

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina—Showers this aft-
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west; Saturday probably fair.
South Carolina—Probably show-
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TAX BILL NOW GOES BEYOND TWO BILLION

Senate Finance Committee About Completes Work—Ready to Report

THIS MAY BE DONE ON TOMORROW

Tax on Beer is Slightly Reduced—House Committee Discloses Extent of the Burden of the Franking Privilege.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—The War Tax bill increased from \$1,672,000,000 to approximately \$2,002,000,000 virtually was completed today by the Senate Finance committee and will be reported to the Senate tomorrow or Monday.

GERMANY CHALLENGED PROSECUTE DR. MOHN

(By Associated Press.)
Amsterdam, Aug. 3.—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung challenges the German government to prosecute Dr. Cohn, Socialist member of the Reichstag, for his alleged revelations regarding the London council held at Potsdam July 5, 1914. The newspaper says it knows the revelations published in the London Times came from Stockholm direct and from the German independent Socialists and it offers to give the fullest evidence in case the government desires to court martial Deputy Cohn.

The London Times asserts that a conference was held in the presence of Emperor William at Potsdam, July 5, 1914, in which the political and military personages in Germany and Austria-Hungary took part, when a plan was proposed to let loose the war.

THE KAISER'S THANKS TO VON HINDENBURG

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 3.—A Copenhagen dispatch to Reuters' limited, contains the following message telegraphed by Emperor William to Field Marshal von Hindenburg:

PROPOSED COTTON RATES APPROVED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—Proposed increases and changes in regulations and practices governing the shipment of cotton from Louisiana points to Mississippi river crossings, New Orleans and other gulf ports for export and to territory east of the Mississippi river, were approved today by the Interstate Commerce Commission with the exception of certain minor features.

NO HOSTILE SENTIMENT FOUND.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—Department of Justice officials investigating the activities of persons in North Carolina, Georgia and other Southern States, in spreading sentiment hostile to the draft law said today that they had found nothing unusual in the situation in the South thus far.

URGES CONGRESS TO PROBE RIOTS

Illinois Representative Wants East St. Louis Massacre to Be Investigated.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—Federal investigation of the race riots in East St. Louis, Ill., on July 2, by a Congressional joint committee was urged before the House Rules committee today by Representative Rodenberg, of Illinois, and Dyer, of Missouri, and a delegation of negroes.

"The plain unvarnished truth," said Mr. Rodenberg, "is that civil government in East St. Louis collapsed and the ferocity, brutality and viciousness of the mob that committed the outrages beggars description. The police department joined the rioters and helped to shoot negroes. I am told the colonel in charge of the militia took no steps to handle the situation. A man in whose word I have confidence told me of a person who had been shot by a militiaman."

Representative Foster, of Illinois, member of the committee, announced that he today received a telegram from the Governor of Illinois saying he was making a thorough investigation and that no man implicated in the outrage would be spared.

STATE OF SIEGE DECLARED IN ATTICA

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 3.—A state of siege has been declared in the whole Greek department of Attica, including Athens and Piraeus, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR GOES TO VIENNA

(By Associated Press.)
London, Aug. 3.—Emperor Charles of Austria, received in audience Dr. Michaelis, the German imperial Chancellor, on Thursday, says a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency.

ALLIES DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS WITH HAND BOMBS

Many Germans Entombed in Tunnels Destroyed by Their Use in Close Fighting.

FIERCE CONTESTS UNDERGROUND

Brilliant Charges by the Australians Stubbornly Resisted—Final Success.

(By Associated Press.)
British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 2.—(Delayed.)—The British and French and the Germans alike along the front of the battle in Flanders still held their positions late today in an iron grip of bogland produced by the torrential rain storm which has been deluging the battle line from Tuesday evening until today when it showed signs of moderating. Beyond artillery operations which are continuing with great intensity, there is little activity with the exception of one or two points, and French and British were active in consolidating the strongly organized positions commanding the territory which they captured from the Germans in the first few hours of the onslaught. St. Julien today continued to be a storm center, the artillery of both sides pounding steadily at the opponents' positions about this place. The British were again in possession of the 300 yard front just north of Frezenberg, which the Germans wrested from them in a counter attack yesterday. In a sharp drive last night, after heavy artillery preparation, the British forced the Germans from this strong position and have held it since. This was the only counter attack of any consequence delivered by the Germans since late Wednesday.

Detailed reports of Tuesday's battle show that the front between Hollebeke and La Bassee Ville, was the scene of some of the heaviest fighting of the day, the Australians and English, charging along this line, swept over large numbers of Germans lying in shell holes which were overlooked in the semi-darkness. Immediately after the British troops had gone beyond these holes, the Germans began sniping at the rear of the advancing forces. These snipers were eventually dealt with and the shell holes cleared. The morale of the German troops in this section is said to have been good and they made a stiff fight for the positions which they finally had to relinquish. In the ruined village of Hollebeke the British were faced with large numbers of concrete dugouts which had no surface entrances, but which were approached by tunnels. The attacking troops forced their way into these strongholds, which contained large numbers of men and blew them to pieces with bombs. This underground tunnel is still filled with German bodies. Just north of Hollebeke two strongly held German positions were occupied without a stop. On the ground overlooking Wytchate the British encountered shell holes, camouflaged with wire netting and hedges which had been interlaced with barbed wire. This delayed their progress somewhat, but did not save the Germans. Fierce fighting occurred here and the Australians, who were conducting the offensive, carried the positions with bayonets, killing large numbers of the enemy. One notable incident of the day's fighting occurred on the Warneton-Gapard farm road at a windmill on a slight elevation. This place previously had been bitterly contested because it overlooks the surrounding country, which is very flat. The Australians took the place in the early morning, but the Germans regained it the same night. At midnight the Australians charged and ejected the Germans at bayonet and machine gun fire. La Bassee Ville was also the scene of severe fighting and here, as at Hollebeke, were found concrete dugouts which are now filled with their dead defenders who were bombed.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY TO SHORTEN ITS COURSE

(By Associated Press.)
Princeton, N. J., Aug. 3.—By the decision of the special Princeton faculty committee appointed to consider problems arising out of the war, men may now get their degrees at Princeton University in three years, instead of four. This will be obtained by special intensive course of study and working during part of the summer vacations.

For the men who have not completed their college course, it is the university's intention to present special earned war certificates, setting forth that the holder was a student in good and regular standing and left to enter his country's service.

INCREASED NUMBER TO OFFICERS' CAMPS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—A 30 per cent increase of thirty per cent in the number of candidates to be admitted to the second officers' camps opening on August 27 has been ordered by the War Department. Sixteen thousand candidates were to have been admitted. The number has been raised to 20,800.

GERMANY'S DENIAL OF KNOWLEDGE OF ULTIMATUM

By Austria to Serbia Before Delivered Shown to be Untrue.

FOURTEEN HOURS BEFORE DELIVERY

Copy Was in Hands of Chancellor, According to Admissions Forced From Him.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—Germany had possession of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia 14 hours before it was delivered to Belgrade, according to positive information which has reached officials here and which was made public today for the first time.

It was stated that former Foreign Secretary Zimmermann admitted this himself, when pressed very closely as to Germany's foreknowledge of the action of her ally which precipitated the European war.

Germany has maintained consistently in all her public documents that she was not consulted by Austria as to the ultimatum which, practically denied Serbia's independence and that she did not even have knowledge of the step.

This fact fits in very closely with the recent statements, first advanced by Deputy Cohn, in the Reichstag and since adopted by the allied governments, that German and Austrian leaders held a war council at Potsdam July 5 in which it was practically decided to plunge Europe into conflict.

THE HEAT SPELL COMES TO AN END

The Weather Bureau Reports Cooler Weather For This Section.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 3.—The Weather Bureau bulletin today says: "The heat spell is at an end in all parts of the country, although conditions in the far North-west indicate the return of warm weather in northern districts within a few days. Light local rains fell Thursday in the Middle Atlantic States and substantial showers were experienced in North Carolina and in portions of the East Gulf States. The weather tonight and Saturday will be fair throughout the East and South, except in the East Gulf States and Southeast, where showers are indicated. It will be slightly cooler tonight in the Middle Atlantic States and a little warmer on Saturday."

SLACKERS BELIEVED TO HAVE SHOT OFFICER

(By Associated Press.)
Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 3.—A band of 30 alleged draft resisters who are believed to have shot Deputy J. W. Cross near Wewoka yesterday and last night to have fired or dynamited the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad trestle bridging the South Canadian river between Francis and Ada, are reported to have established themselves in the brush south of Sasakwa to resist attack. Posses have started from Konowa, Francis and Ada to capture the band.

ITALIAN AIRSHIPS MAKE ATTACK

(By Associated Press.)
Rome, Aug. 2.—Large squadrons of Italian airplanes yesterday effectively bombed the arsenal and military works of Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary on the Adriatic, according to an official statement made today by the Italian war department.

DUPLIN AGAIN HONORS HOSTS WHO WORE GREY

Yesterday Was a Gala Occasion at Kenansville—Fine Addresses Heard.

GENERAL METTS A GUEST OF HONOR

Oration of the Occasion Delivered by Hon. R. D. Johnson, of Warsaw—Other Fine Features.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Warsaw, Aug. 3.—Thursday was a day for Duplin when its hosts gathered at Kenansville from all sections of the county to do honor to the Confederate veterans and to the future soldiers of the county who will fight in the present war. Notwithstanding the pleasures of the day, there was a double note of sadness in the thought that not only would the ranks of gray possibly be thinned before another Reunion day, but many of the younger men of the county would also very likely be missing.

The occasion was marked by the number and quality of the addresses made, there being present some of the prominent speakers of the State. The audience, and especially the Confederate veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy of the county, felt themselves particularly fortunate in having with them Mrs. Jackie Daniels Thrash, State President U. D. C.; Miss Melba McCullers, a granddaughter of Col. Ashley Horne, from Clayton, and General James I. Metts from Wilmington.

The exercises were in charge of Mrs. H. Faison Pierce, president of Duplin Conservation Club, and Commander S. B. Newton of the Veterans, opened with prayer by Mr. J. F. Wallace, the chaplain. General Metts then spoke to the soldiers, reviewing their battles in the War Between the States, and delighting them by singing an original song. A quintette composed of Kenansville ladies then sang "America." Judge D. B. Nicholson, of Lakeland, Florida, a former citizen of the county, spoke briefly, stating a little-known historic fact: That of a battle between a part of Sherman's army and a detachment of General Terry's men at Magnolia, a few miles distant from here, during the war, that was fought through the county, and Magnolia being the only town in the county to escape the marauders.

Mrs. H. Faison Pierce followed with an able address, exhorting the Veterans, and urging concentration and co-operation by the people of the county in the work that lies before them. Speaking to the old soldiers, she said: "You are a remnant of the bravest and most unselfish as well as the knightliest soldiers that ever went to battle, and the cause for which you fought was not lost, for a lost cause could not live for half a century in heart, story and song."

Mrs. Jackie Daniels Thrash, State President of the Daughters of the Confederacy, gave an instructive talk, telling of the work of her organization. She said the Daughters were working as hard for the soldiers of today as they were for the soldiers of their fathers, especially when she quoted a toast to the veterans and to America.

Mrs. Marshall Williams, a former State President U. D. C., of Faison, in her address spoke of the necessity of the mothers showing their patriotism by training their own sons to fight in defense of their own homes, instead of exacting this of some one else's sons. This was very fitting as coming from Mrs. Williams, as she has four sons in the military service of their country, one of them, Dr. Louis Hicks Williams, in service in France.

STORMY WEATHER HOLDS UP ATTACK ON FLANDERS LINE

MINERS THREATEN TO STRIKE

(By Associated Press.)
Saratoga, N. M., Aug. 3.—Four hundred members of local union No. 3227 of the United Mine Workers employed by the Albuquerque and Cerrillos Coal Company at Madrid, this county, have decided by resolution "at the call of the national organization" to suspend work until the miners deported from Gallup are returned there.

IMPORTANT MEET FOR THE FARMERS

The Annual State Convention to be Held at the A. and E. College.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, Aug. 3.—Arrangements are rapidly being completed for the fifteenth annual Farmers' and Farm Women's State convention, which will be held at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, beginning Tuesday morning, August 28th, at 8 o'clock and continuing until Thursday noon, August 30th. It is expected that not less than 1,000 farmers and farm women will attend the convention this year. Last year the attendance was more than 700.

The convention, always a source of inspiration and instruction and attended by earnest men and women from all sections of the State, will this year be more of a working proposition even than usual. Because of the critical food situation throughout the nation and the world, the central idea at the convention will be food production and conservation and the farmers of the State from the coastal plains to the Blue Ridge mountains will have an opportunity to learn by lecture and demonstration the why and how of the production of all food and feed crops suitable for their respective sections.

The mornings will be devoted to sectional meetings for the men in which actual class room instruction and laboratory instruction will be given. This is something of a departure from the custom of the past, but will no doubt be worth much more to those who come to the convention to learn. On the afternoon of Tuesday and Wednesday there will be joint sessions of men's and women's conventions at which time some of the best speakers obtainable will address those present upon vital topics bearing directly upon the part of North Carolina men and women and the production and conservation of food and feed. The evening sessions will be given over to one lecture each evening and to motion pictures.

The convention this year will participate considerably more of the nature of a short course of agriculture and live stock instruction than has been the custom heretofore. The farmer will be given an opportunity to get authoritative information on any farm problem and to witness actual demonstrations in many instances. There will be several sections going all hours of the morning so that the farmer will be able to get the information he desires on a particular subject without listening to other subjects which might not interest him. Among the subjects for instruction and demonstration will be: Swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle and poultry, seed selection, preparing seed, etc.

All the railroads are giving special rates for the convention good from August 26th to September 2nd. The expense of the convention to those who attend will be very small. The college provides dormitory room with-out charge and meals at a cost of only 25 cents each. All who attend will be required to bring their own bed sheets, pillows, towels and necessary toilet articles.

Not only the attendance, but the helpfulness of the convention has been increased yearly, and especially because of the necessity for the very best farming at this time, the officials of the convention are confident all previous records will be smashed.

Along Other Sections of Western Front There is Activity

GERMANS RUSH BRITISH POSITIONS

Succeed in Penetrating Line But Soon Lose Part of Conquest—Teutonic Hordes Overrunning the Crown Land of Bukovina.

The Flanders front, where the great offensive launched by the Entente on Tuesday is still being held up by unfavorable weather, remains the center of military interest. Along other sections of the line in the west, however, there is notable activity suggesting attempts to deflect the course of the main Entente effort.

Today's British official report revealed that the Germans last night delivered an attack on the Arras battle front, biting into the British line on Infantry Hill, an importance, however, east of Monchy Le Preux. There was a swift reaction by General Haig's forces and by this morning, part of the lost ground had already been regained.

Likewise, on the French front in the Alsace region there have been violent German attacks. The French were ready for these, however. The stroke was delivered on a front of about half a mile in the vicinity of Cerny. It failed under the French fire. The Crown Prince's troops sustaining heavy losses.

On the Russian front the Austrian crown land of Bukovina has again been virtually overrun by Austro-German forces which were enabled to advance by reason of the recent disastrous break in the Russian lines to the north. A Vienna dispatch today reports Czernowitz, the capital, once more in Austrian hands, while Petrograd announces that Kimpoling, in Southern Bukovina, has been evacuated.

Czernowitz has changed hands frequently in the ebb and flow of the fighting during the course of the war, but was considered to have become Russian beyond regain when General Brusiloff swept all of Bukovina free from Austrian forces last year and advanced far westward from the Bukovina border. It remained for the disorganization that developed in the Russian armies last month to upset these calculations.

Although Russia's southern armies apparently are now offering determined resistance to the Austro-German advance, the Teutonic drive seems to have attained such an impetus that the Russians are not yet able to cope with it.

The Russian forces are now back on their own soil along a wide section of the front, opposite the Galician border and are being fast driven out of Bukovina. Czernowitz, the capital of this Austrian crown land, yesterday was occupied by Austrian troops and Kimpoling in the southern part of Bukovina, has been evacuated by the Russians.

Petrograd today admits a further success for the Austro-Germans, operating along the Dneister, an important line of communication, the evacuation of the westerly bank of the Zboroz at its confluence with the Dneister near Chotiv. The Zboroz here marks the Russian boundary.

WRECKAGE IN RIVER BY FORREST RAIDERS

(By Associated Press.)
Johnsonville, Tenn., Aug. 3.—An engine force is removing wrecks of more than 20 vessels, gunboats and transports captured or crippled when the Confederate cavalry leader, General N. B. Forrest, made his famous attack here in 1864. The wrecks, for the most part, have been an obstruction to navigation at low water.