

## ALLIES OPEN BIG DRIVE IN THE WEST

## SHOOTING UP TAX TO MEET WAR DEMAND

Senate Finance Committee Today Decided On Increase In Bill.

## CORPORATION AND INCOME TAX RAISED

Liquor Schedules Also Revised and Tax Made Higher. Taxing Incomes Over \$15,000 Per Year—Two Per Cent. Tax Made Six.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—Increase of the pending \$1,670,000,000 war tax bill to a total of \$2,008,000,000 was decided upon today by the Senate Finance committee by increases on corporations, normal income taxes, on incomes of individuals of \$15,000 and over and a further increase of \$1 per gallon on distilled spirits and 50 cents more on beer, together with a 2 per cent. normal rate on corporate incomes to 6 per cent., as against 4 per cent. in the bill originally drawn, yielding \$122,000,000 additional revenues. The increase in surtax rates on individual incomes of \$15,000 and more was estimated to raise \$25,000,000 to \$26,000,000 additional.

In revising the liquor schedules, the committee estimated in adding \$1 per gallon to the tax on distilled spirits, or to a total of \$3.20 per gallon—\$2.10 over the present law—that \$90,000,000 more revenue would be secured from that source. The increase of 50 cents a barrel on beer was estimated to yield \$25,000,000 more revenue, making the beer tax \$3.25 per barrel as compared with \$1.50 under existing law and \$2.75 as originally proposed in the bill.

## OVER-ENLISTMENT FOR OFFICERS' CAMPS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—For the 16,000 places in the second officers' training camps to open August 7, 72,914 men have applied, and the War Department is considering accepting several thousand more than was originally intended. Preliminary examinations given the applicants by civilian physicians indicated that 51,838 are physically satisfactory.

In most States the number of applicants was from three to five times the State's quota.

## WHEAT IS DECLARED IN BAD CONDITION

(By Associated Press.) Regina, Sask., July 31.—Reports received by the provincial department of agriculture from the agricultural correspondents throughout the province made public today indicate that the wheat yield of the province will average between 10 and 15 bushels to the acre. From every part of the province come reports that rain is needed and in some sections the crops are so badly burned that rain now will do no good.

All grains are maturing too fast and it is feared that the condition of 1914 will be repeated.

## GERMAN SPY SERVICE BASED IN MEXICO

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—So numerous have become the reports of German spy activities and propaganda in Mexico that Ambassador Fletcher is preparing upon his arrival at Mexico City to call the attention of the Mexican government to the links in that country between Berlin and German agents in the United States.

Officials of the State Department do not call into question the integrity of the Mexican government, but the reports have left no room to doubt the existence of a German organization in Mexico whose machinations may be defined as a violation of Mexico's neutrality.

The Carranza government is believed to be disturbed by the abuse of its hospitality, and there is a feeling here that the time is not far distant when certain representatives in Mexico of the German foreign office may be officially questioned as to their activities.

## REMARKABLE YEAR IN COTTON MARKET

High Prices, Good Demand and Great Activity—Prices still Soaring.

(By Associated Press.) Savannah, Ga., July 31.—One of the most remarkable cotton years in the history of Savannah comes to an end today. It has been a year of very high prices, good demand and marked activity in many directions. One of the features of the year has been the fact that short staple cotton has sold for 25 cents a pound and more, and even at these very high levels there was no great desire upon the part of holders to get rid of their stocks. The total gross receipts for Savannah for the season were in round numbers 854,000 bales, against a little over 1,000,000 bales for the previous season. In proportion to the receipts Savannah shipped as much cotton abroad for this season as it did a year ago. There was 442,000 bales exported, practically all of it going to England and France. The coastwise shipments amounted to 505,507 bales. A year ago spot cotton was worth 13 cents at Savannah. Today it is quoted at 25 cents, and it has sold during the past month for 23 3/4 cents.

The cotton crop condition is reported now at 70 which is very low and while there has been a good deal of talk of reduced acreage, it is not believed that this has been done to any very marked extent.

The Sea Island cotton season has been most spectacular. Savannah received over 46,000 bales of Sea Island cotton during the season against 35,000 for the year ago. Sea Island prices have averaged 35 cents a pound during the season, giving a value of about \$190 a bale. The end of the season sees this "long staple" posted at 70 cents a pound, the world's highest price for at least a quarter of a century.

## FAISON AROUSED OVER THE MURDER

Three Others Arrested—People Determined to Clean Out the Town.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Warsaw, July 31.—George Knowles, Jim Norris and Walter Pearce, the three white men arrested for complicity in furnishing the weapon to the negro, Frank Moore, who shot Mr. Walter Heath, a respected citizen of Faison, in a restaurant at that place last Saturday night, were lodged in Kenansville jail Monday.

A direct result of what may be termed a double tragedy, since Mr. Gibbons Westbrook's death followed from excitement occasioned by the event, was the determination by the people of Faison to clean up their town, and rid it of the demoralizing effects of the sale of a beverage called "Jalarky" which rendered those who drank it partially insane while under its influence. It is claimed that both the murderer Moore and the three white men implicated were intoxicated by this drink at the time of the crime. A number of arrests have been made, and one man, John Bell, was bound over to court.

Feeling in Faison and vicinity is very strong against Moore, whose dastardly crime has brought sorrow to two homes. The murdered man, Mr. Heath, was held in high esteem by the entire community, and so far as known, had not an enemy in the world. He was a Christian gentleman, and devoted to his family, which consists of a young wife and three small children, the oldest only 5 years old.

## CONFEREES ARE STILL WRESTLING WITH FOOD BILL

Unable at First Session Today to Break Deadlock on War Committee.

SMITH, OF GEORGIA, WOULD CUT IT OUT

Declared That Senate Conferees Will Finally Yield on This Point to Reach Complete Agreement.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—The conferees on the Administration Food Control bill failed at the first session today to break their deadlock on the Congressional war expenditures committee, opposed by the President, and recessed until later today with a motion by Senator Smith, of Georgia, pending to strike out the Senate provision for the committee.

Some of the conferees said it appeared virtually certain that the Senate members would yield on the provision and reach a complete agreement on the bill for a report to the House tomorrow. The recess was taken to enable the conferees to confer with Senate and House leaders and learn if the Senate would reject the conference report should the provision be eliminated.

The conferees today struck out a provision authorizing the government to commandeer gas pipe lines for military or public defense purposes. The clause, empowering the President to commandeer oil pipe lines, however, was retained.

The new provision for a wheat price fixing board of three members, inserted subject to reconsideration, was left unchanged.

## AMERICAN WARSHIPS FIGHT SUBMARINES.

(By Associated Press.) American Naval Base in British Waters, July 31.—American torpedo boat destroyers were reported today to have engaged two hostile submarines, causing them to submerge without shooting. One of the U-boats had just sunk a steamer and the other was attacking a merchantman.

## MORE TROUBLE BETWEEN THE RACES

(By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., July 31.—Another outbreak of the race trouble that almost caused bloodshed in Danville Sunday evening occurred last night in that city, when George Barksdale, a negro, threatened to kill a number of soldiers. He was heard to say he would whip any member of Battery B on a time. He was stoned by the soldiers, but was rescued before they could harm him, and has been landed in jail for safe keeping. No bloodshed resulted, however, despite the fact that there was a great deal of excitement.

The best element of the negroes of Danville met last night and adopted resolutions condemning members of their race who caused Sunday night's disorder.

## HOLDING ITS INITIAL SESSION

Southern Sociological Congress Met Today at Blue Ridge.

(By Associated Press.) Asheville, N. C., July 31.—The Southern Sociological Congress held its first regular meeting at Blue Ridge, near here, today with Prof. J. L. Kessler, of Waco, Texas, presiding in absence of Dr. W. A. Evans, of Chicago, chairman of the section on public health. Assistant Surgeon General Trask, of the Federal Public Health Service, was the principal speaker.

The congress today also considered home and church work, Prof. J. L. Kessler, dean of Baylor University, Texas, presiding. Speakers included Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Sanatorium, N. C.; Prof. R. H. White, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Prof. W. T. Carstaphen, Wake Forest College, N. C.; Dr. Powhatan S. Schenck, Norfolk; Miss Mary M. Bethune, Dayton, Fla., and Samuel H. Sweeney, Chattanooga.

The night meeting will be held at Asheville with Federal Judge Pritchard presiding and Assistant Surgeon General Trask as the principal speaker.

## BIG RAILROAD DISPUTE SETTLED.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—The main questions in dispute between 40,000 employees of southeastern railroads and roads have been settled by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who today gave a decision accepted by both sides. The settlement affects hours of labor and wages of inspectors, repairers, train airbrake repairers, safety appliance maintainers, others and packers and other employees in the car departments.

John R. Gould, superintendent of motive power of the Chesapeake and Ohio, representing the roads, and A. O. Wharton, head of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, representing the men, notified their principals that the remaining and minor points in the controversy probably would be settled by a decision of Secretary Wilson later today. Details were not announced.

## EFFORT TO ESCAPE MILITARY SERVICE THROUGH MARRIAGE

Clerks in New York and Brooklyn License Bureaus Kept Busy.

## RUSH FOR LICENSES UNPRECEDENTED

Protest Against Any Ruling to Allow Such Marriage to Work Exemption.

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 31.—Clerks in the marriage license bureau of the city clerk's office today predicted another record breaking number of applicants to wed. Although the number of licenses issued yesterday did not equal the high mark set on one of the days just previous to the War Department's notice that all men who married after the start of the war would not be exempt from the draft, the number of marriages previously announced surpassed the record by only one.

A revised list of the business done yesterday at the bureau shows that licenses were issued to 351 couples. The previous record for a single day is 483.

Matrimony was nearly as popular in Brooklyn yesterday as in Manhattan, and 300 licenses were issued.

United States Senator Calder said, after watching the crowds about the bureau, that he would go back to Washington to protest against any ruling which would allow these men exemption under the selective draft.

## THREATEN GIANT STRIKE.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, July 31.—Miners, harvest hands and lumber men workers of the middle west threatened to go on a sympathetic strike unless the deported Indians trial Workers of the World are returned to their homes in the Warren district of Arizona. A walkout of more than a quarter of a million men was sent from Chicago to President Wilson late yesterday by W. D. Haywood, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World.

## LAST OF TROOPS LEAVE GOLDSBORO

All of Second Regiment Has Gone to Greenville—Two Hottest Days.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Goldsboro, N. C., July 31.—After today Goldsboro will have no more soldiers camped here, the last contingent of the Second Regiment leaving Greenville, S. C., where they go in training at the divisional training camp in the latter city.

Yesterday and today have been two of the hottest days of the season in Goldsboro. A temperature of 94 was recorded here at noon today, and hundreds of people have been flocking to the soda fountains and electric fans in an effort to keep cool.

## INTENSE HEAT WAVE STILL LINGERING OVER THE COUNTRY

Temporary Relief From Local Storms is Held Out For Some Sections.

## NO IMPROVEMENT FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Is Promised by the Weather Bureau—Increasing in New York—Many Prostrations.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, July 31.—The most intense heat wave of this year continued today in the Central valleys, the Middle Atlantic States, New England and the Lower Lake region. Weather Bureau officials held out no promise of relief during the next two days.

From the Rocky Mountain region westward, and from Montana eastward through the Upper Lake region today moderate temperature prevailed. In the South and Southwest high temperatures also prevailed.

Local thunder showers at some points may bring temporary relief.

Hotter Than Yesterday.

New York, July 31.—With the official reading of the thermometer showing 90 degrees at 9:30 a. m., 4 degrees higher than the same hour yesterday, New York prepared to face another period of sweltering heat today. Several prostrations had been reported by the police up to that hour.

Relief is in sight, however, according to the Weather Bureau officials, as a cool wave already felt in the west is due to reach this section tomorrow afternoon or night, attended by rains.

Storm Follows Excessive Heat.

Montreal, July 31.—A terrific electrical storm, last night, after the hottest day here in five years, started a number of fires, destroyed trees and demoralized telegraph and telephone service.

Intense at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., July 31.—This city is experiencing the most intense heat wave in its history, and the first heat prostration recorded here in a number of years was reported this morning at 10 o'clock. George F. Payne, a prominent business man, succumbed to the heat in a drug store and suffered a severe gash in his head as a result of falling on a tiled floor.

The thermometer here registered 96 degrees at noon.

Deaths in Boston.

Boston, Mass., July 31.—Another heat wave which in its early stage was more intense than that of yesterday and caused two deaths and many prostrations, spread over this city today. A moderate breeze from the northwest alleviated somewhat the heated condition. It was the hottest spell experienced here in 5 years.

Fifteen Deaths at Chicago.

Chicago, July 31.—Fifteen deaths attributed to the heat occurred in Chicago within the last 24 hours. Coroner Hoffmann said today. The government thermometer registered 93 degrees at 11 a. m. with prospects that it would reach the 100 mark later in the day.

Hottest in Six Years.

Philadelphia, July 31.—Philadelphia experienced the hottest weather in 6 years today, the government thermometer registering 98 degrees at 1 p. m. The Weather Bureau expected the temperature to go higher during the afternoon.

## RESTORING ORDER IN RUSSIAN ARMY

Situation More Hopeful—Ruthless Suppression of Desertion—Spies Executed

(By Associated Press.) London, July 31.—A dispatch to the Times from the headquarters of the Russian Seventh army says the situation is more hopeful. Panics among the retreaters are suppressed ruthlessly. Three divisions of cavalry have taken positions across the whole front of retreat.

Deserters are shot and attempts to spread panic are suppressed by prompt executions. Deserters, spies and agitators who enjoyed complete immunity under the committee system lie dead on the highways. A paper pinned on the corpses reads: "Here lies a traitor to his country." Red badges and other symbols which accompanied the demoralization have almost disappeared.

## BRITISH AND FRENCH INFANTRY SWEEPING DOWN ON GERMANS

Combined Attack Follows the Raking Fire of Big Guns in The West.

## SIGNS POINT TO GREAT OFFENSIVE

Terrific Onslaught Being Made on Germans' Right Flank—In Many Places Attackers Have Already Reached Teutons' Second Line of Defense.

One of the big moves of the war apparently is under way in Flanders, where the right flank of the German army is anchored upon the sand dunes and flat fields that skirt the North Sea coast. Unprecedented terrific battle of big guns that has been raging for days past has been succeeded by a charge of the infantry, and a combined British and French force is sweeping forward over the Teutonic lines.

Early reports of the engagement do not indicate its scope and there can only be surmise as to its exact purpose. It seems significant, however, that French forces have combined with the British for an assault on this front, where an attempt to break through or turn the German flank has been expected for some time.

A keen desire on the part of the Entente command to get at the German submarine bases which line the shores of Belgium has also been in evidence and this purpose would be accomplished by any sweeping victory achieved on the Flanders front.

The attack of the two allied armies is marked on the southern boundary of the field by the river Lys, about 30 miles from the coast. "A wide front" is the official British expression describing its scope which obviously does not make it clear how far towards the coast the thrust extends.

The operations gives every evidence of being a major one, however, and it is clear that it was successful in its initial stages, the war office account declaring that the first objectives were attained on the entire front attacked and that "satisfactory progress" was continuing at all points. Many prisoners already have been taken.

The launching of the drive was seemingly a surprise to the Germans, who only yesterday were boasting that the intensity of their reply to the British gunners to lessen the violence of their fire. It comes, moreover, after the failure of the tremendous efforts the German Crown Prince has been putting forth to break the French front in the Alsine region. The French reserve force, evidently, is great enough not only to withstand such powerful hammering successfully, but to allow of co-operation with the British in a stroke at another portion of the line.

In addition General Petain last night made a successful attack on his own account on the Alsine front, capturing German positions 1,500 yards wide on the Chemin des Dames at La Roovere and west of Epine de Chavreny, breaking a German counter attack and capturing more than 100 prisoners.

Attacking early today on a 20 mile front in Belgium from the river Lys to within about 10 miles of the coast, General Sir Douglas Haig's troops, in conjunction with French forces swept rapidly over the first line German positions and at many points reached the Teutonic second line. They took numerous prisoners as they advanced.

Dispatches from the front which reached London in mid-afternoon described the situation as entirely satisfactory from the Entente viewpoint, with the drive still continuing, supported by the artillery which was being held up as the infantry went forward.

Never in history, according to all accounts, has there been a more tremendous volume of shell poured upon a position under attack than that which assailed the German line for days past. This marvelous concentration of gunfire manifested itself also in supplementary fashion after the drive started in what is reported to have been the weightiest barrage in the annals of warfare.

The field of the attack, beginning (Continued on Page Eight.)

## SELECTIVE DRAFT FOR SURGEONS

Petition in Circulation For Obtaining Army Doctors in This Way.

(By Associated Press.) New York, July 31.—A petition was circulated today in hospitals and among doctors asking that Congress provide for a selective draft of the American doctors for military service. The petition also asks the exemption of "bona fide" physicians from the present draft law.

The proposed draft would take physicians and surgeons between the ages of 21 and 45 and would be carried out similarly to the draft for the army. According to the heads of several hospitals here, the petition was sent from the Council of National Defense at Washington which is supporting the plan.

The petition declares that the method of recruiting the medical corps of the army by commissioning officers in that corps who volunteer has proved a failure and asks that, in behalf of the welfare of the nation, a draft for physicians be made.

## COURT LECTURES ON SHORT WEIGHT

Persons Convicted of This Will be Dealt With Harshly If Convicted Says Recorder

This morning's session of Recorder's court was featured by an announcement from the bench relative to alleged short weights and measures that so-called cut price stores are engaging in with a hint from the Recorder that it might be well for persons patronizing such stores to weigh their purchases. Recorder Harris further informed the solicitor that such practice was actionable and stated further that any person convicted on a charge of this nature would be dealt with severely.

The Recorder stated that the matter had been brought very formally to his attention; that persons had reported to him that they had only received 11 pound packs of meal and that "so-called five pound packages of sugar, purchased at 8 1/2 cents per pound, weighed but 4 1/2 pounds. Solicitor Burton informed the court that reports of a like nature had reached him and that he was investigating the matter now and would probably order arrests in the early future.

W. A. Galloway, colored, charged with violation of the tax ordinance, was escaped by the not pros route, the State admitting that it was in possession of insufficient evidence to convict. Daniel Webster, colored, was paroled with Probation Officer Johnson for a period of 12 months.