

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Unsettled, probably tonight and Sunday, somewhat cooler Sunday.

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SERIOUS PROBLEMS NOW CONFRONTING THE GERMAN PEOPLE

Winter Supply of Fuel and Food of Greater Moment Than The War.

MUTTERINGS AGAINST RESTRICTED RATIONS

Already Heard Among the People—Business Houses to Close Because of Light Deficiency

(By Associated Press.) Copehagen, Sept. 8.—Difficulties with the winter supply of fuel in Germany already are being felt.

Butchers favor keeping their places open late two afternoons a week, otherwise they close with the sun.

The city of Stettin already has suspended street lighting entirely on account of lack of coal.

The German press and public are for the moment far more keenly interested in problems of fuel and food than in politics.

Urbanites, on the contrary, maintain that unless the government persists in its determination to seize all potatoes, the profitable pig and steer will get most of them, because in no year during the war has there been such an incentive to use potatoes for fodder as in this year.

Forwards demands an immediate increase in the potato ration to 10 pounds weekly at a reduction in the price and declares that it is impossible to work and sustain life on the proposed ration of 5 1/2 pounds of potatoes, 1,550 grams of bread, 250 grams of meat and 80 grams of fat.

Forwards points out that this year the scanty harvest of oats and barley would permit of a supplementary ration of oatmeal and grits, by which alone the people died over last spring.

CARRANZA OPPOSES DRASTIC OIL LAWS

(By Associated Press.) Mexico City, Sept. 7.—President Carranza, it is understood, has declined to approve many articles of the petroleum law, submitted by members of the cabinet, and now is engaged in framing a law of his own for submission to Congress.

It is said that the President's measures will have no drastic features, so far as taxation or nationalization of the oil lands in Mexico are concerned, and will contain nothing to check or slow up the production of petroleum.

STREET CAR TIE-UP IN CHATTANOOGA

(By Associated Press.) Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 8.—No effort was made by the street car company to operate cars during the early morning hours today and the strike situation was quiet.

No fatalities have resulted from the disorder which followed the calling of the strike yesterday evening. Sam A. Miller, supposed to be leader of the strike breakers, was badly hurt.

GREAT BRITAIN ADOPTS MR. WILSON'S NOTE TO THE POPE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 8.—That Great Britain has advised the United States that President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's proposal is in effect Great Britain's reply is indicated.

THE AUTO RECORD OF STATE TAXES OF MUCH INTEREST

Road Funds For the Counties From This Tax Increasing Each Year.

GUILFORD COUNTY LEADS THE STATE

In the Amount of Money Paid For Auto Licenses—School Book Row Simmering Down.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, Sept. 8.—Guilford is the high-flying county in North Carolina by great odds, measured by its automobiles and the bare lead which was assumed three years ago became a safety the next year and a runaway finally. The Secretary of State finds on casting up the automobile account that Guilford pays into the Treasury of the State more than five average counties and of course gets back the biggest amount for use on the county roads.

The Secretary of State has no data on the number of machines. There are upward of 50,000 in the State. The State estimates the number on the basis of \$5.40 tax to each machine and divides in this section have been advised to proceed with the use of the Row, Peterson & Co., readers, according to visitors to the Sanford conference earlier in the week, and that would indicate that the row is dying out.

Saturday Mr. Row of the publishing house is expected here and the trouble appears to have passed its worst. In fact, it is understood that the books which have the alleged imperfections were put up when only a miracle could have bought paper to the publishing houses. This comes in a roundabout way and not through the Row, Peterson & Co., people at all. Time was in 1916 when paper of the type needed could not be bought for anything. The Chicagoans had a big contract on their hands and they had to deliver. It is believed by printers here that they were driven to use paper less desirable than they had bargained for.

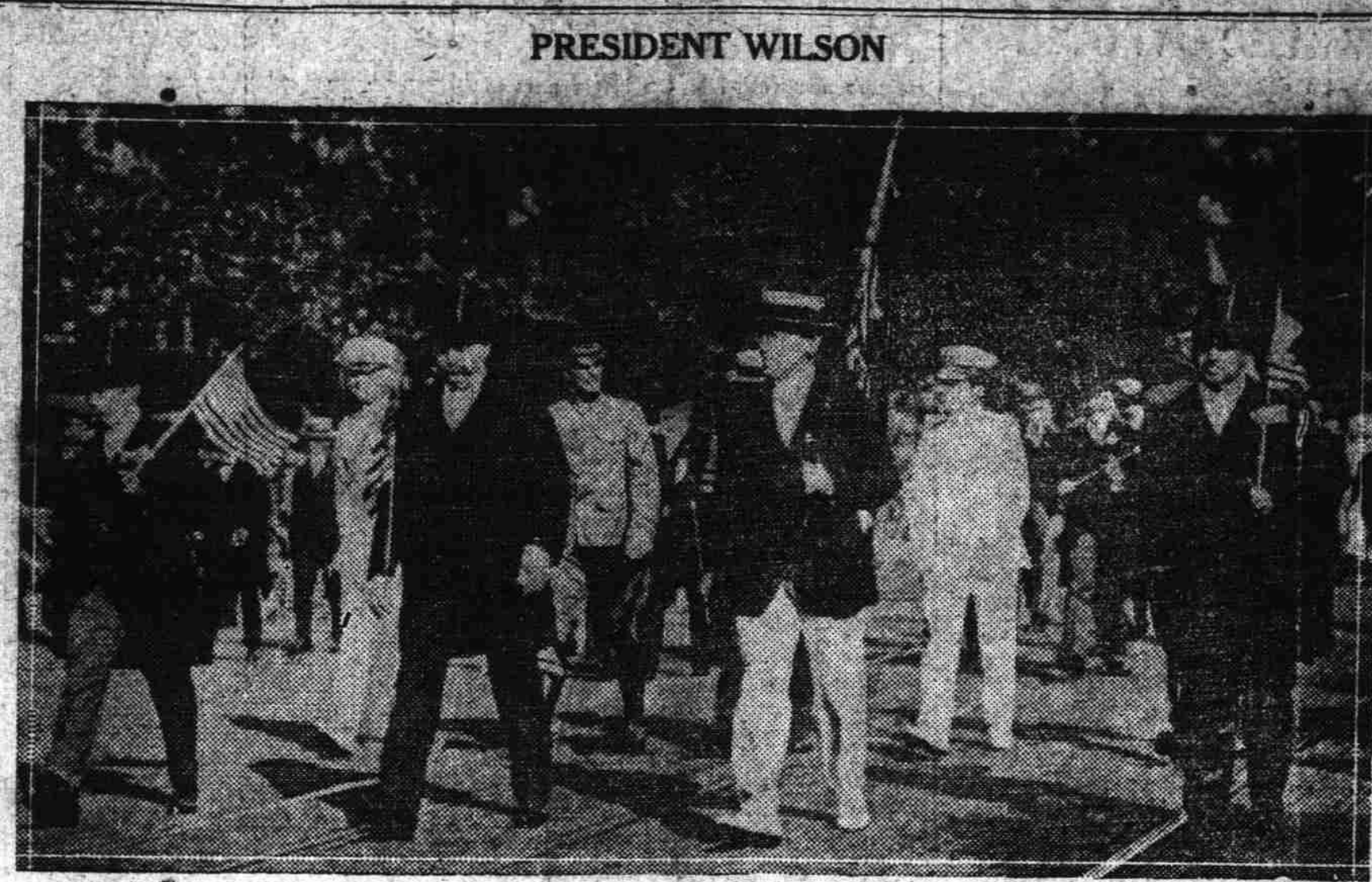
Persistent appeals to the Adjutant General's office to assist men in getting excused from army service have caused that official to notify all whom he can reach that his office has no power of release. Since August 5 the National Guard has gone into the Federal service and is now on that basis.

CENSUS BUREAU REPORT OF COTTON GINNINGS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 8.—Cotton ginned prior to September 1 amounted to 605,513 bales, counting round as half bales, the census bureau today announced in its first ginning report of the season. Round bales included numbered 22,724. Sea Island included were 2,890 bales.

This year's ginning compares with 850,668 bales ginned to September 1 last year and 463,383 bales in 1915. Round bales last year numbered 31,335 and in 1915 they were 8,947. Sea Island included last year was 4,631 bales and in 1915 there were 2,097.

Ginnings by States were: Alabama, 18,605; Arkansas, 134; California, 103; Florida, 3,111; Georgia, 146,574; Louisiana, 15,375; Mississippi, 5,749; North Carolina, 72; Oklahoma, 36; South Carolina, 17,888; Tennessee, none; Texas, 397,796. Ginnings of Sea Island by States were: Florida, 1,708; Georgia, 1,181, and South Carolina, none.



PRESIDENT WILSON MARCHING AT THE HEAD OF THE DRAFT PARADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

AMERICAN LABOR AGAINST GERMANY

Campaign Inaugurated to Drive Pro-German Propaganda Out of the Country.

(By Associated Press.) Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 8.—The local committee of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy which concluded its big loyalty conference last midnight, today opened its campaign to drive pro-German propaganda from labor's ranks in Minnesota.

Part of the campaign literature will be the address yesterday by Wesley Frost, who drew a graphic picture of his experiences as American consul at Queenstown, after the sinking of the Lusitania, the Laconia and scores of smaller craft.

The happy hunting ground of the German submarines stretched out in the ocean south of Ireland," he said. "Hundreds of men and women told me their pitiful tales with the tears of their dead still ringing in their ears. They told, too, of the grim spectacles of submarine commanders who in some cases placed survivors on the tops of U-boats and submerged, later to reappear and permit the crews to take snap shots of the struggling victims to be sent home to relatives and sweethearts.

GIVES UP GOOD JOB FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 8.—Dudley Field Malone, who yesterday tendered his resignation to the President as collector of customs for the port of New York, as a protest against the administration's failure to advocate woman suffrage, said today he would continue his duties here until relieved.

"I shall be at the customs house today and shall continue my duties until relieved by the President's acceptance of my resignation," he said. "As soon as I am free, I shall join my family in the Adirondacks, where I hope to take a six months' rest."

SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR SOLDIERS IN CAMP

(By Associated Press.) Princeton, N. J., Sept. 8.—As a result of a meeting held here yesterday the directors at various army camps in the Eastern part of the country were today prepared to carry out instructions and suggestions for the organization of the sporting activities of the soldiers. About 25 college coaches now in the service of the government, as athletic directors attended the meeting yesterday, which was called by Dr. Joseph E. Row Croft, the supervising head. Among those who attended was Coach Driver, of the University of South Carolina.

THE WAY OPENED TO FINAL VOTE

In the Senate Today on the War Tax Bill—Rout of Obstructors

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 8.—With the hotly contested war profits and income taxations of the war revenue bill out of the way, the Senate today took up for final disposition of minor points of dispute in the measure. The final vote on the bill, as a whole, must be taken not later than Monday. High tax advocates lost their fight again yesterday when the Senate tentatively adopted the Finance committee's income tax provisions designed to raise \$842,000,000 additional revenue from individuals and corporations.

The group of Senators who opposed the army draft law, made up of Senators Clegg, Hardwick, La Follette, Reed and Vardaman, received a setback when the Senate rejected 74 to 5, a proposal by Senator Hardwick to increase taxes on big incomes to pay \$50 monthly to all Americans serving in France.

When the Senate met this morning, the new administrative provisions regarding income tax collection were first to be taken up, including an amendment by Senator McCumber to make partnerships subject to the same levy as corporations. An amendment by Senator Jones for a 15 per cent assessment on undivided corporate surplus was pending. The committee reduced the rate to 10 per cent.

Among the other minor contested features that remain to be disposed of are the consumption taxes on sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa, levying \$88,000,000; the sugar drawback repeal provision, and the section increasing second class mail rates. It is considered doubtful, however, whether these can be reached today.

DISPATCH CONTEST CHIEF TOPIC OF CONVERSATION

Names of Those Who Have Been Nominated for Prize Honors Will be Published Tomorrow—Many Ambitious Women and Girls Determined to be Among Winners—First Subscription Will Call For 25,000 Extra Votes.

- THE PRIZES. \$775 Briscoe Automobile. Ford Touring Car. \$200 in gold. \$100 in gold. \$93 furniture suite. \$75 Columbia Grafonola. \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store. \$25 wrist watch. Two \$60 diamond rings. Ten per cent. commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

Only a few days have passed since the announcement of The Dispatch Great Prize Contest, and yet the enterprise is one of the chief topics of conversation all over this section of the State. In hundreds of homes the list of prizes offered by The Dispatch has been scanned and many ambitious persons have determined to be among the winners when the judges have counted the votes at the close of the campaign.

Any person who comes to that determination, and backs that decision with sufficient energy to show to friends and neighbors that her campaign has been commenced in earnest, stands a splendid chance of success. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm and all that is needed to arouse lively interest of one's friends is to show by your own activity that you have the mettle and the determination necessary to succeed.

Have you noticed that there will be ten prizes to be distributed at the close of the contest? Well, there are, and more than that there will be no losers. All candidates who remain active until the close of the campaign, and who do not win one of the valuable prizes will receive 10 per cent commission on all NEW subscription payments turned in by them during the campaign.

GERMAN PROTEST ON PEACE ATTITUDE

Of the Reichstag—Commercial Bodies Oppose Declaration Against Annexation

(By Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Sept. 8.—A well defined movement is manifesting itself in Germany, combining a protest against the attitude of the Reichstag majority in adopting the peace resolution, with expressions of indignation at the references in President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict to internal conditions in that country.

Business organizations in various parts of Germany show signs of careful nurture and acceleration of the movement from some central force, which is perhaps not far removed from the interests now controlling the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, the main protagonist of the movement.

This situation should be considered in connection with the campaign now being made in the Conservative party for the overthrow of the Reichstag's decision. How far these newspapers are in earnest in suggesting dissolution of the Reichstag is difficult to determine. They certainly do not desire it unless the government will use the election machinery in connection with press propaganda, in favor of annexationist candidates in the campaign.

The chamber of commerce of Elbing is the latest commercial organization to join those of Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg and Lubek in protests against peace without annexations. The municipal authorities of Halle have issued a flaming protest against Mr. Wilson, declaring that he insulted the German people gravely and shamefully in his reply to the Pope. Only a few newspapers thus far have printed the reports from Washington stating that the American note did not necessarily mean that the elimination of the Hohenzollerns was regarded as essential to peace. Those which have published them are scarcely pleased.

THE GERMAN DRIVE AGAINST RUSSIANS REACHES ITS LIMIT

CARELESS EMPLOYEE CAUSES EXPLOSION IN FEDERAL WORKS

Three Employees Killed and Twenty-Three Wounded, One Fatally.

SECOND ACCIDENT OF SIMILAR KIND AT THIS ARSENAL IN LAST FEW MONTHS—Hard Work Prevented Fire Spreading.

(By Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Sept. 8.—Three workmen are known to have been killed and 23 persons badly injured in an explosion at the Frankford arsenal early today.

According to workers the explosion was accidental, there being nothing to indicate that it was caused by an outside agency. Two of the injured are young women.

Major Montgomery, commandant, and his aids are investigating the explosion and endeavoring to make an inquiry. Carelessness of a workman, it was believed, was the cause of the accident. The explosion occurred in one of three small buildings known as detonating dry rooms, where the primer caps for 3- and 6-inch shells and small arms cartridges are dried. The building in question had its walls packed with cinders and every precaution was taken to prevent accidents.

Fire followed the explosion and spread to several other small buildings known as the artillery assembly unit. In these there were 3- and 6-inch shells, but prompt work of arsenal employees and city firemen saved the buildings and their contents from destruction.

Nineteen of the injured were treated at a nearby hospital. One is expected to die. Later all but 5 of the injured were able to go to their homes. None of those hurt was able to give a coherent account of what happened.

Maryland troops are guarding the arsenal and no one was permitted to enter the government reservation. Today's explosion was the second fatal one to occur within the past 5 months. Two men were killed by the bursting of a shrapnel fuse in the high explosives buildings last April.

Three investigations were under way soon after today's explosion, in which Federal officials, the police and the coroner participated.

EXCEPTION MADE IN GOLD EXPORTS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 8.—Treasury officials carrying out the provision of the President's proclamation requiring the licensing of gold exports will place no general restrictions, it was said today, upon the export of gold in settlement of legitimate trade balances against the United States.

THOUSANDS GALLONS OF LIQUOR ON HAND

(By United Press.) Peoria, Ill., Sept. 9.—At 11 o'clock tonight Peoria will cease to be the whiskey-making center of the world. Thousands of gallons of liquors will remain in the warehouses here, but its manufacture ends today under the food conservation law.

SEASONABLE WEATHER FOR THE COMING WEEK

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 8.—Generally fair weather with seasonable temperatures preceded by showers is forecast for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States for the week beginning tomorrow.

HIS FIRST VICTORY OVER GER. AIRPLANE

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Sept. 8.—Edward Parsons, of Springfield, Mass., a member of the Lafayette Escadrille, has brought down his first German airplane and has been cited to receive the war cross. Parsons dived straight at the enemy as he fled and his fall along prevented a collision.

Not to be Pushed Further Into Interior at Present Time.

LAND FORCE SUPPORTED BY SUBMARINES ONLY

Lull on the French Frontier Except For Artillery Fire—Some Local Fighting—Vienna Reports Austrian Successes Against Italians.

Despite the continued retreat of the Russians on the Riga front, indications are not wanting that the German drive in this region may have reached nearly its limit. This view, indeed, is taken by leading German military writers, who point to the lateness of the season as making it improbable that von Hindenburg intends to push his campaign further this fall. He will be content with safeguarding his new acquisitions—the bases of Riga and Duenamunde—they intimate.

The absence of German naval co-operation on a large scale in the Gulf of Riga with the forces operating on land in the region seems to lend additional color to this view.

Petrograd reports that only German submarines have been in the gulf and that, indeed, a Russian naval force is still stationed there, ready to engage any enemy warship contingent that may appear.

The Franco-Belgian front is witnessing some local infantry movements, but for the most part the artillery and the air are the only branches of the service being actively employed by either side.

London reports heavy patrol fighting on the Ypres front during the night, a successful British raid near Gavrelle and the heavy shelling of Langemarck by the Germans. No infantry action of importance developed, however.

The Paris statement announces local attacks by the Germans in Lorraine to the east of Rheims, and on the Aisne front, which were broken up by the French fire.

Vienna claims the driving back of the Italians in the Hermada sector, where General Cadorna has been pushing towards Trieste. It is asserted that all the ground won by him there in the present offensive has been recovered and that more than 6,000 prisoners have been taken by the Austrians.

Germans Repulse.

Paris, Sept. 8.—German attacks last night in Lorraine, east of Rheims and on the Aisne front, were repulsed, it was announced officially. The French took prisoners in successful raids. The announcement follows: "During the night several attacks undertaken by the enemy in Lorraine, east of Rheims, north of Courcy, and in the region of Cerny, were broken up by our fire. We made successful incursions into the German lines near Epine de Chevregny and north of Hill 344 on the right bank of the Meuse. We took many prisoners. There was violent artillery fighting on both banks of the Meuse. Along the Forges brook and in the region of Avocourt patrolling operations were unusually active. Everywhere else the night was calm."

Russians Shell German Warships. Petrograd, Sept. 8.—German war craft have again been sighted in the Gulf of Riga and have been shelled by the Russian coast batteries, the war office announces. Russian torpedo boats discovered a German submarine, and enemy ships, apparently trawlers, were observed in Orbenak sound. They were forced by the Russian batteries to retire.

No further advance by the Germans on the Riga front is reported in today's official communication. The Russians' positions are being reconnoitered by German cavalry.

Italians Repulse.

Vienna, Sept. 8.—According to the announcement, the Austrians pressed back the Italians from Monte San Gabriele, northeast of Gorizia. The Italians are said to have fled.

PRESIDENT WILSON TAKES AN OUTING

(By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 8.—The President and Mrs. Wilson arrived here from Washington early today and after breakfast they boarded the Presidential yacht Mayflower. They will spend the next few days cruising in New York waters. The President desired to take a few days rest. He will keep in touch with affairs of state by means of the wireless.