

**FIREBRANDS IN POWER.**

**MILITARIST LEADERS ARE NOW IN CONTROL IN GERMANY.**

They Demand That Germany Keep All That Has Been Won by the Sword—Demand Dismissal of Officials Suspected of Moderate Views.

The neutral press agrees that control of Germany is passing to the militarists or leaders who want to hold whatever Germany has gained by might and sword. Chancellor von Hertling is again reported ill and is said to be preparing to resign, while the militarists are demanding the dismissal of Foreign Secretary von Kuehman.

Berlin reports that Chancellor von Hertling's address in the main committee of the reichstag has been postponed. It was previously reported that the chancellor would answer the war aims speeches of President Wilson and Lloyd George on Wednesday.

No explanation is given by the Germans and Russians why peace negotiations have temporarily halted.

The winter idleness on the western and Italian fronts is unbroken by large operations.

**REGISTER YOUNG MEN.**

**Bill Introduced in Senate to Draft Men Who Have Become Twenty-one Since Last June.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—At the request of the war department today Chairman Chamberlain, of the senate military committee, introduced a bill for the registration of all men who have become twenty-one since June 6, 1917. Senator Chamberlain also introduced a bill providing for furnishing national army men for harvesting crops and other agricultural duty. Another bill would put the quota of States on the basis of available men in the first class instead of on population. Having determined on the registration of men who have become 21 since the registration, the war department has rejected any plan to raise the age limit above thirty-one years.

**SUSPECTED OF TREASON.**

**Former French Premier Arrested in Paris.**

Paris, Jan. 14.—Former Premier Joseph Caillaux, who has been under investigation by the authorities in connection with the German propaganda in France was placed under arrest this morning.

The arrest of M. Caillaux was announced in an official note which stated that Police Commissary Prioleto, with a warrant from Captain Bouchardon, the military investigator, arrived at M. Caillaux's apartment to arrest him. In the presence of Mme. Caillaux the commissary notified the former premier of the fact of the warrant.

M. Caillaux protested, adds the note, and then followed M. Prioleto, who invited him to take a seat in his automobile, in which also were detectives. M. Caillaux was taken to the law courts and later to Sante prison.

Caillaux's apartment was searched, but without results. Only the portfolio which Caillaux was carrying, was secured. The news of the arrest of Caillaux created a sensation. Unprecedentedly large issues of afternoon papers containing the announcement of the arrest were sold.

Mme. Caillaux said the arrest of her husband was inexplicable to her.

**LANSING FURNISHED EVIDENCE.**

**American Secret Service Had Proof of Caillaux Dealings With Germany.**

Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest yesterday of Former Premier Caillaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary of State Lansing, at Washington, saying that in 1915 Caillaux was in communication with the Berlin foreign office.

Lansing's cablegram stated that the American representative in Buenos Ayres had been able to establish that M. Caillaux, during his visit to Argentina, during 1915, communicated with Berlin through Count von Luxberg with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price.

**MORE POWER TO HOOVER.**

**Bills Introduced to Provide Authority to Enforce Food Regulations.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—Bills to amend the food law and empower the food administration to compel observance of wheatless and meatless days and other measures he may prescribe were introduced in the house and senate today.

**KENTUCKY FOR PROHIBITION.**

**Home of Good Liquor and Heavy Drinkers Against Boze.**

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 14.—Both houses of the Kentucky general assembly today ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the federal constitution.

**MORE BRITISH FIGHTERS.**

**NEARLY HALF MILLION SOLDIERS WILL BE RECRUITED SOON.**

Sir Auckland Geddes Tells House of Commons of Government's Manpower Proposals and Gives Details of Nation's Fighting Strength.

London, Jan. 14.—Nearly half a million men from Great Britain alone are to be recruited into the British army at the earliest date possible and it is probable that many more will be added to that number in the coming months. These will comprise the younger men, who up to the present have been exempt because of their employment in industries essential to the war services.

This announcement was made in the house of commons today by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, whose statement of the government's manpower proposals was replete with interesting details of Britain's strength in the struggle into which she means to throw her full resources.

The minister set forth the status and needs of the British fighting and munitioning forces and the measures the government is taking after agreement with most of the labor leaders for recruitment from the classes of skilled workers who were promised exemption when conscription was adopted.

The empire has enrolled 7,500,000 fighting and labor battalion forces during the war, according to the statement of the minister and now has more than 4,000,000 enrolled, but needs more men to hold its own against the enemy until the American strength is available.

He praised the spirit in which the labor leaders have met the government but regretted that the Amalgamated Society of Engineers had remained outside the conference, adding, however, that the invitation was still open to the members of this society. He paid warm tribute to the work of the women and declared that some of the young men among the million exempted workers apparently considered themselves a privileged class and threatened to hold up by strikes the building of airplanes and ships.

"If they do," he exclaimed, "they will meet such a blast of hatred it will surprise them."

Sir Auckland prefaced his remarks on the government's man power proposals by the declaration that nothing could be more misleading than the suggestion that the man power problem could be solved by a dramatic stroke. It was the central problem of the war.

"It means everything," he said, "ships, armies, munitions, food, light, heat and coal. At the moment the most anxious problem is not the supply of men for the army. But we have to take steps against the time when it will be—a time which I believe is not far distant."

**MUCH WHEAT FOR ALLIES.**

**Argentina Sells 3,500,000 Tons to England and France.**

Buenos Aires, Jan. 14.—The foreign minister today signed an agreement with the British and French ministers to sell 3,500,000 tons of wheat to the entente allies. Argentina is to open a credit at the bank of the nation in favor of the allies, which is to be liquidated in two years. This agreement is virtually a huge loan to the allies and is made in order to stabilize the rate of exchange.

**MONEY FOR MILITIA.**

**New Third Regiment of State Troops Need \$58,550.**

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Representatives of the various companies of the regiment of State troops just organized in South Carolina met here today and canvassed their organization plans and presented their estimates for appropriations to the ways and means committee of the house this afternoon. A total appropriation of \$58,550 was asked. Of this amount \$15,000 is wanted for maintenance, such as inspection expenses, rents, clerical hire, stationery, stamps, etc.; \$40,100 for uniforms, and \$13,450 for quartermaster equipment and tents enough for one battalion.

A committee, composed of F. L. Wilcox, J. Nelson Frierson and S. T. Lanham, reported that they had studied the law relative to State troops and had come to the conclusion that they were not a portion of the National Guard and will not be liable for service outside of South Carolina.

**Board of Education.**

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Gov. Manning tonight appointed J. N. Nathans of Charleston as a member of the State board of education, to succeed M. Rutledge Rivers of Charleston, resigned. Mr. Rivers has recently been elected corporation counsel of the city of Charleston.

**GERMAN SUSPECT ARRESTED.**

**BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLICE OF BOY-ED.**

Arrest Said to Have Been Made While Prisoner Was Attempting to Cause Explosion.

Norfolk, Jan. 14.—Under a heavy guard a man who gave his name as Walter Spoermer, suspected of having been an active figure in plots launched here by Captain Boy-Ed, the former German naval attaché, left here tonight for Baltimore, where, it was understood, he would be turned over to agents of the department of justice.

According to the story unofficially told here, the suspect who is about 35 and is thought to have been formerly a lieutenant in the German army, was arrested Saturday near Newport News while attempting to blow up a magazine at an unfinished army aviation camp. So far the only charge formally lodged against him is understood to be that of being a dangerous enemy alien. Documents and letters found on the man's person and in his rooms in Baltimore are said to have revealed his connection with Boy-Ed and with Former German Ambassador Bernstorff and incriminated in a spy plot persons in Washington, Baltimore and other cities. Details of documents are withheld, but it is understood that they will lead to a number of arrests within a few days.

Spoermer's activities are said to have first attracted attention of naval intelligence officers many weeks ago but his arrest was deferred until additional evidence could be gathered. Officers followed him, night and day, however, the quest leading through several cities and even to at least two army camps. Frequently, according to the story, the prisoner posed as an officer of the United States army.

Finally he visited the great army and navy base at Hampton Roads but before that a young naval agent posing as a friend of Germany, had made himself acquainted with Spoermer. The officer followed his man closely in Newport News and finally to the aviation field, four miles north of the city, where the arrest was made.

Documents found on the prisoner and in his rooms at Baltimore are alleged to show that Spoermer began his work in this country some time before the United States entered the war. In one letter from Boy-Ed there is said to have been reference to \$90,000 advanced Spoermer by the chief of the German spy system in the United States.

There are reports that it has been established that Spoermer came to the United States on the German submarine U-53, which visited Newport, R. I. more than a year ago and later sank a number of merchant ships off the coast. Officials, however, would not confirm this.

Spoermer was closely questioned by officers while confined in the jail here. An effort is said to have been made to connect him with the New Year's day fire here, which laid waste to nearly two city blocks, but apparently without success.

**BROTHER ALSO ARRESTED.**

Baltimore, Jan. 14.—Frederick Spoermer, brother of Walter Spoermer, arrested at Old Point Comfort in an alleged attempt to blow up the naval aviation magazine, was also arrested here late tonight by government officers and is held as an enemy alien. It was at first reported that Walter Spoermer had come to Baltimore in 1916 from New England, where he was supposed to have landed from the u-boat 53. The brother Frederick tonight told officers that they both came to Baltimore in 1910. It was shortly after this that Walter and he established relations with Bernstorff and Boy-Ed, according to the letters and other papers found in his possession.

Four months ago Walter Spoermer obtained employment as a time checker under a contractor at Camp Meade. It was not long before he was discovered to be an enemy alien. He was discharged and placed under surveillance.

During the visit of the u-boat Deutschland to this port Walter Spoermer became friendly with Capt. Paul Koenig, whom he is said to have known in Bremen.

The specific charge under which Frederick Spoermer was arrested is that of changing his residence without notice to the federal authorities. Other arrests of persons believed to have had relations with Walter Spoermer are expected.

Frederick Spoermer denies having had any connection with his brother's activity. They did not live together here.

**ENGLISH TOWN BOMBARDED.**

London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombarded last night. It is announced officially that twenty shells fell on the city, and three persons were killed and ten injured. The material damage was slight.

**SHIPYARD WORKERS WANTED.**

**SHIPPING BOARD PLANS VOLUNTEER RESERVE OF QUARTER OF MILLION WORKING MEN.**

Workmen Will be Recruited From Those Not Now in Government Work.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Creation of a volunteer reserve of 250,000 shipyard workers is planned by the shipping board. The men will be recruited with the assistance of State defense councils.

Workmen will be recruited from the ranks of those not now engaged in government work. Organization will be started immediately. The four-minute men of the committee on public information will assist in the recruiting by speaking in the theatres of the country.

Plans for forming the reserve were outlined tonight in a telegram sent by Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board to the chairman of all State defense councils. Recruiting will be left almost wholly to the defense councils and to employment agencies established recently by the department of labor in many parts of the country.

The men will be put into the yards as fast as their services can be used. Within five months at least 100,000 will have been put to work, Chairman Hurley said. By that time some housing system will have been arranged and many of the yards will be in position to put on double shifts. Later a three-shift arrangement is planned.

The four-minute speakers will give two weeks to the work, beginning January 20. By this time shipping board believes defense council chairmen will have had time to organize for receiving the volunteers.

"Start organizing at once," Mr. Hurley wired the chairmen. "Name captains for the plans where the highly skilled men we need can be spared. Appeal at once to the shipyard managers in your section to join together in agreement that there will be no more diverting of labor from one yard to another."

"Millions of Americans have been waiting merely to be told what service they can render. Trained men can render service no more vitally needed than the service of the nation in the ship yards. As a gauge of future needs there were approximately 50,000 men employed in shipyards six months ago, while today there are about 145,000.

A volunteer army of 250,000 men, held in reserve, each man ready to put his whole heart into the work when called, will give assurance that the future of the situation will be met.

"Every skilled workman who volunteers must feel that he has joined the military forces of America. A full day's work in the yards is equivalent to taking a German trench. Employers can be most helpful in facilitating the release of skilled workmen who desire to volunteer for the reserve. With a reserve of 250,000 we will be ready for every need."

**M'IVER SUCCEEDS SPAIN.**

**Associate Justice Hydrick and Judges Rice and Wilson Had No Opposition.**

Columbia, Jan. 15.—Election of judges occupied the greater part of the legislative program at the morning session yesterday. Edward McIver of Cheraw defeated Judge Thos. H. Spain in the Fourth Circuit. Associate Justice Hydrick was reelected to the supreme bench without opposition. Judges Hayne P. Rice of the Second Circuit and John S. Wilson of the Third Circuit were reelected with out opposition and Judge I. W. Bowman of the First Circuit was reelected over E. J. Dennis of Berkeley County, the vote being 81 to 43.

Successors to Judge Ernest Moore of the Sixth Circuit, Frank B. Gary of the Eighth Circuit and T. J. Mauldin of the Thirteenth Circuit are to be chosen when the balloting will be resumed at noon today. The election of an insurance commissioner, State warehouse commissioner, code commissioner, State librarian, trustees of State institutions and directors of the State penitentiary will follow.

Two ballots were necessary for a choice in the Fourth Circuit. On the first McIver received 56; Jennings K. Owens of Bennettsville 30; Spain 49; number necessary for a choice 68. On the second ballot McIver received 69; Owens 29; Spain 16; necessary for a choice 68.

Mr. McIver is the son of the late Chief Justice Henry McIver. He studied law at the University of Maryland and has practiced his profession in Cheraw 30 years. He is 57 years old and has presided as special judge in a number of courts.

Spartanburg, Jan. 15.—Three local cotton mills have been closed and others in upper South Carolina will discontinue operations, unless relief from the fuel shortage is promptly afforded, it was said here today.

**MAJOR GARDNER DEAD.**

**FORMER CONGRESSMAN DIES AT CAMP WHEELER.**

Condition of Massachusetts Officer Not Considered Critical Until Just Before Death.

Macon, Ga., Jan. 14.—Maj. Augustus P. Gardner of the One Hundred and Twenty-first (Second Georgia) Infantry, died in the base hospital at Camp Wheeler at 5.10 o'clock of pneumonia. He had been ill only a few days, and his condition was not considered critical until early today. Mrs. Gardner arrived from her home at Hamilton, Mass., during Sunday and spent most of the time since her arrival at the bedside of her husband. Mrs. Gardner suffered a breakdown at the base hospital when her husband failed longer to recognize her. Officers assisted her to her hotel. There the news of her husband's death was broken to her shortly after he expired. Mrs. Gardner is under the care of a physician.

A few weeks ago Major Gardner (then colonel) applied to the war department to be demoted so that he could see more actual service among the men. He asked for a majority in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Infantry and the request was granted.

Two weeks ago Major Gardner accompanied his battalion to the rifle range. He contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia and which caused his death. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, is expected to arrive here during the night. The body of Major Gardner will be sent home but probably not until the senator arrives. Senator Lodge is Mrs. Gardner's father.

While in congress Major Gardner was the first to raise his voice for preparedness. He was the first to declare that war was inevitable. He gave up his seat in congress to do what his friends say he believed to be a greater work for his government, offering his services in the army.

Though 52 years of age, but apparently in robust health Major Gardner was accepted and assigned to Camp Wheeler and commissioned as adjutant of the Thirty-first Division. Ever since he arrived here as colonel and later as major, the New Englander was extremely popular with the officers and men of Georgia, Florida and Alabama. He figured in few social functions, but attended several club and business luncheons at which he spoke of the war problem, urging the fullest support of the president in every detail.

Major Gardner is the second officer to die at the base hospital, the other being Major Weil of New York, who was head of the medical department of the hospital.

Mayor Glen Toole issued a proclamation tonight on the death of Major Gardner, ordering all flags of the city at half mast and requesting all business houses to lower their flags to half mast out of respect to him.

The body of Major Gardner will leave Macon Tuesday morning at 11.10 o'clock for Washington, D. C., where it will lie in state for several days the interment to take place in Arlington Cemetery. Besides Mrs. Gardner the body will be accompanied by Major Keenan, of the One Hundred and Sixth Sanitary Train, who will represent the Division as the military escort. Major Keenan is a close personal friend of the Gardner and Lodge families.

**BRITISH LOSSES FOR WEEK.**

**The Casualties Total 24,979 Officers and Men.**

London, Jan. 14.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 24,979 officers and men, divided as follows:

Killed or wounded: Officers, 117; men, 5,149.

Wounded or missing: Officers, 304; men, 19,408.

Casualties in the British army reported for the week ending today exceeded by almost 6,000 the total reported in the previous week when the figures took an upward jump, virtually doubling the casualties of the preceding week. A week ago the total was 18,998, including 561 officers and men killed, while the total for the preceding week was 9,951.

**ANOTHER LOAN TO SERBIA.**

**Total Credits to Allies Raised to \$4,238,300,000.**

Washington, Jan. 12.—Total credits to the allies were raised today to \$4,238,300,000 when Secretary McAdoo authorized a loan of \$2,000,000 to Serbia, making Serbia's total \$6,000,000.

**ROUMANIAN MINISTER ARRESTED.**

**Bolsheviki Seize Diplomat in Petrograd.**

London, Jan. 15.—The Roumanian minister at Petrograd and his staff have been arrested by the Bolsheviki. The Roumanian legation here announced today.

**SOUTH CAROLINA FINANCES.**

**STATE GETTING DEEPER IN DEBT EVERY YEAR, SAYS REPORT OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**

Urges Appropriations be Held Down Until Tax Burden is Equitably Distributed.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—That the fiscal system of South Carolina, expenditures being made every year before the taxes levied for them are collected, is rapidly running the State into debt, decreasing the apparent reserve or accumulations and increasing the amount necessary to be borrowed in order to meet the appropriations, are criticisms contained in the report of Carlton W. Sawyer, comptroller general, to the general assembly.

The report of Mr. Sawyer shows that of the \$2,716,922.76 in taxes levied in 1917, only \$566,615.63 was paid up to January 31 of last year. When all necessary payments are made said the report, an apparent balance of \$567,746.28 to meet the current expenses of 1918 will be on the books of the State treasurer. Of the amount of \$1,872,861.74 to be paid out, \$1,596,000 represents notes and interest and \$276,861.74 balances on appropriations for 1918. The actual cash in the treasury on December 31, 1917, amounted to \$580,915.15, said the report.

The comptroller general gives the estimated revenue from taxes in 1918 as \$319,637,972 and the estimate income from other sources as \$351,053, an estimated total of \$670,690,926. This income, said Mr. Sawyer, is based on an 8 1-2 mill levy. To raise the amount asked for by the various State departments and institutions this year—an aggregate of \$3,442,073.72—will require a levy of 9 3-4 mills.

"Appropriations should not be increased more than absolutely necessary until the system for the assessment of property has been so as to equalize the burden," said Mr. Sawyer.

**ARMY CAMP INVESTIGATION.**

**Death of Former Congressman Gardner Starts Another Flurry.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—As a direct result of the sentiment aroused in the house over the death from pneumonia of Former Representative Gardner, at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, Representative Gardner of Ohio, today introduced a resolution to direct the military committee to investigate camp conditions. Camp site selections, sufficiency of clothing, hospital facilities and treatment will be investigated under the resolution. The house adjourned in honor of Major Gardner.

**FAVOR ONE-MAN CONTROL.**

**Willard and Baruch Advocate a Munitions Administrator.**

Washington, Jan. 14.—One-man control of all war supplies in the United States was advocated today before the senate military committee by Daniel E. Willard, chairman of the war industries board, and Bernard M. Baruch, head of the board's raw material division.

Both favored creating what virtually would be a munitions administrator with full power, directly responsible and securing his authority from the president, but not a member of the cabinet, to control procurement and distribution of war supplies, including those for the army, the navy, shipbuilding and the allies. Neither Mr. Willard nor Mr. Baruch favored a separate department of munitions with a cabinet officer at its head, the plan proposed by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, and opposed by both President Wilson and Secretary Baker.

**BRITISH NOT SURPRISED.**

**Gen. Byng's Defeat at Cambrai in November Not Due to Surprise.**

London, Jan. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor exchequer, announced in the house of commons today that as the result of Field Marshal Haig's inquiry, the general staff, the war cabinet and the government considered that the British higher army command was not surprised by the attack in the Cambrai region on November 30th, and that all proper and adequate dispositions had been made to meet it.

**CHARGED WITH SLANDER.**

**Congressman Carey Wants to Investigate Anti-Saloon League.**

Washington, Jan. 15.—A congressional charges against the character of American troops abroad alleged to have been circulated by Anti-Saloon League was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Carey.