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## FOR LUMP SUM OF \$500 TO MEN

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, March 5.—Payment of a lump sum of \$500 to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States was urged before the house today and means committee today by Marvin Speer, national president of a soldiers' organization.  
He opposed proposals of representatives of other soldiers' organizations for compensation of about \$30 for every month of service and said that more than 4,000,000 young Americans could never be repaid for their sacrifices in the war.  
"The \$500 grant," he told the committee, "would not be paid for time as such per day or month, but as a helping hand from the government in helping to restore former service men and women to positions to which they were called without a thought of positions they abandoned."  
The witnesses declared that the funding of \$100,000,000 annual interest due on foreign obligations proved that the government "was not weak financially and could give financial relief to all former service men."

### INFLUENZA IN CALDWELL

During the month of February about 600 cases of influenza were reported to Dr. L. H. Coffey, county physician. These were followed by cases of pneumonia and several deaths. Only two cases listed as contagious diseases were included in the report. These were two cases of chickenpox.

There seems to be very little influenza in the county now. It has spent its force for this year, in the opinion of physicians. Influenza this year has been of much milder form than that of last year. A very small percentage has been followed by pneumonia, and a still smaller percentage by deaths.

The disease this year seems to have been more prevalent throughout the rural districts of the county, and there was also a fewer number of cases in Lenoir than during the epidemic of last year. This is accounted for by the fact that a great number of Lenoir's population had the disease last year, and at that time it did not spread over the country generally.—Lenoir News-Tonic

## BRICKLAYERS JOIN DANVILLE STRIKERS

By the Associated Press.  
Danville, Va., March 5.—Bricklayers today joined union carpenters, plumbers, electricians, plasterers and lead carriers to determine whether local building should be on an open or closed basis. Contractors had called for a ten-hour day and an open shop.

### ALL MOBILE SCHOOLS PROPOSED FOR PRESENT

Raleigh, March 5.—On account of the continued prevalence of influenza throughout the state, the eleven mobile schools, which were to be held next week, March 8-12, in the following places, Wilmington, Maxton, Hertford, Scotland Neck, Henderson, Burlington, Mooreville, North Wilkesboro, Newton, Marshall and Sylvia, have been called off temporarily, according to information sent out from headquarters here today.

A second and much larger series of these mobile schools, which serve as training camps for the Baptist forces of the state, will be held July 19-23. Dr. W. R. Cullen of Raleigh, who is the general director of these schools this year, is planning to mobilize and train the Baptist leaders of the state in this July series of schools on a scale hitherto untried.

### SILK SHIRTS

Topeka Capital.  
Silk manufacturers now say that \$15 silk shirts (which were \$6 a few years ago) will soon be \$25. The country will be well served by these manufacturers if they made it \$50 or \$100. Fancy silk shirts are one luxury that cannot be put too high in price. Because they are in such demand not enough cheaper shirts are made. The sooner the lunatics who pay such prices for silk shirts reach their limit the better for goods that are necessities.

## IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

BY the Associated Press  
Raleigh, March 5.—Joe and Gardner Cain, Surry county moonshiners, were electrocuted at the state prison here this morning for the murder of Wiley Ester. This was the first double execution of white men in the history of the electric chair.  
The brothers were baptized this morning by a Methodist minister and both went to their deaths declaring they were ready to die, Joe being executed first. Neither man showed the slightest emotion and each declared:  
"I am ready to meet my God."  
Ester was killed when the Cains and Joe Bowles attacked his home because Jim Easter, a son, they claimed, had removed a whiskey still belonging to them and reported it to the officers.  
The Cains and Bowles were tried at the 1919 fall term of Surry county superior court and were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Governor Bickett recently commuted the sentence of Joe Bowles to 20 years imprisonment.

### WILSON'S LAST NOTE RECEIVED IN LONDON

By the Associated Press  
London, March 5.—President Wilson's note in reply to the latest communication of the allied premiers of the Adriatic question was received today and will be presented to Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, this afternoon.

## WHERE THE ROAD HOG IS UNKNOWN

Charlotte Observer.  
We wonder if it is too much to hope that with the coming of another season of automobile travel the North Carolina public may witness a development of respect for the common rights of travelers on the highway? The disdain in which the laws of the road have been held by many drivers is a matter that has excited comment by all people who have regard for their own safety and the safety of others. It has been remarked that in rare cases a few people slow down for passing. It is the common experience of automobile motorists to be crowded into the ditch by the "road hog." Little attention is paid to signaling. The general policy has been to let "the other fellow look out for himself." We have some times believed that it might be a good thing for the legislature to wipe out automobile statutes from the book and leave the public to run on a system of honor and respect of common rights. It seems impossible to enforce respect for the laws. Their very existence appears to encourage a disposition to ignore them. Perhaps if the reckless inclined might feel that no restraint by law is upon them they might be disposed to exercise the common instinct of sanity and safety. It is the "road hog" that makes automobiling in this state a risky and disagreeable thing for the general public. It is the man who has no respect for the law or for the rights of others that takes the joy out of the life of the automobile traveler. These thoughts have been inspired into activity by the talk brought back from Florida by Mr. Frank D. Alexander, a Charlotte man who belongs to the class of safety-first auto drivers and who has had occasion to see the excellent observance of the rule of the road by travelers in that state. Night traffic there is made safe by the exercise of ordinary intelligence on part of drivers. Lights are in variously dimmed a full half-mile before point of passing, and speed is slowed down. In daylight, the turn out is made at slackened speed with the full limit of safety, and it is no uncommon to hear an exchange of "thank you" on part of passing travelers. No under-age driver is ever seen at the wheel. Autos may make any speed they desire on clear stretches of road, but they never pass without slowing down to "control." Recklessness on the highways, such as is of daily occurrence on the roads of North Carolina, would throw the traveling public of Florida into a panic. The "road hog" is an unknown institution in that state, and the contrasted safety and pleasure of automobiling in Florida with the risks and dangers of automobiling in a section where the "road hog" speeds his reckless way should serve to bring that detested individual into greater disrepute, if such a thing were possible.

### SEE CHARLES CHAPLIN AT HUB SATURDAY

The biggest comedy show ever pulled off will be at the Hub Saturday when Charles Chaplin will appear in his new Million dollar "A Day's Pleasure." Burlesque and slapstick stunts abound in this latest of the Chaplin comedies, and you will sure rock in your seat when you see the innumerable funny things which happen to our Charlie.

## MARCH BLIZZARD HAS REACHED SEABOARD

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 5.—The March blizzard which overspread the middle west yesterday with snow and rain reached the eastern seaboard today. The strength of the blizzard, it was said, had been dissipated in part and although the rain falling along eastern seaboard today will turn to snow, the fall will be light. It will be followed by colder weather.  
Snow as far south as northern Alabama and unusually low temperatures over the entire south was forecast. Below freezing weather was said to be in store for interior Georgia and another frost was forecast for Florida.

## MARY PICKFORD GIVEN A DIVORCE IN NEVADA

Reno, Nev., March 5.—Mary Pickford motion picture star, has been granted a divorce from Owen Moore on grounds of desertion.  
The decree was handed down at Minden, a small town near Carson City, it became known yesterday.  
Miss Pickford told the court that Moore had deserted her on several occasions and had only returned in expense to her pleas, but that a year ago he left her and has ever since refused to return.  
Immediately after obtaining the decree she went back to the ranch here she had been living. She said she was seeking a quiet place to live and intended to stay near Minden for a long time and make the state her permanent home.  
Moore arrived at Virginia City Sunday night with a cameraman, saying he intended to take snow pictures for a coming picture, but he could not find hotel accommodations so he drove down to Minden in a machine and was served with the papers while at lunch the next day.

## JAPANESE TROOPS TO QUIT SIBERIA

By the Associated Press  
Honolulu, March 5.—The Japanese government has decided to abandon the Siberian expedition in line with the American policy, according to a cable message from Tokyo, received today by Shimo, a Japanese language paper.  
The first detachment of Japanese troops will leave Vladivostok March 9 simultaneously with the departure of the last detachment of Czechoslovak troops.  
The soviet government peace offer to Japan, according to the cablegram asks recognition of Lenin's de facto government, and resumption of full diplomatic relations, promises of abandon terrorism simultaneously with the offer and promises to recognize Japan's special rights in Siberia.

## Markets

### COTTON

By the Associated Press  
New York, March 5.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 15 to 23 points owing to a belief that the big break in Liverpool was due chiefly to the advance in sterling exchange, while there was scattered buying on the unfavorable weather in the eastern belt. The opening was much better than due on the cables, however, and prices soon turned easier on Liverpool selling for July and reports that low middling cotton was quoted at greatly decreased discount on one of the inland markets. May old off from \$35.95 to \$35.63 and July from \$33.15 to \$32.90 or back about to last night's close.

### PRODUCE

Eggs	42c dozen
Hens and roasters, per lb.	28c
Old Roosters, per lb.	14c
Country butter, per lb.	35c
Creamy butter, per lb.	68c
Pork (125 to 275), per lb.	18c
Pork (under 125 and over 275) per lb.	13c

### GRAIN

(Corrected daily by Horseford Milling Company)

Wheat	\$2.60
Corn per bu.	\$1.90
Oats, per bu.	\$1.00
Rye, per bu.	\$1.90
Compeas	\$4.50

## Weather

For North Carolina: Fair and much colder tonight with a cold wave in the interior, except extreme west portion. Saturday fair and colder in the east portion, fresh to strong northwest winds.

## MARSHALL TRIAL HELD UNDER GUARD

By the Associated Press  
Abbeville, Miss., March 5.—Charles Marshall, charged with the murder of Robert Miller, a farmer, and three members of his family, who were shot and killed at the Miller home on the night of January 15 last, was brought here today for trial.  
A detachment of 100 state troops accompanied Marshall aboard the special train on which he was brought from Jackson, where he was held for safe keeping, and will guard the trial.  
In advance of the hearing today, it was announced, that only those persons directly interested in the case will be admitted.

## CALDWELL COUNTY TO BUILD A FINE HIGHWAY

Lenoir, March 3.—Caldwell county road commission is advertising for bids for the first real public road construction for the county. The road on which bids are being asked for is the Yackin valley road leading down the river from the turnpike.  
It was not the original plans of the county road commission that this road should be the first to be built. The commission had decided on the road leading from Lenoir to the Wilkes county line to join a road from Wilkesboro, forming a link of the county seat to county seat highway system. The route was agreed on in Caldwell county and early last fall the survey was made. The survey was accepted by the state highway commission. Wilkes county wanted to select another route approaching Caldwell county, where the expense of building would have been greater. In waiting for Wilkes county road commission to decide on the matter much delay was caused. Finally the state highway commission advised highway commission of that county that the only route on which state and federal aid could be given was the ridge route to connect with the route selected by the Caldwell county commission. At the recent meeting the Wilkes county highway commission adopted this route and now further delay is caused by the reported refusal of the Wilkes county commission to provide the county's 25 per cent. of construction cost. Personal interests along the other proposed route is said here to be the reason of the Wilkes commissioners' refusal to provide the 25 per cent. for this route.

Caldwell county folks hoped to have had this road under construction by early spring, and to have had it completed early in the summer. This road between Lenoir and the Wilkesboro is one of the most important roads in this section. Wilkes county already has several miles built in this direction. The selection of this ridge route would have given the country only about six more miles to build to form a connection with the road from Lenoir.

County Engineer Howard has completed the survey of the road between Lenoir and the Catawba county line at the Horseford bridge. Many changes have been made and are shown in the survey. Two grade crossings have been eliminated as well as several dangerous curves. The most dangerous curve on the road between Hickory and Blowing Rock has been cut out. This curve located just north of the Conkey bridge, has been named locally "Dead Man's curve." This curve and bridge has been the scene of several accidents; one person killed and several seriously injured, to say nothing of the narrow escapes. The new survey shows a straight stretch of road across this place.

Engineer Howard will soon begin the survey of a road between Lenoir and the Burke county line. There is much speculation as to the route to be finally selected. A local battle royal is expected. People living on the north and west side of Lower creek want the road by Gamewell and Hartland while on the opposite side of the creek there is equal strength for its location on that side.  
Postmaster Virgil D. Guire, who recently sent in his resignation to Washington, has with drawn his resignation and will remain as postmaster until the end of his term. Mr. Guire was making plans to enter the manufacturing industry and had bought suitable real estate for a factory site, when friends here and Washington prevailed upon him to withdraw his resignation and continue until the end of his term, which is sometime in next year.

## GAMBLING JOINTS CAUSE OF STRIKE

By the Associated Press  
London, March 5.—No messages were received from Portugal today by the Portuguese legation here concerning reports of a revolution. At the legation the belief was expressed that the general strike in progress in Portugal resulted from suppression of the gambling resorts. Nothing more serious than strikes was feared.

## TO REFORM MOVIES INTEREST OF BOYS

By the Associated Press  
New York, March 5.—Reform of moving pictures is planned by the Presbyterian board of temperance and moral welfare which declared today that a "white list" would be issued from time to time in an effort to condemn pictures detrimental to juvenile welfare.  
A canvass among wardens and chaplains showed that most of the delinquencies were due to moving picture shows.

## SEVERAL NEW CASES OF INFLUENZA HERE

Influenza has appeared again in Hickory, Chief Lentz said today, and he reported 25 new cases yesterday. In those families where the disease is present, it is urged that children be not permitted to leave home or to attend school. Physicians continue to report each new case and it is earnestly hoped that precautions will be taken now as in the past. With good weather due in a few days, influenza can be more easily overcome, but just now everybody is urged to exercise care.  
Chief Lentz said there were several cases of scarlet fever in Hickory, but no case of pneumonia.

## MURDER OF MORRILL WAS NOT INTENDED

By the Associated Press  
Washington, March 5.—Information received by the state department indicates that Mexican bandits had planned to kidnap and hold for ransom August Morrill, former consul at Minanzhi, and that the bandit Captain exceeded others in killing him. Captain was hanged by another bandit chief within 25 years of the murder as punishment for the murder, according to advices to the state department.

## DUTCH WILL NOT TURN OVER BILL

By the Associated Press  
The Hague, March 5.—The Dutch government today for the second time refused to deliver the former German emperor to the allies.

## HOW TO TEST THE DEMOCRATS

Springfield Republican.  
Why does Mr. Lodge refuse to accept and endorse the last Taft reservation to article 10? Does it not safeguard the United States as much as his own reservation. Read it:  
"The United States declines to assume any legal or binding obligation to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country under the provisions of article 10, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States under any article of the treaty for any purpose; but the Congress, which under the constitution has the sole power in the premises will consider and decide what moral obligation if any, under the circumstances of any particular case, when it arises, should move the United States, in the interest of world peace and justice, to take action thereon and will act accordingly."

The Democratic senators through Mr. Hitchcock offer to vote for this reservation and if the treaty issue is drawn into the coming campaign this fact will cut an important figure. The charge that the Democrats did not want the treaty ratified will have to be proved, and it will be hard to prove in the face of the record that the Democrats offered to accept a reservation drafted by the Republican ex-president, which goes fully as far as the Lodge reservation in safeguarding the constitutional rights of congress and in giving congress ultimate control of any moral obligation even to take action under article 10.

The best way to test the real desire of the Democrats and the president as to ratification is not to send a message across the floor of the senate but to announce that Mr. Lodge and his followers will accept the Taft reservation and challenge the Democrats to make good their promise to vote for it. The Republican irreconcilables would break away from such a program, but who should they not be defied if the majority of the Republican senators want the treaty to be ratified?

By the Associated Press  
Mexico City, March 5.—Mexican workers are going to the United States in large numbers and the exodus is becoming alarming, according to press dispatches from northern states. Serious damage to industries in that section and abandonment of lands will be seen.

## GIANTS AND RED SOX TO BE IN HICKORY

Two of the most famous baseball teams—the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants will spend a few minutes in Hickory during the latter part of the month and will take breakfast at Hotel Huffry. The teams, comprising about 80 men, will arrive on 26, get breakfast here and then contest. They will also play at Asheville.  
Hickory baseball fans will watch for the date and the grand affair will be given a look-over.

## ANOTHER MISHAP ON SOUTHERN RAILWAY

The wreck at Silver Creek, two miles above Morganton, no sooner being cleared late yesterday than the Southern had more trouble on its hands. A slight derailment at Clinch Cross, known as the Marion junction, early this morning caused another delay in trains. The cause of this mishap was not learned today, but it was not serious.  
The derailment of nine freight cars yesterday morning at Silver Creek had nothing to do with the other traffic. Several passenger cars were turned over and it took time to get the coal and other freight cars back on the ten-track sidings.

## WILLARD SERVICE STATION TO BE OPENED MONDAY

Mr. G. R. Shaver, manager of the Storage Battery Company, was in Hickory today completing preparations for the opening next Monday of the Willard Service Station in the building next to City Market on Ninth avenue. The Hickory station, which will be a branch of the Statesville plant, will be in charge of Mr. D. A. Journey, an experienced battery man. Mr. Shaver's company has a territory embracing the counties of Iredell, Catawba, Caldwell and Alexander and will push the well known Willard battery.

## COTTON IN GERMANY FROM EAST INDIA

By the Associated Press  
Berlin, March 5.—A Berlin paper reports the first arrival of East Indian cotton for the first time since the war. The cargo is being offered for less than the American product. The paper points out that England exercised complete control of the eastern crop during the war.

## WAS SLIGHT WAVE HIT HICKORY SECTION

The blizzard which was reported sweeping eastward from the middle west yesterday will be felt here tonight with lower temperatures and tomorrow the wave will spread over the eastern part of the state, probably moderating in the western half, according to the weather bureau. The forecast for today's morning papers was rain, but the weather began clearing before day and by 10 o'clock was fair enough.  
This section was visited by a hard rain last night that will delay plowing for several days. Incidentally it may save thousands of dollars in preventing forest fires, which generally are dangerous in March.

This section is not due an old-fashioned cold wave now and when this present bluish weather passes over, some fair and warm days are probably in prospect. One good thing about the winter is that all vegetation has been held back and the chances favor a bumper fruit crop. The fruit can be killed in March and April, of course, but the young shoots are not put out and the danger is being prevented.

## PRUNING AND SPRAYING DEMONSTRATIONS SOON

Mr. J. W. Hendricks, county agent, will conduct three pruning demonstrations next week. A pruning and spraying demonstration will be given at Mr. Earl Heffer's at 9:30 Monday on the county home farm and on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock on Dr. R. L. Fritz' farm near Claremont. On Wednesday afternoon a pruning demonstration will be given on Mr. D. Smith's farm, near Conover. The public is invited.