

PLEDGES RUSSIA TO STICK.

New Democracy's Envoy Makes Address to Senate. Enthusiastic Reception Given Commissioner by That Body. Lansing Tenders Reception for Mission.

Washington, June 26.—In another stirring address today at the capitol, Boris A. Bakhtmetieff, head of Russia's diplomatic mission, gave a solemn pledge that the Russian people and army, convinced that a separate peace would mean the triumph of German autocracy, are prepared to fight on beside America until the world has been made safe for democracy.

The ambassador spoke before the Senate and was given a reception almost as enthusiastic as that accorded him Saturday in the House. On no previous occasion since the war began has senatorial reserve been cast so completely aside. At the conclusion of the address, a resolution was adopted by unanimous consent expressing the Senate's gratification over the stand of the newest democracy.

"Russia rejects with indignation any idea of a separate peace," said the envoy. "Striving for a lasting peace, based on democratic principles, established by democratic will, the Russian people and army are rallying their forces around the banners of freedom. Russia wants the world to be safe for democracy. To make it safe means to have democracy rule the world."

Many of the rumors of internal dissension in Russia, M. Bakhtmetieff said, grew out of misunderstanding of the great changes taking place in the whole fabric of the government to transform it to democratic standards. He pleaded for patience and confidence that these changes, although they might take time, would be worked out successfully in the end.

TUESDAY'S WAR NEWS.

News and Observer.

The slow but sure encirclement of Lens, the important coal center held by the Germans in the department of Pas de Calais, is in process of consummation by the Canadians. Having already during the present week captured important vantage points west and southwest of the town a fresh smash at the German lines has been rewarded by the occupation of the village of La Coulotte, situated a mile to the south.

With the British forces virtually enveloping the town, except on the east, the Germans already have ceased the mining of coal, in the immediate vicinity of Lens, thereby seemingly indicating that they realize that their tenure of the position is short-lived.

Although the British war office, aside from the operations around Lens, reports no activity by Field Marshal Haig's men, rising in importance above minor patrol sorties, the Berlin war office asserts that heavy artillery duels are in progress at various points in which enormous quantities of ammunition are being used. Reading between the lines of the German report it is apparent that the British are the aggressors and it is possible that Gen. Haig is paving the way for a series of new thrusts against the German lines.

The infantry activity in the region between Soissons and Rheims has given way entirely to artillery duels in the sector of Moulin de Laffaux and a continuance by the Germans of the slow demolition of Rheims with gunfire. Monday night saw an engagement of considerable proportions northwest of the Hurtebise farm, where the French captured German first line trenches and took more than 300 prisoners. Berlin, in admitting the gain by the French, tempers the German Crown Prince's loss somewhat by the assertion that in counter-attacks his army recaptured the greater portion of the lost territory.

The Austrians have taken the initiative from the Italians in the Asiago Plateau sector of the Austro-Italian theatre. Their objective is Monte Ortigara, but the Italians are valiantly holding their back and according to the latest Rome communication have inflicted heavy casualties on them. The battle was still in progress when the communication was forwarded.

Although no big engagement has yet developed lively fighting continues between the Russians and Austro-Germans south of Lutsk in Volhynia, and between the Stripa and Dniester rivers in Galicia. Nothing has come through from either Petrograd or Berlin or Vienna to show the extent of these operations.

It seems probable that, all other efforts having failed, Eliptheros Venizelos, former Premier and a staunch supporter of the entente, will form a new Greek cabinet. Unofficial advices are that at the approaching session of the Greek Parliament a resolution will be introduced favoring the entry of Greece into the war on the side of the entente.

MEETING AT THOMASVILLE.

Annual Report Shows Past Year Best in History of Baptist Institution For the Orphanage.

Thomasville, June 26.—General Manager M. L. Kelsler, in his report to the board of trustees in annual meeting today, states that the past year has been the best year in the history of the orphanage.

The report shows 505 children present, 57 of them being in the Kennedy Home near Kinston. The cost of maintenance per capita rises with each year, that for the past year being \$10.50.

The income from Kennedy Home farm was \$14,155.29; income from Thomasville farm, \$8,671.13.

The milk product from the fine herd of cows yielded a return of \$7,595.52.

The manager's report speaks encouragingly of the growth of the school and recommends an addition to the central school building.

Treasurer Hamrick's report shows that the income to the orphanage for the closing year amounted to \$113,324.75 and that the current fund of voluntary contributions from the churches and Sunday schools of the State reached \$64,800.36 or more than \$10,000 above that of the previous year. The treasurer's report shows that the value of the farm products from the large farm of the Kennedy home was far in excess of the farm at Thomasville.

Editor Johnson in his report on Charity and Children states that \$10,490.88 has been received in subscriptions.

Dr. Hobgood, the attending physician, gave an excellent report as to physical conditions stating that there have been no deaths at the orphanage for the past year and very little serious illness.

Dr. Kesler is planning many improvements to the plant here but no great enlargement, believing that the enlargement should take place at the Kennedy home, which he desires to make a strong arm. He is convinced that the children are as safe as to health there as they are here at Thomasville.

The plan of the trustees is to build another arm in Haywood County on a fine tract of land which has been given to the orphanage, but this undertaking will not be started just yet.

The endowment fund of \$110,000 is safely invested in real estate mortgages.

Commencement exercises proper began on Monday evening with class day performances, participated in by the entire graduating class.

Tonight at 8 o'clock Rev. J. T. Riddick, of Durham, preached an uplifting sermon on the power and possibilities of a little child.

Wednesday's program begins with a concert at 10 o'clock by the children, following which the annual address by Hon. O. Max Gardner will be delivered at 11 o'clock.

In the afternoon comes a recitation contest by the boys, followed by Mr. W. A. Cooper's capers with the children out on the ground.

The last thing on is a ball game between the orphanage and Jewell cotton mill.

Trustees present at the business session today were: F. P. Hobgood, president of the board, Oxford; Rev. Thos. Carrick, secretary, High Point; J. A. Durham, Charlotte; C. W. Mitchell, Aulander; J. H. Canady, Kinston; C. L. Haywood, Durham; E. F. Aydtlett, Elizabeth City; S. J. Montague, Durham; J. W. Noell, Roxboro; B. W. Spilman, Kinston; R. A. McFarland, Scotland Neck; Stephen McIntyre, attorney for the board, Lumberton.

It was decided by the trustees today to build an addition to the central school building here costing \$4,000.

It was also decided to begin at once the erection of a chapel for worship at the Kennedy Home at a cost of a little less than \$10,000.

A Four Legged Chicken.

The chicken is about three months old, of the common scrub kind, a rooster, weighs one and a half pounds, has two natural legs and feet and two legs that come out at the end of the spine bone. Those legs are as near together as two fingers on a man's hand. They are almost as large as the legs he walks on, but those two legs don't touch the ground. Chicken is healthy and O. K. The chicken belongs to Mr. Oscar Thompson, Four Oaks, Route No. 2.

I have seen the chicken and know just what I am speaking of.

LUCIEN M. HOCKADAY.

A Revival Meeting.

There will be a revival meeting started at the Free Will Baptist church at Pine Level, N. C., on July 4th, and run 10 days, held by Rev. S. H. Styron and others. Come and bring some one with you.

DAN U. OLIVER, Church Clerk.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES WEALTH.

Seven Hundred Million Dollars' Worth of Romanoff Property Taken From Former Czar.

Petrograd, June 26.—Property valued at \$700,000,000, from which Nicholas Romanoff, formerly Emperor of Russia, enjoyed the revenues for life only, have been taken from him by the Provisional government.

A special commission of the government has been discussing whether land, palaces and other property owned by Nicholas and estimated to be worth \$48,000,000 shall be sequestrated by the State. This commission also considered whether the property of the grand dukes and duchesses worth about \$210,000,000 should be seized for the benefit of the public. The value of all the property owned by the former emperor or members of the formerly royal house of Russia is estimated by Professor Okunieff at \$958,000,000.

In addition, the professor asserts, Nicholas still has on deposit in the Bank of England \$85,000,000, placed there years ago in provision for the rainy day which now has come. The late Grand Duke Alexis, uncle to the former Emperor Nicholas, left \$10,000,000 on deposit in the Bank of France.

There are also two Romanoff family trust funds. One was founded by Alexander III, when on his death-bed in Livadia which now amounts to \$7,800,000, is invested in Russia and is within reach of the revolutionary government. Another, amounting to \$24,000,000 was derived by Alexander II, when he liberated 4,000,000 serfs for \$6 each in 1861.

Chief among the properties taken from the former emperor are the so-called "Cabinet Lands." These constituted one of the largest private estates in the world and included vast forests, gold, silver, platinum and copper mines, 100 factories for making paper, textiles, glass or porcelain and 1,500 flour mills. Nicholas derived \$32,000,000 a year in profits from the rental of these properties to peasants or others.

The former Emperor Nicholas' annual income when he was deposed is estimated by Professor Okunieff at \$65,000,000. The Duma allowed him \$8,500,000 a year to pay the expenses of the Imperial court but, because of extravagance, mismanagement and pilfering, the annual cost amounted to \$20,000,000, according to the statement of Zubatcheff, Councillor of the Empire.

Expropriation of all the "appanage lands" from which the grand dukes and duchesses enjoyed a life income was demanded by the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies. These lands are estimated to be worth \$140,000,000. The members of the former royal house offered to surrender them to the government if the nation demanded it.

Besides the lands, the grand dukes and duchesses owned, as private individuals, more than 200 palaces or villas estimated to be worth \$70,000,000. Some of those include the richest lands in the Crimea and the Caucasus. These estates were taken by the Romanoffs after the conquest of the Crimea and the Caucasus and in most cases no compensation was paid to the former owners.

Trade Report.

Richmond, Va., June 28.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say for Richmond and vicinity:

Wholesale trade—Good.
Retail trade—Fair.
Manufacturing—Active.
Crops—Improving.
Collections—Fair.
Special Note—Labor scarce.

Wholesale distributors in most lines continue to have a fair volume of trade, though the usual between-season and vacation quietude is noticeable. Retail trade in seasonable commodities continues to lag, though some improvement is noted this week. Manufacturing in all lines continues almost feverishly active and the output is limited only by the amount of labor available and transportation facilities. The work in shipyards, centonments and other military preparations is progressing rapidly, employing much labor and consuming large amounts of supplies. Collections continue fair. Bank statements made in response to the last governmental calls continue to reflect the excellent financial condition of the district. Many statements show a record for deposits and resources.

Crops have improved during the last part of the month, the weather having been more favorable. Wheat is being harvested and the crop yield will be above the average. The acreage of corn is large and the plant in fair condition. Cotton is late, but with favorable weather, will improve, as a good top root is making. Irish potatoes are being harvested and the crop will exceed that of last year. Tobacco is in fair condition. Vegetables are plentiful and will become more so. Indications are for a fair fruit crop.

LOWER JOHNSTON ITEMS.

We are having some very warm weather now and cotton is beginning to wake up.

Mrs. Perry Morgan and son, James Perry, Jr., from Dunn, spent several days last week at Mrs. J. W. Morgan's.

Master Wade Johnson, from Benson, spent last week with his uncle, Mr. Zero Lee.

Miss Esther Thornton, from Dunn, returned home Sunday afternoon, after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Lee.

Miss Prilla Gilbert and little niece, Virginia Dare Gilbert, from near Benson, visited in this section last week.

Mr. Fabian C. Lee and sisters, Misses Katy and Lottie, spent Sunday afternoon with Misses Naomi and Ruth Morgan.

Mrs. Francis Lee and daughter, Miss Letha, spent Sunday at Mrs. L. D. Johnson's, from Spring Branch, Sampson County.

Misses Lola Maie and Emma Lee, from Rosin Hill, were the guests of Misses Merdie and Kitsy Denning Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Thaddeus Jernigan spent Sunday afternoon in Dunn, visiting friends.

Miss Viola Barefoot returned home Sunday, near Four Oaks, after spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Xure Lee.

Mr. Harvey Marshburn, from Peacock's Cross Roads, was a caller at Mrs. J. W. Morgan's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. B. B. Lee, from Selma, recently visited his brother, Mr. T. A. Lee.

Quite a number of people in this section attended the burial of Mrs. Moses Lee, near Dunn, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. P. Barefoot spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Houston Denning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Morgan spent Sunday in Lower Johnston, from Rock Hill section.

Mr. P. B. Johnson and family, from Benson, spent Sunday afternoon in these parts.

Misses Lessie and Katy Lee entertained the Calvary Baptist Sunday school senior class last Saturday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lee. Many interesting games were played, after which refreshments were served on the yard where the young people assembled. Every one seemed to enjoy the evening.

On last Tuesday morning, June 19, about five o'clock, the death angel came and took from the home of Elder and Mrs. Xure Lee, their darling baby, Iva Lee. She was two years and six months old. She had been sick about ten days. The cause of her illness was from a fall over a broom that was lying on the floor, this having busted a blood vessel in her left shoulder, which caused blood poison. She suffered more than any one can tell. All was done for her that mother, father, friends and two physicians could do, but the Heavenly Father knew best and took the dear little one away from its suffering and this world of trouble, into a place of comfort and rest. Elder L. A. Johnson conducted the funeral service at the Lee Cemetery, where little Iva was laid in her last resting place amid a large number of relatives and friends. She left, besides a host of relatives and friends, father, mother and one sister, Ocy, to mourn their loss.

Last Saturday night, June 23, Mrs. Rebecca Wood died at her home near Wood's Mill. She was the wife of Mr. Tom Wood. Mrs. Wood was an aged lady. She had been in feeble health for several years and her death was not unexpected by those who knew her condition. She was buried Sunday afternoon, near her home. REPORTER.

MESSENGER TO THE PRESIDENT

W. M. Jeffers, With Union Pacific 25 Years, Now Its Chief.

Omaha, Neb., June 25.—William M. Jeffers, who started railroadng as a messenger boy at North Platte, Neb., 28 years ago, was chosen today president of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Jeffers has been general manager of the Union Pacific for several years. He retains the general managership with his new duties. The appointment becomes effective July 1. Jeffers is about 41 years old.

CANADIAN AN AIR HERO.

Flight Lieutenant Leslie Broughton Down a Zeppelin.

Toronto, Ont., June 26.—Information was cabled to newspapers here today that the aviator who brought down a German Zeppelin on May 22 off the coast of Holland, is Flight Sub-Lieutenant Robert Leslie of Toronto.

He is a native of Glasgow, but had lived in Toronto 10 years and received his preliminary training at Toronto Island in the Summer of 1915.

Who Is Beneficiary?

People the world over are studying the German character these days. They did not know the Germans were so different from themselves. Constantly something is happening, however, to show that it is only a natural thing for the Germans to be different. For they have been taught different.

It is not after all that the Germans are so different but that the German system of doing things is so different.

The other day it came out that a circular letter had been sent to all German school teachers directing them to remind the children of the many good qualities of the ruling family, the Hohenzollerns, and to inculcate in their minds the necessity of remembering what the Hohenzollerns had done for Germany.

Nothing was said about what the people of Germany had done for the Hohenzollerns. The fact wasn't mentioned that the Germans have come to be looked upon as a strange and barbarous race, because of what they have done for their ruler. Not a word was printed in the letter about the privations that German civilians are undergoing or the countless family circles that have been broken by war's inroads or the inexpressible suffering and sacrifice on the battlefields of Europe.

If the Kaiser were to live a thousand years and had all the wealth of the world at his disposal he could never pay back to the people of Germany the difference between what they have done for him and what he has done for them.—News and Observer.

An Easy Job.

First Hobo—"I have at last thought of a job I think I would like."

Second Hobo—"And what is it?"

First Hobo—"Lineman in a wireless telegraph company."—Chicago Herald.

It is more difficult to be patient in the midst of discouragements than to be brave in the presence of danger.

Pitied His Widow.

"That fellow was an impudent fraud. How did he manage to wheedle money out of you?"

"Oh, John, he told me such a sad, pitiful tale about his poor wife who was a widow with six little children!" —Baltimore American.

Raleigh, June 27.—That the food production and conservation idea is taking strong hold not only upon farmers but upon the city people is amply demonstrated in Raleigh. The Raleigh Rotary Club has taken over a farm near the city and will cultivate it in food and feed crops until the end of the war. The Vanguard Bible Class of the Presbyterian church has likewise a small farm under its care. The entire acreage is planted in food crops and all of the work is done by members of the class, of which Mr. E. B. Crow, Cashier of the Commercial National Bank, is teacher and K. G. Hudson, president.

There are other similar instances in other cities in North Carolina. The North Carolina Food Commission states that the products of these and similar enterprises will be very satisfactory.

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