

## Disaster Faces United States If U-Boat Warfare Continues

### Last Week's Submarine Toll Was 400,000 Tons

### Governors and State Representatives Receive Facts From Government Officials—Great Conference Held Wednesday.

Washington, May 2.—The enormous inroads on the world's shipping made by German submarines within the last few weeks has brought to American government officials a full realization of the disaster that faces the United States and the Allies if the undersea warfare is not checked.

Governors and State representatives, here today for a national defense conference, will take home to their people a message from the government emphasizing the menace to America and urging that there must be the fullest coordination by the States in war preparation if Germany is to be defeated.

Secretary Lane told the conference that the great destruction of ships was threatening the existence of Great Britain and France and menacing the United States. No one, he said, knew the exact tonnage of ships lost recently, but estimates put last week's submarine toll at 400,000 tons. Later he explained that this estimate probably was too high.

Secretary Lansing in a statement declared the seriousness of the submarine situation could not be exaggerated and that it was time the country awoke to the true facts. Reports to the State department give a total of 400,000 tons of ships lost in one week, figures much higher than any contained in recent British announcements.

The British mission announced that the rate of destruction in recent weeks had continued unchanged and that it showed no alarming increases. All its members agree the situation is critical, however, and that the combined shipbuilding facilities of the world can meet the peril only if their output is increased tremendously.

### "UNION SUITS" BETTER NOW

### Clean Up Campaign Makes the Town a Better Place to Live In.

The "Clean-Up and Paint-Up" campaign is doing wonders in Union this week. Folks are cleaning their houses and yards; and some place, which haven't been cleaned up in years will be spick and span before the week is over.

Everywhere you see people trimming hedges, cutting lawns, pruning trees, fixing up their walks and fences and generally making Union more beautiful and healthful.

Last Monday afternoon, the opening day of the campaign, at 6 o'clock, a grand parade started at the high school, led by the big fire truck carrying the firemen and Mayor Wharton. The fire truck was appropriately decorated with banners, flags, etc., to boost the campaign, and make quite an attractive leader. The big truck was immediately followed by the firemen's racing rig, which carried the city police. The Boy Scouts, the only marching aggregation in the parade, followed, and they marched like real soldiers going to the front. Behind the Boy Scouts came about 50 automobiles, trucks and Fords, all gaily decorated, to bespeak for the "Clean-Up" campaign the support and cooperation of all the people of Union.

The Clifford Seminary girls, appropriately dressed in white, with white caps, riding in a quartette of Hudson Super-Sixes, carried brooms and other cleaning utilities, and made an attractive feature.

Then there was a truck full of small boys, swatting the fly, over which flew a banner urging the people to "swat the fly."

A very pretty scene in the parade was a bevy of Union's prettiest children, 2 to 6 years old, riding in a gaily decorated truck, bearing banners reading: "Clean Up Union and Save the Children." Many other features, too numerous to mention, crowned the event with success.

Miss Edna Tinsley was chairman of the committee to arrange the parade,

gram for exercising a more direct control over the country's shipping and shipbuilding facilities, Chairman Denman, of the shipping board, said estimates had been reaching the board of 300,000 tons of shipping sunk in one week. The present world's ship tonnage is estimated at less than 50,000,000 tons.

**Ship Construction.**  
A bureau of navigation report prepared recently estimated the world's ship construction in 1916 at slightly less than 2,000,000 tons. If the Germans keep up their present rate of destruction officials admit without hesitation that their campaign threatens to sweep clean the seas.

"The seriousness of the situation is apparent," said Chairman Denman today. "When we consider the present productivity of world ship yards and their highest output likely within the next four months, the entire production will not exceed one-fifth of the monthly loss at the rate given by Secretary Lane. The Shipping Board's figures do not reach that high a total, but they are sufficiently large to make the situation extremely grave."

**Problem Nation Faces.**  
The federal government took into its confidence governors and other State representatives and outlined the problems the nation faces. Cabinet heads explained the situation and asked aid in putting into effect the government's war measure.

At a second conference tomorrow the Council of National Defense will present a definite program to the States for coordinating their work in carrying out military and economic plans.

President Wilson received the delegates today at the White House and urged that the States draw all energies and efforts together into common action.

and large credit is due her for her efforts. The parade traversed all the principal streets of the city, and would have gone even into others, had not an ugly cloud in the skies appeared to warn the people of the fast-approaching storm. This cloud also kept a vast number of cars and people away, and if it had not appeared, there would doubtless have been at least a hundred cars in line.

Health Officer Gilbert has been busy this week, and he is still busy moving rubbish away from our town. People whose trash has not been carted away are asked to phone him and he will get it moved for them.

Saturday will be "Tin Can and Vacant Lot" Day. The school children are asked on that day to prepare themselves with a "big stick" and go out to clean up the vacant lots in the city. They are asked to pick up old rubbish, brush, etc., and pile it for the trash man. The tin cans are to be gathered up by the children, and each child who brings 25 or more cans to the nearest spot mentioned below will be given a movie ticket or 5c in money; to the boy or girl bringing the largest number of cans a prize of \$2.50 has been offered and the next largest number at all the counting spots, and not each of the spots. Children at Monarch, Otteray and the lower end of East Main street will take their cans after 3 o'clock to the vacant lot below Mrs. M. J. Mabry on the lands of the Jno. A. Fant Real Estate company. Children living in the central portion of town will take their cans to the vacant lot between the old Nicholson hall and the tin warehouse. Children living on the lower end of South Church street and the Knitting Mills will take their cans to the intersection of Cohen and S. Church streets in front of Sumner's store. Children living in West Union will bring their cans to the lot back of J. F. Cheek's store.

The committee cannot get to the above spots until after 3 o'clock, so the children who have gathered up their cans will bring them to whichever place above is nearest them between 3 and 5 o'clock.

The finance committee of the campaign still lacks about \$100.00 of having enough to finance it, and those who wish to contribute, no matter how little, are asked to send it to one of the members of the finance committee.

Clean, up, paint up, and keep it up.

### HIGHWAY COMMISSION VISITS GREENVILLE

Plans to Receive Bids May 22—Hope to Begin Work June 1.

The Union Township Highway Commission made a trip to Greenville Wednesday, going by way of Fountain Inn and thence to Greenville, where they investigated the road building now going on in Greenville county. The commissioners were trying to find out more about the methods and the cost of building macadam, and, particularly top-soil roads. The commission was highly pleased with the top-soil road building.

The commissioners held a meeting recently and organized for work. A. G. Kennedy was elected chairman and E. W. Stone secretary. They propose to open bids for the sale of the bonds on May 22. The bonds to go to the highest responsible bidder.

As soon as the bonds are sold the necessary preliminary surveys will be made and work will begin perhaps about June 1.

### PARTIAL LIST OF NAVY RECRUITS.

Postmaster James has kindly furnished us with a partial list of recruits for the navy from Union. There are several others whose names we have not yet been able to secure. Union was asked for 17, and some 25 have already volunteered. The following is the list as we have it to date:

- Bennie Sprouse,
- Fred Keisler,
- Edward Gregory,
- Paul Miller,
- Harold H. Brakefield,
- John R. Hewitt,
- Hurley McManus,
- Horace G. Foster,
- Burgin F. Parris,
- David C. Couch,
- Sidney Howell,
- Claude Lee,
- John Sullivan,
- Joseph H. Barnett,
- Lewis Lindsay,
- M. L. Rhodes,
- J. C. Cochran,
- James Harris,
- Elton Gregory,
- Willie S. Colson,
- O. L. Timmons,
- Otis Briggs.

### CHILDREN OF CONFEDERACY.

The Stars and Bars and the Jefferson Davis chapters, Children of the Confederacy, will act as escorts to the old Veterans on Saturday, May 5th. They are requested to meet at the high school building at 9:45 o'clock a. m. and march up Main street to the Edsonia theatre, where the address will be delivered by Col. D. P. Duncan.

### HAMES-SPROUSE.

Mr. Frank A. Hames and Miss Kitty Sprouse, two popular young people of West Union, were quietly married in the presence of a few intimate friends Saturday afternoon, April 29th, at the home of Rev. L. L. Wagnon, the officiating minister.

### ENOREE PRESBYTERIAL MEETS ON MAY 8-10

The nineteenth annual session of the Enoree Presbyterial meets May 8-10, with the Reidville Presbyterian church, Reidville, and a most interesting program has been gotten out for the occasion.

### SURVEY TO BE MADE SATURDAY.

Supervisor J. T. Jeter has received word from the State highway commissioner that Capt. Penzell, State highway engineer, will make a survey of the proposed steel bridge across Broad river at Lockhart on Saturday.

### STOOD EXAMINATION.

Mr. John Wilbanks, who for several years has held a responsible position with the Citizens National Bank here, went to Greenwood this week, where he applied for a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, and will be ordered to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., for three months in the training camp there, beginning May 14, provided his passes the preliminary examination.

Mr. Wilbanks is a young man of fine character and since locating in Union he has won the respect of the entire community.

### NEW MANAGER FOR U. & G. S.

Mr. J. S. Crews of Greenwood has been appointed manager for the Union & Glenn Springs railway and arrived in Union last week to take up the duties of the office. Mr. Crews is an experienced railroad man and is not only thoroughly informed upon questions relating to that business, but is courteous and accommodating, and is withal a man of sterling character. He will win a place for himself in the esteem of the Union people.

## CHANGES IN LOCAL MILL CIRCLES HERE

W. B. Todd Made Superintendent at Buffalo; W. H. Gibson Superintendent at Union—Other Matters.

There have been several changes in mill circles in and near Union recently. W. B. Todd, who has been assistant superintendent of Buffalo, has been made superintendent there, while W. H. Gibson has been made superintendent of Union mills.

Mr. Todd has for a number of years been with the Buffalo mills, having had several promotions heretofore. His being placed in this important position attests his thorough qualification for so important a position.

Mr. Gibson is a man of wide experience in the mill business and he comes to Union from Fairmont mill, where he held an important position in that mill.

H. K. Drew, for several years with the Union-Buffalo Mills company, has accepted a position with the Orangeburg Manufacturing company, as vice-president and general manager of their plant at Orangeburg.

The Union-Buffalo Mills company and Monarch mills have put into effect a higher scale of wages, the raise going into effect May 1. Otteray mill has, it is understood, granted free house rent to the operatives.

All the mills throughout the county have made a faithful attempt to encourage the operatives to plant gardens and thus help themselves in the present situation of high costs for food stuffs. Land has been furnished, plowing has been done and frequently seed has been furnished free to the operatives.

### WILL ENTER NAVY.

Mr. Miles Storm, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Storm, proprietors of the Edsonia theatre, left this week for Charleston, where he will stand the examination for enlisting in the navy. Young Storm is thoroughly aroused and his patriotic spirit is admirable. Since coming to Union several years ago he has won a warm place in the hearts of his many friends.

### DEATH OF MR. S. C. SCOFIELD.

Mr. S. C. Scofield died at Davidson College Wednesday of this week. He is a brother of Mrs. B. G. Clifford and of Mrs. Geo. H. Oetzel of Union. He had been in poor health for some time and his death, while deeply regretted, was not unexpected. Mr. Scofield was the father of Miss Minnie Scofield, well known in Union where she resided for several years.

### MAGISTRATE IMPOSED FINE.

C. E. Peyton, white, and Henry Hawkins, colored, were convicted in Magistrate Mann's court here a few days ago upon the charge of enticing labor to leave the county. Peyton was fined \$75.00 and Hawkins was fined \$50.00. He is from Knoxville, Tenn. Hawkins is a resident of Union. For quite a while the colored population of Union and Union county has been furnishing large numbers who have at various times left these parts for other sections of the country. Only last Sunday quite a large number left for Ohio and other points. High wages and other glittering promises are held out to the colored people and they fall for the seeming great opportunity.

### DR. D. W. DANIEL TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Dr. D. W. Daniel will deliver the address at the closing of the high school here Friday evening, June 1.

Dr. Daniel is a member of the Clemson College faculty, and a speaker of wide reputation, and the people of Union will be delighted to hear him. He has for sometime been on the chautauqua platform.

### TO GO TO OGLETHORPE.

Hood Worthy, son of Mr. Hugh Worthy of this county, Hunter Harris, son of Mr. W. D. Harris and James Hunter, son of Capt. J. E. Hunter of Union were among the hundred and nine members of the graduating class at Clemson College who offered their services to the country recently and they will go to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., to enter the three months' Officers' Training School, leaving here on the 14th of May. The authorities of Clemson have dispensed with the graduating exercises this year, but will issue each member of the class his diploma some time in June. These fine young fellows will worthily represent Union county, of that we feel sure.

### MEMORIAL EXERCISES AT EL BETHEL CHURCH

Memorial services will be held at El Bethel (Cherokee county) next Sunday, May the 6th. A special program has been prepared. A children's exercise and an address by Hon. R. A. Dobson of Gaffney will be given in the morning and Rev. A. L. Vaughn of Cowpens and Mr. R. E. Gabel of Gaffney will deliver addresses in the extended to the public.

## ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST MONDAY EVENING

BIG HOME TALENT PRODUCTION.  
The Pirates of Penzance Comic Opera in High School Auditorium.

Over 100 are to take part in the big show, "The Pirates," and a splendid production is promised.

The cast is capable, the choruses effective and the special features by the children are well worth the price of admission alone.

There will be a chorus of pirates, policemen, cowboy, girls, Indians, Lilliputians and wood nymphs.

The opera, "The Pirates," is to be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Society of the Episcopal church and the personal direction of Mr. Albert L. Baker, Willis Music Co., Chicago.

The performances given in Johnson City and Spartanburg were accounted to be above the average, in point of merit, and worthy of the generous patronage of the public at large.

The full cast of characters and entire personnel will be given in our next issue. Wait for the Pirates opera; it will be here soon.

### DECORATION DAY MAY 10.

Committees for decorating graves May 10, at 6 o'clock:

- Presbyterian Cemetery—Mrs. D. H. Wallace, chairman, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Mrs. Ida Perrin, Mrs. Norman Jones, Mrs. Farr Gilliam, Mrs. J. C. Wallace, Mrs. L. G. Young, Miss Mary Emma Foster, Mrs. Macbeth Young, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Mrs. P. K. Switzer.
- Rosemont Cemetery—Mrs. Davis Jeffries, chairman, Miss Edna Tinsley, Mrs. J. D. Arthur, Mrs. Hay Fant.
- Methodist Cemetery—Mrs. C. H. Peake, chairman, Mrs. L. J. Hames, Mrs. S. M. Rice, Miss Blanch Garner, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Mrs. W. D. Arthur.

Episcopal Cemetery—Mrs. F. H. Garner, chairman, Mrs. W. H. Burris, Mrs. J. F. McClure, Mrs. C. R. Robertson, Mrs. W. E. Thomson.

Old Union Cemetery—Mrs. L. L. Wagnon, chairman, Mrs. A. B. Brannon, Miss Pearl Harris.

The ladies are requested to bring the wreaths and flowers for the graves to the Central school building and from there they will march to the Presbyterian cemetery. A short service will be held before the committees take up their work.

The school children are invited to assist in decorating the graves of our departed heroes and to march with the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. F. M. Farr,  
Pres. Wm. Wallace Chapter, U. D. C.

### BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Union County Baptist convention met Sunday with the Westside Baptist church, Rev. J. B. Bozeman pastor. The attendance from the churches and Sunday schools of the county was not full, but those who did attend enjoyed the day, and the congregation was large. Splendid music was rendered by a large choir and a number of inspiring addresses were made. Rev. Alonzo Finch, pastor of Mon-Aetna church, preached the sermon for the convention.

The next convention, which is on the next 5th Sunday, will be held with Lower Fair Forest church.

### DINNER FOR THE VETERANS.

The annual dinner for the Veterans of Union county will be served on Saturday, May 5, at 12 o'clock in the storeroom corner Main and Mountain streets. The address will be delivered by Col. D. P. Duncan at the Edsonia theatre. The Veterans are requested to assemble at the high school building. The Boy Scouts and chapters of Children of the Confederacy are requested to escort the Veterans on this day.

All members of the chapter are expected to assist in serving the dinner.

The public is cordially invited to the address at 10 o'clock at the Edsonia.

Mrs. F. M. Farr,  
Pres. Wm. Wallace Chapter, U. D. C.

### BUYS BUSINESS.

Mr. J. Mobley Jeter has purchased the Fant Brothers Co. from the receivers, and will conduct the business at the old stand. Mr. Jeter is one of Union's sterling young business men, and he has made friends for himself by his attention to business, his modest bearing and his courteous manner. His many friends wish him success in the enterprise into which he has entered.

### PICNIC AT ROCKY FALLS.

The children of the third grade at the Central school, taught by Miss Annie Tinsley, had a picnic Thursday afternoon at Rocky Falls. They carried lunch and after a merry time playing games and wading in the branch, the lunch was spread under the oaks and heartily enjoyed. At sundown the tired but happy crowd came home.

## Union Chamber Commerce Elects Directors—Will Choose Officers Friday Evening.

The Union Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting Monday evening in the rooms of the organization; Jacob Cohen, president, presiding. The meeting resulted in the election of the board of directors for the ensuing year, and there will hold a meeting Friday evening for the purpose of electing officers. To the old board, except two vacancies, were reelected, and the two vacancies were filled by the election of L. M. Jordan and Jno. K. Hamblin.

Besides routine matters of business the organization authorized its president, J. Cohen, to write Senator E. D. Smith in regard to the matter of procuring a supply of nitrate of soda. Mr. Cohen has written the following letter to Senator Smith:

"Union, S. C., May 1, 1917.  
"Hon. E. D. Smith,  
"U. S. Senate,  
"Washington, D. C.  
"Sir:

"Your idea of getting the farmers an abundant supply of nitrates at cheap prices is an excellent one, provided it can be carried out at once. The liberal use of nitrate of soda on the growing crops in this State will increase the production of field crops from 10 to 25 per cent. The farmers have not used as much fertilizer this year as usual because of the high prices, therefore it is all the more important to supply this deficiency later on if the production is kept to normal.

"There will be some opposition to the reduction of prices of nitrates because of the loss that the brokers and dealers who have supplies on hand would suffer, but the government could and should protect them by taking their supply over even if the government had to pay more for it than it would cost to get the supply from South America.

"If I understand the proposition, the government is desirous of getting an abundant food supply for the nation and also as large a surplus as possible to ship to its allies, then since the volume of production is more important than the cheapness of production get the farmers an abundant supply of nitrates and have the government farm experts to supervise its application. The government can make contracts with the farmers to take their crops at certain prices to pay for the supplies of nitrates used. This plan will insure the army plenty of food and encourage the farmers to greater efforts at production. Nothing helps a crop of cotton or corn through a short drought so much as an ample dressing of nitrate of soda.

"At the annual meeting of the Union Chamber of Commerce last evening your idea was discussed and the body went on record as unanimously approving your plans of getting the farmers a cheap supply of nitrates at reasonable prices.

"If possible your plan should be put into operation and the nitrates ready for distribution to the farmer not later than six weeks from now, say the middle of June. Some should be ready for use on corn by the first of June.

"Yours truly,  
"J. Cohen,  
"President Union Chamber of Commerce."

The matter of the necessity for the raising of food and feed stuffs was also taken up, and committees appointed to carry out the suggestions of the Chamber of Commerce.

### REV. W. W. WAKEFIELD WEDS IN KENTUCKY

Cards have been received in the city announcing the marriage of Rev. W. D. Wakefield and Mrs. Kate C. Hinkle of Louisville, Ky., on Monday, April 30th, at the home of the bride.

Mr. Wakefield was the much-beloved pastor of the First Baptist church at this place for several years and still holds a warm place in the affections of the people of all denominations. The community is a unit in wishing for him a long life filled with happiness.

Mrs. Wakefield is secretary of the State W. M. U. of Kentucky and is a young woman of unusual ability and sweetness of character.

### TEACHERS TO BE ENTERTAINED.

The teachers of the public schools are to be the guests of the Grand theatre Saturday to witness the production of "Snow White." This play features dainty, adorable Marguerite Clarke and in the various cities where it has been played, scored success, and always plays a return engagement.

The teachers are invited to come any time Saturday that suits their convenience and the Grand theatre deems it a special privilege to be allowed to entertain them.