

INVENTIVE GENIUS TO FRONT.

European War Has Demonstrated That Country With Brains Not Men Will Win.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 12.—"The present European war has demonstrated that the country that will win is the country that has the latest improvements of inventive genius," said Secretary Daniels in a statement issued here tonight in connection with the announcement from Washington of the personnel of the new naval advisory board.

"We formerly looked only to the general head, aided by the secretary of the treasury," he said, "but now that we fight in trenches and must have guns that will be effective miles away, inventors, chemists, mathematicians, scientists, therefore, take their places as leaders in modern warfare."

He said that to be prepared for an emergency Americans must have equipment from the best brains. "I am seeking for the navy preparedness to mobilize the brains and genius and inventive talent of America," he continued. "It is gratifying that the most important societies in America have responded to my invitation to make this patriotic contribution. With Edison at the head, the board will render advice of the highest order and its members are entitled to the thanks of the American people."

DEATH OF MRS. WILSON.

Died Suddenly Friday Night, Aged 63. Mayesville, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Mary J. Wilson, wife of S. W. Wilson, died after a few hours' illness on Friday night, at her home about three miles from Mayesville. The deceased was a native of Charleston, being born at 140 Wentworth street, that city, and was Miss Mary J. Greer before her marriage in 1878. She was 63 years of age. She is survived by her husband, S. W. Wilson, four daughters, Miss Elizabeth Wilson and Mrs. Helen McKellar of this place; Mrs. Annie Coles of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Azalea Westberry of Harleyville; one brother, W. C. Greer of Philadelphia, and one sister, Mrs. Geo. D. Anderson of Georgetown. The deceased had been a member of the Presbyterian church nearly all of her life and was a devout Christian woman of most lovable traits of character. She will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

The funeral services were held on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Mayesville Presbyterian church, of which the deceased was a member, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. L. Grier, assisted by Rev. Ray Riddle of Monticello, Fla. Interment was made in the Mayesville cemetery on the bluff of Black river. There was a large attendance at the services and there were many handsome floral tributes.

SOLDIERS FROM ITS COLONIES.

Proposed That France Recruit 700,000 From Among Natives of Overseas Dominions.

Paris, Sept. 11.—Deputy Pierre Masse has prepared for introduction in the chamber a bill providing that natives of French colonies and protectorates be recruited for service in the army. It is estimated that this step would add 700,000 men to the forces in the field by next spring.

DARK CORNER DOTS.

Hard Times Points to the Harmful Effects of Liquor.

Dark Corner, Sept. 10.—Everything is calm and serene. Cotton picking is the order of these hot fair days, but pickers complain of its being too hot to pick from 11 to 3.

Mr. Blanding Ardis has his gasoline gin at Broadway's Sliding in fix and is ginning cotton for his patrons. He has scales and a seed house and is prepared to buy cotton seed.

The new church near the Sycamores which I mentioned in my last letter has been fitted up so the Reed Sunday School was held there last Sunday.

It was my pleasure to be in Wedgfield last Friday, the 3rd, inst, where I was shown some of the finest cotton I ever saw. It was on Mr. R. S. Whilden's farm and was what is called Poulnot variety which took first prize at the Georgia experimental station last year. "Old Brother Sep" has four acres of this cotton and has been told he would gather 8 bales, but he says he will be satisfied with six, and the beauty of it is he made it himself, which tells pretty well for a 74-year old boy.

While on my way to and from Wedgfield I saw some mighty fine stubble land peas, though crops are not what they would have been if they had had plenty of rain in July.

Well, Mr. Editor, five days more and the election to decide if South Carolina shall be dry or become a booze shop! Which shall it be, Mr. Voter, it is left with you to say. Every man should vote and vote for what he thinks will do the most good to the generations to come. But prohibition voters don't have to make any excuses for voting dry, but here are some of the wet's excuses: "I shall vote wet because (not that I want whiskey), the rich men have their clubs."

Another says: "I want the money to stay home and educate the children, so I will vote wet." And yet another says, "Strike out the gallon a month, and I will vote prohibition." All of which is as much as to say: "I will join the devil's party to get rid of the devil." Here is a verse by John Ploughman which I hope all will read and ponder over:

"He that buyeth land buyeth many stones;
He that buyeth beef buyeth many bones,
He that buyeth eggs buyeth many shells,
He that buyeth ale buyeth nothing else."

So you see, Mr. Editor, the land has stones without which we would be in a bad shape. Remember the mill stones, etc. As for the bones remember the many uses they are put to, and the shells are used for various purposes. And what for the ale (booze)? An empty pocket, an aching head, starving children and a heart-broken wife. Oh God, I will stop here.

"Hard Times."

UNEASINESS IN BERLIN.

Many Inquiries as to Attitude of United States.

Berlin, Sept. 12.—Publication of the Arabic note, although evoking virtually no comment in the German press, has caused uneasiness here over the probable attitude of the United States. The note itself appears highly satisfactory to the public generally, but constant inquiries at the offices of the Associated Press for news or predictions on the American attitude are only one indication of apprehension that the note and the Hesperian case may renew the tension believed to have relaxed with Ambassador von Bernstorff's communication to Washington of instructions given submarine commanders.

Well informed Germans, such as Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, believe the situation again is serious, not so much because of its intrinsic merit as on account of the manner in which it has been handled.

DEADLOCK IN RUSSIA.

Cabinet and Duma Majority Can Not Agree.

London, Sept. 11.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd quotes The Novo Vremya as saying that the exchange of views between the cabinet and the new Liberal majority in the duma has revealed widely divergent views, and that no definite decision will be reached before Emperor Nicholas has been placed in possession of the facts.

IMPORTANT BATTLES BEFORE WINTER.

Preparations Being Made Both by Austrians and Italians for Big Engagements.

Geneva, Sept. 12 (via Paris).—Brescia reports indirect that preparations are being made both by Austrians and Italians for important battles at Gorizia and Tolmino before winter begins.

In this short sector there are said to be from 250,000 to 300,000 Austrians, and as many more on the Gorizia-Monfalcone-Duina front. Reinforcements are arriving constantly at Liabach and Villach, probably from the Russian front.

Cholera is reported behind the Austrian lines on the Isonzo river and in Trieste.

ELECTION TOMORROW.

Prohibition Referendum Occupies Interest of Citizens.

The prohibition referendum will come before the voters of the State tomorrow. There has been much discussion of this issue for some time and it is hoped that the election tomorrow will settle the question. The prohibitionists have been carrying on an active campaign of late, but there does not seem to be a great deal of excitement among the people generally in the coming election.

It is predicted that the vote in the county will not be quite half of the total vote, but that this will be strongly in favor of prohibition.

In the city the polling places will be as follows: Ward 1, City Hall; Ward 2, Smith's Stables; Ward 3, McCallum's office; Ward 4, Powell's Shooting Gallery.

PLAGUE IN NEW ORLEANS.

Government Experts to Use Precaution to Prevent Epidemic.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Confirmation of the reports that a case of bubonic plague has been discovered in New Orleans was received today by the United States public health service. Orders were sent experts there to take every precaution to prevent the spread of the malady. No epidemic is feared.

Negro Lynched in Missouri.

Louisiana, Miss., Sept. 13.—Love Ridd, a negro was taken from a corral by a mob, a rock beat to his body and thrown into the Mississippi river. The body was found yesterday.



Listen!

We Want You to See Our Big New Stock of

CLOTHING

For Men and Boys

Our buyer has just returned from the Northern Markets, where he purchased a large stock at a very low price, consequently you will be given the benefit of this big clothing deal.

Come in and see us when you are in town. You will always find a hearty welcome here. And don't forget we can SAVE YOU MONEY.

L. Alpert, 13 N. Main St. Sumter, - S. C.

REVOLT NEAR TEXAS BORDER.

Carranza Men at Lampasos Prepare to March on Nuevo Laredo.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 12.—Dispatches from Lampasos, 30 miles south of the border, today reported the Carranza garrison there in revolt and making preparations to march on Nuevo Laredo. The Carranza troops in Nuevo Laredo were held under arms tonight in anticipation of an attack.

Gen. Davila, in command of the Lampasos garrison, is said to have joined his troops in renouncing allegiance to Gen. Carranza.

MAY RECOGNIZE CARRANZA.

Probable Change of Mexican Policy to Be Considered.

Washington, Sept. 13.—A new Mexican policy, involving the possible ultimate recognition of Carranza will be considered when the South American envoys meet Secretary Lansing Tuesday to consider the replies of the factional leaders of Mexico. The military conditions have so changed in Mexico that even those who formerly advocated Villa now agree that Carranza now dominates the situation and that Villa has been practically eliminated.

ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY.

At Production Next Monday Night of 'Mutt & Jeff.'

Through the courtesy of Manager Miller, of the Rex, the Rex Orchestra, directed by Frank A. Girard, will play at the Academy of Music next Monday night at the production of the season's opening show, "Mutt & Jeff." With a cast far above the average in a musical show and a host of pretty girls, together with handsome scenic settings and pretty costumes the two well known cartoon funmakers make their annual visit to Sumter, on next Monday night. Gus Hill, the producer, has spared no expense to make the present season's show eclipse any former season's production, and exchanges say that his efforts have not been in vain.—Adv't.

In the Police Court.

The following cases were disposed of by Recorder Lee Monday:

Arthur Major and Charles Kavanaugh, riding bicycle on sidewalk, each forfeited bond of \$2.00.
Stacey Berzley, 1011 Garden, stealing paint from the Boston Furnishing Company, \$70 or 30 days.

Music Houses!

Have high rents, insurance, taxes and office help to pay for.

Music Houses!

Have salesmen who work on a 20 and 25 per cent commission basis.

Music Houses!

Charge from \$90 to \$110 for selling expenses on every piano they sell.

Who Pays For This?

S. I. TILL, OF SUMTER, (HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS.) Sells Pianos direct from the factory to your home at factory prices on convenient terms.

S. I. TILL, OF SUMTER, (HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS.) Don't have the Music House expenses to pay

S. I. TILL, OF SUMTER, (HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS.) Sells Boston's leading Piano, it has been on the market 75 years.

S. I. TILL, OF SUMTER, (HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS.) Can get to you in 24 hours notice and sell you a piano or player-piano or trade with you and save you \$125.

S. I. TILL, OF SUMTER, (HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS.) Has sold more than 600 Pianos in this community—all customers satisfied.

WILL YOU?

Write today for Catalogues, Factory prices and terms.

Till, The Cut Price Piano Man
(HALLET & DAVIS PIANOS)
SUMTER, - SOUTH CAROLINA
Every Piano Sold on a Life Guarantee.

WAR MULES WANTED!



Our representative will be in Sumter next Friday and Saturday, September 17th and 18th to buy War Mules of the following specifications and sizes:

14 to 16 Hands High, 3 to 10 Years Old

Mules must be in good flesh, grays or white mules not wanted.

Miller Union Stock Yards
AT
Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co.