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SLOGAN: "EVERY ONE FOR EACH OTHER AND ALL TOGETHER FOR SCOTLAND NECK."

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## 95,000 MORE MEN FOR CAMPS THIS MONTH

REPRESENT THE LAST INCREMENT OF THE FIRST DRAFT INCLUDES 28,000 NEGROES INTO THE NORTH.

### WILL TAKE FIVE DAYS TO COMPLETE

(By United Press)  
Washington, Mar. 12.—Ninety-five thousand more have been ordered today by the war department to prepare for induction into training camps. This is the last increment of the first draft. The movement will start March 29 and continue for five days. The government includes the mobilization of twenty eight thousand negroes into northern camps. Because of peculiar camp conditions some districts that have completed their quotas will be asked to furnish more men and be given credit for same under the second draft. Deputy provost marshal, General Johnson, stated that the first contingent of industrial workers, drafted recently, have been sent to France. The following state allotments in the south have been given out from the provost marshal's office: North Carolina, 5,174; Virginia 2,178; South Carolina, 343; Tennessee, 2,753.

### FRANCIS SAFE IN VOLOGODA

(By United Press)  
Washington, Mar. 12.—The state department received a cablegram from Moscow today, which had been delayed, which stated the Russian government would move to Moscow on March 9, and would move further east if the German continued their advance. A message from Vologoda from Ambassador Francis reported that no misfortune of any nature occurred to himself or any of his party, and that he had no intention of moving from there.

### NORTH CAROLINA IS PATRIOTIC

(By United Press)  
Washington, Mar. 12.—The committee of public information sent to the executive of every state in the union questions as to how their several states responded on the war demands of the government. Replies have been received from West Virginia, Maine, Wisconsin and North Carolina, the latter being from Governor Dickert, as follows: I have not been in a position heretofore to answer the several questions in your letter. I now beg to advise that the subscriptions to the two Liberty Loans of North Carolina amounted to \$36,907,700. The Red Cross contributions from this state have amounted to \$318,000. The selective service law is approved wherever it is understood and long before it was enacted.

### Red Cross Dinner Thursday

There is nothing better for the people of a community than sociability of the right kind, and when this is coupled with patriotic effort the occasion should be doubly welcomed.

Thursday the ladies of the local Red Cross are giving a dinner and supper at the New York Cafe, at which everyone is invited and expected to be present at some time during the day or evening.

Good things to eat are being prepared for your edification and mastication, and every penny of the receipts are to go to the local Red Cross treasurer. That means the ladies have exerted themselves no little in arranging for this feast, so patronize them generously.

### HALT SPENDING ON LUXURIES

Winston-Salem, March 12.—Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of Service for the State War Saving Committee, is calling a halt on people's spending money for luxuries and playthings while the country is waiting for ships to be built to take the soldiers to the battlefield, for airships to take them into the heart of Germany across No-Man's Land and for munitions which will be the only thing that will make their going to France and all that they encounter worth while.

"Everybody belongs to the army one way or the other," says Mr. Stephenson—"some fight abroad, others work at home. The army in Europe is only the cutting-edge of the battle-axe; the real force of the blow struck by the army is wielded by the people at home. Idleness at this time on the part of any able-bodied man or woman, rich or poor, black or white is not only unpatriotic but is akin to desertion from the army and should be treated as such. It is not enough laws and put to work loafers who have no 'visible means of support' but public opinion should force all idlers and players though they have a 'visible means of support' to produce something for their country.

It up ever since. I think our need a campaign of information in regard to this law and have kept it up ever since. I think our people are beginning to understand it and to thoroughly approve it. The same thing can be said with respect to public sentiment in regard to the war. All opposition to the war is based on ignorance or misinformation.

### FOUR ENEMY PLANES DOWNED

Paris, Mar. 12.—Four German airplanes were brought down last night in another air-raid over Paris, it was officially announced. No reports were made regarding casualties.

### PRES NOMINATES FEDERAL OFFICER

Washington, Mar. 12.—President Wilson today nominated Richard H. Mann, of Petersburg, as United States district attorney for eastern Virginia, and Richard Evine, of Roanoke, for the western district.

United States Marshal for the eastern district is to be John G. Saunders, of Richmond, and T. G. Burch, of Martinville, also for the eastern district.

### CUBA ASSAILED BY PRO-ALLY

Washington, Mar. 12.—German propaganda is running rampant throughout Cuba according to information given out at high government quarters today.

German literature is being diffused broadcast among the people. Anti-Americanism is being preached on all sides, while an insidious movement is afoot to undermine the existing pro-ally government.

## GERMANY'S BLUNDERING IN FINLAND HELP ALLIES

ALL THE BALTIC COUNTRIES ARE FEELING THE HEAVY HAND OF PRUSSIAN ARROGANCE—ALL STRONGLY OBJECT THEREAT

### FINLAND, A VASSAL HOHENZOLLERN STATE

(BY UNITED PRESS)

New York, Mar. 12.—Reports far more conservative than it is from Japan that Prince Lvoff is contemplating the establishment of a stable government in Siberia do not suggest the German menace against Siberia has reached formidable proportions.

Prince Lvoff was the first premier of Russia after the Czar had been overthrown and he directed a strong anti-German policy at Petrograd during his tenure of office.

The Germans would strongly oppose a Lvoff government in Siberia. So, however, would the Bolsheviki.

Lvoff is a liberal of the old regime, but Russia is now experimenting with far more extreme principles than are approved by him. A Lvoff government, therefore, while anti-German would be also anti-Bolsheviki.

If Lvoff could be restored as premier of Russia, the Russians would re-enter the war under vigorous directions, but, for this to be possible the new spirit of democracy now rampant in Russia would first have to become

### U-BOAT SHELLS SHIPS SURVIVORS

London, Mar. 12.—The unarmed Irish schooner, Nannie Wignall, was torpedoed and sunk by submarine. The submarine then shelled the survivors who were picking their comrades from the sea.

### 10,000 TROOPS REACH FRANCE

Paris, Mar. 12.—Secretary of war, Newton Baker, came to France on a cruiser conveying ten thousand troops, a portion of which were aboard a former German liner.

The voyage was enlivened in mid ocean by a submarine alarm, considerable cannonading took place before it was discovered that the "periscope" was only a floating spar.

It is expected that Ambassador Sharpe will formally present Secretary Baker to President Poincaré.

### SPOTLESS OPENS IN ROCKY MT.

Richmond, Va. Mar. 12.—President Milton Cone, of the Spotless Company, dealers in general merchandise announced today that his company would open a branch house at Rocky Mount, N. C.

The company contemplates getting started Monday as several carloads of goods would leave this week.

## SECOND DRAFT COMPRISE 800,000 MEN

DATE OF DRAFT DEPENDS UPON LEGISLATION PENDING IN CONGRESS, BUT DRAFT WILL BE IN SMALL GROUPS

### 150,000 SKILLED WORKERS ALSO NEEDED

### NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

By Maxwell Gorman

Raleigh Mar. 12.—The politicians who largely start, or speed up, their "careers" by coming to the legislature and who, for a generation or two, have skillfully dodged or ran away from the "dog issue" will have the race of their lives when the next General Assembly convenes—indeed, some of them may be left at the starting point after the legislative primaries are held in the various counties.

For the "dog law" issue" is to be pressed to a finish next winter. The state sheep and dog control committee, which held a largely attended conference in Raleigh, decided upon that and appointed a special committee to draft the proposed dog law, in the effort to bring the very feasible plan of more sheep and wool growing in the state, where a large percentage of territory is splendidly adapted to that money-making industry, especially at this time of wool shortage and the high prices woollen mills will pay for it.

The worthless variety of dog, known as the "cur", a sheep killer, largely because he is always hungry, can be eliminated by a strictly enforced dog tax, which the owners would not pay because the mongrel curs are not worth it. And it is high time that every county in the state made it its business to bar out of the legislature every cheap politician whose career might be interfered with if he voted for such a law. Settle it in your primaries this summer and let's get down to real sheep raising on a big scale in North Carolina.

The republican state committee is meeting here tonight. Some of the party bosses and machine manipulators express disgust at the failure of the democratic state committee, which met here last week, to take up the Bickett proposition and divide the offices with them this year. They would be the gainers by such a process of "distribution", hence their disappointment. But the Bickett idea never had the shadow of a chance with the democratic committee, and the republicans who defined the governor's premature suggestion as a disposition to avoid a political fight this year because they were "afraid" has all spring to revise and form a new definition.

case of Major George L. Pater here and all over the state in the case of Major George L. Pater-son, who is slated to be tried in the Wake county criminal court the last of this week on the charge of embezzlement of some \$7,000 of the North Carolina State Guard money, while paymaster. But whether the trial will take place

Washington, Mar. 12.—Eight hundred thousand men will constitute the second draft, fed into the military mill in small groups, from week to week, as needed, according to an official announcement today.

The date of the draft depends upon legislation now pending in congress.

One hundred and fifty thousand skilled artisans will be called this summer for military service.

Class one will be exhausted before the deferred classes are drawn upon, but industrial and skilled workers in other classes besides class one will be tapped if needed.

A special training course will be created in many parts of the country to develop those whose early training has given them special technical qualifications.

Men will be drawn in relatively groups throughout the year in such a way as to create the least possible interference with industrial and agricultural activities.

### WILSON CAPLES RUSSIAN SOVIET

Washington, Mar. 12.—President Wilson telegraphed to the American consul at Moscow a sympathy to be presented today at the Russian congress of soviets, as follows:

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the congress of the soviets to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment when the German power has been thrust in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia. Although the government of the United States is, unhappily, not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia, through the congress, that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and become masters of their own life.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON

### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	32.15	32.25	32.10	32.15
May	31.80	31.82	31.64	31.64
July	31.30	31.32	31.17	31.17
Oct.	30.09	30.14	30.02	30.16
Dec.	29.82	29.90	29.76	29.80
Local Market	30 1/4		Cents.	