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(By The Associated Press)

Final action on the German peace treaty apparently has not been taken by the All Russian Congress of Soviets at Moscow. While dispatches dated Thursday from Petrograd reported the Congress had decided overwhelmingly to ratify the treaty, advices from Moscow Friday say that there has been a division in the Council of Peoples Commissaries, and indicate that Russia has not yet been committed to German hands.

The Bolshevik approval of the treaty seemingly has aroused the members of the government belonging to the party of the social revolutionists of the Left, who refused to ratify it. The social revolutionists are said to have resolved to resign from the Council should the Congress approve the treaty. This problem means that the decisive action has not yet been taken by the Congress as a whole.

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow, dated Thursday says the Bolshevik at a party caucus voted to approve the course of the Lenin government in agreeing to the German terms, which nevertheless they condemn. The Bolsheviks said it was necessary to organize for the defense of the nation against the invaders.

Several ministers in the Lenin government are members of the social revolutionist party of the Left. They were admitted last December when the Bolsheviks were threatened with the loss of power unless the revolutionists were recognized. The social revolutionists of the Right have opposed continuously to the Bolsheviks who broke up the constituent assembly when the party of the Right selected the chairman.

There has been no change on the American sectors near Toul and east of Lunville.

The American and British Ministers at Stockholm sent a demand to Gen. Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish government forces for the release of one American, and 16 Britishers taken from Aland Islands by the Germans to Danzig, Germany. The Aland Islands are being used as a base by the Germans, who are siding Gen Mannerheim in putting down the Finnish revolutionists.

A Tokio newspaper reports that 150 Japanese have been murdered by the Bolsheviks, at the capital of Amur province, and 500 miles north of Herbin-Manchuria. Another report is that only three Japanese were killed, and seven wounded.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Showed Renewed Steadiness Today—Opening 4 to 5 Points Higher.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, March 16.—The cotton market showed renewed steadiness today. The opening was 2 to 12 points higher, and active months sold 8 to 13 points above last night's closing, after the call on covering and further trade buying which was probably encouraged by the continued absence of rains in the southern and the bullish average of spot advices. March sold up to 32.75, making a new high record for that delivery, while May touched 31.50 and October, 30.41.

Cotton futures opened steady, March, 32.75; May, 32.00; October, 31.50; October, 30.38; December, 30.15.

Cotton closed steady, March, 32.80; May, 31.90; July, 31.41; October, 30.30; December, 30.16.

NEGREO LYNCHED IN LOUISIANA.

Body Found Hanging to a Tree in Court House Yard at Monroe, La.

(By The Associated Press)

Monroe, La., March 16.—The body of George McNeil, one of the two negroes arrested yesterday, suspected of implication in an assault on a young white woman here Thursday, was found hanging to a tree in the court house yard early today. It was said at the sheriff's office last night that the sheriff and deputies had started in autos for Shreveport with McNeil and John Richards, the other suspect.

Irish to Show Loyalty to United States.

New York, March 16.—St. Patrick's Day is to be an American holiday this year. The annual convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and its allied organizations in New York have voted to make what has always been an Irish national festival a day of patriotic American display. Tomorrow the Irish of New York will march with Stars and Stripes and with service flags to demonstrate the loyalty of the race in America. Green will be substituted for the flag and they only to call attention to the part the Irish have always played in upholding American institutions. Every society taking part will be required to carry a service flag containing a star for each member in the United States army or navy. For the first time in the history of St. Patrick's Day demonstrations in the metropolis the parade will include a division of women marchers.

Change in Parcel Post.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Effectiveness of the new parcel post regulations in the four classes, and which include farm and dairy products and books, may be met up to a maximum weight of 7 pounds in the first, second and third zones. The new regulations amount to an increase of 50 pounds over the maximum provided in the schedule heretofore in force.

MR. LISK MAKES ANOTHER SEIZURE

Says Cabarrus is the Worst Place for Illicit Still He Has Visited.

Revenue Officer Lisk is still not satisfied with the illicit distilling that is going on in this county. The story of his capture of a big 115 gallon still on Thursday evening had hardly been printed on yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Lisk was back in Concord from a trip he had taken near the scene of his raid the day before. On yesterday's trip, he found only a few miles to the north of that place, a big lot of mash, almost thoroughly fermented, and ready to be distilled. There were several hundred gallons of the stuff, which the officer immediately took possession of, and emptied it out into a nearby stream. A lot of beer was also found in this raid, but no sign of a still.

In this connection, Mr. Lisk stated that Cabarrus county is about the worst place he has visited as far as illicit stills are concerned. It is his intention, if he has the support of the good people here, to make a complete clean up of the county.

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MINNESOTA DRYS ACTIVE

Anti-Saloon League Completes Its Plans for Spring Drive.

St. Paul, Minn., March 16.—With many counties of the State already "dry" as a result of local option voting, the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League has completed its plans for a great spring drive that will have for its object the total elimination of the liquor traffic in every part of the State. The campaign is scheduled to open in Minneapolis tomorrow with a meeting at which former Governor Malcolm B. Patterson of Tennessee and other noted prohibition leaders will be heard.

The campaign, as at present planned, will be continued until near the end of June. Arrangements have been made to hold a total of more than 500 public meetings in towns, cities and villages throughout Minnesota. At these meetings the speakers will include Captain Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama, Sam W. Small, of Atlanta, John G. Woolley of Wisconsin, one-time prohibition party candidate for President, and numerous other anti-liquor and anti-alcohol shirk shirk shirk shirk saloon workers of national prominence.

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MUD RAINS FROM SKIES.

Due, Says Ohio Weather Man, to Last Saturday's Tornado.

Columbus, Ohio, March 14.—Mud was rained from the skies here today, was the assertion made by W. H. Alexander, local United States weather forecaster. Hundreds of housewives inquired of newspapers why the showers had been bespattered with yellow clay.

This phenomena was due, according to Mr. Alexander, to the tornado which swept northwest Ohio Saturday night. He stated that dust had been carried into the air, high above the cloud strata, and was held there by the wind and small force of gravity, and gradually descended to the clouds thence to the earth in the form of mud.

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SOUTHERN FARMERS ARE WARNED TO RAISE FOOD.

Chief of Agricultural Extension Work in South Hints Section Might Go Hungry.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Bradford Knapp, chief of the office of extension work in the United States department of agriculture, issued a warning today to Dixie farmers. He urged them to pursue safe farming and produce the food of the south upon the farms of the south. He asked the co-operation of every patriotic man and woman in the south to see that the message, urging the increase of southern food production is heeded.

"It is folly," he said, "to imperil our safety, especially when the exchange value of cotton shows that the prosperity of the south is not founded upon cotton alone."

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BREWERS CUT PRODUCTION.

Decrease of 30 Per Cent Agreed to on Food Administration's Suggestion.

The war service committee of the United States Brewers' Association has notified the food administration that it had accepted the suggestion for a voluntary reduction of the amount of their brewing from April 1, 1918, to June 30, 1918, of 30 per cent of the amount brewed during the corresponding period of 1917.

Further conferences on the subject will be held upon call of the food administration.

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Girl Cuts Off Finger of Little Brother.

Allen, March 14.—Private Bonar D. Rogers, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rogers, returned to Camp Jackson Thursday.

Mrs. Dave Small of Charlotte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Estridge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rogers, Mrs. Hugh W. Palmer, Bonar D. Rogers and Miss Lilla Rodgers visited at the home of J. M. W. White this week.

Mrs. Hugh W. Palmer, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rogers, has returned to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Phillip Williams' two little children, Lela and Leonard, were out playing with a hatchet one afternoon this week, when Lela accidentally cut off the fore finger on her little brother's right hand.

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Girls to Debate Japanese Issue.

New York, March 15.—Twelve representing five of the leading Eastern colleges for women—Yale, Wellesley, Smith, Mount Holyoke and Barnard—will engage tomorrow in the first formal tilt under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Debating League of Women's Colleges. The subject of debate will be: "Resolved, That the Japanese should be admitted to the United States on an equal footing with foreigners from other nations." Each college will be represented by two teams, one to take the affirmative at home and the other the negative away from home.

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No Lives Lost in Collision.

(By The Associated Press)

Dublin, Ireland, March 15.—No lives were lost in the collision last Thursday night between the Trawlers and the Steamer Bathmore, in St. George's Channel, according to the owners of the vessel. The Bathmore was on its way to Dublin from Water, carrying 700 passengers, and a crew of 30.

GERMANY MAY HAVE A NEW PEACE OFFER

Inference That She Will Propose Terms at Expense of Russia Coincides With Feeling in Official Circles.

NO SUCH TERMS CAN BE CONSIDERED

Officials, However, Give No Evidence of How Much is Known As to What Von Hindenburg Refers To.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with an undercurrent of discussion which been running in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which never had shown evidence of tangible development.

The announcement by Lord Robert Cecil in London yesterday that no such proposal would be considered, coupled with Marshal von Hindenburg's announcement that the German offensive would go on in view of the entente's unresponsive attitude toward German peace intentions, served to strengthen the view of neutral diplomats who for some time have believed that underground feelers have been going out for some time.

American officials and allied diplomats, while agreeing entirely with Lord Cecil's statement that no such terms can be considered, give no evidence of how much may be known here as to what Hindenburg refers to as to German peace intentions.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL PASSES THE CONGRESS

Goes to President For Signature.—Set Forward the Clocks an Hour at 2 a. m. March 31.

Washington, March 15.—The daylight saving bill was passed by the house today and now goes to the President. The plan is to set clocks forward one hour at 2 a. m. on the last Sunday in March and set them back an hour at the same time on the last Sunday in October of each year.

The vote was 252 to 40.

The plan was adopted last year in England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Portugal and this year in Australia and Iceland. The Canadian government is considering it, but has withheld action until the United States decided what to do.

The bill has had the support of practically all the large industries in the country, and its proponents have argued that it will result in a great saving of fuel and benefit wage earners in that they will have more time for recreation during daylight hours.

PITTS RITL DEFERRED YESTERDAY TILL MONDAY

Mysterious Disappearance of Important State's Witness Cause.

Morgantown, March 15.—An unexpected turn was taken in the Pitts case today. The trial was postponed this morning until this afternoon, and then postponed until Monday, owing to the disappearance of one of the leading state's witnesses, Aaron Wiseman.

Much mystery surrounds his absence, as he has been here all the week waiting for the trial.

"The Pitts boys refused to be photographed today."

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Shipyard May Be Established at Wilmington.

Washington, March 15.—Another new government ship yard may be established on the south Atlantic coast, and a representative of the shipping board will visit Wilmington, N. C., next week to inspect available sites.

It already has been definitely decided to establish a ship yard at Charleston, S. C.

The Charleston yard will have a capacity of four steel ships, and probably will be built on the site selected previously for the yard, the contract for which was cancelled.

The absence of over crowded conditions, which in other cities has made the housing of shipyard workers a difficult problem, was one of the considerations which led to the selection of Charleston.

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Monroe Teachers Given 20 Per Cent Increase.

Monroe, March 15.—The teachers in the Monroe graded schools have been allowed an increase of 20 per cent in salary. This matter had been up for consideration before the aldermen not long ago. The increase was not allowed then, the aldermen claiming that the city did not have the necessary funds. At the last meeting of the aldermen the teachers' demand for higher pay was again taken up and this time an increase of 20 per cent was allowed.

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Germans to Get Some of Their Own Medicine.

London, March 14.—German prisoners of war are to be distributed over areas which the enemy's aircraft are subjecting to attack in their raids, according to The Evening News, today.

"This," says the newspaper, "is being done because the allied governments have learned that prisoners of their nationalities in German hands already have been so poisoned in all towns which the German government considers likely to be attacked."

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WILSON CALLS BOYS TO WORK

Designate Week of March 18 for Youth to Enroll in U. S. Reserves.

President Wilson has called on all American boys of 16 years and over not permanently employed to enroll in the United States working reserve. A national enrollment week, beginning March 18, has been set aside by the Department of Labor. The President's open letter follows:

"The Department of Labor has set aside the week beginning March 18 as national enrollment week for the United States boys' working reserve. The purpose of this national enrollment week is to direct the attention of the young men of the nation to the importance of increasing the food supply by working on the farms and to urge them to enroll in the reserve."

"I sincerely hope that the young men of the country of 16 years of age and over not now permanently employed, and especially the boys in our high schools, will enter heartily into this work and join the boys' working reserve in order that they may have the privilege for many months to be engaged in spending their time in productive enterprise which will certainly aid the nation to win the war by increasing the means of providing for the forces at the front and for the maintenance of those whose services are so much needed at home."

"WOODROW WILSON."

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THE EFRID COMPANY HELPS TO WIN THE WAR.

Efrid Manufacturing Company Arranges for Operatives to Buy War Savings Stamps.

To make \$3.50 bring the operatives of their mills \$500 in January, 1923, is the plan provided by the Efrid Manufacturing Company of Albemarle for very man, woman and child in their employ. According to a leaflet issued by the company under the title of "Help Win the War," this firm proposes to furnish the Thrift Card and place in it the first Thrift Stamp. This is not all, however, which they propose to do. When the owner of the card has filled all the spaces with Thrift Stamps but one the company agrees to fill this space and pay the amount necessary to secure the \$500 War Savings Stamp. In other words, War Savings Stamps are costing the operatives of the Efrid Manufacturing Company \$3.50, whereas their selling price this month is \$4.14. The Efrid Company pays the difference.

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FIFTY HORSES SHIPPED DEAD FROM POISONING.

Deaths of the Animals at Covington, Ky., Generally Said to Be Ramifications of German Plots.

Covington, Ky., March 15.—Fifty horses are dead of poisoning in Covington and many more are expected to die out of a government shipment of 720 horses from Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., consigned to Newport News, Va., Dr. L. E. Crisler, veterinary surgeon in charge of the shipment, says the deaths are due to belladonna and croton oil poisoning.

The consignment of horses reached Covington Thursday night at 6 o'clock in charge of Lieut. Frank Liddle and 16 soldiers. Doctor Crisler said he believed the poison had been placed in water given to the horses in Covington. Government authorities were notified. An agent of the department of justice began an investigation. Deaths of the horses generally are said to be ramifications of German plots.

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LARGE NUMBER OF SWEDISH TRAWLERS CAPTURED

By German Submarines and Forced to Go to Germany.

(By The Associated Press)

London, March 16.—A number of large Swedish trawlers and one of the largest Gothenburg steamers have been captured by German submarines off the Skaw, the northern extremity of Jutland, Denmark, and forced to go to Germany, according to a report printed by the Gothenburg Shipping Gazette, and forwarded from Copenhagen by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

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PROTEST AGAINST ARREST OF HENRY CROSBY EMERY

Attache of American Legation Takes Formal Protest to Finland.

(By The Associated Press)

Stockholm, March 16.—An attache of the American legation left today for Finland, carrying a formal protest from Minister Morris to General Mannerheim, commander of the government forces, against the arrest by Germans on Aland Island of Henry Crosby Emery. A demand is made that the Finnish government obtain the release of Mr. Emery.

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Death Dr. W. P. Parks.

Statesville Landmark.

Dr. W. P. Parks died Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock at his home at Olin. Funeral services were conducted yesterday at 11 o'clock at Olin church by Rev. J. C. Postel, and interment was in the cemetery there.

Dr. Parks was 78 years old. He was born at Olin, a son of Dr. Richard Hardy Parks. He was a gallant Confederate soldier, a member of the First North Carolina cavalry. He served as a scout with Jim Sloan and Shakespeare Harris. He continued to practice medicine up to a few years ago, when his health failed. Two weeks ago his condition became serious and his death had been expected for some days.

Dr. Parks is survived by his wife, four sons—Messrs. Clyde James, Lola, and William Parks—and two daughters—Mrs. J. A. Tatum of Olin and Mrs. George Detson of Statesville.

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At the Theatres.

The New Pastime today is showing Marie Walcamp in the fourth serial episode of "The Red Ace," the big serial picture running there. They also have a comedy picture, "Clubby Inherits a Baron," in two reels.

At the Theatre, William S. Hart appears in the feature picture, "The Fugitive," and Neal Hart in "Square-Jawed." A Blown Feature picture.

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Those who are complaining at the high cost of living may find some consolation in the fact that in Germany the cost of living has gone nearly higher than in this country—Sassville News.

FACING A SERIOUS WHEAT SITUATION

Wheat Holdings Are 20,000,000 Bushels Less Than in 1917, And 86,000,000 Bushels Less Than in 1916.

CONSUMPTION TO BE LIMITED IN TEXAS

Order to Sell Equal Amount of Substitutes has Resulted in Increased Wheat Consumption in Some States.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 16.—Wheat holdings at the country's mills and elevators on March 1st, were estimated today by the Department of Agriculture at 88,972,000 bushels. This is about 20 million bushels less than was held March 1, last year, and 86 million bushels less than in 1916.

The present food administration rule that an equal amount of substitutes shall be sold with each sale of wheat flour has resulted in an actual increase of wheat consumption in some Southern states.

The use of three of large quantities of hominy, corn meal, rice and other nutritive grains ordinarily has been more than 50 per cent of the cereal consumption.

Requests by the Texas Food Administrator to limit the consumption of wheat there was granted readily by the Food Administration, which admittedly is facing a serious situation in supplying the allies and this country with grain.

The further limitation of consumption of wheat products in the South will be asked by the food administration, if the experiment of confining the flour ration to six pounds a month begun today in Texas, proves a success. The South is such a large user of other cereals, that additional curtailment of wheat will not work a hardship, it is declared.

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A BAFFLING DISEASE ON HARKERS ISLAND.

Kills Seven People—Sickness Many No Reports Made Until Epidemic Had Run Its Course.

Seven people on Harkers Island near Beaufort, have died recently of some unknown disease. The State Board of Health had no knowledge of the outbreak until the local registrar made his monthly report and reported seven deaths from the island having a population of only about 600. A prompt investigation was made, but the epidemic had already run its course, having killed seven and made many others very sick. There is no doctor on the island, and about all the investigators could learn from those of these left in regard to the disease was that they were taken with a child and severe back and shoulder, fever lasting sometimes several days. If ears burst and discharged stinking matter, they get well, if not they die. A number of the people said they thought the disease was "distemper."

"Whatever the disease may have been," according to Dr. A. M. Crouch, late Epidemiologist, "the fact remains that no reports were made to the county quarantine officer, when cases first taken by the health authorities to check or control the epidemic. The fact that Harkers Island is isolated from the main land and has no physician, of course, mitigates the responsibility of the people very greatly, but quite similar occurrences are frequently found where parents, or even physicians, fail to promptly report a case of some contagious disease, such as measles or whooping cough and, as a result, others frequently contract the disease from the unprotected case."

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DUTCH SHIPS NOW IN PORT ARE HELD.

To Prevent Their Pending Their Requisition Monday.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 16.—With expectation of two steamers, the United States is holding all Dutch ships now in American ports, to prevent their escape pending probable requisition Monday. No bunker licenses will be issued for their sailing, was learned today, until are taken over, either by commandeering or by negotiations.

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FAIR WEATHER NEXT WEEK

Temperature as a Rule Will Be Above Seasonable Average.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 16.—Present pressure distribution indicates that fair weather will prevail generally throughout the country during next week beginning Monday with the temperature above seasonable average as a rule, the weather bureau announced today in a weekly forecast.

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Greensboro Luffers are Decreased by Half.

Greensboro, March 14.—The notice to vagrants, which was posted a few weeks ago in all sections of Greensboro, has had a most wholesome influence. This notice, among other things, carried the words, "Go to work, join the army or go to jail." Police officers said that within forty-eight hours after this notice was posted, more than half of the loafing element of the city had either left town or gone to work. Officers counted 18 men and six women, who were frequently in police court getting on a single train leaving the city. Occasional arrests have been made for vagrancy since the notice was posted, and it is the purpose to live up to the promise made to those who do not work.

If we could see ourselves as others see us what a disgraceful old world this would be turned to live in!

EVIDENCE IN HIRSCH CASE IS COMPLETED.

A Verdict is Expected in This Case This Afternoon.

(By The Associated Press)

Atlanta, March 16.—Evidence in the case of Mrs. Margaret A. Hirsch, on trial for attempted blackmail on Asa G. Candler, mayor of Atlanta, was completed shortly before noon today, and arguments of counsel immediately began. One and one half hours was allotted to each side by the court, instead of the 30 minutes customary in misdemeanour cases. A verdict was expected this evening.

Frequent tilts between Judge Richard B. Russell, chief counsel for the defense, and attorney Reuben Arnold, assisting the prosecution, marked the third day of the trial. Two of the clashes became so heated that Judge Ben Hill fined both participants. Mrs. Hirsch also showed strain of long session. At one time she broke down completely, crying aloud until warned by the court to attach to be still.

Asa Candler, Jr., and Wm. Candler, sons of the mayor, were principal witnesses presented by the State in rebuttal. The former was present at some of the conferences between Forrest Adair and Mrs. Hirsch, he testified and swore the defendant was the one to suggest money payment, naming \$500,000. She also demanded the payment of her husband's debts figuring them on the margin of a newspaper as approximately \$5,000. William, the youngest son of the may, swore that Mrs. Hirsch asked him several times over the telephone to come to see her, saying her husband was out of time a great deal. He said that Mrs. Hirsch was aware he was a married man.

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REPLY TO THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT BY ALLIES

Expected That Ships Will Be Taken Over Monday.

(By The Associated Press)

London, March 16.—The reply of the Dutch government to the allies, announcement, regarding the utilization of Dutch shipping is expected here before Monday. According to information received here it will propose an agreement for the use of the Dutch ships on the understanding that they are not to be taken into danger zones. The allies will not assent to this, and it is expected the taking over of the ships March 18 will proceed accordingly to the program.

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Later Report—Dutch Accept Terms.

Amsterdam, March 16.—The Associated Press here on excellent authority that the Dutch government has accepted the demands of the allied governments relating to the use of Dutch ships in the danger zone.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RECEIVED WITH APPLAUSE

When It Was Read at the Opening Session of Congress of Soviets.

(By The Associated Press)

Moscow, March 14.—(By Associated Press)—President Wilson's message of sympathy to the Russian people was received with marked applause when it was read tonight at the opening session of the All-Russian Congress of Soviets. The congress immediately adopted a resolution of appreciation.

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Bird House Directions.

Bird house directions for the contest which is being carried on by the Junior Chautauqua Winter Club: Material: Any good firm wood, stain dull tree color inside; paint dull dark green or dark brown outside.

Measurements for bluebird house: Floor to hole, one foot; floor to roof, 1½ feet; hole 1¼ inches in diameter. Inside floor area not larger than 4 by 6 inches.

Measurements for flicker house: Floor to hole 2 feet; floor to roof 2½ feet; hole 2½ inches in diameter. Inside floor area not larger than 5 by 9 inches.

Measurements for wren house: Use old cigar box adding firm roof and floor; hole size of 25c piece. Place at middle of end. Inside floor area size of cigar box. Be sure to color dull dark green or dark brown.

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Income Tax Returns Urged.

Statesville Landmark.

Income taxes. The limit for making returns expires April 1st and there is no reason to expect that it will be extended. Many persons who may think they are not liable for income taxes may be mistaken. In case of doubt it is best to call at the collector's office or see one of the deputies. Stations where deputies are located are mentioned on the second page of The Landmark. One liable for income tax who fails to make a return will certainly get into trouble.

The returns are for corporation incomes and excess profits tax, as well as individual income.

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To Raise \$3,000,000 Camp Fund.

New York, March 16.—A drive will be started tomorrow to raise \$3,000,000 in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of New York for the Knights of Columbus camps and overseas activities. The campaign has received the authorization of Cardinal Farley and the active support of 750 clergymen. It is proposed to make the campaign non-sectarian in view of its patriotic purpose. The drive is designed to be a precedent for similar efforts among Catholics throughout the country.

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To Campaign for Liberty Loan.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—A sweeping campaign of the South Atlantic States in behalf of the third Liberty Loan is to be launched next week. The drive will be started Monday at Richmond and will be carried through Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Florida. In many of the chief cities of these States public meetings will be held and will be addressed by a party of speakers headed by John Burke, Treasurer of the United States.

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In Memory of Grover Cleveland.

Caldwell, N. J., March 16.—Arrangements have been made by the Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association for the holding of memorial exercises tomorrow in honor of the eighty-first anniversary of the birth of the late President. The services will be held in the old church adjoining the manse, where Mr. Cleveland was born on March 18, 1837. Former Governor of New Jersey and President of the United States will be the principal speaker.

WILSON MAY MAKE AN EARLY DECISION

On the Russian Situation—No Indication Was Given As to What the Decisive Libary.

RETICENT AS TO JAPAN'S ATTITUDE

Many Officials Fear Intervention By Japan Might Bring Russians Together to Fight Them.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, March 16.—There were intimations in official circles today that President Wilson might make an early decision on the Russian situation. It was not indicated what might be his form or its manner of delivery.

American attitude toward intervention by Japan in Siberia has not undergone any change, it was said today at the State Department.

Officials remain reticent regarding Japan's expression of her intentions, but there were indications that exchange of views were continuing and it was doubted that Japan was not determined definitely on her course. It was suggested that final decision might be delayed until the new Japanese ambassador, Count Ishii, reaches America, but the probability of that was discounted at the State Department.

It is known that the United States was in doubt of need of intervention many officials of this government fearing that such action might bring together the various factions of Russia to combat the Japanese, even if they were supported by the armies of the entente and America.

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How Vagrants Should Be Treated.

Mr. Plummer Stewart, the Mecklenburg county food administrator, has the right idea about the way vagrants should be handled. Instead of picking them off the streets, and after giving them a fine or a road sentence, let them roam at will, he would have all idle men registered with the police department, and when there is a call for labor dispatch one, or as many as needed, to the farm or to the factory, whichever the case may be. Recently there has been several convictions in the Recorder's court on this charge, but instead of keeping them in reserve for labor calls, they are allowed to go free, after paying their fines, on the promise to go to work.

Saturday a man approached the writer with the request for possible information as to where he might secure a hand. Labor on his place was needed badly, and he was real anxious to secure some sort of help. Though pretty well in touch with things in general, the writer couldn't give the needed information, yet knowing at the time there was some idle labor in the town.

The police, by registering every idle laborer, including those who work only one or two days a week, could supply this information to farmers in quest of help. There is no desire to heap increased duties on the police department, but why not, as a public service, could not Chief Charles Emery and his assistants run a sort of clearing house for labor until the situation is more clarified?

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The Leroy Smith Case.

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—The fate of Leroy Smith, the negro on trial for his life charged with having criminally assaulted the wife of a lumberman near Garner, N. C., several months ago, probably will rest in the hands of the jury this afternoon. Only one more speech, and the charge by Judge Stacy remained to be disposed of when court recessed at 1 o'clock for dinner. The trial has been in progress since Thursday.

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Society Woman Faces Murder Charge

Visalia, Cal., March 16.—Much interest is manifested in the case of Mrs. W. C. Howe, under indictment on a charge of first degree murder, which is on the docket for trial in the district court here Monday. Mrs. Howe, a former St. Louis society woman, is charged with the killing of Will Brooks, a wealthy orange grower.

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Tooks for the Boys "Over There."

New York, March 16.—The American Library Association, which is organizing a nationwide drive for books to our soldiers at home and for books to our country school children, are being mobilized to do most of the collecting.

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Dr. Joe A. Hartsell has received notice that he has been called into the Medical Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army and he is ordered to report at Fort Oglethorpe by March 23rd. Dr. Hartsell was accepted some months ago, and has been waiting for orders to report. He will have the honor of first Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps.

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People with real troubles never get into the gutter.

MARI WELCAMP

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