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MORE AMERICANS URGE EXPULSION OF SENATORS

New York Organizations Petition Senate to Expel LaFollette, Gronna and Stone—Chattanooga Bar Does Likewise and Endorses Colonel Roosevelt's Campaign.

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—Petitions from New York organizations seeking the expulsion from the senate of Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin, Gronna of North Dakota and Stone of Missouri were formally presented in the senate today by Senator Wadsworth of New York and referred to the committee on privileges and elections without discussion.

BAR ASSOCIATION ACTS

By the Associated Press.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Oct. 1.—A meeting of the Chattanooga Bar Association, attended by practically every lawyer in the city, denounced the action of Senators LaFollette, Gronna, Stone, Hardwick, Stone, Vandaman and others acting with them in the present congress in obstructing the prosecution of the war and protection of the United States.

"We condemn in unmeasured terms the action of Senators LaFollette, Gronna, Stone, Hardwick, Stone, Vandaman and others acting with them in the present congress in obstructing the prosecution of the war and protection of the United States."
The resolution was adopted with only three dissenting votes.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE COALITION CABINET

Petrograd, Friday, Sept. 28.—(Delayed).—The immediate formation of a new coalition cabinet is reported to be the decision of Premier Kerensky. This is considered a direct challenge to the democratic congress, which is expected to demand the right to name the government.

Delegates to the convention spent the day in committee meetings and party conferences. The premier conferred with Moscow political leaders. It is reported he will bring the issue to a head by announcing his cabinet tomorrow.

M. Buryakoff and M. Tratyakoff, Moscow leaders who at present have no political affiliations, went to the winter palace today at the invitation of the premier and presented to him a program which has been approved by the business, banking and manufacturing interests. It is announced the premier has agreed to the program. The principal points of this program are the immediate adoption of measures to put the army and navy in fighting condition, the merciless suppression of anarchy, absolute independence of cabinet members from parties, and the taking of measures to guarantee the election of the members of the constituent assembly which is to decide on Russia's future form of government in such a way that the assembly will express the free will of the Russian people.

It is believed this program will receive the approval of the constitutional democrats, who, it is understood, will have representation in the cabinet notwithstanding the opposition of the soldiers' and workmen's delegates. The Moscow leaders who conferred with M. Kerensky are mentioned as possible members of the new cabinet.

The meeting of various party groups in the democratic congress today were held behind closed doors. Among the subjects discussed, which are to be presented to the congress, was a plan to obviate the necessity of holding a constituent assembly by making the congress a permanent body. This plan is said to contemplate continuous sessions of the congress until the end of the war, and the representation of all soldiers' and workmen's delegates throughout Russia.

In the wide range of projects to be before the congress stands out the determination of the social democrats to oppose any effort of the premier to reform the cabinet without the sanction of the congress. The labor group favors a coalition cabinet, leaving open the question of a constituent assembly by the constitutional democrats. The peasants' delegation will introduce a resolution for a "republic of democracy," opposing the ambition of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates.

LOOK OVER PAPERS IN BERKMANN CASE

By the Associated Press.
Albany, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Governor Whitman announced today that he would withhold his decision in the case of the extradition of Alexander Berkman, an anarchist, until he had investigated the minutes of the San Francisco grand jury, which indicted Berkman on the charge of conspiring the death of persons by the use of the preparedness parade last summer.

LARGE PROPERTY DAMAGE IN FLORIDA

By the Associated Press.
Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 1.—Estimates today of the damage done in the city of Pensacola by the tropical storm last Friday placed the property loss at \$100,000. The damage done was confined to wires, roofs, and frame buildings.

No reports of loss of life to persons in this vicinity have been received. Student aviators from the navy aeronautical station near here rescued a number of persons from the flooded portions of Warrenton. Ten fishing schooners and a number of smaller vessels were aground in the harbor and one large steamer went aground in five feet of water.

Authorities at the navy yard stated that the loss there would aggregate about \$100,000, including an unroofed store of supplies and wreckage of airplanes.

U. S. BATTLESHIP IS FLOATED SUCCESSFULLY

By the Associated Press.
An Atlantic Port, Oct. 1.—The battleship of the United States navy, which went aground in home waters on September 28, was put afloat today. The sea was smooth and a number of warships pulled the vessel to deep water.

PATROL SHIP SUNK ON AMERICAN COAST

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—An American patrol ship on duty off the Atlantic coast was rammed and sunk today by an unknown steamer.

NO DECISION YET IN CONTEMPT CASE

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 1.—Judge Webb will withhold his decision until October 3 in the case brought before him in Gastonia last week by Attorneys of Gaston B. Means held on the charge of murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, near Concord, when they appeared before him and asked that John T. Dooling, assistant district attorney of New York, be cited in contempt proceedings for not delivering papers into their possession taken from the apartments of Gaston Means in New York and that these be delivered to the clerk of the Cabarrus county superior court.

Miss Lenore Sourbeer and Mrs. Donald Stroh spent Saturday and Sunday in Asheville.

The directors of the Juvenile Protective association will not meet Tuesday morning, there being no business coming before them.

The Presbyterian Philathea class will hold its business meeting at the home of Mrs. W. B. Ramsay Tuesday night at 7:30 instead of in the church parlor.

CALDWELL FAIR TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY

Hickory and Catawba county folks are extended a cordial invitation to attend the Caldwell Fair at Lenoir this week, beginning Wednesday and closing Friday night with a big fireworks display. The management advertising three shows, the Astbury band and a wonderful zoo. A good time is in store for all who attend.

FOREIGNERS WILL BE SENT FROM GERMANY

By the Associated Press.
Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—The telegraph says a bill is being prepared in Berlin authorizing the German government in view of the scarcity of foods to deport all foreigners not employed in war industry. The bill probably will be in force in a month.

GREAT CAMPAIGN IN LIBERTY LOAN

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—The big drive for the second issue of liberty loan bonds began at noon today throughout the country with a multitude of activities that will last four weeks.

The campaign is planned to raise at least \$3,000,000,000 in treasury certificates, with a maximum of \$5,000,000,000.

Half again as large as the first liberty loan, the second offering is the largest the people of the United States ever have been called upon to absorb.

NO DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED AT ONCE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—The supreme court convened today for the regular winter term with prospects that no decision on many of the important cases pending will be forthcoming immediately. After a brief perfunctory session of the court members of the court, headed by Chief Justice White, will pay the customary call on the president.

ARGENTINA WILL NOT DECLARE WAR

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—All expectations that Argentina might follow the lead of her neighbors and declare war on Germany passed because President Iroegen is determined not to heed the action of the Argentine congress and popular demands for action and will continue a neutral course. His suggestion that all South America determine her war course by a joint action is not expected to bear fruit because a similar proposal some time ago.

CONOVER IS PROUD OF GRADED SCHOOL

Conover, Oct. 1.—The Conover graded school began the fall term this morning with a large attendance and enthusiasm keen among students and parents for a successful year. The citizens of the town donated a fine piano and the men have graded the grounds and put them in good condition.

Mr. C. R. Brady, member of the county board of education, has been a wheel horse in pulling for the Conover graded school and patrons are warm in their praise of his good work.

It is urged that persons driving through Conover in automobiles be unusually careful in passing the school, which fronts the highway, so as to avoid accidents. The children will be playing near the street during the day and some may run out into it, as children do. It is earnestly hoped that automobilists will have a care.

The town feels that with its excellent staff of teachers this will be the best school year in its history. The teachers are: Miss Ethel Brown, principal; Miss Lena Yount, Hilda Rockett and Alberta Hunsucker.

A large United States flag will be run up over the building today.

HICKORY MARKETS

	Open	Close
October	24.10	24.27
December	23.70	23.85
January	23.55	23.65
March	23.68	23.75
May	23.77	23.84

Cotton 24c
Wheat \$2.20

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina. Fair and continued cool tonight. Tuesday fair, gentle northwest winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER	
Sept. 30.	1917
Maximum	68
Minimum	55
Lowest last night	44

WAR TAX BILL WILL REACH EVERYBODY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—The war tax bill, which is up for final action in the house, "taxes almost everybody from the cradle to the grave," and for good measure taxes people after they are dead.

Babies' first dash of talcum powder will under the two percent manufacturers' tax on cosmetics help Uncle Sam carry on the war, and after death the federal authorities will be on hand to get the inheritance tax. Taxes will be levied on all properties except those voting in a cemetery association.

The person who writes a postal card will be caught, for cards will be for two cents. Letters will be three cents. One will be taxed for entering a moving picture show if the admission is over five cents.

GENERAL GURKO IS EXPULSED FROM RUSSIA

By the Associated Press.
Petrograd, Oct. 1.—General Gurko, former commander on the southwestern front, has been expelled from Russia by way of Archangel because of the letter he wrote to the former emperor expressing loyalty. A message from Archangel says General Gurko took passage on a British steamer.

NINE PERSONS KILLED IN LONDON AIR RAID

By the Associated Press.
London, Oct. 1.—Nine persons were killed and 42 injured in last night's air raid, it was officially announced today.

GERMANY IS WEAKER SAYS WAR DEPARTMENT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—Shaken but still powerful is the estimate of Germany's defensive strength on the western front given in this week's official communication issued by the war department.

The superiority of the British over their enemies, the communication has conclusively been proved by last week's fighting, while it has demonstrated that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating.

Of the activities of the American force in Europe the communication says absolutely nothing. Of the force at home it reports mobilization of national guard and national army troops.

For Hickory Teachers
Saturday afternoon Miss Margaret McComb and Miss Lillian Field entertained at the home of the former, for the twenty-six school teachers of the city schools. An hour was spent most pleasantly in sewing and knitting and afterwards tea and sandwiches were served.

CONGRESSES AT WORK ON LAST WAR BILLS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Oct. 1.—The senate and house resumed work today on important war legislative bills with adjournment tentatively set for not later than next week. The house intended to take final action on the war tax bill as redrafted in conference. The \$8,000,000,000 deficiency bill now in congress and the soldiers' and sailors' insurance bill are the only matter to be disposed of.

BRITISH AIRMEN BRING DOWN GERMANS

By the Associated Press.
London, Sept. 1.—British naval air patrols destroyed two enemy machines and brought down another, says an official report today.
A Gotha also was brought down and is believed to have been damaged. All the British machines escaped undamaged.

BRITISH REMAIN SILENT ON THEIR PLANS IN WEST

In Meantime They Beat Off Three German Attacks—French Also Repulse Germans and Italians Take 1,400 Austrian Prisoners. Big Victory Over Turks.

SOME BIG CASES IN SUPREME COURT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, October 1.—Five big anti-trust cases involving the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester Company, the United Shoe Machinery Company and the Lehigh Valley Railroad and the Reading Companies and affiliated coal companies, the so-called anthracite coal trust cases, together with proceedings from four states to test the constitutionality of the draft law, are before the United States supreme court, which reconvened today following the annual summer recess.

The opening today was purely perfunctory, adjournment being taken almost immediately in order to permit Chief Justice White and his associates to pay their customary call on President Wilson. The hearing of arguments on the pending cases will begin tomorrow but court officials do not anticipate any decision being handed down for several weeks.

Among the first cases disposed of, it is expected, will be those growing out of the draft law. If these were permitted to come up in their regular order, they would not be reached for eighteen months, but Attorney General Gregory plans to ask that they be advanced for early decision.

While government officials, and especially those connected with the war department, feel there is no question about the validity of the law, a decision by the highest court would do much to discourage sentiment manifested in various sections of the country.

Appeals from the decision of Judge Speer in Georgia, who upheld the constitutionality of the law and cases from Minnesota, Ohio and New York, which include those of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, convicted of attempting to oppose the carrying into effect of the law by urging men within the draft ages not to register have been filed. All are expected to be decided at the same time.

Dates have not been fixed for the hearing of arguments in the anti-trust suits. These cases were argued last term. Rumors that owing to the war, action on them would be delayed until after peace was declared were met by Chief Justice White ordering them re-argued at this session. The cases stand near the top of the docket and unless delays occur, court officials expect the Harvester and the anthracite trust cases to come up for consideration this month and the others shortly afterwards. This will be the second time the steel and the shoe machinery cases have been argued and the third time for the Harvester and the anthracite suits.

The Harvester case was appealed to the Supreme court from the Minnesota federal court, which in 1914, ordered the dissolution of the company and its subsidiary organizations combining \$224,000,000 assets, as being in violation of the Sherman law. The government maintains that the mere combining of competitive traders, voluntary or otherwise into a "preponderant or dominant position" in an industry constitutes in itself a violation of the anti-trust laws. The defendants claim that a dissolution decree is not justified on the grounds of mere size and power, contending furthermore that the so-called Harvester trust is a "good" combination.

The enormous size and power alleged to be exercised in suppressing competition are the principal reasons upon which the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation is asked by the government. Suit was brought in the New Jersey federal district court in 1911 but was dismissed four years later by Judges Buffington, McPherson, Wooley and Hunt, who held that although the corporation was formed for the purpose of illegally restraining trade it has not been able alone to fix and maintain prices and is not an actual monopoly. The government at once appealed the case and it was argued in March, 1917.

The proceeding in the shoe machinery case was instituted in the Massachusetts federal district court in 1911, but was dismissed after voluminous testimony had been taken, the court sustaining the defendants on all grounds. This case also was argued before the Supreme court in March, 1917, and latter was ordered re-argued this term. The United Shoe Machinery Company was organized in 1899, with a capital stock of \$25,000,000.

SOME BIG CASES IN SUPREME COURT

By the Associated Press.
While the fighting front in Flanders apparently is witnessing the preparation of another stroke by Field Marshal Haig which the Germans are trying to anticipate by touter attacks and retaliatory fire, the German crown prince's army is again attempting to harass the French in the Verdun region. Attacks on the French were delivered last night both east and north of the Meuse in the Verdun sector, where artillery fighting has been lively during the last few days. The attacks failed.

After yesterday's three futile attempts to drive the British back from the high ground on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road in Flanders, the Germans contented themselves with keeping up an intensely active artillery fire during the night. London is silent on this theatre, but judging from past experiences the British are sending a hail of shells into the German lines.

News from the Italian front is that General Cadorna is pushing out again east of Isonzo, driving forward on the Bainsizza plateau near the southeasterly edge of which he has almost reached the Chiapovano valley. The capture of more than 1,400 prisoners in Saturday's thrust indicates the power of the Italian blow, which there is every indication will be followed up, as the new ground has been firmly held against Austrian counter attacks.

Interest also attaches to the Mesopotamia war theatre from which the news of a brilliant victory by the British was telegraphed yesterday. Several thousand prisoners already are in the British hands as the result of the entire surrounding of a Turkish army northwest of Bagdad.

Russian troops on the northern front are again displaying aggressiveness. Petrograd today reports an attack in which the Germans were driven back 800 to 1,000 yards in the Riga region.

Berlin claims the bombing of the center of London, Margate and Dover by raiders. The statement issued by the British admiralty telling of Saturday night's raid over Belgium reports the destruction of two German machines and the driving down of another.

The Austrians, realizing the strategic value of the Italian gain, have delivered extremely heavy counterattacks, but to no purpose. Likewise, fruitless have been attempts to dislodge the Italians from the southern slopes of the Monte San Gabriele.

Daily the Italians continue aerial bombardment of Austrian positions. The great fortress of Pola again has received a visitation and enemy depots at Berie, near Nabresina, north-east of Trieste on the Gulf of Trieste have been bombed.

Keeping up their almost nightly attacks by air during the last week German air raiders again visited the London district and the Kent and Essex coasts Sunday night. Everywhere the raiders dropped bombs. It is reported that one of them was brought down. In the raid of Saturday night 11 persons were killed and 82 injured. Intense air fighting and bomb dropping expeditions also continue in Belgium and northern France.

OBREGON EN ROUTE TO NATIONAL CAPITAL

By the Associated Press.
San Francisco, Oct. 1.—General Alvaro Obregon, former Mexican secretary of war, was here today en route to Washington. He said his visit was merely for pleasure and undergo treatment for his right arm, which was injured in battle several years ago.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX PLAY LAST CONTEST

By the Associated Press.
New York, Oct. 1.—The Chicago White Sox, champions of the American League, closed their schedule here today at the Polo Grounds in a game with the Yankees.
The Chicago players will leave here tonight on their way to Chicago.