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Wants Prompt Action For Food Price Probe

President Wilson Will Urge Congress to Appropriate Funds For Which Federal Trade Commission Waits

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 21—The President is determined that Congress shall pass immediately the four hundred thousand dollar appropriation which the Federal Trade Commission requested for the nationwide food price probe. It is stated officially that the President will give his personal attention toward swiftness of Congress into line. His decision was made after he had been shown the United Press dispatches telling of the New York food riots, and administration leaders have begun lining up their forces to compel congressional acquiescence.

Chairman Davies of the Federal Trade Commission declared that food riots will occur throughout the country unless prompt action is taken by the government. The Commission is waiting only for the necessary money to begin a sweeping investigation. Their plans are completed for the campaign.

HOUSEWIVES MAKE PROTEST

A protest against the refusal of Congress to provide funds for the President's proposed Federal investigation of the high cost of living was forwarded to Wilson today in a telegram from the Housewives League of America. The telegram was sent from headquarters in New York City.

British Navy Wants More Men

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 21—First Lord of the Admiralty Carson today asked for four hundred thousand more men for the British Navy because of the expansion of the navy.

Vessels Must Be Examined

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 21—An order in council today provides that vessels carrying goods to and from enemy ports are liable to be captured and condemned unless they call at a British port enroute and permit examination of cargo.

Entire Block Is In Ruins

Norfolk, Feb. 21—A fire starting in the building occupied by the Times Square Automobile Company last night shortly after seven o'clock left the entire Flat iron block between Granby, Charlotte and Bute streets in ruins an hour later.

The damage is estimated at probably more than \$50,000.

Chamberlain Bill Will Not Pass

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 21—The Universal Military Training Service Legislation will fail of passage in the present session of Congress, Senate Chamberlain, author of the bill admitted today.

HOGS SMASH RECORD TODAY

HIGHEST PRICES SINCE CIVIL WAR WHEN MARKET OPENED AT CHICAGO THIS MORNING

(By United Press)
Chicago, Feb. 21—Hogs smashed all previous high prices by nearly a quarter when the market opened at \$12.95, the highest price since the Civil War.

Ships Sunk In Mediterranean

(By United Press)
Berlin, Feb. 21—The sinking in the Mediterranean of the crowded Italian transport, two armed steamers, the Italian steamer, Oceana and the French steamer, Moventaux, and the French sailing ship, Aphrodite, with a total tonnage of fifteen thousand and five hundred was announced here today.

PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS CONGRESS

PROBABLY AT CLOSE OF NEXT WEEK, MERELY ASKING FOR BROAD POWERS TO PROTECT AMERICAN RIGHTS

ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 21—President Wilson is practically determined to address the present session of Congress on the German-American situation, but it will probably be late next week before he makes this address.

Unless the situation develops into something more critical than appears at the present time, the President will merely ask for broad powers to protect American rights after Congress adjourns, and will not ask for declaration of war. He will see that the acts and purposes surrounding his appearance before Congress are communicated to all belligerents in order to prevent misunderstanding abroad, especially in Germany. His address as tentatively planned will contain the information that he contemplates no drastic action without further consulting Congress.

Turks Renew Pledge Today

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 21—The Turkish government has reaffirmed its pledge of alliance with the Central Powers in a successful prosecution of war. Ambassador Elkus cabled today. "An unanimous vote of confidence was given the Grand Vizier."

FOR PROTECTION OF HONEST PEOPLE

CREDIT ASSOCIATION WINS FAVOR, STIMULATES BUSINESS AND PROMOTES THE PAY UP SPIRIT

Over fifty subscribers to the Credit Experience Guide were reported by Mr. L. T. Henderson Wednesday morning when asked on the streets how Elizabeth City is co-operating in the Prompt Pay Movement.

This number includes business and professional men who endorse the aim of the movement for the protection of honest people.

"It is better to be rated as poor, but honest," suggests Mr. Henderson, "than as a good bluffer but bad pay, and the opportunity is given everybody to make the best rating possible by paying all they can and arranging for the balance."

Saturday will be "Pay Your Doctor and Dentist Day," and it is hoped that by the end of the week, everybody will have received some of the double benefits of Pay-Up Week. It is something of a problem to know whether it is better to give than to receive, really, for the paying of bills is counted for so much at this time that the getting paid has come to be really a secondary matter of value so that the receiver can pay somebody else, and not for more selfish reasons.

It has been predicted, indeed, that the movement may go so far by Sunday as to include the preacher and the various religious and charitable causes for which money is needed in the land. Whereas the doctors claim that they are remembered only when a man gets sick, the preacher can argue that he is forgotten till the man is ready to die or afterwards.

And so, Pay Up Week goes on, increasing its scope and momentum, including the butcher, the baker and candle stick maker, and lending a brisk air to business in spite of the Between-the-seasons period now on hand.

And the Prompt Pay Movement stimulates and urges on the Pay-Up Spirit, not for this week only, but as a matter of good habit and sound reputation.

Two Banks Will Close

With appropriate patriotism and respect to the memory of the "Father of our Country," the First National Bank and the Savings Bank and Trust Company will close their doors on February 22nd.

The announcement of this holiday is made today for the convenience of friends and patrons of these two progressive institutions.

THEATRE TRAIN FEB. 27TH

The Norfolk Southern will run a special theatre train to Norfolk on Tuesday, February 27th for the benefit of those wishing to attend Norfolk theatres. Among the attractions billed for that day are "Fair and Warmer" at the Colonial, Triangle plays at the New Wells, and Keith's Vaudeville at the Academy of Music. The train leaves Elizabeth City at 5:15 p. m. and stops at Stations between Edenton and Norfolk.

FAREWELL SERVICE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Rev. C. A. Ashby leaves next week for his new charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Raleigh. The new rector, Mr. Osburn will take charge on March 25th.

The First Baptist and the First Methodist churches of the city will close at the Sunday evening service and attend Christ Church in compliment to the last service held by Mr. Ashby during his present charge.

Leaves Advance For Uncle Sam

Wilfred Peele leaves tonight for the United States Army Recruiting Station at Raleigh in answer to a telegram received from Lieut. Kessler, asking him to report at once, his application having been accepted, and examination satisfactorily passed.

From Raleigh he will go to Columbus, Ohio, for military training, and as staff correspondent for The Advance will write for this newspaper from time to time of life in Uncle Sam's service.

Popular Shows At New Theatre

"Little Eva Edgerton" proved a most popular matinee this afternoon and will be the attraction at the New Theatre again tonight.

Thursday's matinee is the fascinating drama "According to Code" a Cine-Edison feature in five acts. Matinee performances are given at 2:30 and 4:00 o'clock each afternoon and two performances are also given at night.

ATTEND BANKERS MEETING

Mr. H. G. Kramer, cashier of the Savings Bank and Trust Company; Mr. H. C. Newbold, Assistant Cashier of the Citizens Bank, and Mr. W. G. Gathers, Jr., cashier of the First National Bank, left today for Washington, N. C., to attend the Group Meeting of the North Carolina Bankers which meets in that city on Washington's Birthday.

"Shell 43" At Alkrama Tonight

Tonight at the Alkrama "Shell 43" is the interesting feature of the first part of the program. This will be followed by the comedy "Puppets" in two reels.

UNION MEETS AT MOYOCK

Following is the program of the Campden-Currituck Union Meeting which will be held April 27-29 at Moyock Baptist Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH

- 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.
- 2 P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant
- (a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.
- (b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Shepard.

SATURDAY APRIL 28TH

- 10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant.
- (a) The support of the church as laid down therein.—J. K. Henderson.
- (b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.
- 2 P. M.
- (c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.
- (d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any change of location—B. C. Henning.

SUNDAY APRIL 29TH

- 11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Utmost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.
- The appointed speakers are to lead off in the discussion after which there will be given an opportunity to anyone who wishes to participate in any of the discussions to do so.

EVERYWOMAN'S MAGAZINE

the new North Carolina Woman's magazine, just out. Get your first copy at Melick's, 20 cents. Leave your year's subscription (\$1) with Mrs. Herbert Peele, Advance office.

FIRST AMERICAN SHIP LEAVES PORT TODAY

Bound for London and Followed by American Freighter. Algonquin She Passes Sandy Hook

VERDUN CAMPAIGN BEGAN YEAR AGO

FRENCH HOLD PRACTICALLY SAME POSITIONS AS WHEN GERMANS BEGAN THEIR BOMBARDMENT

HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the French armies at Verdun, Feb. 21—One year ago started the German assault on Verdun.

Twelve months of the most gigantic series of operations in the history of mankind have passed and today the French occupy almost the same position of a year ago when the Germans began their bombardment. Seven hundred thousand Germans have gone to their death in the vain effort to realize the Crown Prince's hope of victory.

For the first time in history the defenders of a beleaguered fortress withstood the maximum efforts of their assailants, then taking the offensive, completely liberated the citadel.

Express Regard For Mr. Ashby

The ministers of the city have in their last meeting of the Ministers' Association expressed their regret that Rev. C. A. Ashby will leave soon for another field and their appreciation of his work here in the following resolution:

"In view of the fact that Rev. C. A. Ashby, Rector of Christ Church has been called to Good Shepherd Church at Raleigh and has felt it his duty to accept the larger field of service, and in view of the fact that he is in a few more days leaving our city to take up his new duties, we the Ministers Association of Elizabeth City, desire to give expression to our highest regard and sincere love for him and to assure him that our best wishes and earnest prayers will be with him in his new field of labors."

JOHNSON-FAHEY

Drewry H. Johnson and Miss Nellie Agnes Fahey were married here Tuesday by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden. The groom is from Lockhaven, Pa., and the bride from Norfolk.

IMPROVING AFTER ILLNESS

Edith Ownley of Mt. Hermon township, a well known member of the Board of County Commissioners is improving after a two week's illness at his home.

G. J. Jones of Manteo was in the city Wednesday en route to Norfolk.

Mr. Robert Bruce Eberidge of Manteo, cashier of the Bank of Manteo, passed through the city Wednesday on his way to attend the Bankers Meeting at Washington, N. C.

E. C. Bell of Nixonton was in the city Wednesday.

By United Press
New York, Feb. 21—The first American line steamship to leave port since the German submarine warning was issued was the *Mongolia* who today passed Sandy Hook en route to Europe. She was followed closely by the American freighter, *Algonquin*. They are bound for London, the first American vessels to sail from here for a British port since Germany's warning. The *Mongolia* was built in this country and has always flown the American flag.

All sailings of passenger vessels have been cancelled by American lines. Shippers have been ordered to remove freight from the hold of the *St. Louis*.

This cancellation of sailings might mean the final decision of the government not to aid in the arming of American ships, or that vessels might be needed for auxiliary naval work. This, however, is entirely a matter of speculation. The *Philadelphia* is expected to take her place along the side of the *St. Louis*, the *New York* and the *St. Paul*, when she arrives tomorrow from Liverpool.

Know Politics But Not Farming

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 21—Senator Sherman of Illinois, born and raised on a farm, does not think much of the government agricultural experts. He said so during discussion of the agriculture appropriation bill. "These alleged scientific farmers know more about ward politics than they do about farming," said Mr. Sherman. "If they attempted to put into practice their scientific farming stunts they would starve to death in 12 months. I'll bet 90 per cent of them don't know hard cider from creek water. They would know a Jersey cow only if she introduced herself."

Says America Has Forgotten

(By United Press)
Paris, Feb. 1 (By Mail)—While Americans have left an average of \$100,000,000 annually in France seeking pleasure, they have only contributed about twelve million since the war for the benefit of the French wounded and homeless.

This statement is made today by the American Relief Clearing House in an appeal to Americans for more funds and necessities to carry on the work.

In a pamphlet just issued the Relief Organization harks back to the American Revolution when when money advanced by France practically saved the American government from disruption. At the beginning of 1780, in America, a Continental dollar worth two cents, a bushel of corn, \$150 and a suit of clothes \$2,000.

Have in my possession a Camera which was either lost or stolen. Owner can secure same by applying at Munden's Fish Market 12-17-19-26

WEATHER OR NO

Partly cloudy Wednesday night and Thursday. The man who goes home brightly illuminated runs the risk of having his wife put him out.