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GROWING FORCE IN OPPOSITION TO THE BOLSHEVIKI

Workmen and Soldiers Are Hourly Growing In Dissatisfaction, Say Several Reports.

BOLSHEVIKI TROOPS REFUSE TO ATTACK

Bolsheviki Leaders Appear Conscious of the Utter Failure of Their Plan and They Are Referred to as "German Heirlings."

London, Dec. 26.—There have been occasional asertions in Petrorad dispatches that the influence and power of the Bolsheviki was wanin but never with such unanimity as in special dispatches dated from the Russian capital Sunday and printed today. Nearly all made the point in one form or another that defection from Workmen and Soldiers oranizations is growing constantly. Among causes alleged are general lack of authority the increase in drunkenness, the reluctance of the population to work and the scarcity of food stuffs. The main desire of the soldiers is said to be for peace.

The correspondent cites instances of Bolsheviki troops refusing to march declining to attack the Ukrainians are permitting the Cossacks to disarm them without resistance. Fighting, it is said, is the last thing they are willing or intent to do. A hostile spirit is reported to survive among the Baltic sailors and the Red Guard and the former are not numerous enough to overcome the Ukrainians and the Red Guard is largely untrained. It is reported therefore, that war against the Ukrainians probably will not materialize in any serious scale.

Bolsheviki leaders, the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says, seem to be becoming conscious of hopeless failure while the correspondent of the Daily News writes: "There is a tremendous and growing opposition to the Bolsheviki among all classes. Men who formerly supported them are turning against them and 'German Heirlings' is a common term of denunciation. There is much talk of meeting the present reign of terror and bomb-throwing is freely suggested as the only method of exerting pressure on the Bolsheviki. This is not merely idle tal kas those who say it are those who already have thrown bombs."

NORMAN WINSTEAD IS SLIGHTLY HURT

Norman Winstead son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Winstead, of this city, was hurt Monday afternoon, when he was struck by an automobile driven by Cliff Ellen. The young boy was riding a bicycle on Washington street at the time when he was hit by the machine suffering a severe blow on the head. He was immediately rushed to Park View Hospital for medical attention. Upon examination it was found that the injury on the head was not serious, and barring unseen developments he will be all right in a few days.

TELLING THE FRENCH WHAT U. S. IS DOING

Paris, Dec. 26.—Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons has begun an extensive program of lectures in important cities on "What the United States is doing in the War," for the committee on the effort of France and her allies, of which Stephen Pinchon, minister of foreign affairs, is chairman.

LAST HOPE OF SMALL IS GONE

Boston Broker is Denied a New Trial and Must Die January 15 For the Murder of His Wife.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 26.—The supreme court today refused a new trial to Frederick L. Small, former Boston broker, awaiting execution on January, 15, for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small at their home near Lake Oisipes, September 28, 1916.

The farmer with ag ood wood lot can serve his country and his pocketbook as well this winter by cutting and selling wood as he can next summer by growing foodstuffs.

BORDER RAID BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Troops Are Guarding All Outlets to the Van Horne Canyon to Get Bandits.

CARRIED OFF BOOTY

American Troops Are Seeking to Take Band of Bandits Who Crossed Border, Killing Two and Taking $7,000 In Booty.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—American troops today were guarding all outlets to Van Horne Canyon where 100 Mexican bandits on Christmas morning crossed the American border, raided the post office and general store on the Brite ranch 37 miles southeast of here, killed Michael Welsh, a veteran stage driver and his two Mexican passengers, wounded Sam Neill, foreman of the Bright ranch and carried away booty estimated to be worth $7,000.

After the bandits had passed over the rim Rock which rises abruptly more than 1,000 feet above the Rio Grande the soldiers who were in close pursuit fired many rounds at them and are reported to have killed and wounded many of the Mexicans. The shooting compelled the bandits to abandon the horses on which they carried away the loot.

ALL BUT FAMILIES ARE TO REPORT

Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—All dealers in and holders of foodstuffs in quantities substantially greater than family supplies should report in the War Emergency Food Survey of the United States to be made as of to morrow, even though they do not, Charles J. Brand, Chief of the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, who was the big inventory in charge.

"We have attempted to send schedules from Washington to each of the hundreds of thousands of firms and individuals who handle the food supply of the country, but obviously it has been physically impossible to reach them all," said Mr. Brand.

"All dealers, manufacturers, and warehousemen having any food in their possession, and all other concerns, such as hotels and institutions having more than $250 worth of food on hand, should arrange to report their holdings of December 31, whether schedules have been delivered to them or not. In case they do not receive schedules by January 2, they should write for copies to the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, or should call at or write to one of the many branch offices of the bureau throughout the country. The names and locations of these branches can be secured from any concern that has received a copy of the schedule.

"This survey of our available food stocks is of the greatest significance, since it will furnish the basis for the shaping by the Government of important plan and policies, vital to the country's welfare. It is only with accurate data before us that we can plan the figures in regard to existing food supply, conservation, utilization, and production of our food supply in such a way as to meet safely the extraordinary war conditions with which we have to contend.

"I believe that the purpose of the survey is generally understood and that practically all owners and holders of food will cheerfully co-operate with us to the limit.

"I trust that it will not be necessary to bring prosecution under the act providing for the survey in order to force the making of reports."

ANOTHER VICTIM PITTSBURG WRECK

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Adelaide Bongiovanni, who was injured in the street car accident at South Hill tunnell last Monday died in a hospital today bringing the total dead to twenty. Mrs. Bongiovanni, the wife of a leading restaurant owner stated after she was taken to the hospital that she had lost diamonds valued at $10,000 in the wreck.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 26.—Fractional changes attended the early operations on the stock exchange today but the list developed a heavier trend before the end of the first hour. United States Steel reacted 1 1-2 points with 1 to 8 point recessions in other equipments, Metals and Shippings yielding large fractions. American tobacco lost 1 3-4. Baldwin Locomotives as much. General Electric 1 1-2 and the Motor division also receded moderately Rails were firmer at the out set but fell back with the leaders as trading became more active Liberty fours repeated their recent minimum of 96.98 but the 3 1-2 were steady

SENATE DEMANDS ALL BE SUPPLIED

Aroused By Reports of Shortage of Winter Clothing in Cantonments Senate Urges Departments to Act Quickly.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Aroused by reports of shortage of winter clothing in national army camps the Senate military affairs committee today in resuming investigations into army conditions adopted a resolution requesting the Secretary of war to immediately ascertain conditions by wire, supply deficient troops and suspend department routine if necessary by purchases from sources near the camps.

WHAT THE BOYS IN FRANCE ARE DOING

By J. W. PEGLER

With the American Expeditionary Army, France, Nov. 26. (By Mail).—If you're coming to France you'd better bring along a few Bibles, decks of cards, note-boks and spectacle cases.

In experimenting to find a bullet resisting body armor, the ordnance folks found that these articles have stopped bullets galore in past and present years.

The enemy shock-troops are furnished a steel body-shield made in leaves, like the hide of an armadillo. Sometimes this metal stops bullets and sometimes it just says "how do you do" as the bullet goes whizzing straight on through to cause the Roche an acute pain in his tummy.

Bibles have saved lots of lives. A German bullet usually pulls up short and gets religion about midway through Revelations.

Three aces have been known to defeat a sizeable shell fragment where the soldier was a man of speculative mind.

And spectacle cases are very useful in deflecting ricochet bullets.

It is likely that by the time our whole Army takes the field the ordnance department will have adopted some kind of armor. It may be metal and it may be cloth but it is believed that some shield is possible which can prevent many wounds caused by spent bullets or shell fragments.

STEAMER BELIEVED LOST IN STORM

The American Steamship Tuscora Thought to Have Been Lost With All On Board Near Cape Bretton.

New York, Dec. 26—The American steamship Tuscora formerly a lake vessel and requisitioned by the shipping board for Atlantic Service, with her entire crew of 35 men is believed to have been lost at sea somewhere north of Cape Bretton' island according to advices received in shipping circles today from Nova Scotia.

SWIPE AUTOMOBILE FOR JOY RIDING

Mr. A. S. Lyon, superintendent of the municipal water plant, had his automobile appropriated for several hours Saturday night by negroes, who endeavored to use the machine for joy riding. It seems that Mr. Lyon and his family attended a local amusement attraction and left the machine in front of the theatre. A negro who followed them got into the car and headed for the colored section of the city. Here a party of members of his race was formed and they proceeded to go joy riding. They did not progress far as the automobile became stuck in the mud and refused to become unstuck. The members of the jubilant traveling party had to remove the machine from its muddy habitation, so they proceeded to temporarily swipe another machine from in front of the post office and take it to the scene so as to pull Mr Lyon's car from the mud. While the pulling process was in operation, Mr. Lyon's machine crashed into a telephone pole, bending the bumper and fender and doing other slight damage.

The would-be joy riders returned the latter machine to its place in front of the postoffice, but Mr. Lyon's machine was found in the picinity of where it lingered in the mud. No arrests in the affair have been made as far as is known.

FORMER SUPREME COMMANDER DEAD

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 26.—W. W. Blackwell, a decade ago supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythians and since recognized as an authority in the order, is dead at his home here, having suffered a stroke of paralysis. He was 65 years old.

GREEKS URGED TO JOIN U. S. ARMY

Note Received at State Department Today From The Greek Government Makes Point Plain.

TO REWARD SERVICE

Not Only Will The Governmen Suspend the Penalties For One of Their Subjects Joining Foreign Army, But They Will Reward Service.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Greece wants her citizens in the United States to enlist in the American army. Not only will she suspend punishments which ordinarily follow enlistment of Greeks with a foreign power but she will award them for supporting American arms. This is the substance of a note from the Greek government delivered today at the State Department.

NOT A SINGLE DRUNK FOUND

Police Find Past Christmas a Record Breaker, and Not a Single Arrest. Whiskey Very Scarce.

All records have been smashed for sobriety during Christmas in this city, according to a declaration of the police today who explain that not only was there not a single arrest for intoxication but there was not a man observed under the influence of whisky during the entire Christmas season. While conditions have not been bad in many years, not since the departure of the open saloons in fact, it has never been the case heretofore that there wasn't some drunkenness at Christmas and some citizens, both white and colored who shared the idea that a good Christmas meant a good big drunk. Not a single arrest over Christmas eve or Christmas day for intoxication, or practically speaking for any other cause, is an unusual record and a new one so far as this city is concerned. In the eyes of the court in the past Christmas offenders have been "laid down light" both because of the season and of the magnitude of the court, but this year there is no such session.

Incidentally it is believed that the bone dry law and the rigid enforcement of regulations preventing whisky being brought into this city have done much to curtail the supply and accounts in no uncertain terms for the lack of drunkenness here. During Christmas morning there called at the police station one of the older and more respected darkies of the city who declared to the police that this was the first Christmas in fifty-six years that there hadn't been a drop on "his man'ter place"—the appeal evidently being framed with a covetous appetite towards some of the hundred odd quarts stored in the vault in the municipal building and so taken from offenders and awaiting orders from the courts. Nor was this old negroe's predicament an exception, according to all reports, and there was a general dearth over the city and men who have heretofore been able to buy when it was about to be declared they had friends that knew where they could get it, were heard to remark Monday and Tuesday that it was not to be had, and prices didn't figure in the least. Of course with this condition there was a dearth of eggnog, for with no "nog" the hens were not any too accommodating and cold storage eggs at 50 cents and a total absence of country eggs was the condition of that market and a pound of sugar for the regular customer, didn't make a fellow feel like he would like to use his week's allowance for a night's eggnog.

CHARLOTTE GIRL WINS LIBERTY BOND

Charlotte, Dec. 26.—The prize of a $50 Liberty Bond offered by Mr. J. B. Ivey, State Merchants Representative under the Food Administration for the best article on Food conservation has been awarded to Miss Ethel Abernethy of this city. Several score papers were submitted and the judging was done by officials of the Food Administration at Raleigh.

The excellence of the papers submitted in the contest showed a gratifying degree of knowledge of the food problem in its world-wide aspect and of the problem of the United States in meeting the situation.

If you can't raise a pig, save one. You can do so by eating less pork.

LETTER THREATENS GOV. OF CALIFORNIA

Demands Fifty Thousand Dollars or Else The Fury of Nine Bombs Planted in The Executive Mansion and States Building.

Sacramento, Dec. 26.—In a letter declaring nine bombs had been placed in the executive mansion capitol building, police station and residences of "two head officers of the state" has been received by Governor Stevens and turned over to the police, it became known today. The letter demanded that $50,000 be placed in a rock pile presumably near Oakland, Cal., Dec. 31, at 3 o'clock.

ARCTIC EXPLORER IS HEARD FROM

Stefannson, the English Explorer, Thought to Have Been Lost, Reports Today at Fort Yukon.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Viljalmur Stefannson, the arctic explorer, last heard from in a letter received in March 1913 has arrived with his party at Fort Yukon, according to word received today by the Navy Department.

Stefannson, head of the Canadian arctic expedition has been in the far north since 1913 and lately there has been some anxiety as to his safety.

AMERICAN AIRMEN GET COMMISSIONS

Washington, D. C. Dec. 26.—Victor Ronal Laufbery, William Thaw and twenty-two other Americans who have been fliing with the Lafayette escadrilla, have been commissioned in the aviation reserve of the American army on recommendation of General Pershing, the adjutant general announced Saturday.

Laufbery, Thaw, and John F. Huffer were given commissions as majors, commissions as captains were issued to Charles J. Biddle, Phelps Collins, Kenneth P. Littauer, Walter Lovell, David McK. Paterson, Robert Soubiran, Robert L. Rockwell and Kenneth Marr.

Dudley L. Hill was commissioned as captain for service as instructor, and the following were commissioned first lieutenants:

Paul F. Baer, William B. Haviland, Charles M. Jones, Granville A. Pollock, Leland L. Rounds, Joseph C. Stehlin, George E. Tunnure, Jr., Frank W. Wells, Charles H. Dolal, Jr., and Henry S. Jones.

MAN THOUGHT TO BE DEAD IS SAFE

Robersonville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Mr. William S. Smith and family, formerly of Spring Green, Martin county, but now residing near Ayden, Pitt County, have had a very gratifying experience.

Some two years since their son, Charles Smith, ran away from home. Being desirous of going to sea, he arranged for a voyage to Alexandria, Egypt upon a cattle ship. Upon his return to this country, he quit the cattle ship without being signed off and entered the service of the government. And upon her next voyage, cattle ship was lost and it was reported that young Smith was lost too. But this was a mistake due to the fact that, although Smith had left the cattle ship, his name was still kept as that of a member of the crew.

This young man is home on a visit, and spent two days this week among Robersonville friends.

TOBACCO NEEDED BY THE BRITISH

Lord Rhondda, of the Food Control Department, Says British Must Have Tobacco.

London, Dec. 11. (By Mail.)—Tobacco is a necessity not a luxury, declares Lord Rhondda, the food controller in a statement published here. "We must have tobacco," he says. "I believe that its loss would be a national misfortune. It means much, both to the manual laborers and to him who works his brain. Men would eat a great deal more if they did not have tobacco. I hold that the deprivation of it would work great discomfort. Some system of rationing tobacco, however, is forecast by the newspapers.

MAY BE FIRST MOVE CONTROL

John Skelton Williams is Being Discused By Officials as Federal Administrator.

McADOO IS MENTIONED

Officials Generally Believe That This is a Forerunner of Plan of Government Operation of Railroads as a War Measure.

Washington, Dec. 26.—John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, was being discussed today in official circles as the most probable selection for Federal railroad administrator should President Wilson decide to appoint one. In the event that Comptroller Williams is not selected those apparently best informed on the situation believe the work would be undertaken by Secretary McAdoo, who, however, would not relinquish his place as Secretary of Treasury but would surround himself with a cabinet of railroad men. These developments all pointed to an evident decision by President Wilson to soon begin federal administration of railroads, although there was no official announcement.

SECRET SERVICE CHIEF HAS RESIGNED

New York, Dec. 26.—William J. Flynn announced Saturday that he had resigned as chief of the United States secret service.

Mr. Flynn said he had offered his resignation last November, but had been asked to reconsider it. Upon advice of his physician, however, and at the urgent request of his family, he had definitely decided to retire, he said. He will leave office December 31.

There have been persistent rports that Mayor-elect John F. Hylan had requested Chief Flynn to become police commissioner of New York on January 1, as successor Arthur Woods. Mr. Flynn would neither deny nor affirm that he would become the head of New York's police force under Mr. Hylan. He said, however, that the police commissionership of New York had not been in his mind at the time of his resignation was filed.

Chief Flynn has been with the secret service 20 years.

FIRST CALL IS FOR BRICKLAYERS

New Draft Questionnaires Are to Be Scanned For Men For Bricklayers Squad For General Pershing Immediately.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—The new draft machinery was invoked for the first time when Provost Marshal General Crowder made public today instructions to all governors calling for the mobilization of 1,000 brick layers needed for General Pershing at once. Local boards are called upon to examine questionnaires now being returned and report as rapidly as possible as to the number of brick layers of draft age available for service. Only white brick layers will be taken either by draft or voluntary induction into military service through local boards. They will be followed by the aviation signal corps taKelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. The purpose of which they are to be used in France is not disclosed. The order is the first application of the special occupational classification provisions of the new draft regulations. General Crowder's letter to the governors indicates that similar calls for skilled men in other trades are to be expected.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 26.—The feature in the cotton market during the early trading was the strength of the near months. It seemed seemed that the January issues had been issued and there was flurry of covering which sent the price up to 30.06 or 31 points above Monday's closing level and into new high ground for the season. Other months were influenced by the firmness in this respect with March selling at 29.47 and May at 29.17 or 21 points net higher.

New York, Dec. 26.—Cotton futures opened steady. January, 29.80 to 30; March, 29.44; May, 29.05; July, 28.72; October, 27.45.

ARMISTICE WITH RUSSIA IS NOT GIVEN REGARD

Germans Move Troops On Front and to Other Fronts Despite Terms Of Agreement.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE IN REGION ABOUT MEUSE

The Russian Advices Telling Of Withdrawal of Troops Says They Are Being Moved to Roumanian Front in Effort to Force Armistice There.

While their guns bombed the western front the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russo-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and most violent on the right bank of the Meuse northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is awaiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack.

Russian advices tell of the German withdrawal on the east, adds, "that some of the troops are being taken to the Roumanian front. Roumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the UKraine which lies south of Moldavia and Bessarabia is oppostd to the Bolsheviki.

South of Juvincourt in the Rheims sector of Champagne the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portion of the front there have been raids in addition to the artillery duels but no large operations are indicated.

Leon Trotsky, the Russian foreign minister has protested against the German transference of troops from the eastern front but also has ordered Russian factories to stop the manufacture of munitions. He did not indicate whether his government would take another step against German violation of the armistice.

Peace negotiations at Brest Litovsk apparently are making little progress. The Germans have delayed their answer to the Bolsheviki terms and it is reported that the conference will be transferred to Stockholm shortly. In the meantime the majority party want the constituent assembly to meet on January 2.

TRAVELING MEN ARE PATRIOTIC

A unique and effective form of war service is being rendered in a quiet way by patriotic traveling salesmen, who have gone beyond the Food Administration's request that they give their patronage to the hotels and restaurants that are co-operating in the food conservation program.

According to a well known and widely traveled salesman the jolly drummers are grimly and determinedly not only boycotting hotels and restaurants that are disregarding food economies and substitutions but are passing the word along, enlightening the entire traveling public. This concerted action way started only recently but already a few eating places are beginning to feel the pinch.

30 ARRESTED ON DYNAMITING CHARGE

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 26.—Thirty men were under arrest here Saturday suspected by the police of being implicated in the explosion Monday night at the executive mansion here. The arrests followed the discovery of what Chief of Police Ira Conran said he believed was a plot to dynamite the electric power house of the Pacific Gas and Electric company here Saturday night.

Chief Conran said William Hood, one of the prisoners, was alleged to have remarked that "dynamiting of the governors mansion was only the begining of a series of explosions in Sacramento.

The mansion was partly destroyed but neither Governor William D. Stephens nor any member of the household was injured.

Hood was arrested with G. F. Voelter, Policemen who trailed them in an automobile said they were carrying a box containing dynamite, concealed under cakes of soap.

The twenty-eight other men were arrested in a raid on the local headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World.