

## WILL CALL SESSION FOR APRIL SECOND

### Urged by Demand From Country Generally, Cabinet and Congressmen for More Aggressive Action Against Germany.

Washington, March 21—Yielding under pressure from the country generally, the cabinet, and members of Congress, President Wilson has decided to call Congress into extra session on April second instead of April 16th, the date previously set.

The President's decision was reached only after he became convinced that the sinking by Germany of three American freighters on the high seas had brought about a demand from the country for more aggressive action than at any previous time since the German situation loomed up.

The President will demand from Congress drastic measures to further protect American commerce on the high seas. It has been expected that he would announce a state of war existing between the United States and Germany ever since March 14th when the American steamer, *Algonquin*, was sunk. Up to last night his decision in this matter had not been reached. He has strongly leaned toward making no further aggressive step than the rapid preparation of government and naval forces for actual hostilities if such a course should eventually prove inevitable.

When Wilson addresses Congress it is expected that he will ask for some form of universal service at once to prepare the young men of America for proper and efficient service which they may be called on to perform in behalf of their country in case of war.

#### SENTIMENT FAVORS WAR

Declaration of war may be the first action by the new Congress. If the President does not ask for a declaration of war it is believed that Congress will demand one. Some believe that this action will be taken. Others feel that Congress will merely admit that a state of war exists and grant the President full power to take such measures as are necessary to meet the aggressor. This was the action authorized by Congress just before the Spanish American war.

The President's proclamation calling for an extra session on April 2nd stated that he will communicate with Congress regarding grave matters of national policy which should be taken into immediate consideration.

Meantime preparations continue in progress to place the navy and army on war footing.

The country is making a tremendous appeal to avenge Germany's killing of American citizens and the destruction of American property in contravention to international law.

Wilson's new course will bring to an end his unprecedented efforts which have been alike strongly commended and strongly condemned, to keep the country at peace even with Germany in order that he might "perform the greater service of restoring reason in war mad Europe."

#### WILL BRING LASTING PEACE

It is believed that if the United States should enter the war actively the struggle would terminate in a few months. A positive stand by the United States against Germany, it is declared, will encourage the Russian government, hearten the Allied troops, and perhaps, create an irrepressible demand in Germany for the overthrow of autocracy, thereby bringing a "lasting peace" vastly nearer.

#### WEATHER OR NO

Maybe he who hesitates is lost, but so is he who doesn't sometimes. Night tonight. Slightly colder.

## Russian Troops Receive News

Petrograd, March 21—Russian troops at the front received the news of the overthrow of the autocracy and the establishment of a democracy with acclaim, according to dispatches from field headquarters.

## French Take More Towns

Paris, March 21—Ten additional villages have been occupied by the French in their further progress north and northeast of Soissons.

## Five Died When Vigilancia Sank

Washington, March 21—The Consul at Plymouth reports five Americans died when the *Vigilancia* was sunk. Neil North, C. F. Arnold, Esteban Lopez, F. Brown and John Siberia.

## Claims He Can Fly to Europe

St. Paul, Minn., March 20—Paul Rickel, 23 today claimed that he can fly across the ocean in forty hours by using in his engine a certain oil formula he claims to have perfected. He sent this formula to the United States government as a gift. Whether it has been tested is not known.

## New Name For Jitney

Rio De Janeiro, March 1—(By Mail)—The Jitney automobile has been given many names in the United States different from that bestowed by the makers, but on its first and recent appearance in this city it was promptly dubbed "Barata" by the Brazilians. "Barata" means cockroach. The Brazilian cockroach is about as big as a mouse and a racer for speed.

## Invents Torpedo To Attack Ships

Williston, N. D., March 22—Charles J. Field, grandson of Cyrus K. Field, the man who laid the first transatlantic cable and turned it over to the American government, has invented a torpedo designed to guide itself on a magnetic control, into the bowels of enemy vessels. The torpedo attaches itself to the ship by magnetism and remains there until its explosion, which is controlled by a timing device. Government tests credit the torpedo with seven out of eight perfect explosions.

FOR SALE One T. H. P. motorcycle with many tools. R. T. Venters.

## An Explanation

Mr. Editor: In the Independent of the 15th, appears an article headed, "Manteo's Postmaster Buys 48 Bbls of Booze", in which the writer, presumably the editor, manifests a disposition to slander people who have done him no harm that is only excelled by his disposition to state falsehoods galore and glory in so doing.

It would seem from the headline that the article is intended as a criticism of the Manteo Postmaster but its general trend, it resolves itself into an attack upon the people of Nags Head, the very worst of whom would compare favorably with the writer of that article for upright citizenship and gentlemanly principle. To numerate the false statements in the article would be to quote it in its entirety, but to save space, I will simply call attention to the fact that the steamer A. A. Raven while stranded, was nearer to other localities than to Nags Head and of those who went to her and assisted in salvaging the jettisoned cargo, but a small percentage was from Nags Head. There were not fifty barrels of wine thrown overboard. The number actually thrown overboard was forty-five and forty-four of these are accounted for they having been taken by the parties who dragged them from the surf when the assistance of members of the crew of Bodie Island Coast Guard Station, and were delivered at the station for safe keeping until the proper authorities could be consulted as to the customs dues. Internal revenue taxes and the law ascertained as to means of disposing of this property, by shipping or otherwise, so the taxes and salvage would be adjusted. Any purchase of the interest of the underwriters from the agent, simply means the purchaser acquired an interest in what this property will bring when shipped and sold by government authorities for customs and other dues and salvage, and in the meantime the property awaits disposition in the hands of officers of the government with full approval of all parties here claiming any interest as salvors or otherwise. Of the forty-five casks of wine thrown into the sea, the heads of three were burst and the Coast Guard crew emptied the contents on the sand. One instead of TEN of the casks are missing and the others awaited disposition as stated. That there was some drinking from the casks having broken in heads, is reported, but that it was by parties from Nags Head is denied.

It is not claimed that Nags Head is a bit of transplanted Heaven, but for honesty, sobriety, industry, and other qualities of good citizenship, it is contended it will compare favorably with other communities of equal population. What drinking is done at Nags Head is usually by visitors during the summer season. It is a community of peace and fair degree of prosperity, resulting from the industry and honest toil of the people, it is free from the local scandal-monger and the people only are subject to that evil by the weekly visits of a few copies of the Independent. It is to be regretted that such a community is not left in peace, free from the slanderous attacks of a muck-raking newspaper.

J. E. CULPEPPER, Wreck Commissioner. Nags Head, N. C. March 20

## Russia Requests Recognition

Washington, March 21—The American government intends to undertake negotiations for a new commercial treaty with Russia after the new government has been recognized. Ambassador Bakmeiteff has presented the State Department a notice from the new regime just created which amounts to a request for recognition.

Mr and Mrs C. W. Morgan, Jr and Mrs. Tom White, of Hertford motored to the city Tuesday and reported good roads enroute.

## CLAIM RETREAT IS TO VICTORY

### GERMANS THWART ENTENTE'S SPRING OFFENSIVE PLANS AND NOW PREPARE TO SETTLE DOWN TO THEIR NEW POSITIONS

(By United Press) Berlin, March 21—Germany is retreating to victory.—another master stroke achieved by Von Hindenburg. The Entente's plan of a great Spring offensive is destroyed by the retirement on the western front.

The retreat has not yet reached the Hindenburg lines. It is slowing up in speed and stiffening up in fighting.—an indication that the time when the Germans will settle down on their new positions and make a stand is fast approaching.

## SPAIN INFESTED WITH GERMANS

### THESE GIVE INFORMATION TO SUBMARINES LYING IN WAIT FOR VESSELS LEAVING SPANISH PORTS

By WILBUR S. FORREST (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Paris, March 1—(By Mail)—"A vast army of German agents engaged in surveillance of Spanish ports and shipping" is condemned by the Spanish press and demands made on the government to take steps to get the spies out of the country in papers arriving here today. German bomb plots and intrigue in America are pointed to as examples of what the Spanish government is confronted with. Since Spain's refusal to openly break with Germany as a protest against the submarine blockade, the press of that country, excepting the criticism. The objecting papers carry lengthy and detailed revelations of the German agents working in conjunction with the submarines. El Liberal, the great newspaper of Madrid, leads in openly declaring that no ship leaves a Spanish port before its description, cargo, sea route, speed, armament against submarines, makeup of its crew and destination is known to the submarine lying in wait off the Spanish coast. This information is transmitted to the submarines by signals or by wireless that a German agent can say to a ship captain "your vessel will be sunk at such and such a time." And these predictions are nearly always confirmed by facts. Other vessels which pass the tests of the agents are spared, the paper says and continues:

"The German organization is very vast and admirably disposed to take advantage of all the elements at its disposition. Of the sixty thousand to eighty thousand Germans now in Spain, the most part are officers of the German army, marines, inventors, industrial workers, commercial agents and technicians of all sorts who have sought employment on all parts of the Spanish coast. In some instances they work for the lowest wages. This German army is directed by consuls and heads of big German enterprises, commercial and industrial, organized before the war. They have created friendships everywhere, especially among the provincial authorities, the military chiefs, the commandants of marines, the officers of the civil guard the carabinieri, the chiefs of public service among which are the posts and telegraph and civil police. This has given birth to a system of espionage, sagely and methodically organized, which acquaints the Germans with most important and precise information for their submarine campaign.

Miss Sallie Perry returned Tuesday from a hurried business trip to New York, with the latest Spring military offerings.

## Daughters Join In Relief Work

A very interesting meeting of the D. H. Hill Chapter U. D. C., was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Edson Carr on Church street. There was a large attendance and delicious refreshments of unusual style were served by the charming hostess.

A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested toward the subjects brought before the Chapter:

First, a monument to be erected at Fairview, Kentucky, to the memory of Jefferson Davis.

Second, The organization of a Camp of the Sons of Veterans in this city.

Third, a pledge to join hands with the National Surgical Dressing Committee just organized here and render any possible assistance to the branch of work for the relief of suffering soldiers.

## Political Amnesty Decreed in Russia

Petrograd, March 21—General political amnesty has been decreed. Duma delegates are planning to visit all sections of the country and explain the purpose of the new government.

## Woodmen Pledge Loyal Support

Greenwood, S. C. March 21—The full support of forty thousand Woodmen of the World was pledged to the President by the State Convention in session here today.

## Cherokees Elect Officers

At an election of officers for Cherokee Chapter R A M No. 14 the following were chosen for the ensuing year: W. P. Wood, High Priest; G. D. B. Pritchard, King; Louis Selig, Scribe; R. E. Wynn, Captain of Hosts; Charles A. Johnson, Principal Sojourner; R. E. Chesson, Royal Arch Captain; George Wright, Master of Third Vall; Geo. A. Cox, Master of 2nd Vall; Claude R. Tarlington, Master of 1st Vall; A. G. James, Secretary-treasurer; J. C. Bembury, Sentinel.

## Chief Thomas Gets Forger

Chief Thomas this morning picked up Jim Perry, colored, wanted at Plymouth to answer the charge of forgery.

The Deputy Sheriff of Washington County came for him today.

## For Sale Real Estate

One lot on West side of Poindexter Street next to Poindexter Creek. Foundation for building already prepared.

Mill site, on Sheppard Street and Factory Avenue and Charles Creek. Sawmill on property will also be sold.

Lot fronting 63 feet on Parsonage Street and adjoining the Graded School property. On this lot is a comfortable two story dwelling with all conveniences.

Lots 68 and 69, as designated on Plat of Skinner and Gregory. W. A. WORTH, Hinton Bldg. Elizabeth City, N. C. mar 16 17 19 20 21

## IN POLICE COURT

Linwood McClesse, colored, was given three months on the roads this morning for wife beating.

## BICKETT TALKS ABOUT LIVESTOCK

### AND DR. F. D. OWEN IS ALSO ON THE PROGRAM AT THE WILMINGTON MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK

Wilmington, N. C. March 21—Governor Thomas W. Bickett will address the North Carolina Livestock Exposition and Conference to be held at Wilmington, March 25-29. This meeting will be State-wide and promises to be the best of its kind ever held in the State. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion, with the United States Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Service well represented.

The speakers and the subjects for discussion are as follows: Geo. E. Rommel, meat production, F. R. Marshall, sheep industry, A. J. Reed, dairying and dairy products, Dr. F. P. Yager, tick eradication, Dr. F. D. Owen, diseases of livestock, Dan T. Gray, hogs and pastures, R. S. Curtis, Beef cattle production, J. Moss, soy beans, F. Westover, alfalfa.

Dr. B. W. Kilgore, director of the Experiment Station, T. B. Parker, director of Farmer's Institutes and W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture will make addresses as well as Dr. Bradford Knapp, Chief of the Farm Extension Work in the United States.

The exhibit of livestock will represent the two types of beef and dairy cattle, and the various breeds of hogs. A model dairy will be a feature of the exhibit from the Pender test farm.

All indications point to a large attendance from every section of the State.

## Taft Starts on Southern Trip

Richmond, Virginia, March 21—Former President William Howard Taft arrived here today for the first speech in "Paul Revere" tour of the South and West to arouse the spirit of patriotism and preparedness in those sections. Dr. Taft will go from here to Greensboro, N. C.

## To Night At New Theatre

"The Social Buccaneer" is Wednesday's attraction at the New Theatre.

The story is a fascinating one of a young American's experience first in China, then later in New York where his love of adventure and philanthropy are interwoven with the Chinese in the big city.

Warren Kerrigan and Louise Lovely are supported by a notable cast in this Bluebird photoplay and its unusual plot and oriental charm make it a picture quite out of the ordinary.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church, South, will meet at 6:30 Sunday evening. The Juniors will conduct the services. The public is cordially invited.

## A NOTICE TO PATRONS OF ALKRAMA THEATRE

Dear Friend and Patrons: We take this method of advising you that "Shielding Shadow" will be shown on Thursday matinee and night of this week. This change is made necessary on account of the extra picture of Margaret Clark in "Silks and Satine", Friday. The Last of the Lumberlands will be shown Friday with the Margaret Clark Picture.

Please inform your friends of this change, and by so doing, confer a favor on both us and your friends. Thanking you, we are Yours very truly, The Alkrama Theatre.