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Weather
Fair and slightly warmer tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, probably rain in west portion; moderate east to southeast winds.

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BOLSHEVIKI BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO SAVE PETROGRAD FROM CAPTURE BY GERMANS

Germany Refuses to Grant Armistice on Russian Front, After Peace Offer is Accepted, and Onward March of Pillaging Huns Continues.

MEN AND WOMEN WORK AT DIGGING TRENCHES

No Official Recognition Has Been Given German Chancellor's Speech in Either Washington, London or Paris—French Say Purpose Was to Divide Allies.

Although Chancellor von Hertling has declared Germany's intentions in the east were not of aggression and aggrandizement German military authorities have declined to grant an armistice on the Russian front in view of the Bolshevik offer to accept peace and the German troops continue their onward march.

The Bolsheviks are now bending every effort to save the revolution and Petrograd from the hands of the invaders.

It is rumored that the Germans have reached Luga, midway between Pskov and Petrograd. This is unconfirmed, as is a report that the enemy has advanced to a point half-way between Luga and Pskov. Meanwhile street fighting in Pskov goes on, the city changing hands alternately.

Workmen and troops from Petrograd and troops from Moscow are being sent to check or stop the advance on Petrograd. Women and men are busily engaged in digging trenches and defensive positions around Petrograd. The Bolshevik government, it is declared, will retire to Moscow, if the Germans take the capital. This agreement, in the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates is reported, and it is added that Foreign Minister Trotzky will quit the government.

A provisional government has been formed in Estonia with headquarters at Reval and the independence of Estonia has been proclaimed. Chancellor von Hertling said that Germany would give self-government to Courland and Lithuania, but it is reported from Switzerland that a Saxon prince is to be made king of Lithuania, which will be united to Saxony.

Artillery bombardments on the western front have increased in intensity, especially in the Ypres sector along the Chemin des Dames and on both banks of the Meuse near Verdun. On the American sector northwest of Toul the Germans have attempted unsuccessfully to wipe out the Americans with flaming gas and gas shells. Three American soldiers were killed and nine suffered seriously from the effects of the gas. The American artillery is shelling the enemy positions heavily.

No official recognition has yet been taken of Chancellor von Hertling's speech. It is regarded in Washington, London and Paris as a war speech and not a peace statement. The chancellor's purpose, an official of the French foreign office says, was to separate the entente allies, stimulate peace talk and impress Germany and the outside world with the notion that the military caste has lost its purposes. Belgium is not expected to reply to the chancellor's hint.

German submarines have not let up in their campaign against Spanish shipping. The steamer Neguri, of 1,850 tons, is the latest victim. She is the fifth Spanish to be torpedoed within five weeks.

Renewal of Buying Movement Noted on Cotton Market Today

New York, Feb. 27.—There was a renewal of yesterday's buying movement at the opening of the cotton market today with first prices steady at an advance of six to 12 points. Higher Liverpool cables, the absence of March notices and reports that large orders for cotton duck were pending in the goods trade for navy purposes were factors in the advance. Prices soon reacted with the more active deliveries selling nine to 10 points net lower before the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened firm: March, 31.35; May, 31.24; July, 30.79; October, 29.89; December, 29.49.

SAY SIGNALS CAME FROM FLORIZL, SUNDAY MORNING

St. Johns, N. E., Feb. 27.—Rescue steamers were ordered today to investigate a report received here that signals from the Red Cross liner Florizel were seen Sunday morning near Cape Race indicating persons were alive on the vessel.

NAVAL TUG CHEROKEE FOUNDED IN STORM

Ten Survivors Picked Up and Landed by An Incoming British Steamship.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Thirty-two officers and enlisted men of the naval tug Cherokee are believed to have been lost when the vessel foundered yesterday morning in a gale off Fenwick island lightship, 22 miles off the Delaware capes.

Ten survivors who got away on the first life raft were landed. Four other men got away on another raft but two washed overboard and drowned and the other two died probably of exposure. Four bodies were taken into Philadelphia.

The ten survivors are: Boat-swain E. M. Sennott, U. S. Navy R. S., Boston; L. P. Ackerman, seaman; H. P. Poynter, fireman; R. J. Hall, seaman; C. E. Barker, chief machinist's mate; R. A. Kozek, fireman; E. W. Warmack, fireman; A. A. Wallin, officer; E. L. Gudgel, fireman and B. H. Brumfield, radio electrician.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The naval tug Cherokee, formerly belonging to the Luckenbach Steamship company, foundered yesterday off Fenwick island lightship, 22 miles south of the Delaware capes. Survivors are being taken to Philadelphia.

One report to the navy says that 10 survivors already have been landed at some port on the coast. Normally the Cherokee carried about 40 men. The tug is supposed to have foundered in the heavy gale of yesterday.

Later the navy department was advised that incoming ships were carrying four bodies to Philadelphia and that the ten survivors previously referred to were the only ones known out of the complement of five officers and 35 enlisted men.

The only one of the Cherokee's five officers known to be among the recovered dead is Boat-swain E. N. Sennott.

Survivors on Board.
An Atlantic Port, Feb. 27.—A British steamship which arrived here today signaled the quarantine station that she had aboard 10 survivors and the bodies of 10 of the crew of the Cherokee.

GERMAN RAIDER SUNK 35 ENTENTE VESSELS

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The German raider Wolf, which has returned to a home port after raiding entente shipping in the Pacific, destroyed at least 35 vessels, it was officially announced today. Some of the seamships, it was stated were loaded with English troops and the sinkings therefore lost a corresponding number of human lives.

DURHAM POLICE FORCE CRITICISED BY MAYOR

Durham, Feb. 27.—On the heels of a decision of the board of aldermen to abolish the pool rooms in the city at the expiration of the licenses, "for the duration of the war," Mayor M. E. Newson made public a statement in which he said that the necessity for abolishing the pool rooms rested very largely on the shoulders of the police department, who had allowed flagrant violations of the laws under their very noses and had never made any efforts to have gambling stopped, screens removed, boisterous cursing stopped, and had never made an arrest because of the unsanitary conditions in the pool rooms.

Swansea, Wales, Feb. 27.—Thirty-four survivors of the Glenart Castle have been landed here. The number of persons on board is said to have been 200.

IDEA IMPRACTICABLE DOUGHTON BELIEVES

Governor's Political Vision Would Work in Some Counties and Fail in Others.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.)
Washington, Feb. 27.—Although agreeing that the idea of Governor Bickett's to eliminate politics in North Carolina this year in favor of patriotism, was a splendid theory, doubt was expressed if it could be favorably worked out, by Representative Doughton, of North Carolina, who gave partial endorsement to the gubernatorial idea today.

While Mr. Doughton believes Mr. Bickett's suggestion could be carried out in counties where there is Republican or Democratic control, by the opposition party allowing the controlling party to keep the control without a fight, however, insofar as congressional candidates are concerned, the idea would prove a failure, Mr. Doughton believes.

Here are his views:
"I read with interest the governor's recommendation that the present campaign in North Carolina be conducted without partisan politics," said Mr. Doughton. "I think it splendid, in theory, but doubt if it is workable or practicable. The manifest disposition of both parties should be to subordinate everything to the successful termination of the war and the great patriotism manifested on all sides may make it possible to work out the governor's plan in some localities.

"For instance, take a locality or county that is safely Republican; the Democrats might consider it wise not to run any candidates for offices in that county and where a county is safely Democratic the Republicans could pursue the same course.

"So far as candidates for Congress in close districts are concerned, of course it would be impossible to get either side to agree to this plan as undoubtedly a desperate fight will be waged by both parties to control both the senate and house. The margin in the house is so close that a single congressman may change the control from the Democrats to the Republicans and vice versa. So far as I am personally concerned, I would approve any plan that would bring the war to a successful and honorable end at the earliest possible rate."

ERWIN MILLS RAISES WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

Durham, Feb. 27.—Employees of the Erwin Cotton Mills company in plants located in Durham, Duke, Cooleman and Oxford were today given an increase in wages, according to an announcement by W. A. Erwin, secretary and treasurer of the concern. The increase will amount to thousands of dollars but no definite per cent for the increase was specified as basis of efficiency being used.

SEVERAL INJURED IN FACTORY DISTRICT FIRE

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—A fire that threatened Rochester's factory district in the Mill street section today was confined to the plant of P. Whalen and company, tobacco manufacturers, a five-story brick building, which was almost destroyed.

There were several miraculous escapes of employees and several were injured. The loss is estimated at \$120,000.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP SENT TO THE BOTTOM

London, Feb. 27.—The British hospital ship Gienart Castle was sunk yesterday in the Bristol channel, it is announced officially. There were no patients on board. Survivors were landed by an American torpedo boat. Eight boats are still adrift.

Revolutionists to Fight.

London, Feb. 27.—The Russian revolution will defend itself against Germany says an official Russian statement sent out by wireless and which announces that Germany has refused to grant an armistice.

London, Feb. 27.—According to the Exchange Telegraph Company, 164 persons are missing from the Glenart Castle.

Buy of Next Year.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Householders are advised by Dr. Harry A. Garfield, United States fuel administrator, to lay in their next winter's supply of coal at the earliest possible day. John L. Weaver, fuel administrator for the District, is at work on plans to have this recommendation carried into effect in Washington.

CHANCELLOR'S WORDS FALL ON DEAF BRITONS

New War Against Defenseless Russia Robs German Statesmen of Their Chief Stock in Trade, Self-Defense Plea.

British Newspapers Agree That Entire Eastern Situation Was Cleverly Hatched and Plotted With View to German Control.

London, Feb. 27.—As far as the British public is concerned the mild words of Count von Hertling concerning Germany's pacific intentions and his partial acceptance of President Wilson's principles for a general and lasting peace, fall upon almost-deaf ears.

All details of the new war against helpless Russia, robs German statesmen of their stock in trade—the plea that Germany is waging a war of self-defense. The British press is virtually unanimous that the whole eastern situation has been cleverly arranged and plotted with a view to binding eastern and Central Europe under German domination and for the vital immediate purpose of getting food from the Ukraine.

SCHOOL CLUBS BUY \$1,200 OF STAMPS

Although War Saving Societies Were Organized in Schools Only Thursday Results Great.

A war saving society has been organized in every room of the city schools, Superintendent W. M. Marr announced to the members of the city council last evening. Furthermore, more than \$1,200 of the stamps have already been purchased by the school children, even though the clubs were just organized last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Marr appeared before the city council to tell them of the results of his trip to Raleigh to attend the institute of the war savings stamp workers, the city defraying his expenses to that meeting. Mr. Marr was one of the leading workers of the district before attending that meeting and last night he stated that he thought some of the results already achieved in the city schools were the fruits of his attendance upon the Raleigh meeting. The councilmen present expressed themselves as very well satisfied.

Leaves Postoffice After Spending 14 Years in the Work

Postmaster J. J. Farris received the resignation yesterday of A. E. Futrell, clerk at the postoffice for 14 years. Mr. Futrell, one of the most experienced and valued employees of the local office resigned his position in order to engage in private business. Mr. Farris stated after receiving the resignation that Mr. Futrell was looked upon as one of the most competent and trustworthy officials. Before being appointed to the position in the High Point postoffice he served four years in the office at Jamestown, where his father was for several years postmaster.

Mr. Futrell has not only made good in his official capacity but has so managed his affairs that he has made good as a business man, which enables him to enter into the larger affairs of life. His connection with the postoffice will terminate on March 1 and the entire force of the office express regrets at his leaving.

HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED IN EARTHQUAKE

Shanghai, China, Feb. 27.—The earthquake at Swatow caused the death of between 200 and 300 persons. More than 200 persons are being treated in hospitals there. Scarcely a house there has not been damaged, most of them seriously.

Bill for Shipyard Houses.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Final action has been taken on the bill authorizing expenditure of \$50,000,000 by the shipping board for housing facilities at shipbuilding yards. The senate adopted the conference reported approved last week by the house. The measure now goes to President Wilson.

Wading Through Mud "Somewhere in France"



WALLOWING IN MUD

Some of Uncle Sam's boys at work around their barracks after a heavy rainstorm. By their facial expressions the boys seem to be enjoying the trip through the mud.

MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC PLANT IS DISCUSSED AGAIN BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Quality of Service Rendered and Certain Conditions Cause a Renewal of Municipal Ownership Animated Discussion Recently. Talk—The Subject Caused COUNCILMEN FAVOR IDEA

Again last evening was the talk of a municipally owned and operated electric plant revived by the members of the city council, assembled for the regular business session of the week. That the members of the present council are heartily in favor of the city building and operating a plant and disposing of the current to the people and manufacturing plants of the city goes without saying. The various members of the governing body stated their stand on the question months ago. It will be remembered that the municipal ownership agitation, as far as it pertained to an electric plant, assumed some proportions several months ago, a short while after the present administration assumed office because of the very faulty service rendered. Likewise will it be recalled that the service underwent an improvement at about the same time as the agitation reached the climax, whereupon those persons who had asserted that they favored the idea of having the city own its electric plant became comparatively quiet.

During the past few weeks there have been several "outings" taken by the current, but the service can by no means be compared to the low level reached by that of a year ago. The chief complaint filed against the service as at present rendered is that the intervals where very low current prevails are all too frequent. In justice to the North

Carolina Public Service company, it should be stated that apparatus that is planned to overcome this "outing" fault has been ordered since last fall but the congested condition of the shipping routes from the factory has caused the unlooked for delay.

About two years ago representatives from some of the largest electric manufacturing companies in the world came to High Point and went over the situation with the city officials. The officials at that time were said to be contemplating the erection and operation of an electric plant and the city was shown just what the proposed acquisition would cost. Those figures are all shot to pieces by the war, but it is still thought that if it were advisable for the city to operate an electric power plant at that time, it is even more so at present, in view of the increased number of consumers.

City Manager Murphy stated last night that the quality of service rendered High Point was serving to put a large number of the residents on a gas basis, that they must have the oil and coke for fuel protraction. Notably is this true of public places which have to keep open late, according to the city manager. Then, too, the closing of all churches of the city Sunday evening was mentioned and the councilmen expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of taking the initial step toward having High Point acquire a plant. The city owns the lines over which the current is run into the homes of the city and the additional equipment needed for lines would not cost so much. The cost of generators, boilers and other machinery, while totaling several thousand dollars, would not be prohibitive, it is stated by men who have studied the situation.

WEST BROAD STREET WILL BE PAVED AS RESULT OF PACT OF CITY AND RAILROAD COMPANY

Following a conference between the city officials and representatives of the Southern Railroad company this afternoon, it was announced that West Broad street, from North Main street to the city limits, will be paved, the railroad company, property owners and city dividing the cost of construction between them. For the past several months citizens owning property abutting on the north side of Broad street have been anxiously awaiting the day when city and railroad officials could get together on the proposition and when persons interested made a trip to Washington to consult officials of the company they were told that the railroad would share in the expense of laying a new paving if it were permitted to retain the existing right-of-way rights in and along the street.

While the city officials were apparently not opposed to permitting the company to retain the rights, the proposition hung fire until a few days ago when representatives of the railroad company notified citizens that a conference would be held with the city council and, if the terms suited the company, the work could start immediately. The agreement had been reached this afternoon, City Manager Murphy stated.

Following the agreement concerning Broad street the question of paving High street was introduced, but the

argument had not reached an advanced stage at 2:30 this afternoon. It is the intention of the city officials to pave Broad street with asphalt over a concrete base, the same type as used on the other streets of the city.

Lieutenant Stanton Tenders Resignation As the City Physician

Dr. T. M. Stanton, now a lieutenant in the medical reserve corps and in training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., last night tendered his resignation by letter to the city council as city physician. The resignation was accepted but no successor was appointed, the councilmen deferring action until Councilmen Hedrick and Lindsay could be present. Both were absent, Mr. Hedrick being in Salisbury for the day and Mr. Lindsay away for a few weeks.

FALLING STAND PLAYS HAVOC AT CHINK RACES

London, Feb. 27.—In the collapse of the Chinese stand at the Hong Kong Jockey club race Tuesday 100 women and children were trampled to death according to a Reuters' dispatch from Hong Kong. Fire broke out and several hundred others were burned to death.

MILLIONAIRE ON STAND IN OWN BEHALF

Wealthy Atlanta Mayor Testifies Against Man and Women Charged With Attempting to Blackmail Him.

One of Defendants Said "How Nice," When He Saw Mayor A'one in Room With His Co-Defendant, Mrs. Hirsch.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 27.—Asa G. Candler, millionaire, of Atlanta, was the principal figure in the trial here today of J. W. Cook, jointly indicted with Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, on a charge of attempting to blackmail Mr. Candler.

Preliminaries were quickly handled by Judge Ben Hill, of the Fulton county Superior court, where the trial was held, and before the end of the first hour the jury had been selected and Mr. Candler, as the first witness called, had launched into his testimony.

Mrs. Hirsch occupied a seat across the table from Cook. She entered the courtroom wearing a heavy black veil which she removed a few minutes later. She wore a blue tailored suit and smiled and nodded to those about her apparently unconcerned. Her husband was not in the courtroom when the trial began.

After reviewing his acquaintance with Mrs. Hirsch, which he declared grew out of her activities in Red Cross work, Mayor Candler described her visit to his office on February 6, when Cook suddenly appeared and said:

"Our honorable mayor, this is nice!" "I at once suspected that a trap had been laid for me," the mayor testified. On cross examination by John R. Cooper, of counsel for the defense, Mr. Candler denied that he knew Cook before meeting Mrs. Hirsch. He also denied that he had ever taken liberties with Mrs. Hirsch during her various visits to his office.

Forest Adair, a wealthy real estate dealer, followed Mr. Candler on the stand. He related how the mayor had come to him on the day of Cook's and Mrs. Hirsch's visit to their office and how he had acted on behalf of the mayor in subsequent dealings with the couple.

Funeral Miss Brown Was Conducted From Wesley Church Today

Funeral services over the remains of Miss Polly Ann Brown, who died Monday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. L. L. Phipps, on East Lee street, were conducted from Wesley Memorial Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe, assisted by Rev. W. A. Barber, pastor of the East End Methodist Episcopal church. The deceased was 69 years of age.

The following friends of the deceased acted as pallbearers: John C. Seclrest, Dr. Woodruff, Dr. W. J. McAnally, N. E. Alfred, S. E. Willis, W. T. Kirkman, W. H. Davis, H. L. Lanier and G. T. Manley. Interment followed in Oakwood cemetery.

The Remains of Robert Jackson Brought to City

The remains of Robert Jackson, father of Will Jackson, of this city, who died early yesterday at Morganton, were brought to the city last evening on No. 12 and carried to an undertaking establishment. The funeral services will be held at Mount Zion church sometime tomorrow. Will Jackson was at Thompsville when he received a telegram instructing him to return to High Point and he came in on the same train as the corpse. The cause of the death of the elder Jackson was not stated.

CANNED GOODS ORDERED HELD FOR WAR NEEDS

Washington, Feb. 27.—All canners were advised today by the food administration to hold for war purposes until further advised all canned corn, peas, tomatoes, string beans and salmon now on hand.

Reports of such holdings must be made at once separate from those to be submitted before March 15. Canners who have no stocks are required to report indicating this fact. Quantities not wanted will be released promptly.