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ANOTHER GERMAN PLOT IS REPORTED UNCOVERED

Plan to Overturn Every Government in Central America Unearthed by Federal Agents--Former President of Nicaragua is Under Arrest in New Orleans.

(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., March 30.—Information was obtained here today from sources considered reliable indicating that a general Julian Irias, former president of Nicaragua, arrested last night by city detectives and federal agents nominally on the charge of being in the United States illegally, is believed to be wanted for a more serious conspiracy. Federal authorities refused to discuss the charges against him, but from other sources it was learned that federal agents were investigating the charges of violation of neutrality laws and other Latin-American laws.

The conspiracy, it is alleged, here has for its object the overthrow of every government in Central America and the fostering of a central government under German influences. Irias was in Mexico City some time ago and had met representatives of Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica and other Central American states.

Agents for the federal government declined to confirm or deny these reports.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SENIOR PLAY AT HUB

A large crowd witnessed the play, "A number of the South," which was presented by the high school seniors at the Hub theatre last night. The play was full of patriotism and bravery and each player acquitted himself creditably. The scene was laid in the sunny south during the Civil war and the decorations of American and Confederate flags and the uniforms of the soldiers added much to the reality of the scene.

Miss Miriam Whitener presided at the piano throughout the evening rendered appropriate, patriotic and southern music.

Following is the cast of characters as they appeared in the play: Agnes Marion, Miss Rachel Pugh; Amos, William; Barton, Surgeon; Cabot, Hicks; Hugh, Miller; Ray, Leslie; Miss Katharine Whitener; Col. Leslie, Roger; McComb, Captain Victor Gray; Ewart, Hoffman; Lionel Gordon, Richard Boyd; Dan O'Brien, Harvey; McComb, Miss Lindy; Miss Neva Edmondson; Gen. Moran, John Ciley.

Mr. K. C. Menzies is back on his feet after a couple of days of illness.

High School Debate to be Held at Hickory, Lenoir and Morganton Tonight

One of the hottest debates ever held in this part of the state is expected when the representatives of Hickory high school go up against the Lenoir high school at the Hub theatre tonight. For the past five years Hickory has met in annual debate with the representatives of Morganton and Lenoir, but as yet the best Hickory has been able to do is to break even. Tonight may mean for Hickory a similar fate, though if hard work on the part of the local contestants can avail anything, someone will have to dig up the price of a trip to Chapel Hill three weeks from now for the four boys who tonight will battle for home and native land.

The party from Lenoir will arrive on the C. and N. W. at 2:35 and will be entertained while here by representatives of the high school literary society. The party will consist of the two debaters, Messrs. Olin Bradshaw and Jay Goldbroth, the faculty representative, Miss Mary Coffee, and the judge whom Lenoir is entitled to bring along, Mr. Columbus Andrews. The local speakers are Messrs. Willard Eaton and Louie Whitener, and the judges other than

DR. H. C. MENZIES PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY

Dr. H. C. Menzies of Hickory is the new president of the Ninth District Medical Society at its annual meeting here Thursday afternoon and Dr. Bell of Mooresville was chosen vice-president. Mooresville also drew the next annual convention, and the date is to be announced by the president and secretary.

There were 30 or more visiting physicians present and the session was at all times interesting. The paper by Dr. Paul H. Ringer of Asheville on early diagnosis of tuberculosis probably was most entertaining, as it covered a subject in which experts and laymen are especially interested at this time.

Hickory physicians and people are appreciative of the honor bestowed on Dr. Menzies, who is not only a first class physician, but a popular citizen and good friend. He will make a splendid presiding officer.

Among the physicians attending the meeting from a distance were Drs. J. B. Council, Salisbury; I. W. Faison, Charlotte; A. H. Newman, Salisbury; J. E. McLaughlin, Statesville; P. J. Anderson, Richmond, Va.; W. L. Pitts, Lenoir; J. P. Monroe, A. J. Crowell, J. W. Squires, Addison Brenizer and J. C. Myers, Charlotte; J. T. Burns, High Point; L. V. Cloninger, Statesville; P. H. Ringer, Asheville; Baxter Byerly, Colesburg; J. B. Goodman and A. A. Kent, Lenoir; Vernon, Morganton; James West, Newton; B. Moore, Drexel; Glenn Long, Newton; W. C. Boyden, China Grove.

MORE TROOPS CALLED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—Batteries E and F of the tenth field artillery, Connecticut national guard, were called into federal service today by war department orders.

Orders were being prepared today calling out additional national guards in several eastern states. They contemplate calling out two additional regiments to supplement the 50,000 national guardsmen on duty in the country.

BRITISH FORCES CAPTURE VILLAGE EAST OF YPRES

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 29.—The British forces in France have captured the village of Neuville Bourjival, east of Ypres, according to the official communication issued yesterday evening. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the Germans. The statement says: "The village of Neuville Bourjival was captured this morning after a short fight in which the enemy lost heavily. We took a few prisoners. Our raiding parties entered the enemy's lines during the night east of Arras and in the neighborhood of Neuville-st. Vaast and Neuven Chapelle. Several dugouts were destroyed and casualties were inflicted. Two German airplanes were driven down in a damaged condition during air fighting yesterday. Three of our machines are missing."

AMERICAN LEGATION UNDER GUARD OF GERMAN POLICE

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 30.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says: "Frontier correspondents hear from Brussels that the American legation is completely isolated and under a guard of German police. It is rumored that the Germans contemplated taking the minister (Brano Whitlock) and his staff to Germany. The Americans in Brussels have been notified that they cannot leave Belgium before three months at the earliest."

BRITISH CAPTURE TOWN IN FRANCE

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 30.—The capture by the British of the town of Ruyalourt, about eight miles east of Bapaume, is reported by Reuters correspondent at the British front in France.

DEMOCRATS NAME CHAMP CLARK AGAIN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—Champ Clark of Missouri was nominated for reelection today as speaker of the house at a caucus of Democrats. He was chosen by acclamation.

Mr. Clark is confident of reelection when the house meets Monday. There was no opposition to him today and it took 15 minutes to make the nomination. Mr. Clark has been in congress more than 20 years, and has been speaker of the last three sessions. After the selection of a candidate for speaker, the caucus took up the matters of legislation.

AMERICAN FLAG BARBERS KILLED YOUNG FARMER

IS LOWERED IN ONE GUN BATTLE RALLIES TO CALL

(By Associated Press.)
Franklin, N. C., March 30.—J. O. Burnett, 33, and L. A. Woodlief, 42, are dead as the result of a shooting affray here this morning in a barber shop owned by Burnett. The shooting occurred in a room adjoining the place and so far as the authorities learned was not seen by any one.

Six shots were fired, all from one pistol, and each man was shot three times. One theory was that the pistol was wrested away from the other in the melee and that the wounded man succeeded in firing at the other. Both died without making a statement.

The pistol was said to have belonged to Burnett. Woodlief, who had been working for Burnett, had expected to quit today.

AUSTRIA IS ANXIOUS TO PRESERVE PEACE

(By Associated Press.)
Berne, March 29, via Paris, March 30.—A neutral diplomat who arrived here today from Vienna asserts that Austria is almost everlastingly anxious to retain good relations with the United States and is even more desirous of supporting Germany. The continuance of good relations with Washington depends on whether the United States enters the war.

According to the diplomat, if America and Germany go to war, Austria will follow the lead of her ally, but if peace is preserved good relations will be maintained.

MAY PUT EMBARGO ON LONG DISTANCE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 30.—Temporary embargo on telephone service extension throughout the country in order to hold in reserve facilities that may be needed by the government was announced here today by the vice-president of the American Bell Telephone Company.

LOWER FREIGHTS ON SOUTHERN PRODUCE

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—General revision of freights on fruits from southern and western states in order to bring rates to a parity with other producing sections were approved today by the interstate commerce commission.

Carload and less than carload rates on fruits and vegetables from every section of the south were involved.

BRITISH SHIP LOSSES FOR FOUR MONTHS

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 30.—The figures for British shipping losses from submarines and mines for the months of December, January, February and the first 18 days of March were announced today by the British admiralty: December, 30; January 26; February, 65; March 55.

MARKETS

CHICAGO WHEAT		
(By Associated Press.)	Chicago, March 30.—Predictions of unsettled weather in Nebraska led to hope today of the breaking of the drought there and caused wheat prices to ease off. Opening prices, with May at 1.96 7-8 to 1.98 and July at 1.65 3-4 to 1.66 3-4, were followed by a moderate reaction and then a moderate upturn.	The close was easy.
May	19.01	18.75
July	18.83	18.53
October	18.00	17.58
December	18.07	17.61
January	18.05	17.61

HICKORY MARKETS		
Cotton	19 1-4	
Wheat	\$2.25	

COTTON FUTURES		
(By Associated Press.)	New York, March 30.—The cotton market opened steady today at unchanged prices, with active months selling higher shortly after the call. Prospects of unsettled weather west of the Mississippi river encouraged some realizing and prices dropped slightly.	

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight, Saturday fair and slightly warmer; moderate northeast to southeast winds.

GERMANS RETIRE BEFORE BRITISH ON SHORT FRONT

Berlin Announces Withdrawal in Face of Superior Numbers--No Activity Reported by French--German Chancellor Says His Country will Have to Bear War With U. S.

(By Associated Press.)
Newark, N. J., March 30.—Andrew Miller, a farmer, who is on his way today to join the United States marines at Charleston, S. C., walked 25 miles at Charleston, S. C., walked 25 miles and was too proud to beg for a ride.

"I want to fight," he told the recruiting officer. "I was working in a field when a fellow came along and said the Germans had declared war and were bombarding New York City. I dropped my work and waited for my money started out to enlist. I do not need a uniform, but only a rifle."

REVOLUTION IS BREWING IN SPAIN

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—A revolutionary movement which resulted in the calling of a general strike was directly responsible for the suspension by Spain of constitutional guarantees, according to an official dispatch received from the American ambassador at Madrid. The government, having arrested the instigators, is said to be relying on the "common sense" of the workmen and the measures of precaution taken to preserve order.

PEARL WHITE AT PASTIME TODAY

Don't miss seeing the 12th episode of "Pearl of the Army" at the Pastime this afternoon and tonight. It will be great.

The city officers say they are getting more calls for help by the poor than usual—wood, rations, etc.

Mr. Noah Benfield fell from a load of wood yesterday and was painfully hurt in and about his back. It is hoped it will not prove serious.

EMERGENCY PEACE CROWD STILL BUSY

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 30.—Leaders of the Emergency Peace Federation said that cancellation of the permission to parade next Monday would not stop their determination to convince congress that the country does not want war.

The federation will keep up its efforts to raise a \$200,000 fund. Most of the money will be used for newspaper advertising.

DARING HAZING ACT AT WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Wake Forest, March 30.—One of the most daring acts of hazing perpetrated at Wake Forest College in years occurred last Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock when a hazing party said to number 10 or more entered a private residence in the town and forcibly held the door to every room in the house while a freshman was hazed, and as the hazing party was leaving the house, two shots were fired at close quarters, the first by a member of the hazing party and the second by an inmate of the house, who had left his room by means of his window, and encountered the hazing party as they were leaving through the front door.

"L. W. Chappell, a senior member of the student senate, a student organization that has charge of all cases of hazing, was awakened early Sunday morning when a room diagonally opposite his on the upper floor was forcibly broken into. Going to his door Mr. Chappell found it firmly held from the outside and as he put his foot through his window a man with a gun commanded him to stay in his room. Mr. Chappell then secured his revolver, and forced his way to retreat into the hallway and while he was standing in the doorway the hazing party fled rapidly through a door leaving the house. Mr. Chappell states that probably the third man in the line fired past his face within two yards of him and he immediately shot into the line but his hand was pushed just as he shot and no one was hit. His revolver failed to fire a second time and the entire party made its escape quickly.

The student senate has been in session practically every day this week, but owing to the fact that their sessions are held in secret the exact evidence obtained and the action to be taken will not be known until a public announcement is made of their decision.

Mrs. W. M. Jones and baby of Charlotte are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Moser.

Mrs. Paul Cooper and son of Knoxville are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Will Seabock.

WILSON IS PREPARED TO APPEAR BEFORE CONGRESS TO OUTLINE HIS WAR PLANS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—Steps in participation of President Wilson's appearance before congress next week and for action by congress were taken today by President Wilson and the administration leaders.

These steps were:

The president held a final session with his cabinet preparatory to writing the message he will deliver to congress in joint session.

House Democrats held a caucus to consider plans for the organization of the house by their party and a committee of 27 Republicans met to prepare a program for presentation to a caucus tomorrow.

Plans for raising revenue were considered at a meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee today.

President Wilson now has before him recommendations of his principal cabinet advisers and in a general way has heard the sense of the country. The overwhelming sentiment was in favor of declaring that a state of war exists.

Telegrams advising the president are being received in large numbers. Many of them couched in identical language favor the maintenance of peace.

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(By Associated Press.)
German troops in northern France are still falling back towards Cambrai under British pressure. Evidently they have not reached in this sector at least a line on which they intend to make a final stand.

Today's announcement from Berlin of a German retirement on a four and a half mile front between Neuport and Roisel was forecast to some extent by the British announcement last night that a village on this front had been captured. Berlin reports that the Germans were forced back by superior numbers.

The French apparently have suspended temporarily their attacks along the southern end of the line. Paris reports a quiet night on virtually the entire front.

North of the line near Neuville-St. Vaast Berlin reports four attacks by a Canadian regiment, all of which were fruitless.

There have been no important events on any of the other fronts.

If the United States at the coming extra session of congress should declare war against Germany, that country will have to "bear and overcome" it. This statement, made by the German imperial chancellor in the reichstag, seems to be Germany's final declaration that Germany does not intend to give up her unrestricted submarine campaign.

The chancellor during his address said Germany had never had the slightest intention of attacking the United States and has no such intention now and that if the American nation considered Germany's submarine campaign a cause for war, "we shall not have to bear the responsibility for it."

Interest in the election Monday is not causing much talk on the streets.

A day like this makes one feel like a fisherman.

The Community Club met this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce, an address by Mr. W. A. Self on the library featuring the meeting.

Diets' barber shop has installed new chairs and otherwise improved the popular place.

NAVY PLACES ORDERS SUBMARINE NETS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 30.—Orders were placed by the navy department for the immediate construction of 100 steel rope submarine nets. The delivery will begin in three weeks.

CHARITIES ACTS

The Associated Charities of Hickory will meet this afternoon to consider the collection that is to be taken up tomorrow for the benefit of crippled and deformed children. Inasmuch as this meeting will be too late to reach the readers of your paper today, we thought it advisable to make the following suggestion pending the official action of the Board of Charities:

1. It may be advisable to postpone this collection pending an investigation for the following reasons:

2. We talked over the telephone with Mr. B. B. Babington of Gastonia, the gentleman who was one of the leading factors in getting the general assembly of our state to create a state hospital for the care of crippled and deformed children, and as much as this meeting will be too late to reach the readers of your paper today, we thought it advisable to make the following suggestion pending the official action of the Board of Charities:

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