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PRESIDENT MAY DISCUSS SITUATION AS TO RUSSIA

Believed Wilson Will Give World His Views on Question—Attitude as to Japanese Intervention Has Undergone No Change. What Officials Fear

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—There were indications in official circles today that President Wilson might take an early decision on the Russian situation. It was not indicated what form the action would take.

American attitude towards intervention in Siberia by Japan has not undergone any change, it was indicated in the state department today.

Officials remained reticent regarding Japan's expression of her intention to intervene in Siberia. It was indicated that an exchange of views was continuing and it was believed that Japan would not act for the present.

It was suggested that final decision would be delayed until the new Japanese ambassador, Count Ishii, arrived in Washington, but the probability of this has not been indicated.

It is known that the United States has been successful of the need of intervention by Japan many officials of this government fear that such action might bring about the various factions in Russia to support the Japanese, even if they were accompanied by assurances of the United States and other powers that hostile action was not intended.

WHEAT IS SHORT THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—Wheat holdings at country mills and elevators on March were estimated by the department of agriculture at 68,972,000 bushels. This is about 20,000,000 bushels less than was held March 1 last year and 86,000,000 less than in 1916.

SPRIT OF ARMY

Captain in Medical Corps Gives His Impressions

The following letter from a captain in the medical corps at a hospital in Tacoma, Wash., is of such general interest that the Record is glad to publish it. The letter was written by the officer to his father: "Not having heard from you in months, I will make the start. As you know, I have been on duty at Camp Lewis for five months. My days start early in the morning and it is usually midnight by the time I turn in. I might as well be many miles from my family as so near. I do not average getting home of ten or twelve times a week. I usually get in Saturday night about seven and leave at seven Sunday morning. We have tonight 1,931 patients in our hospital. It is constructed for a 1,000 bed hospital. By good spirit and cooperation we take care of them well and comfortably. Of course it means hard work, but that capacity seems to be catching in the army.

This is a wonderful experience. I saw the first raw recruit come in as a conscript and now see him a well-groomed soldier and anxious to fight for his country. I am proud of our young Americans. It seemed pretty hopeless at the start. These men were branded as drafted, were physically unfit—but in these few months of military discipline have developed into a wonderful personality. You need never fear for the bravery of the "Wild West Division."

We are very proud of our hospital here. It was started Aug. 25, 1917. On Sept. 5 had its first patients and by September 10 had over 500 patients. It is now running at half its intended capacity by half and is as smooth and well organized as an old established hospital. This is nearly miraculous when you consider that out of its staff of 64 officers there are only two regular army men and its staff of 100 nurses two army nurses, and its 450 enlisted men only six regular army. This group from civil life have been able to adapt themselves to army methods and so grasp it that efficiency has been present almost from the start. The spirit of the men is well exemplified by my chief. He is paying an income tax this year on an income of \$48,000. This practice he has given up to do his bit for his country. His income tax is more than his year's salary will be from the government.

FINLAND IS URGED TO RELEASE CITIZENS

By the Associated Press.
Stockholm, March 16.—An attaché of the American legation left today for Finland carrying a formal protest from Minister Morris to General Mannerheim, commander of the government forces, against the arrest by Germans on the Aland islands of Henry Crosby Emery. Demand is made that American be released immediately.

TO HOLD DUTCH SHIPS IN OUR HARBORS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—With the exception of two steamers, the United States is holding all Dutch ships now in American ports pending their escape before being requisitioned Monday. No bunker licenses will be issued for their sailing, it was learned today, until they are taken over either by commandeering or voluntarily.

NEGRO MEETS DEATH AT HANDS OF MOB

By the Associated Press.
Monroe, La., March 16.—The body of George McNeil, one of two negroes arrested yesterday, suspected of implication in the assault of a young white woman here Thursday, was found hanging in the court house yard to a tree this morning.

It was said at the sheriff's office last night that the sheriff and deputies had started for Shreveport with McNeil and John Richards, the other suspect.

RED CROSS TO HAVE OFFICIAL WAR PICTURES

The American Red Cross has been designated by the government as the official and exclusive distributor of the United States official war pictures—both motion pictures and stereoscopic slides—and likewise the sole distributor in this country of all official French war pictures released except those pictures which are distributed through news weeklies.

The southern division, comprising Georgia, Florida and the two Carolinas and Tennessee, the bureau of publicity will handle these pictures and all requests for same, whether by chapters or by motion picture theatres, must be made to the publicity director.

There are already on hand at the national headquarters in Washington five motion picture films, two multiple reel pictures and three single reel pictures, and two sets of stereoscopic slides which may be had either in black and white or in color. The southern division has just placed an order for these slides, and as soon as they arrive in Atlanta, they will be offered to chapters throughout the division at a small rental.

These pictures show various scenes and activities in France and elsewhere in Europe, and should be most interesting to the people of the United States. Some of them picture war activities and others the work of the Red Cross in Europe.

The United States official pictures are taken by the signal corps, photographic division, of the United States army. The French official pictures are taken by the cinematographic photographic division of the French army.

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Atlanta, March 16.—Evidence in the case of Mrs. Margaret A. Hirsh on the charge of attempted blackmail Asa G. Candler was completed shortly before noon and argument of counsel was immediately begun. One hour and a half was allotted to each side instead of the 30 minutes ordinarily required.

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Mrs. Hirsh also showed considerable feeling and broke into sobs several times. She was cautioned by a court attendant.

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TO MEET MONDAY

The Abel A. Shuford chapter of D. C. will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. A. L. White. All the members are urged to be present as important business matters will be discussed.

AURA AROUND SUN ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Did you notice the aura around the sun this afternoon? Persons with good eyes saw the colors of the rainbow—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet—but the humble scribe was able to observe only that the sun possessed a sort of halo, and he could not detect the primary colors.

Mr. Herbert Lowery of Newton phoned to the Record and said the phenomenon had caused a mild sensation there and many Hickory people also looked up. What does the aura signify? The Record was asked.

Only a few nights ago the aurora borealis was visible here, and there were many predictions of good luck. If the aura around the sun is an omen, the Record's guess is that it is a good one.

FIFTY ARMY HORSES DEAD FROM POISONING

Covington, Ky., March 16.—Fifty horses are dead of poisoning in Covington and many more are expected to die out of a government shipment of 726 horses from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., consigned to Newport News, Va.

Dr. L. E. Crisler, veterinary surgeon, pronounced the death of the animals to be due to belladonna and croton oil poisoning. The consignment of horses reached Covington Thursday night at 6 o'clock in charge of Lieut. Frank Lilley and 16 soldiers. Doctor Crisler said he believed the poison had been placed in water given to the horses in Covington. Government authorities were notified. An agent of the department of justice began an investigation. Deaths of the horses generally are said to be ramifications of German plots.

HOLLAND YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF ALLIES

By the Associated Press.
Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press hears on excellent authority that the Dutch government has accepted the demands of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships.

THE LONDON STORY

By the Associated Press.
London, March 16.—A reply from the Dutch government to the allied announcement regarding the utilization of Dutch shipping is expected before Monday. According to information received here, it will propose the use of Dutch ships on the understanding that they will not be used in the danger zone.

The allies will not assent to this and it is expected the taking over of the ships March 18 will proceed according to program.

WITHOUT OPPOSITION ARE CANDIDATES

Mayor M. H. Yount and Councilmen J. L. Gilley and Eubert Lyery will be returned as members of city council for another term without opposition, the time limit for candidates having expired last night without an opponent of either man coming to the front. This is the first time in many years that Hickory will escape a municipal contest. At one time it seemed there would be opposition, but no candidates appeared and the excitement died a-borning.

The primary will be held on the last Monday in March and the election will be held a week later.

Although the time limit expired last night, candidates may be nominated until and including next Friday for the reason that no more than one candidate is out for one position.

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NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, March 16.—The cotton market showed renewed steadiness today. The opening was two to 12 points higher and active months sold eight to 12 points above last night's close on the call, which was due principally to lack of rain in the southwest and the bullish average on spot transactions.

The close was steady.

	Open	Close
March	32.75	32.80
May	32.90	31.96
July	31.38	31.41
October	30.38	30.36
December	30.15	30.16

WALTER MURPHY TO SPEAK HERE TUESDAY

Mr. Walter Murphy of Salisbury, one of the most popular men in the state, will speak here next Tuesday night in the interest of the War Savings Stamps. The place for the speaking will be announced later.

Mr. Murphy is a picturesque man and as may be inferred a picturesque speaker. He is as near original as they make men these days. He comes at the invitation of Colonel Fries, who advised Secretary Joy today of the meeting.

Hickory went a long way towards doing her bit last week in the sale of War Savings Stamps, and it is hoped to take another step. Newton and Hickory together bought more than \$50,000 worth that day.

COLONEL BOST'S HIDE

Statesville Landmark.
When a number of prominent and leading citizens of Lenoir signed a criticism of Gov. Bickett for commutating the death sentences of two Caldwell murderers, four preachers headed the list. Thereupon Col. Tom Bost fell upon the preachers in his State Journal, denouncing them as blood-thirsty. Col. Sam Farabee of the Hickory Record remarked that Col. Bost was apparently safe being 2000 miles from Lenoir. But distance didn't save him. Rev. C. T. Squires, one of the preachers signers, and Presbyterian pastors at Lenoir, has replied in kind and has warned Col. Bost's jacket so vigorously that he must have raised blisters. If he didn't get under the hide of the genial and popular newspaper correspondent and State Journal editor, it is thicker than the Landmark thinks it is.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fer North Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday, moderate to fresh east to southeast winds on the coast.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	1918	1917
High	75	67
Low	46	39

Today, 30.

GERMAN PEACE TERMS ARE NOT YET RATIFIED

All Russian Congress Has Not Taken Final Action and Opposition Develops in Meeting. Revolutionists Oppose Acceptance—No Change on Western Front

By the Associated Press.
London, March 16.—A number of large Swedish trawlers and one of the largest Gotenburg steamers have been captured by German submarines off the Skaw, the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, and forced to go to Germany, according to the Gotenberg shipping gazette and forwarded from Copenhagen.

TEXAS IS READY TO USE LESS WHEAT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—The further limitation of the consumption of what products in the south will be asked by the food administration of the experiment of confining the flour ration to six pounds a month in Texas proves a success. The south is a much larger user of other cereals than wheat and the curtailment of flour in that section will not be a hardship.

The present food administration food rule that an equal amount of substitute shall be sold with each bag of wheat flour has actually increased the consumption of wheat flour in the southern states.

The use there of large quantities of hominy, corn meal, rice and other native grains ordinarily has been more than 50 per cent of wheat flour. Requests by the Texas food administrator to limit consumption of wheat there was granted readily by the food administration which admittedly is having difficulty in furnishing the allies with wheat.

ALL PERSONS SAVED ON WRECKED STEAMER

By the Associated Press.
Dublin, Ireland, March 16.—No lives were lost in the collision Thursday night between a trawler and the steamer Rockmore, it was announced today.

The Rockmore was on its way to Wales, carrying 732 passengers and a crew of 50.

PROFESSOR HEAFNER'S MOTHER IS DEAD

Newton, March 16.—Professor Hugh H. Heafner, principal of the Newton graded schools, was called to his home at Crouse yesterday in response to a message that his mother, Mrs. G. P. Heafner, was seriously ill. A message was received here by Prof. Ballard last night stating that Mrs. Heafner had died at 8 o'clock. The deceased was injured a few weeks ago when a horse she was driving to a buggy ran away throwing her out. Mrs. Heafner was 59 years of age and an estimable Christian woman. The burial took place this afternoon at Pleasant Grove church, near the home of the deceased. Among those attending from this place were Dr. J. A. Young, W. B. Hargett, Sam Hermon, H. H. Lowry, J. O. Gilbert, Miss Olive Duke, Rebecca Trollinger and a large number of the 9th and 10th grades of the graded school.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, who for the past five years has been president of Catawba College, has been called to the pastorate of three churches in Upper Davidson, and has accepted the call. He will go to his new field of labor about May 1.

Rev. Mr. Rupp of Allentown, Penn. has been secured to deliver the commencement sermon at Catawba College on May 5th.

A message was received here today from Thomas Warlick from his brother, Attorney Wilson Warlick stating that he has arrived safely "over the wire." Before joining the army Mr. Warlick was a practicing attorney at this place.

STORMY SCENES OCCUR IN THE AUSTRIAN CHAMBER

Washington, March 16.—An official dispatch from Zurich says that tumultuous scenes occurred Wednesday in the Austrian chamber on the discussion of the food situation. They were provoked by the Austrian deputies, who accused the Czechs of wanting to starve Austria. When a Czech orator declared that Prague had no flour, no potatoes, no wine, no milk and no eggs, the Austrians cried: "We have not any either," and Pan-Germanist Member Wolf said, "You are the allies of England."

FAIR WEATHER ALL NEXT WEEK PROMISED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—Pressure distribution indicates that fair weather will prevail generally throughout the country during the week beginning Monday, with temperatures above the seasonal average, according to the weather bureau in its weekly forecast.

WASHINGTON KNEW GERMANY HAD TRIED TO CAUSE ALLIES TO SELL POOR RUSSIA OUT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, March 16.—Inference that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the allies proposing peace at the expense of Russia coincide with an undercurrent which has been running in diplomatic channels for several days.

Announcement by Lord Robert Cecil in London yesterday that no such proposal would be considered coupled with Marshal Hindenburg's announcement that Germany's offensive would go on towards a conclusion tended to strengthen the view of neutral diplomats, who for some time have believed that underground feelers have been going out for some time.

American officials and allied diplomats while agreeing entirely with Sir Cecil's statement that no terms can be considered, give no intimation of what the proposals were.

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By the Associated Press.
The Italian official statement contradicts the Austrians that they obtained substantial advantages through their recent setting off a mine in an important area. On the Italian mountain front the Italian positions were not damaged by the explosion, the Rome war office declares.

Berlin reports somewhat notable activity by the British last night on the front between Arras and St. Quentin.

The establishment of a new German army group under the command of General Gallwitz is indicated in the army headquarters' statement.

Final action on the German peace treaty apparently has not been taken by all Russian congress of soviets in Moscow. While dispatches dated Thursday from Petrograd reported the congress had decided overwhelmingly to ratify the treaty, advices from Moscow Friday say there has been a division in the people's congress and strong opposition to ratification has developed.

Bolshevik approval of the treaty seemingly has aroused that part of the government belonging to the Social Revolutionists of the left, who refused to ratify. The Social Revolutionists are said to have threatened to resign if the treaty is ratified.

This probably means that the final action has not been taken by the congress as a whole.

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow says the bolsheviks at a party caucus voted to approve the course of the Lenine government in agreeing to the German terms, which nevertheless they condemn. The bolsheviks said it was necessary to organize for the defense of the country.

Several ministers in the Lenine government are members of the Social Revolutionist party. They were admitted last December when they threatened to overturn the government.

There has been no change in the situation on the American front. The American and British ministers at Stockholm have sent a protest to General Mannerheim in Finland for the release of one American and 16 British citizens taken from the Aland islands to Dantzin, Germany. The Aland islands are being used by Germany as a base in its operations against the revolutionists.

A Tokio newspaper reports that 150 Japanese have been murdered by bolsheviks and the capital of Amur province some 500 miles north of Harbin, Manchuria. Another report is that only three Japanese were killed and seven wounded.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL PASSES THE CONGRESS

Washington, March 17.—The daylight saving bill was passed by the house yesterday and now goes to the president. The plan is to set clocks forward one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Saturday in March and set them back an hour at the same time on the last Sunday in October of each year.

The vote was 252 to 40.

The plan was adopted last year in England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Portugal, and this year in Australia and Iceland. The Canadian government is considering it, but has withheld action until the United States decided what to do.

The bill has had the support of practically all the large industries in the country, and its proponents have argued that it will result in a great saving of fuel and benefit wage earners in that they will have more time for recreation during daylight hours.

VON LUDENDORFF BOASTS OF GERMANY'S STRENGTH

Amsterdam, March 16.—Germany is now stronger than her enemies in men, material and air forces, and in tanks as well, General von Ludendorff declared in an interview in the Cologne Volks-Zeitung. The general said the enemy was welcome to attack and would find Germany ready, and that if he was not inclined to make peace he would have to fight.

"Our front in the west is now much more favorable for us than it was last year," General von Ludendorff told the interviewer. "How difficult the situation was must be gauged from the fact that we had to restore calm in the east and defeat Italy in the south. But now we are stronger than the enemy, both as regards men, material, aerial forces, tanks. Everything in fact of which he boasted, is standing in readiness on our side in the greatest abundance."

PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:45

Rev. J. G. Garth, pastor. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m. The pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock service and at 7:30 p. m. a special service will be conducted at which a service flag for the church will be presented by the Philthia B's of which Mrs. A. C. Kelly is teacher. A roll of honor containing 16 names and the military rank of the boys will be presented by the Sunday school. An address by the pastor will be given. The public is cordially invited.

MR. W. J. RECTOR OF CONOVER ROUTE 1 WAS A HICKORY VISITOR TODAY

Mr. W. J. Rector of Conover route 1 was a Hickory visitor today and joined the host of Record readers.

Mr. J. E. Wilfong was a Hickory visitor today.

Wilson's Message Reached Moscow in Time and Drew Applause From Delegates

By the Associated Press.
Moscow, March 14.—President Wilson's message of sympathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read tonight at the opening of the congress of soviets.

The congress immediately adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation of the message.