

WEATHER.  
North and South Car-  
olina: Cloudy tonight,  
Sunday, probably  
warmer tonight.

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## TROTZKY RESIGNS AS THE BOLSHEVIKI FOREIGN MINISTER

### Quit in Period of Two Days AN OVERTHROW OF BOLSHEVIKI REGIME

National Guard is Reported as  
Forming to Take Over Govern-  
ment—Evacuation of Petro-  
grad Continues

Trotsky, who brought about  
the withdrawal of the Eastern front  
armies, has resigned as  
foreign minister.

Trotsky probably more than to  
the situation in Great Russia. He  
said to have cast the deciding  
vote on the question whether to send  
troops to Brest-Litovsk a fortnight  
ago. In her ruthless de-  
termined to shatter his program of self-  
preservation and non-resistance.  
The days have seen the withdrawal  
of the Bolsheviki government of  
Russia since the down-  
fall of Kerensky four months ago.  
The resignation of Ensign  
Krylenko, the Bolsheviki commander,  
was announced Friday. Nikolai  
Lenine is the only one left of the  
leading Maximalist figures.  
The overthrow of the Bolsheviki re-  
gime in Russia is being planned by  
Socialist revolutionaries, accord-  
ing to dispatches today from Europe.  
The chief of Moscow University is  
said in a message from Copenhagen  
to have decided to resign as  
a result of a conference in Moscow, when  
he determined to organize a  
National Guard to accomplish the down-  
fall of the Bolsheviki. It is stated  
that a great army is now being or-  
ganized in the Don district, with the  
aid of the Cossacks and that the  
formation of a republic with a consti-  
tution, which will not ac-  
cept the German-Bolsheviki peace, is  
being planned. News of the movement has  
been suppressed by the Petrograd  
Bolsheviki news agency, Dr. Eleff is  
said as saying.

The evacuation of Petrograd by the  
Bolsheviki and the populace con-  
tinues. Most of the population are  
said to be indifferent to their  
leader's denunciations of those  
who suppose ratification of the Ger-  
man-Bolsheviki peace will come from the peace.  
Trotsky, who made public the  
secret documents exchanged  
between former Russian governments  
and German governments and it was  
proposed the armistice to the  
powers early in December,  
eventually led to the abortive  
peace at Brest-Litovsk. The news-  
papers were disrupted in mid-Febr-  
uary and hostilities were renewed.  
The Germans then submitted partial  
terms, but Trotsky took no part  
in the conference.

Trotsky's resignation is the second  
of the Russian leaders forecast by  
the Berlin press. On February 25 Berlin re-  
ported that Ensign Krylenko, com-  
mander of the Russian armies, had  
resigned. A dispatch received from  
London Thursday said Krylenko  
resigned, owing to differences  
between the council of peoples commis-  
sioners and the Russian government.  
Trotsky's resignation was forecast  
last Tuesday. The withdrawal  
of the Russian armies, led by  
Trotsky and Krylenko, was  
described as a triumph for the Bolsheviki  
triumvirate. Trotsky also  
resigned as the Petrograd Council  
of Ministers and Soldiers' Delegates  
appointed food director with  
the authority on February 20.  
He was sent for political offenses  
from the outbreak of the  
war. He was expelled from  
New York on January 14,  
and returned to Russia last  
week for the overthrow of the Im-

## WANTS \$400,000,000 TO MAKE BIG GUNS

### Ordnance Department Asks Congress for an Additional Appropriation

Washington, March 9.—Congress  
was asked today by the Army Or-  
dnance Bureau for an urgent deficiency  
appropriation of \$400,000,000 for the  
manufacture of ordnance, principally  
heavy guns.

## PEACE MADE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND RUMANIA

### Rumania Promises to Evacuate All of Bessarabia in Months

London, March 9.—Conclusion of  
peace between Russia and Rumania is  
announced in a Russian wireless dis-  
patch received here today. Rumania  
promises to evacuate all of Bessa-  
rabria, including Bendari, on the  
Dniester river, 40 miles southeast of  
Kishinev, within two months.

## OPPOSE NEUTRAL SHIPS FOR ALLIES

The Hague, Friday, March 8.—A re-  
ply was made today by the semi-offi-  
cial news agency, to the recent ar-  
ticle in the Norddeutsche Allgemeine  
Zeitung, a semi-official newspaper of  
Berlin in which it was said that Ger-  
many considered as an unneutral act  
the chartering of neutral ships by En-  
tente powers. The news agency says:  
"In view of the provisions of inter-  
national law, it would be partial and  
not in accordance with neutrality if a  
neutral government were to forbid its  
ship owners to allow their ships to  
sail on other than its own interests  
as it would be granting co-operation  
to a belligerent to whose interests it  
was to put difficulties in the way of  
its enemies overseas supplies. More-  
over, the government by so doing  
would be promoting the submarine  
blockade which it has branded re-  
peatedly as illegal."

## LIVELY ARTILLERY ON AMERICAN FRONT

With the American Army in France,  
Thursday, March 7.—There was com-  
paratively lively artillery firing last  
night and today on the section of  
the Lorraine front, where American  
troops are now in training. Late this  
evening the enemy bombarded Ameri-  
can positions heavily but without re-  
sult.

## PETROGRAD REPORTS A LANDING OF JAPANESE

### A Newspaper Says Several Thousand Troops Have Landed at Vladivostok

London, March 8.—Details of the al-  
leged landing of Japanese at Vladiv-  
ostok in January are given in the  
Petrograd newspaper Novaya Zhizn,  
of January 19, which has just been  
received here. The paper says that  
the Japanese cruiser Mikado arrived Jan-  
uary 12 and was followed by two  
more cruisers January 14.

## PLAN TO OVERTHROW BOLSHEVIK REGIME

Information concerning the report-  
ed entrance of British and Japanese  
cruisers into Vladivostok harbor was  
asked of the British and Japanese  
embassies in Petrograd on January 20  
by the Bolsheviki government. The  
Japanese embassy in Petrograd im-  
mediately issued an official statement  
denying that Japanese forces had been  
at Vladivostok. It was added that the  
presence of a Japanese cruiser at  
Vladivostok had no connection with  
the situation in Russia. The British  
embassy said British warships had  
gone to Vladivostok to protect allied  
subjects against possible disorders.

## WAR FINANCE BILL IS AT LAST READY

Washington, March 9.—The re-draft  
of the Administration's bill for a war  
finance corporation, including altera-  
tions which make it virtually a new  
measure, was favorably reported to-  
day by the House Ways and Means  
committee.

## THE VEEDER SEARCH WARRANT QUASHED

Chicago, March 9.—The United  
States Circuit Court of Appeals today  
quashed the search warrant, issued by  
Judge Landis to permit examination  
of the letter files in the office of Hen-  
ry Veeder, counsel for Swift and Com-  
pany, by the government. The deci-  
sion was "without bar to further pro-  
ceedings."

## BRITISH RAIDERS TAKE PRISONERS

London, March 9.—"A party of the  
enemy which approached our line yester-  
day evening east of Neuve Chapelle  
was driven off by our fire," the war  
office announces. "At dawn this morn-  
ing Portuguese troops successfully raid-  
ed German trenches in this neighbor-  
hood and captured several prisoners."  
"Another successful raid in which  
large numbers of prisoners were cap-  
tured by us was made this morning  
by West Kent troops south of Fleur-  
baix."

## ANTI-BOLSHEVIK FORCES ORGANIZE ARMY IN SIBERIA

### Plans for the Restoration of Popular Government Are Taking Form

## JAPANESE HELP HAS BEEN PROMISED

Peking, March 9.—Plans for the  
restoration of popular government in  
Siberia under Admiral Kolchak, former  
commander of the Russian Black  
Sea fleet through the organization of  
an army to co-operate with Gen. Sem-  
enoff the leader of the anti-Bolsheviki  
government in Siberia, are now  
in preparation, it is learned here. Al-  
ready a newly formed organization  
of Russians has been enlisting men  
for the support of Gen. Semenoff and  
yesterday four field guns and 15 ma-  
chine guns were forwarded to him on  
the Manchurian railway. Admiral Kol-  
chak, who is a veteran of the Russo-  
Japanese war and was the head of  
the Russian naval commission that  
visited the United States last year,  
is now at Shanghai.

## WASHINGTON WAITERS THREATEN A STRIKE

Washington, March 9.—Four men,  
all of the crew of the Danish schooner  
Urda, which had become water-  
logged, were rescued by a United  
States coast guard cutter on January  
26 in the war zone, the Navy De-  
partment today announced. The ves-  
sel had been drifting 40 days and the  
crew had only one day's provisions  
left. The ship's commander decided to  
abandon the vessel and so prevent  
her becoming a menace to navigation  
she was sunk. The men were landed  
at a European port.

## HOFFMAN EXPLAINS TROOP MOVEMENTS

Petrograd, Friday, March 8.—Reply-  
ing to the Russian inquiry as to the  
reason for continuance of hostilities  
by the Germans after the conclusion  
of peace, General Hoffman, the Ger-  
man commander, in a telegram to En-  
sign Krylenko, the Russian command-  
er, says that such military operations  
as have taken place since the armistice  
was declared, have been due to  
sporadic movements of disorganized  
Russian detachments. The General  
declares that all regions occupied  
since the conclusion of peace will be  
evacuated immediately.

## SERIOUS FIGHTING ON WESTERN FRONT

line and then occupied three hundred  
yards of it.

## GERMANS STORM BRITISH LINES ON FRONT OF MORE THAN A MILE

## BROKE THROUGH BUT WAS EJECTED

## RAIDING PARTIES AND LIVELY ARTILLERY FEATURE FRENCH AND AMERICAN SECTORS— Airmen Busy

Western Flanders for the first time  
this year has been the scene of seri-  
ous fighting between the British and  
the enemy, who were forced to retire  
behind the positions from which they  
attacked. After a heavy artillery  
bombardment, the Germans stormed  
the British lines on a front of more  
than a mile south of the Houtholst for-  
est, northeast of Ypres. At one point  
the enemy broke through but on most  
of the front he was thrown back with  
losses. The British counter attacked  
and drove the Germans back to their

## EXPURGATED CASUALTY LIST.

Washington, March 9.—The first  
of the expurgated casualty lists  
was issued by the War Department  
today. It shows First Lieutenant  
Louis J. J. Jordan killed in action  
and First Lieutenant John H.  
Greene slightly wounded.

## THE LAST PAY DAY FOR VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

### Much Work Unfinished—May Be Reassembled in Spec- ial Session

Richmond, Va., March 9.—The last  
day of the regular session of the Vir-  
ginia Legislature which terminates by  
limitation at midnight, found the cal-  
endar still far from completed at noon  
today. Foremost among the measures  
yet to be finally passed is the appro-  
priation bill carrying more than \$19-  
000,000 covering expenditures for the  
next two years. Governor Davis will  
probably call the General Assembly in  
extra session in about 10 days, unless  
the Legislature should extend the ses-  
sion and remain here without pay a  
week or more. The Governor is de-  
termined not to sign the appropriation  
bill until he has given it at least a  
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bill until he has given it at least a  
week's consideration.

## DISCONTINUED DAILY

### Names and Ad- dresses in Europe No Available for Public

## DEATH OF GILLIS REVIVES MEMORIES

San Francisco, March 9.—News re-  
ceived today of the death at Sonora,  
Cal., of Stephen Edward Gillis, aged  
80, stirred in "old timers" memories  
of pioneer days when Gillis was an  
associate of Mark Twain and Bret  
Harte.

## PARIS RAIDED.

Paris, March 9.—German avia-  
tors raided Paris last night. Early  
reports show that bombs were drop-  
ped with some loss of life and prop-  
erty. Signals that all was clear  
given at 12:30 a. m.

# LONE SAMMY DROVE AWAY 40 GERMANS

### REGULAR ARMY RANKS ARE RAPIDLY FILLED

Recruiting Has Added 386-  
094—North Carolina is  
Below Her Quota

Washington, March 9.—Recruit-  
ing statistics of the Regular Army  
during the 11 months since the  
States entered the war show more  
than double the number of men  
to the States has been obtained  
through voluntary enlistment.  
March 7 a total of 386,094 men  
had been enlisted. The Regular  
Army was 133,000 men strong. Re-  
quired to bring up to strength  
the strength of the Regular Army  
is 370,000 men.

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## American on Sentry Duty, Killed Leader and Wound- ed Others

## FOUR ENEMY GUNS WERE LEFT

Without the aid of the German  
leader fell in the first crack of the  
rifle. The others in the trench hur-  
riedly sought protection, but they  
were not quick enough for the sen-  
try's bullets caught some of them.  
As the American began firing a  
German some distance outside the  
wire shouted "come out, come out!"  
The Germans needed no second in-  
vitation. In fact those who were still  
in the wire already had started out.  
The small American patrol saw the  
enemy trailing back across No Man's  
Land, under fire from the sentry and  
from Americans at a point further  
along the line.

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## RUMANIA MUST WIN BESSARABIA

Amsterdam, Friday, March 8.—Com-  
menting on the treaty with Rumania,  
the Berlin Tageblatt says that the  
quadruple alliance has taken the stand  
point that Bessarabian questions must  
be settled between Rumania and Rus-  
sia, but that the alliance has already  
intimated that the union of Bessara-  
bia with Rumania would receive its ap-  
proval.

## NO HOPE HELD FOR MEYER'S RECOVERY

Boston, Mass., March 9.—No hope  
was held out this morning for the  
recovery of George von L. Meyer, for-  
mer Secretary of the Navy, who has  
been desperately ill with a tumor of  
the liver at his home here for sev-  
eral weeks. After seeing Mr. Meyer  
at o'clock, Dr. Henry Jackson, his  
physician, said:  
"Mr. Meyer is very low and I fear  
the end is simply a question of a few  
hours."

## RUSSIAN SHIPS SUNK.

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