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## National Food Problem Claims First Attention

### President Puts Matter Before Cabinet And Congressional Leaders Con- tinue Work Though Fight for Ap- propriation Lost in Committee.

## CHAIRMAN DENMAN MAKES SUGGESTION

### Press Into Service for the Coastwise Trade Foreign Vessels Construct- ed in American Shipyards Thus Relieving Railroad Congestion.

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 23—The govern-  
ment from Wilson to Congress  
has turned its attention to the Na-  
tional food problem.  
The President put the matter  
before his cabinet today. Mean-  
time Congressional leaders resu-  
med their fight for the appropriation  
necessary for use in conducting an  
investigation by the Federal Trade  
Commission, although the fight for  
the appropriation had already been  
lost in the committee.

In the effort to give relief in  
the acute food situation in the  
East, Chairman Denman of the Fed-  
eral Shipping Board conferred with  
the President today.  
He suggested the plan of press-  
ing into coastwise trade foreign  
vessels constructed in American  
shipyards to replace the fleet of  
merchant ships which deserted the  
coastwise service following the out-  
break of war. The necessity of  
shipping by rail foodstuffs that pre-  
viously went by water from the  
Pacific to the Atlantic seaboard  
is understood to be one of the rea-  
sons for the present freight con-  
gestion.

## ASKS NAVY FOR GUNS AND MEN

### BUT GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT GUNNERS MIGHT RASHLY PRECIPITATE WAR LEAVING RESPONSIBILITY ON UNITED STATES

(By United Press)  
New York, Feb. 23—What is re-  
garded as a frank warning from  
Japan that something must be  
done to stop restrictive measures  
against the Japanese in America  
was voiced at the World's Court  
meeting today by Dr. Ikenaga.  
It is supposed that he was offi-  
cial spokesman for his country.  
He pointed out that the Japs are  
treated hospitably, even royally,  
east of the Rockies, but that those  
on the Pacific coast are treated  
harshly and in some instances are  
deprived of their rights. It is  
time, he said, for America to devise  
some means to unify the  
method of treatment by a treaty  
of obligations, dispensing equal jus-  
tice to all aliens.

## THEATRE TRAIN FEB. 27TH

The Norfolk Southern will run a  
special theatre train to Norfolk on  
Tuesday, February 27th for the ben-  
efit of those wishing to attend Nor-  
folk theatres. Among the attrac-  
tions billed for that day are "Fall  
and Warmer" at the Colonial, Tri-  
angle plays at the New Wells, and  
Keith's Vaudeville at the Academy

## Germany Offers Sweden Apology

(By United Press)  
Stockholm, Feb. 23—"The sink-  
ing of the Swedish steamer, Edda,  
was a mistake on the part of the  
submarine commander," the Swed-  
ish government was informed to-  
day by the German minister, who  
expressed Germany's regret at the  
occurrence and promised this gov-  
ernment indemnity.

## JAPAN FRANKLY WARNS AMERICA

### THROUGH ONE OF LEADERS DECLARES THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO UNIFY TREATMENT OF ALIENS IN THIS COUNTRY

(By United Press)  
Washington, Feb. 23—If the  
Navy Department will furnish de-  
fensive guns and gun crews, the  
American line will keep its ships  
running on regular schedule  
through all barred zones of the  
seas, submarines and no submarines.  
This, in effect, is what President  
Franklin of the American line told  
Secretary of the Navy Daniels in  
their conference. Franklin de-  
clared that he had tried to get ar-  
mament from private corporations  
and failed and that if he should  
get guns he would be unable to  
get gunners unless the navy fur-  
nished them.

Nevertheless, there is every  
indication that this government has  
no intention of immediately, at  
least, of complying with Franklin's  
request.

The government feels that possi-  
ble the gunners would accidentally  
precipitate actual warfare through  
haste or accident, leaving this gov-  
ernment with the responsibility  
through furnishing the guns or the  
gunners. The President has re-  
peated many times that he is de-  
termined that responsibility for war  
rest on Germany.

## Japan Will Arm All Merchantmen

(By United Press)  
Tokio, Feb. 23—The Nippon Yu-  
sen Kaishi, Japan's biggest steam-  
ship line has decided to arm all  
merchantmen destined for American  
and European ports.

## Governor Signs Suffrage Bill

(By United Press)  
Augusta, Me., Feb. 23—The gov-  
ernor today signed the resolution  
submitting the equal suffrage  
amendment to the constitution to  
the voters in September.

## Orleans Makes Safe Voyage

(By United Press)  
New York, Feb. 23—The freighter  
Orleans, one of the first American  
ships to defy Germany's submarine  
order, is expected to reach Bordeaux  
tonight or tomorrow. Word has  
been received by her owners here  
that convinces them that the voy-  
age has been made safely.

## Watsfield Is Reported Sunk

(By United Press)  
London, Feb. 23—The British  
steamer, Watsfield, is reported  
sunk today.

## DEATH IS NOT WORST OF WAR

### UNITED PRESS CORRESPOND- ENT TELLS OF WHAT TO HIM SEEMED MOST TERRIBLE AS- PECT OF EUROPEAN WAR.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD  
(Quoted From Monday's Issue of  
Every Week)

New York, Feb. 19—Those of you  
who followed the things I wrote  
for The Advance and the United  
Press may have been impressed  
with the horror of slaughter among  
the fighting people in Europe.

But there are worse things in  
war than slaughter. In the cur-  
rent issue of Every Week I have  
told what those things are, and a  
summarized quotation from that  
issue may interest you:

"Isn't the slaughter terrible?"  
Everybody who returns to the  
United States from the war in Eu-  
rope is asked this question, true  
as it seems.

My answer must always be:  
"Dying or killing are not the  
most terrible things that war  
brings to a man, woman or child.  
In Europe you see worse things  
than dying or killing. Worse things  
happen to European folk than be-  
ing killed or crippled."

The first dead man I saw in the  
war, back in those early and old  
time days in Belgium, struck me  
as having been uselessly murdered,  
and the sight left a hateful impres-  
sion on my mind for a time. To  
my surprise, however, I soon be-  
held such sights without emotion.  
But there was one sight—one man-  
ifestation of the horrors of war—  
that I could not accustom myself  
to view without a mental shudder.  
This was the sight of vast bodies  
of men marching or camping

There they were, men of family,  
of business, of ideals, or religion,  
all brought down to the same level  
of life. Like barrels whose  
loops have been removed, these  
men, individually in their lives and  
in their characters, have fallen  
apart since the finding support of  
their home environment has been  
taken away from round about them.  
The impression that they were like  
animals, like herded, unthinking  
beasts, was so strong upon me  
that at night in my sleep instead  
of seeing dead and mangled bodies,  
I saw in my dreams vast bodies  
of soldiers passing before me, each  
man wearing the head of some  
beast instead of his own. They  
were not brutal, lionlike men;  
animals I saw; only patient, dumb,  
obedient, long suffering, kindly  
ones, such as cattle, deer, horses,  
dogs.

To be turned into such a man is  
worse than death, and among  
thinking men in the six armies  
that I saw at close range I often  
found soldiers and officers who  
realized what sort of beings they  
had become. There are penalties  
just short of death for men in the  
various armies who sicken of be-  
ing unthinking men—animals and  
try to find a way out of their  
plight by suicide—who stick their  
heads above the trenches or who  
wound themselves with their own  
rifles.

The moral and mental disintega-  
tion that is caused by the sur-  
roundings of military service in  
individual cases, is shocking. This  
applies to all armies that I have  
seen.

"That fellow would be better  
dead," said a friend of mine, an  
Englishman whom we had known  
in peace times walked away from  
us after a chance meeting in the  
Strand. "Everything that was  
good in him is dead already."

Only a year before, this man  
had been a star of Fleet Street.  
He wrote with a sympathy and  
understanding of a human nature  
that made his work stand out. But  
as we saw him all a year in the  
green of an uncommissioned officer,  
the flame of war was on his soul  
as well as on his body.

"I've quit writing," he said, with  
a weak grin that displayed the ab-  
sence of two front teeth. "Some-  
thing's happened to me. I can't  
ever write again. I don't even

## Program For New Theatre

The programs of the New Thea-  
tre vary in them with each perfor-  
mance, depicting the many aspects  
of life from every angle. This  
afternoon's matinee, "The Unattain-  
able," a Bluebird feature, was a dra-  
ma of American society, with the  
glamor of the footlights and the  
glitter of the social whirl, but the  
story culminated in a supreme sac-  
rifice.

"The Unattainable" is the Pro-  
gram for tonight.  
Saturday's matinee will show  
Violet Mercereau in "Autumn."

## Tonight's Show At Alkrama

"The Shielding Shades" will be  
shown tonight, and those who have  
been waiting impatiently for the  
next installment of this interesting  
serial will be rewarded. The last  
chapter published in The Advance  
is repeated today. The pictures  
and story will continue without in-  
terruption each week from this  
time.

"The East of the Cumberland"  
and "The Wrong Punch" are other  
features of tonight's program.

## LILLIPUTIAN WEDDING MATINEE

The George Washington Lillipu-  
tian wedding given by the ladies of  
City Road Church this week will  
be repeated at the Saturday mat-  
inee at the Alkrama. Admission  
is five and ten cents. The regular  
matinee pictures will also be  
shown, and the attraction will be  
a double one. The matinee be-  
gins at three o'clock.

## REGRET CANNOT VISIT E. CITY

### LETTERS FROM EX-PRESIDENTS TAFT AND ROOSEVELT RE- CEIVED BY MR. PUGH EX- PRESSING APPRECIATION OF IN- VITATION

The Elizabeth City Chamber of  
Commerce keeps its eyes open, or  
rather it has a secretary who does.

Among other things Secretary  
Pugh extended Ex-President Taft  
a cordial invitation to stop by the  
Picture City on his way to or from  
Greensboro where he speaks on  
March 22nd. Mr. Taft has just  
replied most courteously and ex-  
pressed regret that his schedule  
had been previously arranged so  
that such a stopover will be im-  
possible.

A similar invitation extended to  
Ex-President Roosevelt brings a  
hearty word of appreciation from  
Felix of the strenuous life, and  
adds:

"I am simply overwhelmed with  
work just now, and it is a physical  
impossibility for me to make an-  
other engagement of any sort."

## CANDIDATE FOR ALDERMAN

I hereby announce my candidacy  
for alderman from the Fourth  
Ward, subject to the rules of the  
Democratic Primary. Your vote  
and your influence will be appre-  
ciated.

H. G. PARKS.

try to do it. Anyhow, what's the  
use? It's all war."

The man that he had been a  
year ago would have killed him-  
self with his own gun rather than  
become the man we saw and talk-  
ed with that afternoon in the  
Strand.

"No more food or money, and  
no more women. I'm simply rat-  
tling mentally." I have had off-  
ergs make this confession to me  
in five different languages in five  
different armies. "I'm rotting,  
and I can't help it."

Not all the bad things of war  
happen to human bodies.

## BESS CITY BOYS SHOW MORE PEP

### COME WITHIN CLOSE MARGIN OF COPPING GAME FROM SEA- SONED VETERANS OF NEW- PORT NEWS.

The fastest game of basket ball  
on the Y. M. C. A. floor this  
season was played Thursday night  
when the Newport News High de-  
fended the Elizabeth City quint  
by the score of 23 to 20. The  
closeness of the score does not  
tell the whole story for Elizabeth  
City had the lead at the close of  
the first half by a margin of four  
points, the score standing 14 to  
10. The summary reveals the fact,  
however, that all the way through  
Elizabeth City was clearly out-  
classed by the visitors in goal  
throwing from the field, Elizabeth  
City's score representing by far  
the larger number of goals from  
the foul line. That Elizabeth City  
was able to put up so close a fight  
against the seasoned aggregation  
from Newport News and to give  
the visitors considerable uneasiness  
as to the outcome of the game,  
however, speaks volumes for what  
good coaching and hard practice  
has done for the local quint this  
season. Indications are that by  
another season Elizabeth City will  
have not only a strong team but  
a winning team—one that will be  
able to make it interesting for all  
comers.

The line up:  
N. News Position E. City  
Jenkins F Wynn  
Hoffman F Blades M  
Christianson C Sawyer L  
Siegel G Lane  
Smith G Evans  
Substitutes—Wynn for Evans;  
McMullan for Wynn.  
Summary: Field goals—Jenkins 1,  
Hoffman 1, Christianson 3; Siegel  
1, Blades, M. 3; Sawyer, 1;  
Paulson's Jenkins, 5; Wynn, 2;  
Blades, 6; Sawyer, 3; McMullan, 1.

## Mr. W. Q. Scott Dead

Mr. W. Q. Scott of Nixonton  
died suddenly at his home Thurs-  
day night.

He was apparently in his usual  
health and worked on farm on  
Thursday and went to bed as usual.  
He was not sick more than ten  
minutes when his death occurred  
at 10:30.

Mr. Scott is survived by his  
wife, by three brothers, Mr. C.  
T. Scott of this city; Mr. S. W.  
Scott of Weeksville, Mr. W. T.  
Scott of Weeksville; by two sisters,  
Mrs. W. T. Halstead and Mrs.  
Jennie Ferrell, both of Weeksville.

The funeral was conducted Fri-  
day by Rev. D. P. Harris at Salem  
church. Interment followed at  
the church burying ground.

## WILLIAM H. GARRETT DEAD

William H. Garrett died at his  
home below Weeksville Thursday  
night about midnight at the age of  
eighty.

He had been sick for a long  
time and had been confined to his  
room for the past three months.  
He is survived by three sons, Wil-  
liam, James, Henry, Tom and a  
younger son, and by two daughters,  
Fattie Garrett and Mrs. Lela Dow-  
dy.

## DEATH AT BELVIDERE

Mr. Henry White of Belvidere  
died Tuesday following a stroke of  
paralysis a few days earlier, it was  
learned here today. Interment  
was made on Wednesday, hundreds  
of people attending the service.

## WEATHER OR NO

High tonight and warmer. Much  
cloud Saturday and probably rain.  
A smart man is one who can  
change his mind, his collar or a  
thousand dollar bill when neces-  
sary.