

GENERAL NEWS

Paris, May 27.—Premier Clemenceau returned from the front last night, after having consulted with General Foch, the allied generalissimo.

Fifty-six American troops on the British steamship Moldavia have been unaccounted for, says an official statement issued on the 24th by the British admiralty.

Germany is seeking to augment her armies by conscripting Russians of the border lands. And, what is just as sinister to world peace, she is striving to make the rich Russian territory purely and simply a German province.

Three American airplanes were brought down Wednesday on the Lys battle field, the German war office declared in its night official statement.

"The submarine is still a menace but no longer is a peril; it is still formidable for inflicting injury but it can't cause the winning or the losing of the war.

At Elberton, Ga., they have an auction sale in a prominent part of the city at which they offer hogs, cows, horses, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, hams, etc., all of which are donated by the citizens for the benefit of Red Cross fund.

Washington, May 24.—The arrival in this country of 114 American wounded was announced by Surgeon General Gorgas today. Eight were landed the week of May 10 and 106 the week of May 17. They have been distributed at various points for reconstruction.

New York, May 24.—The Rockefeller foundation today contributed \$3,000,000 to the war fund of the American Red Cross.

Announcement of the contribution was made at a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

For the first time since the occupation of the capital by the British in the War of 1812, oldest attaches said, the flag of a foreign power floated over the White House on the 24th. It was the royal Italian standard, flown beside the Stars and Stripes, in honor of the third anniversary of Italy's entrance into the world war.

Washington, May 24.—Steel ships completed thus far in May exceed the output of any previous month in the history of the shipping board. The total output up to and including May 23, was 29 vessels, of 174,661 tons. Four steel ships, totalling 28,200 tons were delivered yesterday.

Probably the largest and best appointed animal cemetery in the world is that which still remains attached to the ruined summer palace in Peking. Here repose in coffins of polished orris wood elaborately carved, more than a thousand dogs that were the pets of former emperors and empresses of China.

Slackers who leave this country to evade the draft law will be caught and punished some time. If they have gone to Mexico, they are right now being given at least, a foretaste of punishment.

The next few weeks will be a race between Hindenburg and Wilson, Premier Lloyd George declared in a speech on the 24th.

Turkish troops at Aiden, in Asia Minor, have mutinied. Two thousand soldiers sent from Manissa, 20 miles northeast of Smyrna, to quell the disturbances, have deserted.

The authorities at Washington state that 9,000 soldiers leave on American port every day for France. At that rate, it will not take long to get a conquering army on the battlefields. That goes to show that our Government is outwitting the German submarine.

To the Editor:—Fruit flavors for one million sodas have been ordered for the American boys overseas. Gas masks have doomed the popularity of chewing tobacco in the trenches. It will be noted that no chewing tobacco is ordered. This is not the result of any prejudice on the part of the soldiers against the American habit which pained Dickens so much. No. No. Modern warfare, that's all. The overseas secretaries report that a plug or fine cut devotee with his favorite quid of the American weed in his mouth is seriously embarrassed when he hastily dons his gas mask.

Washington, May 25.—Full strength of the new army, including National Army, National Guard and regulars now is 2,000,000 men, Chairman Dent of the house military committee announced today in his report on the army appropriation bill. The report disclosed that the exact number of American airplanes in France is 1,316 of which 323 are combat planes. There are 3,760 planes in the United States, the report said.

Chicago, May 25.—Ringing declarations in favor of the German emperor as a ruler in America as compared with the present administration were made at the meeting place of the Industrial Workers of the World in Milwaukee, Wis., after the final break with Germany, according to testimony today at the trial for seditious conspiracy of 112 I. W. W. leaders.

Washington, May 25.—The United States has now 1,316 airplanes in France, 323 of which are combat planes, according to the military affairs committee report on the army appropriation bill submitted to the House late this afternoon. In the United States there are 3,760 military aeroplanes at 27 training camps. The Signal Corps has 12,167 officers and 136,761 enlisted men, the report shows.

Dayton, Ohio, May 25.—The one thousandth Liberty motor completed the other day, and the first plane designed especially for the Liberty motor, flew with marked success at Wilbur Wright Aviation Field. The 100th De Havilland plane equipped with a Liberty motor has been shipped to France. A dispatch from Detroit, on April 22, announced that the Liberty motor's "babyhood" maladies were over, and that growing quantity production was in full blast.

Atlanta, Ga., May 24.—Three hundred and seventy-five carloads of Georgia peaches have been shipped to eastern markets through Wednesday of the present week, the movement consisting of 150 carloads of Mayflowers and the balance being divided between Unedades, Early Wheelers and several other varieties that mature at this season of the year.

With the American Army in France, Friday, May 24.—An American aerial pursuit squadron is now operating over the American sector northwest of Toul, it is now permitted to announce. All the pilots whose air exploits have been received up to this time belong to this squadron, which has a special insignia. The squadron is flying in Nieuport chasing machines.

As an indication of the effort being made by Germany to meet the strain on her manpower convict battalions are being formed, according to a dispatch received by the State department recently, quoting a neutral paper. Other drastic measures being taken, according to the article, include the stripping of munition factories of men and the substitution of women, children and prisoners, and the moving of troops from the garrisons along the Dutch frontier and from the Rumanian front to the west. The latter troops have been described as being unfit for intensive action because of the "soft war" of recent months on the southern front.

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

Sixty-two of the young men of Laurens County have been called to the colors and go this week, some to Camp Jackson and some to Camp Wadsworth.

The best are chosen. Now Dr. E. Olin Watson is to go from South Carolina to engage in a wider sphere of activity on account of war work. A better man could not have been found in the general conference to raise \$35,000,000 from the Methodists of the South.

Georgia had more lynchings last week than South Carolina has had in three or four years, says the Columbia Record.

The far-reaching character of the new "work or fight" regulations under which the government proposes to put every man of draft age into some useful employment or into the army, probably will not be fully realized by the country until the effects of its operation appear in every community.

Greenville, S. C., May 23.—Reports of many German propagandists active among the negroes in this section of the state are constantly being made to him, C. G. Wyche, assistant United States district attorney, stated yesterday. Mr. Wyche added that many people who hear of such activities seem not to know to whom to report them and that it is the special business of the department of justice and of himself as its representative here to investigate such reports and bring the offenders to justice.

Money intended for interned civilians and prisoners of war in Germany should be remitted through the Bureau of Prisoners' Relief, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. Remittances so made will probably not be delivered to addressees by the German government in cash, but in the form of credit on prison exchanges.

Whoever thought of that rather gruesome scheme of raising Red Cross funds in Spartanburg of driving nails in "Kaiser Bill's coffin" hit the nail on the head as an advertiser. The privilege of driving the first nail was auctioned off for \$21, and every little boy who passed along just felt that he had to put in a twenty-five cents shingle nail anyhow. About four hundred dollars worth of nails went in in one day.

The South Carolina battalion of engineers in the overseas service is an efficient body of soldiers and is being commended by expeditionary army officials, according to information reaching the governor's office.

BETHIA NEWS.

Bethia, May 29.—There was a very large crowd at Miss Katie May Pettigrew's entertainment last Friday night and it was sure good and we give Miss Kate the prize for her training those little tots so.

We were sorry to hear that Johnnie Gable fell from his mule last Friday while going to his work and broke his arm right at the elbow. Hope he will soon be all right.

Miss Ruth Beauford and Mrs. D. J. Jenkins spent a week at Abbeville with friends and attended the show Monday night.

Mr. Shelton Beauford from above Abbeville, spent Saturday night with her father, Mr. John Beauford.

Mr. Pennell and Miss Alma Thornton came down home with Miss Ruth Beauford Saturday and went over to Mt. Carmel.

Miss Bell Fleming from near Little River, is spending the week with Miss Addie Woodhurst.

Mr. Dud Wardlaw and Mr. Murphy from Troy, came through Bethia yesterday afternoon selling paint.

The Red Cross had a meeting Saturday afternoon to take in the funds for the campaign. I'm not sure of the correct amount but something over \$300.00.

EVEREADY Service Station

We have bought a regular outfit for tearing down, rebuilding and recharging storage batteries. One of our men has gone to Atlanta to specialize in this kind of work and in a few weeks we will be prepared to attend to your wants electrically.

CALL ON US!

City Garage

Phone 58

Miss Addie Woodhurst and Miss Fleming spent yesterday afternoon at Mrs. M. E. Beauford's.

Mr. Edgar Woodhurst spent Sabbath with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Woodhurst.

Remember tomorrow is the day for fasting and praying for our dear boys who have gone to fight for our country.

COLD SPRING NEWS.

Cold Spring, May 28.—Mr. Arthur Newell left last week for the Navy yard at Charleston, where he will get a job.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cochran and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ellis.

Mr. Horace King spent Saturday night with his brother, Mr. W. A. King of near Due West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sharpe and little grandson, Robert Sharpe, spent Sunday at Mr. D. E. Newell's.

Miss Maggie Hagen was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kay spent Sunday with Mr. M. B. Kay.

Miss Cyrena Pearson left Sunday afternoon for her home in Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cochran and children dined with Mrs. J. D. Winn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis and little babe spent Sunday at Mr. Bert Ferguson's.

Miss Mattie Uldrick spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Eunice and Ruth Uldrick.

Mrs. N. P. Milford, Mrs. Ella McIlwain and daughter, Miss Orene, spent last Thursday with Mrs. A. B. Newell.

Miss Sara Uldrick spent Saturday night with Miss Louise Uldrick. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Winn of Abbeville, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. D. Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kay Carwile spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. J. A. McMahan of near Lowndesville.

IRRIGATION IN EAST.

Surface Method Best Suited for Average Conditions on Farms of Eastern States.

An irrigating system on many of the farms of the Eastern States would be a profitable investment. Such a system is an insurance against summer drought, for timely irrigation during the dry spells may save a crop or greatly increase its yield.

Of the three methods of irrigation, spray, subirrigation, and surface, the last named seems to be the best suited for the average eastern farm. This is the opinion of irrigation engineers of the United States Department of Agriculture, who have made a study of the situation. The surface method is simple and inexpensive, and is commonly used in the arid regions of the West. It consists of merely running the water over the surface of the soil either in small open ditches or furrows between the rows of plants, or flooding the fields, the latter method being limited to small grain, alfalfa, or grass. The management of an irrigating system suitable for eastern farms, including the pumping plants and costs, are outlined in Farmers' Bulletin 899, "Surface Irrigation for Eastern Farms," recently published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Cost of Installing System.

When the spray system is used the water carried under pressure in pipes and applied to the crops in a fine spray. The cost of installing this system, which ranges from \$150 to \$200 per acre, limits its practicability to small areas where highly intensive farming or market gardening is practiced, and sure markets and the ability to produce and handle a high-grade crop is assured. It has the advantage over the surface method of uniformity of distributing water, and that it requires considerable less labor to operate.

The subirrigating method consists of a system of tile laid under the ground through which the water is distributed. In addition to being

costly, it is successful only under certain soil conditions—a section of an open porous surface underlain with an impervious tum which will tend to hold water within reach of the plant.

Success Depends on Slope of Land. The slope of the land must be fairly uniform if surface irrigation is to be successful, for the water depends on gravity as a source of water must be enough to the land to justify expense of a pipe or a ditch to convey it to the fields. With exceptions a pumping outfit is necessary for the eastern farm.

It does not pay to pump water a vertical lift of more than for ordinary field crops; valuable truck crops may justify a lift of over 200 feet. When is pumped from streams or open bodies of water, a centrifugal pump usually is the cheapest type. Its advantages are cost, light weight, lack of moving parts that wear out easily, comparative ease of operation and maintenance, and relative high efficiency in raising large quantities of water. Water may be pumped to the highest part of the field through direct to the field through pipe the water to the high part of the field and then distributed either by the use of portable hose or run the water from suitable outlets to the previously prepared in the

The Irish make a great mistake not submitting to conscription because the question has not been submitted to Ireland. Conscription not submitted to Scotland, England either separately or New York or South Carolina has twice as many conscripts in proportion to population as has England or Ireland. Wonder if Pat thinks that the conscription is a good thing, or whom he wants to consult about the question of the tyranny of conscription would like to be governed