

## LAND DEFENSE HOLDS WILSON'S ATTENTION

### Senator Chamberlain Would Have Universal Training Instituted at Once.

## U-BOATS LESS ACTIVE

### Lack of Criticism From Berlin May Influence the Address.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Land defense problems and propositions held the President's first attention today in his consideration of methods of preparing the nation for the existing state of war, formal announcement of which is expected next Tuesday. Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee, called at the White House this afternoon to tell the President that he should embody in his address to the extraordinary session a recommendation that universal military training be instituted.

Chamberlain explained the conference was held "partly at the instance of the President and partly at his own." Before Senator Chamberlain's conference, Secretary of the Army Baker went to the White House to lay before the President details of all his department has done in the land defense work.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—President Wilson is withholding his opinion upon some of the vital details of his war message to Congress pending the developments of the next few days. The German Imperial Chancellor, according to reports, is expected to deliver a speech in the Reichstag today which may give an outline of Germany's future course both as to continuance of the war and the possibility of her making peace.

At the same time, the effectiveness of the efforts to overcome the submarine menace as shown by an armed merchantman having reached Europe in safety, is thought to have created a strong impression on Germany. It is pointed out that, so far, there is a total absence of the usual Teuton bombast other than the statement that the "American liner escaped only by accident."

Throughout the last few days the lack of Berlin criticism and positiveness against the United States has been commented upon by officials here. This may result in nothing, or it may yield an important influence in determining certain features of the President's address to Congress.

Some believe that, with the great preparedness movement now under full swing, the President may, while presenting a bold front, still hold out an appeal to the nations to talk reason before steps are taken which may force the United States into the great struggle.

The preponderance of opinion, however, is that the President is through with exercising patience towards Germany, is convinced that a state of war exists and will so declare to Congress asking that every means be taken to bring the great war to a speedy and successful end.

## Annapolis Graduates Hear Daniels.

By United Press  
ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 29.—Declaring the Navy is the first and chief arm of defense to safeguard the nation, Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, today delivered an inspiring address to the 180 midshipmen who were graduated from the Naval Academy two months ahead of the usual time. Taking Admiral Dewey as a type, the Secretary urged the graduating class to take the hero of Manila Bay as an example toward which all graduates of the Naval Academy should turn their faces. The Secretary brought greetings from President Wilson as commander-in-chief of the navy. The 180 men who were given diplomas will go to sea within a few days, owing to the gravity of the national situation.

## Peace Terms Not to Affect U. S. Policy

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—If German Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg should present new peace terms in his speech to the Reichstag today, they will not change the policy of the United States government. In fact, the State Department let it be known this afternoon that it stands on the previous assertion that Germany must

## THE CALENDAR

March 29.—A pianoforte recital by Miss Hallie Copeland, at Stephens College Auditorium, at 8:15 o'clock.  
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March 31.—Vaudeville matinee by Twelfth Night Club of Christian College in college auditorium at 2:30 o'clock.  
April 2.—"The Silver Box," a play under the auspices of the University Dramatic Club at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.  
April 13.—Jefferson Day Banquet at Virginia Grill; Governor Frederick D. Gardner to speak.  
April 17 to 20.—Baby Conference, Parker Memorial Hospital, 10 and 12, 1 and 3 o'clock, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 10 and 12 o'clock, Friday.  
May 4.—Twelfth Annual Farmers' Fair.  
May 5.—Fourteenth Annual High School Day.  
May 7.—Journalism Week begins.  
May 11.—Made-in-Japan Banquet at Rothwell Gymnasium.

withdraw without any restrictions her unlimited submarine warfare policy before there can be any dealings between the two countries.

## More Submarine Chasers Ordered.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Orders to two private shipyards for the construction of additional submarine chasers were issued by the Navy Department today. No facts as to prices or the number ordered were given out. The immediate construction of an additional ship at the New York navy yards suitable for building battleships has been authorized. The Navy Department announced today.

## PATRIOTIC ETIQUETTE LACKING

### Columbians in Displaying National Colors do Not Abide by Form.

Probably more flags are being displayed in Columbia now than ever before, except on holidays or convention occasions. But a strict etiquette governs the display of the national colors which many Columbians in their efforts for conspicuous patriotism have overlooked.

County courthouse flies night and day. For instance, the flag on the Boone. The only way it can be taken down is to have it cut from the rope which holds it. Even the flag which flies over the West Campus, under the care of the Military School of the University, is now and then allowed to flutter to the night breezes.

Raise the flag at sunrise or after, never before.  
Lower the flag at sunset.  
When draping the flag against the side of a room or building the blue field should always be toward the north or east.

Good taste requires that bunting be draped or hung with the red at the top, followed by the white and the blue in accordance with the heraldic colors of the flag. It is a mark of disrespect to allow the flag to fly throughout the night. A flag flown upside down is a signal of distress.

## "SPELERS" TO HAVE SCHOOLS

### Side-Show Ballahouers at Farmers' Fair Will Be Trained.

A "spellers" school is another new feature of the Farmers' Fair May 4. Fred C. Old will be the instructor. Mr. Old said the students will begin in the kindergarten stage and go through all phases of training of a "speller" from selling peanuts on the street to the faker crying "James Morris, the elastic skin man and Harry Maxie, the needle eater." The "spellers" will practice three times a week until the day of the Fair. By this method it is hoped to improve the quality of the ballahouing for the side-shows, which in turn will improve the Fair.

## CLUB REHEARSAL BY LAMPLIGHT

### Lights Went Out on Final Preparation for Vaudeville Show.

A rehearsal by lamp and candle light was the experience of a few of the vaudeville acts to be given tonight by the Twelfth Night Club at Christian College. A final rehearsal of all the acts began at eight o'clock last night but putting on the finishing touches took so much time that when the last few acts were to have their turn, the lights were turned off in accordance with the ten-o'clock rule of the college.

## Rolla Pastor to Preach Here Tonight.

The Lenten services at the Calvary Episcopal Church tonight will be conducted by the Rev. H. N. Tragitt of Rolla. There will be an evening prayer and sermon, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. Litany services will be held in the basement chapel at 4:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

## Stephens Recital Tonight.

Miss Holcyon Frances Copeland, a student of Basil Gauntlett, will give a pianoforte recital in the Stephens College Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock tonight. Her program will consist of selections by Schumann, Liszt, Bach, Debussy, Saint-Saens and Cyril Scott.

## STATE FOOD SUPPLY MAY BE MOBILIZED

### Board of Agriculture Sends List of Questions to Its Crop Reporters.

## PREPARING FOR WAR

### Call to Arms Would Require Productive Efficiency, Says W. L. Nelson.

The mobilization of the present food supply in Missouri is the aim of W. L. Nelson, assistant secretary of the State Board of Agriculture. Questions were sent out last week to the crop reporters to obtain an estimate of the probable food supply on Missouri farms and to find what preparation is being made to meet the great demand in case of war.

According to Mr. Nelson, the food supply is below normal, and the demand will be heavier than usual. With a call of one million men, of which many will come from the fields, the work of producing will be hindered, and added responsibility will fall on those who remain.

The questions sent out by the state board ask about the food supply, including the amount of wheat, corn, oats, hay and the amount of livestock on feed at this time, the acreage of oats and the probable acreage of corn, and requests a comparison between the amount of potatoes planted, the size of gardens and the number of chickens this year and last.

"A call to arms at this time is likewise a call to greater efficiency in farming," declares Mr. Nelson. "The demand will be for a man who knows how to plow a straight furrow as well as for a man who can shoot straight; we need them both. Preparedness in this movement is as necessary as in any other."

"Missouri is in a strategic position, being centrally located, is well known as a livestock state, produces all the staple crops of the temperate zone, including cotton, and has good shipping centers and outlets by railroads and waterways."

"The Missouri farmer occupies a position second to none as a producer." The list of questions is believed to be an initial step in a national movement to find the present condition of the food supply. Other states are expected to follow.

## MRS. E. J. ST. CLAIR, 89, DIES

### Funeral Services Will Be Held at Son's Home Tomorrow.

Mrs. E. J. St. Clair, 89 years old, died at the home of her son, the Rev. W. S. St. Clair, at 11:25 o'clock last night. The funeral services will be held at the St. Clair home, 612 Dyrast avenue by the Rev. A. B. Coffman, pastor of the Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Madison A. Hart of the Christian Church, at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mrs. St. Clair was one of thirteen children. A brother, Van Mendel, employed in the Government printing offices at Washington and a sister, Mrs. Ellen Wagoner of Los Angeles, Cal., survive her. Mrs. St. Clair is survived by one son, the Rev. W. S. St. Clair. The Rev. St. Clair's daughter, Mrs. B. R. Tate and daughter of Des Moines, Ia., have come to Columbia for the funeral.

Mrs. St. Clair was born in Brook County, W. Va., and made her home in Wellsburg, W. Va., until 1887 when she moved to Colorado with her son. She moved to Columbia in 1893 and made her home with her son, F. P. St. Clair at Christian College. When this son died she lived with the Rev. W. S. St. Clair.

## Bowling Green to Elect Postmaster.

Something new in the way of appointing a postmaster is told by J. G. Doby of Bowling Green, who was in Columbia recently attending to some property. Because of the death of the postmaster, the postoffice of Bowling Green is without a head. Speaker Champ Clark was asked to recommend a man, but he refused. So the townspeople and those on the rural routes will vote today to elect a postmaster.

## Asks That H. S. Teams Be Met.

As most of the high school basketball teams which will compete for the state championship will arrive today, the alumni of these schools should co-operate with them by meeting the trains and entertaining the players, according to Fred Williams, chairman of the committee handling the tournament.

## ANSWERS ARGUMENTS AGAINST LIBRARY TAX

### Councilman Walker Says the Measure Is Not Necessarily Permanent.

## PEOPLE HAVE CHOICE

### Majority Vote at the Spring Election Will Be the Deciding Factor.

The Commercial Club held its weekly luncheon with the ladies of the Broadway Methodist Church at the church this noon, but because of the confusion resulting from the large attendance, no speeches on the library question were delivered. It was decided, however, to ask the newspapers to print the speech of Councilman Lee Walker answering the argument that a tax of 10 cents on the \$100 valuation would be a permanent tax no matter how large Columbia grew. Mr. Walker's argument follows:

Opponents of the library proposition continue to assert that a tax of 10 cents on the hundred dollars will be a permanent tax no matter how large Columbia grows and that it cannot be reduced in the future. I have been asked to show the falsity of this argument.

On April 3 we shall vote "for a one mill tax for a free public library" or "against a one mill tax for a free public library." This is the form of the ballot as will be seen in the Mayor's notice of election. It is also the form required by statute. The statute says nothing, however, as to the amount which shall be voted except that it shall not exceed two mills. The amount has been fixed by petition at one mill which is equivalent to ten cents on the hundred dollars' valuations.

A majority vote will carry the election.

## Mayor to Appoint Directors.

If a majority of the vote is for the mill tax the law requires the Mayor to appoint a board of nine directors for the library, citizens of Columbia, and no city official can be a member.

Three of these directors will hold office for one year, three for two years, and three for three years, the terms to be decided by lot. Every year thereafter three directors will retire and three successors will be appointed.

No director shall receive compensation and no person shall be employed by the board of directors who is related to any member either by blood or marriage.

The powers of the directors as provided by statute are very broad. They have the exclusive control of expenditure of all money collected to the credit of the library fund and of the construction of a library building and the supervision and care of the grounds and rooms or buildings used for library purposes. They have the power to appoint a librarian and assistants and fix their compensation, and power to remove such appointees. Further the statute provides "said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of said library."

All money received for the library is required to be deposited in the city treasury to the credit of the library fund to be kept separate from all other money of the city and drawn upon by the city officers upon vouchers of the library board.

The statute provides that every library and reading room established under the law shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city.

The library board is required to make a full report to the City Council each year.

## Board Has Full Power.

It will be seen that the entire charge of the library is given over to the library board of directors to be appointed by the mayor and that no person not a member of such board will have any control over the selection of a site or the determination of what kind of a library we shall have.

Now coming to the question of the tax and insistent argument that it will always be 10 cents on the \$100. I simply point out that the statute reads "Such a tax shall cease in case the legal voters shall so determine by a majority vote at any annual election." This is clear enough. It at any time the people of Columbia want to abolish their library tax they can do so.

Now assume that the library board of directors wish to apply to the Car-

## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Friday; moderate temperature.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Friday; moderate temperature.

## Weather Conditions.

A storm of considerable force has traveled from the Upper Lakes northeast by way of the St. Lawrence Valley since yesterday morning. At 7 a. m. this morning it was central near Montreal, attended by snow and a wind velocity of 68 miles an hour.

The weather still is rather cool for the season in the southeastern part of the United States but in other sections temperatures approximate the seasonal average.

Precipitation of the past twenty-four hours was confined to the North Pacific Coast; and along the Canadian border from Winnipeg east to the Atlantic. In Columbia mild weather will likely continue the remainder of this week.

## Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 69 and the lowest last night was 39; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 47 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 63 and the lowest 33; precipitation 0.00 inch.

## The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 5:58 a. m. Sun sets, 6:29 p. m.

Moon sets 12:50 a. m.

## The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	41	11 a. m.	52
8 a. m.	43	12 m.	54
9 a. m.	45	1 p. m.	55
10 a. m.	48	2 p. m.	60

## TURKS IN PALESTINE DEFEATED BY ALLIES

### An Egyptian Expeditionary Force Takes 900 Prisoners Near Jerusalem.

## LOSSES ARE HEAVY

### Japanese Warship Reported Sunk by U-Boat in the Southern Pacific.

By United Press  
LONDON, March 29.—The defeat of a Turkish force of 20,000 men south of Gaza, a city of Palestine about forty-eight miles southwest of Jerusalem, by the Egyptian expeditionary force was reported late today. Heavy casualties are reported to have been inflicted on the enemy. Nine hundred prisoners were taken.

## Japanese Warship Sunk in Pacific

By United Press  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Canada, March 29.—The sinking of a Japanese warship in the Southeast Pacific Ocean by a German submarine was reported today by the Canadian News, a Japanese newspaper published here. The paper declared the report was based on a cable from Tokio. No confirmation of the report was obtainable here.

## British and French Repulsed in West.

By United Press  
BERLIN, March 29.—The repulse of all British and French attacks on the western front was announced today. Four enemy aeroplanes were shot down by German forces, according to a statement from the war office.

## Says English Casualties Terrible.

By United Press  
LONDON, March 29.—Appealing for more men to man the firing line, Chancellor of the Exchequer Bonar Law today declared the "prospective fighting casualties will be terrible." Casualties so far this year have been less than expected, he said.

The chancellor reintroduced the re-examination bill providing for another medical examination of all Englishmen of military age hitherto exempted by the examining physicians.

## Martial Law Instituted in Spain.

By United Press  
LONDON, March 29.—The Spanish cabinet today suspended all constitutional guarantees, according to wireless advices received here today. The act means the institution of martial law.

## COLUMBIANS DO NOT ENLIST

### Captain E. E. Major Says Gravity of Crisis Is Not Realized Here.

That the people of Columbia do not realize the gravity of the impending war and are showing little desire to stand behind their country in its crisis is the belief of Captain E. E. Major of Company F, Fourth Regiment, National Guard of Missouri. Captain Major bases his assertion on the fact that, since he received orders from Adjutant-General A. B. Donnelly to recruit his company to full war strength of 150 men, not a single application for enlistment has been made.

The roster of the company now is 71 men. Some of these are out of the state. Many of the men who had been students in the University left for their homes when they found they had returned from the border too late to enter for the second semester.

Members of the company now in Columbia will be inspected at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow night by Major James E. Reiger of Kirksville, who is now in command of the battalion to which Company F belongs.

## Suffrage Bill to Re-appear.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, March 29.—Miss Jeannette Rankin, the "lady from Montana" will re-introduce into the House the Susan B. Anthony Bill calling for equal suffrage for women as her first legislative act after being sworn in as a representative from Montana.

## Vote for English Women Seems Sure.

By United Press  
LONDON, March 29.—English women apparently have won the vote, not through militant methods but through demonstrating in war service at home that they are fitted for it. It was considered a foregone conclusion today that the Electoral Reform Bill will be enacted in its present form as to provide the franchise for women.

## Hallsville Couple Are Married.

George L. Davis, of Hallsville, and Miss Jennie J. Hall of Hallsville, were married in Columbia yesterday.

## V. D. Wolfe Gets Marriage License.

A marriage license was granted to Virgil Dewey Wolfe, 18 years old, late this afternoon to marry Miss Exie White, 18 years old, after Wolfe's father said that he was willing that his son should wed. The couple live on Columbia rural route No. 5.

## Sixth-Grade Pupils Visit Coal Mine.

The sixth-grade pupils of the Elementary School visited the Jenkin coal mines near Columbia this afternoon. They have been studying the production of coal, and this trip was made to show them the actual workings in a coal mine.

## Junk Dealer Is Fined \$5 and Costs.

J. C. Nelson was fined \$5 and costs by Judge M. L. Edwards in police court this morning for dealing in junk without a license.