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#### PRESIDENT WILSON EXPECTED TO ASK POLICY OF VIGOR

HITCHCOCK BRINGS MESSAGE FROM WEST

Says President Still Is Looking At Question With an Open Mind: Preparations for Defense Go Vig-Ahead in All Branches: York

Washington March .28. - With army, navy and industrial preparedness measures to meet German aggression going forward as rapidly as possible, President Wilson and his cabinet took up consideration of further steps to follow the convening of Congress in extra session next Mon-

There is no doubt in the minds of administration officials that whatever may be its details the policy laid before Congress will be both vigorous and comprehensive. The general opinion after the cabinet meeting apparently was that the program most likley to be followed by Congress will include a declaration that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, an authorization for the President to use the armed forces of the nation to protect its rights, the granting of a large credit to the government to carry out its policy, passage of censorship and espionage bills and provision for the employment of additional secret service agents. final decision has been reached as to whether financial assistance should be given the entente allies, though strong sentiment for such a step.exists among government officials.

Senator Hitchcock, a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, conferred with the President and later said that he believed Mr. Wilson still had an open mind regarding recommendations to Congress. Personally, Senator Hitchcock thought the passage of a resolution by Congress endorsing the President's armed neutrality stand would be better than a declaration for war or a declaration that a state of war exists.

Senator Hitchcock said he called to impress the President with the Western sentiment against "precipitate action."

"I wished the President to know," he explained, "that I believe my own State and most of the people of the Western States are most desirous of avoiding a declaration of war, or a declaration that a state of war exists, until no other course remains open. I approve and I believe the country approves the steps taken toward defense-of complete preparations looking to war if it becomes necessary."

## GUARDSMEN TO BE HELD IN SERVICE

Raleigh, March 28.—Within an hour after all the organizations of the Third North Carolina Infantry, National Guard except the supply company, had been mustered out of Federal service at Camp Bickett, orders were received from the War Department to suspend demobilization. was too late to affect this regiment, but in consequence of the order the Second Infantry, ordered into camp at Camp Royster, Goldsboro, and brigade headquarters ordered to Raleigh, will be held there under arms, as will Companies A and B, engineers, now at Charlotte and Wilmington. Troops A and B, cavalry, Asheville and Lincolnton; Field Hospital No. 1, Asheville, and Ambulance Company No. 1, Canton, have already been mustered out.

It is believed that, under this order, headquarters will proceed to Raleigh to await muster out or further service.

In view of the orders given National Guard organiztaions in other States, it is expected that the North Carolina troops held in the service will be used, if necessary, for duties in the State.

# SEPARATE PEACE FOR

sterdam says:

"According to a Berlin telegram, Berlin is filled with rumors that Ger- school children. many has offered a separate peace to to be complete autonomy to Poland, order that some pupils may complete the internationalization of Constanti- their grades. -Reporter. nople, the evacuation by Russia of Austrian territory, and a Russian protectorate over Armenia."

MR. THOMAS A. NOELL DEAD. One of County's Most Successful

Farmers; Was Loved by All. Mr. Thomas A. Noell, one of the best known men of the county, died in a hospital in Richmond last Sunday night. About ten days ago he

went to the hospital for an operation, which was performed there, and his House Arrives From New family and friends hoped successfully, but on Friday he developed a case of pneumonia, death resulting from this In his younger days Mr. Noell was

a large and successful tobacconist of Durham, later operating on the Henderson market, but for the past 20 years he has lived on his farm at Helena. As a farmer he ranked with the best in the county and was very successful. He devoted his energies largely to grain, raising only a limited quantity of tobacco, and proved by his work that to be a successful farmer in this county it was not necessary to stick to the old onecrop idea.

The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday morning and the burial services took place in Durham, where friends gathered to show their last respect and love of this popular man. He was 58 years old, and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Annie Leathers, daughter of Dr. Leathers; one daughter, Miss Louise, and one son, Mr. Penn Noell. In addition there are surviving Messrs. J. W. Noell of Mt. Tirzah; J. S. Noell of Timberlake, Paul A. Noell and John L. Noell of Durham, who are brothers. He also leave three sisters, Mrs. E M. Speed, Mrs. Lucy N. Tillett, both of Durham, and Mrs. Sue East of Mt. Tirzah.

Bushy Fork High School The following made the Honor Rol

for the month ending March 16th. 1st Grade-Macy Carver, Flen Whitfield, Ernest Olliver, Wallace Painter, Margarette Bradsher and Charlie Wilkerson.

5th Grade-Andrew Allen. 6th Grade-Eugene Smith.

7th Grade-Etta Hester, Mary Hester, Rex Newton and Jasper Whit

field. 9th Grade-Sam Newton and Lin-

wood Bradsher.

out to hear him.

10th Grade-Inez Boyd. 11th Grade-James Broach.

The seats for the auditorium came last week and the neighborhood people met and put up about half of them

Saturday. We are expecting to have a play, Unions.

Which One Won." Mr. White held his regular appoint ment Sunday afternoon. He preached a splendid sermon. The weather was pretty and quite a large crowd came

# FROM CALTOLINA

on the night of the 16th, was fine and in Western North Carolina, with apenjoyed by a full house of well-behaved folks.

here was by Rev. Mr. Utley on the parts of this State, but does not show night of the 17th, on community or- all applications. The Division of Marganization. Don't fail to hear him kets and Rural Organizations has when he comes again.

Person county is going to build roads not received. Besides, the amount of tion, trying to deride the will of the worth. Land is cheap in this county apply for amount to at least \$4,000,and I hope all will give the right of .000. The eastern part of the State way and suitable top-soil without a led in the amount of its applications

roads at less cost.

and are getting nervous, but we may tion. have some dry weather and may be forced to cut off some of our crops in formed in 34 counties. The 10 counthe beginning, but soy beans are a ties applying for the largest amount good crop for later planting to make of loans, according to the articles of hay and soy bean hay is the best I association received are as follows: ever saw.

way. Some of us voted against road 760; Gaston, \$128,400; Union, \$113,- most parts of the state. While they RUSSIA, BERLIN REPORT bonds and grumble about paying taxes 100; Columbus, \$105,225; Pender, have taken authority to make some but keep buying ready-mixed fertili- \$101,100; Nash, \$83,000, and Wautau- very extravagant appropriations, why London, March 28.—A dispatch to zers. We can save enough by mixing ga, \$81,600. County agents in sever- couldn't they have passed such needthe Exchange Telegraph from Am- our fertilizers to pay our additional al counties have especially been active ed good laws, without more elections taxes. Then, why not do it?

received by the Amsterdam Bourse, Commencement with most of the farm loan associations.

Miss Nanney Lou Adcock is teach-Russia. The terms offered are said ing one month subscription school in

shoes at Wilburn & Satterfield.

#### CENTRAL HIGHWAY COMMITTEE ELECT-ED AT MEETING

mission Was Present Monday-Messrs. M. R. Long F. D. Long and C. A. Hall Compose Central Commission.

charge of the building of the sand house seemed to hinge. issue carried last Tuesday.

man was appointed chairman of the the speakership in favor of Speaker secretary with Messrs. J. S. Walker organization was agreed upon, he and J. A. Noell, Jr., assistant secre- said Mr. Mann was too late, that he of the Oise and north of Soissons. taries. A roll call found every mem- was in a position to say that enough ber of the township commissioners of the independents would vote with present.

of the meeting, etc., nominations were houses of Congress. ed in the court room, and soon there- from the Republican ranks. after the room was packed to hear their decision. They were announced as follows: Chairman of Central Highterm of two years: Cooper A. Hall.

sion was held in the offices of M. R. Ralph Clayton. Long and at this meeeting the commissioners decided to lose no time in beginning their work. At an early date the bids will be advertised for the bonds, and work will begin soon thereafter.

### FARMERS ASK FOR \$2,000,000 LOANS

Fifty-Six National Farm Loan Associations Are Organized in State.

· Applications for loans amounting to more than two million dollars have been forwarded to the Federal Land Board at Columbia, S. C., by 56 farm loan associations organized in North Carolina, according to Prof. W. R. Camp, Superintendent of Credit

Farmers are being advised to cut up their applications for loans as low as possible so as to cover only the funds needed for permanent improvements during the next year.

Twenty-eight associations, applying for \$1,168,363 of loans were organized in Eastern North Carolina; 22 in Central North Carolina, with appli-The entertainment at our school cations mounting to \$868,388, and six plications for \$205,200 of loans. This indicates the relative amount of loans One of the best speeches ever made being applied for in the different helped many associations to organize, at the time the report was made to By co-operating with the High- the Federal Farm Loan Board in Ocamount of new land which is being Farmers have not done any plowing brought into cultivation in this sec-

One or more associations have been Sampson, \$193,825; Beaufort, \$182,, We farmers are a strange lot any- 425; Robeson, \$156,728; Bladen, \$130,-

Card of Thanks

I want to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me during the sickness and death of my and Furnishing, Ready-to-Wear Suits, husband. May God bless and keep You will find what you want in each one, is the prayer of a heartbroken widow.-Mrs. Ira L. Jones.

#### **DEMOCRATS ARE** CERTAIN OF CON-TROL IN HOUSE

Every Member of Township Com- Randall of California, Prohibitionist, Says Independents Are With Demo-

Washington, March 26.—Organiza-

the Democrats to give the latter a After a short talk by the chairman majority and assure the administra-Dr. Coleman, explaining the purpose tion control by its party of both

sented the Commissioners to select the organization and fight with 214 three men as Central Highway Com- members each, and 218 votes are remissioners. After the nominations quired to elect the speaker. So four were all in the commissioners ad- of the five independents must join journed to another room to select the Democrats to re-elect Speaker men. After a short time they appear- Clark, unless there are defections

#### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people of this way Commission for term of six community and also the people of years: M. R. Long; Commissioner for Roxboro for their kindness during the term of four years: Flem D. Long; sickness and death of our son, Joe. Their every act of kindness will ever A meeting of the Central Commis- be remembered by us.—Mr. and Mrs.

#### Death of Mrs. Lula Francis

On February 23rd, the death angel entered the home of Mr. E. H. Francis and claimed as his victim his dear wife. She had been in declining health for twelve months and had borne her suyering patiently, being cheerful and happy. All that loved ones and medical skill could do was done for her, but the Lord had need of her. She was a loving wife, a kind neighbor and friend, loved by all who knew her. She was a member of Oak Grove church and always loved to attend services there. She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband, four brothers and a host of opposed by the Germans, the French ever has in the history of our counrelatives and friends. May the Lord troops, today, occupied the town of try. We need more farmers, fruit comfort and let the richest blessings | Folembray and La Feuillee, south of growers, vegetable growers and stock down on her dear husband to help the Coucy forest, says the official breeders. If we will incalculate in our him through the sad hours-One who

# Phelps-Francis

On Sunday, March 18, 1917, at the home of Mr. Brud Wagstaff, Miss Ruby Phelps became the bride of Mr. | \* Eddie Francis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Allen Phelps of near Semora, while Mr. Francis is one of Person county's liveliest young men. The writer wishes them much happiness.-A Friend.

**Election Carried** I want to say that I never saw such salad course with iced tea. After a hotly contested election whose articles of association it has an insidious lobby around any elecbusiness. Such practice ought to be before our courts.

I'm sorry to say, some of our pubway Commission we can get better tober. This is partly due to the large lic officers are filled with just such litlle fellows. Now I know the Bible tells us "Fret not thyself because of evildoers" yet in Cicero it is said, "How long, O Cataline, wilt thou worry our patience" It is said the election is carried, and I conclude we are all beat, with a small exception.

Now as for the dog tax law, the legislature has played politics and left it for the people to vote on in in co-operating with the Division of and save us trouble of wearing out We expect to attend the County Markets in spreading a knowledge of the little roads we have, going to and from the elections. We are tired of having two elections each year.-G. E. Woody.

> Full line of new Spring Clothing Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Underwear, Neckwear, etc. Let us show you. Woody, Long & Morton.

#### THE FRENCH AND GERMANS HAVE HEAVY FIGHTING

French Make Advances Toward Strongly Defended Town of St. Quentin.

The French forces and the Gertion of the new house by the Demo- mans again have been engaged in that offers so many attractions to the The largest crowd seen in Roxboro crats was declared to be assured to- heavy fighting on several sectors of average American child as that of in sometime was here Monday to get night by Representative Randall, of the front between the Somme and gardening. If the pupils in all of our the verdict of the Township Com- California, prohibitionist, and one of the Aisne rivers, and again the schools could be given a little instrucmissioners in their selection of Cen- the five so-called independents upon French have made advances toward tion in agriculture and nature study, tral Commissioners who will have whom the political complexion of the the strongly defended town of St. with practical demonstration in the Quentin. According to the French management of school gardens, it clay roads fro mthe \$300,000.00 bond Mr. Randall returned to Washing- war office the French troops have would not only prove beneficial to the ton tonight from Los Angeles. On pushed forward over a front of about child, but would increase to no little The meeting of the Township Com- reading a statement issued during the two and a half miles south and south- extent the supply of food stuffs thrumissioners was called together at 10:- day by Republican Leader Mann, of- west of St. Quentin, the new posi- out the nation. 30 in the court house. Dr. J. I. Cole- fering to retire from the race for tions taking in the town of Castres, three miles southwest, and Essignycommissioners and Mr. R. A. Burch, Clark if a bi-partisan or non-partisan LeGrand, four miles south of St.

on Calais and Dunkirk.

reported from the Russian front, a vital importance to the nation. dispatch from Petrograd says there With the garden might be included is indisputable evidence that the a small flock of poultry, a trio of Germans are bringing up large num- Belgian hares and a trio of guinea bers of troops on the northern part pigs. The poultry and hares will conof the line for an effort to break thru | tribute not a little to meat and egg toward Petrograd.

Russo-Rumanians and Teutonic allied at a profit to any of the chemical troops in check in Rumania.

artillery activity prevails. The usual in building character and in cultiartillery duels and small infantry vating a kindly disposition in a child. actions continue in the Austro-Italian I noted on a recent trip to Florida

tant Towns

statement issued by the war office to-

Progress also has been made by the French north of Soissons in the up these attractive vocations as they neighborhood of Vregny.

# Society News. \* \* \*

The Girl's Club had a most delightful meeting Saturday afternoon, with Miss Erma Stevens at the home of Mrs. T. F. Cheatham. At the close of a number of interesting games of Boston Rook, the hostess served a

and of course I rejoice to be on the loans applied for have greatly in- people. It seems strange that there rook party last Thursday afternoon, Co., have taken over the agency for winning side. But, right here, I want creased since the articles of the asso- are so many who have never shown in honor of her sister, Miss Mollie the Maxwell automobiles and a car to offer some advice. As all will have ciation were made out. It is safe to much signs of success in their own Walters. Spring flowers lent beauty load was received by them sometime to bear the burden, let us all pull to- say that the loans which the farmers business, yet are so presumptious as to the sitting-room where the guests ago. Already they have disposed of gether in order to get our money's of North Carolina are preparing to to think that they can tell others assembled for games. At the close two Maxwell touring cars. These cars how to vote, and make success in their af the afternoon delightful refresh- have greatly improved in make and ments in three courses were served also the outside appearance. No termed a criminal act, of high degree by the hostess and Miss Margaret neater car is on the market today. Bradsher.

> The Pleasure Club had one of the most delightful meetings of the year with Mrs. R. J. Teague, Friday after-Mrs. J. A. Long, was the guest of good car. honor on this occasion, and in addition to the club members a large number of visitors formed this gay assembly. Seven tables of rook were arranged in rooms festive with pink carnations, and after the playing, a delicious three course collation was served by Mesdames J. A. and M. R.

# Card of Thanks

friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the recent illness and death of our sister, Emma Bray. We assure each one, we deeply

two more shipments of COATS this week.

#### INCREASING THE SUPPLY FOOD

What Can Be Done By Interesting School Children In Providing Additional Food Stuff For the Community.

There is no other field of activity

Let us offer the following suggestion: Why not take this matter up in your own school? As teacher or prin-Quentin. Gains also were made south cipal, we appeal to you to present the matter to your children. If they show Berlin admits the retirement of the interest, then endeavor to secure an Germans "according to orders" be- acre or more available for gardening fore the British between Beaumetz as near your school house as possible; and Roisel, northeast of Peronne, but have same plowed, and then arrange says the Germans repulsed French for planting by the children in stanattacks northeast of Soissons. For the | dard food crops-tomatoes, beans, called for. Fourteen names were pre- Democrats and Republicans go into most part the fighting on the British peas, sweet corn, radishes, lettuce, end of the line has consisted of re- cabbage, turnips, carrots, beets, ciprocal raiding and bombing at- onions, potatoes, etc. Any good seedman will help you select the best va-There has been considerable fight- varities, and sufficient seed to plant an ing in the air. The Berlin war office acre can be obtained for a few dollars. records the loss of 17 airplanes by the If the garden is carefully tended and French and British, while London re- well cultivated, it should produce sevports eight German machines were eral hundred dollars worth of prodriven down out of control, but ad- ducts, and if every school throughout mits that four British machines failed the country can succeed in interestto return to their base. Bombs have ing its pupils along this line it will been dropped from German aircraft provide intelligent and instructive work and recreation during the sum-While only small raiding opera- mer while materially increasing food tions and artillery duels have been production, which at this time is of

> supply; guinea pigs are extremely lov-The spring thaws are holding the able little pets, and can be marketed labaratories and large city hospitals. In Macedonia near Monastir much The care of animals is a great factor that these plans were being carried out in many of the smaller cities and French Troops Occupy Two Impor- towns with a very satisfactory result. Agriculture as a profession offers Paris, March 26.—Though strongly better opportunities today than it children a love for the country and its possibilities, then there will be a greater tendency on their part to take grow into manhood and womanhood.

> > If the reader is interested and desires to present this opportunity to & local people, I will be glad to furnish further information and suggestions upon request. A letter addressed to me will receive prompt attention. Sincerely,

F. H. LaBaume, Agrl. & Indsl. Agent, Norfolk & Western Railway Co., Roanoke, Va.

Takes Over Agency For Maxwell Messrs. Freeland-Winstead proprie-Mrs. J. J. Winstead gave a pretty tors of the Freeland-Winstead Motor It is also a money saver in the consumption of gasoline. We call your attention to the series of advertisements now running in The Courier, noon. Mrs. M. D. Hurlock of Loch | which will be interesting to you, if Havne, Pa., the guest of her sister you if you are on the market for a

Wilburn & Satterfield Open For Busi-

Although the front of their store is yet incomplete, Messrs. Wilburn & Satterfield opened for customers last Wednesday. The store was beautifully decorated and their stock of entirely new goods was displayed in a most artistic manner. In a few days their front will be completed and will We take this method to thank the rank among the prettiest stores in Roxboro.

At the invitation of County Supt. Rev. J. A. Beam, Brooksdale Council appreciate it all.-A. J. Bray and J. O. U. M. No. 414 will take a part in County Commencement, March 30, 1917. Council will meet at the Win-Wilburn & Satterfield will have in stead warehouse at 10 o'clock. Done SPORT by order of council, R. A. Spencer, Councilor, G. M. Fox, R. S.