

## ASSASSINATION OF EX - CZAR NICHOLAS PRACTICALLY CONFIRMED; AMERICA IS PLEDGED TO FREEDOM OF RUSSIANS

All Branches of Slav Race Should Be Completely Liberated, Lansing Announces as Policy This Government—Deposed Emperor Reported to Have Been Slain by Red Guard as Result of Personal Difficulty—Family in New Location—Reports of Overthrow of Bolsheviki and Investment of Moscow by Korniloff and Huns—New Emperor Rumored to Have Been Set Up—No Confirmation

(By the United Press)  
Washington, June 28.—All branches of the Slav race should be completely freed from German and Austrian rule. This declaration the United States Government made today through Secretary Lansing.

Stockholm, June 28.—Petrograd publishes a report that the Bolsheviki have been overthrown and Moscow occupied by General Korniloff and other Slav leaders and the Germans. The premier and War Minister Trotsky have fled. Nikolai Nikolaitch has been made emperor, says the report. German military authorities in Finland have no confirmation. These rumors were received here with greatest interest.

### Nicholas' Family Removed.

Washington, June 28.—The family of the ex-czar have been taken to Peru, according to German wireless reports picked up by the State Department. One message asserted that a rumor of the czar's assassination at Ekaterinburg is widespread. It quoted Ukraine papers saying that he was killed by a red guard as the result of a personal quarrel.

### Confirmation of Death of Nicholas.

London, June 28.—First announcement of approaching official confirmation of the death of Nicholas Romanoff, former czar of Russia, was received here today.

The Frankfurter Zeitung, according to the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent, declares Foreign Minister Tschitchev wired from Moscow to the Russian minister in Germany that Nicholas was killed.

## GERMAN DRIVE WILL BE STARTED SOON

(By the United Press)  
Washington, June 28.—Information reaching War Department circles is to the effect that the expected Teutonic offensive on the West front is ready to burst forth again. It is apparently being hastened by the Austrian failure in Italy, and likewise by Von Kuehlemann's recent remarks casting doubt on the military leaders.

## Preliminary Final Figures of 1917's Lumber Production

Washington, June 28.—A total computed lumber cut for the United States in 1917 of 35,831,289,000 feet is announced by the Forest Service. This figure is based on reports received from 16,408 sawmills out of the 24,815 believed to have operated last year. It is estimated that the actual cut in 1917 was approximately 10 per cent. less than the production in 1916.

The falling off is attributed principally to decreased private building operations, scarcity of labor, transportation difficulties, etc.

## LOOKS LIKE SUFFS. WON'T HAVE CHANCE

(By the United Press)  
Washington, June 28.—Forced to retreat in the face of great odds, the Senate suffrage leaders are not thinking of surrendering. They already are at work lining up votes to pass the suffrage amendment in spite of the powerful opposition which yesterday forced them to defer action. The only way the suffragists can win is to convert two more senators to suffrage. This today looked impossible, but the suffragists do not despair.

## GERMANS WANT TAKE CHARGE AUSTRIA'S MILITARY AFFAIRS

Public and Press Bitter Over Failure Defeat Italians—Chancellor Called to German Grand Headquarters

(By the United Press)  
Copenhagen, June 28.—Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling has been called to German headquarters for an important conference, it was learned here today. This news followed word from Berlin that Foreign Minister Kuehlemann probably would not resign, or at least would remain in until the Russian peace and Eastern question were further cleared up.

Germany Peevish.  
Washington, June 28.—Complete control of the Austrian armies will be demanded by Germany as a result of the Austrian defeat along the Piave, Rome advices to the Italian embassy state. The attitude of the German press and people toward Austria as a result of her failure to overwhelm the Italians is declared to be bitter.

## McAdoo Urges National Railroad Men Purchase War-Savings Stamps

(Special to The Free Press)  
Winston-Salem, June 28.—Secretary McAdoo has issued the following appeal to railroad employees: "I earnestly urge every employee who has secured increases in pay for the future and who will receive back payments from January 1, 1918, to invest as much as he possibly can in the war-savings stamps issued by the United States Treasury. "I hope every railroad employee who can do so will invest to the limit of his means and ability in these stamps."

## Physicians Fined for Violating Law; They Failed Report Typhoid

Raleigh, June 28.—For failure to report cases of typhoid fever which they attended professionally Dr. T. W. Shore of Booneville and Dr. W. G. Leak of East Bend were convicted and fined recently in local courts. Dr. Shore was fined \$1 and the costs and Dr. Leak \$8 and the costs. The prosecution in each instance was directed by the State Board of Health.

## GERMANS LOST MORE THAN THOUSAND MEN BELLEAU WOOD FRAY

Americans Cleaned Up With Them—Barrage Prevented Escape of Boches Bent on Getting Out of Terrible Affair

(By the United Press)  
With the Americans on the Marne, June 28 (2:25 p. m.)—The number of Germans killed and wounded in Tuesday night's battle in Belleau wood was between 1,100 and 1,200, according to the checking of the official reports.

A big portion of the casualties was due to the barrage fire of the American artillery, preventing the boches from fleeing from the wood.

Many Cited for Bravery.  
Washington, June 28.—Fifty Americans have been cited for bravery. General Pershing reports. Lieutenant Moses K. Cox, Gray Court, S. C., and Captain R. Oglesby, Lynchburg, Va., are among the list.

FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

## FORTY MEETINGS AT KINSTON WOMEN ARE AS MANY PLACES IN WORKING FOR CLEAN INTEREST PARIS IN LENOIR THIS P. M. MILK AND MARKETS PEACE TALK AGAIN WAR THRIFT DRIVE

County Making Sure of Winning Its War-Savings Honor Flag

### TELL LIBERTY'S STORY

Kinston Will Stage Independence Day Program for First Time in Years—Parade and Patriotic Addresses

(By D. T. Edwards)  
Kinston and Lenoir County will celebrate the Fourth of July next Thursday as this generation of folks hereabouts has never done before. A big parade has been planned, directed by the same committee that made the recent war-savings parade such a success, and at the courthouse appropriate addresses will be made and other interesting features staged.

These "other" features will include the reading of the "roll of honor" embracing the names of all who have pledged or bought stamps to the value of \$500 or up.

The nationwide war-savings drive is now on and a great victory is being won. And this victory we Lenoir County folks are going to celebrate on July 4.

### An Unprecedented Event.

Wonderful things are happening and the question naturally arises, "Why are they doing it?" For the businessmen of Kinston to declare a half holiday, close their doors and enter into a whirlwind war-savings canvass is an extraordinary event and one full of significance. But that's just what they are doing.

You may be sure they would not be doing it unless they were convinced that it is worth while. They are not given to taking holiday frolics; but they are given to taking cognizance of a good thing and putting it through when they realize the value of taking such a course of action.

### They Found a Good Thing.

So in the war-savings plan they have found a good thing—not only for Uncle Sam at this time when he needs all possible sympathy from his folks and all the money he can speedily mobilize for use in a quick, sharp decisive blow at the Hun, but for Lenoir County, and that also to even a greater degree. If the government had labeled this W. S. S. program "a plan to make a community independent" or "a sure way to stimulate business and preserve stable conditions," the program would not have been misnamed.

And because all these facts have become apparent to Kinston businessmen they have entered zealously into the work and will, with patriotic fervor, give freely of their time, money and energy to put the plan through successfully. Hence their action in closing their doors this afternoon and cooperating in the whirlwind W. S. S. canvass of the day which will culminate, in Lenoir County, in 40 mass meetings at the 40 public schoolhouses of the county this evening at 6 o'clock.

### Throughout State and Nation.

And this spirit is not confined to Kinston businessmen, neither is the insight into the true value of the plan peculiarly their own. Mr. Dan Quinley, who has charge of the canvass among retail dealers in Lenoir County, reports hearty cooperation at La-Grange and practically all other places in the county where he has seen the retailers.

And all over North Carolina and throughout this broad Nation of ours the same things are taking place. All of which points to the conclusion that the war-savings movement is going to make Lenoir County, the state of North Carolina and these United States immensely stronger in the future than has heretofore been the case.

### Must Win Another Flag.

Let us recognize this truth: "There is but one way to win success in the war—a military success and a success which will avoid the payment of a fearful economic price as well—and that is by a determined systematic policy, a policy of maximum production of essentials, accompanied by general saving in home consumption."

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## KINSTON WOMEN ARE WORKING FOR CLEAN MILK AND MARKETS

Want Dealers to Become Life Savers—Health Department Enlisting Them in Movement Against Typhoid Fever

(Special to The Free Press)  
Raleigh, June 28.—"The health department of Lenoir County, under the direction of Health Officer J. S. Mitchener, is lending every effort toward preventing typhoid fever in that county this year. To this end the office of the health officer is open every Saturday and each afternoon except Friday for free administration of typhoid vaccine."

This is from a State Board of Health statement. "As a further step toward the prevention of typhoid a concerted movement is now under way among the women of Kinston to make that town flyless and sanitary. The program which they are seeking to have adopted is one that would fit any community. It is embraced in the following petition:

### Women at Work.

"We, the undersigned mothers and women of the City of Kinston, appeal to the city aldermen and owners of horse and cow stables to cooperate with the Health Department in making Kinston a 'flyless town.'"

"We wish to endorse an extension of the sewage district and the giving of sanitary measures to the negro section of our town as soon as possible, since it is from these homes that the nurses of our children and the cooks for the family come. This will thus be a benefit not only to the colored race but to the entire community."

### Savers of Lives.

"We ask the dairies to lend their every effort toward the production of a better and cleaner milk supply, since this is a factor of great importance in the life of infants and adults. Thus they will be the savers of lives."

"We wish to appeal to our markets, grocerymen and cafes for sanitary measures for marketing our food supplies. We believe they should be cleaner and have better equipment to prevent contamination."

"We full well realize that these aims cannot be accomplished without some financial sacrifice on the part of all but we are of the opinion that financial sacrifice is not to be considered when it comes to saving American manpower."

"We believe that if we clean up and cooperate our goal will be attained."

## FORTY-ONE SAMMIES KILLED IN ACTION; SOME SOUTHERNERS

Marines Lose Their Full Share—South Carolina Corporal Listed—Virginians Dead From Disease and Wounds

Washington, June 28.—Army casualties today total 56. Killed in action number 24, dead from wounds four, from disease three, wounded severely 22, to degrees undetermined 20, prisoners one. Corporal T. E. Pelen, Gray Court, S. C., was killed in action. Sgt. F. A. Plogger, Currie, Va., died from wounds. Maj. A. L. Grubbs, Berkeley Springs, W. Va., died from disease.

### Marines' Killed Number 17.

Washington, June 28.—Marine casualties numbering 60 are reported. Killed in action number 17, dead from wounds seven, wounded severely 26.

## COTTON

Friday's futures quotations were:		
January	24.60	24.74
March	24.50	24.50
July	23.10	27.92
October	25.15	25.82
December	24.60	24.51

## AUSTRIA TRIES TO INTEREST PARIS IN PEACE TALK AGAIN

Emissary Fails—Visited Switzerland—Wanted Allied Views on Important Questions—Didn't Get Them

(By the United Press)  
London, June 28.—An Austrian attempt to throw out to France peace feelers via Switzerland has failed, press dispatches from Zurich report. These dispatches state that Austria-Hungary through an unofficial representative in Switzerland during the past few days attempted to discover the Allied standpoint regarding important questions. The emissary failed and returned to Vienna.

## ASKS FOR WORKERS FOR RED TRIANGLE FROM THIS SECTION

Y. M. C. A. Speaker at Gordon Street Church—Organization's Great Activities—Skilled Men Badly Needed

J. T. Mangum, who is seeking Young Men's Christian Association war workers in North Carolina, addressed a gathering of more than 100 at Gordon Street Christian Church Thursday night. He made an excellent talk, detailing the war work of the association at home and overseas. He told how the "Y" has taken over the operation of the canteens and how it is helping in many ways to make America's soldiers better physically, morally and mentally. There are scores of heroes among the men who go up to the line to risk their lives for other men's comfort. The Government, of course, heartily sanctions the work of the Red Triangle.

### Sixty From North Carolina.

Three thousand workers are wanted now—60 of them from this State. Mechanics, clerks, and persons skilled in numerous other lines are wanted. Thirty-one is the minimum age, 50 the maximum. Mr. John G. Dawson is chairman of the local committee and will be glad to receive applications. Kinston has furnished no one during this drive and should be represented, say members of the committee.

### Exercises.

Mr. N. J. Rouse presided over the meeting. Mrs. Anna Turney conducted musical exercises. Mrs. M. A. Brown, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Mr. Hyman Mewborne and Mr. R. L. Blow comprised a quartet.

## Cattle Tick Getting a Knockout Now; This to Be Work's Record Year

Washington, June 28.—Records made last year in eradication of the cattle fever tick and the release of territory from Federal quarantine will soon be eclipsed. The 1917 mark of 70,749 square miles released from quarantine is expected to be considerably bettered in 1918.

## Cowper Takes Issue With Major Langston About Young Lawyers

"G. V. Cowper of the Kinston bar apparently struck a responsive chord last night when he took a fall out of the suggestion that young lawyers be placed in the firing line instanter," said Wednesday's Wilmington Dispatch. Mr. Cowper addressed the North Carolina Bar Association Tuesday night. He said he believed the lawyers were doing more to help win the war than any other profession, selfishly appropriating the newspapers' glory. He told of the many ways in which the legal men are helping. "The speaker," said the Dispatch, "no doubt had reference to a recent statement accredited to Major Langston, who is quoted as saying that young lawyers and most of the traveling men should be placed in the first class \*\*\* as they were of no particular advantage to their country in the war otherwise." Mr. Cowper said six out of Kinston's 17 lawyers are in the war. He took this city to be typical of the State. There was on display at the convention the association's service flag, with 65 stars.

## KINSTON SHUTS UP SHOP TO HELP IN WAR THRIFT DRIVE

Half Holiday Taken by Merchants and Professional Men

### TO CELEBRATE FOURTH

To Thousands of Lenoir County Citizens at Neighborhood Rallies—Over the Top Safely by Night, Expected

The 12 townships of Lenoir County were invaded shortly after noon Friday by a host of war-savings workers bent on making sure that final returns from the thrift drive would put the county over the top.

There was no lack of subscriptions. Everybody had subscribed. Dr. J. M. Parrott, the chairman, had no assurance that the county had pledged its full \$500,000, however. For that reason the ground was gone over again and increased pledges were taken right and left.

Dr. Parrott felt confident that by night the county would be well over the top.

### Closing Meetings.

At 40 or more rural schoolhouses neighborhood rallies will be held at 6 p. m.

There will be speakers at every meeting. More than 100 autos carried these out during the afternoon. A Half Holiday.

Practically all business downtown was suspended during the afternoon. Merchants, professional men, clerks and others pitched in to help Uncle Sam.

## Dr. Spilman Doesn't Like Idea of Dance for the Red Cross

The following was sent The Free Press by Dr. B. W. Spilman, and is self-explanatory:

"I am out of the city as I write. I fear that there is to be a big Red Cross dance tonight. I have not the slightest idea who planned this, nor do I know who is to have a part in it. I am sure that a number of my friends will be there."

"It impresses me as being strongly incongruous that any Red Cross dance. I am not an authority on dancing. I have no inclination in that direction, and if I had I fear I would make a poor 'hand' at the business. "But I have been thinking. Two pictures come before my mind—one is a cross just outside the city of Jerusalem. The Savior of the world had been on it and because of the nails in his hands and feet and because of the spear thrust in his side the cross is red. The red stain there has a meaning of tremendous significance to the followers of the Man of Galilee."

"I am thinking of another scene. On the battlefields of France this morning (or was it yesterday?) some of our own American boys stained the soil with their red blood. A woman with a tender heart is in a leath grapple with the grim monster leath and watching by the bedside of that wounded boy trying to save his life. Because that is the kind of work the Master did, these good men and women who care for our wounded soldiers have adopted as their emblem the blood-stained Cross of Calvary."

"It strikes me as being strangely incongruous that any Americans should wish to celebrate by a dance the wounding of American soldiers. "I may be mistaken, but it seems to me if I were going to have a dance while my country is mourning for its dying boys, I'd call it something else than 'Red Cross dance.' "B. W. SPILMAN."

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