

WILSON MUST SHOW HIS HAND

NEW CONGRESSMEN AT NATIONAL CAPITAL THINK THAT ONLY BY SUCH COURSE CAN PRESIDENT BE CERTAIN OF GETTING WHAT HE WANTS

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Washington, March 27—That the President must be positive and specific if he gets what he wants from Congress is the impression of forty per cent of the new Congressmen now present here. They say that Wilson shows a position to be timely suggestive and that such a course on his part may mean disastrous delay in putting through his real program. Apparently now the temper of Congress favors a leader who will give definite reasons for the extraordinary session.

There is evidence that some of the western members have come from the folks back home with their war ardor slightly cooled. Most of them admit that they will follow the President's lead, provided he doesn't mince words or speak in generalities.

Interest in the stand of Senator Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee is keen. It is reported that he is ready to fight additional war moves against Germany.

Meantime the President is whipping the looked for message into shape. It is stated that this will be the longest address he has yet made to the Congress, and that he will recommend the immediate passage of the legislation that was lost in the rack as the preceding Congress expired.

RUSSIA PLANNING RE-ORGANIZATION

THE MENACE OF GERMAN DRIVE IS HASTENING THE PROCESS ACCORDING TO ADVICES FROM PETROGRAD

By United Press
Petrograd, March 28—The menace of the German drive into Russia is accelerating the re-organization of Democratic Russia.

The greatest energy is apparent at the war office. Troops at the front have been apprised of the reasons of the revolution and of plans for the future. A systemized distribution of food supplies has been affected which is relieving for a short time the shortage that was so keenly felt in some districts before the war. Ammunition orders placed in the United States are also being speeded up.

Diabetes is Kaiser's Malady

By United Press
Bernes, March 28—The Kaiser's malady, on account of which he is now at Hamburg for treatment, is a mild form of diabetes, according to wireless dispatches received here today. His physicians are said to have given assurance that with careful treatment they can cure the disease. It is admitted, however, that worry is retarding the Emperor's recovery.

New Regiments Called to Colors

By United Press
Washington, March 28—The First West Virginia the 74th New York, 2nd Connecticut and 2nd New Jersey infantry regiments of the National Guard were ordered into Federal Service today.

"Tanks" Used To Take Town

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With the British Armies, March 28—For the first time since the beginning of the fighting in Belgium armored cars supported by cavalry attacked a town today with entire success. The German garrison at Boyelles was swept into a well laid trap, the German's making little resistance as they were not prepared against such an attack but were expecting only advances skirmishes. Boyelles is now held by a strong British force.

CAN COPE WITH GERMAN REFUGEES

NO MILITARY MOVEMENT OF GERMANS IN MEXICO NOW THREATENING ANYTHING MORE SERIOUS THAN BORDER RAIDS

By United Press

Washington, March 28—While realizing the possibilities of trouble as a result of the gathering Germans in Mexico, the Government believes that it is prepared to cope with the situation. Reports show that Germans in considerable number are fleeing to Mexico, possibly fearing that they will be herded in internment camps if they remain in this country. Border raids will be guarded against; but so far military move against the United States from the Mexican border is of sufficient scope to cause serious worry.

The fear of munition plant plots, fostered in Mexico, is one reason why the militia have been placed on police duty to guard such plants.

Offers Russia Separate Peace

By United Press

London, March 28—General Neville is driving a wedge with sledge hammer blows, into the German line north north of La Fere and Laon. The fighting is of open variety, cavalry and armored forging ahead and harassing the retreating Germans. A rumor reached here by way of Poland today that Germany had offered separate peace to Russia, suggesting the autonomy of Poland and the internationalization of Constantinople as a basis of agreement.

Scatter German Propaganda

By United Press

Washington, March 28—German propaganda in New York Congressional districts is being distributed at German Lutheran churches, with request that letters regarding it be sent Congressmen. At least one member has received a batch of these letters already. But on the other hand he has another batch from Germans not in sympathy with the movement and pledging support to Wilson.

Students Offer Services to U. S.

By United Press

University, Va., March 28—Advanced chemistry students of the University of Virginia today placed themselves at the disposal of the Government.

EASTER FLOWERS! GOOD AGONY! LEAVE YOUR ORDER AT THE APOTHECARY SHOP
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PLANTING DAY! APRIL 5

A Proclamation by the Governor

Our forefathers established the noble custom of setting apart a day in autumn on which to return thanks to the Lord of the Harvest for having blessed them with the "kindly fruits of the earth."

A true interpretation of the Thanksgiving spirit comprehends all reasonable efforts on our part to insure celestial bounty. The conditions which now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power.

1. The world war has drawn to the battle line millions of those who in times of peace "went forth to sow." China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed.

2. From the south the boll weevil is marching on North Carolina. Full cribs and smoke houses are the sure and safe defense against the coming of this pest. In every State the destruction of cotton by the boll weevil has been followed by the paralysis of the farmer's credit. Being forewarned of the steady advance of this enemy and the certain consequence of its attack, it will be colossal stupidity to fail to meet it with the only weapons that have proved effective, to wit, broad acres of grasses and grains.

3. The amended crop lien law was framed to give to the small farmer a decent chance to escape from a credit system that levies upon the right to live and labor the heaviest tribute imposed upon a helpless people since Augustus Caesar issued his decree that all the world should be taxed. But the farmer who fails to increase his food and feed crops will deny to himself and family the blessings of the law. The merchant will properly refuse to make unlimited advances under the new law. Long profits will no longer tempt him to take long chances. He will wisely and justly insist that the farmer

must produce his own meat and meal, and when he has done this he will find no difficulty in obtaining other necessary supplies.

All these things make a substantial increase in our food and feed crops essential to our self preservation.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby designate and set apart

THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF APRIL, 1917 AS PLANTING DAY and on that day I earnestly urge:

1. All mayors of incorporated towns to call the people together and devise and put into execution practical ways and means of having every vacant lot in and adjacent to the town planted to grain or grass, peas or potatoes.

2. All farmer's organizations of every kind to meet and counsel their members to heavily increase their food and feed crops this year.

3. All landlords to insist that their tenants shall plant food and feed crops ample for the sustenance of their families and their livestock.

4. All merchants and bankers to counsel their customers who are engaged in farming to increase the acreage planted to food and feed crops to such an extent that it will be unnecessary for them to purchase any food supplies next year.

The times are troublous. No man can say what an hour may bring forth; but if we shall act with prudence and diligence, the "meal will waste not nor will the oil fall."

Done at our city of Raleigh, this the 16th day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American Independence.

T. W. BICKETT,
Governor.

WOULD CREATE NEW DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED BILL WOULD ADD NEW MEMBER TO PRESIDENT'S CABINET AND MAKE UNITED STATES GREATEST AERIAL POWER

By United Press

Washington, March 28—A separate executive department of the Government is to be headed by an added member of the cabinet to be created to assume sole charge of the country's aviation service if the bill which Representative Caldwell will introduce next week passes. The plan proposed would make the United States the greatest aerial power in the world.

Saturday Marks Formal Transfer

Washington, March 28—The Danish West Indies will be formally taken over by the United States Saturday when the Stars and Stripes will be unfurled over St. Thomas. Simultaneously \$25,000,000.00 will be paid the Danish Minister at Washington.

To Night At New Theatre

"Behind the Lines," the photoplay version of Mary Rider's thrilling story, will be shown at the New Theatre tonight, introducing a typical cast of Bluebird players which means the best to be seen on the screen.

"Behind the Lines" is a military drama, dealing with diplomatic relations with the United States and Mexico. It will be of unusual interest at this time of international tense and complication, and will appeal to young patriots and old—if there be of the latter class, which is perhaps impossible, since patriotism kindles all hearts to perpetual youth.

On Thursday matinee and night the Kline-Edison feature, "The Sentimental Lady" will be seen, featuring Irene Fenwick.

"The Sentimental Lady" is a charming story of American life in which a young attorney champions the cause of a young business woman winning her case and incidentally her heart. It is typically American with true American strength and vigor and is a delightful story from start to finish.

CURRITUCK JOINS ASS'N

LEADING BUSINESS MEN OF THAT COUNTY WILL HAVE BENEFITS OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION AND CO-OPERATION OF SECRETARY PUGH

Currituck's leading business men have entered heartily into the Business Men's Credit Association, forming a branch of the Elizabeth City Association in co-operation with Secretary C. R. Pugh.

Mr. P. R. Trueblood has returned to the city after a very successful canvass of the county.

"Currituck is progressive," says Mr. Trueblood. "In business, in schools and in every up-to-date movement for progress. It is a pleasure to know Currituck people. They respond so readily to a progressive movement. You talk to a Currituck business man for fifteen minutes and he sees the merits of what you are presenting. If your case has merits.

"As for Currituck hospitality, it is extraordinary, and makes you feel ashamed of yourself."

Following are the members of the Association enrolled from Currituck County:

J. P. Barnard, Shawboro; J. W. Poyner, Fiske and Chariton, C. R. Van de Carr Co., Moyock; W. L. Powers and Sons, Northwist; E. R. Johnson, Currituck; D. Lindsey, Maple; C. Barco, Barco; Hampton Bros., Waterlily; S. C. Grav, Corolla; A. B. Hampton, Aydlett; D. W. Woodhouse, Poplar Branch; Grandy & Brown, W. B. Morrisette Grandy; W. H. Gallot, T. L. Garrenton, Jarvisburg; H. W. and W. W. Newbern Co., C. A. Brock, Powells Point.

These members have adopted the Credit Guide as their rating book and will have all the privileges and benefits of the Business Men's Credit Association.

Food Supply Overestimated

Amsterdam, March 28—The German food dictator admitted in the Reichstag today that the amount of food in the territory under German control has been overestimated. Increased production is impossible, he said, owing to the lack of labor and difficulties of transportation.

Dave Robertson "Strikes Out"

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Robinson of 701 Chamberlayne avenue, Ginter Park, Richmond, have announced the engagement of their

DEMONSTRATOR ARRIVES TODAY

MR. CURTIS WILL SHOW THE VALUE OF THE TITAN TRACTOR THURSDAY MORNING ON DR BLADE'S FARM

Mr. N. D. Curtis, Manager of Eastern North Carolina for International Harvester Company of America, arrived in the city this morning to put on the finishing touches for the big traction engine ploughing demonstration to be held on the farm of Dr. L. S. Blades, Thursday, March 29th as advertised in this paper over the signature of Spence & Hollowell, Local Representatives.

"The eyes of nearly half of the civilized world," says Mr. Curtis, are today focussed on the American farmer, looking to him for food and clothing. His resources will be taxed to the fullest extent, and for this reason, it behooves every American farmer to take advantage of every known device to increase production in order to meet the ever increasing demand. It is useless to say that prices will be higher, for the law of supply and demand always fixes the price.

"The demonstration will be a real big educational feat in modern farming, as all questions will be cheerfully and conscientiously answered. Every farmer should take advantage of this free demonstration."

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

"Bessie Harriscala" will be seen in one of Triangles Special Dramas entitled "Honors Altar." A more interesting story of true devotion and affection of a woman for her husband has rarely been screened than the one to be shown tonight.

In order to make you laugh, a Mack Swain Keystone Comedy, "His Auto Ruination," will be run for the sole purpose of making you feel in a good humor for a nice night's rest.

At the Alkrama Thursday Vivian Martin will be seen in "The Wax Model." One of the Paramounts supreme efforts to produce an incomparable beautiful picture around a wonderful story. Vivian Martin has been seen here many times before, and is noted for her beauty and vivaciousness of manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew will also be there to give you a good laugh.

Owing to the unprecedented popularity of the Friday night feature shows, The Alkrama has decided to give another big one for Friday Matinee and Night.

Lillian Cish is the Star and well worthy of the name Star. All the theatre goers will be delighted to learn that this greatest success "Diana of the Follies" will be the attraction. In addition to this five part feature, there will be shown "The Shielding Shadow" and "The Lass of the Lumberlands."

Infant Son Dead

The infant son of Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Owen died at the home on North Road street Tuesday night. The little child was only a day old, but seemed to be well and Dr. Owen had started to Wilmington where he was on the program of the meeting of the Livestock Association, when he was recalled by a message announcing the baby's death.

daughter Miss Elizabeth Robinson Akers to David Robertson, better known to his friends and to the baseball fans of the country as Dave and Davy.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of the North Carolina State College and has received his M. D. There is some question, it is said, whether he will continue to play baseball next season or follow his profession.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair tonight with light frost. Thursday fair and warmer. Beware of secret tips. A man can lie just as well in a whisper as he can out loud.