

North Carolina—Generally fair to night and Tuesday. South Carolina—Probably showers tonight and Tuesday.

TODAY'S NEWS TODAY. That is the Mission Performed by the Afternoon Paper—The Dispatch Is An Afternoon Paper.

CITY WELCOMES THE NOTED WARRIOR MAJOR-GEN. WOOD AND STAFF CITY'S HONORED GUESTS

Distinguished Patriot and Staff Reached City This Afternoon

GIVEN BIG OVATION UPON THEIR ARRIVAL

Journey Through City and Lunch at Cape Fear Club— Will Inspect Camp Sites This Afternoon— Great Patriotic Meeting Tonight at Harbor Island Auditorium—City Profusely Decorated

Maj-Gen. Leonard Wood, head of the Department of the Southeast, and on whom the eyes of the entire South are focused, is Wilmington's guest this afternoon and tonight he speaks at a public meeting in the Harbor Island Auditorium to which every man and woman in the city is invited to attend. General Wood reached the city at 12:30 this afternoon on a special car attached to the Charlotte-Wilmington Seaboard train. He was accompanied by his aide and the party was met at the union station by the reception committee...

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After this inspection the party will go to Wrightsville Beach, where General Wood and his aide will be guests at the elegant seashore home of Dr. James Sprunt. Tonight the distinguished warrior will address a patriotic meeting at Harbor Island auditorium. He will be introduced by Herbert McClammy, Esq.

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BRINGS IN SURVIVORS.

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, Aug. 6.—A steamer arriving here today from a European port landed the crews of five vessels, all of which had been sunk by German submarines off St. Maria, Azores.

DRAFT DISTURBANCES UNDER INVESTIGATION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—Attorney General Gregory today began personal consideration of reports from district attorneys in Oklahoma, North Carolina and other sections of the South as to the anti-draft demonstrations in their respective localities.

WAR TAX BILL REPORTED SENATE

As Finally Revised By Finance Committee— Its Principal Features

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Aug. 6.—The War Tax bill, finally revised to meet latest estimates, was favorably reported today by the Senate Finance committee.

The House bill proposed \$1,867,000,000 in new taxes. No provision for additional bonds, to be considered later by the House, are made in the Senate bill.

The revised Senate bill strikes out the retroactive tax upon last year's incomes, but principally by increasing surtaxes on wealthy persons by doubling the normal tax on corporations, proposed to raise \$777,000,000 in addition to the \$330,000,000 now secured from incomes.

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AMERICA'S PART IN THE WORLD WAR AS FRANCE SEES IT

Her Duty to Give Unlimited Credit to Her Allies As Needed

A COURSE NECESSARY TO FINAL SUCCESS

Changed Conditions When She Became An Ally Instead of a Neutral

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Aug. 6.—The Journal Debats, in a prominent review of finance yesterday, calls attention that it is America's imperative duty to recognize obligations toward France, which it cannot escape and that it must open credits to the Allies as large as may be required without which they cannot continue the war.

The review opens with a resume of existing conditions which require urgently that purchases outside of France must be restricted to the lowest possible limits, for if the country shows a willingness to cut down internal expenses and do without all imported luxuries then it will have a right to call on the Allies for all needed financial aid.

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Some people still figure it is possible to make war with peace-time finances. Likewise, many have been somewhat frightened at the amounts of credits necessary for the Allies.

They will open to the Allies of (Continued on Page Eight.)

LEAPED FROM TRAIN WHILE IN MOTION

Attempt of Prisoner to Escape From North Carolina Officer in Pennsylvania

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RENEWAL OF GOSSIP AS TO APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL YOUNG

Rumored That the Governor is to Appoint Him Adjutant General

GOVERNOR AT WORK ON MORE PARDONS

A Unanimous Agreement That Was Not Unanimous—Death of L. D. Howell

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, Aug. 6.—Governor Bickett whispered over to Siler City and Pittsboro last afternoon the decided wisdom of imparting to the incumbent rebels over there the danger of absenting themselves from the exemption board, in addition to the hazards of starting anything just about this time.

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The unanimous agreement of the State Council to ask for men in the employment of the State Department no exemptions except those stipulated in the selective draft now turns out to have been harmony almost solely because Governor Bickett insisted.

True, the Governor, who first found the council against him, did convert the body to his own way of thinking, according to the signatories that were seen. The Governor himself has not heard that there was any disposition to talk about it since the terms were signed, but Treasurer Lacy has not yet appended his name to the compact and having been unwilling to break the unanimity of the vote, Mr. Lacy was excused.

IRON MILL PUDDLERS WANT MORE MONEY

(By Associated Press.) Reading, Pa., Aug. 6.—ASKING AN advance from \$9.75 to \$11.50 in the ton rate, more than 1,000 puddlers employed by the Reading Iron Company today, remained away from work. The company's 3 plants are idle. A compromise offer of \$10.50 was rejected by the men.

THE MINISTRY OF THE KAISER IS DISRUPTED

RAILWAY TRAFFIC FOR MONTH OF MAY

Remarkable Increase of Efficiency Compared With Same Month Last Year

(By Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 6.—Railroads of the United States gave 16 per cent more freight service in May, 1917, than in the corresponding month a year ago, with virtually the same number of cars and locomotives, according to a statement made by Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroads war board.

The Washington hold-up of any commission to Brigadier General Laurence W. Young has renewed the rumor that General Young will return to the adjutant general's office and may take charge as early as the middle of the month.

China, apparently, is one the verge of declaration of war against Germany and Austria-Hungary. A cabinet meeting decision in favor of a war declaration has been approved by Acting President Feng Kwo Chang and the declaration, Peking advices state, is expected to be issued this week.

The foregoing figures will appear all the more remarkable when it is realized that May, 1916, was itself a month of heavy traffic.

WILMINGTON MAN ON DIRECTORS

Banker of This City Named to Directorate State Railroad—Commutation Given

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 6.—Samuel M. Brinson, county superintendent of Craven, was today recommended by Governor Bickett for the presidency of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, and Charles E. Taylor, of Wilmington, is one of the directors.

Governor Bickett today commuted the sentence of Dr. J. W. Summers, the Mecklenburg physician under sentence of three years for criminal operation resulting in death, changing it to \$1,000 fine, and giving up medical license for three years.

A Number of the Ministers and Secretaries Resign Their Positions

ARTILLERY DUELS IN WEST-FRONT

Germans Make Vigorous Attempt to Shake British Hold On Recently Captured Positions—Similar Attacks On French Front Also Unsuccessful

Yesterday's tremendous cannonade on the Flanders battle front was followed last night by two German attempts to shake the British from their hold on important sections of newly won ground. Neither of these met with any success whatever, London reports.

The strong hand of Kerensky is again at the helm in Russia, where the personnel of the organized cabinet has been agreed upon under his premiership. The constitutional democrats are represented in the list.

Dr. Richard von Keuhlmann, the German Ambassador to Turkey, has been appointed Secretary for Foreign Affairs in succession to Mr. Zimmermann.

German Ministry Resign.

Berlin, Aug. 6.—(Via London)—Official announcement was made today that 5 Ministers of State, including Foreign Secretary Zimmermann and Secretary of State, including Finance Minister Lantze and Interior Minister Von Loebell, had resigned their portfolios.

The Ministers and Secretaries of State who resigned were: Ministers of State—Minister of Justice, Dr. Bessler, appointed November, 1905; Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs and Instruction, Dr. Von Trotz Zu Solz, appointed July, 1909; Minister of Agriculture, Domains and Forests, Dr. Von Schorelemer, appointed in 1910; Minister of Finance, Dr. Lantze, appointed in August, 1910; Minister of Interior, Herr von Loebell, appointed in May, 1914.

Second German Failure.

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hollebeke, a Belgian town southeast of Ypres, which was the scene of heavy fighting early yesterday morning, was again the object of a German counter attack last evening, but the enemy was repulsed by the British artillery fire before even the wire entanglements in front of the trenches had been reached.