians who had died on the battlefield.

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY FRENCH CHAMBER

(By Associated Press.) Paris, June 9.--After a two days' session, during which Admiral Lasaze, Minister of Marine, and the conduct of the navy were under fire, especially on account of merchant marine losses, the Chamber of Deputies voted last night, confidence in the government by 310 to 178.

DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF PAPER.

The Wilmington Dispatch appears in slightly abbreviated form this afternoon, containing six pages instead of the customary eight, due to the scarcity of paper on account of the failure of the mill to get shipment started on schedule time.

THE PEOPLE'S CASE IN THE FREIGHT RATE QUESTION

Put Before the Interstate Commerce Commission as Matter of Right

THEIR INTERESTS GREATLY INVOLVED

In the Question at Issue Before The Commission Fully Set Forth by People's Trustees.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Washington, D. C., June 9.--One of the most remarkable hearings ever held before the Interstate Commerce Commission took place here yesterday afternoon, when members of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, in connection with the pending application of the railroads to be allowed to increase their freight rates, urged the commission to take action which will stabilize the stocks and bonds of the roads, not only in the interest of the people, but in the interest of the government as a war measure.

The ownership of more than \$3,000,000,000 in railroad stocks and bonds was represented at the hearing by individuals, officials of the great life and fire insurance companies, of savings banks, of fiduciary and financial institutions, and by trustees of estates. This was pointed out in an address to the commission, presented by S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore, president of the Continental Trust Company, of that city, and chairman of the board of the Seaboard Air Line, whose leadership resulted in the formation of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities at a meeting held in Baltimore last month.

Mr. Warfield's address, which was presented by Frank Hagerman, of Kansas City, counsel for the organization, who is the attorney who argued the government's case before the United States Supreme Court in testing the constitutionality of the Adamson act, and who won that case, went into the fact that the speaker, who presented, through holders of life insurance policies, depositors in savings banks, etc., the "very definite ownership of over 50,000,000 of the people of the United States" in the bonds and stocks of the carriers.

For the first time in history the Interstate Commerce Commission heard the people of the country, who are the real owners of the railroads, in connection with the problems of the carriers. In the ballroom of the New Willard hotel, where the meeting was held, were gathered investors, big and little, from all over the country, to participate, by their presence and moral support, at least, in the plea for the carriers.

Every hand there was comment to the effect that the commission has in the past heard the organized ship-labor representatives of the country through their unions, and that even the government is organized for control of the railroads in the fact that there is an Interstate Commerce Commission, but that never before have the organized owners of the railroads, the actual holders of the bonds and stocks of the companies, been heard by the commission.

The address of Mr. Warfield, who was elected president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, pointed out the necessity of "permitting the carriers, through their rates, to establish such a margin of safety, which will call a surplus, beyond their actual requirements for meeting their fixed and other charges as will establish their credit and admit of their being economically and successfully financed."

That subject was gone into by Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the New York Life Insurance Company; M. A. Schenck, president of the Bowery Savings Bank, of New York, and president of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York; John E. Oldham, of Boston, a railroad financial authority and writer, and Robert F. Maddox, president of the Atlanta National Bank, of Atlanta. It was brought out by Mr. Warfield in his statement, that the securities of the railroads, on the 1915 reports, were owned as follows:

By more than 1,000,000 individuals, \$10,000,000; by life insurance companies, policies owned by 33,000,000 people, \$1,550,000,000; by savings banks, with 10,000,000 depositors, \$847,000,000; by fire, marine, casualty and surety companies, \$648,000,000; by benevolent associations, colleges, schools and charitable institutions, \$350,000,000, and by trust companies, State and National banks, \$865,000,000, the balance being held in channels not enumerated, mostly abroad.

Mr. Warfield pointed out that three-fifths of the capital of the carriers (Continued on page six.)

MORE AMERICAN OFFICERS REACH ENGLAND.

(By Associated Press.) London, June 9.--A further contingent of American officers arrived at a British port today on the steamer that brought Foreign Secretary Balfour. The officers were met by representatives of the American embassy.

BASE FALSEHOOD AS TO SEA FIGHT

Persistent Rumors of Disasters to Our Warships--Statement Secretary Daniels

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 9.--Persistent and widely circulated false reports of naval battles and disaster to American and Entente forces have reached the point where Secretary Daniels has concluded that they are the result of an organized conspiracy to alarm and distress the American people. Today the Secretary issued the following statement:

"The country is being poisoned by rumors of battles and disaster that are absolutely without the slightest foundation in truth.

"All of these outrageous falsities are accompanied by the explanation that the Washington authorities are in a conspiracy with the press to keep the truth from the people. No such engagement has taken place. The American fleet has not been in action. No ship has been lost. There are no wounded sailors or marines in any hospital. The declared policy of the Navy Department is one of absolute openness. If disaster comes no effort will be made to minimize it. The people of the United States are asked to trust in this pledge."

STEAMER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

One American Among Missing--Accuracy of German Information.

(By Associated Press.) London, June 9.--The British steamer Southland, from Liverpool for Philadelphia in ballast, was torpedoed without warning on June 4. She had six Americans aboard, of whom one, Edward Rigney, of New York City, is missing. The gun crew on the Southland fired ten shots at the submarine after the first torpedo was fired. A second torpedo was fired by the submarine and it caused an explosion in the magazine which killed eight men.

The boats containing forty men are still missing. The rest of the crew of 159 has been landed.

As showing the excellent information which the submarines receive the U-boat commander, when informed of the name of the ship, showed surprise and said: "Why you are a week ahead of your time." The submarine flew no flag.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL LIKELY TO BE OMITTED

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 9.--The national emergency may make it more difficult than ever, if not impossible, to enact waterways improvement legislation at this session of Congress. This seemed probable today as a result of the increasing opposition to the \$27,000,000 annual river and harbor appropriation bill under consideration in the House.

MT. OLIVE MAN TELLS OF SHIP SINKING. (By Associated Press.) New York, June 9.--Sinking of the British bark Carmoney by a German submarine on May 14, while on a voyage from Buenos Aires to Queenstown with a cargo of corn, was told by Spencer Jones, of Mount Olive, N. C., and Francis Brown, of Biddeford, Me., two American members of the crew who arrived today. They were rescued with 20 other sailors from the bark. They said the submarine shelled their vessel until she was in a sinking condition and then sent a crew aboard which, after stripping the ship of everything that could be moved easily, blew her up with bombs.

SPLENDID SHOWING MADE BY WOMEN NORTH CAROLINA

In the Matter of Preparation For the Emergencies of War.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

Progress Reported at Convention--Girls Canning Clubs. Army Registration Report.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, June 9.--The women's committee of the Council for Defense in a two days session here yesterday gave an aggregate of activities on the part of the women that would make the men's to date seem trivial.

The women had not organized when Mrs. Eugene Perry called them together in the Senate chamber. Mrs. Relfly had been to Washington and heard the defense plans from the center of government. She had heard the men talk in terms of millions and billions, but for high finance she came back to North Carolina, where the women with the little money and cast-off things left them are working miracles by the million.

Some of the most prominent of the State's women were here, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson; Mrs. W. N. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem; Miss Mary Pettit, of Greensboro; Mrs. R. C. Cotten, of Bruce; Mrs. John S. Cunningham, of Durham, nearly all representing some organization which is allied with the council of defense. Besides these were a score of Raleigh's most capable women.

In the morning session Mrs. Relfly, without allowing the women to know upon whom she would just picked them out one by one and asked them to make reports. The talks were rarely more than three or four minutes, but filled with something attempted and something done.

Mrs. McKimmon told of the canning work. Last year her department put up 680,000 cans of all descriptions. This year they have received 2,500,000 of tin cans alone, nearly four times as much as the aggregate of tin, stone and glass last year. Sixty-one counties have come into the organization. This is a gain of 18 over last year. "Produce and conserve" is the slogan of her organization. She has definitely arranged for instruction in all these counties. She told how the work that has been done has overcome prejudice or indifference.

Mrs. McKimmon said they would have \$50,000 this year against the \$24,000 last year and with all sources contributing from the county might run the total to \$95,000. This does not include the reserve which would provide for work in the cities. Mrs. Reynolds told of the sanitary building which is to be used in Winston-Salem for canning and one of the experts from the State department will be in charge. At the close of the talks Mrs. Bickett sent an invitation to the visitors to take lunch with her Saturday.

Ninety-six counties registering 1332,104 white, 63,571 blacks and 553 aliens run North Carolina's total this afternoon to 195,228, just 2,162 more than the government expected. This puts the State safely ahead of the government's figures and if the remaining four counties do not contribute more than 100 each the State's face is quite creditably saved. Those counties are Caswell, Graham, Bander and McDowell. In the group of delayed counties was Duplin which reported late in the afternoon. At that time the figures stood 193,727, with just 839 to go. Duplin came across with 1,467 white, 1,025 blacks and 9 aliens. That gave the State, which then had a margin of 5,797, a much bigger one and it is entirely probable that more than 200,000 registered in the Tuesday nationwide campaign.

The absence of any evidence of purposeful interference with the registration was everywhere reported. One report came from Johnston county that a "preacher was shooting off his lip" as the irreverent expression went, but the ecclesiastic was not named and the product of the lip was not given. Some suggestions of a similar move among certain colored people failed when the examination was made. The slogan, "not a negro slacker in North Carolina" worked well here, and here is where it started. There was not one black who did not go up like a man and sign the card.

MODERATELY WARM WEATHER FOR WEEK.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 9.--The weekly report today says that the coming week in the South Atlantic and Gulf States and in Tennessee will be one of moderately warm weather with occasional thunder storms.

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