

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina—General fair to night and Thursday, except thunder showers this afternoon or tonight. South Carolina—Partly cloudy, probably thunder showers tonight.

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WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 18, 1917.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BEGIN ATTACK IN SENATE ON AIRSHIP BILL

Same Old Crowd That Fought Selective Draft Again to Fore

SUCCEEDED IN DELAYING ACTION

Hardwick, Vardaman and Reed Line Up in Opposition to the House Measure—Hardwick Centers His Attack on the Conscription Provision.

Washington, July 18.—Senators who have been prominent in opposing conscription... (By Associated Press.)

ACTIVITY REPORTED ON RUSSIAN FRONT

Berlin, July 18.—Via London—Increased activity on the Rumanian front is reported in today's official announcement.

LA FAYETTE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

New York, July 18.—A call for the celebration of municipality and patriotic societies of the birthday of La Fayette, on September 6, was issued from here today.

NEITHER WILL DISCUSS CAUSE

Successor to Dr. Pratt Temporarily Named—Redfield Will Take Charge.

Washington, July 18.—Dr. Edward E. Pratt, who resigned last night as chief of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, at the request of Secretary Redfield, was succeeded today by Burwell S. Cutler, first assistant, who will serve until a permanent appointment is made.

SECRETARY BAKER VISITS AVIATION FIELD

Hampton, Va., July 18.—Secretary of War Baker, accompanied by a party of army officials, arrived at Hampton Roads today to inspect military establishments in this vicinity.

CORONER PROBING TRAIN WRECK

Charlotte, N. C., July 18.—Investigation by the coroner at the scene of the wreck of Southern Railway train No. 28 yesterday, near Caldwell Station, 15 miles from here, when a trainman and one negro passenger lost their lives and several passengers and two trainmen were injured, developed no new facts today.

FLIGHT OF GERMAN ON SMALL VESSEL

Captain Hinsch Agent of Submarine Deutschland Makes Sensational Escape.

Baltimore, Md., July 18.—Captain Frederick Hinsch, who handled the marine end in this country of the merchant submarine Deutschland on her voyages here, has escaped to America soil and is reported to have reached Germany four weeks ago.

Captain Hinsch slipped out of South Amboy, N. J., shortly after the declaration of war April 6 on a small sailing ship with a crew of three men.

Advices to his friends here are that he and his three companions have reached Bremen, the entry port of the North German Lloyd, in the employ of which he was.

The schooner is supposed to be the Wanda, a vessel which was purchased supposedly from Dutch interests several weeks before the declaration of war.

One of the men who aided Captain Hinsch in acquiring the vessel was a naturalized German-American. He was seized and is now interned.

THREE TIMES STEAMER FACED U-BOAT ATTACK

In Round Trip Ship Had Triple Narrow Escape From Submarines

TORPEDO NARROWLY MISSED THE MARK

Gunners Probably Sunk One of the Undersea Boats—Black Smoke Also Saved The Vessel.

An Atlantic-Port, July 18.—Three experiences with German submarines in a round-trip Atlantic voyage were reported by officers and passengers on an American steamship which arrived here today.

On the voyage over, two days from her destination, a U-boat was sighted broadside on. The lava gunners on the steamship opened fire, and the enemy craft quickly disappeared.

On her return voyage the liner got wireless warning of the presence of U-boats and put into the nearest port for two days while destroyers drove away the submarines.

Later a gas buoy was mistaken for the conning tower of a submarine. It blew up after 62 shots had been fired at it.

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PHILADELPHIA MAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

Washington, July 18.—Roland S. Norris, of Philadelphia, has been chosen for appointment as ambassador to Japan to succeed the late Ambassador Guthrie.

DISCOVERED PLOT TO SPREAD PLAGUE THROUGH STATE

SERIOUS CHECK TO THE GERMANS

Destruction of the Steamer Fleet Plying Between North Sea Ports.

London, July 18.—It will be a source of great satisfaction in all the allied countries if Monday's coup succeeds in putting a halt to the traffic between the Rhine and Hamburg, which has been increasing in recent weeks with greater boldness on the part of German captains.

Already it has been announced from Rotterdam that Germany has decided to lay up 30 coal steamers there instead of attempting to run them home through the sea lane.

GERMAN DICTATOR IS THE PREDICTION

Amsterdam, July 18.—According to news brought by arrivals from Berlin belief in Liberal circles there is that Chancellor Michaelis is merely a stop-gap who will prepare the way for something in the way of a dictatorship with General Ludendorff in supreme control.

ANOTHER BRITISH ADVANCE

London, July 18.—Another British advance near Monchy Le Preux is reported by the war office today.

PACKING HOUSES UNDER INSPECTION

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Joseph E. Davis, member of the commission, who arrived yesterday, inspected a number of plants at the stock yards and later conferred with representatives of the leading packing houses.

The inspection of books and records will include not only packers, but cattle raisers, commission men, and wholesale and retail dealers.

NEW YORK TROOPS ANXIOUS TO MOVE

Sixth Division In Shape to Go to Permanent Camp by First of August.

New York, July 18.—Anxiety to start for the Southern training camp at Spartanburg, S. C., seized the 20,000 Guardsmen who were called to the colors on Monday, and officers of the various regiments today estimated that if the mustering in continued at the rate it has for the past two days the new Sixth division of the United States army would be ready to leave by August 1.

Very few of the Guardsmen are being rejected by the examining officers because of physical disability.

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AT LAST RUSSIAN DRIVE HELD UP BY GERMAN ARMIES

MAIL FOR TROOPS AT TRAINING CAMP ON FRENCH FRONT

Postoffice Established For Receiving and Forwarding Letters For the Soldiers.

THE LOCATION NOT DESIGNATED

Our Soldiers Faring Well—Order Being Rapidly Established in Camp.

American Training Camp, in France, Tuesday, July 17.—The latest development of the camp is a postoffice which will enable men to mail letters either home or to any other point in the world, to keep in constant communication with friends without revealing their exact whereabouts by the tell-tale cancellation mark on envelopes and to receive mail either from families or friends who do not know what the destination of their letters may be.

At present it consists in requiring of each soldier or officer that he address his communications of every nature from the American training camp and deposit them in a special post-office, from where they will be taken by pouch to Paris, and mailed in the ordinary manner.

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Reinforcements Succeed in Stopping Korniloff's Hosts For Time.

AUSTRIAN DEFENSE ALONG THE LOMNICA

Notable Activity on the Franco-Belgian Front—French at Verdun Have Just Finished Important Operation.

General Korniloff's armies in Eastern Galicia have been held up for a time by the hurrying of heavy contingents of German reserves to the front, stiffening up the Austrian defense along the river Lomnica.

The holding of this river line is vital to the safety of the Teutonic position, not only in this part of the front, but northward to the Galician border, and that stubborn resistance would be offered there had been anticipated.

Meanwhile there is notable activity along the Franco-Belgian front. The French at Verdun have just completed an important operation in the realignment of their front northwest of Verdun, which was disturbed by German attacks in the vicinity of Hill 304 late last month.

The French, in fact, carried their successful counter attack even beyond the original line and drove nearly two-thirds of a mile into the German front from Avocourt wood to west of Hill 304.

The ground is being firmly held, several counter thrusts undertaken by the Crown Prince's troops last night being completely repulsed.

On the British front there is pronounced aerial activity and there has been a notable amount of heavy work done by the artillery, particularly around the lines in Belgium.

Heavy fighting in the East. Today's official announcement from Petrograd shows the Russians to be still hotly engaged in the Lomnica region and holding their own against the reinforced enemy.

South of Kalusz the Austrians had never been forced across the Lomnica, and they are continuing their violent reactions in this region. Yesterday they drove the Russians from a height to the south of Novica, but in a brilliant counter attack General Korniloff's forces defeated them and re-captured the position.

Signs that the infantry battle may shortly be renewed north of the Ombre are seen in the announcement of renewed heavy artillery fighting south of Berezany and near Halicz.

Petrograd, July 18.—Heavy fighting is continuing in the region of Novica and Kalusz in Eastern Galicia, the war office announced today. The Russians were driven from a height in this region by a strong attack, but afterwards by a counter thrust re-occupied the eminence.

French Penetrate German Trenches. Berlin, July 18 (Via London).—The trenches recently captured by the Germans near Malancourt wood and on both sides of the Malancourt-Emer road, were penetrated by the French the War Office announces.

On the northern part of the front from the Yser to the Lys, the artillery fighting increased toward morning.

LAYING THE PLANS FOR NEXT LIBERTY LOAN

New York, July 18.—Governors and other officers of the Federal Reserve Banks of this city, Boston, Philadelphia, Richmond, Cleveland and Chicago, together with liberty loan committee chairmen and members from these districts, held an all day meeting at the Liberty Loan Committee's offices yesterday to formulate plans for the next war loan campaign.

The meeting is expected to continue today and recommendations will be filed with Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo.

STATE OF SIEGE FROM FOOD RIOT

Copenhagen, July 18.—Advices received from Dusseldorf say that the state of siege there, the result of food riots, has been raised after 185 persons received sentences averaging 18 months. At a big labor meeting vigorous protests were made against the severity of the sentences. Suspension of the sentences of children and minors and guarantees against reduction of the bread ration were demanded.

Twelve thousand workmen attended a meeting at Bielefeld, the center of the Westphalian linen industry, and adopted a resolution demanding peace without annexations or indemnities. They asked the Reichstag to support only a government making unequivocal declarations along these lines.

BRITISH RECRUITING IN AMERICA IS GOOD

London, July 18.—It was said here today that the results of British recruiting in the United States had been very satisfactory, and that the quality of the recruits was high.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL SHIPPING

Paris, July 18.—Anatole de Monzie, the newly appointed under secretary of maritime transports, has obtained the cabinet's approval for the institution of a general control over the mercantile fleet. The decree instituting the measure refers to the increasing diminution of tonnage due to the submarine war as necessitating intense rational use of the whole mercantile fleet.

The decree authorizes the under secretary to undertake all means to control freight rates and to utilize ships. Every ship of more than 100 tons must have a license from the under secretary, which must be presented at every port entered in order that the voyage and cargo may be controlled.

M. DeMonzie has the power to requisition every ship he considers insufficiently utilized.

TO MOVE SOLDIERS IN DAY COACHES

Washington, July 18.—Day coaches will be used for moving the greater part of the National Guard to camps in the South. When the guard was moved to the border last year tourist sleepers were used in most cases, but it has been discovered that this time, there is a shortage of sleeping cars.

Officials of the War Department believe the first movement will be well under way by the end of the month.

PLANS PERFECTED FOR ARMY DRAFTING

Awaiting Returns From Seven States For Lottery to Begin.

Washington, July 18.—Although complete reports from seven States still were lacking today, Provost Marshal General Crowder began final preparations for the national lottery which will determine the order in which 10,000,000 registered men will come forward for military service.

The plan for the drawing has been worked out in detail and approved by Secretary Baker. It will be carefully explained to press representatives before it is given out for publication.

The machinery for the lottery has been arranged, and the only points undecided are the exact place in Washington where the drawing will take place and the date.

It was suggested today that a committee room at the capitol be used. There are many questions, such as wire facilities, which must be considered, and it is probable that General Crowder and the Washington correspondents will work out an agreement on this point.

The government will be ready for the drawing as soon as the last State has reported by telegraph that the work is complete. If the last telegram comes in the morning, the drawing can be held the same day. If it comes at night, it is probable the drawing will take place the next day.