

FULL LEASED WIRE SERVICE

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1918.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WEATHER. North and South Carolina: Fair tonight, colder interior; Thursday, local rains and colder.

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BOLSHEVIKI EVACUATING PETROGRAD

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ITALIAN SILK WAS SENT TO GERMANY

Rome, Tuesday, March 6.—In connection with the scandals over the alleged sale of silk to the enemy, three directors of a company for utilizing silk waste have been arrested.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP ARMENIA TORPEDOED

Vessel Beached in Damaged Condition—Crew Reaches Home Port... An Atlantic Port, March 6.—The American steamship Armenia, formerly German merchantman, lies beached and badly damaged on the British coast, after being torpedoed by a German submarine.

A COMPLETE UNIT OF AMERICAN AIR SERVICE AT WORK

Whole String of Observation Balloons Manned by Americans, Now on Duty... AIRSHIPS HEAVILY PROTECTED BY GUNS

Enemy Planes Continue to Come Over, But Are Kept at Safe Distance—Artillery Active

With the American Army in France, Tuesday, March 6.—This has been a quiet day in the American sector northwest of Toul. The artillery on both sides seemed content to fire a few destructive shots. The shells were infrequent until late in the afternoon when the American artillery livened things up a bit, firing on a town in the enemy lines where troops had been seen.

COMPLAINT AGAINST SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.

Washington, March 6.—Complaint was issued today against Sears, Roebuck and Company, of Chicago, by the Federal Trade Commission, charging unfair methods of competition in the conduct of its business.

SOME OF OUR BOYS MARCHING TO THE TRENCHES



THREE KILLED IN ATTEMPT TO ROB B. & L. DIRECTORS

Covington, Ky., March 6.—With one bandit dead and a suspect in custody, the police of Covington and Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati, O., are searching the river front for the third member of the gang which held up a meeting of the Ninth Ward Building Association of Covington, last night and killed two of the directors and wounded a third, the latter the Chief of Police of Covington.

TWO DIRECTORS AND ONE BANDIT DEAD

Directors Were in Session When Three Bandits Entered Room, Demanded Money and Fired

This is the first complete unit of the American air service to appear in the field. For two days it had been ready to ascend, the observers having been up in a French balloon several days previously.

Soon after the men entered, Corbin says, he heard a fusillade of shots and two of his fares ran out and at the point of a revolver forced him to drive them away from the scene. Kearney, police say, has a criminal record, and is wanted on numerous charges. Corbin identified him as one of his passengers.

MAN'S BODY CUT IN TWAIN BY SAW

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 6.—William H. Owen, sawyer of the shingle mill of the Dare County Lumber Company, was killed here yesterday, when caught in the carriage. He was drawn to the saw and his body cut in twain at the waist.

PRISONERS PAROLED TO HEAR MRS. BOOTH

Honor Men in Penitentiary Will Be Permitted to Visit Raleigh Tonight

Raleigh, N. C., March 6.—From 25 to 30 prisoners at the North Carolina State penitentiary will be paroled for several hours tonight in order that they may hear Mrs. Maude Ballington Booth, of New York, a prison reform worker, deliver her address, "Out of the Shadows," before the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, at the city auditorium, according to announcement today by Superintendent J. R. Collier, of the prison.

CO-ORDINATE WORK OF HANDLING ALIENS

Washington, March 6.—Representatives of the various government bureaus of investigation and secret service were called into conference today at the Department of Justice to discuss means of co-ordinating their work and eliminating duplication in the ferreting out of enemy agents.

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OFFICIAL ENGLAND EXPRESSES SORROW

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WAR AGAINST SUBMARINES IS GAINING

UNITED STATES IS HANDS OFF ON THE SIBERIAN MATTER

Has Had No Communication With Japan as to What Course to Follow

DOES HER TALKING THROUGH ENGLAND

Although Not Discussing the Question Directly, Japan Understands America's Position

Washington, March 6.—It was authoritatively stated today that the United States has no communication to Japan on the subject of action in Siberia and that if any views of this government are expressed they probably will be conveyed to Great Britain, through which the United States has received all its information on the situation.

Redmond's Death Removes One of the Most Remarkable Figures of Day in Great Britain

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The U-Boat Campaign is Held But Has Not Been Mastered

SINKING THEM AS FAST AS PUT OUT

Sir Eric Geddes Tells of the Naval Activities of the Allied Powers—The Tide is Slowly Turning

London, Tuesday, March 5.—The introduction of the naval estimates in the House of Commons today was made the occasion by Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, for a lengthy speech in which he summed up the naval situation during the past year.

"On the whole, naval warfare during the past year has proceeded increasingly in our favor," said Sir Eric. "It has continued chiefly to test the strength between the enemy submarines and the measures we and our allies have taken for combatting that menace."

"There has been occasional interludes such as the exit of the Goeben and the Breslau and the recent raid by enemy destroyers on a Dover patrol. Occasional raids on our convoys and the English coast are a natural outcome of the blocked enemy trying to harass the blockading fleet. The exit of the Goeben and Breslau (from the Dardanelles), was a raid of a similar character. The Goeben was refloated, and while the reports justify the belief that she was damaged, we must for the present treat her as a still efficient engine of war. The loss of the Breslau is a serious one for the enemy in that area and much outweighs from the military viewpoint the loss of our Regatt and M. 28 (British monitors sunk during the engagement with the Goeben and the Breslau outside the Dardanelles). The Dover raid is in a way a satisfactory incident. It has been commonly believed that the passage of submarines through the straits of Dover have been prevented by nets and obstructions since the early days of the war. That is not true and undoubtedly a considerable number of submarines passed through even towards the end of last year. A more vigorous policy was adopted recently and the surface barrier is now maintained day and night across the channel. At night patrolling craft numbering 100 burn flares, so that any submarine attacking the passage has a reasonable chance of being engaged. To raid this barrage, the enemy came out on the night of February 14, I cannot comment on the incident because the admiral at Dover has ordered a court martial to elucidate it, but I can pay tribute to the heroism and devotion of the men, who, after being hammered by the warships, maintained their patrol and went out again the next morning and ever since. In previous statements I dealt

BULGARIA WOULD ROB RUMANIA OF DOBRUJA

Preliminary Peace Between Rumania and Central Powers is Signed

American, March 6.—M. Tonchew, Bulgarian minister of finance and head of the peace delegation, has returned from Bucharest to report to his government on the negotiations with Rumania. He explained to the Bulgarian Sobranje that on the expiration of the armistice Saturday, the Rumanian delegates announced that the crown council at Jassy has decided to accept the conditions offered by the Central Powers, including the cession of the Dobruja, re-adjustment of the frontier between Hungary and Rumania and the granting of economic concessions.