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Generally fair and colder tonight. Wednesday fair. Strong West and Northwest winds.

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Economic Pressure May Reduce Land Armaments

Herbert Hoover Tells The World That American Money Loaned To European Nations Must Not Be Used To Bolster Credits And Support Armies And Shows That There's A Reason

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Washington, Mar. 6.—The United States Government is taking steps to prevent American money from being used wastefully in Europe and to compel foreign peoples who seek loans here to promise to use capital for reproductive purposes only.

The full significance of what the American Government insists is not a political but an economic defensive measure is just becoming apparent. With the failure of European countries to balance their budgets because they are spending too much money for the maintenance of armies, there has developed a tendency on the part of municipalities as well as central governments abroad to finance themselves loosely on the expectation that they can always make up their deficits by borrowings through American banking concerns.

This process will be abruptly halted by the United States Government through the use of its moral influence and its power of publicity. The views of the administration are summed up by Herbert Hoover as follows:

"America is today the remaining great reservoir of surplus capital, and we must remain strong and conserve the rightful use of this capital if the world is to recover. We will need much of it for the upbuilding of our homes and public utilities, stagnated today through inequalities in readjustment between industries. But our surplus even then is greater than our needs, and it would be disaster indeed if it were dissipated in wasteful expenditures abroad.

"All loans to foreign nations which are not employed in reproductive work are a destruction of the capital. It is vital that our bankers and investors should scrutinize the loans to which they are asked to subscribe that they may be sure that they are employed for reproductive purposes or the refunding of outstanding obligations. The furnishing of raw materials the construction of transportation facilities, public utilities and work throughout the world is a use for American capital that blesses both the borrower and the lender. The upbuilding of the rest of the world and its consuming power adds primarily to world well-being, but it also adds to the demand for our own labor, the products of our own farmers, and the services of our own merchants.

"But loans that are dissipated in military expenditure or in unbalanced budgets in the bolstering up of inflated currencies, are a double loss to the world. They are not only a loss in that they add nothing to the increased productivity—to the consuming power of the world, but they are a loss in that they entail the postponement of those measures which are vital for the economic rehabilitation of the world."

This viewpoint, on which President Harding and his cabinet are in unanimous agreement, is in reality a sequel to the failure of the Washington arms conference to do anything on land armament. It is protested that the move is made in defense of America's economic situation. That is true, but the whole economic problem in Europe is so interrelated to the question of expenditures for large standing armies that the United States is taking its own protective measures and precautions so that American money will not assist inflation but will tend to reduce its scope.

The Department of State is the agency through which the administration hopes from time to time to function on this question. Just the other day a significant statement was issued calling upon American bankers to be more careful about committing themselves to foreign loans. Most of the larger banking syndicates, the White House says, have been playing ball with the American Government and submitting the loan proposals in advance so that the Department of State could express objections if it desired. But certain banking groups, the names of which for the present are withheld, have not been cooperating. Certain foreign bonds have been offered at attractive interest rates which apart from their effect on America's own interest rates particularly in government re-

FLU WAS JINX AT CURRITUCK COURT

But Judge Bond Disposed Of Docket To Best Advantage Possible In Single Day

With one decree of absolute divorce granted and with one alleged bootlegger convicted of aiding and abetting in the illicit manufacture of liquor, and with not another case having gone to the jury, the Spring term of Currituck Court adjourned Monday after a one day session beginning at ten o'clock in the morning and continuing until darkness came in the evening.

The jinx was the flu. With 500 cases reported in the county, with members of the bar looking askance at every man who coughed or sneezed, with at least one defendant and nobody knows how many jurors and witnesses just up out of bed, and with many other witnesses and parties to suits absent on account of illness, the machinery of court appeared so badly crippled that Judge Bond and the bar were agreed that the better course was to dispose of as many matters as possible Monday and not to carry the term over into another day.

No less an authority than Dr. W. T. Griggs said in the presence of a representative of this newspaper that the scare that the flu-jinx threw into the midst of the members of the bar and into the face of the presiding judge was a false alarm. Dr. Griggs did not deny that there had been something like 500 cases in the county, but the epidemic, he said, was of very mild form and had been restricted mainly to the Grandy community and that in his opinion it had passed its zenith and had already begun to subside. But the doctor's statement was not made in open court but in the presence of a very small group out on the courthouse ground, and the jinx continued to work and with such good effect that Solicitor Ehringhaus before the passing of the morning session was beginning to feel decided symptoms of an attack and during the whole afternoon session, except when speaking, though the day was sunny and warm, sat with his overcoat drawn over his shoulders and spoke with a voice decidedly husky and weak.

Definite Accomplishment However, the day did not pass without some definite accomplishment.

The sensational case in which Tom Evans, charged with running off with another man's wife, is defendant, for instance, was again continued but with the provision that should the State not be able to get certain witnesses from Norfolk to the trial at the next term, the defense would admit their depositions into the evidence in lieu of their personal testimony. The State's inability to get these witnesses in September was responsible for the continuance of the case at that term.

The case against Annie Basnight, Trannie Crank, and Susie Crank was called and the defendants failed to appear; but instead of being merely continued to the next term it was on motion of the solicitor moved to Pasquotank County, where the defendants reside, when Mr. Ehringhaus explained to the court how time after time the case had been continued through the fact that some of the defendants claimed to be unable to get to the courthouse at Currituck over the rough long roads on account of illness or for some other good reason.

At the request of the Currituck Game Commission, the case of Ed. Brumley, charged with violation of the game laws, was not pressed.

It was found in the trial of E. F. East for violation of the State prohibition laws that the defendant was a former service man who at the time of his discharge had developed tuberculosis, and in view of this fact and of the further fact that the jury did not find him guilty of the actual manufacture of liquor but only of aiding and abetting in its manufacture, the court permitted him to go back to his family in Virginia under a suspended judgement. East when arrested was living in a little abandoned hut near Snowden, the home of a negro who had lately died, and a path led from a hut to a still in the woods back of it and pretty conclusive evidence showed that East's cart and horse had been used in transporting the liquor made at the still up to the house. Sheriff Flora made the raid which resulted in finding the still and in the arrest of East about two weeks ago and since that time East has been lodged in the Currituck County jail.

Decree of absolute divorce was granted on statutory grounds in the case of Nina Collins against Gary Collins, the plaintiff being represented by W. L. Small.

Got No Divorce W. L. Halstead of South Mills came to grief, however, when sought to

She Wouldn't Have Been Old Maid Now

Alice Robertson Thinks Men Are More Ardent As Politicians Than Lovers

Kansas City, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—Miss Alice Robertson, representative in Oklahoma, speaking at a rally of Republican women here today, declared that when she was first approached to run for Congress she didn't think herself capable of running for dog catcher and that the man was so insistent that if the same tactics had been used in the matter of changing her name she would not be an old maid now.

Demand The Surrender Of Limerick Police Barracks

Dublin, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—Reports that the Republican Mutineers have given the free state forces forty-eight hours notice to surrender Limerick police barracks are current here. This has intensified the situation at Limerick and caused genuine anxiety to free staters.

BORAH RESOLUTION TO GET QUICK ANSWER

Washington, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—Prompt response by President Harding to the Borah resolution inquiring as to the status of the Lansing-Ishii agreement between the United States and Japan in the event of ratification of the four power Pacific treaty was indicated today after a conference between the President and Senator Lodge, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

SUBMIT FIRST DRAFT IRISH CONSTITUTION

Dublin, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—The first draft of the Irish constitution was submitted to the provisional government today for any changes deemed necessary.

Meets Tonight

An important meeting of the Central Council of Public Welfare will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms this evening at 7:30.

obtain divorce for his client on the ground of separation under the statute passed at the last regular session of the General Assembly, though the plaintiff, M. D. Etheridge, had lived apart from his wife, Susan Etheridge, for forty-five years. After having picked flaws in the attorney's papers for ten or fifteen minutes, when Mr. Halstead attempted to get the divorce done with just before the noon recess, Judge Bond ordered a recess insisting that he could not hurry over a divorce proceeding even to accommodate his good friend, Attorney Halstead. When the case was taken up at the beginning of the afternoon session, Judge Bond flatly refused to let the case go to the jury on such evidence as Mr. Halstead was able to present, through a brother of the plaintiff, to show that the husband was the aggrieved party in the separation. State papers have been full of the trouble lawyers in other districts have been having with their divorce cases before Judge Bond, but perhaps Mr. Halstead lives too near the Virginia line to keep up closely with what is printed in the North Carolina papers. The brother's testimony was to the effect that the woman left without provocation, supposedly on a visit to relatives, and never came back any more. The court held that the brother, especially as he did not live in the pair's house at the time of the separation, was not in a position to say whether the woman was aggrieved or not. Judge Bond explained carefully, and reiterated his explanation, that he was not squeamish about granting decrees of divorce when the party to a suit was entitled to divorce under the law, but he did insist, he said, that a divorce was not a matter to be hurried over and granted without a full investigation of all the facts in the case. And before he was done, casting aside for the moment judicial air and tone and speaking with characteristic W. M. Bond intonation, the judge was saying, "To tell the truth, I don't believe that a man who has lived apart from his wife for forty-five years has got any business trying to get a divorce at this late day." His client was not able to attend court at this time. Mr. Halstead said, and was clearly entitled to divorce as ever a man could be under the terms of the statute.

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COLON BACILLI IN CITY WATER

The last official analysis of the city water shows the presence of colon bacilli, according to the report of Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer, to the Council Monday night. Dr. Fearing stated that these bacilli could only get into the water from human filth, and that their presence indicates that the water supply is polluted. Superintendent Parker, of the water company, represented to the Council that the bacilli did not show in an analysis of one cubic centimeter of water, but that they did appear in a sample of ten cubic centimeters. He admitted that the test showed pollution, but was inclined to minimize the danger.

Beseches Bandits To Pass Him By Awhile

Tampa, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—John Sutton, business man whose home has been ransacked four times recently, inserted an advertisement in a newspaper here today, asking the marauders to please pass him by for a while as he is nearly broke as a result of their activities.

SEVEN ARE DEAD IN TWO CAROLINAS

Whole Towns Wiped Out When Daybreak Tornado Swooped On States

Wilson, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—One person was killed and fifteen were injured and property damage estimated at \$10,000 was done in a wind storm sweeping the Evansdale section today. The storm was half a mile wide, and extended for three miles, demolishing buildings. The injured have been brought here.

Augusta, Ga., Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—Six are known to be dead and scores are injured as a result of high winds and flooded streams in this section of Georgia and South Carolina. Langley, Stiffeton, Graniteville and Warrenville, S. C., were struck by a tornado at daybreak, and houses were swept away, trees were uprooted and telegraph poles felled leaving the section in darkness and without communication.

The brunt of the storm hit Warrenville and Stiffeton where six are dead. They are Fred Hoover, twelve; Mrs. L. Munday, forty; Mrs. Belle Wood and children are expected to die. The storm scattered parts of buildings and furniture over the fields and eleven houses were razed at Warrenville and four at Stiffeton. Dirt roads and bridges are reported washed out and train service at Millidgeville, Ga., has been suspended. A portion of the Augusta-Aiken railway is reported damaged and General Manager Banghart is informed that many houses have been blown down in the vicinity of Warrenville and Langley and several killed. A lineman sends in a report that nine were killed and many houses destroyed and plans have been made to rush the injured to Aiken and Augusta hospitals, but this report is unconfirmed.

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LLOYD GEORGE HAS DEFERRED ACTION

Gives Colleagues No Pledge For Future—Will Retain Leadership Till Irish Legislation Is Completed

London, Mar. 7 (By The Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George has deferred his resignation without giving his colleagues any pledge as to his future action regarding the Premiership, according to reliable information reaching The Associated Press. It is believed that he will retain the leadership till Irish legislation is completed and possibly till the Genoa conference.

SIX ARE ARRESTED AT HOME OF NEGRO

Four White Men And Two Girls Had Been Missing Since Sunday Night

Discovered in a colored woman's home on Rum Road, near the Carl Commander place, four young white men and two girls were arrested and brought to this city at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff Reid and Chief of Police Holmes. The six are under arrest on a warrant charging them with entering a building for purposes of prostitution. The men are Otis Bland, Lee Overman, Charlie Crank and Lloyd Crank. The girls are Mamie and Essie Harris.

The six have been missing since Sunday night, when W. C. Riggs' automobile disappeared from the vicinity of the McAdams tent while Mr. Riggs was attending services there. Riggs and the local police have been searching for two days for the car, and it is believed that the machine has been located stuck in the mud two miles below Weaverville.

Supposition here is that the four men and two girls left the city in Riggs' automobile Sunday night, though they have not been definitely connected with the theft of it. The six will be tried in recorder's court here Wednesday morning. The Harris girls, who are twins, have been living at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Donnie Harris, on Cedar street. They bore an excellent reputation until a few months ago, since which time they have often been seen in the company of the two Cranks who were arrested with them.

BONDSMEN TURN FREEMAN OVER TO POLICE OFFICERS

The bondsmen of William Freeman, colored, surrendered him to the city police Tuesday morning, and the negro, who is charged with burning his wife's home on Railroad street, and with burglarizing the home of Mrs. Lula Cherry, on West Main street, in January, will remain in jail until his cases are disposed of in Superior Court week after next. Freeman is alleged to have made those threats which alarmed those who were on his bond. Fearing that he would leave, they turned him over to the police.

NEW MASONIC OFFICIALS

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Cherokee Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at a meeting held at the Masonic Hall Monday night: Thomas A. Commander, high priest; W. T. Culppeper, king; H. P. Smith, scribe; C. C. Blades, principal sojourner; R. M. Wynn, royal arch captain; C. F. Raulfs, captain of hosts; A. G. James, secretary, and H. G. Kramer, treasurer.

Eureka Lodge Meets Tonight

Eureka Lodge 317, A. F. & A. M., will hold the regular monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as this is the fiftieth anniversary of the lodge. The Worthy Master will deliver a speech befitting the occasion.

Robert Cotter Ill

Robert Cotter underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Community Hospital Monday and is getting along nicely.

Miss Thelma Sykes Here

Miss Thelma Sykes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sykes, made a flying trip from Norfolk to visit her parents here Monday night. Miss Sykes has been kept busy on a serious case for several weeks, and took her first recent opportunity to come home for a few days of rest. She is connected with Sarah Deigh Hospital, at Norfolk.

Register of Deeds George W. Brothers is ill with "flu" at his home on North Road street.