

WEATHER FORECAST

North and South Carolina—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably local thunder showers in west portion.

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PRESIDENT SWEEPS DECK OF BOTH MEN WHO HELD UP WORK

Goethals and Denman Sever Connection With Government's Shipbuilding NEW HEADS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

Resignation of One Accepted and of the Other Called For. Chicago Business Man Now Heads Shipping Board—Naval Constructor Takes General Goethals' Job.

Washington, July 24.—President Wilson today asked Chairman Denman of the Shipping Board to resign and accepted the resignation of Major General Goethals as general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Edward N. Hurley, Chicago, business man and former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, will become chairman of the Shipping Board. Washington L. Capps, chief constructor of the navy, will succeed General Goethals as general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

Official announcement of the acceptance of the resignations of Goethals and White was made with publication of a letter from President Wilson to Chairman Denman asking for his resignation and giving the President's opinion that the only way to end the row which has delayed the shipbuilding program was for both Goethals and Denman to be removed from the situation.

In asking for Mr. Denman's resignation, President Wilson suggested that he would be glad to have Mr. Denman take "the same disinterested and self-forgetting course that General Goethals has taken."

"When you have done as he has done," the President wrote Mr. Denman, "I am sure you may count with the utmost confidence upon the ultimate verdict of the people of the country with regard to your magnanimous and unselfish view of public duty and upon winning in the retrospect the same admiration and confidence that I have learned to feel for you."

President Wilson's action came as a surprise. Officials generally had thought he would make another effort to patch up differences and divide specifically between Chairman Denman and General Goethals powers conferred on him by the Shipping Act.

The President's letter to Mr. Denman follows: "I hope and believe that I am interpreting your best judgment as well as my own when I say that our duty concerning the debate and misunderstandings that have arisen in connection with the shipbuilding program ought to be settled without regard to our personal preferences, or our personal feelings altogether and with the single purpose of doing what will be best to serve the public interest."

"No decision we can now arrive at could eliminate the elements of controversy that have crept into almost every question connected with the program, and I am convinced that the only wise course is to begin afresh—not upon the program, for that is already in large part in process of execution, but upon the further execution of it."

"I have found both you and General Goethals ready to serve the public at a personal sacrifice. Realizing that the only manner in which the way can be completely cleared for harmonious and effective action is to carry our shipbuilding plans forward from this point through new agencies, General Goethals has put his resignation in my hands; and I have accepted it in the same spirit in which it was tendered to me as declining between two men whom I respect and admire, but in order to make invidious decisions unnecessary and let the work be developed without further discussion of what is past."

OTHER SAILORS TO HAVE SHARE

Patriotic American Women Will Also Help Navies of The Allies in the War.

Washington, July 24.—Sailors of the allied navies are to share with American blue-jackets the comforts provided through the labor of patriotic women. It was announced today at the headquarters of the Navy League that 1,000 sets of woolen garments have left Washington for French sailors engaged in patrol duty in Northern waters. This will be followed within a few days by a consignment of woolen garments to certain Russian warships, whose crews are badly in need of heavy clothing, and later on shipments will be made to British sailors of the anti-submarine patrol.

Official communications from the British admiralty and French ministry of marine received by the Navy League express deep appreciation of the offer of American women to render this service. Informal acceptance of the offer has been received from representatives of the Russian admiralty.

More than 100,000 American women are engaged in knitting these woolen garments for the sailors and the output is sufficient to ensure supply of all American sailors and to help those of the allied navies. Those who make the garments may say to which navy they may go.

IRON POLICY TO BE NOW APPLIED

"A Blood and Iron" Rule Will Be Placed in Effect to Save Russia.

Petrograd, July 24.—"A blood and iron" policy will be put into effect if needed to save Russia, by the government of Premier Kerensky, to which unlimited power has been granted. In an interview today, the Premier said: "Relying upon the confidence of the masses and the army, the government will save Russia unity by blood and iron, if argument and reason, honor and conscience are not sufficient. The situation at the front is very serious and demands heroic measures. But I am convinced the organism of the State is sufficiently vigorous to be cured without a partial amputation."

RUSSIA LABOR DELEGATES IN LONDON

London, July 24.—The Russian delegates elected by the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates to confer with the labor parties of entente countries have arrived in England. They will be the guests of the Labor party of England for a few days, and then will proceed to Paris. The delegates are MM. Vennsanoff and Erlich, of Moscow, and MM. Goldenberg, and Smirnoff, of Petrograd.

AIRSHIP BILL NOW LAW.

Washington, July 24.—The \$640,000,000 airplane bill became law with President Wilson's signature today.

"WODROW WILSON." Chairman Denman received the (Continued on Page Eight.)

WILSON WANTS BUT ONE MAN TO HANDLE CRISIS

President Said to Favor The House Measure on the Food Control MAY TAKE HAND IN THE FIGHT

Reported He Will Bring His Personal Influence to Bear Upon Senate Members This Week

Washington, July 24.—President Wilson probably will bring his personal influence to bear on Senate and House conferees on the Food bill to accept the House provision for a single food administrator instead of the board of three, as voted by the Senate. The President may take a hand in some of the other conflicting sections.

President Wilson is understood to prefer the Senate prohibition section forbidding manufacture of distilled liquors but allowing the manufacture of beer and wine. The House put in a "bone-dry" section. The President has heretofore opposed a congressional committee to investigate the conduct of the war and there is no reason to believe he will favor such an amendment to the bill.

House prohibitionists declared today they would fight some of the Senate liquor amendments to the Food bill uncompromisingly regardless of appeals for speedy agreement. Dry leaders look to making the bill nearer in form in which it left the House—bone dry for the duration of the war.

The House dries concede it may be impossible for them to restore absolute prohibition of manufacture of beer and wine, but they hope at least to get in a section giving the President power to limit or prohibit their production. Mr. Smoot's redistillation amendment also will be subjected to attack because it would not affect liquor out of bond.

WAR TAX BILL TO REPLACE HARBORS.

Washington, July 24.—The Senate today again debated the \$27,000,000 Harbor and War Tax bill, with prospects that it would be displaced tomorrow by the war tax bill.

Chairman Simmons, of the Finance committee, planned to report the War Tax bill to the Senate today and to move that it be taken up tomorrow without waiting for conference action on the prohibition features in the Food Control bill.

JURY STILL HOLDS FATE OF THE WOMAN

San Francisco, July 24.—After spending the night at a hotel, the jury in the case of Mrs. Rena Mooney, charged with murder in connection with the Preparedness Day bomb explosion, resumed deliberations at the Court House today. The case went to the jury at 1 o'clock yesterday, but no verdict had been reached late last night, and the court ordered the jury locked up for the night.

TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS AT ACME

Acme, N. C., July 24.—Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, president of the American Red Cross Society in Wilmington, will organize a unit of the Red Cross at Acme, Thursday evening at 8 p. m. in the Knights of Pythias Hall, under the auspices of Cronly Lodge No. 100, on which occasion Mr. Joseph W. Little will deliver a patriotic address.

The public is cordially invited to be present.

EXPECTED BRITISH OFFENSIVE IS NOW LIKELY AT HAND

Berlin Reports Artillery Battle of Great Intensity in Flanders.

FIRING SAID TO BE WITHOUT PARALLEL.

Germans Advancing in Galicia and Claim to Have Repulsed Both Russian and Rumanian Attacks—Russians Again on Offensive.

Berlin, (Via London), July 24.—The German forces in Galicia are advancing from the river Sreth to the wooded Carpathians over a front 155 miles wide, says the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

Several German divisions, the statement says, report that they have taken 3,000 prisoners. Numerous heavy Russian guns have been captured and also much booty has been taken by the Germans.

An artillery battle of an intensity never paralleled previously is raging day and night in Flanders, the War Office announces.

The Germans have advanced beyond Podhajce, Halicz and the Bystritz-Solotavina river and have crossed the Sereth south of Tarnopol, the War Office reports.

The Russians have taken the offensive on both ends of the front, in the regions of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk, and on the Rumanian line. The announcement says that offensive operations by Russian and Rumanian troops in the Trotus and Putna valleys were defeated almost everywhere. Fresh fights developed today.

The German announcement indicates that in all likelihood the expected British offensive is at hand. Several times recently Berlin has reported heavy artillery fighting in Flanders and the intensity of today's bombardment probably marks the last stage of preparations before the blow is struck. It has been predicted that the next attack of the British would surpass any effort previously made by them. The opening of the offensive may be hastened to assist the hard-pressed Russians.

WORK CONTINUES ON BREAKWATER

New York Corporation Offers to Assist If Appropriation Not Available.

New Bern, N. C., July 24.—Just at the present time the contractors who are engaged in the work of constructing the giant breakwater over at the Harbor of Refuge, near Cape Lookout, are making very good progress, considering the fact that inclement weather has considerably interfered with them in the past few weeks, but just how long operations there will continue is a matter of some speculation.

Mr. H. T. Paterson, the government engineer in this section, stated today that on the first of the present month there was \$95,000 on hand for the work at the Harbor of Refuge. Ordinarily this would not have carried the work forward for two months, but only 26,000 tons of rock were dumped up until last Friday and Mr. Paterson is of the opinion that the \$95,000 now on hand will be sufficient to defray all expenses until the latter part of August and, in the meantime it is possible that Congress may make an appropriation which will make it possible to continue operations.

It is said, unofficially, that a Northern corporation has offered to put up the money with which to complete the work, agreeing to loan this to the contracting firm at an interest rate of 6 per cent. for a period of several years, or until the government pays them for building the breakwater, and it is possible, in case Congress takes no action, that their offer will be taken up with.

MILLION MEN FOR EUROPE.

Washington, July 24.—An American army of 1,000,000 men for service abroad at once, instead of the 500,000 contemplated for the first draft, is forecast by the government's request for an additional \$5,000,000 made to the Senate Finance committee today.

The first million men are to be made up of the first draft army of 500,000, the National Guard and the regulars. It is improbable that the first draft will be increased, but the government is arranging its finances for other drafts, without the necessity of going to Congress again for money.

CONTRACT LET FOR CAMP AT CHARLOTTE.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 24.—Announcement was made at the War Department today that the contract for the camp to be used by National Guardsmen at Charlotte, N. C., has been granted to the Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore.

WILSON NOMINATES MANY FOR OFFICE

Among Postmasters is Included Wilmington Incumbent For Another Four Years

Washington, D. C., July 24.—President Wilson nominated Hector McL. Green to serve another four years as postmaster at Wilmington, and re-nominates 35 other postmasters at some of the large offices in the State. It was said at the Postoffice Department that those men who have now served four years were being reappointed on their good service records. A full list of those re-nominated follows:

- Hector McL. Green, Wilmington; E. H. Arent, East Durham; J. D. Divine, Albemarle; J. H. Bowen, West Durham; Richard A. Bruton, Mount Gilead; A. N. Bulla, Randleman; P. J. Candell, St. Pauls; J. H. Carter, Mt. Airy; W. T. Chambers, Madison; G. H. Curry, Clarkton; Wm. E. Etheredge, Selma; M. M. Faison, Roanoke Rapids; Virgil D. Guire, Lenoir; Jas. G. Hackett, North Wilkesboro; W. C. Hall, Black Mountain; E. E. Hunter, Mocksville; A. H. Huse, Cherryville; H. D. Lambeth, Elon College; E. T. Lee, Dunn; S. S. Lockhart, Wadeboro; E. T. McKeithan, Aberdeen; Leondias M. Michaux, Goldsboro; J. W. Noel, Roxboro; W. L. Ormand, Bessemer City; Elijah B. Perry, Littleton; W. D. Pethel, Spencer; John B. Petteway, Jackson; Plato C. Rollins, Rutherfordton; L. M. Sheffield, Spray; W. H. Stearns, Tryon; Russell A. Strickland, Elm City; R. B. Terry, Hamlet; J. H. Weddington, Charlotte; George L. Whitfield, Franklinton; David J. Whitehead, Greenville; F. M. Williams, Newton.

President Wilson also nominated the following to be postmasters where the office has recently been promoted to the presidential class: Arthur Ford, Chestnut; G. L. Griffin, Oriental; Albert B. Laughler, Norlina; Kate Reagan, Weaverville; Julia M. Smith, Liberty, and George A. Wood, Nazareth.

PARTIAL STRIKE ON NORFOLK CAR LINES

Norfolk, Va., July 24.—A partial strike on the street car lines of this city was inaugurated this morning. Service is being maintained to some extent on some of the lines. It is claimed about half the men have gone out. Work on the government naval base on Hampton Roads is being delayed by the tie-up of transportation to that location.

The men recently formed a union, but the company is dealing with them as individuals. There has been no disorder as yet. In addition to the strike, an almost unprecedented rainfall has flooded this section and interfered with traffic.

TELLS OF BRITISH WAR EXPENDITURES.

London, July 24.—Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that for 118 days the average British expenditure was \$795,000,000 pounds sterling. The chancellor said the total advance made by Great Britain to her allies and the dominions was 1,025,000,000 pounds sterling.

LOUISVILLE GIVES THEM BIG WELCOME

Louisville, Ky., July 24.—There was a military welcome for the Belgian war mission, when its members reached here today. The entire first regiment of the Kentucky National Guard drew up before the station and stood in salute as the visitors passed out for a five hours' visit. The city was decorated in Belgium's colors and military bands played as the visitors were driven up town. The streets were crowded. The Belgians were disappointed that the day's program did not include a motor trip to the birthplace of Lincoln, but the shortness of the stay here prevented.

FIVE BILLION MORE NEEDED BY U.S. GOVT. FOR ARMY AND NAVY

NEW REGIMENT FOR STATE MAY NOT COME FORTH

Fate of One Headed by Colonel Cox is Still in Jeopardy.

THIS LAST DAY TO MAKE GOOD

District Exemption Boards Meet Thursday—New Business Concerns For North Carolina.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, July 24.—The government's failure to recognize any of the units making the regiment of field artillery to be commanded by Colonel Albert Cox has made many Raleigh people anxious for the success of the company, and despite a noticeable boost in the enlistments, the situation isn't what the sympathizers with the Colonel desire.

Colonel George L. Peterson, assistant adjutant-general, Federal disbursing officer and other important things in the National Guard, declares that he has done everything for the regiment that he can, and he seems to know its status. The colonel is being quoted by one soldier and another as discouraging in his prognosis as to what will happen to this regiment and the boys say he is killing the chances. Several aspirants for places in the companies that make up this regiment have declared that the colonel has told them they have no chance of recognition.

Of course, Colonel Peterson was a Glenn Brown man or a Bulwinkle man. He did not say so himself, but either man had the call ahead of Cox. Judge Cox, then sitting on the Superior Court bench, was appointed by Governor Bickett, who believed the voluntary retirement of a judge would carry many with him. It has done so, but members of the service believe that "Pet's" pessimism has queerred the enlistment game considerably. Colonel Peterson has not made quite a few feel good what.

New War Estimates Prepared by the Treasury Department for Congress.

RAISE WAS NOT CONTEMPLATED BEFORE

Tax Measure Will Likely Be Further Revised by Senate Committee—Whether The Money Will Be Raised by Bond Issue Not Yet Determined.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary McAdoo today prepared new war estimates for Congress, very much in excess of those already presented and which will necessitate raising revenue not contemplated when the Senate Finance committee revised the War Tax bill. The bill probably will be further revised.

The government, basing an estimate on the needs of the army and navy, wants the War Tax bill to provide \$5 billion addition of five billion dollars.

Secretary McAdoo will appear before the Finance committee late today to explain the needs, based on the requirements of the army and the navy. Whether the five billion dollars will be raised by a bond issue had not been determined.

While no official intimation of the source of the new revenue was given before Secretary McAdoo went before the Finance committee, there were indications that it would be drawn principally from excess profits and estate taxes, probably some increases in income taxes, and minor increases in miscellaneous taxes. Official figures are said to show that excess profits in the United States are now at the rate of \$5,000,000,000 a year.

Before Secretary McAdoo appeared before the Finance committee, it was understood that the five billion dollars represented the estimates of the war and navy departments and that he would propose an additional billion dollars to be raised by taxation and seek authority for an additional credit of \$2,500,000,000. Whether the latter sum is to be in bonds or certificates of indebtedness was not disclosed.

COMMISSION ADOPTS TENTATIVE REPORT

Washington, July 24.—Tentative findings of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the inter-mountain rate cases, made public last March, were adopted today by the commission virtually without change. A general adjustment of rates, including the abolishment of the low preferential rates from Eastern industrial centers to Pacific seaports, was ordered.

By the commission's findings the whole inter-mountain territory will enjoy rates based upon proportionals of the through transcontinental rates to Pacific coast points.

MONUMENT DEALERS INDICTED BY JURY

Baltimore, July 24.—An indictment was returned in the United States Court here today against the National Retail Monument Dealers Association of America, Inc., its officers and members of the board of managers, for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust act.

SENTRY DISCHARGED GUN AT PARADE

Louisville, Ky., July 24.—A sentry guarding the cantonment discharged his rifle at the parade of the Belgian war mission here today when the car leading the procession refused to heed his command to halt. The rifeman fired above the heads of the occupants of the car. He was placed under arrest.