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REPUBLICAN GATHERING

The gathering of Republicans here tonight and tomorrow is an event of more than local importance. Leaders will be here not only from the four congressional districts of the western half of the state, but from various parts of the union, and the object of the meeting of course, is to devise ways and means of taking the offices from the Democrats.

The calling of the meeting in Hickory, one of the important towns of the ninth district, may be of unusual significance, in view of certain political possibilities which the blind almost are able to see. It probably means a drive against Representative Webb, and if that is the case we may naturally look for some signs in the meeting that will show in which direction the current is running.

Regardless of the significance of the meeting, the Record welcomes the visitors and hopes that their stay here will be pleasant and profitable. The Record realizes that the Republicans and Democrats have the right to make a drive for the offices, and it is interested in the proceedings here.

While it is worth little to seek parallels in considering Russian conditions just now, it may be worth while to observe that the Russian government, so far as we know, has swung to the right side in the one other great war in which the destiny of the world was at issue. An alliance was formed temporarily with Napoleon, but it did not last and then the Russians gave the Little Corporal the blow that set all Europe again on his heels.

Emperor William is a menace to Russia and all the scheming of the pro-Germans in Petrograd and Moscow cannot make the bolshevik government stand up once the country is convinced that Lenin and Trotsky are traitors, working in the interest of the central powers. The conservative and thinking elements in the population will seize power, and the bolshevik will yet fall gloriously. It is not substantial, it is destructive and not constructive.

One of these days, whether it is a month or a year, the Russian people will drive the bolshevik from authority, and place Russia again in the war. Whether that country will be able to help the allies much in the fighting is another question, but it will revert Germany from drawing supplies from that country.

Russia was bound to have an orgy. The country will survive it and men of character and force will obtain the reins of government. Russia will be of very little comfort to Germany—in a few months at least.

Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, is not a son of Judge Garland S. Ferguson, as some of the Washington correspondents have it, though he is a nephew of the judge. The young man is an Annapolis product. He is a native of Waynesville, is a brother of Col. Harley B. Ferguson, in charge of the engineers at Camp Sevier, and what is more interesting to Hickory folks is a brother of Mrs. A. A. Shuford, Jr. He has declined to accept a position as assistant in the construction of ships for the shipping board.

A FARMER'S WAR

Agricultural exports this year will amount to about \$10,000,000,000, which is about three times as much as in 1909. The freedom of the seas also mean the freedom of the farmer, for if the United States had laid down before the German threat, and the U-boat had been allowed to blockade our coasts, eggs would be selling for seven cents a dozen, wheat for 60 cents a bushel and the bumper corn crop would be worth scarcely anything.

The United States did not enter the war to protect its commerce, but an incident of the decision to fight for human rights is a vast prosperity for the farmers. Instead of farmers in this war should be and undoubtedly is, as great as that of any other class of men.

And this paper is confident that with the next issue of Liberty bonds the great majority of farmers will follow the lead of a smaller number who saw their duty from the first and subscribe liberally to the issue. This is a war for the freedom of the farmer, whatever else it might be.

One of Uncle Sam's youngest sailors was in the Record office Saturday to ask this paper to cooperate in the work of securing recruits and the editor talked with him about the navy and its secretary. The youngster said what they all say now, that Mr. Daniels is the best secretary the navy ever had. The youngster likes the service. He had met Mr. Daniels too. He was standing on a corner in Greensboro several days ago when a lady came up to him and introduced herself as Mrs. Daniels. He may forget a lot of things, but he will never forget the kindly consideration shown for one of the least of Uncle Sam's fighters.

The supply of Irish potatoes, both in the United States and in England, is far beyond the needs of the people for the next several months. It is stated, but the price keeps right up. When the farmers of the east and west begin to unload, however, a break will come.

It is a fine thing for Hickory people to contribute to the support of the war, but we must not forget the unfortunate whom we have with us always. Their sufferings this winter must be alleviated, and our folks probably will be called on to do more than ever.

The Record was by no means certain that the U-boat menace had been overcome, and the figures last week were convincing that the danger is always real if not so apparent. The submarines will not win the war, but they will destroy a lot of ships.

American naval officers cannot receive decorations from the British government for bravery, an old law standing in the way, but they can have their names cited for merit. That's as good.

The first of the steel ships constructed under direction of the shipping board has been launched on the Pacific coast and this will be followed by many others. In a few months there will be an appreciable increase in world tonnage.

Former District Attorney Holton who will be here for the Republican meeting, might be able to rake up a few old acquaintances if he would go into the highways a bit.

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Hickory's fuel situation is not as bad as conditions are reported in some other places, but unless the railroads can haul coal, it will be worse later in the winter.

The Literary Digest last week carried a big tank on its front page, getting there with it almost as quick as the dailies too.

About the time the bolsheviks go up against the German peace commissioners, they will learn who is looney now.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

To J. S. Leonard, H. S. Leonard, W. A. White, Hickory Novelty Company, J. A. Lentz, Mgr., Mrs. J. W. Seaboch and Mrs. M. L. Flowe, property owners on Ninth avenue between 20th and 21st streets, you are hereby notified that the city council at a special meeting Nov. 15, 1917, declared Ninth avenue between 20th and 21st streets a permanent improvement district and have set Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1917 at 7:30 p. m. as the time for hearing abutting property owners interested in the above improvement to appear and show cause if any, why such assessment should not be made. This Nov. 17th, 1917.

JOHN W. BALLEW, City Manager 11 17 St. Sheriff Isenhower will have tax books at Brookford Mill Store Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9 to 12. City manager's office from 1 to 4 11 21 St.

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Table with 2 columns: Route, Time. Includes Hickory to Newton, Newton to Hickory, Hickory to Conover, Conover to Hickory, Hickory to Newton, Newton to Hickory.

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Train Schedules

Table with 2 columns: Direction, Time. Includes Southern Westbound, Eastbound, C. and N.-W Southbound, Northbound.

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