

## PEACE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER SPRING OFFENSIVE

### This Is Belief at Washington Based On Reports From The Front That Plans for Big Drive are Under Way

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—The official sentiment in Washington is that the great spring offensive will be the turning point in international peace maneuvers.  
President Wilson is understood to believe that one more great effort by one or both sides will be made before the actual peace step is taken.  
Diplomats feel that peace is out of sight until the gigantic offensive declared for the coming spring has been undertaken. News from the front, they say, shows that plans for the big drive are in full swing.  
**NO DISCUSSION TODAY**  
Senator Cummins announced this morning that he would make no effort today to force his resolution providing for open debate on the President's address since railroad legislation is the absorbing topic at present.

## Raider Is Identified

(By United Press)  
Buenos Aires, Jan. 25.—Montevideo dispatches declare that they have reliable information there that the German raider has been identified as the former Hamburg South American liner, Cap Ortegale, and that she has transformed two of her prizes into auxiliary raiders.

## Hit Negro With Shovel

A negro by the name of John Brown was seriously injured Wednesday evening in the office of the Foreman Derickson Veneer Company's plant when he was hit over the head with a shovel handle by Mr. Roy Cheson, book keeper for the concern.  
The negro, it is said, had been discharged by Cheson earlier in the day and coming to the office was ordered out by Cheson for insolence. The negro went out, but returned later and offered violence, whereupon Cheson picked up a shovel handle which happened to be in the office and struck Brown over the head with it, effectually silencing his assailant. He then called up the police department and informed an officer of what he had done. The case came up for hearing before Judge Sawyer this morning, but Brown, the negro, was unable to appear, and he case was continued.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Merchants and business men who have accounts due and extend credit, should be interested in having Elizabeth City join the more progressive towns in celebrating "National Pay Up Week," February 19th-24th.

The Chamber of Commerce proposes this venture if you want it. You are invited to be present at a Dutch lunch at Scott & Twiddy's next Monday, 29th, at two o'clock for the purpose of discussing the proposition.

Call the Manager by phone and notify him if you are interested.

WANTED. Copies of the Semi-Weekly Advance of the following dates: April 13, July 29, Aug. 24, 1916; January 3, 1917.

## Code Known Caused Leak

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—Confidential messages of the State Department leaked because the Department's codes are known abroad, Secretary Lansing has reason to believe. Because of such a belief the codes have been altered several times and once quite recently.  
Charges that the Government's codes are known abroad have been frequently made but the Department has never before admitted its belief of such reports. The admission at this time is taken to mean that the Government hopes to trace the President's Peace Note leak abroad.

## Found Dead In Hotel Bed

(By United Press)  
Los Angeles, Jan. 25.—Miss Nell Harvey of Exeter, California, was found dead in a blood covered bed in the Leonide hotel here this morning. Harlam J. Winter, movie actor, claiming to be the son of former District Attorney Winter of New York is detained as a suspect. Winter says the girl's death was due to hemorrhages.  
Winter and Miss Harvey registered at the hotel as man and wife Tuesday and never left their room. An autopsy will be performed to determine the manner of Miss Harvey's death. A lodger heard noises and called the police. The woman was found dying. The noise appeared broken and there was other evidence of violence.

## Successful In East and West

(By United Press)  
Berlin, Jan. 25.—Successful operations of German reconnoitering and thrusting detachments on the western front are reported today. A temporary increase in artillery firing and fighting along the Somme and the Aisne is indicated.  
Official dispatches from the eastern fields of operations report that in the Riga sector, on a six mile front, 14 officers, 17,000 men and 13 machine guns are reported captured from the enemy. All counter attacks from the Russians have failed.  
Perograd, Jan. 25.—German attacks near Tyrrul Swamp were repulsed and the enemy forced back. A German counter attack pressed back the Russians one third of a mile southwest of the river Asa.

## Baby Went With Mother To Jail

New York, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Shutter, who carried her 14-month old baby to jail with her when she was sentenced to serve one month behind the bars for whipping an annoying neighbor's boy and breaking three of his ribs, was freed today. She has served the sentence. She walked out carrying her baby in her arms. Neither looked the worse for the month's rest.

# Community Service

DR. J. Y. JOYNER,  
State Superintendent Public Instruction

AT

## ALKRAMA THEATRE

AT 11 A. M.

Saturday Jan. 27, 1917

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In the event Dr. Joyner cannot come, Prof. N. W. WALKER, of the State University will fill his appointment.

## BUSINESS MEN WILL CO-OPERATE

At a meeting of the Business Men's Credit Association Tuesday evening, Mr. O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's Department Store was chosen Chairman of the new organization, with Mr. Harold Overman of the City Drug Store, vice Chairman, and Secretary C. R. Pugh of the Chamber of Commerce, secretary and treasurer.

The Executive Board is made up of the following representative business men of the city: Mr. R. E. Quinn, proprietor of the big Poindexter street furniture store; Dr. A. L. Pendleton, postmaster and proprietor of the Standard Pharmacy and Standard Drug Company; Mr. Cleveland Jackson of the D. M. Jones Company; Mr. D. R. Morgan of the D. R. Morgan Company; Mr. M. Leigh Sheep, proprietor of the Womens Wear Store, and Mr. Leslie Belanga of Belanga and Reid.

The next meeting of the executive board will be held Tuesday evening in the office of Secretary C. R. Pugh at which meeting further details of the work of the association will be worked out.

The Association aims at better co-operation of the business men of the city and will work with the Chamber of Commerce to this end. Professional men, business men, wholesale or retail, are invited to become members and share in the benefits and protection accorded members of the organization.

## Brought Down 27th Aeroplane

(By United Press)  
Paris, Jan. 25.—Lieutenant Guynemer felled his twenty-seventh German aeroplane today—the second within the last forty eight hours. An enemy surprise attack this morning south of Berry back was repulsed.

## Will Discuss Patriotism

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—Famous men and women Americans gathered here from all parts of the United States to discuss "What is Patriotism?" Included in the list are such personages as Elihu Root, Former War Secretary Stimson, Rear Admiral Fiske, Theodore Roosevelt, Medill McCormick, Mayor Mitchell, Alton P. Parker, Howard E. Coffin, Samuel Gompers, William Roscoe Thayer, Herman Hagedorn, Senator Borah, Prof. Edward A. Steiner and others. This meeting is called the Congress of Constructive Patriotism, is under the auspices of the National Security League and is aimed at better military, naval and industrial preparedness in the United States.

There are seventy three delegates from New York City alone. The subject is to be discussed in a non partisan, non political spirit. Women are to take an important part in the discussions. There are expected to be about one thousand delegates present. The object is to establish a lecture system by experts who will take up the matter of preparedness at points throughout the country in a non partisan, non political way. Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart of Harvard has this branch of the work in charge. The well known men and women citizens present today are expected to give their personal definitions of what patriotism really is.

## Apportionment For Good Roads

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—The Department of Agriculture today announced the following apportionments of the Good Roads Fund: Virginia, \$199,321; North Carolina, \$288,792; South Carolina, \$143,515; West Virginia, \$106,540.

## Education In Currituck

By R. W. ISLEY

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York issues interesting pamphlets of valuable information as, The Child, First Aid in the Home, Fake Consumption Cures, Milk, The Health of the Worker, A War on Consumption, Teeth, Tonsils Adenoids etc. Write for same.

Teachers may write the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. and ask for:

- I.—Classified lists of Department publications for teachers;
- II.—Leaflets showing how farmers Bulletines may be used in nature study and agricultural instruction;
- III.—List of lantern slides available for school use;
- IV.—Suggestions as to Department publications most helpful in schools;
- V.—Publications on general problems of teaching agriculture, as corn, cotton, tomatoes poultry etc.
- VI.—Assistance to individual teachers through correspondence.

Hon. John H. Small, Washington D. C. will send you a large map of the United States for your school if you ask him for same.

The State Board of Health, Raleigh, N. C. is always ready to furnish literature for the school and home. Write for same.

### HONOR TO MOYOCK AND THE COUNTY

We are glad to know that Mr. C. R. Bagley who was prepared for college at Moyock, Currituck County, N. C., won the Rhodes Scholarship of Oxford College. This is an honor of which Mr. R. O. Bagley, his father who lives at Moyock, the town of Moyock and the county are proud. Prof. C. B. Garrett, who taught Mr. Bagley at Moyock, stated when he learned of the success of his student, that "the greatest factor in a student's success is his own effort." Mr. C. R. Bagley's people live at Moyock.

The students of the county today should put forth more effort and take new courage and do something worth while. We need a county wide educational awakening. We need a strong non-partisan school spirit that will carry the boys and girls of the county through high school and college. We must send more boys and girls of Currituck County to the different colleges of the state. If more do not go each year it will be because they and those who have them in charge are not putting forth their best effort.

### THE TRIANGULAR DEBATES

As announced before the Currituck school will send a team of two debaters to Moyock. Moyock such team to Knotts Island and Knotts Island to Currituck, which will form one triangle. Poplar Branch will send a team of two debaters to Jarvisburg, Jarvisburg such team to Harbinger and Harbinger to Poplar Branch. The first triangle may enter any grades but the second triangle is limited to the sixth and seventh grades only. Each home team will uphold the affirmative and each visiting team the negative side of the question.

The question this year for debate is Resolved that the Federal Government should own and operate the railroads.

The first speeches shall not be longer than ten minutes and the second five minutes. The teachers in charge are to select 3 or five judges who are to cast written ballot without consultation. The debates will be conducted very much as they were last year.

All the debates will be held on Friday night, February 23rd.

All teachers in charge are urged to have pupils work hard on this debate. Here teachers should believe in preparedness. It is only a few weeks to February 23rd.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

No man lives and dies alone. Man is by nature a social being. Isolation is unnatural. Social life is natural. A good healthy social  
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## ARGENTINA HAS MONEY TROUBLES

GOLD IS SCARCE AND PAPER MONEY BELOW PAR VALUE YET ANY CHANGE WOULD NECESSITATE INCONVENIENCE

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Buenos Aires, Jan. 25.—(By Mail)—The plan suggested by Dr. De La Plaza, just retired as president of Argentina, for putting the republic on a "one money basis has not met with a very enthusiastic public reception.

Some time ago the Argentinians grew tired of transacting business in a depreciating and fluctuating paper currency. They accordingly took an accounting and found that they had enough gold on hand to redeem outstanding paper issues at the rate of 44 cents on the dollar.

A law was accordingly passed fixing 44 centavos as the legal value of a paper peso. A gold peso was worth 100 centavos, or the mere trifling less than \$1 United States money. Gold pesos were and still are so scarce, however, as to be practical curiosities. The gold to redeem the 44-centavo paper pesos was religiously kept at the Caja de Conversion, however, and whenever any more paper money was issued a corresponding amount of gold was deposited in the caja.

The result of this was to stop the fluctuation of Argentine money but it left the country with two kinds of pesos, at least nominally, gold and paper. It complicated bookkeeping and caused many more incidental inconveniences.

Just before his term as president expired, Dr. De La Plaza sent a message to congress saying he considered this a poor arrangement. He proposed that, as the 33 centavos paper pesos wore out and were presented for redemption, in a volume sufficiently smaller to allow the reserve gold to cover it.

There were other incidental features to his plan, concerning coinage and various minor details but essentially, the scheme was to end the system of having two varieties of the same kind of money.

The public view is that this would be a good thing in theory but that it would cause more temporary inconvenience and confusion than the country likes to submit to. Furthermore it is asserted that the change would unsettle prices for a long time and that the consumer would get the worst of it.

Congress has the matter still under consideration but the plan has so many opponents that its adoption seems doubtful.

## Cotton Belt Escapes Pest

(By United Press)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—The apparent escape of the Cotton belt from the threatened invasion via Mexico, of the pink boll worm cotton scourge of the orient, was reported today by the Department of Agriculture.

The scourge was discovered in October 200 miles from the southern Texas border and the timely embargo of cotton from Mexico is believed to have stopped its progress.

The cotton exports of 1916 totalled 7,007,736 bales.

### CHRIST CHURCH

Bishop T. C. Darst will be here next Sunday, and conduct services. Mr. Asby wishes to hear from any one desiring to join them. The visit of the Bishop is on short notice, but Mr. Asby thinks that there may be some who will care to take advantage of his presence to connect themselves with Christ Church. The pledges for the Pension Fund have already exceeded the \$2500 assessment against this Parish. The canvass began here Tuesday night.