

WEATHER FORECAST
North Carolina—Fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday in east portion.
South Carolina—Fair tonight and Wednesday.

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NEXT BLOW IS DREADED BY TEUTONS

Attack After Attack Launched in Effort to Disarrange Haig's Plans
ASSAULTS REPULSED WITH A HEAVY LOSS
Ten Killed and 38 Injured in Last Night's Air Raid On England—French Airmen Continue Reprisals

Although the Berlin military writers are admitting that the Germans can hardly regain the initiative on the Western front, the German high command is evidently doing its utmost to keep the British from making the best use of their advantage in Flanders. Apparently dreading the effect of the next British stroke, Crown Prince Rupprecht has been launching attack after attack upon Field Marshal Haig's troops in their advanced positions, in an effort to disarrange the British plans. Similar tactics were adopted last week on the eve of the renewed British thrust, heavy counter attacks being delivered on the evening of September 25, when it became evident to the Germans that Haig was about ready to launch his drive.

The record shows the effort of last week to have been futile. It is too early yet for the effect of the present attempt to be developed. The British commander, however, reports that the attacks themselves, five in number, were complete failures, the Germans not being able to make any appreciable impression on the British positions along the Ypres-Menin road, and at the southeastern end of Polygon wood, where the thrusts were delivered. With the whole German line in Flanders hanging in the balance, as the military maps show, small surprise is expressed that the German command is making such desperate efforts to balk the British plan, and is fighting hard for every inch of ground protecting the Lille-Ostend railway, a scant six miles beyond the present point of the advancing British wedge.

On their front in northern France the French are holding themselves in restraint at present, permitting the Crown Prince to hammer away at their lines in attempts which almost invariably are repulsed with heavy German losses. Two attacks by the Germans in the Craonne sector, on the Aisne front, last night, were repulsed. Efforts by the Germans on two occasions to recapture trenches which they had lost in the Beaumont region, in the Verdun front, also were unsuccessful.

Despite the intensity of last night's air raid on England, the official figures show that the four groups of German airmen, making their sixth attack in eight days, inflicted comparatively few casualties by the bombs they dropped. Lord French reports today that 10 persons were killed and 38 injured.

While Britishers are urging reprisals for the German attacks on London, the French are actually conducting such retributive enterprises. Sunday night they bombed the German city of Stuttgart, 100 miles behind the frontier, and last night the reprisals were continued on a larger scale. Stuttgart was again visited by French airmen and the Prussian city of Frankfurt-On-The-Main, with about 200,000 population and more than 125 miles from the French border, also was subjected to aerial attack. The Prussian towns of Tross and Coblenz were the other places bombarded by the French raiders.

Berlin's account of yesterday's fighting on the Aisne front, in which the British admitted the pushing back of their advanced posts near the southeast corner of Polygon wood, claims the capture of ground here by the Germans to a depth of more than 500 yards.

Russian northern front troops have again shown aggressiveness, Petrograd reporting an advance of a mile by the Russian vanguards south of the railway in the Kronenberg-Spital-Grounits sector.

News is received of a revolt against the Russian controlling element in Turkey, Central Asia, which is regarded as serious, the revolutionists having obtained control of the military and installed a revolutionary government.

BAKER WILL VISIT CHARLOTTE CAMP
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—Secretary Baker today promised Representative Webb, of North Carolina, that he would visit the camp at Charlotte Saturday.

Revolution in Turkey.
Petrograd, Monday, Oct. 1.—A revolutionary movement is in progress in Turkey. General Cherkess, commander of the district has been attacked and beaten.

WINNERS' REPORTS SHOW A DECREASE

Much Less Cotton Ginned Now Than at Same Time Last Year

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—Cotton ginned prior to September 25 amounted to 2,498,381 bales, counting round bales as half bales, the Census Bureau today announced in its second ginning report of the season. Round bales included numbered 60,904 and Sea Island 18,731.

Ginnings by States: Alabama 94,857; Arizona 35; Arkansas 48,343; California 1,515; Florida 13,752; Georgia 581,288; Louisiana 153,175; Mississippi 115,499; Missouri 23, North Carolina 28,614; Oklahoma 47,678; South Carolina 233,930; Tennessee 85; Texas 1,179,406; Virginia one. All other states eight.

Round bales included last year numbered 84,855, and in 1916 they numbered 32,412.

Sea Island cotton included in last year's ginning amounted to 31,261 bales, and in 1915 they were 19,091.

Corrected statistics for the quantity ginned prior to September 1 was announced today as 615,597 bales.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN PRAISED BY "DRYS"

(By Associated Press.)
Milford, Conn., Oct. 2.—The successful campaign for no-license waged this year in Milford, which resulted in the swing over of the town from the wet column for the first time in 10 years, was marked by the appearance of John L. Sullivan, former world's champion prize fighter, as an advocate for the "drys." Sullivan spoke here about two weeks ago, and today many credited him with assisting to score the knockout administered to the liquor interests.

BEAUFORT SELECTED AS A NAVAL BASE

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 2.—After a spirited contest, Beaufort won out in its efforts to secure a naval base for Eastern Carolina, and the dredge Croatan, which arrived here last week has begun work deepening the bulkhead channel which will permit boats of larger draft to enter the harbor. The base headquarters will be on Pivers Island, government property, which has been used for a marine laboratory and wireless station. The base will be under control of the Fifth Naval District, and it is supposed that it will be used as headquarters for the patrol boats.

SPECIAL MISSION TO WORK WITH HOOVER

(By Associated Press.)
An Atlantic Port, Oct. 2.—Seeking the co-operation of Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, in filling the Allies' food requirements, a number of representatives of the British food commission, arrived here today.

The group, described as a special mission, is headed by O. H. Smith, assistant secretary of munitions for Great Britain, and will work in conjunction with Lord Northcliffe, now directing the work of all the British commissions in this country.

Cotton Rose \$5 A Bale.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Oct. 2.—Cotton rose approximately \$5 a bale in the market here today, as a result of the government's own report indicating a yield of only 12,047,000 bales. Active and general buying soared. December contracts up to 24.87, or 104 points above last night's closing figures.

Election Officials Indicted.

New York, Oct. 2.—Twenty-eight indictments of election officials, at the Republican primaries September 19, at which William M. Bennett won over Mayor Mitchell, after a recount, are expected to be handed down today by the grand jury, from evidence gathered through tally-sheets subpoenaed from the Board of Elections. It was announced at the office of District Attorney Swann.

THE 1917 COTTON CROP FORECAST IS 12,047,000 BALES

Condition of the Crop September 25, Was 60.4 Per Cent. Normal

ESTIMATED YIELD IS 168.3 POUNDS PER ACRE

Indications are That This Year's Crop Will Exceed Last Year's by Half-Million Bales—North Carolina's Condition .63

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—The 1917 cotton crop was forecast at 12,047,000 equivalent to 500 pound bales today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop September 25, which was 60.4 per cent. of a normal.

A yield of 168.3 pounds of cotton per acre was forecast. Condition by States on September 25 was:

Virginia, .68; North Carolina, .63; South Carolina, .67; Georgia, .62; Florida, .61; Alabama, .55; Mississippi, .63; Louisiana, .69; Texas, .53; Arkansas, .68; Tennessee, .65; Missouri, .76; Oklahoma, .62; California, .80; Arizona, .87.

Deterioration during September over almost the entire cotton belt caused a loss of 452,000 bales in the prospective production of cotton, and leaves the 1917 crop at 12,047,000, equivalent to 500-pound bales. The Department of Agriculture in its final condition report of the season today announced a decline of 7.4 points in cotton condition during the month.

Unusually cool weather, drought, shedding, wilt, blight, lack of potash in fertilizer, and in the extreme eastern belt, storm damage also caused loss. Damage from the recent West Indian hurricane was small, the area affected being comparatively small, producing territory and the crop there largely picked.

Picking of cotton is general and is being pushed except in the northern part of the belt. The Department of Agriculture reported, "There is considerable delay in picking in many sections. This is attributed to a migration of negro farm hands during the winter and spring, the volunteering and 'selection' of men for military duties, cantonment work, and the heavy demand for labor in the saw mills, cotton factories and kindred industries throughout the South. With favorable weather at prices prevailing for the staple, no cotton will go to waste in the field this year."

In Northern and Eastern Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, boll worms caused serious damage," the report says. "In the entire weevil infested area, now embracing all or portions of the States of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Georgia, great damage resulted from weevil activity. Rains fell over much of the drought-stricken section of Texas, and the plant growth was stimulated, but a matured top crop in that section is extremely doubtful. Much of the crop along the northern border of cotton production will require a late frost to reach maturity."

The government's final cotton condition report today, showing the condition on September 25 and forecasting the total production, was awaited with interest in cotton and textile circles. The production forecast from conditions on September 25 and allowing one per cent. from the planted acreage for abandonment, compares with a forecast of 12,499,000 bales made on the August 25 condition; 11,949,000 bales made on the July 25 condition, and 11,633,000 bales made on the June 25 condition. The area planted this year was 34,600,000 acres. Last year's production was 11,449,920 bales on an area of 35,229,000 acres and a final condition of 56.3 per cent. of a normal; the 1915 production was 11,192,000 bales on an area of 31,413,000 acres and a final condition of 60.8 per cent. of a normal, and the 1914 production was 16,135,000 bales (the record crop) on an area of 36,832,000 acres with a final condition of 73.5 per cent. of a normal. The 10-year average of condition on September 25 is 65.7 per cent. of a normal and the ten-year average change in condition from August 25 to September 25 is 5.2 points.

The acre yield last year was 156.5 pounds and the ten-year average is 181.5 pounds.

A final estimate of production will be made in December.

After Judge Cohan.

(By Associated Press.)
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 2.—The Senate of the New York Legislature by the adoption of a formal resolution today, requested Secretary of State Lansing to transmit to Governor Whitman any information not incompatible with the public welfare, which would tend to throw additional light upon the alleged participation of Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohan, of New York, in German activities, especially with regard to Ireland.

Texts of Replies Delivered.

(By Associated Press.)
Rome, Oct. 2.—The Vatican has delivered to the British minister the texts of the replies of Germany and Austria to the Pope's peace proposals. The replies are accompanied by a short note from the Vatican.

EMBARGO ON NEWS HAS BEEN RAISED

In First Dispatch Since Friday, British Tell of German Repulse

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Monday, Oct. 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Once more the Germans have essayed, in a series of counter attacks, to break the new British lines between Polygon wood and Tower Hamlets, across the open road to the south. Again they have been hurled back with heavy losses. The principal result of three bitter attacks by the enemy, between dawn and mid-afternoon, has been the merciless shattering of his ranks and still further advance over the front south of Polygon wood by the British who pushed their line forward some hundred yards in depth, behind the fleeing Germans.

The first assault was delivered at 6:15 o'clock this morning. The enemy advanced in three waves toward the British, but immediately met with such a fierce fire of rifles and artillery that he was compelled to retire. It was apparent, however, that the Germans were not through with the attempt and the big British guns turned loose such an avalanche of shells as is seldom seen along the front.

This is the first dispatch regarding the military situation on the British front to be received from the Associated Press correspondent at British headquarters since last Friday, when notice was given that the sending of press dispatches from the field headquarters had been stopped temporarily.

AMERICA'S MILITARY AID IS 'IMAGINARY'

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Oct. 2.—Major Morath, the usually well-informed military critic of the Deutsches Tages-Zeitung, predicts further offensive movements with limited objectives against the Russians on the lines of the recent advances in the Riga and Jaconstadt sectors. Apparently he believes that defensive warfare has not been abandoned in the east. He agrees with General Von Freytag-Loringhau, chief of the chief supplementary general staff, that the general initiative must remain with the Entente. Major Morath dismissed reports of the American military help for the Entente as "imaginary."

TIME IS NOT GREATEST ASSET TO CONTESTANTS

Optimism, Enthusiasm and Persistence are the Qualifications of Which Winners are Made—First period of the Contest and \$60 Diamond Ring Offer Will Both End Saturday Night

THE PRIZES.

- \$775 Briscoe Automobile.
- Ford Touring Car.
- \$200 in Gold.
- \$100 in Gold.
- \$83 Furniture Suite.
- \$75 Columbia Gramophone.
- \$50 Merchandise Order At J. W. H. Fuchs's 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.

Candidates in The Dispatch contest are hustling for subscriptions and votes, and every day there are many changes in the standing. People are beginning to wonder who are going to win the valuable prizes offered by The Dispatch.

Find the persons who start out and work a little each day, and you will more than likely pick the winners. Time is far from being the most valuable asset, and those who have the least time are often winners in an affair of this kind. On the other hand, optimism and enthusiasm win more battles than any other instrument known.

While optimism and enthusiasm are paramount in a contest such as is now being waged by The Dispatch the winner of any of the prizes must have one other qualification—persistence. Worlds have been conquered by this trait of character in many instances, and the Briscoe and Ford Automobiles, \$200 and \$100 cash prizes, and the other prizes will be won by those who are persistent in their efforts. There are a number of candidates

BRITISH CAPTURE 4,000 TURKS.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Oct. 2.—Nearly 4,000 prisoners were taken by the British army in Mesopotamia, which captured Ramadiah, it is announced officially.

CALDWELL COUNTY PETITIONS SENATE

(By George H. Manning.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—The United States Senate was petitioned today by the Council of Defense of Caldwell county, North Carolina, assembled at Lenoir, to take steps to prevent Senator LaFollette and other pro-German sympathizers in the Senate from making speeches about the country calculated to hinder the prosecution of the war.

The petition also endorsed the action of the Public Safety Commission of Minnesota in asking LaFollette's expulsion from the Senate because of his pro-German utterances.

Senator Overman, to whom a copy of the petition was sent, introduced it in the Senate today and it was referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections committee, which will begin holding meetings tomorrow morning on a number of such petitions, any of which may take some action towards expelling LaFollette from the Senate.

EARLY DECISION ON DRAFT LAW

Supreme Court Asked to Pass On Constitutionality of the Act Soon

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—The Supreme Court was asked to pass upon the constitutionality of the selective draft law at the earliest date possible in a motion presented today by Solicitor General Davis. Appeals from four States by persons convicted of violating the act, have been made and the solicitor general asked that these be advanced on the docket, and given a priority hearing. Among the cases is that of Alexander Berkman, convicted on a charge of urging men of conscription age, not to register.

"The case," said Solicitor General Davis, "is of importance to the government in enforcing the criminal provisions of the law involved, as well as in the administration of the provisions governing the drafting and assembling of the army and for those reasons it is requested that the case be advanced to the earliest date practicable."

The motion was taken under advisement.

OFFICIALS ELATED AT RECEPTION OF NEW LIBERTY LOAN

M'ADOO SPEAKS IN INDIANA IN FAVOR OF LIBERTY LOAN

Today Was Devoted to Arousing Interest Throughout the Hoosier State

WAR'S DEMAND MUST BE MET WITH MONEY

Secretary of Treasury Was Guest of Former Vice-President Fairbanks, and Delivered Addresses

(By Associated Press.)
Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—Secretary McAdoo arrived here today in his speaking tour in favor of the second Liberty loan. After a breakfast, given in his honor by former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, Mr. McAdoo met the Liberty loan staff of Indiana and bond salesmen, and explained to them how the money obtained through the sale of bonds will be used. Mr. Fairbanks is to introduce the Secretary at the mass meeting in Tomlinson Hall to be held immediately after a parade participated in by more than 1,000 troops from Fort Benjamin Harrison, at noon.

"When war comes to a nation, the first essential is money," said Secretary McAdoo in his talk to the Liberty loan workers. "We must keep our soldiers and sailors armed and equipped with the best that money can buy, and American skill developed. We must constantly provide them with necessary clothing and food; we must pay their wages; we must, as a humane nation, support their dependent families while they are risking and giving their very lives for us; we must supply them with a reasonable amount of life insurance. We destroy their insurability and conscript almost the whole of their earning power when we draft them and send them to the front. We destroy their insurability and their diminished earning power."

"We must increase, strengthen and maintain our navy; we must provide a predominating fleet of aeroplanes and air-fighters; we must build a great merchant fleet, so that our long line of communication with our gallant soldiers in France may be maintained and our commerce carried across the seas in defiance of the German Kaiser and his submarines; we must succor our noble compatriots in arms—the British, the French, Italians, Belgians and Russians—by lending them money with which they can buy arms and food and other supplies in our markets. All these things must be done and done quickly."

"It is upon the Treasury of the United States that every demand in time of war focuses, because everything goes back to the gold pile. The problem of the American treasury is the problem of the American banker and the problem of the American people; it is the problem of keeping the treasury supplied with the means to carry forward these great objects under the direction of the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, your President."

"The money that we are raising by taxation and by bond issues is being devoted to these purposes. More than \$8,500,000,000 of the money that you are going to provide this fiscal year, is being expended of will be expended upon our army—upon from 1,800,000 to 2,500,000 of the bravest and most gallant soldiers that ever donned the uniform. And our navy, recruited to the full, with brave crews whose uniforms bear the true hearts of American free men, is being built up, equipped and manned with this money."

"The Indiana district, which comprises 62 counties of the State, is called to furnish \$95,200,000 of the loan."

Returns Indicate That Appeal is Meeting Enthusiastic Response

SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE \$125,000,000 A DAY

Only a Sustained, Intensive Drive Can Make the Campaign a Success.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—Treasury officials today were elated at the returns pouring in from all parts of the country indicating that the appeal to raise three billion dollars for the second Liberty loan is meeting with an enthusiastic response from the public. Although reports from all large cities make it appear that the public welcomes the opportunity to assist the government in the present emergency, officials recognize that only a sustained, intensive drive can make the campaign a success. It has been estimated that the volume of subscriptions must approximate \$125,000,000 a day in order to attain the minimum figure of three billion dollars.

The government has utilized every practicable means of bringing before the people the necessity of floating the new loan. Trained speakers will address theatre audiences, display advertising will greet the public eye in newspapers and on bill boards, and various civic organizations will conduct a personal canvass of possible subscribers.

Real Work Started Today.
Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 2.—While the campaign for the sale of the second Liberty bond issue began in the Sixth Federal District yesterday, the real activities in Atlanta, the headquarters, began today with a meeting of the Liberty Loan committee for which plans for the campaign had been prepared. Some subscriptions were reported to the committee yesterday, but the total amount was not divulged by the committee. Plans include the employment of five hundred Boy Scouts to tack posters and do other advertising work.

New York Selling Bonds.
New York, Oct. 2.—This community subscriptions to the second Liberty loan had reached \$40,285,000 at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was announced by the loan committee of the Second Federal Reserve district, Osgood Smith, at attorney of Havana and New York, has left for Cuba to enlist the finances of the American colony in the island republic in behalf of the loan.

Richmond Working Hard.
Richmond, Va., Oct. 2.—All the banks of the city opened Liberty loan clubs today for the sale of bonds to help America wage the fight for democracy in the war against Germany. Men in charge of the second campaign here, say that Richmond purchases of the bonds this month will far exceed the \$12,400,000 subscribed in the first allotment. Richmond was only expected to raise \$7,500,000 in the first allotment. The city is expected to raise \$10,000,000 as the minimum and \$15,000,000 as the maximum in the second. The Fifth Reserve District's second allotment is \$120,000,000 with \$200,000,000 fixed as the maximum. Hundreds of applications for the bonds were received yesterday and today.

PROTEST AGAINST DRAFTING MEXICANS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Oct. 2.—The Mexican ambassador, Ignacio Bonillas, has made formal representations to the State Department against the drafting of Mexicans into the national army, particularly from the border States. In some cases where it is shown that Mexicans have been taken through irregular practice of the exemption boards, the State Department has had to men released. In other cases, however, the cases are complicated because of the difference in the constitution of the two countries. Mexico holds that a man born abroad of Mexican parents, is a Mexican unless he voluntarily forfeits his citizenship. The United States holds that a person born here is an American citizen.

It is believed that the cases of Mexicans being held for military service in New York, as charged by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general there, come largely within this class.

Reprisal Raid.

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Oct. 2.—The German cities of Frankfurt-On-The-Main, Stuttgart, Tross and Coblenz were bombarded last night by French aviators in retaliation for German aerial attacks on French cities.

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BIG DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOR OF PEACE

(By Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Oct. 2.—A monster demonstration in favor of a peace without annexations was held on Sunday night, and their subscription day at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. Leaders will apply on the special prize day if they mail subscriptions any time last Saturday. This gives them the opportunity to work up until the last minute.

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