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## SHIPPING LOSSES SINCE WAR GIVEN BY BRITAIN

Gross Losses Over 10 Million Tons and Net Over Two Million—Dutch Ships Seized Will Reduce Total To Million—Other War News Today

By the Associated Press. Squadrons of Dutch vessels by the United States and Great Britain and their use for allied purposes reduced materially the allied loss due to German submarines and mines since the beginning of the war. A British government statement issued at Washington gives the gross loss up to January 1, 1918, as 11,827,222 tons and the net loss as 2,632,297 tons. The Dutch shipping taken over by the allies aggregates 1,900,000 tons.

To make up the deficiency in world tonnage caused by German ruthlessness in the seas 6,906,275 tons of new ships were built in allied and neutral countries since the outbreak of the war and 2,589,000 tons of German and Austrian ships were seized by allied countries. The allied loss was reduced farther by Dutch vessels, which generally have been held in port for fear of German submarines.

Losses during the last 12 months have been announced in the British House of Commons by Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, as having been 6,000,000 tons.

British losses in the last week were 15 vessels, including 11 of over 1,000 tons, or a decrease of one in the previous week. The losses in larger ships, however, was six under last week.

Owners of the seized ships will determine from their use. Holland also will be allowed to obtain foodstuffs from abroad for her population.

There has been no change in the situation on the western front. Small raids have occurred here and there, but there has been no infantry action except in small raids.

Secretary of War Baker has completed his inspection of the American army zones in France. A brigade of soldiers who went to France first was released by the secretary. In his final day with the American army Secretary Baker visited the Verdun front and drove in an automobile 100 miles to the American front.

### MR. SHUFORD NAMED DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Mr. J. W. Shuford, many times master of the Hickory Masonic lodge, today received a commission from Grand Master Geo. S. Norcross of Winston-Salem appointing him as deputy grand master for the 30th Masonic district, comprising Catawba, Caldwell and Burke counties. The honor came through Mr. Shuford, who will attend to the duties of the position in a thorough manner.

### MOVEMENT BEGUN FOR BETTER CATTLE

Newton, March 21.—At a very enthusiastic meeting of farmers held last night at Yount's school house a movement was started by County Agent Mask and J. A. Arey, of the state department of agriculture, for the organization of a Catawba county cooperative bull association. This was the first of a series of meetings to be held in the county and resulted in the organization of a committee of 16 of the best farmers of that neighborhood. A cooperative bull association is a farmers organization whose purpose is the joint ownership, use and exchange of three or more high-class purebred bulls. The territory covered by an association is divided into three or more breeding blocks, and a bull is stationed in each block. Every two years the bulls are interchanged so as to prevent inbreeding. By this method the initial cost of the very best bulls will be greatly reduced and the man with only limited means and a few cows is enabled to improve his herd. The larger breeder is also benefited in that he receives the service of three or more bulls for the purchase price of one.

Later on when a surplus of cows occur sales can be conducted under the auspices of the association. At the meeting last night the standard of breeding buttermilk for the near ancestors of the bulls to be used in this association was set at 700 pounds. This is a very high standard and if maintained by all other breeders it will result in giving Catawba county one of the best bull associations in the country. This will insure a ready market and good prices for all surplus stock and place Catawba county in the forefront rank along Jersey breeding centers.

BOX SUPPER AT HILDEBRAN GRADED SCHOOL. There will be a box supper at the Hildebran graded school Saturday night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The receipts will be used to buy a desk. Everybody is cordially invited.

## WAR'S HUGE COST ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN

By the Associated Press. Amsterdam, March 21.—A war credit of 15,000,000 marks was brought before the reichstag today for first reading. Count von Roeder, secretary of the imperial treasury said Germany's monthly war costs had increased from 2,000,000 marks in the winter of 1916-17 to 3,750,000 in the last five months, owing to the increased supplies of necessities of war.

The secretary gave the total cost of the war as 550,000,000,000 marks, of which the entente allies have spent 370,000,000,000.

The credit was passed on first and second readings.

## GERMAN VESSELS ARE SUNK BY ALLIES

By the Associated Press. London, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, it was officially announced today.

One British destroyer was damaged. The engagement occurred off Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight. There were no French casualties.

### LENROOT SUSTAINS LEAD OVER JAMES THOMPSON

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—More or less complete returns from every county in the state last night sustained the lead of Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot, loyalist candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator in yesterday's primaries.

Belated returns gave him 68,532 votes, or 2,326 more than received by James Thompson, the LaFollette candidate.

Thompson did not concede defeat pending complete returns but at Marquette a full meeting of farmers greeted Lenroot, who addressed them as victor, amid prolonged cheers. Mr. Lenroot denied a rumor that, to make certain of defeating Victor Berger, the Socialist candidate, who is under indictment for alleged violation of the espionage act, he would withdraw in favor of Joseph E. Davies, Democratic candidate.

"The report that I would withdraw in favor of Mr. Davies is absolutely without foundation," he said. "We have made the fight in the Republican party on the loyalty issue and have won it, notwithstanding the efforts of certain parties to place the stamp of disloyalty upon the Republican party."

On the face of the latest returns, Davies had 54,173 votes, compared with 13,262 for Dr. Charles McCarthy. The same advices made the Berger vote 36,645.

### TEDIOUS ARGUMENT IN MURDER TRIAL

Morganton, N. C., March 21.—There was little prospect at noon today that the case of Garfield and Aaron Pitts, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennessee, would go to the jury before tomorrow. M. M. Harslow, for the defense occupied most of the morning session in his argument of the case.

There were seven more attorneys to be heard.

## FRANCIS SPEAKS TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE

By the Associated Press. Moscow, Tuesday, March 19.—Russia will eventually become a German province and Russians will lose their liberties if they submit to the peace enforced by the central powers, David R. Francis, American ambassador, declared in a statement issued to the Russian people from the American embassy at Volodga.

The ambassador pledged American help to any government in Russia that would resist German penetration. He urged them to resist the Germans and said he would remain in Russia until forced to leave.

## HICKORY GUARDS AMERICANS AND FRENCH RAID TRENCHES

By the Associated Press. The Hickory home guards held their regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce last night, with Capt. Roy Abernethy in the chair, and Sergeant A. O. Mitchell as secretary. The guards adopted, subject to ratification by the Newton and Lincolnton detachments, by-laws and selected the name of the company, Catawba-Lincolnton Reserve Militia, also subject to approval of the other detachments.

For the committee on uniforms, Mr. A. M. West reported that cotton uniforms would not be durable and would be very unattractive by the time the members had drilled in them several times, and the committee was continued with instructions to investigate woolen uniforms, which will cost about three times as much as cotton.

With the help offered by city council and the county commissioners and with private subscriptions, the local detachment has about \$700 in sight, and the whole outfit will not cost the members more than \$15 each. It was the sense of the meeting that the members had rather pay the difference and get uniforms that are good.

The bylaws have been approved by the adjutant general and were identical with those adopted by the Asheville reserves. Mr. Geo. R. Wooten, read the regulations, which impose penalties for failure to perform duties and expulsion where a member does not take the proper interest in his work.

By next meeting it is hoped to have all necessary data so that the matter of uniforms may be acted upon. It is not known when the guards will be able to obtain the armory. Adjutant General Young and Captain Abernethy, that an officer would come here to check up the property there, and turn it over to the guards.

## HEGE PROMISES DETAILS AT HEARING

By the Associated Press. Lexington, N. C., March 21.—The history surrounding the cause for the killing of John F. Deaderick, bank cashier of this city, by J. Graham Hege, a prominent manufacturer of Lexington, which occurred Tuesday afternoon, has not yet been cleared, but in a statement made in his cell today Hege declared he has a good reason for his act and would tell it at the preliminary hearing, probably next week.

Hege this morning in an interview is quoted as having admitted that he telephoned from his home Tuesday at noon to Deaderick at the bank telling Deaderick he desired to see him, but declared positively that he did not ask Deaderick to come to his house.

He added that he had more than a month before forbidden Deaderick ever again to enter his home, but did not expect him to come there. Hege said he was at home when Deaderick arrived and he supposed Mrs. Hege dwelt there.

Hege dwelt on previous cordial relations between the two families and said he regretted the affair.

The funeral of Deaderick will be held at the home at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, it having been delayed for the arrival of his mother, Mrs. Oscar Deaderick of Fort Worth, Texas, and a brother, Dr. William Deaderick, who will come from Arkansas.

### NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, March 21.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness early today. First prices were two to 16 points net higher in sympathy with cables, but there was considerable scattering liquidation on prospects for rain and new crop months sold off.

The close was steady.

	Open	Close
March	34.05	34.05
May	32.55	32.95
July	31.82	32.17
October	30.75	31.11
December	30.51	30.85

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton .....32c  
Wheat .....\$2.40  
Corn.....\$1.75

### WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight. Friday fair and warmer in interior, moderate west and north-west winds becoming variable.

## AMERICANS AND FRENCH RAID TRENCHES

By the Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 19.—American troops in the sector east of Luneville participated tonight in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy line for some distance. Hand to hand fighting ensued.

The raiders returned to the American lines after about 40 minutes. Further details are unavailable at this hour (10 p. m.). The raid was carried out after a brief bombardment by French and American batteries.

The Germans retaliated with gas and high explosive shells on the American batteries.

## GERMAN ATTACK ON BRITISH LIKELY

By the Associated Press. The Germans big guns have opened up a terrific bombardment on a front of approximately 50 miles in northern France and the long-heralded German offensive may have begun.

"We are at the decisive moment of the war," Emperor William declares in a telegram given out today. His declaration follows many others of a similar nature from the emperor himself and his generals. These utterances, seemingly of a concerted nature, have led to the belief that a German offensive on the Franco-Belgian front was imminent, or at least have made it apparent that the Germans have strong reasons for desiring such a belief to prevail.

The front under artillery attack stretches from the river Scarpe south of St. Quentin. All of this line is held by the British, whose war office today reported the opening of the bombardment. Nearly all of the ground has been fought over in the past two years, the areas of the Arras and Somme fronts.

### SIGNS RAILROAD BILL

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 21.—President Wilson today signed the bill bringing the railroads under government operation and control until 21 months after the end of the war.

### PICTURE DIDN'T COME

Emily Stevens will be shown again today at the Pastime, "Nan of Music Mountain" not arriving in time. Manager Miller regrets the failure of his new picture to arrive but the fault is not his.

### DEMANDS INCREASED ON RUMANIA NOW

By the Associated Press. Moscow, Tuesday, March 19.—Germany has increased her demands on Rumania and now asks that Rumania surrender to the central powers all of her own munitions as well as those left by allied troops. All the entente ministers remain in Jassy, but will leave if Rumania yields to Germany.

## GERMANS START ARTILLERY ON BRITISH

By the Associated Press. London, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, the war office announced today.

The artillery action on the western front could be heard at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. The doors and windows in the houses at Dover were shaken by the concussion.

The firing which was the heaviest that has been heard from this district began at 3 o'clock this morning and continued with brief intervals until 7 o'clock.

## TWENTY-FIVE REGISTERED PIGS FOR RED CROSS FUND

Manager of Local Campaign Has Bought Fine Pigs Which Will Be Sold at Auction on May 4—Names For Animals—Some Details of Plan Are Outlined

## FAIR DIRECTORS REELECT OLD OFFICERS

The directors of the Catawba County Fair Association met yesterday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for this year. Mr. N. W. Clark opened the meeting with a few words of appreciation for the hearty cooperation extended him in his work as president for the association last year, stating that while last year's fair was one that we could well be proud of, and yet at the same time it was nothing like what it should have been; that there had been mistakes made, of course, but the same mistakes should not be made again.

Upon motion of K. C. Menzies, N. W. Clark and John Mouser were nominated and unanimously elected to the offices of president and vice president, and the president authorized to employ whatever help necessary to get up the premium list. President Clark said he would take the matter up right away, so that the premium lists could be distributed at the earliest possible date.

October 8, 9, 10 and 11 were the dates chosen for the fair. This will bring the Hickory fair just one week before the state fair at Raleigh, making it a convenient time to send our best exhibits to the state fair.

A discussion of the condition of the grounds prompted the authorization of W. J. Shuford and R. L. Shuford to spend \$50 in planting Bermuda grass to overcome dust and mud. It was also decided to perfect a better system of caring for the traffic during the fair—parking of cars, egress and ingress.

The high cost of everything these days will affect the cost of conducting the fair as it affects everything, and inasmuch as this extra cost will have to be met, various plans were suggested, but none adopted. A rise in the price of admission was one suggestion, and a small charge for stall room at the cattle barn was another plan. It was contended that the chief purpose of the fair is to get the people out to the fair to see what is being done along the lines of interest, and it would be unwise to adopt any plan that would reduce the attendance.

It was the unanimous opinion of all the directors that the fair this year should be the best ever, and each member present pledged his greatest endeavor to make it so.

### GOVERNOR CALLS BOYS TO COUNTRY'S DEFENSE

Raleigh, March 21.—Governor Bickett calls the boys to the country's defense in a proclamation, standing a German against every American boy as a producer and urging the North Carolinian to do his best. The proclamation reads: "To the Boys of North Carolina: "Your brothers are on the firing line. If they fight they must be fed—and this is the job of the folks at home. The food and feed crops will constitute America's great offensive this year. They may win the war before our boys are fully ready for the fray. The army and all sorts of war industries have depleted the ranks of farm laborers. To fill up the ranks President Wilson is calling on the boys between 16 and 21 years of age to enlist in the boys' working reserves. North Carolina is asked to furnish 7,000 recruits for the farm, and I earnestly urge that every boy in the state, white and colored, who does not already have a good steady job, to at once hand in his name to some school teacher, and county superintendent of public instruction or to the farm demonstration agent. Your name will then be enrolled in the county and state headquarters, and you will soon be notified that a good job on a farm is ready for you. "For full particulars write to J. M. Johnson, state director, West Raleigh, but by all means enlist at once. Boys in schools and colleges enlist in their schools and their names will be duly certified to county and state headquarters. I trust no boy in North Carolina will prove a slacker in this emergency."

### DESSERTERS STRIKE IN SWITZERLAND

By the Associated Press. Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 21.—A "strike of deserters" has been in progress here for some weeks. The twelve to thirteen thousand deserters, mostly from the central empires, who have taken refuge in Switzerland are as rebellious to service in the field and the factory as they are in the front line trenches, and most of them refuse to work.

Until recently every deserter who could find his way across the frontier into Switzerland was given shelter with no other condition than that he pay his taxes and observe the law. The number continually increased and on the occasion of the riots in Zurich the federal authorities discovered that there were too many of these deserters among the leaders of the disorder. It was then decided to order a civil mobilization that would enable the government to round up all unoccupied foreigners and set them to work.

The strike of the deserters followed this mobilization. The deserters pretended to the right of asylum in the country without the obligation to work. They were supported by a certain element of the Swiss Socialist party with maximalist tendencies.

"We came here to escape servitude," the deserters said, "we reject all obligations of service, military or civil; we will obey no order and we summon the Socialist party of Switzerland to sustain us immediately."

The socialist party of Switzerland met at Olten in general convention and, though sustaining the strikers in a platonic way, invited them to go back to work. Thereupon the deserters and the extremists of the socialist party organized a sort of soviet in Zurich.

Socialist members of the Federal council are endeavoring to get the government to annul the civil mobilization decree but public opinion in a vast majority is stoutly opposed to any concessions to the deserters.

## FAIR DIRECTORS REELECT OLD OFFICERS

Twenty-five registered Duroc pigs, 10 weeks old, and named for national and international characters of the present time, will be placed on sale in Hickory on or about the fourth day of May under the auspices of the Hickory Red Cross and directly under the management of Mr. A. A. Shuford, Jr., who has been appointed manager of the campaign to raise funds for the second Red Cross drive in this city.

Twenty-five Hickory business men will purchase the pigs and donate them to the Red Cross and Mr. Zehlon Branch Buchanan, than whom there is no greater auctioneer in these parts, will sell the fine animals to the highest bidder. The pigs already have been contracted for and will be shipped in plenty of time. The Hutton & Burbonnais Company will make neat crates—25 of them—and each pig will be placed in a crate with the name of the celebrated character stamped on the end of the box.

On December 1 the First National Bank will award a War Savings certificate worth \$50 to the person who has bought one of these pigs and put the most weight on it. Mr. Shuford today named Messrs. C. H. Gettner, E. Bryan Jones and Roy Abernethy as judges, and all 25 pigs will be eligible. Records will be kept of every purchaser and each buyer will have a good chance to add \$50 of good security to his visible or invisible means of support.

Those who have heard of the proposition say it was the result of genius, and it is allowed that some of the pigs will fetch fancy prices. One of them will be named Teddy Roosevelt, another Woodrow Wilson and so on, and George Killian says that Teddy pig will fetch some price. "You watch Woodrow," remarked a Wilson admirer today.

In addition to giving the Red Cross campaign a lift, the introduction of these registered Duroc pigs into Catawba county—every man in this whole section will have a chance to buy one or more—will increase the country's meat supply and peradventure furnish a number of good breeding animals if the owners are so disposed.

In any event, the pigs will find a ready sale and they will look mighty good when they are knocked off by Mr. Buchanan to the highest bidder. More details will be furnished from time to time.

Here are some of the names selected for the pigs:

Wilson, Taft, Roosevelt, Daniels, Baker, Hughes, Hoover, McAdoo, Peshing, Sims, Wood, Bryan, Joffre, Lloyd George, Haig, Petain, Root, Gompers, Lenroe, Whitman.

### PETERSON CLEARED BY WAKE JURORS

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, March 21.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the case against Major Geo. L. Peterson, who has been on trial since Monday charged with embezzling \$7,500 of state funds.

The jury was out an hour. Major Peterson is now in the quartermaster's staff at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.