**RUSS QUESTION** 

Chief Executive Will Address

Joint Session in Near Fu-

ture, Is Belief of Cap-

ital Officials.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 16 .- First inti-

nations from official sources that

President Wilson might possibly soon

make a statement bearing on the

Heretofere, statements that the

Ku-sian debacle came today.

**BEFORE SENATE** 

## PREPARES PLAN OF SCHOOL WORK FOR FARMER BOY

Prof. Dixon, Inspector of Normal Training, Outlines Course of Vocational and Indus-

trial Instruction.

.1 rom i Staff Correspondent.) modu, March 13 .- (Special.) -- Assistant State Superintendent A H Nebraska, is an intense advocate of vocational and industrial training in the schools of the state, and in order that the same may be brought at out with the greatest degree of suc esshas prepared a plan which be believes would be a success and at the same time relieve the districts of addica nal

"For the last quarter of a century" says Mr. Dixon, "vocational and industral training has been slowl, but surely pushing to the front and it appears to be a universal moves ent all over the world. True, some g vernments have taken the lead, as is always the case, but this movement unlike any other of which I know, has sprung from the bosom of the people or from the masses, we might

Delayed Too Long. "The only wonder is that it las been so long delayed. Nevertheless, it is now here in mighty force, reminding the educational world in no uncertain terms, that it must be pro-

Continuing Mr. Dixon discusse: the matter of educational training and goes back to the time when practically everything was made by hand, There was no community of any considerable importance that did not have its shoe shop, wo gon shop, carpenter stop, etc., and no home was com-

plete without its spinning wheel About seven years ago Mr. Dixon conceived the idea that a system of vocational training which would bring out all these lines of work so that the student would receive instruct on along same lines as those practiced by his grandfather and at the same time make the education of the pupils self-supporting, would be immersely beneficial. However, his ideas did not appear to meet with much favor, but now he is rewarded by seeing the government and the state take up the matter of vocational and industrial training in the schools as a very important part of the education of the

Dixon's Pian. In a short way Mr. Dixon's plan provides for the instruction of the

pupil along vocational lines by plac-

ing the main school building in the

center of a tract of ground about a block in size. Surrounding this building around the outskirts of the tract are smaller buildings for the teaching of woodwork, ironwork, dressmaking, millinery work, business and bankin a bakery and a salesroom or their places filled by any line of particular work the board might require. He would put the whole department under the supervision of a main head, but would require that each department of the work be under a competent man or woman. Especially in the country he would, for instance, hire a competent blacksmith for the blacksmith shop who would do the blacksmith work for the community, the charges to go to the school. In this way the pupils who wanted to learn blacksmithing would learn it under a practical man and at the same time, while doing the work, would be assisting in paying the expense of running the school. The same would be the case in the carpenter shop or any other department of the school. In fact, the school would be surrounded by a cluster of manufacturing industries, in a small a revenue to the school district, but provide a place where the people of the community could get the same -ervice they could get by going to

town, perhaps many miles away. Education Helps. "It has too often happened," says "that the father and mother wished their sons and daughters educated that they might have an easier time than their father and mother had experienced. They appeared to think that an education would solve as a sort of passport to an 'easy place' in life; out of a humble position into one of elegance and

"Again our fathers saw the sons and daughters of their neighborhood was brought here Saturday and will be enter the college and at once mount buried Sunday. to prominence, seemingly without much effort on their part. Seeing this, died at the county farm Saturday they came to believe that an educa-morning. Miss Latham had lived in tion was the thing needed to give Plattsmouth for 40 years and had been their children an easy path in life. "Thus it has come about that the boys and girls have been educated

away from the farm, away from the Sol Rosenblatt, Norman Hulins and workshop and away from the home. Louis Fribery, won over Plattsmouth To have calous hands, to wear cloth- team, composed of Raymond Cook ing saturated with grease and oil of Robert Frowhler and Henry Herold, an engine, is considered a disgrace to jr. so-called educated people. To sum it all up in a few words, the boys and New Law Puts Ban on girls have been educated away from manual labor and actually taught that it is degrading. This has been one of the pern clous results of our educational system, and, until its evil effects have teen counteracted, much

Changed Conditions.

"Conditions have changed. We no State Council of Detense. longer need men and women to spin yarn and weave cloth by hand, but develop men and women to make machines to spin more yarn and weave more cloth. We no longer need men to cut grain by hand, but men to make machines to cut the grain. We no longer need men to sow the grain, but men scientifically trained to study the soil and climate. men able to make two spears of cial.)-A number of farmers have grass to grav where one had grown organized a stock company and purbefore. And so our schools must be chased the elevator and other build changed to meet the changed condi- ings of the Omaha Elevator com-Since the manual arts have pany, been lost so far as the home is con-cerned, the school must supply the held here March 19.

"To do this our schools must be changed and supplemented. Instead league. of adhering to a fossilized course of study which is driving thousands State Beef Producers Will from school let it be made flexible enough to serve all classes. Let it offer the tnings which will be of service to all the people and not the few. When this is done it will become a living actuality, and not a

"Finally, in a few words: (1) 1 p. m.

### Kelffner to Canvass Business Houses to Urge 'Early Mailing'

o'clock in the afternon. There are eastern mail connection. 3,000 houses upon whom Kleffner intends to call and he visited a dozen trains it will arrive in the east 24 of the largest Saturday. Letters hours later. So you can see the have been written to all of these con- necessity for business houses to ket cerns, but postal officials say they their mail in early. have paid little attention to theza-

ern mail connections at Chicago," said Mr. Kleffner "One of these is the 5:30 Burlington, which pulls into make people understand. We are Chicago at 7:05 in the morning and urging business houses to write let-It's in inspector of normal training in transfers mail directly to a Persel-ters as early in the day as possible vania train that leaves for the east, and to mail letters every hour,

> may elect any part, restricted only by their needs; (2) supplement the work from the elementary school clear through to the university with vocational and industrial training in the form which seems best, restricted only by local conditions, thus making the schools cerve the people who support them; (3) give the school sane

teachers and thereby sane teachings "These principles adhered to will make every community, as of old, a veritable workshop and the puff of steam, the hum of electricity and the click of the hammer, blending harmoniously with the song of happy workmen, will announce to the world our happiness our efficiency and our prosperity."

Citizens' Ticket Candidates

Selected at Syracuse Syracuse, Neb., March 16 .- (Special.)-The village primary held here Friday resulted in the selection on H. L. Pohlman and H. Pearson for members of the town board for the postoffices \$2,658,430.37. spring election. Mr. Pearson is a member of the board at present. The states are as follows: primary also selected five members for the board of education. They were W. A. Andrews, H. A. Coddington, D. P. West, M. C. Joyce and E W. Amende.

Fire gutted the blacksmith and paint shop of Tomassen and Williams here Friday afternoon. It originated near the gas engine, among the oils and the building was in flames when it discovered. The Syracuse fire department confined the fire to the interior of the building, which burned that it has been undemned An automobile belonging to U. S. Stedman was destroyed.

The Otoe county war council met here yesterday and amde plans for the division of the various funds that will be required for the Liberty loan and War Savings. It was largely attended and the work planned, so that will be equitably divided among all citizens according to the ability.

The Syracuse company of home guards have their new uniforms and are progressing with drilling so well that public drills will be given shorty. The membership in the company s steadily increasing.

Miss Marian Pettis Will

Teach English at Fremont West Point, Neb., March 16-(Speal.)-Miss Marian Pettis, for some years principal of the West Point High school is appointed head of the Department of English at the Fremont High school. The local board has elected Miss Grace Ross, a university graduate, as a member of the High school faculty. Steps were taken by the board to obtain a director of playground activities and summer

ardening. Marriage licenses have been issued luring the week to the following Harry Plowman of Laurel and Miss Agnes Boyberg of Scribner; Martin A. Wendt and Miss Anna A. Moeiler, and William Schultz and Miss Adelina

Haas of this county. Mrs. Bernard Luening, one of the oldest of the Cuming county pioneers, died at the family home on Thursday evening. She is survived by her hus way, which would not only bring in band and six children. Funeral servces will be held from St. Boniface

church, Monterey. The marriage of William Schulz and Miss Adelina Hass was solemnized at the German Lutheran church in Bismarck township by Rev. F. Freskow on Thursday.

Mayor Howarth has issued a proclamation, calling upon the citizens to subscribe liberally to the war sav-ings stamp on March 22.

Funeral of William Budug

Will Be Held at Plattsmouth Plattsmouth, Neb., March 16.-Special.)-William Budug died Friday morning in Omaha. The body

Miss Fannie Latham, aged 93 years, blind for 25 years.

In the High school debate here Fri day the Omaha team, composed o

All Public Processions Helena, Mont., March 16.-No pa-

rades, processions or other public lemonstrations except funerals may he held hereafter in Montana without written permission of the governor under a regulation passed by the

The purpose of the rule, its text which was made public today states is "to prevent riots, affrays, breaches of the peace and other forms of violence during the period of the war."

Oconto Farmers Organize

Oconto, Neb., March 16,-(Spe-

A. M. Jensen is in Oconto or-ganized a branch of the non-partisan

Hold Annual Meeting April 5

The annual beef producers' day is most delicious and tastes like will be held at the State University chicken." Miss Farmsworth soil farm, Lincoln, Nels Friday, April 3.

Assistant Superintendent of M.ils | The other is the Northwestern rain George Kleffner began a canvas, of at 8:25 p. m., which rushes through Omaha business houses Saturday to to Chicago in 11 hours, arriving facre urge the mailing of letters before 3 at 7:35 a. m., and makes a direct

If mail does not catch one of . bese

"To catch either of these trains "There are two night mail rans mail should be in the main post ffice out of Omaha that make direct rast- three to four hours before the time

the train leaves.
"That is what we are trying to

### NEBRASKA IS FIRST IN WAR STAMP SALE

Treasury Department Shows This State Leading by Almost 100 Per Cent.

A report of the total sales of war Nebraska's director of war savings, shows that Nebraska leads the states of the union, the sale of stamps per evening and at night the British were capita in Nebraska at that time very active, especially between trasthe citizens' ticket of Emil Amende, through postoffices averaging \$2.04, and St. Quentin. and the total cash sales by Nebraska

The sales per capita of the leading

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) <sub>e</sub>	Indiana	
	Delaware	
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	Washington	
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### DEMAND KELEASE OF AMERICANS HELD IN GERMANY

Washington, March 16.-A report man of the tariff board, said to have son of Columbia, Mo., who declared been captured with a party of British one cattle feeder in Missouri ost by the Germans and taken to Ger- \$4,350 on 125 head, due largely he many, was made to the State depart- contended, to price fixing on wieat,

against the arrests to General Mannerheim, commander of the Finnish government forces.

Minister Morris reported to the State department late today that he and the British and French diplomats at Stockholm had protested to the forign other of Finland against the 15 flagrant violations of neutral rights' in the detention of Major Emery and the others. Their immediate release was demanded, the minister said.

Aged Benson Man Bound Over to Federal Grand Jury

James Cunningham, 70 years old admitted to United States Commissioner Neely that, in the heart of argument, he said he "would join a party to hang the president."

"But, of course," he said, "I didn't mean it. I wouldn't join a party to bang anybody, much less the presi-He said he thought the government

ought to pay higher interest on thrift He was held for the grand jury un-

der \$2,000 bond.

Mother Advises Son to Help Brothers Lick the Kaiser

"It's a big job and I think you had better help your brothers buish it." was the advice Mrs. A. McDonald of Sagmaw, Mich., gave to her 18-yearold son, William, who enlisted in Omaha Saturday. The two older sons already are in service.

William said that his mother has seven sons and urges all of them who can, to get into service. He explained the fighting spirit by saying, "The McDonald's are Irish."

Nathan Kelley Seeks Divorce; Alleges "Wife Won't Wash"

Conservation of soap and water is dleged in a suit for divorce filed by Kelley against Ber ah dirty and filthy about her person, in behalf of the candidacy of Kobert and that while they lived together Houghton, who designates himself as she would not take a bath." She "Successful Bob" on his campaign even refused to wash her face he cards. alleges, and powdered her face to hide the dirt. He asks a divorce and customy of the child. Myrle.

Revival Meetings Are Largely Attended

The revival meetings in the First Swedish Methodist church, Nineteenth and Burt, have been well attended during the week. The evangelist, W. C. Bloomquist, will preach Sunday at 11 on "The Holy Spirit." To Form Stock Company and at 8 on "What is Sin? Or Sin Considered in the Light of Some Modern New Family Colony for Thinkers." next week at 8 except Saturday. Mrs. Will Berkman and Mrs. Arthur Reus-

> Federal Food Agent Commends Woman Who Raises Rabbits

Raising Belgian hares is the war vork of Mrs. W. D. Croman, 5035 ledford avenue, which won her special commendation from Miss Nellie Farnsworth, federal food agent.
"Belgian hare meat is a fine sub-

Lincoln, Neb., March 16-(Special) stitute for the commoner meats. It The sessions will begin at 10 a. m. and pounds of meat in one year, they are 1 p. m.

## GERMANS RUSH NEW FORCES TO WESTERN LINE

Notable Activity on British and American Fronts Causes Kaiser's Leaders to Hurry Troops to Meet Move.

Berlin reports somewhat notable activity by the British last night along the front between Arras and St. Quentin. The establishment of a new German army group on the western front, commanded by General von Gallwitz, is indicated in the army headquarters statement.

Apparently General von Gallwitz's troops are stationed between those commanded by the German crown Report From United States prince and Duke Albrecht, and possibly are those facing the Americans northwest of Toul and east of Lune

Active Near Arras.

Berlin, March 10-(Via London -British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.) - The British forces on the savings stamps and thrift stamps from Franco-Belgian front were extremely he opening of the sales on December active during the evening yesterday and also at night, notably in the re-3, to February 15, through postoffices gion running south from Arras as far only, compiled from official reports of as St. Quentin, army headquarters the United States Treasury depart-ment, received by Ward M. Burgess, reads:

Western war theater, front of Crown Prince Rupprecht: During the very active, especially between trias "Great losses were caused among

the population of Menin and Hal-luin (southeast of Ypres), situated behind our front, by the enemy s fire and dropping of bombs. "Army groups of the German

crown prince, General von Gallwitz and Duke Albrecht: Near Rlems, on both banks of the Meuse and on the Lorraine front, near Mulcach and Blament, the artillery fighting was heavier throughout the day. On both sides of the Ornes it continued to be heavy during the night."

# **GROWERS KICK** AT U. S. PRICE

suffered by farmers and stock raisers of the Chamber of Commerce." through high prices of feed were n the arrest on the Aland islands of recounted today before the seaste Henry Crosby Emery, a former chair- agriculture committee by J. A. "Indment today by Minister Morris at which raised prices of other grain.

News dispatches have said the vised farmantistration officials ad-American and British legations at and they responded, Hudson a gued, Stockholm had started representatives on assurances that producers would bureau. for Furland carrying a formal protest he sufficiently compensated. Then, he said, meatless and wheatless days caused an artificial overproduction.

William Hirth, also of Columbia, Mo., editor of a farm paper, declared that if the food administration had not fixed the price of wheat it would now be selling at possibly \$4 a

SHRAPNEL

George T. Morton, chairman of the City Planning commission addressed the Falconer Commissioner club at the Loval hotel Friday night. The attendance was the largest -ince the organization of the club. Secretary Leon said he counted 200 attendants. Mr. Morton briefly outlined what he considered as the essentials of city planning and referred to a few of the aims of his commission for the development of Omaha. He urged that intelligent planning is essential to the growth of a city E. L. Bradley, Edward Simon and Fred Stack gave encouraging reports.

"Good morning. Have you filed for city commissioner? The water's

W. S. Jardine, one of the present city commissioners, and Otto H. Stuben, have filed petitions with the election commissioner for the city primary on April 9.

There are just 57 varieties of candidates on the filing list up to the

Harry A. Foster is the first to file for the city charter commission,

A meeting will be held next Mon-He alleges that she is day night in the Swedish auditorium "Successful Bob" on his campaign

> H. B. Zimman, who served as city councilman for three terms and was mayor following the death of Frank E. Moores, has aled his petition, Fred Hoye and Dan Hannon also have

> Friends of Robert Houghton will hold a booster meeting at the Swed ish auditorium at 8 o'clock Monday night. Nelson C. Pratt and John A. McKenzie will be the principal speak

Germany's War Victims

Paris, Thursday, March 14 .- The American Red Cross in France has approved a plan which it is hoped will solve the problem arising from the tubercular condition of hundreds of homeless who arrive daily from behind the German lines, repatriated by the Germans as useless to Germany and without resources for resuming their former

A village community and a family colony for tubercular refugees will be created outside Paris. The Department of Seine has

loaned 50 acres of meadow and woodland for the settlement and the Society of Friends has provided

### Ez-Czar Nicholas' Mind Weakens **WILSON TO TAKE** Under Strain of Imprisonment

capacities of the former Emperor her children have become quite ac-Nicholas II, according to a letter from customed tot heir new position. Tati the former Empress Alexandria Alix and spends much time reading French n a letter from Poholsk to one of her literature, particularly novels, as maids of honor in Petrograd, which others in the tamily. Olga is much a has been intercepted. In it the former terested in housekeeping and spenempress gives a detailed account of most of her time in household duties the royal family's life in Tobolsk. Alexis is busy.
The former emperor, she writes, sires to travel Alexis is busy with his studies and de-

seems to have grown dull and very. Regret over her separation from her insociable. He does not exince the best friends is expressed by the enlightest interest in current events press, but she writes that she and the ceased to think about the crown and entire family welcomed the news of only wants to be allowed to live in some an Russia. She declares she his own way. His only regret is that hopes that with peace the Komanoff he cannot live in his old palace in rainly will be permitted to so to some Livadia, in the Crimea. Nicholas jown in central Ru-a where lite is dresses in civilian clothes and spends more lively than in Tobolsk

ADMIT DOUBTFUL WORK IN PROBE OF WOOL DEALERS

New York, March 16-Testifying at State Attorney General Lewis' inquiry intended to determine whether Americans were allied with German interests in a scheme to evade American and British restrictions on slipments of textiles to Germany during and after the war, Thomas Phren, naturalized German, president of the Botany Worsted Mills of Passaic, N. I., today admitted that a majority of the storck in his company is owned by citizens of Germany, although a large part of this German-owned stock is held in trust by Americans in his country.

Admission was made by Otto Kuhn, wool manager of the Botany Worsted Mills, that notwithstanding an agreement with the British government and the Textile alliance, his concern had acted as the agent of German interests in bringing colonial wools into this country in 1915.

### Advertising Fund of Bureau Of Publicity Now \$32,000

"I heartily commend your efforts in raising a larger fund for publicity, reported F. L. Haller, president of the Lininger Implement company "Our firm has been a contributing member FIXED ON WHEAT to the bureau of publicity since its nception and I am free to say that I believe the bureau has done more Washington, March 10 .- I o ses real good than all the other activities

Among the new subscriptions for \$100 or more are: Richard Murphy. Calumet restaurant and Columbia Fire Underwriters.

More than 285 individual subscriptions have already been signed and returned to headquarters and more than 100 ards have been signed and reported by phone, but not turned in. so that with the present subscribers nals and firms subscribing to the

Petrograd. March 16.-Imprison-I much of his time with his son, Alexis. nent has affected greatly the mental He corresponds only with his mother. The former empress declares that

### TWO MORE IOWA BOYS LOSE LIVES AT FRONT

Sammies From Burlington and Sutherland Named in Pershing's Casualty List; Three Are Wounded.

Des Moines, March 16-(Special from Burlington, were included in the Cortmany might be proposing a peace list of deaths reported from the Amer- at the expense of Russia, made peace ican front by General Pershing last Washington than it has been at any night It is believed that three of the time since the United States went wounded also were Iowans. The dead are Private Ted A. Butler Sutherland, died of wounds; Corporal Charles M. McChord, Burlington, died of disease. Slightly wounded: Frank Phillips, Donds: Hjalmer G. Johnson (probably Hjalmer W. Johnson of Centerville); Ebner Werner (probably E. Weter of Oskalonsa).

Judge Boies Resigns. Judge W. D. Booes of Sheldon, our of the judges in the 21st congressional district, has resigned and Governor Harding has appointed Charles C. Bradley of Lemars to succeed him. The change will take effect March 31

Concrete Ships May Soon Fill the Ocean

A Pacific Port, March 16 .- After a close study of the big reinforced concrete ship Faith which was launched successfully Thursday, Chief Engineer R. G. Wig of the department of concrete construction of the United States emergency fleet corporation in an interview published today said he thought the new type of vessel might prove to be such a vital war measure that it would "be filling the ocean."

The question of durability, he said remained to be determined, but at the least it would exceed the term of the war. Quick construction in cheap yards

was an advantage ne thought that

of concrete ships on a gigantic scale.

president was preparing to address congress on the subject have been ure guess work. Today brought the irst official intimation that the presilent in his close study of the situation ias gotten to the point where he was hinking of such a course

There is no official indication of the medium the president will choose or when he will choose it, but it is generally believed that as usual he will direct his statement to the world through an address to a joint session of congress No Peace Talk.

Inferences drawn from statements is Sir Robert Coul, British minister Telegram,)-Two more Iowa boys, of blockade, Field Marshal Hindenone from Sutherland and the other burg and General Ludendorff that talk in general no more popular in to war. Officials everywhere declining to make statements for the very reason that any sort of a statement would give comfort to a peace move-

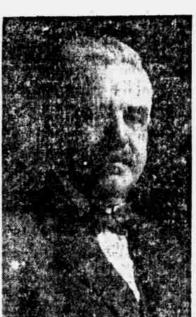
> of how unwelcome peace discussions were at this time. This attitude of American officials found a highly interesting reflection in French official dispatches giving accounts of the interviews recently given by Hindenburg and Ludendorff at German headquarters and publications in German newspapers of the situation on the eastern battle front.

ment, give unmistakable indications

Norris & Norris to Move To New Quarters April 1

Norris & Norris, home builders and dealers in real estate, will move to he northwest corner of Fifteenth and Dodge streets, ground floor, April 1. This firm has built hundreds of homes in Omaha and has platted a number of subdivisions. For many years it has occupied offices in the Bee build-

A year ago the real estate department entered the coal and lumber held and erected and stocked a lumber and coal yard at Tenth and Sew-ard streets. It is to take care of the growing business that the move to arger and ground floor quarters is eing made. The main offices of the Norris & Norris Lumber company and Norris & Norris will be joint! probably would lead to construction located at the new address after



\$30,000.00 (An Asset.)

# Disbursement of Public Funds

Annual Report Issued by Street Commissioner

# GEORGE PARKS

Showing Work Done and Cost of Same, by His Department During Year 1917, as Compared With Like Work and Cost for Year 1916.\*

DRY CLEANING DEPARTMENT

1916 with coms-2,024 miles dry cleaned, required 8 gangs and teams at a cost of \$98.00 per day; or \$7.00 per mile.

1917 with trucks—3,111 miles dry cleaned, required 4 gangs with trucks at a cost

of \$46.50 per day, or \$4.64 per mile. NOTE: Saving of \$51.60 per day, or \$2.36 per mile

WHITE WINGS (Using Hand Carts)

FLUSHING DEPARTMENT 1916 - Teams. 2.592 miles / 12 teams and broomers, days | Cost per day and night, \$144.96,

1917- Auto Trucks, 4.120 miles [5] flushers and broomers, days Cost per day and night, \$68.40, flushed, requiring ...... 4 flushers and broomers, nights or \$3.60 per mile

NOTE: Saving of \$76.56 per day and night, or \$8.40 per mile.

CINDERS HAULED FOR REPAIRS (Washouts)

STREET REPAIR GRADE 

SNOW REMOVED FROM STREETS 

REPAIRS TO PAVED STREETS 

The total appropriation for 1917 was approximately \$155,000 The total appropriation for 1916 was approximately \$156,000 Out of the appropriation for 1917 the amount paid for trucks and flushing autos

Out of the appropriation for 1917 the amount paid for asphalt plant improvements \$5,000.00 (An Asset.) Suburban territory merged with Omaha, 1315 sq. miles, entailing expense for

making needed repairs. Increased cost of labor for 1917 over that of 1916 was approximately \$20,000. No deficit shown by any branch of my department December 31st, 1917.

I invite examination of office records for verification of above report. GEORGE PARKS.