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## RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT DETERMINED TO STAND

### Indications That Diverse Elements are Coming to Their Senses--Germans Launch Violent Attacks Against French and British, but Fail to Obtain Foothold.

By the Associated Press.

Although most with innumerable difficulties the provisional government of Russia is determined to stick to its task.

The government will make an effort to amalgamate the diverse elements which have made a government impossible, it announces today. It announces that the country will be saved if the new democracies will uphold the authorities.

The council of soldiers' and workers' delegates, comprising Socialists and soldiers, apparently is becoming more reasonable, and has indicated a desire to cooperate with the provisional government.

Meanwhile the front in northern France is witnessing an increasingly determined resistance by the Germans to the British and French, who have pushed dangerously near the two key points in their line.

Evidently with heavy reinforcements at their command, the German armies in both the Arras and the Aisne are launching heavy forces at the points attacked. The British were attacked along the Arras and the French in the Chemin-des-Dames section.

At both places the German attacks as reported today in the Paris and London official statements, were repelled by the allied forces.

At both places the British held their grip. At Bullecourt the British repulsed their hold on the village, only some advanced positions being forced back a little way.

The drive at the Chemin des Dames position where the French are well established for a further push forward to the fortress of Laon was equally unsuccessful. Paris announced a footing in one advanced trench southwest of Filling was the only point the Germans were able to gain.

## CORN IS GREAT ELEMENT OF WAR

At the meeting of the Food Conservation committee on last Saturday afternoon, Mr. G. H. Geitner stressed the production of corn and more corn. He assured all present that it was not at all too late to plant corn and that good hard corn could be grown if planted by June. The following extract is pertinent to the subject:

Said Kabeleis, nearly four centuries ago, "Corn is the sinews of war."

"To what better use can thousands and thousands of school and college boys devote their next vacation than to help forge these sinews? Where? In the harvest fields and the hay-mow, in the potato patch and the corn row, in the dairy and the farm-house."

Who will organize the regiments, brigades and divisions of college boys who do not go into the army and marshal them upon the thousands of farms where they can create the sinews of war which their comrades in uniform will need?

Corn, I tell you, is the great element of this war. Lack of corn or its equivalent precipitated the Russian revolution and dethroned a czar.

To shut out corn from England, the kaiser inaugurated his submarine brutalities and so brought the United States into the war. "Gerard," in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

TO ATTEND WEDDING  
By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson called off the meeting of the cabinet today so he and Mrs. Wilson could attend the wedding of Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary McAdoo, and Frederick Monastchidoff of the Russian embassy.

## THREE BILLIONS GREAT INCREASE REPORTED TO SENATE

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—All appropriation records of congress were broken today when the senate appropriations committee reported the army and navy deficiency bill of \$3,000,000,000, of which \$400,000,000 was for the purchase and building of merchant ships.

The senate committee added \$563,392,000 to the bill as passed by the house, virtually all except the ship building being authorizations for the military establishment. One million is for the council of national defense and \$1,000,000 for the detention of Germans in the United States.

IN RATES IS FOUGHT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—The war tax bill provision to greatly increase postal rates on newspapers and magazines again today was under fire in congress. The house general debate on the bill was nearing its final stages, while before the senate finance commission the newspaper publishers were continuing their attacks on the proposal.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of labor, presented the protests of the labor papers. The committee was told that the publishers were willing to bear any burden that would not ruin their business. The publishers opened their books to the committee for the past five years.

Coupled with the tremendous expense in the cost of print paper, and the increase of telegraph matter, any tax placed on the publishers would be out of all proportion to the burdens on other business enterprises.

## WILSON TO URGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BUILD STORAGE HOUSE

### Will Cooperate With Farmers in Saving Surplus Food Crops--To Preserve Apples This Summer--Important Meeting of Committee Held.

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson today took steps to speed up congress of war legislation. He planned to see leaders of both houses tonight in an effort to hurry along food legislation and ship matters.

The president was represented today as thoroughly aroused to the situation. Congress has been in session about six weeks, but with the exception of the declaration of war and the passage of the big loan nothing has been done.

General Petain in Supreme Charge

By the Associated Press.

Paris, May 15.—General Petain was appointed as commander in chief of the French armies operating on the French front by the French war council today.

General Nivelle was placed in command of a group of armies operating on the Aisne, and General role in the battles of the Marne and Yser, succeeds General Petain as chief of staff and minister of war.

ELKS IN SESSION IN CAPITAL CITY

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, N. C., May 15.—Raleigh and everything within the city was turned over today to the hundreds of members of the fraternal order of Elks who were here for the opening of the Seventh annual state convention of the organization. Every train today brought scores of Elks to the city, numerous automobile parties from all parts of the state were arriving almost hourly and indications were that more than the expected 1,200 delegates would be present.

The city was ablaze with color, purple and white banners, the fraternal colors, intermingled with the stars and stripes almost concealing buildings in the business district and fluttering from every vantage point from which they could be displayed. A handsomely decorated arch erected at the head of Fayetteville street, immediately before the state capitol, was a feature.

Representatives of various lodges nearly all arrived in a body and the variety of uniforms of the visitors attracted much attention. Good natured rivalry between the delegations competing for the numerous prizes to be awarded was noticeable and many last minute changes and methods on the eve of the parade tomorrow afternoon, in an effort to surpass the other competitors, were expected.

An address by Edward Rightor, of New Orleans Lodge Number 30, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Fraternity, will feature the initial session tonight in the municipal auditorium. The meeting will be open to the public. The visitors will be welcomed by James I. Johnson, mayor of Raleigh, after the invocation by Rev. Mr. F. J. Gallagher of Rocky Mount Lodge Number 1038, Chaplain of the State Association. William Brennan, of Durham lodge number 568, will respond.

A reception in honor of Mr. Rightor will be held at the Elks home from 11 o'clock until midnight.

The delegates are to be registered tomorrow morning at the Elks home and a business session is to be held in the auditorium at 11 o'clock. From 1 until 2:30 o'clock the visitors are to be entertained with a buffet luncheon at the home. Election of officers and the selection of next year's convention city will take place at a business session to be held at 3 p. m.

JOSEPH CHOATE PASSES IN NEW YORK

By the Associated Press.

New York, May 15.—Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain and lawyer of international fame, died suddenly of heart disease in his home here last night. Mr. Choate complained yesterday and his physician was called. Mr. Choate was ordered to remain in bed, but later he left his bed to attend to pressing affairs. About 10:30 last night, his condition suddenly became worse and he said to his daughter:

"I am feeling very ill; I think this is the end."

A few minutes later he died. Mr. Choate was born in Salem, Mass., Jan. 24, 1832. Mrs. Choate, who was with her husband when he died, collapsed. Her condition was critical this morning.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED IN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Hickory fire department Monday elected officers for the coming year and the list will be submitted to council tonight for approval. The officers are:

A. T. Yoder, chief; L. D. Frye, assistant chief; A. O. Mitchell, first foreman; H. L. Yoder, second foreman; T. S. Keever, superintendent of fire alarm; Connelly Gamble, secretary.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CIRCLES HOLD MEETINGS

The three circles of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon with a total attendance of 28 members.

Circle No. 1 met with Misses Amelia and Lizzie McComb. Eleven members were present. Mrs. G. W. Killian was leader. Special music was rendered by Mrs. W. B. Menzies. A profitable hour was spent in a general review of the Foreign Mission Society. Misses Ann and L. McComb reported the recent meeting of Concord Presbyterian. Visitors were Mrs. D. M. McComb, Mrs. Frank McComb, Mrs. Hugh Williams, Misses Elizabeth McComb, Fannie Dixon and Margaret McComb. Refreshments were served.

Circle No. 2 met with Mrs. H. S. Smith. Kenworth. Nine members were present. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. B. Ramsey. The leader for study was Mrs. J. J. Willard. Review of Foreign Missions and immigration were topics studied. Mrs. Walsh gave an interesting report from Concord Presbyterian. Welcome visitors were Mrs. Rudiell, Mrs. Woodall, Misses Mary Monroe and Effie Morrison. During a delightful social hour the hostess served refreshments.

Circle No. 3 met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Shuford. Eight members were present. Leader for the afternoon was Mrs. J. G. Garth. The program as planned by Year Book was very interesting and instructive. This Circle has decided to support a Bible Woman in Korea. Before adjournment refreshments were served.

PLAN TO UPROOT GERMANS' SYSTEM

San Francisco, May 15.—Vigorous action for the overthrow of the German secret service in America was begun today by the federal authorities on information they had been furnished by Rudolph Flamdinghe, alleged head of the spy system on the Pacific coast. Flamdinghe, under arrest in Los Angeles, is said to have given the government agents information which is believed will result in the immediate arrest of virtually every German secret service operating in the United States. According to Federal authorities, the United States has been divided into ten districts with a chief and subordinates operating in each division. Araid to communicate by mail or telegraph, members of the spy ring have adopted an elaborate system of codes which are carried by messengers from one district to another.

All the important members of the spy organization are under surveillance and simultaneous arrests are expected soon.

POU ON COMMISSION

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, May 15.—James H. POU of Raleigh has been appointed member of the state food commission, it was announced today.

ODD FELLOWS MEET IN HIGH POINT TODAY

By the Associated Press.

High Point, N. C., May 15.—Delegates from all parts of the state were arriving here today for the first session of the seventy-fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. At least 100 Daughters of Rebekah were expected to be among the several hundred visitors. The initial session tonight will be open to the public and the delegates will be welcomed by Fred H. Tate, mayor of High Point.

Officers were engaged throughout the day arranging for important business to be transacted tomorrow. The degree team of Repton Lodge Number 63, of High Point, will confer the first degree tomorrow night. The Rebekah degree also will be conferred during the evening, with the degree staff of Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, Number 27, of Winston-Salem, in charge of the ceremony.

LARGE AIRPLANE FACTORY IS BURNED

By the Associated Press.

Amsterdam, via London, May 15.—A large airplane factory near Berlin, has been completely destroyed by fire, according to the Handelsblatt.

DURHAM TO RAISE \$1,000 FOR AMBULANCE

By the Associated Press.

Durham, May 15.—Col. Benham Cameron, state senator from Durham county, announced today that Durham would subscribe \$1,000 towards the purchase of an ambulance for service in France. Dr. S. Westray Battle of Asheville, who is leading the movement, announced that Asheville had already raised funds for three. A daughter of Dr. Battle is in service in France.

## GOOD MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF SCHOOLS

West Hickory citizens Monday displayed their interest in good schools by voting 66 to 49 in favor of increasing the school tax from 30 cents to 45 cents on the \$100 and consolidating with Longview and making a graded school district with a centrally located building to cost approximately \$12,000. As a result of the progressive step by the voters private donations will supplement the tax and it will be arranged so that the district will obtain its new building with little outlay of capital. The Ivey Mills Company will donate \$2,000, the Southern Desk Company \$500 and the school furniture and other manufacturing interests will make donations.

On Saturday, May 26, Longview will vote on the same proposition, and it is declared that Longview will give even a larger majority for better schools.

West Hickory citizens were jubilant Monday night. They realize that the securing of a first class school will be worth more to that community than any other one thing, and they are looking to Longview to complete the good work begun Monday.

## PRICES OF GRAIN CONTINUE TO FALL

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, May 15.—The curtailment of speculation ordered by the board of trade yesterday caused further declines in the price of grain today. July wheat sold off 11 cents to 2.49 and September 8 cents to 2.20. Corn dropped 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 cents and oats also fell a few cents.

The meeting here of delegates from other grain centers was expected to improve conditions.

ESPIONAGE BILL BEING SHAPED UP

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, May 15.—The directors of the Chicago board of trade today extended until further notice the regulations forbidding the dealings in futures.

## FOOD SITUATION TO BE DISCUSSED TONIGHT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—Food control legislation and the food situation in the United States and allied countries will be discussed tonight by President Wilson, Secretary Houston and members of the agricultural committees of the house and senate. Administration leaders are eager to have congress busy itself with food control at once.

## CONFERENCE AGREES TO LET ROOSEVELT GO

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—Senate and house conferees on the war army bill today agreed to report the bill with the section to authorize the provision under which Colonel Roosevelt desires to raise a division retained. No other changes were made in the bill.

RESIGNS HIS MEMBERSHIP ON BUILDING COMMISSION

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, May 15.—Chas. E. Johnson of Raleigh has resigned as a member of the state building commission and John J. Blair of Wilmington, superintendent of the schools of that city, has accepted to be held tomorrow and the plans of institutions will be inspected by the committee.

All institutions intending to erect buildings will have representatives at the meeting tomorrow.

## FARM LOAN BANKS ARE LENDING MONEY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—Loans to farmers by the federal farm banks are being made at the rate of \$100,000 a day. If the present rate keeps up, the banks will lend about three million in a few months.

Loans thus far by states follow: South Carolina, \$167,700; North Carolina, \$38,600 and Virginia, \$23,450.

The first issue of farm loan bonds, it was announced today, will be available in a month or six weeks.

## MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
By the Associated Press.		
New York, May 15.—Favorable weather reports and uneasiness over the situation in Russia seemed responsible for the increased offerings in the cotton market today. Prices turned easier under liquidation and selling and July and October eased off to about 15 to 17 points net lower.		
The close was steady.		
	Open	Close
May	19.95	19.95
July	19.85	19.76
October	19.28	19.17
December	19.40	19.27
January	19.43	19.34

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Cotton	20c
Wheat	\$3.20

CHICAGO WHEAT	
By the Associated Press.	
Chicago, May 15.—Sharply lower prices resulted in wheat today from the elimination of dealing in futures and pessimistic reports of the Russian situation. Opening prices, which ranged from two to six cents lower, with July at 2.53 to 2.55 and September at 2.23 to 2.26, were followed by additional setbacks all around and then moderate reactions.	

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight, Wednesday fair and slightly warmer; moderate northwest winds becoming variable.

## Summer is Officially Heralded by Weather Bureau at Washington

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—The cold spring is over. The weather bureau today announced that the "summer type of pressure distribution" indicated warmer weather. There is no probability of a return of low temperatures for some time at least.

## Four Hundred Million for Purchase and Building of Government Cargo Ships

By the Associated Press.

Washington, May 15.—Appropriation of \$400,000,000, of which nearly \$100,000,000 is to be available for federal purchases and construction of merchant vessels, was agreed today by the senate commerce committee.

## Brussiloff, Great Russian General, Resigns Place as Commander of Army

By the Associated Press.

Petrograd, via London, May 15.—It became known today that just before the resignation of the provision-minister of war, General Ruchiloff, was announced yesterday, General Brussiloff, commander in chief of the Russian armies in the south-eastern front, and General Guchoff, asked to be relieved of their commands. The quotation is under consideration.

## Member of Submarine Crew Says Germany Has 325 Fast U-Boats; Hundred Captured

By the Associated Press.

Amsterdam, via London, May 15.—The Germans have about 325 submarines in operation and about 80 to 100 have been lost through British nets alone, according to the Telegraaf, which points an interview with a member of the crew of the submarine U-58. This submarine sank Dutch grain ships at sea in February.

There are about 39 U-boats of the newest type and this fleet is supplemented by vessels marked with a C. The first class boats have a speed that will enable them to overtake any cargo boats. The boats have provisions for two weeks and receive instructions every morning by wireless.