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# HICKORY DAILY RECORD

WEATHER  
Fair tonight and Friday. Frost in extreme west portion tonight.

ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 11, 1915 HICKORY, N. C., THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1922 PRICE FIVE CENTS

## FRANCE IS AFTER GERMANS IN EARNEST

By the Associated Press.  
Genoa, April 20.—The German delegation at noon had made no reply to Lloyd George's ultimatum that either withdraw the Russo-German treaty or accept the penalties of the conference's disbarment from participation in Russian affairs. The Germans are divided on the question and no reply is expected from them before night. The Russians say the treaty must stand.

## YOU IS SPEAKER IN RALEIGH MEET

By the Associated Press.  
Raleigh, N. C., April 20.—The 24th annual Democratic state convention which met here at noon today was opened by the keynote speech of Representative Edward W. Poup, temporary chairman, in which he vigorously criticized the administration and declared that the Republican party had "floundered in confusion and bewilderment" with "pitiful incapacity" in the restoration of their control of Congress.

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Washington, April 20.—Allied governments to which the United States extended loans during the world war have been advised by the state department that the American debt refunding commission is ready to begin negotiations for the refunding of \$11,000,000,000 in loans on a long term basis.

## RECOMMENDS PROPOSAL FOR RUNNING PLANT

By the Associated Press.  
Washington, April 20.—The proposal of Frederick E. Enkstrum of Wilmington, N. C., for completion and lease of the governments plants at Muscle Shoals has been amended to exclude the Warrior nitrate plant. A copy of the modified offer was made public by Chairman Kahn of the house military committee when that body resumed consideration of the various offers pending before it.

## TWO HONORABLE COLLEGES ASK FOR FUNDS

London, April 4.—Oxford and Cambridge Universities, for the first time in their long histories, are unable to support themselves, and have called upon the public for assistance. This was disclosed in a report issued by the Royal Commission appointed under the chairmanship of ex-premier Asquith to investigate the financial condition of the two institutions, which two years ago was admittedly so unsatisfactory that the government granted each of them an emergency subsidy of 30,000 pounds annually, thus saving both colleges from collapse.

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## HIT IN COLLISION BRITISH SHIP SINKS

By the Associated Press.  
Buenos Aires, April 20.—The Munson line steamer E. Aeolus collided with the British steamer Zero off the Argentine coast, said a wireless message today. The Zero sank, but all of her crew were saved.

## EVEN THIS 'SKIN' GAME WORKED ON SOME

By the Associated Press.  
Okmulgee, Okla., April 20.—An alleged confidence game in which three men are charged with having offered \$1 bills for sale at the rate of 12 1-2 cents each, but in which the buyers never received the money was claimed by officers who announced the arrest of Jack Gardner of Muskogee on a charge of fraud and robbery. Warrants are out also for Mark Smith, pool hall operator and former political boss of Okmulgee and Burks Davis of Tulsa on the same charge.

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS IN MEXICO

By the Associated Press.  
Mexico City, April 6.—Organization of the "Society of Old Timers of Mexico," recruited from Americans and Britishers who have resided in Mexico for more than 20 years, has revealed some interesting history in connection with the activities of English-language newspapers here since the republic was founded. The Masonic Monitor, devoted to the cause of Masonry, was the first newspaper printed in English to appear in Mexico after its independence was achieved. It was founded in 1826 and edited by the Rev. Joseph Poinsette, the United States Minister to Mexico, whose journalistic efforts were incidental to his diplomatic duties.

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## HUNDREDS DEAD IN SALONICA BLAST

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Athens, April 20.—Advices from Salonica today report great loss of life as a result of the explosion of war material stored 200 meters from the Salonica railroad station. Several hundred children were buried in a church by the explosion of shells and it is believed that 1,800 soldiers were buried in their barracks, the advices state.

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## THIS IS BIG DAY AT COUNTY SEAT

Newton, April 20.—Friday, April 21st, will be one of the biggest days Catawba county has ever had, judging from all indications at present. Everything is now in readiness and the finishing touches are being added to the final program. Something interesting will be going on all day from the beginning of the program with the big parade in the morning until the awarding of the high school declamation and recitation medals at night.

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## TARIFF IS TAKEN UP IN SENATE TODAY

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Washington, April 20.—Consideration of the administration's tariff bill was begun in the senate today by Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, who declared a protective tariff and reduction costs were necessary to reconstruct the commercial bridge across the chasm separating the cost of production in the United States and abroad.

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## COTTON

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New York, April 20.—There was realizing and some scattered selling in the cotton market on reports of more favorable weather in the south at an opening decline of one to five points. These offerings were well taken on stronger foreign exchange rates and continued favorable reports from the goods trade.