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### DRIVE ON RUSSIA UNOPPOSED

Advance Expected to Con- APPROPRIATIONS FOR tinue Until Receipt of Message of Surrender

#### FRENCH CARRY OUT BRILLIANT ATTACK

Biggest Western Front Operation in 1918 — American Gunfire Break Up German Raiding Party

Southern border of Volhynia, the German advance into Russia is progress-The main objectives are said to Reval. on the coast of Esthonia; skoff, between Dvinsk and Petromad, and the important centers of Winsk and Vitebsk.

Hapsal and Werder, in Esthonia, mutheast of Reval, has been occupied. have been captured by the Teutons. | Waterway Tas a complete surprise to the civil- bor, \$2,500 all for maintenance. an and military population. The Germans met with hardly any resistance nd took artillery and much ammuni-

The German advance will probably ontinue until an authenticated copy the message of surrender is receivfrom the Bolshevik government in etrograd. This is now on its way breign Minister von Kuehlmann told e German Reichstag that he believthe new war would bring peace in he East. The treaty with the Uknine was made for the purpose of forcing the Bolsheviki to accept the German terms. Germany, he decla: fia-Hungary will not aid Germany in Swalm were present ond spoke. er renewal of the war on Russia.

918, was carried out north of Bures, crowds. eir heralded drive. It lies north- lishmen most admire."

German airmen are reported to disappointed. control the air over the American secered the American airmen are active and one has attacked an enemy teach with machine gun fire.

Entente airmen continue to be busy air fighting and bombing expedions. French and British fliers have rought down 20 German machines and British airmen have carried out alds into Germany. On the Italian ont, Italian and British airmen have ombed enemy airdromes and other

steamers and one fishing vessel. ment of traffic.

### NVESTIGATING CASE

who is charged with treason, shipped to Germany from the district. filled.

# EASTERN CAROLINA

Among the Items is \$30,000 for the Cape Fear at Wilmington

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, Feb. 21,-The rivers and harbors bill reported to the House by the committee contains approvement and \$12,000 for the maintenance of Cape Fear river above Wilmington, and \$\$30,000 for the maintenance of Cape Fear river and below Wilmington. -

The other North Carolina waterways' appropriations are as follows: Inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, continued improvement \$500,000; Pamlico and Tar Rivers the invaders also are nearing Pskoff, \$9,000: Neuse River \$9,000, Content sobilev and Minsk. The important nea Creek \$1,200, Beaufort Harbor allway junction of Molodechno, 50 \$4,000; Waterway connection Core miles northwest of Minsk, is reported Sound and Beaufort Harbor \$2,000; The occupation of Dvinsk, on Monday, Swanboro \$4,500; Morehead City Har-

Twelve Hundred American Soldiers Entertained at a Theatrical Performance

wanted a peace with Russia that hundred American soldiers, mostly corresponded to German interests, survivors of the steamship Tuscania, in announcing that the German inva- were the guests of the city of South- positions and paid the existing rate it. sion of Esthonia was in answer to ap- ampton today at a theatrical enter- of wages for that work, the agree- Bolshevik leaders held repeated con Board, to urge that Wilmington be peals for help, Dr. von Seydler, the tainment, at which Mayor Peace and ment provides. These promoted ap- ferences throughout Tuesday, and lat- recognized as an important point for

French troops have gone through the erican camp. They marched through period. erman first line on a lengthy front the streets of the ancient town head-This attack, the first of large decorated with British and American class of mechanics when necessary. The Pravada says the Soldier's and assemble skilled shipyard workers at oportions on the Western front in flags and were lined by cheering They are to receive mechanics wages Workmens' delegates have again Wilmington and comply with other

id east of Moncel, virtually on the Mayor Peace, in a speech of welranco-German border south of Cha-come, said the British formerly pe-ment provides that the ratio of pro-Complete details of the successful now looked upon them as brothers. He cent. of the number of mechanics not, the Bolsheviki have won a moral and the construction of vessels for ort are lacking. There have been referred to the Americans of Lincoln's in any trade in a single shop. The many raiding enterprises by both time as freeing the slaves and said promotions for these classes are to ides in this section of Lorraine re- America was now freeing the world.

tently and this front has been looked "Your one idea is to win the war," one where the Germans might make vades your great country that we Eng. of the war.

ast of Luneville and east-northeast of The mayor then referred to Presancy. A German attack at Four de ident Wilson and was loudly cheered. Paris, in the Argone, has been repuls- He said that no man had done more with heavy losses by the French. than the President to acquaint the the British front in France, there world with the just aims of the Alhas been no increase in the raiding lies and no man had performed greater service to-civilization in this cru-American troops in their sector cial period. In conclusion the mayor orthwest of Toul have checked an- said the civilized world expected her German attempted raid, the en- much of America and he was confibeing driven back by artillery dent the civilided world would not be

### few over the entire position repeatedly. Although apparently outnum-

Bolshevik Authorities Are Arming German Prisoners to Guard Railway

German mines or submarines in the 16.—German goods already have re-York Central, Pennsylvania or Balti-dition of railroad travel. Mest week destroyed 15 British mer- appeared far east of Irkutsk, accord- more and Ohio, should be used for fast antmen including 12 of more than ing to information received here. Ger passenger trains between New York tons. This is a decrease of one man merchants are active in Harbin and Chicago. It is understood the New the large tonnage and three in the and the Bolsheviki are arming releas- York Central is being considered most Onnage from the previous ed German prisoners to guard the Si- favorably because of heavy freight on ek. Italian losses are reported as berian railway and facilitate the move- the other two lines.

Tranean on February 1 with the loss Krasgoyarsy, says that the Bolsheviki a view of removing certain through have seized the gold mines there and trains from New York and Washingthat Austro-German prisoners are ton to Jacksonville and other Southworking them. The Austro-Germans ern winter resorts. have plenty of money and are pur- By this means, the railroad admin-AGAINST CAILLAUX chasing permits allowing them to cir- istration hopes to save many millions culate freely in Siberia. The Ger- of dollars without inconveniencing mans are taking charge of electric passenger traffic. In many cases, of-Paris, Feb. 21.—The investigation power stations, railways and depots. ficials point out, the fast trains run-

to continued today with the examintion of several witnesses by Captain lies take immediate steps to send sup-Muchardon of the Paris military plies and raw materials into Siberia Among the witnesses was the intellectual and peasant classes troops carried out a successful raid harles Bertelli, a newspaper corre- will throw themselves into the hands early this morning, east of Polygon will throw themselves into the hands early this morning, east of Polygon will throw themselves into the hands early this morning, east of Polygon of the Germans. Goods are being sold wood, Flanders front, and captured a of the Germans. Goods are being sold wood, word, few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prisoners, says today's war office at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war prices at pre-war prices by the Germans who few prices at pre-war winst Senator Charles Humbert, are also securing contracts and constatement. "The enemy's artillery statement was active yesterday evening and ho, likewise, is accused of treason, cessions as well as carrying on prop- was active yesterday evening and was accused of treason, cessions as well as carrying on prop- was active yesterday evening and aganda vork

# RAILROAD SHOPS

Order to Rush Repair Work on Locomotives

#### OPEN SHOP WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED

An Understanding Has Been Ease With Which Fortress Its Designation as Port of Em-Reached Which Will Materially Speed Up Work in Railroad Shops

Washington, Feb. 21.--To hasten repair work on locomotives and rail of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Delway rolling stock, an agreement in egates to accept the German peace volving lengthening of working hours, only one vote, after a heated debate Washington for home last night well From the Gulf of Finland to the propriations of \$40,000 for the im- promotion of apprentices and help- latsing throughout Monday night, satisfied with their trip, after spenders and maintenance of open shop Great secrecy was observed in re- ing three days here in an effort to conditions has been reached between gard to the meeting, which was ad- boost the port and city of Wilming- by the Federal grand jury of eleven Director General McAdoo and A. O. journed several times to permit the ton. Wharton, president of the Railway Bolsheviki and the Social Revolution-Employees Department of the Ameri- ists to hold party caucuses. There taining the consent of the War Decan Federation of Labor. The agree- were divisions in both parties on the partment to extend the Wilmington, ment affects more than 300,000 work- subject.

> working one shift which totals less der-in-chief and many other leaders of an important army post there. in working hours will be made prop- explained the impossibility of offering at Littell, Chief of Cantonment Con-

tion officials and union leaders. ination on the ground of union con- north to the south. ditions in these words:

ability to perform the work."

years may be promoted to mechanics finally, four hours later, acknowledged tion with Chairman Hurley and other ment receipts so as to conceal thefts numbers of American airplanes with Austrian Premier, declared that Austrian other officials and American Consul prentices are to be given the right of er in the afternoon received the Ger-building ships for the government. practical experience on work of their man reply, refusing to accept the Congressman Godwin and the Wil-The soldiers were brought to South- trades to which they had not been wireless message as official and remington business men considered by the methods in which the cloth whelming numbers. In a brilliant attack in Lorraine, ampton on special trains from an Am- advanced during the three year questing that a delegation be sent to these talks with Chairman Hurley is cut. From material which the gov-

Helpers with five or more years be made on the understanding that they are necessitated by the War Em-

## COMPETITION CUT OU

Larger Cities and to the South Affected

ger train competition between New improbable. York and Chicago, Chicago and St. Louis, Washington and Southern points and other important passenger terminals, will be eliminated soon, the railroad administration announced today. Certain roads will be selected

C. H. Markham, regional director e French steamer La Dives of 1,— A British mining engineer, named for the South, is investigating passentons was submarined in the Med-Piper, who has arrived here from ger conditions in that territory with

the case of former Premier Cail- Quantities of raw materials are being ning in competition are only partially

A Successful Raid. London, Feb. 21.-New Zealand lagainst our nositions at Elegquieres"

Agreement Reached in Decision Came After an All Hurley Gives Wilmington Night Session of Bolsheviki Leaders

#### WAS INFLUENCED BY CAPTURE OF DVINSK

Fell Into German Hands Caused Adoption of Germany's Terms

Petrograd, Feb. 20.-The decision terms was received by a majority of

Trotzky, Ensign Kdylenko comman-order to bring about the development than 70 hours per week, an increase addressed the council. Military men They held conferences with Gener-

ments will be made to quit work at ed the delegates to decide for peace. lishment of a big concentration camp kowitz; Barnet Tietz of B. Tiez and ages to come over and take pictures 4 p. m., one day of each week. Local Before the capture of Dvinsk Pre at Fort Caswell for the army. provisions on working hours will be mier Lenine said he was opposed to determined by railroad executives in peace, but finally urged that peace panied and assisted in all their con- vine, of Pursch and Levine; Barney calmly sail home without interrup conference with railroad administra- must be obtained at any price in ferences by Congressman Godwin and Robinson and Morris Alewitz, ship- tion. Nearly always he is at an all order to insure the re-construction The agreement provides for main- Russia. He said the Germans were tenance of open shop and non-discrim, advancing on a solid front from the

The announcement of Russia's de "Mechanics applying for employ- cision to accept the German terms thereby establishing a concentration accused of having received and re- force. It is not permitted to di ment will not be denied such employ- was sent by wireless at 5 o'clock Tuesment for any cause other than in-day morning. At first the German ability to perform the work. wireless station showed a disposition Apprentices who have served three to refuse to take the message, but

and have an opportunity to learn all shown willingness to make peace and conditions desired by the board, the branches of the trade. The agree-carry out their pledges and that government will award contracts for some garded the Americans as cousins, but moted helpers shal lnot evceed 20 per whether Germany accepts the offer or the establishment of shipyards there sheviki have brought the affair to an | Chairman Hurley made it quite ignominious end and have proved plain to them that the government is themselves adventurers and are will-not building ships or establishing won by French military leaders as he added. "It is the spirit that per- ergency and are to cease at the close ing to keep themselves in power at yards for itself. Neither is it award-

The Bolsheviki say this is a new necessary to do the job. war, not the old war, and that they The opportunities offered by Wi will present a united front against the mington as a port for the shipment of Through Fast Trains Between Germans, They believe the prole soldiers and supplies to France to re- 600 Americans, resident in the Unit- light obsrvation tours have been foltariat of Russia will be able to con- lieve the congestion at the Northern ed Kingdom, are subject to the draft lowed the same night by visits by

man plans is divided. Some of the by the Wilmington men, who urged papers believe Petrograd will be at that Wilmington be given its share of Washingtn, Feb. 21.-Fast passen tacked, but others regard this as the traffic diverted to the Southern

#### LUTHERAN MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 21.—Dr. E. C. for fast passenger trains and other Cronk, secretary of the Laymens and M. J. Corbell. lines devoted more extensively to Missionary Movement of the United Lutheran Synod of the South, which Investigation has been made by A. was to have been held in Salisbury, H. Smith, regional director for the N C., in April, has been called off. Harbin, Manchuria, Saturday, Feb. East, to determine whether the New The decision is due to congested con-

GERMANS MAKE RICH CAP-

Berlin, Feb. 21.-Via London-The Russian town of Rovno has been cleared of the Russians, the war office reports. Trains with about 1,000 cars, many laden with food, have been captured, as well as airplanes and an incalculable amount of war material.

Between Dvinsk and Pinsk the Germans are pressing eastward. General von Linsingen's movement continues. Important railway and highway junctions have been occupied.

The Germans have passed through Wenden, 55 miles northeast of Riga, and are now before Wolmar, 70 miles northeast of Riga. .

War office announces that 1,-353 guns and between 4,000 and 5,000 motor cars have been captured from the Russians.

### SKILLED WORKMEN MUST BE SECURED

Men Assurance of Due Consideration

#### FORT CASWELL MAY BECOME IMPORTANT

barkment Not Unlikely. Delegation Pleased With Trip

(By Geo. Manning).

Washington, Feb. 21.-The delega tion of Wilmington business men left

While here they succeeded in ob-Brunswick and Southport railroad Premier Lenine, Foreign Minister from Southport to Fort Caswell in

ably on a seven day basis In certain effective resistance, but no decision struction for the War Department, shops where congestion is most seri- was reached until messages had been who promised to undertake the rail ous men may be required to work 16 received showing that the Germans road's extension at once and complete or even 11 hours with overtime pay had captured Dvinsk with ease and it within 90 days. They also talked more in losses. on the present basis pending consi- were advancing all along the front. with General Goethals, the acting deration by the railroad wage com- This news reached the council Quartermaster General, and Adjutant Hyman Horwitz, and his son Benja, when they get a chance. But the mission. In certain shops arrange early Tuesday morning and influenc- General McCain and urged the estab- min in business as Horwitz and Mus-

Senators Simmons and Overman.

barked for France.

officials of the United States Shipping of the cloth.

Dvinsk to confer with regard to peace. very satisfactory. Assurance was ob- ernment estimated would provide a

ing contracts for construction of ships Bolshevik leaders declare that if to any one just because they have a the German advance continues they notion they can build them. The will defend Petrograd with the Red shipping board, he said is awarding Guard and harrass the German ad-contracts to individuals to build ships vance by guerilla warfare. No plans only after the board is thoroughly sathad been made for evacuation of the isfled that those applying for the contracts have the experience and men

ports was explained to the officials of Newspaper opinion as to the Ger-the office of the director of railways

> In the party of boosters who made the trip to Washington were Colonel Walker Taylor, H. C. McQueen, J. A. BRITSH WITHIN FOUR Wright, Herbert Smith, Thomas C. Orrell, C. C. Chadbourn, M. W. Devine

#### MAY USE SUBSTITUTES ANY WAY THEY WISH

Washington, Feb. 21.-Housewives may use wheat flour substitutes in any manner they wish, the Food Administration pointed out today in a statement declaring that some vance of 3 1-2 miles on a front

every pound of wheat flour, but the teen mile front, east of Jerusalem at the Congress of National Service housewife is free to use the substi- were very slight. Yesterday's losses today, Elihu Root, honorary president tutes in any way she chooses. The have not been reported. Food Administration, however, has re- The British also advanced North- that the public should be careful not bread in their homes containing 20 depth of one mile on a front of four the, intense concentration necessary per cent. or more of wheat flour sub- miles. stitutes.

Italian Shipping Losses. alities and departures were 330.

# AIR ABOVE AMERICANS

### CHARGES OF FRAUD IN ARMY CLOTH DEALS

Alleged That the Government Has Suffered to Extent of \$5,000,000

New York, Feb. 21.-An alleged country-wide plot involving illegal profiteering in army cloths at the ex pense of the government, were dis closed here today with the indictment men one a clerk in the quartermast er's department of the army on charges of raud.

Investigations which will extend to it. The control is obvious. other cities Federal authorities be- ican lines almost at will. Every time sluffered to the extent of \$5,000- the Germnas come over their path lieve will show the government has the sky is specked by fleecy shrap 000 but at the same time it was stat- nel puffs, but the chances of hitting ed the indictments today would serve an airplane with anti-aircraft shells to terminate further conspiring and is so remote that the enemy aviators terminate further conspiring and save the government from millions

The Wilmington men were accom- son; Abraham Pursch and Lon Le- whatever else he desires, and then ping clerks in the employ of the New titude of about 3,000 meters where With the railroad to Fort Caswell York Manufacturers Company, all of he is comparatively safe from anticompleted, there is more than a rea- this city and Ira D. Janowsky a civi- aircraft fire and knows it. camp from which soldiers can be em- tained army cloth. Robinson and them. If both were allowed it w Alewitz are charged with perjury be be possible to carry quotations Of almost equal importance were fore the grand jury and Janoswky is tually every officer at the the conferences held by the delega- is alleged to have destroyed govern- urging a speedy appearance of large

Eight of the defendants are manu-

facturers of uniforms. The profiteering is made possible. ernment itself or to other manufac. as when they recently flew over the

Some of the defendants Lieutenant ernment that their "clippings" am- marking and cut loose with a ma-Barnitz said, represented to the gov- chine gun on An erican soldiers in ounted to three per cent. where the trenches. actually due totheir methods of cloth cutting they amounted to 80 per cent. the difference representing the excess cloth alleged to have been retained. Owing to the alleged activity of Janowsky in connection with the purported plot, it was easy for concealment to be effected.

#### DRAFT CATCHES MANY AMERICANS ABROAD

under the Anglo-American treaty, it enemy bombing planes. was announced today by the American consul general, Robert P. Skinner. izens of both sexes and all ages now ders to disappear under cover the resident in the United Kingdom.

Advance of Three and Onehalf Miles on Seven Mile Front Reported

London, Feb. 21.-A further adgrocers have misunderstood the seven and three quarters miles has wheat flour substitute rule and are been made by the British forces in requiring purchasers of wheat flour The British are now within four miles to agree actually to use 50 per cent. of Jericho. The operations are be- ROOT SAYS THERE'S NO of the cereals in the bread they bake Palestine, the war office announces. ing continued.

The grocer is required to sell one The British losses on Tuesday. pound of substitute cereals with when an advance was made on a fif-

quested women to bake a Victory west of Jerusalem to a maximum to have its attention distracted from

Counterfeit Certificates. Washington, Feb. 21.-Warning of erings.

Rome, Feb. 21.—Italian shipping a poorly executed counterfeit of the He pointed out that there were not losses during the week ending Febru- \$5 silver certificate was issued today only no negotiations but no basis for ary 20 were two steamships of more by W. H. Morgan, chief of the secret peace negotiations. counterfeit.

Aviators Come and Go Will Over General Pershing's Lines

#### AVIATORS NEEDED TO FIGHT OFF ENEMY

Airmen Come and Go a Gives Germans Opportunity to Make All Observat tions They Want

With the American Army in France Feb. 29.—Control of the air in th American sector belongs to the en my. Any officer at the front will

on this side attack the enemy, always Boche is clever while flying and man-Company; Jacob Winstein and his make observations and do virtually

sonable expectation that the War De- lian clerk in the quartermaster's of- It is not permitted to name and partment will enlarge the army port, fice here. The manufacturers are all officers of the American expeditionary

> American pilots. For there is only one way to wrest control of the air from the enemy.

that is to fight him for it in the sky the Federal investigators explained, and relieve him of it by force of over Right now, if the Germans knew American airplanes were waiting for The Russian press is divided as to tained from Chairman Hurley that if dozen uniforms the manufacturers them, every time they came over the and captured more than 400 prison- ed by a band. The thoroughfares were experience may be promoted to the wisdom of the council's action. the Wilmington business men could would get 10 or less, according to line their trips would be less free the authorities, and the excess cloth quent. Neither would they dare to would be re-sold either to the gov attempt such a bold piece of work

line in an airplane disguised with the

allied red, white and blue bulls eve

If there had been American planes nearby the chances of the Germans getting back home after such a trick would be small. And it is extremely doubtful officers say, if they ever would have tried it.

Any officer also will say that the safety of individual soldiers depends upon keeping the enemy from doing as he pleases overhead. For .days the Germans have been flying over certain towns where American troops have been resting after periods in the London, Feb. 21.—Approximately trenches. Once or twice these day-

So free and unrestricted are the German airmen that in some towns There are approximately 12,000 cit- the commands are under strict or

the sky and in various quarters their growing belief that these are the is a first of the machines which the Germans have been building feverishly to offset the large number of expected American airplanes in accordance with plans in the United States.

Whether this belief is true or not the fact remains that American troops are holding the sector and are endangered daily because there are no American airplanes with them. The question most asked from one end of the American front to the other is: when are some American plane

### BASIS FOR A PEACE

Chicago, Feb. 21.-In a letter read of the National Security League, said to win the war by the discussion about peace terms that was appearing in some of the papers and at some gath-

than 1,500 tons and one sailing vessel service. It is of the 1899 series with The congress, to be held under the of more than 1,500 tons. Arrivals at check letter omitted and the signa- auspices of the National Security Italian ports during the same period tures of the register and treasurer in- League, opened a three-day session towere 366 merchant men, of all nation-decipherable. It is easily detected as day with delegates present from many