

REAL WAR IS ON THE HORIZON

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Washington, March 30—Von Beth-
man Holweg's speech in the Reich-
stag yesterday dissipated the last
doubt. Real war is on the horizon
The general consensus of opinion is
that the conflict is now not to be
avoided.

President Wilson and his cabinet
are expected at the cabinet meeting
this afternoon to shape the last de-
tail of the policy that will mean
the entry of the United States into
the greatest conflict in history.
Holweg's speech swept aside all
remaining doubts from the minds of
international experts that President
Wilson will make demand upon
Congress that America shall play
her full part in the struggle. He
is turning now strongly toward
favor of universal military training
in view of men who have followed
closely the trend of events.

Indications are that the pacifist
element in Congress will be swamp-
ed beneath the tide of patriotism
now steadily rising. The Presi-
dent's speech will make German
guilt and German perfidy evident.
Holweg's speech yesterday is taken
as indicating fatigue. His mes-
sage was foolishly insincere United
States officials think and they be-
lieve that it will be a power to
turn the balance in Germany and
Austria against autocracy.

Congress will undoubtedly author-
ize the President to call at least
5,000,000 men to the colors.

Three Consuls Are on way

Washington, March 30—A general
revision of rates on fruit and vege-
tables from southern producing
points to northern markets is an-
nounced by the Interstate Com-
merce Commission. Reductions as
well as increases are involved.
From New Orleans to seventeen
principal markets east and west of
the Mississippi 477 rates are in-
creased, 332 reduced, and 37 re-
main unchanged.

May Organize Civil Employees

Washington, March 30—A board
has been appointed by the War
Department to consider the advisa-
bility of organizing civil employees
for defense on the Panama Canal.

Contracts for Submarine nets

Washington, March 30—The con-
tract for a hundred steel cable an-
ti-submarine nets was awarded by
the Navy Department today, cost-
ing \$88,100. These nets are to be
1,500 feet long and 34 feet wide
and are like those used by the
British in the Thames.

The Atlantic seaboard is being
constantly scanned for submarines.
All maritime advices order co-opera-
tion with the navy in a close
vigil.

ACHOREE LODGE MEETS
Achoree Lodge I. O. O. F meets
tonight in the hall on Broad street.
All members are urged to be pres-
ent.

Note of Doubt In Reichstag

(By United Press)
Amsterdam, March 30—For the
first time since the beginning of
the war a note of doubt regarding
Germany's future crept into the
dispatches from Berlin today giv-
ing comments on Holweg's Reichstag
speech last night.
One newspaper is quoted as hop-
ing that "Germany is prepared to
fight the new and powerful foe."
Socialist organs denounce the Zim-
merman Mexican Japanese scheme
and declare that the Prussian gov-
ernment must be abolished. Social-
ist plans are gaining new adher-
ents and German leaders foresee a
menace to their powers in such un-
rest.

Mustered Into Service

(By United Press)
Washington, March 30—Battery E
and F, Connecticut field artillery
were today ordered mustered into
Federal service.

Display Flags on April 2nd

(By United Press)
New York, March 30—The may-
ors of 215 cities have asked these
cities to start the movement through-
out the country for a nation wide
display of flags on April 2nd, the
day that Congress convenes.

Repulsed by British Forces

(By United Press)
Berlin, (Sayville Wireless) March
30—The Germans south of Peronne
an north of Reisel gave way in a
line from Royal Coat to Serel in
the face of Superior British forces/
Elsewhere French and British at-
tacks have been bloodily repulsed.

Richmond Wants Armor Plant

Washington, March 30—A dele-
gation of Richmond business men called
on Secretary of Navy Daniels this
morning in the attempt to obtain
the proposed armor plate plant

Goethals is N J Engineer

(By United Press)
Trenton, March 30—General Go-
ethals has been formally appointed
New Jersey's State Engineer with
a salary of \$25,000.

**WANTED: YOU TO LET US
TAKE YOUR ORDER FOR EAST-
TERRACE FLOWERS WE ARE AGENTS
FOR A. R. NEWTON, THE POPU-
LAR NORFOLK FLORIST.— THE
APOTHECARY SHOP
Mar 28 29 30 31**

Will Give Free Seed

The Chamber of Commerce has
free seed for distribution to those
who will plant gardens this year.
As long as the supply lasts they
will be given out to those who
make application for them. Eliza-
beth City folks interested in reduc-
ing the high cost of living should
see Secretary Pugh at once, get
these seed and plant a garden.

Coriath School Closes Tonight

The Closing Exercises of Coriath
school will begin promptly at
eight o'clock tonight. They have
been carefully prepared. Without
doubt they will be highly enjoyable.
They consist of a Play "Pickled Pol-
low," Songs, Drills, and recita-
tions followed by delightful refresh-
ments. Public cordially invited.
Following are some of the things
out of the ordinary done by the
school.
Thanksgiving Exercises, largely
attended by parents and friends of
the school. The pupils issued in-
vitations on drawings in the shape
of pumpkins. "A Postal Sale"
from which it realized \$17. "A Box
Supper" from which it secured
\$15.65. Bought pictures, teacher's
chair, shade for all the windows,
other necessary fixtures, basket
ball, volley ball, improved grounds
and have money with which to pur-
chase additional library books.
Miss Mary LeRoy and Miss Ella
Thornton are the teachers.

Will Close For A few Days

The New Theatre will close fol-
lowing Saturday night's show for
a number of days in order that the
lobby and interior may be remodel-
ed. A larger and superior screen
is also to be placed in the theatre
and the playhouse will open next
week again with facilities increased
for pleasing its patrons.

The New Theatre under the di-
rection of Mr. Louis opened its
doors not very many weeks ago
with afternoon and night shows,
giving Elizabeth City the first regu-
lar matinee service in many sea-
sons and has enjoyed marked popu-
larity. It features the well known
Bluebird pictures and other high
class films and make an effort to
give the public "the best pictures
to be had" says Mr. Louis.

Work on the building will go
forward as rapidly as possible in
order that the doors may again be
opened at an early date. The re-
opening will be marked by a spe-
cial picture of unusual interest and
merit—the title of which will be
announced in this paper with in a
few days.

Mr. Cohoon has Modern Pig Pen

Mr. F. F. Cohoon is just com-
pleting a modern sanitary pig pen
on his farm just outside the city.
"I began this plan fifteen years ago
says Mr. Cohoon" and then got
interested in newspaper work for a
long time and did not get the idea
carried out. Now it is about ready
for the habitation of the most aris-
tocratic hogs in the county. It has
floors, so that the pigs can't
breathe in dust and get the
"chumps." It has feeding troughs
of my own panning that slide the
food down without immersing the
hogs. It has separate water and
feeding troughs, a living room, a
dining room and bed rooms, and,
by short, is up to date in every re-
spect.

CONFER DEGREES TONIGHT
Eureka Lodge No. 317 A F and
A M will confer the second de-
gree tonight in the hall. All mem-
bers are requested to be present at
7:30. Grand Lecturer J. N. Pat-
ton will officiate. Refreshments
will be served.

SHE PANTS--ER MILADY PANTS

THAT WHEEZE ABOUT THE
WOMAN WEARING THE PANTS
IS NOW A FACT, NOT A
JOKE

By MARGARET MASON
(Written For the United Press)

The busy housewife pants these
days
As she does up the chores.
You see she's cast her skirts aside
For trouserettes indoors.

In a class with the hoary and de-
crepit mother in law joke the one
about the advanced female donning
the trousers has done equally long
and faithful service. But lo and
behold the latter wheeze has done
ceased to be a joke and in these
days of 1917 become a stern reality.

Dr. Mary Walker blazed the trail
for the wearing of masculine
nether garments, I believe, but it
took a heap of red tape to keep
them on Zulu. Curie more recent-
ly gained the permission of her
government to wear 'em after a great
deal of trouble and time, but now
everybody's doing it with the great-
est ease and nonchalance.

Along with the high cost of liv-
ing and other evils, of course, this
feminine penchant for trousers
must be blamed on the poor o'd
war. Only this time it is no
evil but a blessing in disguise—of
pants.

With the women forced to take
over the tasks of males in all
fighting countries, naturally it was
meat that they should take over
the cut of their clothes as well.
One can't very adequately oil en-
gines, pow drive motors and run
elevators all done up in skirts and
petticoats.

Sitting on the sidelines, Malden
America, and Matron America as
well, have calmly appropriated, as
they do all imported fads and fash-
ions, those bifurcated garments for
their own and pant no longer mere-
ly with emotion or exertion but
with gingham, denim, chambray,
silk and satin.

By a quaint whimsey of fate it
isn't the advanced female of the
joke who is now wearing the trouser
effects, however, but the dear,
domestic little wives and mothers,
the "Queens of the home" and the
"housewives of the hearth."

As a first aid to baking, brewing,
sweeping and chores of the home
in general, nothing could be neater,
sweeter or flatter than one of the
new pantalette house dresses.

They are made with a blouse
waist, with sailor collar and loose,
three quarter sleeves. They have
a neat little belt, button down the
front and there are two dandy,
handy big patch pockets, one on
each hip. Thus far they are no
different than the little old last
year's model house dress.

But below the pockets comes the great
divide into cunning little trouser-
ettes that clasp the ankles with an
elastic headed frill or else hang
straight with a stitched band of the
material bound in them, like an
honest to goodness regular male
trouser cuff.

On some of the prettier models
this band around the bottom of the
pantalettes like the belt, collar, and
sleeve cuffs, is of a contrasting
shade of material. These sensible
and saucy suits come in chambray
gingham, denim, and khaki in
pink or blue or white or tan.

Then there are the regulation
overall, the female of the species
resembling much the male. These
are of course for the more strenuous
walks of workaday feminine life.

Skating overalls are cutting some
face these days too, let me tell you.
Fair skaters find they can cut a
much better figure eight or say old
figure at all in the smart new
tailored trousers of novelty suiting
and tweek cut generously wide with
big flap pockets on each hip and
cunning suspenders of the same
material holding them secretly in
place.

My lady of elegant leisure is
panting to be in a trousered class
with her sisters, the sporting girl
and the busy housewife. So she

Dollar Declines 16 per Cent

(By United Press)
Washington, March 30—America
has suffered a net loss of sixteen
per cent in the purchasing value of
the dollar in the ten years ending
with the year 1916, the department
of labor announced today. Salar-
ies have increased 19 per cent. Food
has increased 39 per cent.

No Signs of Dissension

(By United Press)
Washington, March 30—The Dem-
ocrats in the House caucus with
33 per cent today renominated by
acclamation all old officers. There
were no signs of dissension on in
the appointment of committeemen
to fill the vacancies in the Ways
and Means Committee.

Debaters Are On Hand

Hertford's debaters, William H.
Gaither, and Thelma Elliott, are in
the city ready to meet Elizabeth
City's representatives tonight at the
High School auditorium. The judges
will be Messrs W. L. Cohoon, E. L.
Sawyer and W. M. Hinton. A large
and enthusiastic crowd is expected
to cheer Elizabeth City's speakers
and a delegation is also here from
Hertford.

James Brown and Julian Baum of
Poplar Branch were here today on
their way to debate Manteo tonight.
They were accompanied by Prof.
L. L. Lohr of Poplar Branch.

Misses Carrie Wescott and Eula
Griffin of Manteo passed through
the city on their way to debate
South Mills tonight.

Elizabeth City has sent Clarence
Ashby and Geneva Roane to Eden-
ton to debate.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Owing to the unprecedented popu-
larity of the Friday night feature
shows, The Alkrama has decided to
give another big one for tonight.

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."

Saturday at the Alkrama matinee
and night.

Hypocriasy, with Virginia Pearson,
Musty Suffer, with Musty Himself
His Busted Trust, with "S'm"
Summerville.

"Hypocriasy," deserves more than
passing mention. It is an expose
of the shams of society, with Vir-
ginia Pearson, playing the part of
Virginia Trent, a debutant, whose
mother lives beyond her means, and
insists upon her daughter making
a wealthy marriage.

There are two suitors, one favor-
ed by the mother and the other
by Virginia. Virginia marries the
one she prefers, who is practically
a ruined man on his wedding day.

affects the straight, black silk
trousers of the Chinese woman,
topped with a gaily embroidered
Chinese coat for her "robe intime"
or the full trousers of the Turkish
trophy under a flowing coat of silk.

Wearing trousers has indeed
become such a fascinating habit
that the 1917 female cannot even
doff them off at night and so she
does, when the shades of night
have fallen down and the window
shades are down as well, cutesy lit-
tle suits of pajamas with feminine
V cut décollete and short sleeved
upper, and masculine, straight out,
ankle length lowers.

So you see it keeps lovely woman
panting twenty four hours a day to
keep up with these strenuous
times.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND LABOR

AGRICULTURAL AND LABOR DE-
PARTMENTS WITH CIVIL SER-
VICE COMMISSION ARE WORK-
ING ON REMEDY FOR NATION

(By United Press)

Washington, March 30—A serious
labor and food shortage faces the
nation.

The Agricultural and Labor De-
partment, and the Civil Service
Commission are working on a rem-
edy.

There is an alarming shortage of
farm labor in the western agricul-
tural districts due in large measure
to the withdrawal of men for mil-
lita duty. This will have a se-
rious effect on higher food prices.

The demand for farm labor is in-
creasing because of Spring planting.
The record prices are likely to
continue unless crop production
can be increased.

Surveying Road E. City-Moyock

Mr. Anson Cohoon of Medford,
Oregon, and Mr. Willis Ferebee
of Camden are this week at work
surveying the Moyock-Elizabeth
City section of the new Norfolk-
Elizabeth City highway. Mr. Co-
hoon is on a visit to his father, Mr.
F. F. Cohoon, of this city. At
Medford he is employed by the
United States government in the
Forest Service.

To Night At New Theatre

"The Evil Women Do," a grip-
ping story of intrigue and ven-
geance, will be seen at the New
Theatre tonight. The tragedy of a
woman's smiles and wiles and
guiles makes a strong appeal.

Saturday's play is "Hazel Kirke,"
a charming story of the Kentucky
hills with a heroine and hero of the
real outdoors. "For delightful var-
iety the New Theatre is unequalled
anywhere" say the patrons of the
popular playhouse. The shows are
always good and they are always
different.

WILL GIVE FLAGS AT SATURDAY'S MATINEE

The Alkrama will give a patriotic
emblem to all children who visit
the Alkrama Theatre Saturday af-
ternoon.

Manager Kramer has purchased
a large quantity of small American
flags with a stick pin inserted, to
give to every child who visits the
Alkrama Saturday afternoon. It
will be necessary to attend the
matinee in order to get one of
these flags. Mr. Kramer is giv-
ing these souvenirs to "Young
America" with the compliments of
the season, and trust that all who
wear them will be glad that they
are Americans, and have the priv-
ilege of wearing "Old Glory"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

In the absence of Dr. B. C.
Hening who is conducting revival
services in Norfolk, Rev. R. L.
Gay of Raleigh will preach at the
First Baptist church Sunday morn-
ing, and Rev. D. P. Harris of
this city will fill the pulpit Sunday
night.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH N

Rev. R. L. Gay of Raleigh, will
preach at the evening service at
7:30, supplying for the pastor, Rev.
I. N. Loftin, who continues ill at
his home on Pennsylvania Avenue.
Herbert Peele will speak at the
morning service.

WEATHER OR NO
Fair Friday night, Saturday day