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North and South Caro-
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or snow east tonight;
Tuesday, fair, cold
wave.

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PAN-GERMAN NEWSPAPERS HIT CZERNIN

Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister Is Bitterly De- nounced for Speech.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN CENTRAL EMPIRES

Political Situation Greatly Disturbed—An Intensive Submarine Warfare Is Fore- cast.

Count Czernin's speech on Austrian war aims and the statement that it was sent in advance to President Wilson has aroused the Pan-Germans, and their newspapers are bitter in their denunciation of the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister. It is declared that the Count's action means a break in the Austro-German alliance and one Pan-German newspaper has been suppressed for suggesting that Germany abandon her foremost ally.

While the workmen in Austria apparently have returned to work, reports have been received in Holland of disturbances in the industrial district along the Rhine, in Germany. Few details have been obtained, but it is said that troops with machine guns have been sent to Muelheim, a manufacturing town on the Rhine, opposite Cologne. Meanwhile Pan-German attacks on the leading politicians and even including the Emperor, continue and have spread to criticism of Count von Roeder, the Imperial Treasurer, who is said to have told the Emperor that Germany is not in financial condition for offensive operations. Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the Foreign Minister, has defended his course in the Russian parleys by assailing the Bolshevik government and its purposes. His efforts, however, failed to check Socialist attacks on the government's peace attitude toward Russia.

That German submarines will try to cut off communication with Europe simultaneously with the expected offensive on the Western front, is the opinion expressed by Secretary of War Baker in his weekly review of the military situation. Strong efforts, it is believed, will be made to prevent all American aid from reaching the Anglo-French and American forces now on the battle line. The U-boats are preparing for their part in the offensive at German bases.

CUNARDER ANDANIA GOES TO THE BOTTOM

London, Jan. 28.—The Cunarder Andania, reported yesterday to have been torpedoed but not sunk, went to the bottom in spite of efforts to get her into port, according to information reaching the Associated Press.

The Andania was torpedoed off the coast on Sunday morning. Press dispatches from Belfast said it was believed no deaths resulted from the explosion.

The Andania, 13,405 tons, was built in 1913 and has made many trips between British and American ports.

GERMAN OUTBREAKS AGAIN REPORTED

London, Jan. 28.—Reports of disturbances in Germany again are current in Holland and severe outbreaks are said to have occurred in the Rheinisch industrial districts. Troops with machine guns have been summoned to Muelheim, on the Rhine, opposite Cologne, but there are no details.

AMERICAN PATROL BOAT GOES ASHORE

Washington, Jan. 28.—An American patrol boat was today reported to the Navy Department ashore on a rock in European waters.

The boat went ashore during a fog on January 25. There was no loss of life or injury to the crew. The vessel probably will have to be abandoned.

Postpone Murder Trial.
Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 28.—The trial of Lincoln McKinley Grant, charged with the murder of Miles Hewitt, in this city last February, which was to have started in the superior court here today, has been indefinitely postponed. Grant has been committed to the State hospital for the criminal insane for observation. Hewitt was murdered in his barn by a blow from a mallet with an axe. His wife was arrested as an accessory. The date for trial has not been set.

SECRETARY BAKER MAKES HIS REPLY TO CHAMBERLAIN

A Comprehensive Statement of All Army Activities In the War.

CRITICISM COMES FROM IMPATIENCE

Admits Mistakes, But Says Remedies Are Being Ap- plied—More Than Mil- lion Men Armed.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Secretary Baker, in a long personal statement today before the Senate Military Committee replied to Senator Chamberlain's charges of inefficiency and breakdown in the War Department. Without prepared manuscript and in a frank conversational manner, the Secretary of War told the Senators he came to defend no mistake or short comings but to insist most emphatically that deficiencies were disclosed had promptly been remedied; that they were the exception rather than the rule, and that the very abundance of America's undertaking made errors of judgment and mistakes likely.

Incidentally, in defending the war machinery against the charge of inefficiency and lack of initiative to prepare for war when war was assured, the Secretary disclosed some facts hitherto held confidential.

France and Great Britain, he said, are supplying artillery to the American forces as they had an excess on hand and because they wished to save ships for more vital necessities.

Thirty-two divisions of National Guard and National Army troops in camps in the United States—more than a million men in all—are considered ready to go overseas for service whenever it is decided they shall move.

Every American soldier who uses a rifle, Secretary Baker told Senators, already has been provided with one and the rate of manufacture assures a steady supply as troops become ready to use them. Lewis machine guns, he said, although they have been ordered, are not being used for the troops on land because General Pershing and his staff desire them only for airplane work. Great Britain and France, he said, are prepared to furnish machine guns for the land forces until the American supply arrives and in fact, wish to do so.

Responsibility for calling out a large number of men before equipment for them was ready, Secretary Baker assumed to himself, but added that the best military advisors including Major General Leonard Wood, pressed for it. Charges of mistreatment of troops in hospitals, Baker said, were acted on vigorously and pointed out the War Department only last week refused to permit dismissal of two army doctors who mistreated soldiers, but insisted they would have prison sentences in addition.

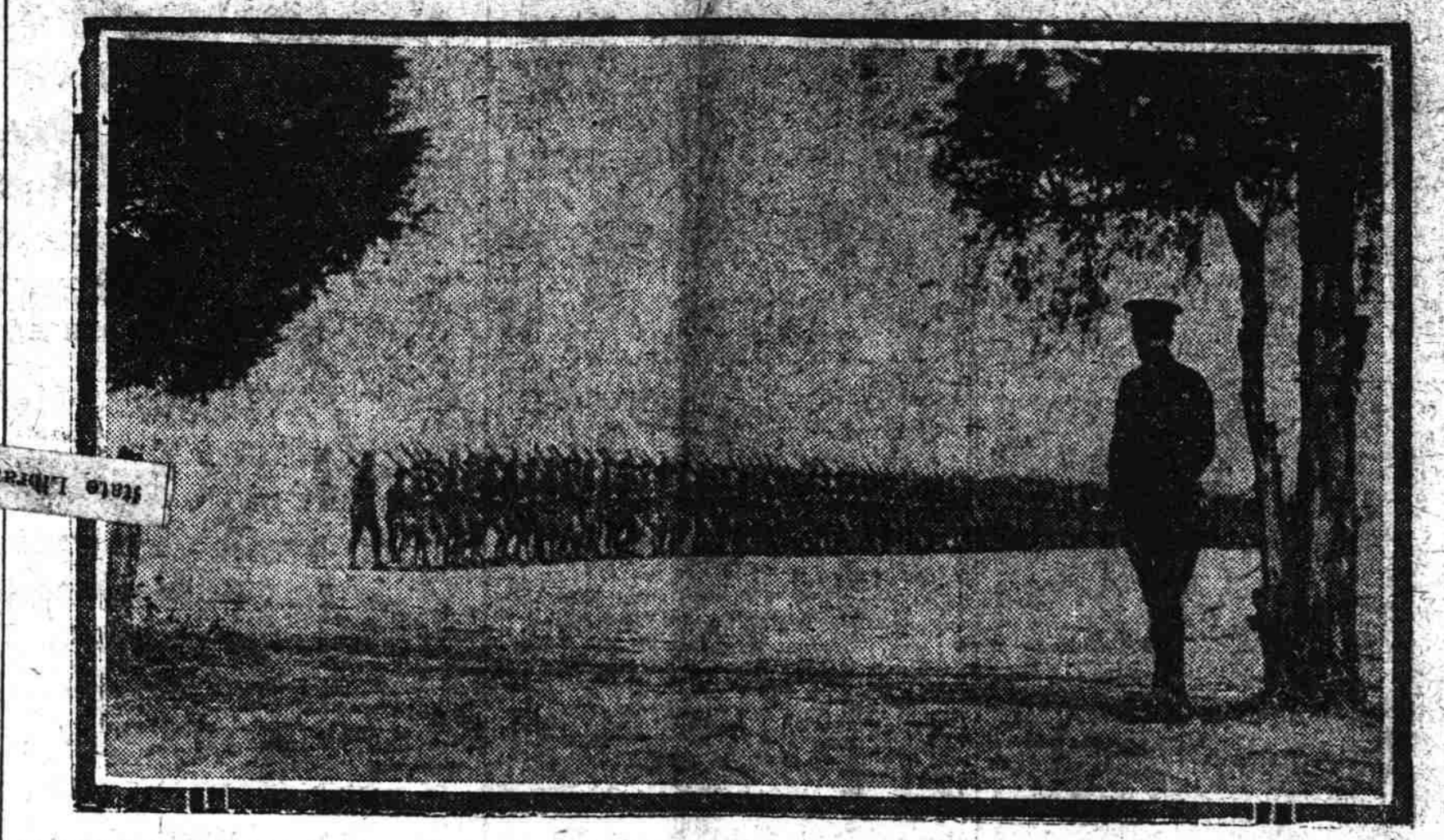
Chamberlain's speech, Secretary Baker thought, had given the country the impression that the difficulties complained of were "characteristic rather than occasional." For this reason he deplored its effect, but he emphatically declared he came before the committee not to defend individuals, deny delays or "false starts," "but," said he, "I think I can say in confidence that in them we have sought the remedy."

St. Valentine's Golf at Pinehurst.
Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 28.—A goodly array of prominent golfers lined up on the links of the Pinehurst Country Club today for the opening of the fourteenth annual St. Valentine's tournament. The tournament play will continue through the entire week.

Interest in Steel Dividend.
New York, Jan. 28.—In the market there is interesting speculation as to what dividend will be declared by the directors of the United States Steel Corporation at their dividend meeting tomorrow. The last quarterly dividend was one and a quarter per cent regular and three per cent extra, putting the stock on a 17 per cent annual basis. But considerable doubt has arisen as to whether this rate will be maintained.

British Casualties Decrease.
London, Jan. 28.—British casualties during the week ending today were 8,58, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds; officers, 26; men, 1,714. Wounded or missing: officers, 128; men, 5,721.

Forward March



FORWARD MARCH—A drill at Camp Lee, Virginia. This photo shows how soldierly a civilian becomes after a few months of training.

NEW YORK CITY AGAIN SUSPENDS BUSINESS

Observance of Second Fuel- less Monday More Gen- eral Than Week Ago.

New York, Jan. 28.—Industry in New York City halted again today—the second of the 10 workless, heatless and lightless Mondays—and reports to local administrators indicated that the observance was far more general than a week ago. Hundreds of claims for exemption poured into the authorities even up to a late hour last night, but only in rare cases were exceptions granted. The police and a largely augmented force of volunteer watchers kept a sharp lookout for possible dangers of the orders.

The New York Stock Exchange which kept open a week ago, although without heat, was closed today as was the consolidated stock exchange and many of the great banking institutions in the financial district.

The return of colder weather has caused the administrators to again warn the public that the coal shortage is still acute. While the situation is improving so far as the railroads are concerned, there has been a diminution of the supply actually received and delivered to the city. One encouraging feature, however, is that conditions in the harbor are better, much of the ice being broken up by northeast winds yesterday.

INTENSIVE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN IS PLANNED

Germany Recalls U-Boats to Prepare for a Big Under- sea Drive.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The flow of munitions and supplies from America to France is the objective on which Germany will enter her strongest submarine offensive this spring, it is announced in Secretary Baker's weekly war review. U-boats which have been operating in the Atlantic lanes have been recalled to their home ports for repairs in preparation for the drive on trans-Atlantic shipping.

Secretary Baker points out that the submarine attacks probably will be accompanied by the expected German drive on the west front.

No Copy of Czernin's Speech.
Washington, Jan. 28.—Surprise was expressed at the State Department today at news dispatches saying that Count Czernin had forwarded to President Wilson a copy of his speech before it was delivered in Austria. Secretary Lansing declared no copy had been received in advance of publication nor since.

Revolution in Finland.
Stockholm, Jan. 28.—The long threatened revolution in Finland is proceeding in the eastern provinces, according to sparse reports reaching Haparanda, and forwarded here.

INVESTIGATING PRICES IN OUTSIDE STATES

Believed That Dealers In Flour Are Overcharging North Carolinians.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Notwithstanding the fact that the Food Administration has frankly and readily granted a few merchants permission to sell flour on hand at more than \$12.50 per barrel and sugar at more than 10c a pound, where they have shown that the delivered cost of the product has approached the figures, a further reduction in sugar is announced "as a certainty and a still further cut in the maximum price of flour is intimated as a possibility."

As a result of complaints from merchants who have paid very nearly the maximum retail price for their flour and sugar, the Food Administration has taken up with the Washington authorities the matter of prices charged by a number of flour mills outside of North Carolina and is also investigating what appears to be unreasonable charges for sugar by a number of dealers outside the State.

A Food Administration official stated today that in only one instance has a North Carolina jobber been found who recently charged more than the margin allowed him on sugar. In this instance the case was due to a delay in the invoice and was altogether excusable, especially as the merchant very promptly refunded to retailers his profit in excess of the margin allowed. In very few instances have North Carolina jobbers been found to have exceeded the margin of 50c a barrel allowed them for the handling of flour.

WATTS AND ABBOTT ON THE BLUE RIDGE BOARD

Two North Carolinians on Central Committee for the Campaign.

(Special to The Dispatch.)
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WILLIE McEACHERN DEAD.

Died at Tyron—Carry Remains to Jacksonville, Fla.

Telegram was received Monday by Mrs. A. S. Holden, from her sister, Mrs. J. D. McEachern, of Tyron, N. C., conveying the sad intelligence of the death of her son, Willie McEachern, who was killed in action at Jacksonville, Fla., for interment. Messrs. W. E., N. M., Alex. and Duncan McEachern, all of this city, were uncles of the deceased.

DEATH OF MRS. PIERCE.

Old Lady Passed Away Yesterday at Residence Near City.

Mrs. Sarah E. Pierce died Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Eason, on the Castle Hayne road, near the city. She was 79 years old. She is survived by three daughters as follows: Mrs. A. J. Eason, of this city; Mrs. I. B. Futch, of Rocky Point, and Mrs. W. H. Dudley, of Richmond, Va. Surviving also are three sisters, Mrs. Nancy Jarrolds, of East Wilmington; Mrs. B. F. Hawkins, of this city, and Mrs. Bettie Eilers, of Mount Olive.

The sympathy of many friends will go out to the family in their bereavement.

A SNOW STORM AGAIN SWEEPING OVER THE EAST

Efforts to Relieve Freight Congestion Meeting Re- newed Difficulty.

EXPECTED TO REACH THE SOUTH TODAY

Seventh Snow of the Week In Pennsylvania—Northern Virginia Is Coated With 16 Inches.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Industrial and railway centers of the East, unaffected by the Fuel Administration's weekly heatless Monday order, were forced to slow down their important war operations today by a snow fall which, in some sections, was heavy. Indications were that the snow would continue Tuesday, from the Lake region eastward, and the worst tie-up of railway traffic of the winter was in prospect should the Weather Bureau's predictions be fulfilled. Low temperatures continue east of the Rocky Mountains. There will be little change from the Ohio valley eastward today or tomorrow, but through the South a cold wave is forecast reaching the coast as far south as Northern Florida by Tuesday.

Snow in Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Another snow storm, the third in three days, prevails throughout the Pennsylvania coal region. Near zero temperatures is reported in various sections and this condition necessarily slows down the mining and shipment of coal. Although large forces of men worked yesterday, the movement of coal was disappointing, owing to the snow and freezing weather.

At 8 a. m. today, four and one-half inches of snow had fallen in this city since midnight, and the temperature was 12 above and still going down.

Chicago Again Threatened.
Chicago, Jan. 28.—Light snow fell in the region during most of last night and according to the weather forecast another storm is headed in this direction from the southwest today.

Should the snowfall be heavy, railway officials fear the movement of coal and food supplies will again be seriously hampered, just as the railroads had practically recovered from the blockade caused by the heavy snow of the last two weeks.

Seventh Snow in a Week.
Scranton, Pa., Jan. 28.—Another snow storm, the seventh in a week, prevails in this section. Six inches fell between Saturday midnight and last night. Today another storm is under way.

Railroads which had mobilized locomotives and crews to move coal found the snow a mighty obstacle to overcome. As a result, the number of trains actually moving was insignificant compared with the thousands of loaded cars stalled at delivery points.

Sixteen Inches of Snow in Virginia.
Winchester, Va., Jan. 28.—Northern Virginia today in some sections is under 16 inches of snow, and railroad traffic here not at a standstill, is seriously interrupted. The Shenandoah river is frozen over to a depth of 16 inches and heavily loaded wagons and trucks are being driven over the ice. Not in 30 years have such conditions prevailed, it is said.

AMERICAN AIRMEN IN BOMBING RAID

With the American Army in France, Sunday, Jan. 27.—Four American aviators attached to a French squadron, have participated in a daylight bomb- ing raid over Germany. All returned safely.

Because the weather was foggy the aviators were unable to determine just what damage was done, but as they flew fairly low over the targets it is believed the results were good. After recrossing the lines the bombers were fired upon vigorously by enemy anti-aircraft guns.

FIRST OF FOUR SERMONS.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Hurt Heard by Large Congregation Sunday Night.

Interesting subjects will be discussed by Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt, pastor of the First Baptist church, on the three coming Sunday evenings and large congregations are expected to hear him.

GOVERNORS ASKED TO HELP IN FIGHT ON MOONSHINERS

Roper Calls Upon All State and County Officials to Cooperate.

PUBLISHES LETTER AS PART OF CAMPAIGN

Claims That Much Whiskey Is Being Illegally Made and Sold in Dry States, Es- pecially the South.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The necessity of arousing State and county officials to their responsibilities in assisting the government to break up the manufacture of moonshine whiskey is urged upon the Governors of prohibition States today in a letter from Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper.

The letter was made public as part of a nation-wide campaign against illicit distilling recently announced by Commissioner Roper when it was discovered that the manufacture of "moonshine" was rapidly increasing in bone dry States and whiskey was being sold illegally to soldiers in Southern training camps.

"Constantly increasing violation of prohibition laws in several localities," said the Commissioner's appeal to the authority, and the apparent inability of the local police to cope with conditions, are astounding and distressing.

The morale of every army camp in the prohibition States is in jeopardy through the illicit distilling and sale of whiskey. You will, I am sure, determine upon the most practical method of arousing your county officials to their responsibilities and duties in co-operation with Federal agents.

The Commissioner also wrote Congressmen from prohibition States asking their co-operation, and letters of instructions went forward to internal revenue collectors.

The campaign already has resulted in arrests in many States, but the Commissioner points out the records show the main effort to keep moonshining in check continues to come under the Federal direction. In this connection the destruction of 411 stills and 897 distilleries in North Carolina and 121 stills and 206 distilleries in South Carolina by Federal agents during 1917 is cited. Evidence gathered by Federal agents shows that raw corn liquor had been sold about army camps at \$8 to \$12 a quart. In his letter today the Commissioner informs the dry State Governors that Federal collectors hereafter will promptly inform county officials as well as the revenue bureau of all cases reported, so that all agencies may operate to suppress violations.

Southern training camps reported as most affected are Camp Wade, Spartanburg, S. C.; Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.; Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Figures show moonshining heaviest in the Southern States, but indicate illegal manufacture also increasing in Kansas, Iowa and Oregon.

PREACHED AT ST. ANDREW'S.

Rev. T. P. Allen Already Entered Up- on His New Duties.

Rev. Thomas P. Allen, who has resigned as pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church and who has already entered upon his duties as evangelist for the Wilmington Presbytery, conducted services at St. Andrew's yesterday morning in the absence of Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, who conducted services at the army post at Fort Caswell.

No successor has been chosen for Mr. Allen who severed his connections with Immanuel church over a week ago and who accepted the place of evangelist during the past week.

ANNUAL MEETING THURSDAY.

Review Year's Work of the Wilming- ton Red Cross Chapter.

The annual meeting of the Wilmington chapter of the Red Cross Society will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, seventh floor of the auctioneers National Bank Building and a full attendance of the membership is expected.

REALTY TRANSFERS.

Two Minor Transactions Filed For
Record This Morning.

Deeds filed for record today are as follows:
Wilmington Beach Corporation to J. A. Robertson, Sr., for \$1 and other valuable considerations, a lot at Wilmington Beach.
Southern Realty and Development Company to J. A. Robertson, Sr., for \$1 and other valuable considerations, a lot at Lakeside Park.