

## U. S. TO GIVE RUSSIA EVERY MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT

BY WILLIAM SHEPPARD,  
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WASHINGTON.—Expressing American confidence in the trial of Democracy, President Wilson has sent the Moscow All Russian Conference a pledge of "both moral and material assistance to Russia.

The message addressed to the president of the National Conference Assembly at Moscow reads: "I take liberty in addressing to the members of the great council now meeting, cordial greetings from their friends, the people of United States, now to express their confidence in the ultimate triumph of the ideals of Democracy and self-government against all enemies within and without, and to give renewed assurance of every material and moral assistance they can extend to the government of Russia in the promotion of the common cause for which the two nations are unselfishly united."

## CHARGING THE "ENEMY" AT FORT M'PHERSON

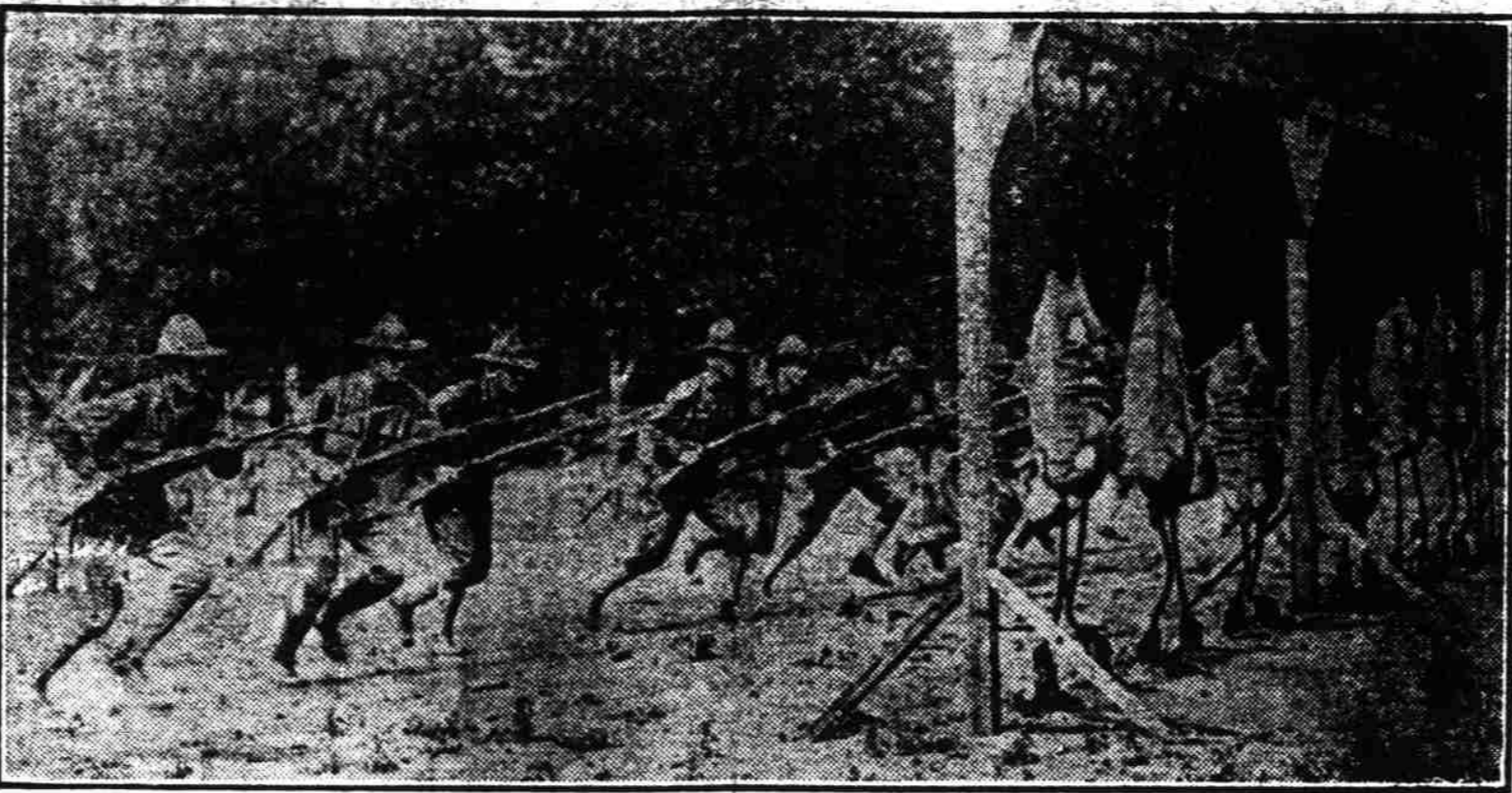


Photo by American Press Association.  
At the training camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., the bayonet drill consists of a mimic charge "over the top," with bags of straw to take the place of the enemy.

## PREMIER KERENSKY ATTENDS RUSSIAN CONFERENCE MOSCOW

(By United Press)

MOSCOW, Russia.—Russia will maintain her Democracy at all cost.

She intends to use the weapons of the old regime against those who would have autocracy overthrow freedom.

Of outstanding significance is the deliberations of the All Russian Conference in session here, was this emphatic declaration by Premier Kerensky.

## Investigation of Elfrida Explosion Has Been Ordered

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—An explosion in the boiler room of the Scout patrol vessel, Elfrida, in the Elizabeth River, Norfolk, Va., Saturday afternoon, seriously injured Chief Machinists Mate N. Mortensen and Fireman B. F. Kote, both naval reserves.  
The navy department advised that an investigation had been ordered.

## High Wages for the Russian Workman

BY WILLIAM G. SHEPPARD,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
PETROGRAD.—Russian working men are receiving the highest wage in history today and cannot buy sufficient food, clothing or shoes.

Prices for these necessities are out of all bounds. The winter will soon come with its terrific hardships.

Premier Kerensky has acute realization of the problem. He is grappling magnificently with its difficulties considering it is a war problem, pure and simple.

His main task is in stopping speculation by peasants all over Russia. They are holding back their crops for higher prices.

Another feature is the congestion and poor equipment of the railroads and new short hours of labor forced from employers.

In this economic situation the conference of political parties at Moscow beginning Sunday promises to be a battle royal between liberalism and reactionism. A successful coalition between the cadet party and the workmen and soldiers members is believed impossible today unless the cadets yield still further.

## Madame Bernhardt Off on Another Tour

(By United Press)

ATLANTIC CITY.—Madame Sarah Bernhardt, the world's greatest emotional actress, began her new American tour—probably her last—today. She enters New York next Saturday.

## Moonshining Business in Virginia Waning

(By United Press)

ROANOKE, VA.—There won't be many moonshiners in Virginia very soon, under present conditions. Those who aren't routed out of their well-known "mountain fastnesses" by revenue men, will be emerging to better things. Money is the greatest civilization and at present dry-state prices for moonshiners, civilization should speed space in the Virginia highlands, officials here opined today.

## Superior Court Convened Today

The August term of Pitt Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened this morning with Judge Calvert presiding and Solicitor C. L. Abernethy prosecuting. It is understood that the docket is not unusually heavy this term and it is probable that the entire week will not be consumed. There are several out of town attorneys present for the term, including W. F. Evans of Raleigh, a former resident of this city.

## Americans Being Schooled into Gas by the French

By J. W. PEGLER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY IN FRANCE—The "little green door" behind which lies gas chamber to accustom troops to German vapors, had an extraordinary fascination for American troops today. Clad boys passed through the door to-day, all with masks firmly adjusted and emerged without having a whiff of the lachrymose stuff, plainly tickled at the unique experience. The entire first contingent is being schooled in the gas chamber.

One youngster from New York City, whose comrades had teased him about the deadly effects of the gas, fainted twice before he underwent the ordeal. Then, in true soldier fashion, he went through without a quiver.

"The little green door" admits of entrance to a sort of cave dug in the hillside. Its roof is supported by timbers. The whole is covered with sod and sand-bags.

An American officer who witnessed the great French blow at Verdun, returned to headquarters today, enthusiastic over his trip.

A captured German officer who saw the Americans back of the lines, remarked contemptuously that America "only had a few hundred men in France" and couldn't understand otherwise.

The same American officer talked to a German prisoner who had formerly resided at Bay City, Mich. He kept repeating over and over again: "I wish I hadn't returned to the fatherland."

General Pershing personally witnessed the battle and congratulated the French commander on his success.

## Catholic Societies to Make Resolution on the Pope's Note

(By United Press)

KANSAS CITY.—Resolutions commenting on the Pope's recent peace note will be presented tomorrow at the Convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies, which meets here. The nature of the resolutions is unknown.

In their machine guns explosive and incendiary bullets.

Corporal Stephen Bigelow, of Boston, was recently slightly wounded by one of these explosive pellets during a raid far to the rear of the enemy lines.

Sergeant Andrew B. Campbell and Sergeant J. P. Doolittle, of New York, have both been awarded the French war cross for bravery. Corporal Wm. E. Dougan, of South Orange, N. J., has been granted leave of absence for a three weeks visit to the United States.

L. A. Randolph sells the Haynes and Saxon Automobiles. Read their ad today.

## TO ASK APPROPRIATION FOR MILLIONS FOR DESTROYERS

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—An appropriation of at least \$350,000,000 for destroyers will be asked of Congress this week by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, it was announced today.

Supplementary plants in private ship-yards for the manufacture of destroyers will be built, according to Daniels. He declined to say how many destroyers would be sought, but added that an appropriation for more than \$350,000,000 might be made.

This is the first step toward the assembling of great numbers of destroyers to the beat the German U-boat.

## Three Great Drives are Proceeding Against Teutons

(United Press)

LONDON.—Three great Allied drives are assailing the Teutons on three fronts. The British and French have resumed their offensives, while the Italians are continuing their fierce drive interrupted.

In the past week the Italians have taken approximately ninety square miles.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds since last report:

Julius Brown, commissioner, to Z. Y. and J. J. Smith, Swift Creek township. Consideration \$400.

B. S. Sheppard to K. B. Cobb, Farmville township. Consideration \$400.

G. H. Jones to W. L. McLawhorn, Swift Creek township. Consideration \$1400.

J. T. Sparkman and wife to W. L. McLawhorn, Ayden township. Consideration \$2000.

Ed Blount and wife to Dennis Blount and wife.

Lonnie Griffin and wife to Woodie McLawhorn, Ayden township. Consideration \$1500.

C. G. Barrow and wife to W. S. Tucker and wife, Chicod Township. Consideration \$150.

H. E. Ellis to J. B. Jockson, et als. Winterville township. Consideration \$100.

Lillie S. Wynce estate to Benjamin Hyman, Pitt county. Consideration \$1000.

Jos. B. McGowan, commissioner, to Jennie Leggett, Greenville township. Consideration \$400.

C. J. Jackson, et als. to J. B. Jackson, Winterville township. Consideration \$100.

J. L. Wilson to Robt. Staton, Bethel township. Consideration \$100.

## HOME GUARDS DRILL TONIGHT

The Home Guards will have their regular drill this evening. Captain Clark urges all members to be present.

## DANCE

Friday Night at 9:45  
Carolina Club  
Music by  
Edmunds Orchestra  
8 27 11pp

## JOHNSTON & FOXHALL'S MARKET REPORT

Sales were light today, getting thru by 11 o'clock, and prices were higher than last week. All who sold with us were more than satisfied. We made the following sale for Harris & Forbes today:

52 lbs. @ 64	\$3.328
82 lbs. @ 54	44.28
290 lbs. @ 41	118.90
104 lbs. @ 40	41.60
192 lbs. @ 37	71.04
134 lbs. @ 34	45.56
56 lbs. @ 33	18.48
48 lbs. @ 30	14.40

958 lbs (Average \$40.45) \$387.64  
Bring us your next load and we will make you the highest sale you have ever made.  
Your friends,  
8 27 11pc Johnston & Foxhall.

## Harvester Manager Named Assistant to Buyer Baruch

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—Alexander Legge, general manager of the International Harvester Company of America, has been appointed assistant to Bernard Baruch in the work of purchasing raw materials for the United States and her Allies.

J. Leonard Replegle will have charge of the purchasing of steel supplies.

## TOO MUCH "BRASS" DON'T GO AT HOBGOOD, N. C.

The Daily News learns from a recent visitor to Hobgood of a very bold stunt which two negroes tried to get away with in that progressive Halifax village. Just at dusk one evening two well dressed negroes drove up to the village hotel, alighted, and had a seat on the veranda. Presently the proprietor came out and upon discovering the color and general appearance of the couple ordered them to depart. They dissented in firm language, and insisted that they would like their supper said at once. The enraged proprietor reached for a stick or some other substance and the negroes withdrew to the auto, where one pulled a pistol from under the seat. By this time several citizens had begun to gather and probably there would have been a double funeral in that section had not the negroes bent it to tall timber. Searching parties failed to locate them.

The car, which bears a 1918 North Carolina license, is in the hands of the Hobgood authorities.

## Swagger Sticks Makes Soldiers Walk Erect

BY GEO. MARTIN,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON.—America's army has a bad case of swaggerstickitis. The germ of swaggerstickitis is the swagger stick. The disease is virulent and has affected practically every officer and enlisted man the country has. The swagger stick itself is just a young inexperienced cane. It's about two and a half feet long and looks very much like a robust lead pencil. The swagger stick is used, said Captain William B. Hudson of the field hospital unit at Camp Ordway, "to keep the soldier's hands out of his trousers pockets." Maybe if every "dip" in the country was supplied one it would keep his hands out of other people's trousers pockets. The Captain didn't say. But the idea is worth trying.

Anyhow, Uncle Sam thinks the swagger stick is all right. He's very particular about the soldierly appearance of his soldiers. Very! "And when walking," said one of his chevroned representatives, "a soldier who has nothing in his hands generally stoops and destroys his military front. But when he carries a swagger stick to balance in his hands he walks erect."

But there's a point the officer overlooked. The swagger stick is a splendid weapon. If as many Germans had come as near being blinded, garrotted, run through and otherwise permanently disabled with the blasted things as we would, we are sure the war department would seriously consider putting them on the firing line and away from Pennsylvania avenue.

When one wears a swagger stick, naturally one swaggers. And when one swaggers when one wears a swagger stick, one is apt to cause one's fellow citizens to seek life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in other and less swaggerstick fields of endeavor.

Now we have no prejudices against the swagger stick, as much. But when one daily, in one's prerogative here and there about town is in momentary danger of being swaggerstickted to death on all sides one is apt to damn the swagger stick heartily, military appearance or no military appearance.

## Strange Aircraft Sighted Flying Over Bar Harbor

(By United Press)

SEAL HARBOR, Me.—Flying at an altitude of about one mile, and moving with great speed, two strange airplanes passed over this place at twilight last night. It became known today.

Later both planes passed over Bar Harbor.

The bodies of both machines were torpedo shaped, and unlike any known type in this country. The machines carried no lights and disappeared, flying northward.

The leading machine was a giant, the other was much smaller.

Army and navy officials declined to comment.

## Would Strengthen Defenses at Fort Brunswick, Ga.

(By United Press)

SAVANNAH, Ga.—A joint resolution of the Georgia Legislature calling on the War Department for the immediate strengthening of the defenses of Fort Brunswick, where a number of ships for the United States emergency fleet are being built, and which are represented as being dangerously exposed to an enemy attack, has been forwarded by a Georgia delegate to Washington.

## Mayor's Court

Mayor Dinn disposed of the following cases in his court this morning:

Elmer King, carrying concealed weapons. Defendant pleaded guilty. Bond over to county court.

Willie Fleming, Hubert Anderson, Harvey Outerbridge and Charlie Page, gambling. All save Outerbridge pleaded guilty. Defendants bound over to county court.

Frank Bernard and C. Hughes, disorderly conduct. Defendants fined \$2.50 each and costs.

## CLEAN STREETS FOR SUNDAY

The recent ordinance enacted by the Board of Aldermen making it a misdemeanor to leave vehicles of any kind whatever, standing upon certain streets of the city between certain hours Saturday night is a complete success. The town authorities are confident at the apparent interest which the citizens are taking in observing this ordinance, for it not only prevents congestion of the streets during the usual shopping hours on Saturday nights, but enables the street cleaning department to sprinkle and sweep the streets without leaving here and there miswreck parts caused by a stalled automobile or buggy. Consequently the streets have a much neater appearance on Sundays.

Miss Adelaide Taft has returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Henderson.

PROGRAM  
**White's Theatre**  
TONIGHT  
**"Patria"**  
featuring Mrs. Vernon Castle  
And a five-reel Master Picture

## More Negro Troops Will Be Sent to Houston, Texas

(By United Press)

HOUSTON.—More negro troops will be sent to Houston despite the rioting there last week. General Bell, in charge of the situation, made the declaration.

The Eighth Illinois Infantry, all negroes, are being sent, Bell stated.

"I can control them and will not recommend that they be sent elsewhere. There will be no further trouble," said General Bell.

## German Counters are of No Avail

(By United Press)

PARIS.—German counter-attacks of the most violent nature failed early today to make the French relinquish any ground they gained in yesterday's new offensive around Verdun.

The War Office reported all such attacks around Beaumont broken up.

## To Fix Wheat Prices Wednesday

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—The prices for the 1917 wheat crop will be fixed probably Wednesday, it is announced officially this afternoon.

## Japan Urges a Modification of Steel Embargo

(By United Press)

TOKYO.—The Japanese ambassador to Washington has been instructed by his government to negotiate with the United States for a modification of the steel embargo so far as Japan is concerned, it was learned today.

## Marriage Licenses

The Register of Deeds has issued marriage licenses to the following couples since last report:

WHITE—T. E. Langley and Allie Pilgreen, Pactolus; J. Q. Sewell of Robersonville and Alma Dorsett of Silver City; A. P. Bullock of Bethel and Mary Keel of Edgecomb county; Clarence Litchford and Lucy Wooten.

COLORED—Chas. Humber and Pearl Williams of Falkland; Claude Moore and Shodie Best of Pactolus; Grant Hardy and Bessie Hardy of Chicod; Floyd Judd and Clyde Douglas of Bethel; Wm. Artis and Hagar McCotter of Ayden; Clinton Waldrop and Lizzie Hardy of Greenville township.

## Large Congregations Hear Dr. Henderson At The Presbyterian Church

Dr. W. R. Henderson of Commerce, Ga., filled the pulpit of the Greenville Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and again in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Two well delivered and interesting sermons were expounded, to which the congregation listened attentively. Special music was rendered by the choir at both services.

Since the resignation of Rev. A. G. Harris, who is now pastor of the old Second Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Ala., the local church has been without a pastor. There is therefore, a possibility of a call being extended for the services of a minister for this charge in the near future.