

WEATHER FORECAST

Probably rain tonight and Sunday.

AMERICAN TALK

Is it right that Germany should be forgiven this terrible world murder? Is it asking too much of mere men to forget and forgive this beastly slaughter which is due to the ambition of the Kaiser and the military machine which Prussia built up in the heart of Europe?

Knitting in Germany years ago the women gathered funds for the war. What war? Any war the Kaiser and his Prussian gang might see fit to inflict on the world. In the meanwhile the army was trained, the roads were built with a view of transportation of war materials, ships were built with no other view than to fight, diplomats were schooled in the gentle art of crafty lying, business and finances were planned so as to encircle everything that could be turned to oil the war machine, diplomacy became a spy net and education took but one turn, the extension of German Kultur and German propaganda. Male children were encouraged by every method that is known to man and repulsive to good morals, and God knows nothing was overlooked to prepare Germany for the day when she should lead a few vassals to war against the world. And God only knows how small a margin by which the world escapes, if escape is made.

Can the world forget and forgive? It is too soon to answer that question for the world must first put down the beast that posed under a thin guise of civilization.

Says the Manufacturer's Record: Have you looked at the clear-eyed, splendid boy of yours or your neighbor's who has everything in life to live for, but who is offering it all on the altar of civilization because of Germany's scheme to crush and dominate the world?

Have you thought of this awful cost we must pay because Germany is running amuck down the streets of civilization, murdering men and women everywhere?

And when the depths of your soul have been reached as you think of these things, can you for a moment hesitate at any sacrifice of food or comfort or life itself, if need be, to stand behind the millions of our boys and men who go forth to fight the red-handed murderer who has declared the world with blood?

For nearly half a century Germany's leaders have ceaselessly taught that by the sword Germany must extend its power, its accursed "Kultur" and its dominion over other countries. In family life, in schools, in universities, all under the devil-inspired teaching of Germany's leaders in government and in military life, this awful doctrine has been made to mould the character of the German people.

Yes, there is the thought—to mould the character of the German people—to make by slow process a sturdy people into a race of hatred-hearted slaves to a false idea of life and right. The old doctrine of might makes right. And the world has not only got to whip the hell-planned German war machine, but it has to conquer a people who have blindly followed a lot of wicked leaders to the doors of hades.

But we have set our hands to this task. Joining the gallant allies who have stood in the path of the beast for nearly four years, the American people have undertaken to do their part in subduing this beast and saving the world. Our men are going out. We are giving our all, and we must win. To win we must sacrifice and fight—sacrifice to the point where it stings and hurts and bleeds. Fight against all that would impede the march of the armed forces of this nation, fight against every hellish agency of Prussia in this country—and there are many of such agencies.

More than two million a day is the rate at which War Savings Stamps are selling in the United States today, according to the telegram which National Chairman Frank A. Vanderlip sent to the state chairmen the other day. "A militant army of War Savers is not only the hope of this war," says Mr. Vanderlip further, "but it is the most important contribution that the people can make and the only sure way to raise the required money. To spread the gospel of saving so that the whole nation will become a nation of savers is the only way to put War Savings Stamps and the great purpose for which they are sold 'over the top.'"

And it should be remembered that the Rowan director has been down with the grippe for two weeks and we have not gotten down to work in this county yet. When we do Mr. Vanderlip will have to revise his figures.

AMERICANS ARE IN GAS BOMB BATTLE

By Associated Press.

Except on the American sector east of St. Mihiel there has been little fighting on the western front. The American position was subjected to a bombardment of gas shells which lasted two hours and the American and the enemy artillery and air men are most active.

The poisonous fumes from the shells remained over the trenches of the Americans for two hours, but there were no casualties. A large number of enemy airmen have sought to cross the lines, but they have been unable to make any progress against the airmen and the artillery defenses of the American gunners. The latter have bombarded the German lines and communications with good effect.

On Friday the day the advertised offensive of the Germans was to begin passed more quietly than previous days with the British and French. Artillery activity is marked in the Arras-Cambrai sector. The French have checked two raids against the Chaume wood, northeast of Verdun, and in the Woevre and in the Vosges mountains opposing batteries have been busy.

Fighting on the Italian front is reported as light.

That part of Russia which is dominated by the Bolsheviks has withdrawn from the war and severed all alliance with former allies and have little fear of a German invasion. The All-Russian committee of workmen and soldiers council has approved the action of the Russian representatives at Brest-Litovsk. Members of the commission said the masses of Germany and Austria would not permit further offensives against Russia by their governments.

No news dispatches have been received from Petrograd in London in a week and it is believed the Bolshevik censorship has decided to suppress the activities of correspondents.

Emperor William has summoned the heads of the German navy to the Imperial headquarters for a conference and it is announced that Herr von Parr, the vice-chancellor, will make an announcement shortly in the reichstag on the government's future submarine policy. The probable nature of the announcement is not disclosed by German newspapers. However, there is evidence of a probable naval engagement in the finding of large numbers of German sailors, apparently from German warships, reported from Gothenburg. Gothenburg is near Skaggeiak, the vicinity of which has been the scene of important naval battles.

Russian Leader Disappears. Washington, Feb. 16.—The American consul at Tiflis today transmitted an unconfirmed report to Washington to the effect that General Kaledin, the leader of the Russian Cossacks, who resisted the Bolshevik leadership, has suddenly disappeared from sight and is said to be dead.

Feeling in Warsaw Against Central Powers. London, Feb. 16.—There is much feeling against the Central powers in Warsaw and great excitement prevails, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company's dispatch from Copenhagen. Workmen are said to be planning a demonstration. The streets have been patrolled by soldiers and police.

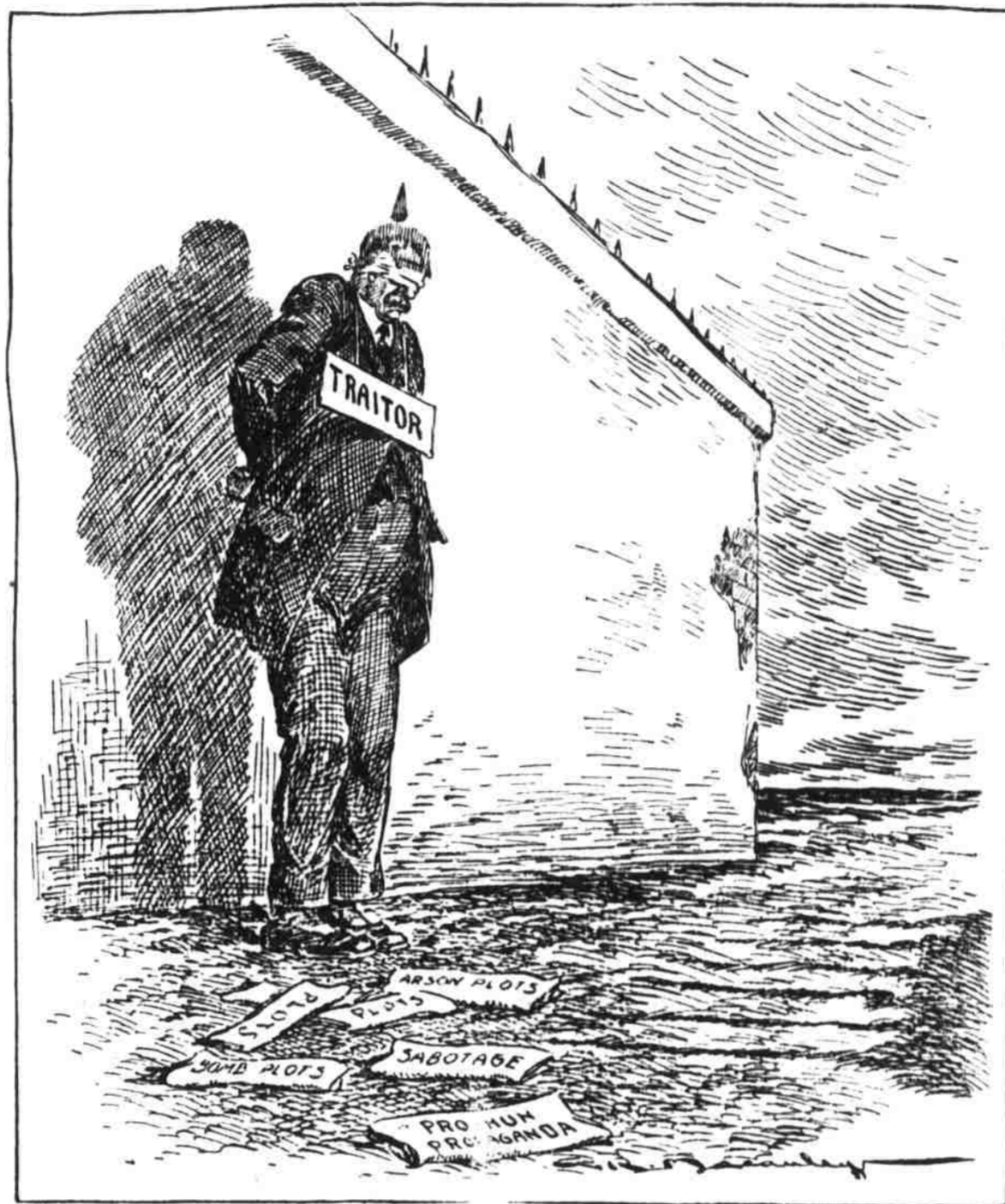
A dispatch from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin newspaper as saying that Polish members of the Austrian parliament are embittered because of the peace arrangement.

MARRIAGE AT LANDIS FRIDAY EVENING.

Miss Ola Linn and Mr. Frank Wright, of Landis, were married at Mt. Zion Reformed church Friday evening at 9 o'clock, the marriage being solemnized in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Accompanied by a few friends and members of the immediate families of the bride and groom drove to the church where a choir practice was under way and presenting themselves before the altar, were made man and wife, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. H. Keller, the bride's pastor.

The bride who is one of the most popular and attractive young women of county, wore a traveling gown of grey.

Mrs. Wright is the daughter of Mr. C. A. Linn, of Landis, and is justly one of the most beloved young women of Landis. For many years she was a member of the choir of Mt. Zion. Mr. Wright is one of the merchants of Landis, and is well and favorably known throughout the county.



UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE SPIKED HELMET—No. 6.

BELIEVE GERMANY IS IN PREDICAMENT

Washington, Feb. 16.—Official Washington is of the opinion that Bolsheviki foreign minister Trotsky's decision for non war and still no peace with Germany is that Trotsky, whether he knows it or not, has placed Germany in a military and diplomatic predicament.

The movement of German troops from Russia has been stopped and it is believed by military men that no further withdrawal of forces will be made until Berlin has decided on a policy toward the Bolsheviki.

Such official reports as have been received do not say clearly whether the demobilization of Russian troops has been continued but they do indicate a reorganization of the Red Guard.

Germany, by repudiating the no annexation policy, officials here think, has widened the breach with the Socialists who cry for peace. They also think Germany will be forced to go to the aid of the Ukrainians if the Bolsheviki attacks them.

Commissioners Cross Line. Berlin, Feb. 16.—The commissioners representing the Central powers left Petrograd yesterday and crossed the German lines this morning, it is officially announced.

SPENCER WOMAN DIES FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED IN A FALL

(By A. W. Hicks.)

Spencer, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Zeb Vance Brown, aged about 30 years, died at her home on Third street here Friday night following a fall sustained early that morning and from which she never regained consciousness. Mrs. Brown returning from the barn where she had fed stock early in the morning found Mrs. Brown unconscious on the floor, having bruised her face and side in the fall, and convulsions followed. A child born some two hours after the accident to the mother, is doing well. One other child two years old and a husband survives, besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grubb, well known citizens near Grubb's Ferry in Davidson county. The funeral will be held Sunday, 2:30 at Smith Grove, Davidson county, by Rev. Mr. Fry, of Mocksville, the funeral party, leaving the residence at 1 p. m.

UNION SERVICES SUNDAY EVENING

The closing event of Father and Son Week, will be the Father and Son union service at the Methodist tabernacle, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A number of the churches of the city will unite in this service and help to make it one of great significance. A separate section of the tabernacle will be reserved for Father and Son, where they may be seated together.

Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, of Philadelphia, now Lutheran pastor at Camp Greene, will be the speaker on this occasion. He will speak on "Father and Son—Partners." A well arranged program for the evening will be carried out, which will be within keeping of the Father and Son movement. It is hoped that the tabernacle will be filled Sunday evening and that the Fathers and Sons will attend in large numbers. The following is the program for Sunday evening:

- 1. Opening Hymn—The Sons of God Go Forth to War.
2. Prayer—Rev. C. B. Heller, pastor 2nd Presbyterian church.
3. Hymn—Faith of Our Fathers, Living Still.
4. Scripture Reading—George Jarvis.
5. Duet—Divine Humiliation—Stainer—Messrs. Griffith and Webb.
6. Three minute talks (a)—"Our Dads"—Roy Casper; (b)—"Our Sons"—P. N. Peacock; (c) "Our Sons in Uniform"—J. F. Hurley.
7. Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers.
8. Address—Father and Son—Partners—Rev. W. H. C. Lauer, pastor Camp Greene.
9. Hymn To Father.
10. Benediction—Rev. C. C. Waggoner.

A number of the pastors will preach sermons on "The boy" at the morning service. This Sunday will be observed all over the nation, special emphasis being made on the relation of Father and Son.

SEEKING RECRUITS.

Representative of Navy Here Looking for Men for the Sea Forces. R. Q. Webb, of the U. S. Navy, is in the city for some days seeking recruits for Uncle Sam's navy. Mr. Webb will be here until the 21st and may be found at the postoffice on Monday and daily from that time until the 21st. Any one desiring to talk it over can find the recruiting officer by applying at the postoffice.

Never try to feed a healthy credit on promissory notes.

U-BOAT BOMBARDS AN ENGLISH TOWN

London, Feb. 16.—An enemy submarine bombarded Dover early this morning says an official announcement. The firing continued for some minutes. The shore batteries replied and the submarine was driven off after it had fired 30 rounds.

There was less than a dozen casualties and the property damage was slight.

The official statement reads: "Fire was opened on Dover by an enemy submarine about 12:10 this morning. The fire continued for some time and the U-boat was driven off by the shore batteries. "The casualty were—killed one child; injured, 3 men, one woman and 3 children. The property damage was slight."

WSS MR. WILL FOREMAN DEAD.

Well Known Salisbury Boy Dies of Typhoid Fever in Petersburg, Va., Hospital—Remains to Be Brought to Salisbury.

Mrs. J. Q. Foreman shortly after noon today received a telegram from her son, Vibert, at Petersburg, Va., announcing the death in a hospital in that city of her son, William this morning. The remains will arrive in Salisbury tomorrow morning on No. 11 at 8:50 o'clock. The funeral arrangements have not been made and the hour will probably not be decided until after the arrival of the body.

Will Foreman was a big hearted boy, a clever fellow and had a legion of friends in this city. He was always full of life and was one of the most cheerful boys one ever cares to meet. He was 22 years old last November and was one of the best chauffeurs to be found anywhere and was for five years driver for Mr. J. D. Norwood.

He went to Hopewell, Va., to work some time ago and while there contracted typhoid fever. He was removed to a hospital in Petersburg and died there this morning.

In addition to the bereaved mother several brothers and sisters survive. The news of his death caused genuine sadness to all who knew him.

Attending Cecil Rice's Funeral. Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 16.—Representatives of the French and United States governments and members of the staff of the British embassy in Washington are in Ottawa to attend the funeral services of Sir Cecil Springs Rice, former British ambassador to the United States.

WILSON TO TAKE HAND IN STRIKES

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 16.—President Wilson is preparing to take some action to end the strikes in Atlantic coast shipyards and which threaten to tie up a large part of the shipbuilding industry in the east.

Direct appeals to the President to intervene were made by officials of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, approximately fifty per cent of whose members in New York districts are out today demanding immediate assurances of higher wages and closed shop conditions.

Managers of the shipyards in New York districts and at Baltimore, where carpenters are on strike, have asked the shipping board to let them fight the strikes, declaring the time has come for the issue to be settled. Thus far Chairman Hurley has refused to permit this, holding that the trouble can be settled by other means.

Shipping board officials said today the heads of other unions engaged in shipbuilding had given assurances that the related trades would not be called out in a sympathetic strike. Other unions have agreed to leave all of their differences to the adjusting board.

Government Rejects Proposition.

New York, Feb. 16.—The government has rejected the proposition by the carpenters' brotherhood that the ship workers be allowed to place a representative on the labor adjustment board for the emergency fleet corporation to settle the present wage controversy, it is announced by T. M. Guerin, member of the executive committee.

The ship workers wanted the appointment of such a representative with the right to vote and powers equal to those held by the government representatives.

Increased Wages Agreed On.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The shipping board with its adjustment board has agreed to an increase of wages and definite working conditions and overtime pay for all ship yard workers in the so-called Delaware yards, comprising 60 per cent of the ship yard workers on the Atlantic coast. This does not include the striking carpenters but it is expected it will affect their strike. Many striking carpenters, however, despite the advice of their union officials, have signified their intention of accepting the award. The strikers in the New York district have not done so but it is hoped they will.

The new wage scale is not so high as on the Pacific coast nor as high as the New York strikers demand, but will be the model for a settlement of other disputes on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

New York, Feb. 16.—An appeal direct to President Wilson to intervene and end the strike in the ship yards doing government work is to be made today by the United Brotherhoods of Carpenters and Joiners, as announced today by officials.

About fifty per cent of the ship yard workers in the New York district are on strike today according to the claims of the brotherhood officials.

Conference at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, General Manager Piez, of the emergency fleet and V. E. Massy, chairman, of the labor adjustment board held a conference today with Assistant Secretary Roosevelt of the navy, the discussion being on the matter of strikes in ship building yards.

STEAMER ON FIRE IN AN ATLANTIC PORT

Scandinavian-American Steamship Minsk Sunk in the Mud by Firemen Who Were Unable to Stop the Blaze—Red Cross Supplies Aboard.

(By Associated Press.) An Atlantic Port, Feb. 16.—Fire in the hold of the Scandinavian-American steamship, Minsk, here today made it necessary for the firemen after a vain effort to extinguish the blaze to open the vessel's sea cocks, permitting the ship to sink in the mud at the pier where she was moored. The loss is mostly from water and is estimated at about \$500,000.

The ship's cargo consisted of a large amount of Red Cross stores and cotton. She had been ready to sail for some days but the owners are said to have help up her departure because they were reluctant to have her enter the submarine zone.

CITY MERCHANTS FORM ASSOCIATION

There was a good meeting of local merchants in the Community building last evening, with some twenty-five or thirty leading merchants of the city present, the purpose being to perfect an organization of merchants and other business men of Salisbury. Much interest and quite a deal of enthusiasm was manifested and the meeting got down to real business in short order.

A temporary organization was perfected with Mr. S. W. Harry presiding and Mr. J. R. Deas secretary. This resulted in the forming of a permanent organization with the following officers:

President—S. W. Harry.
V-President—R. B. Brittain.
Treasurer—W. A. Brown.
Secretary (tempo.)—J. R. Deas.
Directors—R. L. Bernhardt, W. D. Hartman, W. H. Woodson, B. F. Rabon and George H. Shaver.

The election of Mr. J. R. Deas as secretary was only temporary from the fact that the organization, as soon as it gets on a good working foundation will employ a permanent and paid secretary. However, Mr. Deas stated that he would gladly serve in this capacity and do all he could to further the interests of the association until a permanent and experienced man is secured for this work.

It was the unanimous sense of the meeting that the merchants and business men of Spencer be invited to join with the Salisbury association and Mr. A. J. Genayel, one of Spencer's leading merchants, who was present, stated that he was sure the business men of Spencer would join with the Salisbury merchants in forming a real live association.

A committee to secure new members with the business men of Spencer relative to coming in with the Salisbury people in this association.

This committee is composed of Messrs. Hunter Kerr, T. M. Winecoff and A. H. Wertz, together with the board of directors. This committee will begin an active canvass Monday morning in an effort to enlist every business man in the city in this organization and a meeting of board of directors will then be called to outline further work and plan for another meeting. The board of directors will be increased as new members are added and should the Spencer merchants connect themselves with the organization they will be given liberal representation on this governing body.

It is planned to get every business house in Salisbury and Spencer connected with the local association and put it on a real and systematic business basis. It will take something like \$125 to \$150 a month to do this but those behind the move are confident this can be accomplished and Salisbury can have one of the largest and liveliest merchants and business men's associations in the state, as the merchants and business men need to co-operate now as never before as big problems are constantly confronting them. It is hoped to enlist the banks of the city in the organization as the benefits of the business houses and banks are mutual.

State Secretary Paul J. Leonard, of Statesville, was present at the meeting last night and made a talk and advised with the local merchants in the organization of an association.

ALL FIRST QUOTA WHITE MEN ARE TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK

Local Board Has Received Orders to Complete the First Quota as Early as Possible.

Instructions have been received by the local exemption board in the matter of the national army, and the same instructions have gone to all local boards, to complete the first quota of drafted men at once. In consequence of this order the Rowan board will call out for entrainment all white men for the first quota early next week.

COMING WEEK'S WEATHER.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Fair and colder weather Monday and probably Tuesday and somewhat colder Wednesday is the forecast for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States for the week beginning tomorrow. Conditions the latter part of the week are undetermined but there will be a decided change in the temperature.