

American Batteries Take Part in Artillery Bombardment in Champagne

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Feb. 14.—American batteries took part in artillery bombardment in connection with a large French Raid in Champagne yesterday it is announced officially. Effective assistance was given by the American gunners. "This is the first mention of American batteries on Champagne front."

Pope Discusses Wilson's Latest Address

(By Associated Press)

Rome, Wednesday.—The Pope and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State discussed Wilson's latest address this morning. Gasparri responded and said the address gives reason that may lead to pourparlors and perhaps was the starting point for negotiations for a just and lasting peace.

Will Remain Chief of Imperial Staff, Says the Daily Chronicle

(By Associated Press)

London, Feb. 14.—Major General William R. Robertson, the Daily Chronicle declares on its own information, will remain chief of the Imperial staff with the full approval and confidence of the war cabinet. Major General Wilson will continue to be the principal British representative of Versailles.

Serious Wreck on Seaboard Railway At Riceboro, Ga., Last Night

(By Associated Press)

Savannah, Feb. 14.—Engineer J. D. Rogers of Savannah killed the negro fireman missing and fourteen passengers were injured, when a Seaboard passenger train from Washington to Jacksonville, collided with a freight at Riceboro last night.

Bolsheviki May Be Playing Double

(By Associated Press)

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Judging from the latest indications of the German press much dissatisfaction and suspicion have been aroused by the latest move of Foreign Minister Trotzky. Important military and political leaders said to be conferring busily to find the best solution to the puzzle. Zeetung Am Mittag says there is proof that Trotzky's promise of Russian demobilization is a shame move. It is reported that the Bolsheviki are energetically forming a Red Guard army.

Wider Use of Fish to Be Used As Food Will Be Urged

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—A campaign for wider use of fish will be started by the Bureau of Fisheries soon at Columbia, S. C., with a possibility of of carp culture in the rice fields, is also under investigation by the authorities.

Agricultural Committee Will Investigate Nation's Food Situation

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—An investigation of the nation's food situation with particular reference to wheat and meat was begun today by the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Two Women and a Baby Burned to Death at Harvey, La.

(By Associated Press)

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—Two women and a baby were burned to death and three others injured in a fire which started in a tenement house at Harvey, La. Across the river from here.

Billion Dollar Deficiency Appropriation Bill Reported Favorably By the House

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—The billion dollar deficiency appropriation bill, the largest of its kind in the history of congress was favorably reported by the house today by Chairman Sherley of the appropriations committee. Consideration of the expected bill is to begin tomorrow. Huge amounts were asked for by the various military activities.

Points Out Danger to Transportation By Industrial Over-Production

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Danger of industrial over-production which may swamp the railroads and trans-Atlantic shipping embargies causing temporary factory shut downs, was pointed out to the Senate Military Committee today by H. L. Grant, production engineer of the Army Ordnance Bureau and Shipping Board.

DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED ON TRAITOROUS FRENCHMAN

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Feb. 14.—Bolo Pasha was sentenced to death by courtmartial after a deliberation of only fifteen minutes.

Bolo's case has been defined as but one of a series of inter-related incidents in the German effort to organize a propaganda of depression and discouragement among the civilian leaders and soldiers of France. These involved not only Bolo, the so-called "Leventine financier" but also Joseph Caillaux, a former premier of France, one or more members of the French Chamber of Deputies, and several French newspapers. These newspapers are alleged to have been subsidized by German money to spread abroad in France a spirit of "defeatism," a belief that there was no hope of beating Germany and that France should make haste to accept best terms possible.

WAR GARDEN CAMPAIGN STARTED; CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEEKS TO RENDER TIMELY SERVICE

(By Jas. L. Carbery.)

With the ever present idea and ambition to render to the people of Union county the best possible service the Union Chamber of Commerce is inaugurating a War Garden Campaign for both adults and children.

The time has come when we can no longer rely upon other sections of our country to feed us. We must produce not only all that is needed at home, but an excess to help win the great war and relieve the constant cry for food coming daily from our fighting forces.

Spring is dawning upon us; the time for gardening is at hand and everybody with a plot of land large or small should prepare to use it to the best possible advantage.

The Union Chamber of Commerce invites every citizen, the ladies and children to join in this great campaign for food production and conservation. Nothing can be more important. Food, shelter and clothing constitute our greatest needs, and this need will continue for several years at least. Here is the tentative plan:

The Union Chamber of Commerce invites anyone having a plot of land in or around the city which they are not intending to use, to make it known to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and to offer same for a War Garden for either Juniors or Seniors.

The idea is to have about six plots offered in various sections of the city for use of the children who will work in groups under the direction of ladies from the Women's Auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce who will be supplied with all information necessary regarding details. These gardens will be in competition one with another, and individual with individual, and records will be kept on forms provided for te purpose.

It seems possible that the sum of \$12.00 can be secured for prizes, to be divided into sums of \$3.00, \$2.00 and \$1.00 for boys and girls making the highest records, and if this amount can be secured it will be given in form of credit bank books or Thrift Stamps to encourage saving. At the end of the season it is expected that a supper can be arranged for the young gardeners, composed largely of products grown in the War Gardens, and of canned and dried fruits and vegetables conserved by them. It is therefore very important at this time to have those willing to donate use of land for the splendid purpose communicate with the Chamber of Commerce at once. Should a surplus of land be available it will be offered adults having no land of their own and desirous of cooperating in the movement. Each plot worked under this plan will be placarded WAR GARDEN, WE ARE HELPING TO WIN THE WAR, in order to make known the real purpose and spirit of the plans.

Each rural community is requested to take up a similar line of work wherever feasible and every assistance will be rendered. Individual families are urged to plant spring, summer, fall and winter gardens of greater size than ever before. Every assistance possible will be given by the Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Demonstration Agent, Mr. A. B. Carwile, and Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Alsie Smith.

An arrangement is being made to try and organize small stock companies in the various communities and to locate in each a community cannery to take care of the excesses. There seems to be little doubt that

THE FOOD DISTRIBUTORS COUNCIL OF UNION AND UNION COUNTY

Composed of practically every merchant in Union and Union county held its regular meeting at the Union Chamber of Commerce Wednesday p. m., February 13th, at 4 o'clock. All rulings and regulations of the food administration and State Food Administrator Elliott and County Administrator Browning, were discussed for mutual information and enlightenment, unqualified approval was expressed to carry out to the letter of the law.

Plain flour, wholesale cost \$11.75 \$12.15 per barrel; minimum price \$1.65 for 24 pounds; maximum price \$1.75 for 24 pounds.

Self-rising flour, wholesale cost \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel; minimum price \$1.70 for 24 pounds, maximum price \$1.85 for 24 pounds.

Corn meal, wholesale cost \$2.25 to \$2.45 per bushel; minimum price 12 cents per peck; maximum price 13 cents per peck.

Eat backs, wholesale cost 27 to 28 cents per pound; minimum price 32 cents per pound; maximum price 34 cents per pound.

Compound lard, wholesale cost 23 1-2 to 24 cents per pound; minimum price 27 cents per pound; maximum price 28 cents per pound.

Snowdrift, wholesale cost \$14.25 to \$14.50 per case; minimum price \$2.70 for ten pounds; maximum price \$2.80 for ten pounds.

Cheese, wholesale cost 31 to 33 cents per pound; minimum price 38 cents per pound; maximum price 40 per pound.

Rice, wholesale cost 9 1-2 to 10 1-2 cents per pound; minimum price 12 1-2 cents per pound; maximum price 13 1-2 cents per pound.

Grits, wholesale cost 6 to 6 1-2 cents per pound; minimum price 7 1-2 cents per pound; maximum price 8 1-2 cents per pound.

Irish potatoes, wholesale cost 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 cents per pound; minimum price 5 cents per pound; maximum price 6 cents per pound.

The above list shows the approximate cost to your dealer for the principal staples with which we are most concerned at this time and new items are taken up from week to week.

The minimum price simply means the lowest price at which a merchant might sell the consumer under the most favorable circumstances and expect to make margin enough to stay in business. The maximum is the limit that the merchant could charge to come within the government ruling of selling the consumer at a reasonable profit. It does not mean that you always get the minimum, or that you will always be charged the maximum. Anywhere between the maximum and minimum price according to circumstances would be fair and reasonable.

Let it be understood once and for all, that this organization exists by authority and under the order of the food administration and because those who belong to it have responded to the call of our government and its president in the war crisis facing this nation. It is not a merchants organization, nor is its object to boost prices, or to deprive any customer of any rights or privileges. Its purpose and business is to receive, interpret and carry out our government's orders, to support the government with the weapon of food, "Food will Win the War." Every loyal merchant and consumer will gladly join in carrying out the government plans.

Union county will do her part in such a movement and certainly the benefits to be derived will be far reaching and will repay all efforts.

Coast Wise and Great Lakes Steamship Lines Under Supervision of Peasants

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—Coast Wise and Great Lakes steamship lines threatened by railroads, today were placed by McAdoo under the supervision of W. H. Pleasants, of New York, president of the Ocean Steamship Company, who was designated the manager of the marine section of the railroad administration.

Hog Island Shipyard Contracts to Be Investigated; \$42,000,000 Involved

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson today directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the much discussed Hog Island shipyard contracts which have been the object of adverse criticism before the Senate Commerce Committee and determine if there had been any criminal misuse of the Government funds. He directed Gregory to work in conjunction with Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board in the investigation. About forty two million dollars of Government money is involved at Hog Island project in which the American International corporation said Frank A. Vanderlip has figured.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice Died This Morning

(By Associated Press)

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, former British ambassador to the United States died of heart failure this morning at the Government house. His wife and two children were with him.

Cotton Consumed During Month of January

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 14.—The cotton consumed during January amounted to five hundred and twenty-four thousand and eighty-three running bales; for six months ending January thirty-first, there have been one million, three hundred and eighteen thousand and eighty-four bales. The cotton spindles active during January were thirty-three million, five hundred and fifty-two thousand, seven hundred and thirty-two.

Important Peace Debate Begins February 21st

(By Associated Press)

London, Feb. 14.—An important peace debate will begin in the Reichstag February twenty-first according to wireless dispatch from Amsterdam. Hertling will reply to Wilson, Lloyd-George and Orlando.

Vessels Sunk During Week of February 9th

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Feb. 14.—One vessel over sixteen hundred tons and one lesser than that are reported lost for the week ending February nine.

UNION'S CHIEF OF POLICE WANTS YOU

To Lend Him Some Light on the Subject of Finding the Delinquents Named Below

- 65—Walter Herndon, wife, E. Pine street, Union, S. C.
- 1220—Eddie Thomas, age 21, Union, S. C.
- 1934—William Washington, Union, S. C.
- 1834—Rhodes Ferguson, age 22, Union, S. C.
- 22—Clarence Carter, age 22, Carlisle, S. C.
- 2320—Cardoza Smith, age 22, wife Lockhart, S. C.
- 88—James Chalk, age 21, Santuc, S. C.
- 2216—Claude Crosby, age 22, Carlisle, S. C.
- 699—Charlie Garner, age 22, Monroe, N. C.
- 2294—Jim Jeter, age 20, mother and sister, Carlisle, S. C.
- 2027—Andrew Jeter, age 24, wife and two children, Carlisle, S. C.
- 2131—Benj. Harrison Sutton, wife and mother, Union, S. C.
- 428—Robert Jeter, wife, age 22, Kelton, S. C.
- 1256—John Lawson Lankford, white, married, wife and one child, Union, S. C.

All officers of the State, and any persons are respectfully asked to give any information they have of the above named delinquents to Milo H. Evans, chief of police, Union, S. C.

A split-log drag costs very little, but serves to help roads greatly.

DEATH OF A GOOD WOMAN

Mrs. M. L. Elkin, of near Alston, aged 73 years, died Feb. 7, at 10:30 o'clock p. m. and was buried at Long Run church, near Alston.

Mrs. Elkin was born and reared in Union county, near Fish Dam, (Carlisle) and was the daughter of the late Wm. Smith. In 1869 she married Mr. Jno. T. Elkin. She is survived by two sons, Elliot Elkin of Alston and Will Elkin of Monarch, and two grandchildren. She is survived also by three half-sisters: Mrs. Coleman Lyles, of Carlisle; Mrs. F. E. Linder, of Union and Mrs. Alice English of Whitmire, S. C. She was a sister of Mrs. Dora Powell, whose death occurred some two years ago.

Mrs. Elkin was for many years a constant member of the Methodist church, and was possessed of a kind and lovable disposition. She was always ready with anything for those in distress and was willing to aid all those in need of aid. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Burial of H. Cole Lawson

Mr. H. Cole Lawson, whose death was reported in a former issue of The Times was buried Sunday afternoon in Rosemont cemetery.

Daily Cotton Report.

(By McNally Cotton Company)

March cotton opened at 30.02, highest point 30.09.
Local market 30 1-2.
Seed \$71.00.

Why not use the split-log drag? It would help the roads very much.