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IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What le Taking Place in The Southland Will Be Found In Brief Paragraphs

Foreign-

There are many conflicting reports about the battle raging in front of Peking, but all seem to agree that so far the defenders of the ancient imperial city are holding their ground. It is charged that Japan is backing the invaders.

There were clashes in Mexico City during the celebration of May day be-tween effect union laborers and mem-bers of the Association of Young Cath-olic Men, in which one man was killed. The fire department put out an ensuing fire and scattered the crowd of angry combatants.

It is stated in Genoa that the allies have decreed that Russia must recognise the debts of the former imperial government if she expects reconstructive aid from them. If Russia agrees to this recognition of obligations, the allies will make no immediate demand for either capital or interest and will seek to have their respective parlia-ments reduce the amounts due from the Soviets. It is stated that the Russian delegates will refuse the demands of the allies.

The Allies propose to aid Russia financially to the extent of 20,000,000 pounds sterling (normally \$100,000,-000), to be extended through the agency of an international consortium, it became known when the Allies' statesman completed the preamble to the reply which will be made to Rus-

An airplane bomb was dropped tramload of American marines on the road to Peking, by an aeroane belonging to the Chi Li or atscking army under General Wu Pei Fa, according to the correspondent of the Lon Times.

Martial law was declared in Peking. The armies of General Chang Tso-Lin and General Wu Pei-Fu fought continuously. The fighting centered around Changsintien, 12 miles distant. government communique says Chang Tso-Lin was victorious in the fighting at Machang.

Isolation of the deadly typhus germ the first step toward discovery of a carative vaccine—is claimed to have en achieved by Russian doctors at Moscow micrological institute. A youp of doctors, including Walter venport, a Chicago scientist now at foscow, say they have examined and wrified the results.

Bitter exchanges between Arthur driffith, president of the dail eireann Mamon de Valera, republican leader, more intense than any heretofore, sarked the proceedings of the dail the other day in Dublin. Charges and counter-charges of responsibility for the present disorders characterized the

Vashington-

A "little Virginian rebel," home from conquest of Britain, recently ura first love to raise a league of nas standard. She is Lady Nancy tor, daughter, of Virginia, member the British Parliament and lastly, m defender of Woodrow Wilson's orld society of pations.
Widows of honorably discharged as

Hers, sallors and marines who served the World War and wives of ind soldiers, ballors and marines, be given preference in examinas for posmastership at first, secthird-class post offices, under the service commission's interpretaof the executive order of Oct. 14.

robibition Commissioner Hayne itly issued a formal statemen as the public "to be on guard at well defined propagands, a seems to be nation-wide, falsely ing that enforcement of the Eight-Amendment to falling in re-

advisory committee of twelve inted by the president to secretary of commerce in of wave steams of users, rence and vari-

Scores of naval reserve aviators was formed the backbone of the navy's air force since the war will be-retained in the regular navy by congressional

action, newspaper men recently wired

their papers. August Probst, the Swiss waiter who has charged that he was "kidnapped"

because of his romantic interest in the daughters of a wealthy member of The fashionable Rolling Rock Country club, near Pittsburgh, will be deported from the United States under an order issued by Assistant Secretary Henning of the labor department.

The Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States Shipping Board is not a governmental agency in the sense that it cannot be sued without its consent, the Supreme court decided the other day.

Orders for the forfeiture of what is declared to be the largest amount of liquor ever affected by a single prohibition bureau decision have been approved by Commissioner Haynes. It is stated that more than one hundred thousand quarts of whiskey are involved.

Mrs. Cecile R. Oyster, 26 years old, widow of George M. Oyster, Jr., wealthy Washington dairyman, recently filed a petition in the District of Columbia supreme court to obtain one-half of the big stock of wines and liquors left by her deceased husband, the other half to go to the next of kin or beneficiaries of the estate.

In an appeal issued to friends of prohibition enforcement, the Anti-Saloon League urged defeat at forthcoming primaries and elections of all candidates for the senate and house of representatives who favor modification of the Volstead law.

World cotton consumption has returned to its pre-war level, after a five-year period of consumption, accvording to a survey of the international cotton situation covering production, consumption and stocks as of April 1, made public by the commerce department.

Private investors are lending hundreds of millions of dollars to the impoverished governments of Europe, which already owe the American government some eleven billion dollars. The loans are being made with the knowledge and approval of the sta and treasury departments, and the fact that the countries are so heavily indebted to this government has had nothing to do with the transacions of private bankers.

Domestic-

The Tennessee State Federation of Labor met in Nashville, Tenn., with more than a hundred delegates in attendance.

The Union Oil company at San Francisco has been advised that the tank steamer with 10,000 barrels of oil on board, went to the bottom ten miles south of Point Arens one night recently.

Edmund Abbott West, 99, of Chicago, reputed founder of the Republican party, died recently in Chicago.

The death of Richard Croker, it is stated in New York City, may result is one of the most intricate cases ever decided by a United States court. Croter's second marriage was against the advise and coasent of his children, and he processly disinherited them.

In Martie Shipley, testifying as to the death of her father, Dr. Gus Shipond marriage was against the

ley, at Athers, Tenn, said her father returned home drunk and abused her mother. Her brother, incensed at his father, shot him dead. The son will be given a preliminary hearing soon.

Gertrude Hanns, 17-year-old belle of Hoopeston, Ill., was recently murdered, but no one knows how. Her body found in the basement of the deserted United Presbyterian parsonage, was not bruised. Poison theories have not been apheid. The chief suspect, a former flancee, admitted intimacy with the girl, but proved he had nothing to do with her death. It is said to be a case that will puzzle the minds of the best

detectives in the country. Richard Crocker, former leader of Tammany Hall, and one of the best known political figures of his time, is dead at his country estate in Ireland, according to a private cablegram received at New York.

An involuntary petition in bank ruptey was filed in federal court recently against the stock brokerage firm of Raynor, Nicholas and Truesdell, said to have branch offices in several cities.

Arthur Conan Doyle, in the first weeks of his tour of America, has sought to tear aside the curtain between this world and the world-to-be. the veil that conceals the unknown from the known, and to reveal heaven in all its happine

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gravity of the flood situation, and the sticken people.

Frank F. Hill, Jr., son of a millionaire banker, went to jail at Memphis, Tenn., for five minutes for violation of an automobile parking ordinance. He was released when his father put up a cash bond.

Election of officers and announcement of winners in the debating, declamation and expression contest featured a recent session of the South Carolina High School League, at Columbia, 8. C.

of East Whitner street, Anderson, S. C., were going armed because of a vicious squirrel, police were unable to find and kill.

Johnny Meyers, middleweight champion, and Henie Engle, of Dubugue, wrestled to a draw at Chicago.

With two men of the second panel tentatively accepted by both sides, and two more, completing the paneal of four, examined by the state, selectio not a jury to try Governor Len Small of Illinois, made good progress at Waukegan, III.

For Wrightsville Beach; 18 Conventions Booked.

Wilmington.-With 18 conventions actually booked and dated and the possibility of securing a few additional ones exceptionally bright, the summer convention season of Wrightsville Beach will open June 1 with the Southern Textile association holding forth for three days. The convention season will close late in August.

Completion of the Seashore hotel will mean much during the convention period, for it will previde accommodations midway the beach and relieve a congestion that would other wise obtain.

Leo P. Kitchen's orchestra, engaged for the season, will arrive late in May and will furnish music at the Oceanic hotel for the opening convention.

Following is a complete list of conventions booked, estimated number of delegates on each and the dates of the sessions:

June 1-3 Southern Textile association, 400 to 500 delegates. A. B. Carter, secretary Gastonia. June 8-9-Southern Wholesale Con-

fectioners, delegates, 100. J. H. Bostwock, president, Charlotte. June 8-10 - North Carolina Dental

Society, Board of Examiners. Delegates, 20. June 12-14-North Carolina Dental

Society. Dr. R. Weathersbee, D. H. L. Keith, chairmen. Delegates, 250. June 13-15 - Pythians Delegates, 150. R. L. Meares, chairman.

June 16-17-Tri-State Certified Pub lic Accountants, J. B. McCabe, general

chairman. June 20-21 - North Carolina Insurance Agents. W. E. Sharp, Burling-

June 20-22 - North Carolina Retail Merchants.

June 22-23-North Carolina Building and Loan League.

June 27-29-North Carolina Bar Asociation. Delegates, 150. July 10-12-North Carolina Chiro.

practors' Association. Delegates, 75. July 18-19 Seaboard Agents. Delegates, 60 to 100.

July 18-19-Baptist Seaside Assem July 27-28 - North Carolina Com-

mercial Secretaries. Delegates, 40. William T. Pitter, secretary, Winston Salem.

August 11-12 - North Carolina Sedety of Engineers. Delegates, 200. August 15-16-Grand Encampment O. O. F.

August 15-17-State Luther League of Evangelical Lutherans, Synod of North Carolina, Delegates, 100 to 125. August 2224-Junior O. U. A. M. Delegates 350 to 400. - Bam F. Vance, secretary and treasurer, Winston-Sa-

August - American Federation of Labor. Samuel Compers to speak.

cone Will Build Temple. Durham.—The local Masonic com-\$100,000 worth of stock, the proceeds from which are to be used in the erection of a handsome Masonic temple in Durham. The committee held a lunchon here at which time plans for the campaign were outlined. It was announced at the luncheon by Treasurer N. Rosenstein that \$25,000 worth of

stock has already been subscribed. The chairmen of the committees appointed to do the soliditing are: I L. Bugg, B. D. Haime, H. L. Smith L. J. Carden, Sr. Poy Roberson, and Judge M. H. Spice.

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every agency is trying to overcome the difficulty of transporting supplies to RICHMOND RECEIVES TO ERECT TWELVE LADY NANCY ASTOR SOLDIER HOSPITALS

TEARS IN EXPRESSING HER APPRECIATION.

A TOTAL CAPACITY OF

Folks who reside in the neighborhood SUEST OF SIRLHOOD FRIEND 200 BEDS FOR DISTRICT

Five Thousand Greet Her Upon Arrival and Ten Thousand Hear Her Speak in City Auditorium.

Richmond, Va. - From the moment she first set her black slippered feet on Virginia soil at Broad Street station, on her sight-seeing automobile trip in and around Richmond, until the close of her address to 10,000 persons in the city auditorium, following which she was whisked away in a limousine to the home of a girlhood friend whose guest she is while in this city, Lady Nancy Astor was the central figre of one of the most whole-souled and sincere welcomings ever accorded Successful Summer Season Indicated a home-coming former citizen of Richmond or of Virginia.

> The reception she received and the warmth of the greeting extended to her so impressed her that, in expressing her appreciation, she was unable to repress tears that welled up in her

"I cannot begin to tell you how good it feels to be back home again." she said, as she gazed out on a veritable sea of faces. "I don't know what to say to all

this," she declared. "I have never seen so thrilled in all my life and 'Dixie' never before sounded so good to me." 'A crowd estimated at five thousand

greeted the distinguished visitor and her party, consisting, besides herself, of Viscount Astor, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Dame Littlejohn, upon their arrival in Richmond.

Lady Astor's greeting to the group that assembled in the train shed was: "I can't be here at 7 o'clock in the morning."

The camera men crowded up to get & snap. "Now, please," she said, "don't come

too close. "It's awfully hard to look pleasant so early in th emorning."

In the meantime, Viscount Astor had gotten off the train sad was immediately beseiged by an admiring group. As the photographer closed in on him. he threw his hand to his face and enid:

"Oh, Lord," in true British style. "No photograph, please. I haven't had a shave this morning."

U. S .Treasury Damaged by Fire. Washington. - Flames which burst from the roof of the treasury department, eating their way through a superstructure and spreading to the entral portions of the roof were brought under control after threaten-

ing heavy damage to the building. Leaping 300 feet or more in the air, the flames lit up a large part of the downtown section and sparks were wafted across the street to the White House lawns. Awakened by White House attendants, President and Mrs. Harding dressed and watched the pro-

gress of the flames at a window. Several smaller explosions occurred in quick succession as the flames rose to a height of 30 or 40 lest and appeared to be enveloping the entire cen-iral portion of the roof. Sparks from the are were being swept by a light southeast wind in the general direction of the White House but it was believed that structure was in no dan-

Thirty minutes after the fire begun the glow from the leaping flames was lighting to the entire downtown section of the city, casting a dull light ever the White House and the Wash-

ington monument.
As the first streams of water were played on the fames it speared that they probably would be confined to the central portion of the root to which they had apread from the superstruc

Following an explosion of chemicals stored where the fire originated, the flames appeared to be rapidly gaining head way.

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kson, Miss.-The \$100,000 dan age sait brought by Miss Prances Birkad. a stenographer, against Gov. on Russell, of the selection, was dis-smulorer, alleging sedection, was dis-minsed in federal court here by Judge Master Holmes, on the ground of back Master Holmes, on the ground of back Hotman on the proedie the suit in the

SHE IS UNABLE TO REPRESS HER AT A COST OF \$17,000,000 WITH 5,450 BEDS.

> Bill Makes Direct Appropriation of \$12,000,000, to be Withdrawn From

> > Treasury During Fiscal Year.

Washington. - The erection of 12 soldier hospitals, at a cost of \$17,000,-000, and with a total capacity of 5,450 beds, is provided in a bill reported by

the house appropriations committee. The bill makes a direct appropriation of \$12,000,000, this being the sum estimated to be withdrawn from the treasury during the next fiscal year. Authority is given, however, for the additional \$5,000,000 and the director of the Veterans' bureau, the committee declared, will be able to start work as soon as possible on all facilities contemplated under the Langley bill authorizing the \$17,000,000 outlay. The additional funds, it was stated, may not be required before 1924.

The facilities proposed to be acquired with appropriate cost figures, as outlined to the committee by Director Forbes, include:

District No. 4 , West Virginia, Vir. ginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, general cases 250 beds, \$750,000. District No. 5, North Carolina, South

Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, general cases, 200 heds, \$600,000. District No. 6, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, Neuro Psychiatric

cases, 350 beds, \$1,050,000. Definite decision as to the location of the hospitals in the various districts was under discussion at a con ference between Director Forbes and the bureau hospital committee.

Austin, Texas.-One person was reported dead and more than a score injured following a tornado which passed through Austin. Property damage was estimated at several hun-

dred thousand dollars. Most of the damage was caused a Pennfield, a suburb. There the storm struck the Woodward Manufacturing company's plant, a wood work establishment, and demolished it, killing one employe and injuring fifteen others, none seriously. About 78 other employes escaped. Some were carried through the air for short distances. At Stewards college, near Pennfield two students were injured. The storm partly demolished the dormitory. The student body saw the twister coming and left.

This evening motor cars were still bringing injured persons to hospitals from Pennfield and it was said that the total number of those receiving medical care was nearly forty.

The storm approached Austin from the north and hundreds of persons on the downtown streets watched the whirling cloud pass over the west section of the city.

Will Address Carriers by Radio. Asheville - Postmaster General Work, though unable to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina letter carriers and clerks, will address them by radio. President Harding. who has been invited, will also be unable to attend, and because he has declined other invitations to speak by radie will not use the radiophone.

Miss Knox Given 20 Years. Montross, Va .- Miss Sarah E. Knox was found guilty of murder in first degree and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Miss Knox, former nurse, has been on trial for the killing of Mrs. Roger D. Eastlake, whose husband was acquitted last December of the

Watt T. Mayo, commonwealth's attorney of Westmoreland county, concluded the argument for the state. Judge Chinn then adjourned court to allow the jury time to eat dinner before beginning their secret discussion. The jury retired, returning the verdict in one hour and 23 minutes.

Presents Bonus Plan to President.

Washington.-Chairman McCumber. of the senate finance committee, was authorized formally by the majority of that committee to present his sol diers' bonus plan, with the bank loan prevision, to President Harding as the committee plan. formed the committeemen o would lay before the is bonus plan, which con-President his honus plan

A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TRAVELS FROM CAREY TO VICKSBURG, MISS.

DISTANCE OF OVER 25

Viewing Quarter Million Acres Farm Land Under Water Three to Fifteen Feet Deep.

Vicksburg, Miss.-One million acres -35 per cent under cultivation—inundated to a depth of three to 15 feet, water covered and rapidly integrating buildings, refugees housed in box-care, tents and railroad stations and here and there a more persistent householder sticking to his dwelling despite the lapping of the water against the thresholds, viewed from the windows of a special train which ploughed its way through more than two feet of back water for a distance of 25 miles from Carey to Vicksburg, gave the congressional delegation surveying the ravages of the swollen Mississippi a vivid insight into the tragedy of the

river flood. Box cars, top floors of cotton gina. railroad stations and loading platforms and tents pitched on the ridges which dot the generally flat lowlands now are housing several thousand refugess, with the number expected to appreciably increase as the waters rise

and spread further. Approximately 2,000 persons are being cared for in box cars, 300 of which have been distributed on sidings at central points along the line of the Yaroo & Mississippi Valley railroad in

the overflowed area. Members of the congressional party left the river commission steamer Mississippi, aboard which the greater part of the four is being made, at Greeneville, and, after an automo ride to Leland for a view of neighboring plantations, curtailed by a heavy rainstorm, boarded a special train at the latter town for the rail trip through the flooded sections to Vicks-

After a visit to the National Park here and a luncheon the party reboarded the Mississippi for a coatisuation of the southward journey,

Lengthen Hearings on Shoele. Washington-A new schedule for investigations into private offers for development of the government's nitrate and power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., designed to speed up the proceedings and expedite an agreement for Senate consideration was adopted by the senate agricultural committee.

At the suggestion of Chairman Norris, it was decided unanimously to extend the investigation to all-day meetings, and in order to permit committee members to respond to roll calls in the Senate, it was arranged to move the hearings from the office building into the capitol, using a room there convenient to the Senate chamber.

Calls for quorums in the Senate have been so numerous since the tariff bill was taken up for the passage, that the committee has been seriously hampered in attempts to continue investigation of the Muscle Shoals propos-

W. B. Mayo, chief engineer for Henry Ford, resumed his explanation of the Ford offer, but in 15 minutes from the time the committee convened, it was compelled to adjourn to answer a Senate call.

Favor Inquiry of War Claims. Washington.-By & vote of 6 to 5 the house rules committee decided to give privilege status to the Johnson-Woodruff resolution calling for congression al investigation of charges of-alleg laxity in the prosecution of govern ment claims arising out of war com tracts and settlement thereof.

Attorney General Daugherty in a le ter to the committee said the depar ment of justice had no objection t such an investigation as Congr may see fit to undertake." Secretar Weeks wrote that he was not oppose to the resolution.

Fewer Failures Noted in Country. New York.—Business failure in country fell off 28 per cent last m from January, the peak month of year, statistics issued by Bradet show. A total of 1.948 firms failed ing the month with liabilities of 589,740. The percentage of however, exceeded by 80 per c

railure for the first four of the year total 8,000 with ties of \$300,762,367, a number