

**THE NEWS IN BRIEF
SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE**

Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to Great Britain, died Monday night at his home in New York.

According to authoritative figures now available, the French and British armies between April 9 and May 12 captured 49,579 Germans, including 576 officers, 444 heavy and field cannon, 943 machine guns and 386 trench cannon.

Secretary Houston before the House appropriations sub-committee, opposed the joint resolution adopted by the Senate to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the purchase of nitrate fertilizer, to sell to farmers at cost. Mr. Houston characterized the proposal as very impracticable.

Both Secretary of War Newton D. Baker and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels will speak at the commencement of the University of North Carolina June 6, according to an announcement by President Edward K. Graham of the university. It is planned to make the occasion a great patriotic celebration, and an expression of loyalty to the government.

Thomas J. Burgess, for seven years a member of the Danville police force, was arrested charged with receiving stolen goods, his billet and badge were removed and he was suspended from duty and bonded under the sum of \$50 for his appearance in court. The affair created a sensation in our sister city. Brought face to face with the evidence, Burgess, it is alleged, admitted his offense to the chief of police.

The selective draft system for recruiting the army will soon be put into effect and it will be a time of the utmost gravity and seriousness. We feel that this is truly a county worthy of being a mother of former patriots, and now that the summons has come to us again old Rockingham county will show that she has living sons that are as firmly imbued with their devotion to their flag and country as were her forefathers.

Two new food control bills, one authorizing the President to appoint a controller general of supplies during the war, and another designed to prevent slaughter of immature livestock, were introduced by Senator Gore, chairman of the Agricultural Committee. The measure proposing a controller provides that in co-operation with other Federal agencies, and

to avoid competition between them, he shall supervise the "purchase, storage, conservation, transportation, distribution, sale, exchange and control of foods, feeds, fuels and similar necessities" to such extent as Congress shall provide. He would have the salary of a Cabinet officer.

No seed for free distribution nor for sale is at the disposal of the United States department of agriculture. The department, however, through its committee on seed stocks, is receiving daily telegraphic and other reports as to available supplies of seeds of crops for late planting, and will assist in locating seed stocks for localities where shortage exists. The committee is co-operating with State, local and commercial agencies in an effort to secure better distribution of seed and to encourage plantings of all important crops.

The war has opened a new and attractive line of occupation to the boys and girls of the county through the medium of the telegraph office. At the present moment the Government is calling for 250 boys and girls to go into training as telegraph operators. It is supposed that this new addition to the telegraph force is wanted to take the place of old and experienced employes who will be assigned to more important posts in war service. A bright young man can equip himself for competency in the telegraph service in three or four months, and it would seem that this call by the Government would receive the required responses.

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ESPIONAGE BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE SENATE

After nearly three weeks of debate the Senate, by a vote of 77 to 6 passed the administration espionage bill pronounced one of the most drastic and all-inclusive measures in American congressional history.

A similar bill has passed the House and virtual redrafting of many of the most important provisions is expected in the forthcoming conference.

During the final consideration, the Senate stripped the measure of provisions for newspaper censorship and restriction upon manufacture of grain into intoxicating liquors; and rejected an amendment designed to curb speculation in food products, although sentiment obviously was overwhelming in favor of such legislation later.

As completed, the Senate bill's principal sections provide:

Authority for the President to embargo exports when he finds that "the public safety and welfare so require" (not in the House measure).

Authority for the postoffice department to censor mails and exclude matter deemed seditious, anarchistic or treasonable, and making its mailing punishable under heavy penalties (not in the House bill).

For punishment of espionage, defined in most detailed terms, including wrongful use of military information; For the control of merchant vessels in American waters;

Punishment for conveyance of false reports to interfere with military operations, willful attempts to cause disaffection in the military or naval forces or obstruction of recruiting.

For the seizure of arms and munitions and prohibition of their exportation under certain conditions.

For penalizing conspiracies designed to harm American foreign relations or for destruction of property within the United States.

For increased restrictions upon issuance of passports, with penalties for their forgery or false procurement; and

For material extension of the power to issue search warrants for inspection of premises.

The clause giving the President power to embargo exports was retained in the bill virtually as drafted by administration officials. It was modified once, but the unqualified provision was restored after its necessity had been explained last week in a day's session behind closed doors.

Vigorous efforts to retain provisions for newspaper censorship and partial prohibition, together with food stuff conservation, during war, culminated in final votes Monday in which the Senate voted 48 to 3, to eliminate all provisions for the press censor-

ship. On behalf of the administration forces Senator Overman, in charge of the bill, had moved to re-instate a modified censorship clause. As the House bill contains a provision by the jury of culpability for violation of censorship regulations to be promulgated by the President, the administration is expected to bring strong pressure for drafting in conference of a compromise censorship section.

On the question of prohibition and food-stuff conservation in the Senate, by a vote of 46 to 37, reverse its action of Saturday in accepting Senator Cummins' amendment providing that during the war, manufacture of cereals, grain, sugar and syrup into intoxicating liquors should be prohibited. By this vote, it struck out the Cummings amendment offered as a food conservation step, but attacked as really a prohibition move.

An amendment by Senator Thomas to suspend, during the war, exchanges and boards of trade permitting "future" trading in foodstuffs was rejected, 42 to 24, after three hours' stormy debate. Many senators, while expressing sympathy with its object and violently denouncing foodstuff speculation, felt that it was an improper subject for the espionage measure and should be more adequately considered when some of the various food bills are taken up, probably later this week.

The senate voted 52 to 29 to retain that part of the mails espionage section which some senators say will give the postmaster general drastic powers of censorship, rejecting Senator Borah's motion to strike out the clause.

An amendment by Senator LaFollette, rejected 65 to 9, would have modified the export embargo provision so as to prohibit the President from embargoing shipments unless the proscribed articles were needed in this country and to forbid the use of the embargo power to coerce any neutral nation to participate in the war. Senators voting for the LaFollette restrictions were Cummins, France, Gallinger, Gore, Gronna, Jones of Washington, LaFollette, Townsend and Verdaman.

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INCREASE OF REGULAR ARMY TO WAR QUOTA ORDERED

Expansion of the regular army to the full war strength contemplated in the administration army bill has been authorized by President Wilson. Organization of the new regiments were begun this week. About 5,000 of the 183,000 men to be added to the army already have been recruited.

The immediate effect of the order will be to promote nearly two-thirds of the present officers of the regular army one or two grades.

In the Southern department the 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th and 56th regiments of infantry will be raised at Chickamauga Park, Ga., from three regiments of infantry from the border. The existing 17th infantry regiment will be one of those to be expanded. The 22nd and 23rd cavalry regiments also will be raised at Chickamauga Park, one existing cavalry regiment being brought back from the border to the point for expansion.

The 13th and 14th field artillery regiments will be raised at Fort Sill, Okla., the 57th infantry regiment, the 18th field artillery, the 64th infantry and the 21st field artillery also will be raised in the Southern department at places to be designated by the department commander.

Pulls Plow With Auto

A plowing suggestion comes from a farmer in Belmont who has rigged up a hitch by which his plow is pulled by his automobile with results surpassing those produced by horse power. With the old plow annexed to the motor car this farmer can turn over in a day nearly three acres of ground against one acre with a horse; with a double gang plow it would be possible to do four or five acres. "The old change made in the car from its usual condition for the road was to attach a device to the rear wheels for the purpose of increasing the traction on soft ground. The plow was hitched to the rear springs of the motor car by chain." The farmer held the car and the driver guided the car. Six miles an hour was found to be about the right speed.—Springfield Republican.

Best Remedy for Whooping Cough

"Last winter when my little boy had whooping cough I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes Mrs. J. E. Roberts, East St. Louis, Ill. It kept his cough loose and relieved him of those dreadful coughing spells. It is the only cough medicine I keep in the house because I have the most confidence in it." This remedy is also good for colds and croup.

Read the paper regularly.

First Contract For Ships.

Signing of the first contract for ship construction under the administration's billion dollar bill program was announced by the federal shipping board. The contract went to the Los Angeles Ship Building and Dry Dock company, and called for delivery in 1918 of eight steel vessels each to carry 8,800 tons of cargo.

It also was announced the board is bargaining for 250,000 tons additional steel and wood tonnage, for delivery as early as possible. Some of the wooden ships are already under construction. Their builders proceeding without awaiting formal contracts.

The shipping board plans to have built within the next 18 months at least 1,000 ships, steel and wood, of more than 3,000 aggregate tonnage to combat the German submarine campaign. Bills to be introduced in Congress this week call for an additional appropriation of \$400,000,000. Later an additional \$342,000,000 will be asked and if this is not enough still more will be sought.

"The government," said Chairman Denman, of the shipping board, "is convinced that ship construction is vital to American success in the war. A billion dollars is a cheap to pay if it turns the balance between victory and defeat. If a billion dollars' insufficient more money must be spent."

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Men Leave For War, Women Work.

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