

MOSCOW SOVIET IS FOR RATIFICATION OF PEACE WITH BOCHES

Looks Like Bolsheviki Premier Will Gain His Point in That Neighborhood

ATROCITIES IN RUSSIA

Germans Slay 200 Civilians. Slavs Threaten Reprisal. May Shoot 160 Teutons Held Near Pskoff—Francis Goes East

(By the United Press)
Petrograd, Mar. 7.—The Moscow soviet has voted overwhelmingly to ratify the peace treaty with Germany following a visit from Zionovief and others. This is accepted as indicating that Premier Lenine's steam roller may succeed.

This is not the soviet gathering called to meet March 12.

Huns Kill Russian Civilians. Petrograd, Mar. 5 (Night).—The Germans have shot and hanged 200 Russian citizens at Yurief without mercy, refugees from Estonia reported to the Smolny Institute today. Women and children's bodies were thrown in the river, they said. Trotsky was asked to notify the German and Estonian officials that a continuation of the German outrages would result in the execution of 160 barons and landowners held as hostages near Pskoff.

Francis Reported to Have Moved Again. Petrograd, Mar. 7.—American Ambassador Francis, wiring from Volodga to the Norwegian envoy here, today urged the latter to afford Americans in Petrograd every protection.

According to the commissariat of foreign affairs Francis and staff have left Volodga for Perm, capital of the province of that name, 650 miles East of Volodga. It is less than 300 miles from the Siberian border. Despite the signing of peace with Germany the Russian government is removing its valuables from the capital.

Students Conspire; 6 Killed. Petrograd, Mar. 5 (Night).—A conspiracy of students and officers to overthrow the Bolsheviki government resulted today in a raid on a house near the Winter Palace. Six students were killed.

Whitehair Coming to This State Again in Interest War-Savings

(Special to The Free Press)
Winston-Salem, Mar. 7.—That Charles W. Whitehair, a returned Y. M. C. A. worker from the Palestine and the war zone, is to return to North Carolina on a speaking tour of five days is good news to North Carolinians, especially to those who heard him in Raleigh on the occasion of the war-savings institute. He will receive a great welcome from his hearers in North Carolina as he completely captivated his audiences on his former visit.

He will speak in a number of places and as often as two or three times a day. His first appointment is at Leaksville-Spray, March 6.

Mr. Whitehair is an ex-professor of Princeton University.

SWITZERLAND SORE OVER RUTHLESSNESS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Switzerland is indignant over the torpedoing of a ship laden with wheat for her by the Germans, according to extracts from the Journal De Geneve of March 5.

GORE WANTS HIGHER MINIMUM PRICE ON WHEAT; \$2 TOO LOW

Senator Gives Notice That He Will Try to Upset President's Figures—Haven't Served Purpose, Says—Suggests \$2.50

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Further assaults by Congress on President Wilson's war measures are impending. Senator Gore has given notice of his intention to upset the wheat prices fixed by the President.

Gore is trying to get a minimum of \$2.50 a bushel instead of the \$2 fixed by the President. The President's prices were announced to stimulate wheat planting and increase production.

Gore and McCumber declare price-fixing has failed to win as a war measure because the prices fixed have not been enough to induce the farmers to increase the acreage.

COTTON

Receipts Thursday were seven or eight bales, the high price 31 1-2. Futures quotations were:

	Open.	Close.
March	32.10	32.25
May	31.80	31.88
July	31.35	31.42
October	31.18	30.24
December	29.88	30.03

Conference for Social Service Picks Officers and Hears Mrs. Booth

(Special to The Free Press)
Raleigh, Mar. 7.—The North Carolina Conference for Social Service last night heard an address by Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth of New York on "Out of the Shadows." About 30 men from the State prison here were in the audience by special permission. They were dressed in citizens' clothes.

Mrs. Booth told of the experiences of 20 years spent in prison reform work. She is known the country over as the "little mother."

The conference yesterday afternoon elected the following officers: President, Dr. Howard E. Rondthaler, Winston-Salem.

Vice-presidents: First, Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, Raleigh; second, Dr. E. C. Branson, Chapel Hill; third, V. S. Woodard, Charlotte.

Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Lingle, Chapel Hill.

Dr. C. B. McNairy, Kinston was among those in attendance yesterday. The conference closed last night.

EMPEROR CONGRATULATES LEOPOLD ON SUCCESSES.

(By the United Press)
Amsterdam, Mar. 7.—Emperor William, in a telegram to Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the Austro-German commander-in-chief on the Eastern front, according to a Berlin dispatch, congratulates him that after three and a half years of struggle the German armies have called a halt to the "Sussian army, which with an overwhelming superiority of numbers, threatened our country."

FIRE AT PACTOLUS.

Pactolus, Mar. 6.—A fire started by a tramp destroyed two Atlantic Coast Line box cars here yesterday. The cars were loaded with lime and brick. The tramp, a foreigner, was arrested near Parmele during the afternoon, confessed and was taken to Greenville.

FIND STILL.

Greenville, Mar. 6.—Pitt County officers raided and smashed a 60-gallon moonshine still in Beaver Dam Township yesterday. It was Sheriff McLawhorn's 49th still in three years.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO FARMERS IN LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR

Bickett Believes Laborers Will Not Be Called From Plantations for Army Service Before July 15—Says Go Ahead

The Lenoir County board is in receipt of the following letter from Governor Bickett in regard to the drafting of farm laborers:

"March 6th, 1918.
"To members of local and district boards:
"I am glad to be able to announce after a careful investigation of the subject that, in my opinion, no farmers or farm laborers in the second draft will be sent to training camps before the 15th of July. I am giving out this opinion in order that the farmers and farm laborers may proceed to cultivate their crops upon the assurance that they will not be disturbed earlier than the 15th of July, by which time the crops will be laid by.

"This announcement, however, does not include the deferred percentage of the first quota made up of colored men. Colored men who are liable to call in the first draft, are now liable to be called at any time.
"Please give to this announcement the widest publicity possible."
"T. W. BICKETT,
"Governor."

Wisconsin House of Representatives is Against LaFollette

(By the United Press)
Madison, Wis., Mar. 7.—The loyalty resolution in the Wisconsin legislature censuring Senator LaFollette was passed by the House of Representatives last night. The vote was 53 to 32. The resolution had been passed by the Senate.

Dry Zones Around 7 Naval Stations and Academy at Annapolis.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Secretary Daniels has ordered the establishment of "dry zones" for five miles around seven naval and marine stations and the academy at Annapolis. The stations include those at Norfolk and Port Royal, S. C. "Conditions amply justify" the order, says Secretary Daniels.

18 SHIPS SUNK.

London, Mar. 7.—The last week's losses from mines or submarines were 18 merchantmen, 12 of them up 1,600 tons or over.

Kaiser's Getting Substantial Aid From U. S., Says Edwards; Extravagance Helps Him

(By D. T. Edwards)
If you want to take your place (by proxy) on the firing line in France and shoot one of those big guns at Hindenburg, Ludendorff, the Crown Prince or some other part of the aggregation of murderers and ravishers that are now terrorizing the world, just join the Limit Club and buy war certificates to the amount of \$1,000—and Uncle Sam will place the shot for you.

It will take a thousand dollars to fire one shot, so they say; but that shot may be very effective.

If you want to shorten the war, save a thousand lives and more, and bring back peace to a distracted world, the most effective way is to join the Limit Club and do your duty by your country as well as yourself. Let the Dollar Do the Work.

And it will do it. Every dollar is going to work for somebody or some interest. In the present state of world-conditions it must work either for Uncle Sam or for Kaiser Bill. If it is engaged in stimulating industry that is essential to the war or if it is loaned to the Government

LITTLE ONES BEING DEPORTED BY HUNS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Germany is deporting boys from Belgium as well as older men, according to Belgian legation information. Some children under 13 1-2 years have been included, while in the Mons district about 300 boys have been sent into Germany. The destruction of industries and carrying away of all rail supplies continue.

PROOF OF NEED OF MERCHANT VESSELS

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—America is falling behind in the shipment of grain to the Allies at the rate of 5,000,000 bushels a month, due chiefly to the lack of tonnage.

BULLETINS

STABILIZE STEEL PRICES.
Washington, Mar. 7.—Prices soon will be fixed on all materials entering into the manufacture of steel with a view to stabilizing the ultimate product, it is learned at the offices of the War Industries Board. Chrome, refractory brick, crucibles and all materials entering into the construction of blast furnaces are affected.

RAID REPULSED.
London, Mar. 7.—A heavy raid under protection of a barrage directed against the British troops near Ephy last night is reported by Gen. Haig to have been repulsed.

NO MORE DESK JOBS MEN OF DRAFT AGE

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Bomb-proof jobs for men of the draft age will no longer be granted by the War Department. The staff corps has shut down on commissions to men of this class except in the rarest cases, where men are shown to be of unusual fitness. Such types are called swivel chair warriors and desk-grenadiers by the regulars.

No New Army Divisions Will Be Formed 1918. Tho' Many Men Called.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—No new army divisions will be organized this year, it is stated. The large numbers of men called will be used in filling up existing divisions.

COMMANDER OF FAMOUS BATTALION DISCHARGED.

Richmond, Mar. 7.—Major J. Fulmer Bright, formerly commander of the Richmond Grays' Battalion, First Virginia Regiment, has received his honorable discharge from Federal military service on account of defective vision.

Waste and Extravagance—Wherever There is a Slacker, Dime, Quarter or Dollar.

After the Kaiser's Own Heart. They will help the Kaiser. They will kill American soldiers! Waste and extravagance take force from the power of America. Every penny spent for luxuries and unnecessary things is a penny lost to the production and purchase of food, clothing, supplies, ships and munitions for our soldiers.

As long as we spend wastefully Germany will receive powerful help from America and just so much further away is the day of peace. Become a War Saver to the Limit! Join the club and become a war-saver to the limit of your ability. Nothing less than this will enable you to have the consciousness of duty done.

PETERSON FAILS TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL; COURT TAKES STEPS

Solicitor at Raleigh Asks Camp Jackson Commanding Officer to Give Major Up—Judge Won't Continue the Case

(Special to The Free Press)
Raleigh, Mar. 7.—The chief of police at Columbia, S. C., has been requested to arrest Maj. George L. Peterson, an army officer charged with embezzlement of \$7,000 while military disbursing officer here. Peterson, under bond for his appearance in court here yesterday, failed to show up. It was said the military authorities would not permit him to leave his duties at Camp Jackson. Peterson recently went to Camp Jackson from Camp Sevier. His home is at Clinton, N. C. Judge W. P. Stacy yesterday declined to continue the case again. It was continued several months ago.

Solicitor Norris has wired the commanding general at Camp Jackson asking if he will deliver Peterson to the Columbia police.

'Dots' Miller Didn't Enlist to Play Ball. He Tells the Marines.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Notwithstanding the fact that he's in the Marine Corps as a volunteer, Jack "Dots" Miller, former captain and first baseman of the St. Louis Nationals, thought he stood a good chance of being "drafted."

The Marine Corps baseball team in this city needs crack infielders and "Dots" Miller's name headed the list of prospects.

"Gee, I don't want to be drafted and play ball," grumbled "Dots" when informed that he might be chosen to play on the crack Marine nine. "I want to fight—that's why I joined this outfit. And now they want me to play ball. Can you beat such luck?" But when General Barnett was informed that he would rather fight than play ball, he declined to order him to Washington.

Miller would probably have managed the Cardinals the coming season had he stuck to baseball instead of joining the colors.

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GOVERNOR TO SPEAK TO KINSTONIANS AT COURTHOUSE AT 7:30

Will Spend Night Here—Public Invited to Hear Address on "Patriotism." Be Guest Drs. McNairy and Hardy

Governor Bickett is expected to arrive at Hines' Junction about 4:40 o'clock this afternoon. He will stop at the Caswell Training School to be the guest of Dr. C. B. McNairy, the superintendent, and Mrs. (McNairy) for an hour or two.

The Governor will come into the city at 7:30 to deliver an address on "Patriotism" at the Courthouse.

He will spend the night here as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ira M. Hardy. War Thrift Speech.

The Governor in his speech at the Courthouse will stress war-savings. He has been active in the campaign for war thrift in the State. The courtroom is being decorated for the occasion.

Dr. James M. Parrott, county war thrift chairman, will preside at the meeting. Mr. John G. Dawson will introduce the Governor.

All Invited to Hear Address. Every person is invited to hear Governor Bickett, and women especially. The prospect for bad weather will not prevent him from being heard by a house-filling audience, it is expected.

It appears that those in charge may not be able to get an instrument into the courtroom, and for that reason a musical program planned may have to be abandoned.

One American Tries Going Over the Top All Kinds of Ways

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Jan. 20 (By Mail).—If they ever invent a new way of going over the top there's one American officer who will probably be on hand to try the new wrinkle.

The French Government has decorated him with the Croix de Guerre for going over the sacks in every way known to date.

First he went over with the French infantry in an attack last Spring. Though detailed as an observer and not required to take too many chances the American officer was one of the first wave to cross No-Man's Land. He stayed with his unit until the objective was gained and when they had to fall back before a heavy counter-attack he fell back fighting with them.

Some weeks later he went over the top in a tank and followed that trip a few days later by an airplane observation flight. For the greater part of an afternoon the plane cruised up and down a German sector watching the effect of big French shells on concrete defenses. The boche anti-aircraft guns made it hard for the American flyer but he was still an enthusiastic aviator when the plane came to a successful landing on its own field at dusk.

French Buying Agent Embezzled Millions, Charged; Arrested.

Washington, Mar. 7.—Frank J. Goldsoll, a retired French soldier, is under arrest here charged with embezzlement of several million dollars in dealings with American manufacturers as representative of the Paris government. Goldsoll was born in Ohio but became a French citizen some years ago. He is wealthy.

Columbus, O., Mar. 7.—Four thousand and under-graduates, will adorn a huge service flag which will be unfurled on commencement day, May 25, at Ohio State University.

WASHINGTON FEARS JAPAN MAY MAKE AN ENEMY BY INVASION

Officials Say Russians Might Join Huns in War Against All Allies

NEW GOVERNMENT COMING

America Confident Lenine Will Be Overthrown—Finland Likely to Be Invaded by Swedish Force—Holland's View

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—Authorities here fear that if Japan invades Siberia Russia, remembering the last blows from Japan, easily would side with Lenine's policy and join with the German army to fight the Japanese. The Russians would then be used for fighting the other Allies. Lenine in Danger.

The ousting of Lenine is anticipated. That another Russian government will arise is deemed certain. This Government may attempt to upset a Russo-German pact even though the task is enormous.

Neutral's View. Holland and Sweden have condemned the German course in Russia. Sweden may seize this opportunity for a move against Finland. One part of that nation is still strongly Swedish.

City Has War Budget; No More Soliciting at Aberdeen, Wash.

Aberdeen, Wash., Mar. 7.—"Driveless fund raising" is the novel plan under way here to aid war relief.

To provide funds for the various war relief measures to come during the year, business interests are raising a fund of \$75,000. From this, Aberdeen's quota for future money raising campaigns will be appropriated, eliminating soliciting. Only movements endorsed by the State Council of Defense will be aided.

Largest Service Flag in World Will Fly on Pinnacle of City Hall.

Philadelphia, Mar. 6.—The largest service flag in the country will fly from the city hall here if present plans are carried through. Policemen and boy scouts are now engaged in taking a census of the city to determine the exact number of Philadelphia in the United States and Allied services. It is estimated that the number will total at least 50,000.

GERMANS STILL FOOLING THEMSELVES ABOUT U. S.

Paris, Mar. 7.—The Germans persist in declaring that they are not aware of the presence of American troops on the Western front, says the correspondent of the Temps with the British army in France. This he says may be pretense or the result of what they have been taught, but all prisoners, officers and privates, taken in the latest operations when asked about the Americans invariably reply:

"Yes, we know there is a division in France and there never will be more. That is not enough to scare us."

U. S. LINES 8 MILES LONG.

Washington, Mar. 7.—The Americans in France now hold eight miles of trenches.

FAVORABLE REPORT HUN PROPERTY BILL

(By the United Press)
Washington, Mar. 7.—The Senate Appropriations Committee today unanimously reported favorably a measure authorizing the government to sell all alien enemy property in this country.