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## MURPHY'S SPEECH HERE GOT CLOSE TO AUDIENCE

### Salisbury Man Gave Reasons Why Every American Should Back His Government—No Time For Dissension Now—Must Lend or Give in Taxes

Mr. Walter Murphy of Salisbury led the speakers who were necessary for every person in the United States to support the government in the war against Prussia by subscribing liberally to Liberty Bonds, the Red Cross and other agencies in the prosecution of the war.

## SAFETY LEAGUES ORGANIZED IN SCHOOLS

Mrs. John C. Cunningham, representing the state department of insurance at Raleigh, spoke yesterday to the children at each of the city schools in behalf of fire prevention. She made her point very impressively at each of the schools, declaring that the best way to save the country from the flames of fire is to have a safety league in every school. She stated that 324 people were burned to death last year in North Carolina, and appealed to the children to help remove the cause of the fires that destroyed life and property. She especially pleaded for more care in the use of matches and kerosene and for the total destruction of rats and other agents that spread disease, destroy food and set fire to much property. At the conclusion of her address, a Safety League was organized at each school, the officers being as follows:

**High School**  
President, Clinton A. Cille; vice-president, Alton Aiken; secretary, Worland Eaton; treasurer, Fae Eaton. Honorary president and advisor, Miss Louise Coleman.

**North School**  
President, Julia Mitchell; vice-president, Harold Boatright; secretary, Elizabeth Marsh; treasurer, Kathryn Setzer. Honorary president and advisor, Mr. R. W. Carver.

**South School**  
President, Henry Doll; vice president, Pauline Kuhn; secretary, Ralph Bowman; treasurer, Thomas Cille. Honorary president, Miss Margaret McComb.

A list of the officers of the colored school is not available, but the organization was effected and great enthusiasm was manifested by the colored children.

The South school, while not taking as many Thrift Stamps yesterday as were sold at the North school, showed that they are catching the spirit and their record will soon be as good as that established at the North yesterday.

Mr. Kuhn at the South school yesterday with about a dozen dollars worth, meaning to give the unsold stamps to be delivered later. The children gobbled up all he had in about two minutes, however, and sent him scurrying back to the office for more.

Before the day was over, he had sold nearly forty dollars worth, mostly to the smaller children. When all the children get worked up on this matter, the South is going to make a noise like a forty-two centimeter gun.

The high school is coming along well in the stamp campaign, but accurate statistics for this school are not at hand this morning.

The following pupils taking the Palmer writing under Miss Martin have received their first buttons from the Palmer Company:

Elizabeth Barkley, sixth grade South school; Elizabeth Russell, Elizabeth Marsh, Mabel Miller, Bessie Mann of the North school; and silver stars were awarded to the following first grade pupils who are being taught by Miss Rennie: Pauline Troutman, Margaret Spivey, Shuford Abernethy, Harry White, Robert Warner, Pauline Day, Lora Abernethy, Edith Ivey, James Southernland.

## THREE AMERICANS ARE GIVEN CROSSES

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—General Pershing, the American commander in chief, has approved the awarding of the first American military crosses for extraordinary heroism. Oscar Green, Sergeant William Norton and Sergeant Patrick Walsh.

front in the present war stretches from the North sea to Switzerland and from there across Italy. There are 280 big guns to the mile and 800 rapid fire guns. The big guns will shoot at one time as much powder as one of Napoleon's batteries in a single day. The rapid fire guns shoot 1,400 times a minute.

Mr. Murphy declared that the German kaiser was half crazy and that he had conspired for the overthrow of the world. America is face to face with realities.

Mr. Murphy, who was accompanied by his son, Spencer, spoke in Lennox Monday night and will speak in Morganton tonight.

## GARFIELD PITTS DENIES THE KILLING

By the Associated Press. Morganton, N. C., March 20.—Taking the stand in his own behalf today, Garfield Pitts, elder of the two brothers, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, denied that he was at the Glen Alpine station at the time the physician was shot to death. He stated that he had gone to the station with Aaron Wiseman but that he went back to his store. He said that he heard shots. He declared that he had no knowledge of the doctor's absence from Glen Alpine. The witness denied that he or his brother shot the doctor.

Pitts admitted on cross examination that he and Hennessee had been enemies for years and that he would not admit having shot the deceased if he had been concerned in it. Telling the story of the fight five years ago when his brother was killed by Hennessee, he said he shot in self-defense.

Garfield probably will be on the stand the rest of the day and will be followed by his brother.

## FOREIGNERS ARE LOVE AGENTS NOT SPIES

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 20.—Investigation has convinced the department of justice that the two women and the two men claiming French citizenship recently arrested in New York on suspicion in connection with the German spy ring can be classed only as undesirable citizens rather than spies.

Suspicion that the quartet were a band of spies were exploded when the government agent found that a love affair between one of the women and a neutral diplomat in Washington was the real basis of their activities.

The full disclosure is withheld by the government out of consideration for the diplomat and his associate.

## AVIATOR IS KILLED IN FALL TO EARTH

By the Associated Press. San Antonio, March 20.—First Lieutenant Walter J. Johnson, 22 years old, of Belleville, Ill., was instantly killed today when the airplane in which he was flying fell 1,500 feet to the ground.

## SELECT YOUR BOOKS

Look over your shelves and pick out the books you are going to send to the men in khaki. Select the book you enjoyed, but will never read again. Men like adventure, western stories, detective stories, biography, travel, history and poetry of all kinds.

Wrap up your book, put your name on it and Thursday it will be called for. Do your part in this sane, sensible war service.

"Many clean, second-hand books can be used, but let us not insult our devoted brothers by offering them what no one else can use," wrote Mr. W. E. Henry. "They wear the best of wool clothing, much of which will be blood stained. They wear the best of leather shoes, many of which will be worn out, but they will have done their service. Give the soldiers good clean books."

## MUSTARD GAS IS DROPPED BY GERMANS

By the Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—A German airplane both last night and this morning flew over the American sector northwest of Toul and dropped rubber balls 18 inches in diameter filled with liquefied mustard gas. This is the first time the airplanes have been used for such purposes.

## LENROOT MOVES FORWARD IN BIG RACE

By the Associated Press. Milwaukee, March 20.—Partial returns from 62 of the 70 counties of the state, including Milwaukee, give Lenroot, 56,696; Thompson, 54,763. Probably 30 per cent of the vote was still unreported at 10 o'clock.

With loyalty an issue in the campaign, citizens of Wisconsin poured from factories, stores and farming districts to register their views. Evils in the lumber camps kept a stream of voters on the road to polling places.

Sharp interest in the campaign was maintained by the respective candidates up to the last minute, the loyalty forces laying stress upon the recent action of the legislature in censuring Senator LaFollette for his attitude in the war.

Congressman Lenroot declared in his speaking campaign that a vote for him was a vote to support the federal administration in a vigorous prosecution of the war unhampered by political considerations and that a vote of confidence in LaFollette and his stand on the war.

Both Democratic candidates ran on loyalty platforms and Davies had the backing of state Democratic organizations.

Thompson made but one speech during the campaign, but used publicity freely. His platform declared that "profiteers" should be taxed to the extent of all excess profits before any additional burden of war expense was placed on the ordinary taxpayer.

Washington county, settled by Germans, is ordinarily closely contested between Democrats and Republicans. The county disregarded these party lines yesterday and Lenroot was swamped. The vote for Berger was 534, as compared with only 59 at the last previous election.

## MANY LAWYERS EMPLOYED AT LEXINGTON

By the Associated Press. Lexington, N. C., March 20.—Although date of the preliminary hearing of J. F. Graham Hege, manufacturer, who yesterday killed J. F. Deaderick, bank cashier of this place, has not yet been set, preparations are being made for the prosecution of the case. Friends of the dead man are making efforts to have Mayor G. D. Skuykill of Knoxville, Tenn., a lawyer and first cousin of the dead man, retained as counsel.

Solicitor John C. Bower will also be assisted by John McCrary of this place and perhaps others. It is understood that former Governor Glenn of Winston-Salem, uncle of Deaderick, will be retained as counsel. Emery E. Raper of this place is chief counsel for the defendant. Preliminary hearing will be held following the burial, which will either be in Knoxville, Tenn., or Indiana.

Prof. Deaderick of Waynesville, N. C., formerly of Northwestern University, and later on the faculty of the University of Tennessee, arrived here last night. He declared his belief in the innocence of the part of his son of any moral breach. Hege has remained calm. He still claims justification.

## NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, March 20.—Rather heavy trading figures than expected promoted a renewal of yesterday's selling movement in the cotton market today and after opening two to four points higher, active months sold six to 24 points net lower. The close was steady.

	Open	Close
March	32.20	32.20
May	32.45	32.39
July	31.80	31.77
October	30.70	30.70
December	30.48	30.48

## HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	32c
Wheat	32.40
Corn	1.17 1/2

## WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Rain tonight. Thursday fair and warmer in the interior; moderate northeast to north winds, fresh on the north coast tonight.

## COMPARATIVE WEATHER

	1918	1917
High	69	50
Low	37	25

## TERMS OF DUTCH WON'T SUIT ALLIES

By the Associated Press. London, March 20.—The conditions laid down by the Dutch foreign minister for the acceptance of the associated governments as regards the taking over of Dutch shipping are not likely to be acceptable to those governments, according to a Reuter dispatch from the Hague filed yesterday. It adds, however, that a concession is made to an extent that the arming of the Dutch vessels will be permitted.

## REPLY ON CABLES

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 20.—Holland's reply in the shipping negotiations is on the cables, the government was advised today, and will be on hand before night.

The nature of the reply was not disclosed pending the issuance of a proclamation by President Wilson, which will be prepared in advance and was waiting only news from London of the receipt of the announcement of the Dutch position.

## COTTON CROP IS 11,285,999 BALES

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 20.—Cotton production from last season's crop was 11,285,999 equivalent 500 pound bales, exclusive of linters, the census bureau announced in its final report today of last year's crop. Linters produced to March 1 amounted to 829,019 equivalent 500 pound bales.

The number of ginneries operated for the 1917 crop was 20,034. Ginnings by states include North Carolina, 614,673; South Carolina, 1,235,735; and Virginia, 18,523.

## TAR HEEL GASSED, CANADIANS REPORT

By the Associated Press. Ottawa, Ont., March 20.—P. G. Grant of Sneads Ferry, N. C., serving with the Canadian overseas forces, has been gassed, according to today's casualty list.

## THORNWELL HAYES IS BACK AT HELSINGFORS

Stockholm, Monday, March 18.—Thornwell Hayes, United States consul at Helsingfors, Finland, has returned to his post, according to a report reaching I. N. Morris, the American minister to Sweden. Commander W. S. Crosley, the American naval attaché, and the military attaché and his wife, are at Bjornborg awaiting an opportunity to leave.

The ice conditions along the Finnish coast are so bad that the Swedish government is not willing to send ice-breakers there, notwithstanding the request made by Mr. Morris. A considerable number of Americans are reported to be wandering about southern Finland, vainly seeking a chance to get out of the country.

See the list of things wanted for the Belgians in another column.

## RUSSIAN SHIPS HAVE ESCAPED GERMANS

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 20.—Russian warships at Odessa escaped to Sebastopol when the Germans took Odessa, according to a dispatch to the state department today from American Consul Summers at Moscow. Recent press dispatches quoted Berlin authorities as saying that 15 ships were captured at Odessa.

## CAPTURE OF PETROGRAD NOW SEEMS IMMINENT

### Germans Continue Advance Into Russia and Bolsheviki Will Surrender Without Fight. Germans Quieter on Western Front. Many Enemy Planes Destroyed.

## GATHER CLOTHES FOR HELPLESS BELGIANS

A committee of ladies will call on the people tomorrow (Thursday) for various articles enumerated below for the Belgians who are almost naked for want of clothes.

If you are going out, please leave bundle on porch. Have everything ready so as not to delay them. Do not put in things that are worthless, only such things as are worth paying the freight on. Will you do this for humanity's sake?

Will not the merchants put in some of their unsalable stock? Cloth, clothing, shoes, etc. No writing allowed in the pockets.

Articles needed are: Men's Wear—Shirts (preferably of light colored flannels), undershirts, underwear, trousers, coats, workshirts (overall), suits (3 piece), shoes, overcoats, jerseys, sweater vests, socks (sizes 10-12 and 11).

Women's wear—Shirts, drawers, corset slips, petticoats, blouses, skirts, overcoats, suits (2 piece), pinafores, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings (sizes 7 and 8) shawls.

Boys' wear—Shirts, union suits, undershirts, trousers, coats, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys, socks, (sizes 1 to 9).

Girl's wear—Dresses, skirts, overcoats, nightdresses, drawers, stockings, sizes (1-6), undergarments, petticoats, suits (2 piece), blouses, shoes.

Boys' and Girl's Wear—Hooded capes, pinafores, woolen union suits, Infant's Wear—Swanskin gawdling clothes, cradle chemises, bodices, cradle dresses, bonnets, bibs, nickerchiefs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, shawls, sweaters, socks.

Miscellaneous—Bed ticks, bed sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

## DIDN'T SUIT HIS MASTER

Springfield Republican. Prince Lichnowsky's memoir, now brought to light, helps to explain why he was retired in disgrace by the Kaiser. It also indicates that the friendly tone which he shows, as ambassador to England just before the war was sincere. Incidentally it pays a deserved tribute to Sir Edward Grey as peacemaker, and puts the blame for the war where it belongs, on the German policy of backing Austrian aggression in the Balkans instead of working for an equitable solution.

## PLAY SATURDAY NIGHT

"The School Ma'am" will be given at Peace College Saturday night, March 23 at 7:45 p. m. Admission 15 and 20 cents. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

Mr. P. K. Baker has returned from Norfolk. His son, Harvey, also is home from Norfolk and Clarence is spending a few days from Camp Sheridan.

Remember the ladies will call tomorrow for your old clothes for the Belgians.

Dr. Longaker's subject at Lenten service at Holy Trinity tonight will be "Jesus Before Pilate."

## PAGE GIVES NOTICE TO CERTAIN GROCERS

Raleigh, March 20.—Henry A. Page, U. S. food administrator for North Carolina, today dropped a bomb into the camp of blockaders and those merchants and millers who have been supplying blockaders with food products. Mr. Page's statement covering the matter was characterizedly swift and sweet and here it is:

"To use food products—sugar, corn meal, molasses and the like—in the manufacture of blockade whiskey, rum, etc., is clearly a wilful waste of food and as such is punishable under the Lever act. It is also unlawful for merchants or millers to sell these products in such quantities as to make it appear reasonably certain that they are to be used in the manufacture of illicit intoxicants. The food administration for North Carolina gives notice that it will take prompt and drastic action when evidence can be secured that any merchant and miller has offended."

TO SUCCEED MR. ROWE  
Newton, March 20.—At a congregational meeting at the Reform church a unanimous vote was given to call Rev. L. A. Peeler of Albemarle to become pastor of Grace Reformed church, this city. The church has been without a pastor since the first of the year.

Rev. J. Abner Snow has returned from Rutherfordton where he spent four days attending the Bible school for Christian workers. There were 103 persons enrolled. There were nine of these schools held in the state at the same time. Rev. W. R. Bradshaw was conductor.

By the Associated Press. The fall of Petrograd is imminent. German troops probably advancing along the Baltic coast from Narva and northeast from Pskov and Dvinsk are nearing the Russian metropolis, according to a dispatch from Petrograd.

The population is said to be waiting the coming of the invaders passively and there are no indications that the bolshevik authorities will attempt to oppose the Germans before giving up the city.

Evacuation of Petrograd by the bolshevik departments was ordered last week. When the order was given for the government to move to Moscow, it was declared Petrograd would be made a free city.

German possession of Petrograd would give the enemy control of the Gulf of Finland and all the important ports on its coast except those in Finland yet in the hands of the Finnish rebels who are being attacked by the Germans and Finnish government soldiers. This would cut Moscow off from the Baltic sea. On the south the Germans are reported some 350 miles from Moscow.

Although they can make progress in the east against disorganized Russia, the Germans have not shown any indication to carry out their long-heralded offensive in the west.

Except for most intense artillery bombardments on some sectors, there has been no activity on the lengthy western front, trench raids having decreased in number.

On the British and French front the German artillery has been most active on the sectors which were bombarded most actively last week. The marked aerial fighting on the British front continues and British airmen have accounted for 28 more German airplanes, making a total of 54 in two days, 37 of which were destroyed.

Entente aviators have been busy bombing enemy billets and air-dromes and British airmen have dropped bombs on Mannheim.

On the American sector the Americans have been repaying the Germans for their lavish use of gas shells by throwing a large number into the enemy lines. The bombardment has had the effect desired.

East of Luneville the big guns also have been busy and in both the Luneville and Toul sectors the big guns are booming.

Secretary of War Baker visited the American trenches Tuesday and when he was returning a large German shell struck and burst near the automobiles in which the secretary and his attaches were riding.

RUSSIANS FRIENDLY WITH UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press. Moscow, March 19.—Russia's relations with the entente are unchanged, the bolshevik foreign minister declared to the Associated Press correspondent today. More friendly relations were being established with the United States, he added, and he commented on President Wilson's message to Russia as showing a friendly interest.

Leon Trotzky and other bolshevik leaders are quoted here as denying rumors that large numbers of German prisoners are being armed in Siberian cities as well as in Russia. The announcement that the United States is sending a mission to investigate reports of the arming of prisoners is hailed with enthusiasm by government organs.

Premier Lenin announced that he does not intend to form a coalition with the other Socialist parties, but states that the vacancies in the cabinet caused by resignations over the signing of peace with Germany will be filled with bolsheviks.

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