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TO ARM OUR MERCHANT SHIPS

PRESIDENT WILSON FINDS LAW FOR HIS ACTION— CALLS EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS MEET APRIL 6TH.

Washington, March 5.—President Wilson from a sick bed today ordered the arming of American merchant ships against Germany's ruthless submarine warfare, and at the same time issued a proclamation calling an extra session of Congress to meet April 16.

The President's decision came suddenly late this afternoon following the action of the senate yesterday in revising its rules to permit prompt action on important questions and the submission of formal opinions by Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory that he has the power to arm merchantmen without action of Congress.

Details of the government's armed neutrality plans for defending the merchant marine were withheld to avoid endangering Americans and their ships by permitting the information to reach Germany. The only statement at the White House and the navy department was that the President had determined to fully protect American rights.

The Natural "Next Step"

The decision, coming at the end of a period of tension waiting, was generally hailed as the natural and unavoidable next step in the policy adopted by the President when he broke off diplomatic relations with Germany and gave warning that the United States could not tolerate attacks on American ships and citizens in violation of international law.

Friction with the grave possibility of war with Germany, the action was taken by President Wilson only after he was convinced that Germany actually was proceeding with her campaign of ruthlessness, and had made efforts to plot with Mexico and Japan against the territorial integrity of the United States.

Long before the order was given from the White House all necessary preparations for the arming of merchantmen had been completed at the navy department. Secretary Daniels, however, issued an appeal to the press of the nation to refrain from discussing these preparations.

The President's action sent a thrill through the senate, meeting in special session and through the government departments. Still hoping that war with Germany will be avoided, officials and senators declared that the issue rests entirely with Germany.

The Call for Congress

Formal announcement of the government's policy was given in the following announcement issued from the White House:

"Whereas public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 16th day of April, 1917, to receive such communications as may be made by the executive:

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the capitol in the city of Washington on the 16th day of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at that time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby requested to take notice."

RUBBER GLOVES

Use Rubber Gloves to protect your hands. See our assortment, 35, 50 and 75c a pair. All new, no old stock. Kendall's Drug Store. adv.

BUY THE FOLLOWING NOW

Bush and Pole Beans, they are very high in price. If it is anything at all in needs for the Garden or Field, come to us, and if we haven't it, we will be glad to get it for you. Kendall's Drug Store. adv.

His Foot Broken

The many friends of Mr. A. R. McNeilly of Casar will regret to learn that he got his foot broken about a week or ten days ago. He was riding on a wagon when his foot caught between a break beam and a stump.

START NOW—

—To cleaning up and fixing up, look around and see what needs it, repair your fences, out houses, etc. We have the tools, hardware, and cleaning up material for you. J. D. Lineberger's Sons. adv.

Miss Edith Cranor will hold a fashion show, displayed by a number of living models at her Style Shop on Wednesday evening, March 14th, followed by millinery opening on Thursday.

ELLA MILL PRIZES

Cash Offered for Best Vegetable Gardens by Mill Employes.

The current issue of the Ella Mill Record shows the generosity of the mill toward its help and its efforts to encourage the planting of vegetable gardens. It announces:

With white potatoes selling at 80 cents per peck, dry beans selling at 15 cents per pound, and tomatoes selling at 15 cents per can, we don't have to debate upon the question of whether or not gardening pays.

Those that have tried out gardening thoroughly tell us that it does pay to grow our own vegetables. This being the case then it surely will pay in this day of extreme high prices.

The company had this in mind last fall when they had all the gardens plowed deeply, and as further evidence that they wish to encourage this good work, our generous hearted treasurer has authorized that we offer the following prizes:

First prize for best vegetable garden, \$7.50.

Second prize for best vegetable garden, \$5.00.

Third prize for best vegetable garden, \$4.00.

Fourth prize for best vegetable garden, \$3.00.

Fifth prize for best vegetable garden, \$2.00.

Sixth prize for best vegetable garden, \$1.00.

Tomatoes, first prize, \$1.00; second prize, 50c.

Beans, first prize, \$1.00; second prize, 50c.

White potatoes, first prize, \$1.00; second prize, 50c.

Corn, first prize, \$1.00; second prize, 50c.

Onions, first prize, \$1.00; second prize, 50c.

CONVICTS SECURED

For Work on the Hickory Nut Gap Road in Rutherford and Henderson County—Election at Forest City Called.

The Sun, March 8: The many friends of Capt. W. T. B. Bell will regret to learn that his condition does not improve and he was carried to Philadelphia Saturday to be treated by specialists. Messrs. L. J. Bell, of Rockingham; C. D. Bell, of Spartanburg, and Mrs. T. P. Reynolds, of Richmond, who were here last week to see him, accompanied him North.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday an election was ordered to be held in Forest City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May at which time the citizens of that town will vote on a bond issue of \$25,000 for the purpose of building and equipping a new school building.

Seventy-five convicts have been allotted to the Hickory Nut Gap Road for 125 days. This secures the \$10,000 Federal aid.

The above telegram from Senator G. S. Harrill will be good news for the people of the Chimney Rock and Bat Cave sections who have been shut in from the outside world since the great flood of last July. There have already been some attempts made towards restoring the destroyed highway, but very little headway thus far in the actual reopening up of the road. Many efforts have also been made to get State and Federal aid for its reconstruction, but up to the closing hours of the General Assembly all attempts had been without avail. The now prevailing opinion is that with the seventy-five State convicts and the \$10,000 Federal aid the Charlotte-Asheville Highway will soon be restored to better condition than it was before the flood. The bill just passed by the Legislature authorizing the use of convicts removes all doubt as to the reconstruction of the road through the famous Hickory Nut Gap and the opening again of this beautiful mountain section to summer tourists.

It is said that the passage of this act was largely due to the untiring efforts of Senator J. Foy Justice, of Hendersonville, one of the Senators from this district.

Displayed by living models on Wednesday evening at Miss Cranor's the "Shop of Style and Service, will be seen modes of Spring surpassing in beauty, exclusive in style, youthful in spirit. Hats, gowns, and coats—Don't forget the hours, 8 to 10 o'clock. adv.

Charming reproductions of smartest spring models in hats, sport suits, afternoon and evening gowns will be on display at Miss Cranor's Fashion Show Wednesday evening. Millinery opening on Thursday. adv.

We have just received a large shipment of Oxfords, the kind that fit and wear at the old prices. Evans E. McBrayer. adv.



"Clean Up and Paint Up" "PROCLAMATION"

The city of Shelby, acting together with the Civic League and business men and other associations has designated the week of March 18th to March 25th as the "Clean Up and Paint Up" week in Shelby.

During this week every citizen of Shelby should make an effort to clean up his or her house and property, so as to avoid fire risk, to clean up your front and back yard, to paint your premises if necessary, to abolish all places that might breed flies and mosquitoes, to eliminate dandelions and weeds, and to help clean up vacant lots.

"Citizens should put their rubbish on the sidewalk or street, but in some kind of a receptacle, a box, can or bag. The street department is putting on extra men and teams and will collect all week. If collections is not immediately made, citizens should telephone the city clerk and it will collect all week. If collection all refuse is placed in such a manner so that it can be easily loaded and

carted away, Shelby will be readily cleaned.

This is an opportunity for every citizen, not only to show his personal pride but also his civic pride. Shelby is known as the city of Springs and homes, and we should all endeavor to make it such. No city is attractive if it is dirty and littered up. All should telephone the city clerk and it cleaning up not only their own premises, but in helping to clean up the premises of others where help is necessary.

Let us all work together to clean up and paint up Shelby during the next week, March 18th to March 26th, and then keep it that way throughout the entire year and for many years to come. Let us plant grass and flowers. Let us make Shelby not only clean, but beautiful.

The result will be a cleaner, healthier, happier and more attractive city.

J. T. GARDNER, Mayor.

HEAR MR. DAVID OVENS

Tonight at the Court House, Mr. Ovens is one of Charlotte's most active men and President of Charlotte's Chamber of Commerce. He will speak here along the line of a Chamber of Commerce. And believe one who knows, he speaks with a vim and dash.

Let everybody come. It's Free.

REV. L. L. SMITH DEAD

Prominent Local Minister and Former Representative of Cleveland in N. C. General Assembly.

Rev. Landrum L. Smith died Thursday afternoon at his home near Sharon and was buried Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Sharon Methodist church, Revs. A. J. Burrus, Robert M. Hoyle, C. A. Wood and J. F. Kirk conducting the funeral. Mr. Smith was born Oct. 8, 1835 and was approaching his 82nd milestone. Up until he contracted a cold and suffered a relapse, he was in unusually good health for a man of his age. For about half a century he was a local minister of the Methodist church and wrought a wonderful influence for his Master. He was a man of noble character, forward looking ideas, consecration and devotion to all things that made for the advancement of God's kingdom and the betterment of county and State. He was an active Mason and was buried with Masonic honors. In his community he was regarded as a leader and exerted an influence which few men have. In 1895 he was elected by the people of Cleveland to represent this county in the House of Representatives of the General Assembly and served with honor to himself and credit to his county.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Nancy Hamrick who survives with the following children, Mrs. W. T. Grigg of Lawndale, Mrs. W. E. Churchill of Gastonia, Mrs. P. P. Hawkins, Mrs. W. Ross Smith and Mr. Eury Smith of Sharon.

Matured Stock

Those who are so fortunate as to hold shares in our 12th series, will no doubt be pleased to note that the payment made on Saturday, March 10th brought their shares to maturity and we are now ready to hand them their checks on cancelled mortgages.

SHELBY B. & L. ASSO., J. F. Roberts, Secy-Treas.

Go to J. D. Lineberger's this minute and select what you will need to do cleaning up, fixing up with. We've got just what you'll need. adv.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT

Relative to Chamber of Commerce—Mr. David Ovens of Charlotte to Be Chief Speaker.

There will be a mass meeting in the court house tonight at 8 o'clock sharp and every wide-awake citizen is cordially and urgently invited to attend. The meeting will be free and a treat is in store, as the chief speaker for the occasion will be Mr. David Ovens of Charlotte who says what he has to say with a dash and vim. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear the report of the committee appointed last week to formulate plans on which to organize a chamber of commerce or board of trade for Shelby. Several of the most influential men of Shelby will make speeches and Mr. Ovens will have something to say that will interest every Shelby citizen.

The committee on plan or organization, Messrs. I. C. Griffin, J. D. Lineberger, H. E. Kendall, O. M. Mull, S. S. Royster, W. J. Arey and Paul Webb has been in communication with the National Board of Trade and many city organizations and have a plan which they think is best adapted to Shelby's needs.

Don't let anything keep you away, but be on hand promptly. The meeting will not last long and will not lag for a moment.

I-KO

Good morning Mr. Hi-Ko, how do you do? Fine, because I lifted a corn from the top of the fifth spoke of Mr. M's right wheel (foot) last night and it did me so much good to see the smile on his face, because he can now wear that pair of new shoes.

HI-KO

is guaranteed to remove your CORNS in 5 nights. If it fails, you get your money back. Price 25c bottle. Don't buy from any one of the just as good kind. There is only one Hi-Ko and it is Registered in the U. S. patent office, and it is manufactured only by H. E. Kendall. adv.

The famous Styleplus and Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes for Spring are arriving at Evans E. McBrayer's daily.

SOCIETY NEWS

Ishpeneing Club With Miss McBrayer

The first meeting of the Ishpeneing club for the spring season convened with Miss Ruby McBrayer on last Friday afternoon at her attractive home on North LaFayette street.

The room in which these young club women assembled was bright and attractive with Spring flowers, the color note of yellow being used with lovely effect. In the midst of these surroundings, a delightful literary program was rendered, after which the hostess assisted by her sister, Miss Agnes McBrayer served an elaborate and elegant salad course and accessories.

Holland-Ross Wedding

The following, which we clip from the Charlotte Observer of March 4th, will be of special interest to the friends here of the bride, as a number of her relatives are natives of this county, her father being the brother of Mrs. M. N. Hamrick of this place:

"Miss Gertrude Anne Holland and Mr. Marvin Ernest Ross, both of this city, were wedded Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Frank Holland, on Liddell Street. Rev. L. R. Pruett, pastor of Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, performed the ceremony, which was simple and impressive. There were no attendants, the bride and bridegroom entered the living room together.

The bride is the third daughter of the late Mr. Frank Holland and Mrs. Holland. She has resided in Charlotte for the past several years. Mrs. Ross is bright and attractive and is admired by a wide circle of friends.

District Reciprocity Day to Be Held Here March 29th

The federated club of Shelby will again have the distinguished pleasure of having within our borders, a representative number of the State's brightest and brainiest club women, when on Thursday, March 29th, the three clubs belonging to the Federation, namely: The Civic League, 20th Century and Ishpeneing clubs will be hostesses for that day to all the clubs, twelve in number in this fifth district.

These ladies will arrive on the Southern and Seaboard trains on the morning of the 29th. A luncheon will be served at noon, the exercises, which will be a most entertaining character, following immediately. Adjourment will be in time for the visitors to make the afternoon and evening trains.

The various committees are hard at work perfecting arrangements for the event—the details of which will be published later.

It is hoped that a large delegation of ladies from each club will be here in attendance.

Mrs. Gardner Club Hostess

One of the most interesting literary programs in the history of the 20th Century club was that which was enjoyed by the members on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, with that great Belgian author and playwright—Maeterlinck's — wonderful play "Monna Vanna," as the subject matter.

The motive of the book was splendidly handled by Mrs. J. D. Lineberger, while the story of the play, so full of heart-throbs and pathetic appeal and heroism, was told most graphically by Mrs. Will J. Roberts.

Mrs. T. D. Bateman, who is always at her best when assigned the task of telling of the lives of some great character in the world's history, gave a resume of Maeterlinck's remarkable career, which she told in her usual splendid style.

A delightful social hour followed, during which the hostess served an elegant collation.

"Wanted"

Recruits for Co. G. 1st N. C. Infy. Eingle men of good character, between the ages of 18 and 45 years, who can pass the physical examination for enlistment. All members of Co. G. are hereby ordered to report at armory in Shelby, N. C., every Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock for drill and instruction.

All members failing to attend drill are subject to court martial. H. A. LOGAN, 3t. Com. Co. G., 1st N. C. Infy.

Don't miss the Fashion Show at Miss Cranor's on Wednesday evening. An exclusive showing of the newest things in sport goods, parasols hats, and dresses. adv.

Evans E. McBrayer has neckwear that surpasses the most difficult to please, 25c to \$2.00. adv.

SHELBY, WHAT WE HAVE, WHAT WE NEED

Some Things Shelby Can Get if She Will Organize and Pull for Industries—The Interurban Would Be Certain.

By a Citizen: Take a day off, visit every business man, every professional man and every citizen of Shelby and ask each one what we need to make our town grow and the reply from each one is "more pay rolls and the Interurban" and we heartily agree.

What are we going to do to secure these two desired additions? How are we going to secure more pay rolls? Not by boasting of our fine climate, offering a glass of water and a tooth pick, as we have in the past, but if we expect to develop as we should and certainly can, we must at once organize. Let every citizen help give us a live board of trade, or chamber of commerce and you will see Shelby, the BEST town in the state, soon be the BUSIEST GROWING town in the State.

One thing we want you to remember that in helping Shelby grow, that while you are proud of your town and would like to see it forge to the front, yet in helping her do this that you are helping yourself, that in organizing and securing these much desired developments it requires money and labor, but for the money and time spent, you will be repaid ten, yes, one hundred fold, as has been the case with Asheville, Hickory, Gastonia, Charlotte and many bustling towns that have live board of trade and are building factories of various kinds each month. When we do this, we will guarantee that the Interurban comes by Shelby, as railroad companies are just like any other business, looking for paying developments, as you will agree if you stop to think that railroads have been promptly extended to the town that is growing, as was the case of the L. & N. and the Seaboard building hundreds of miles into Atlanta, the Norfolk Southern to Charlotte and the Interurban to Gastonia and Spartanburg, not that these companies had any special fondness for any of the towns, but that the business was there awaiting them, just so with Shelby. If we will secure more industries, then we will see the Interurban built.

Shelby has a number of the best business men in the state, many are successfully managing plants and business of various kinds, that would gladly assist and manage other industries here, if we would only get together, organize and show them that we had faith in them.

Do you know that there are several industries now seeking locations and are pleased with Shelby? Some of these we can certainly get if we will only organize and go after these.

Do you ever stop to think that two of the best mill men in the state had their homes here, but go to other towns to operate mills?

Do you know that there has been considerable money invested in Belmont and Gastonia mills by Shelby citizens during the past year?

Do you know that Shelby is the largest town in the South without a hospital? We should hide our heads in shame that we must send our loved ones to Rutherfordton, Lincolnton, or other places when operations are needed, both of these towns being much smaller than Shelby and we have in town and county population of 40,000? Think of it.

Did you ever think how many people would come to Shelby, if we only would provide hotel accommodations?

We have been asleep. Wake up, stop kicking, cut out that grouch, help us with your money and time to organize a board of trade, put Shelby on the map and see her grow in a substantial way, that will benefit all of us and make her the BUSIEST GROWING TOWN IN THE SOUTH.

We believe that you will do it. Do not disappoint us.

Elect Officers

At an interesting meeting of the Civic League last week when much business of importance was transacted and plans formed for the furtherance of the clean up campaign and way means discussed for Reciprocity Day, which convenes here on the 29th, the following officers were elected to succeed themselves: President, Mrs. W. B. Nix; vice-pres., Mrs. S. O. Andrews; treasurer, Mrs. S. S. Royster, Mrs. Carl Webb was elected secretary, to succeed Miss M. Jones who resigned on account of ill health.

FOUNTAIN SYRINGES

The best and a large NEW stock to select from at the old price. See our line of 2 quart Fountain syringes, a good one for 75c to \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. When you need anything in the rubber goods line, come to Kendall's Drug Store. adv.

FARMERS—

—Come to us for plows, plow fixtures, hames, traces, back bands, single trees, hardware, roofing, hog wire, poultry wire, etc. J. D. Lineberger's Sons.

H E K for all forms of Headaches and Neuralgia, 10, 25 and 50c bottle. Kendall's Drug Store. adv.