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THE COMMUNICATIONS OF RUSSIA ATTACKED?

ARMORED TRAIN IS BLOWN UP

Dispatch Indicates Russian Army Operating in Carpathians May Be Cut off By Austrian Troops.

INVASION OF GERMANY IS AGAIN POSTPONED

Aggregate of Progress Made by Allies During the Week Seems Considerable at Some Points.

Amsterdam (By way of London) Dec. 19.—According to a Budapest newspaper an armored train of the route from Lemburg to the Carpathians loaded with ammunition and food, has been blown up.

The route mentioned "Lemburg to the Carpathians" appears to suggest that the train blown up was sent by the Russians who have been holding Lemburg for some time and indicates that the Russian line of communication with forces operating in the Carpathians has been successfully attacked.

That the Russian invasion of Germany, toward which the allies have looked forward with so much hope, has been indefinitely postponed by the retreat of the Russians, which the Teutonic allies claim to be almost general, seems fairly established, but few details have been accorded the public on which can be based any definite opinion as to the extent of the German successes. Vienna dispatches indicate that part of the southern line of the railway in Galicia has been wrested from the Russians. The German reports are brief and state that the Russians are being pursued in Poland and that the enemy continues to give way.

At some places in the west the allies have made considerable gains during the week in what is called their general movement to drive the invaders out of France and Flanders; but the progress made each day is very slight, for the most part.

Aeronauts Interned. London, Dec. 19.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company reports that German aeronauts have been stranded on the Danish island of Fano in the North sea. The aeronauts—officer and soldiers—will be interned in Denmark.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The French war office gave out the following official statement yesterday: "The day of December 17 was marked, as was stated yesterday, by

Unemployed Terrorize People In Lunch Room

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—Two hundred unemployed men terrorized the patrons and proprietor of a dairy lunch room when they marched in a body into the place and took food by force. After making the raid they paraded the streets, and compared to a market where they seized everything edible that they could get their hands on. Forty men were arrested and

our making advances in Belgium where every counter-attack by the enemy failed.

"In the region of Arras a vigorous offensive made us masters of several trenches of the enemy. These are located at Auchy, La Bassee, Blancy and St. Laurent. At the last mentioned place we occupied a front of about a kilometer, almost all of the first line trenches of the enemy.

"At Tracy-le-Val, on the Aisne and in Champagne our heavy artillery gave up distant advantages. In the Aisne the enemy blew up one of our trenches north of Tour-de-Paris. The enemy endeavored to move out with three batteries. The infantry attack, as well as one below St. Huberts, was repulsed.

"East of the Meuse and in the Vosges there is nothing to report."

"No Decision." Berlin, via London, Dec. 19.—The German war office yesterday gave out the following official communication: "The fighting near Neuport continues favorable to us with no decision reached."

"The French attacks at La Bassee and Arras on both sides of the River Somme, have resulted in our favor with large losses to the enemy.

"On the Somme the French losses were 1200 men killed and 1800 prisoners, while our losses were under 200.

"In the Argonne our successful attacks have resulted in the taking of 7500 prisoners and a large amount of war material. No important decisions have occurred elsewhere on the western front.

"In eastern and western Prussia the situation is unchanged. In Poland our armies continue to pursue the retreating enemy."

BANQUET OF FIREMEN WILL BE HELD DEC. 30

One of the largest banquets ever given by the members of the Asheville Fire department will be held at the central station on the evening of December 31. Plans are now being made for the annual event and all members of the fire companies, the mayor, members of the board of aldermen and newspaper men have been invited to attend.

"GOAT" RANDOLPH IS TO BE 1915 CAPTAIN

Phillip Randolph, known in school and athletic circles as "Goat," was yesterday afternoon elected as captain of the Asheville High school football squad for 1915, at a meeting of the team. "Goat" was left halfback on the team during the past season and was one of the stars of the aggregation.

Trainers Cleared.

New York, Dec. 19.—La Belle Andre, tamer of six lions which Thursday escaped from the stage of a theater and caused a panic, Carl A. Turnquist, a showman, and George Hamilton, a booking agent, were discharged when arraigned in a police court today on charges of manslaughter. The magistrate said he could find no law that would justify the defendants being held, as no one was seriously hurt.

Name Receivers.

Portland, Dec. 19.—W. Cameron Forbes, of Dedham, Mass., and Charles E. Perkins, of Burlington, Iowa, have been appointed receivers of the Brazil Land, Cattle and Packing company and of the Uruguay Railway company by the federal court here. Mr. Forbes is receiver of the Brazil railway company, of which the others are subsidiaries. The packing company and the Uruguay railway have authorized capital of \$25,000,000 each.

The subject of the Christmas sermon on Sunday morning at the First Methodist Episcopal church by Rev. F. W. Stanton will be "The Five Points of Hethlehem's Star." In the evening, Rev. W. A. Patton, district superintendent will preach and conduct an evangelistic service.

GIVES WARNING OF EXPLOITERS

Statement Issued Concerning Alleged Agents of Belligents by Manufacturers Association.

FAKE REPRESENTATIVES IN THE U. S. IN SWARMS

Making Attempts to Derive Gain From Conditions in Their War-Stricken Countries.

New York, Dec. 19.—The activities of a swarm of alleged agents of warring powers, who while mysteriously concealing their identity, have over-run the offices of wholesalers and manufacturers with inquiries relative to huge war orders, leading up to the soliciting of orders and thinly veiled bribery talk involving the payment of several commissions, have reached a point, that in the opinion of officers of the National Association of Manufacturers, necessitates a warning to the public.

The foreign trade department of that organization has issued a statement warning commercial and financial houses against these pretended representatives of foreign belligerent nations who are making attempts to exploit the conditions in their war-stricken countries.

The statement says: "The National Association of Manufacturers is advised from sources that cannot be questioned that certain individuals are claiming to represent different belligerent European countries in the establishment of banks, etc. Some of these persons are wholly without official credentials from the country which they allege they represent."

"It is true that there are authorized representatives for belligerent countries."

"The National Association of Manufacturers, therefore, takes opportunity of warning bankers, manufacturers, exporters and business men in general against international promoters who are without credentials and who are attempting to capitalize and utilize the war conditions in Europe in terms of dazzling figures for purchases of material and the establishment of financial relations which do not exist except in the imagination of such self-appointed parties.

"No connection should be effected with any foreign representatives without most careful verification by the official embassy or consulate of the country from which the person in question comes or by inquiring at the general office of the National Association of Manufacturers."

MANIFESTO FOR PEACE FROM ITALIAN SENATE

Before Adjourning, It Passed Manifestation Favoring Peace in Europe.

Rome, Dec. 18.—(Delayed in Transmission)—The senate has adjourned after passing a manifestation in favor of peace in Europe. Premier Salandra expressed the hope that as 1915 had marked the conclusion of peace at the end of the Napoleonic wars, so would 1916 mark the beginning of lasting peace in the world, with Italy growing in glory and greatness. He declared as false the reports circulating as to the mobilization of the Italian army.

100 LIVES WERE LOST WHEN MESSUDIEH SANK

Athens, Dec. 19.—(By Way of London)—A semi-official dispatch states that 100 lives were lost, including some Germans, when the Turkish warship Messudieh was sunk by a British submarine in the Dardanelles.

RATES HELD TO BE REASONABLE

Commerce Commission Hands Down Important Decision Relative to Export Cotton Shipments.

TERMINAL CHARGES AT MOBILE ALSO UPHELD

Certain Discrimination Favoring Savannah Over Mobile Ordered Stopped—Rail Lines Are Affected.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Freight rates on shipments of export cotton to Mobile from all points in the southeastern territory were held to be reasonable by the interstate commerce commission today. Certain discrimination, prejudicial to Mobile and in favor of Savannah, was ordered removed and a system of "penalty rates" which required shippers to ship over the same rail lines out of compass points to it was directed to be abandoned. Rail lines interested in terminal stock at Mobile were warned not to show preference in handling cotton for those facilities.

Terminal charges of three cents per hundred on export cotton at Mobile were held reasonable. All the rail lines in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas were interested parties. The commission also warned that there should be no preference shown to steamship lines in which rail lines might be interested in the matter of docking facilities at Mobile. If such preference becomes the practice, the commission will issue a specific order against it.

Rail lines owing docking facilities at Mobile are required to establish an "interchangeable switching system" so that any dock available on any rail line may be served, at Mobile, and the charges for terminals must be reasonable. Three cents per hundred seemed agreeable.

While the terminal charge for ship-side delivery may be made an additional charge, no increase in through rates to ships is permitted.

CITY BOARD WILL ASSIST MISSION

Votes to Give Samaritan Mission \$25 Per Month—Board Meets Again January 1.

The Asheville board of aldermen, at their meeting last night, voted to appropriate \$25 each month toward the maintenance of the Mission of the Good Samaritan. This action was taken following a plea made to the board by Rev. Dr. R. E. Campbell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church and president of the mission, and John A. Nichols, treasurer of the organization, for its support. Dr. Campbell spoke at length upon the good that is being accomplished by the mission, which is being conducted by Chaplain J. S. Williams, co-operating with the various churches and fraternal organizations. He made it clear to the board that the charity is deserving of the city's support, and it was immediately voted to contribute each month for the continuance of the work.

The board adopted a resolution, presented by Alderman Sites, setting aside Christmas day as a holiday and asking all people in the city to observe it as such, as well as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year. Asheville citizens were likewise asked in this resolution to give their support to the municipal Christmas tree which is to be given on Pack square next Wednesday night, pointing out that by so doing they can reach the poor of the city and give them aid and cheer for the Christmas holidays; and further that they will be able in this manner to preserve in the minds of the youthful poor the tradition that there is really a good Saint Nicholas.

Alderman Patterson stated to the board that, as chairman of the sanitary committee, he has heard numerous reports to the effect that drivers of the city garbage wagons have collected money from citizens of the city for removing trash from their premises. He moved that a notice be inserted in each of the daily papers calling attention of the people to the fact that no such fee is to be paid.

The recommendation of the fire committee that A. L. Taylor be employed as relief driver of the automobile trucks of the department and that a secretary be employed to do the clerical work of all three companies at a salary of \$15 per month, (Continued on Page 11.)

SAW JAPANESE ARMY IN FRANCE

Man Arriving From France Says That About 40,000 Soldiers of Mikado Were in Marseilles.

FIRST LINE TROOPS OF JAPANESE ARMY

Men Conversant With Foreign Military Matters Think It Probably That Japan Is Aiding the Allies.

New York, Dec. 19.—That an army corps of first line troops of the Japanese army has disembarked in the south of France is the statement made by a man recently arriving in New York, and who says that about 40,000 of the soldiers of the Mikado were seen by him in Marseilles. It was stated positively that they were not a portion of Great Britain's Indian troops, some of whom, in stature, resemble the forces of Japan.

The distinctive uniform which is worn by the Gurkhas from India precluded the possibility of mistaking the identity of the recently landed force, who are said to have been attired and equipped according to the field service regulations of the Japanese army. In organization they appeared to comprise two divisions, with infantry, cavalry, artillery, sanitary troops and auxiliary units necessary to the movement of a tactical force in the field.

Men conversant with military matters abroad and the possibilities in the development of the allies' agreement subsequent to the fall of Tientsin, Germany's stronghold in the Shantung peninsula, early in November, declared that the reinforcement of the allies' battle line in France for the institution of a vigorous offensive campaign by a Japanese expeditionary force, is not only possible, but probable.

That the troops of Japan are equal to the requirements for winter campaign endurance was demonstrated ten years ago in Manchuria, when their health record in the campaign against Russia was remarked by military authorities the world over. In the Japanese army two infantry regiments form a brigade and two brigades (twelve battalions) a division. The war strength of a division is reckoned at 18,700 officers and men, 4,800 horses, 28 guns and 1,674 vehicles.

Ample time has elapsed since the capitulation of the German garrison at Tientsin and the release of the troops operating there in conjunction with the British force, to permit the transportation of a force of 40,000 men to France.

In the time of peace, the Japanese army is about 600,000 strong, including all branches of the service. Complete mobilization, however, causes this force to be augmented to about twice that number. The first line troops of the Japanese service are men who are classified as "absolute fit" that is selected from the "fit" as having special aptitude and qualities for arduous service in the field.

GEORGE RILEY HELD FOR FALSE PRETENSE

Charged That She Palmed Off a Confederate Bill on Mary McCone.

Georgia Riley, colored, was tried in Police court today on charges of obtaining money under false pretense and, probable cause being found was bound over to Superior court under a bond of \$200.

It was brought out in the evidence that the Riley woman last night rushed up to Mary McCone, colored, and stating that she was in a great hurry, asked change for a \$1 bill. Mary gladly gave the change and did it in such a way that Georgia was able to proceed on her journey with hardly a moment's interruption.

The bill that Mary received was tucked away with others—and it was sometime later before she had occasion to look at the money. When she did, she found that Georgia had palmed off a confederate bill on the unsuspecting Mary and the latter proceeded to the police station where she poured out her tale of woe and a warrant was issued for Georgia, who was arrested last night.

When the case was called today and Georgia went on the stand, she denied the transaction and insisted that she had given Mary a perfectly good, "New Nited" States piece of money.

755 FACTORIES WORKING IN N. C.

Miscellaneous Plants Operating in State Capitalized at \$88,811,910, Shipman Reports.

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State-Wide Orphanage Convention Will Be Held in Raleigh December 29—Program Arranged.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—The twenty-eighth annual report of M. L. Shipman, commissioner of labor and printing, shows 755 miscellaneous factories operating in North Carolina with a capitalization of \$88,811,910, using 788,590 horsepower, producing \$97,062,197 in finished goods and employing 38,655 persons.

The cotton mill business leads easily with its 296 factories, \$54,482,662 capital, 3,794,769 spindles, 145,237 horsepower, its employment of 54,969 people, and manufacture of \$49,662,743 worth of goods. The cotton manufacture, which is the second largest of all the miscellaneous manufactures altogether.

The usual line of information has been handled by the commissioner who goes into farming conditions and gives a chapter on farming and farm products, labor, cost of employment and production, the average cost of producing various products for the past three years and also for the year 1915. Numerous details of farm life are discussed in these chapters. From time to time as he issued the copy to the state printers, Mr. Shipman has furnished extracts of his several departments and the showing this year is as good as it has ever been.

Orphanage Convention. The State-wide orphanage convention will be held in Raleigh December 29 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Dr. Z. Paris, grand chaplain of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, presiding.

Governor Locke Craig makes the address of welcome and at 11 o'clock Bishop John C. Killeo of Charlotte, speaks on "The Neglected Orphan." At 2 p. m. Archibald Johnson, editor of *Charity and Children*, speaks on "The Duty of the Church to the Orphan," followed at 2:30 by Charles H. Ireland of Greensboro, on "Duty of the State to the Orphan." At 3 p. m. Mrs. Al Fairbrother of Greensboro makes an address on "Relation of Society to the Orphan." W. H. Swift of Greensboro, speaks at 5:30 on "Duty of the Philanthropist to the Orphan," the convention closing at 4 p. m. by Walter Thompson's address on "State Orphanage Association of North Carolina."

Commissioner Young Gives Warning. James R. Young, insurance commissioner, is giving daily warning through the insurance bulletins against the carelessness always incident to Christmas.

He directs especial attention to the dangers of allowing children to play with matches. He takes notice of the Greensboro child who died a few days ago from burns received by playing with matches.

He warns the people everywhere against the dangers of the Christmas trees and the parties with their various decorations and particularly advises care in the use of fireworks. These cause a large loss of property by fire, he says, and are often attended by loss of life.

The weekly bulletin was issued from insurance headquarters today with "Christmas Tree Dents," "Christmas Banners," "The Bonfire Menace," and better roofs featured.

The bulletin says the fire loss from carelessness in New York city last year was \$7,467,957, 20 per cent of the total destruction in the big city. It carries a great deal of news matter one paragraph relating the destruction of a house in Fulton county, Illinois, caused by a cat's jumping from one table to another and overturning the table upon which a lamp had been placed while burning.

The elimination of shingle roof buildings in the fire district is one of the things that the department is agitating. Norfolk and Richmond have such an ordinance but no city in North Carolina has.

\$130,000 GIVEN TO N. C. BAPTISTS

NOAH BIGGS BEQUEATHS SUMS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 19.—One hundred and thirty thousand dollars has been bequeathed to the various Baptist institutions in North Carolina by the will of Noah Biggs, a prominent business man of this town who died Monday. The will, which was probated in the local court today, disposes of an estate of about \$250,000.

The sums bequeathed to the church are directed to be used in the aid of church work and in fostering educational institutions, according to the will.

The bequests are as follows: Thomasville Baptist orphanage, \$20,000; Thomasville, N. C., \$99,000; Meredith college, Raleigh, \$20,000; Wake Forest college, Wake Forest, \$5,000; Baptist state convention, \$15,000.

MAYTORENA IMPRISONS 3 AMERICAN CITIZENS

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Three Americans, citizens of Douglas, were imprisoned by General Maytorena at Sonora, according to word received by the constitutionalist officers.

Reports state that the men were captured in an automobile with a dynamo and machine gun for Carranza's forces. Friends of the men said that they went to Sonora in an automobile to repair some machinery, when they were arrested.

A. & M. HAZERS HURT FRESHMAN

Two Seniors and Two Sophomores Are Said to Have "Dumped" McAlester, Who Was Injured.

ENTERED ROOM WHILE YOUTH WAS SLEEPING

Insurance Commissioner Young Gives Warning as to Dangers of Fires During Christmas Season.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—While Raleigh Baptists are mortified at the Wake Forest hazing and shooting that came so near ending with a fatality, Raleigh friends of the A. & M. college are also stirred up over an accident to Freshman McAlester, of Middleburg, who was driven to his home with serious injuries.

The story has leaked out through students. Mr. McAlester's assailants are not known by name but they are said to be two seniors and two sophomores. Their methods have originality. They went to McAlester's room while he was asleep and "dumped" him, turned his bed over and threw him to the floor. The young fellow's collar bone was broken, it is said, and he was otherwise so severely hurt that he had to go home and miss his examinations. College boys declare that he is an exceedingly ambitious boy, worked as telegraph messenger and telegrapher several years to make enough money to come to school and may not be prevented from making the sophomore class. The students say the "dummers" fled and left no trace of their identity further than the suspicion that they were second and fourth year students.

Governor Craig has pardoned Lee Hayes of Gaston county, who has served all but a few days on the roads of Gaston for retailing. Hayes gets off December 24.

The governor says the prisoner's sentence will expire January 1, but the pardon is granted to give him an opportunity to spend Christmas and the holidays at home.

Governor Craig also pardons Caesar Ward of Rockingham county, who has completed five years of a ten years sentence for manslaughter.

"The prisoner shot the deceased while the deceased was creating disorder in the prisoner's house," the governor says, "and had refused to retire. There was no malice. The deceased was shot in the leg and from the wound he died. Pardon is recommended by the judge who tried the case and by many of the good citizens of Rockingham."

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COOPER SOCIETY WON LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE

The students representing the Cooper Literary society, Dale Beers, Arthur Sawyer and James Harris, won the debate at the high school last night.

Train Jumps Track.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 18.—South-bound railway passenger train No. 13 sustained a partial derailment near Jetersville, fifty miles south of here yesterday. Railway officials said that the engine left the track and that some of the passengers were hurt.