PERSHING PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE

Says His Troops "Turned Impending Defeat Into Overwhelming Victory."-Speaks at Paris Dinner. Benson, Sharp and Hoover Also Speakers at Washington's Birthday Celebration.

Paris, Feb. 22.—General Pershing. Herbert Hoover, Ambassador Sharp and Admiral Benson were speakers today at the annual luncheon in hon or of Washington's birthday given by the American club of Paris at the Palais D'Orsay.

Responding to the toast to the American army, General Pershing expressed his thanks to the American people for the support they had given the expeditionary forces.

"Whether keeping lonely vigil in the trenches, whether attacking muchine gun nests or performing the drudgery of the rear or supplying the front line, each man has done his duay," said General Pershing, "and he has felt that he had behind him the support of the whole country. By his courage, indomitable will, his splendid organization and his tenacity, the American soldier has turned impending defeat into overwhelming victory. I drink to the American soldier, than whom there is no better in the world today. Long live the American sol-

Admiral Benson, replying to the toast of the navy, said in humorous vein, that the navy had also performed its duty, but desired to be modest about it. He recalled the fact that General Pershing, before joining the army, was a midshipman, adding: "It is a good thing for us that he has since left the mavy."

Admiral Benson said during the last months of the war, the organization of the navy watch along the Atlantic coast and the positions of the various squadrons of dreadnaughts, cruisers and destroyers, made it impossible for the German navy even to his deputies, M. E. Ellington, solely attack the allied transports. Now to help people in this vicinity to dethat the state of war is over, the navy termine their individual liability and ships, and at present was actually as to 1918 incomes. manning 37 ships engaged in the task of helping Hoover feed Europe.

'There has been few moments in the world's history more pregnant with anxiety than today," said Mr. Hoover. "The situation in Europe is so chaotic that every one must in the end refrain from discussing problems with preconceived ideas. The results of four years of destruction, not alone among the allies, but also in the enemy countries must be met.

"Before the war the supply of food in Europe was sufficient to last six present; it has practically stopped. The situation, however, is not desperate.

"Conflicting ideas, we hope, will be removed, and that the good common sense which helped the father of our the oath required on returns free of country to conduct the destinies of charge. Persons who are taxable our country through troublous times will enable his successor to help guide the world out of its present pradicament."

Ambassador Sharp briefly reviewed his four years at Paris. The question confronting the world today, said the ambassador, was to arrive at a state of good will, friendship and interna tional comity for which the American soldiers have been fighting.

"All jealousy should disappear be tween nations," he continued. "We must all strive toward a better world, without envy or jealousy."-Associated Press.

TWO METHODIST CHURCH PAPERS CONSOLIDATED.

Greensboro, Feb. 21.-At a joint of Methodist publications-The North ed at Greensboro, the official organ of gress. the Western North Carolina Conference, and the Raleigh Christian Advocate, published at Raleigh, the official organ of the North Carolina Conference, it was decided to consolidate the two publications under the general designation of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, which will be published in Greensboro.

ROCKY MT. AND SELMA SPLIT EVEN IN BASKET BALL.

Rocky Mt., Feb. 23 .- The Rocky Mount High School backetball team split even in the last two games played. The first was with Selma at that taneously with the blowing of the years of life to advocating the cause -- News and Observer.

1,238,831 OFFICERS

Orders to Demobilize 1,530,000 More. Fewer Discharged Last Week Than Since November—Defer Interview With March.

Washington, Feb. 22.-The weekly interview with General March, Chief of Staff, having been deferred because of a holiday, the War Department made public today the usual statisticalal review of the progress of demobilization, showing that a total of 74,313 officers have either resigned or been discharges from the army to date, with 1,164,518 men have been released.

Orders issued up to February 20 provide for the demobilization of ap. proximately 1,530,000 additional men. 249,000 of whom are those returned from overseas.

The table of dscharges per week showed that on the basis of early returns from the camps fewer men were released during the week ending to. day than in any week since November 28. The discharged totalled 23,009, against 68,000 the preceding week and 195,000, the record week December

The table showed that the 249,000 men listed as returned from overseas did not include 15,000 commisisoned officers, but did include 57,000 classed as sick and wounded.

LOOK AFTER INCOME TAXES.

A Deputy From the Office of Collector Bailey to Be in Smithfield March 8th to Assist in Making Out Re-

Get ready for the Income Tax man. He will arrive in Smithfield on March 8 and will be located at the hotel, where he can be consulted without charge.

"Bring in your figures, your problems, your doubts, and your ques tions,' 'is his invitation contained in the announcement of his coming visit.

The Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh, N. C., is sending one of

His office hours will be 9 to 5 each day, and he will remain in town until the close of business on the 10th.

'This free advisory service." writes Collector Bailey, "is planned for those who are required for the first time to consider their liability and to make sworn returns.

"Many thousands who were not a?fected by the prior Federal laws taxing incomes must this year file returns. Here are the requirements.

"Every unmarried person who had a net income of \$1,000 or over during months. But European production 1918; and every married person, who, was never at such a low cbb as at together with (wife or husband) and minor children, had a net income of \$2,000 in 1918."

"The advice and services of the deputy collector are entirely free and he is authorized to administer should make payment when filing their returns by attaching check or money order.

"This tax is a war burden; it is a part of the price of victory, the great est victory that the world has known. I believe the people of this district will meet it fully; and I am offering every facility of my office to aid them to determine their individual liabil-

Dr. Mary Walker Dead.

Watertown, N. Y., Feb. 22.-Dr. Mary Walker died last night at the age of eighty-seven in her home on Bunker Hill, near Oswego. She had been ill for some time. She was a surgeon in the Civil war and was awarded a Congressional medal of honor. meeting last night of the two boards | She gained considerable fame by being the only woman allowed to av. Carolina Christian Advocate, publish- pear in male attire by act of Con-

Dr. Walker was born at Oswego and received her medical education at the Syracuse Medical College from which she was graduated in 1855. She all the Presidential party remained practiced medicine for a while in Columbus, Ohio, and then settled in Rome, N. Y.

Walker had never worn woman's at- left for Washington by special train tire, having discarded it for coat and at 4:30 in the afternoon, arriving in born in the White House on January trousers, which she considered not Washington this morning. only as more comfortable, but as symbolic of the independence of woman, of which she was an advocate When on the street, Dr. Walker word over her frock coat a mannish looking the President proved himself an ex- notified, and it is possible he may stop tin-Stephenson Co.'s store at 680 cap and carried a walking-stick. And, place, the locals losing by a score of unfortunately for her reputation, the once, when the waves and spray were ton to Washington to see his daughter 14 to 12. It was necessary to play two eccentricity as to clothing overshad- dashing over the bridge and got a and her second son.—Press dispatch. periods of five minutes each to break owed everything else, and the fact wetting while watching the destroyer the tie, which was 11 to 11. The Selma that she had done good work as a boys threw the winning goal simu. Civil War nurse and had devoted many about in the heavy seas. whistle on the final act of what proved of woman in general, was lost sight a basketball tragedy for Rocky Mount. of, because very few would take her

AND MEN RELEASED. O. MAX GARDNER HERE TOMORROW

The Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina to Speak in Smithfield at the Cotton Meeting-Big Crowd of Farmers and Business Men Should Hear Him.

The situation in regard to cotton i attracting considerable attention at this time. Those not directly interested do not know how tense the sit 1ation has become. The cotton farmers or higher. What is to be done?

It's up to the farmers, merchants bankers and business men to solve the problem if it is to be solved. To this end a big meeting of farmers and merchants, business men and bankers is to be held in Smithfield tomor row. Hon. O. Max Gardner, Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, wil be here to speak to the meeting. Gov ernor Gardner, as his friends are call ing him, is one of the best speakers in the State. He has a message for the people and it is hoped that a big crowd will be here to hear him.

Now is the time for the farmers add merchants, business men and bankers to stand together and plan to keep the price of cotton on a profitable level. The meeting will be opened at elevan o'clock, Wednesday morning, Febru ary 26 1918.

SENATE APPROVES BUILDING.

Bill for Agricultural Structure Went Through Without Hitch Saturday. State-Wide Dog Law Now in Operation.

eigh whenever it has the funds availa- he went back on the battlefield and former years. ble is contained in Senator Daven- helped bring in the dead and wounded. journey than it had in the upper chamber. Senator Brown objected to by the committee, but no one cared to Ballon, France, where the 30th dibother about it yesterday and it went through without a hitch.

Passage of the bill providing for a dental to the day's work, which was devoted largely to the transaction of January 30. He was sent the followroutin ebusiness. The clerk read in droning tones the titles of scores of bills and the Senators took things easy. In the gallery a solitary wo man viewed with interest a Senate at work. It was Washington's birthday; it was a rainy day; many of the Senators had gone home, and hence nothing to induce vigorous discussion

The conference report on the Ray dog bill was adopted without a solitary dissenting vote, and the measure is now a law, as the House had already accepted the report. Senator Thompson was disposed to raise a point of order about extraneouss matter having been introduced by the committee in the shape of a new provision for making it discretionary with the board of county commissioners as to barrage during which your detail 000. No person who is fit to take the vestigate the assassination. whether the collar and tag shall be required. The chair ruled with him, badly gassed, you continued to work the children of this democratic repubbut he withdrew his motion and saved for the entire day, always exposed to lic for the purpose of fitting them for taken to go through the regular par- asisted in the removal of the wound. tuous citizenship should be asked to nitely. liamentary procedure of recalling ed. the bill on its third reading again. Besides Governor Doughton had held to convey his congratulations upon in the House that the procedure was your receipt of this decoration and disposed to yield to older heads, even with this Division. though he is the peer of any when it comes to the law and the constitution Lewis. -News and Observer.

Wilson Arrived Sunday Night.

President Wilson's ship arrived in Boston Harbor Sunday evening, but on board. Yesterday some time he- Sayre, daughter of Pres. Wilson, at the President made a short speech in Mother and child are doing well. This For fifty years of her life, Dr. Meenances Hall. The whole party is the President's fourth grandchild.

going over. Some of the days half grandchild is Ellen Wilson McAdoo. the party was confined to cabins but cellent sailor and surrendered only at Philadelphia on his way from Bosescort bury itself while plunging

to her sister, Mrs. C. T. Young.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

DeWitt Hardison Awarded Distruguished Service Cross for Meritorious Action on the Battlefield. Though Wounded Himself He Worked All Day Under Heavy Artillery Hardison, of Kenly.

Private DeWitt Hardison, 105th Claxton says: Field Signal Battalion, American Exare confronted with two things that peditionary Forces, was sent to they can ill afford to meet-the low France May 22, 1918 and landed June to improve our schools appreciably. price of cotton and the high price of 12, 1918. He went "over the top" four Small increases of 5, 10 or 20 per fertilizers. The present crop of cot- times without a scratch. All of his ton still in the farmers' hands was company were killed or wounded exmade on a thirty cents a pound basis, cept four, and he wa sone of the lucky. men and women of superior ability. The present price of fertilizers is The last time he went over the top he



DeWITT HARDISON.

and didn't get a scratch until he had there the armistice was signed.

vision is now stationed.

On January 30, 1919, forty-nine out ing notification of decoration:

Headquarters 30th Division American Expeditionary Forces, France, January 30, 1919. From Division Adjutant.

To Private 1st Class DeWitt Hardison, Co. C, 105th Field Signal Battalion.

Subject: Decoration. name of the President has awarded than 160 days. and presented you with the Distingmeritorious conduct described as fol-

Being a member of a detail to es- may seem large, but in fact it is not porter's lodge. tablish communication with the front It would in most States, mean a line, you were caught in an enemy range of salaries from \$1,000 to \$3 .suffered many casualties. Although time and money and opportunity of

By command of Major General

ANDREW J. WHITE, Lt. Colonel Inft.

FOURTH GRANDCHILD OF PRESIDENT WILSON.

A son was born to Mrs. Francis B. The first, Francis B. Sayre, was 17, 1915. The second, Eleanor Axson President Wilson had a much Wilson Sayre, was born at Jeffers a rougher trip coming home than he did | Hospital March 26, 1916. Another

The President, of course, has been

The first time I read an excellent Goldsmith.

WANTS \$1,500 MINIMUM SALARY FOR TEACHERS. REVENUE BILL

BOY DECORATED Large Increases in Pay Necessary to Improve Scools, Says Claxton.

Doubling the salaries of teachers within the next five years and then adding 50 per cent before another ten years have passed, so that the minimum average salary for teachers Fire-Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. will be \$1,500-this is the program urged by Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education. Dr

"It is only by very large increases in pay of teachers that we may hope cent will not avail, for they will not be sufficient to hold in the schools

"Teachers are now paid less for based on a thirty cents a pound basis helped break the "Hindenburg Line" their work than any other class of workers, and the increase in their pay in the last few years has in no wise been in keeping with the increase lu pay of other workers, or with the increase in the cost of living. While the cost of living has increased approximately 80 per cent-food, 85 per cent; clothing 106 per cent; drugs, 103 per cent; fuel 53 per cent; and house furnishing goods, 75 per centthe salaries of teachers have increased only about 12 pcr cent. The purchasing power of the salary of the teacher in our public schools, is, therefore, only about 63 per cent of what it was four years ago.

"Many of the better teachers are leaving the schools and their places are taken by men and women of less native ability, less education and cuiture, and less training and experience. Many of the places are not filled at all. As an inevitable result the character of the schools is being lowered just at a time when it ought to be raised to a much higher standard.

"Students now entering the normal schools to prepare for teaching are not of as good quality as they were gotten back in his dugout. He was fermerly , which means that the then struck by shrapnel in five places standards of the schools must con-Authority to the Board of Agricul- in the leg and one in the back. Not- tinue to fall. In some normal schools ture to build a new structure in Ral- withstanding the fact he was wounded the enrollment is far less than in

"The only remedy is larger pay for had taken over numerous merchant to coply with the law's requirements port's bill, which passed its final read. He was then sent to Bath, England, teachers. If school boards, legislaing in the Senate yesterday and now to the hospital. He was there for tors, and county and city councils ally" will be supplied to the section goes to the House of Representatives almost two months. He was there is tors, and county and city councils prohibiting the running at large of whom it may went with where it may meet with a rougher to Winchester, England, and while icy of doubling the average salary of teachers within the next five years As soon as his wounds were healed and of adding not less than 50 per its third reading when it was sent in he was sent back to his company to cent more at the expiration of this spent on building and repairing school period, so that at the end of fifteen years the average salary of public the tax go to the school fund stands. school teachers would be not less than The report will go to the Senate today of the 30th division were decorated \$1,500-about one and a half times new agricultural building was inci- with honors by General Pershing. He larger than they receive at presentwas one of the forty-nine. Also on and then take steps for carrying out this policy, much good would be accomplished thereby at once.

"Such a policy and such a prospect would attract to the schools more men and women of superior ability and would hold them, working contentedly, and, therefore, profitably for the children and the public welfare. Such increase in salary should Arco Valley, as Eisner was on his carry with it an increase of not less way from the foreign ministry in 1. The Commander-in-Chief, Amer- than 25 per cent in the average length Munich to the diet, says a Munich ican Expeditionary Forces, in the of the school term, which is now less

uished Service Cross for the act of with past conditions and who have head. given the matter no intelligent thought, the increase recommended foreign ministry, where it lies in the work for less than \$1,000 a year in 2. The Division Commander wishes any community or in any State. No children and to fritter away their been killed. opportunity for education.

"It is not for the sake of the teach. ers that this policy is advocated. Schools are not maintained for the benefit of the teachers. If men and women of ability are not willing to teach for the pay offered them they can quit and do something else for a living, as hundreds of thousands of schools, the children and the prosperity of the people and the strength and safety of the nation that the policy is advocated.—News and Observer.

Big Porker.

Mr. E. F. Beyette killed a hog yesterday which tipped the scales at Auspounds dressed. The hog was four

We are asked to state that there Sunday afternoon in March.

IN THE HOUSE

The Conference Committee Reaches Agreement on Ray Dog Tax Measure-Cigarettes Have Many Defenders

In sesison last night the House received from the committee of the whole the new revenue bill, adopted and passed it on second reading; adopted the conference committee's eport on the deservedly famous Ray dog tax bill and discussed Fords and automobile thieves for a while. It called up again the resolution to send a committee to Washington to ascertain the status of road legislation and with great joy sent it to the table.

The remaining actions of the revenue that came up for adoption last night excited no comment on the floor until Poole, of Montgomery, elected to offer an amendment raising the privilege tax on the sale of cigarettes from \$5 to \$25. On no single issue that has been before the House this year has the opposition been quite

so strong nor quite so varied. First, Mr. Doughton indicated that the Finance Committee didn't favor the amendment because it had carefully approved the section as it stood. Second, Mr. Bryant protested against it in behalf of the farmers who raise the weed. Col. Cameron was against it because the manufacturer of tobaccc didn't want it. Mr. Sawyer opposed it in the interest of the smokers. As a clincher, after Mr. Poole had stated the purpose of the amendment who to reduce the number of concerns or individuals selling the smokes, Mr. Gold averred that the revenue act was not an instrument into which morals should be written. Adopt Conference Report.

In the adoption of the conference report on the Ray dog bill, both the Senate and House recede from amendments that were not concurred in either on the part of one house or the other. The principal bone of contention, the proposition of tagging the dogs, is left to the county commissioners and "wilfully and intentionconference report from the Harding amendment providing that the tax be houses and the original provision that for concurrence.-News and Observer, 22nd.

BAVARIAN PREMIER KILLED.

Minister of Interior Assasinated; Diet Sesison Broken Up.

Copenhagen, Feb. 21.-Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, was shot and killed today by Lieutenant Count dispatch. The shooting occurred in the Prannerstrasse and Eisner receiv-"To those who are not acquainted ed two shots, fired from behind in his Eisner's body was carried into the

> Soon after the shooting the judicial and police authorities arrived to in-

> There was great excitement in the streets of the city.

The diet, which was holding its the Senate the time it would have heavy artillery fire after which you life, for making a living, and for vir- first session today, adjourned indefi-

Minister of War Also Killed. London, Feb. 21.-A German wireone who is unworthy of this minimum less message received here quotes salary is fitted to do this work and no Phillipp Scheidemann, German Chanproper and the Iredell Senator was for your gallant conduct while serving such person should be permitted to cellor, as saying that Herr Rosshaupwaste the time and money of the ter, Bavarian Minister of War, has

Minister of the Interior Shot. Munich, Feb. 21.-Herr Auer, Bavarian minister of the interior, has been shot. The shooting took place during a

session of the landtag, while Auer was alluding to the assassination of Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian Premier. Auer fell wounded in the left side

fore noen the party came ashore and the Jefferson Hospital at Philadelphia. the best do. It is for the sake of the and Deputy Osel was killed and two officials were seriously wounded.

The shots were fired from the public gallery and caused a panic among the deputies.

The diet building now is being guarded by the military.

A New Arrival.

Selma, Feb. 24.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard on February 22, a son, Fred Archer Woodard.

The Committee on Ways and Means will be preaching by Rev. P. L. Elliott of the House of Representatives gave book, it is to me just as if I had gained at Live Oak Baptist church the first a dinner last night at the Raleigh a new friend; when I read over a book Sunday in March at 3 o'clock. Rev. Hotel in Washington in honor of Rep-Mrs. Charlie G. Hicks has returned I have perused before, it resembles R. R. Lanier will fill his regular appresentative Claude Kitchin, of Scotto her home in Raleigh after a visit the meeting with an old one.—Oilver pointment at Thanskgiving the first land Neck, the retiring chairman of the committe.