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RUSSIA CONSIDERS DIE CAST.

Only Political Miracle Can Avert War—Russia Will Support Serbia and Partial Mobilization Has Been Ordered—All Diplomatic Efforts to Localize Trouble Fail.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Dispatch, 29th.

In Russian eyes the die is cast. Only a political miracle can avert war.

Russia does not swerve from her determination to support Serbia, and partial mobilization has already been ordered. There is every indication that the whole vast military machinery of Russia soon will be set in motion.

An imperial manifesto is awaited tonight.

Should Emperor Nicholas become generalissimo of the forces, as it is understood he will, an immense wave of enthusiasm will sweep over Russia. The political parties have sunk their differences. The general attitude is not "jingoistic," but one of resolute confidence in the justice of the country's cause and readiness to make all sacrifices.

Proposal attributed to Austria to discuss terms when Belgrade is occupied is regarded as impossible. It is pointed out that before opening of hostilities Russia proposed to Austria a direct exchange of views which Austria rejected.

The foregoing St. Petersburg dispatch was passed by the censor without revision—a fact which is considered highly significant.

London Dispatch, 29th.

The day's events brought no relief to the suspense, nor any diplomatic achievement to restrict the Austro-Serbian war to those two nations. The feeling throughout England and the Continental feeling, as reflected by the correspondents of the London papers tonight, is distinctly more anxious than yesterday.

Two events have made for pessimism. Direct negotiations between Russia and Austria, which gave the other governments hope of a compromise, have failed. Russia is mobilizing four army corps, consisting of 1,280,000 men in the four districts along the Austrian frontier. Russia's resolution to stand by Serbia appears to be fixed.

A manifesto by the Russian Emperor making his policy clear is expected hourly. The diplomatic representatives, though, all say there is yet hope, and base their belief on the fact that Germany, France, Great Britain and Italy, the last two named most of all—do not want war, and don't think the Austro-Serbian quarrel important enough to justify it.

St. Petersburg messages say Russia asked Austria for a direct exchange of views, and that Austria has declined. The refusal appears to have been to extend the much discussed negotiations, which yesterday were considered in the chancelleries as the principal known basis for optimism.

Servians Blow Up Save River Bridge.

Vienna Dispatch, 29th.

The Servians at 10:30 o'clock this morning blew up the bridge spanning the river Save, between the Austrian town of Semlin and Belgrade. The Austrian infantry and artillery stationed at Simlin, in conjunction with monitors on the Danube, fired on the Servians retreated after a short engagement with trifling losses.

A small detachment of pioneers in cooperation with the customs officers, after a short encounter yesterday captured from the crews two Servian steamers laden with ammunition and mines. The captured ships were towed away by one of the Danube steamers.

Engineers Prepare Plans for Terminal at Charleston.

Washington Dispatch, 27th.

Confirmation of the intention of the Southern Railway to build immediately at Charleston, S. C., an independent coal terminal, largely for Panama Canal traffic, was given today by President Fairfax Harrison before the special Senate committee investigating the coal rate situation in the South.

President Harrison said engineers were now at work preparing plans for the construction of a terminal to accommodate the loading of one ship at a time at Charleston, and that it would take from nine months to a year to complete work. He said he had desired to arrange to use the proposed Clinchfield road terminals at Charleston, but after months of consideration he had found in May or June last that this was impossible, because of objections of shippers.

Mr. Harrison estimated that it would cost \$11,300,000 to put his road from the Appalachian coal fields to Charleston into proper shape for profitable coal transportation and complete the terminals at Charleston.

WAR FORMALLY DECLARED.

Brief Manifesto by Austro-Hungarian Government—St. Petersburg Holds Decision As to General European War.

London, England, Dispatch 28th.

The Austro-Hungarian government declared war against Serbia today by a manifesto which is one of the briefest of history's momentous documents.

Germany paved the way for this declaration by announcing her rejection of the British proposal to bring four powers together in conference for mediation. Germany explained that her ally could not be expected to submit her acts to a European council as though she were one of the Balkan States.

This announcement preceded the declaration of war by only two hours and showed the harmonious working of the partnership between the two Nations which stood firmly together through the Bosnian crisis of 1909.

The center of interest has shifted sharply to St. Petersburg, which holds the decision whether a European war which probably would shift the balance of power if not rearrange the entire map of Europe, is to break out. Negotiations are afoot there between the Russian Foreign Minister and the Austrian Ambassador which are designed to "localize" the conflict.

Text of War Declaration.

Vienna, July 28—The text of the declaration of war follows:

"The Royal Government of Serbia not having replied in a satisfactory manner to the note remitted to it by the Austro-Hungarian Minister in Belgrade on July 23, 1914, the imperial and royal Government finds itself compelled to proceed itself to safeguard its rights and interests and to have recourse for this purpose to force of arms.

"Austria-Hungary considers itself from this moment in a state of war with Serbia."

OUT ROZIER WAY.

Corn Drying Up—Tobacco Stubborn

—Death of Mr. Archie Willis—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rozier, July 27—We are still having dry weather. We have not had rain since July 4, but just enough to lay the dust one time, and some of the corn is dried up and falling down. The farmers are having a pretty bad job getting their tobacco in order to take out of the barn. Almost all the farmers around here carried their tobacco to Lumberton for the opening day.

We think Rural Policeman Mr. Eli Phillips ought to come through here and get after the road men for not fixing bridges. Some are almost passed crossing.

Mr. Archie Willis died Tuesday, July 21. Mr. Willis had gone out and worked some that morning and about 7 o'clock came back home and said he was sick, and Dr. R. G. Rozier was called at once, but Mr. Willis was dead before Dr. Rozier could get there. Deceased leaves 7 children to mourn their loss, and a host of friends and relatives.

Mr. Archie Britt and sister, Miss Sadie are visiting in Cumberland county.—Mr. H. Bullock and son of Proctorville spent the week-end with Mrs. J. C. Carlyle.—Mrs. Frank Hightower and Mrs. Lizzie Watson and Daughter, Miss Annie of Fayetteville spent a day visiting Mrs. M. J. Barker.—Mr. H. H. Hayes of Pomona, Fla., is visiting his friends here. Mr. Hayes is traveling for his health.

Misses Mary and Marve Barker expect to leave for Wilmington Wednesday, where they will spend a week with their sister Mrs. H. J. McRae.

Mr. Cary McDonald attended the picnic at Mount Tabor Saturday and reports a nice time.

Miss Margaret Pope of Lumberton visited Miss Jeannette Biggs recently.

Tremendous Cotton Leaves.

Did you ever see a cotton leaf that measures 12-14 inches across? Honest, now? Mr. F. A. Wishart brought one to The Robesonian office Monday that measured that much, and there were plenty more, he said, in the field where that came from, on the farm of Tom Hayes on the Strong Wishart place about 3 miles west of Lumberton. Seven or eight inches is a pretty good size for cotton leaves, so you can see that these cotton leaves have attained an unusual size.

Among the Sick.

The condition of Mr. H. B. McPhaul, who has been sick with typhoid fever in the James Sanatorium, Laurinburg, is not much improved.

Billie, infant son, of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. McPhaul, who had been sick for several months, is greatly improved.

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MRS. J. L. WILSON PASSES

Loveable Christian Woman of Tar Heel—Funeral Attended by Large Crowd.

Mrs. J. L. Wilson, aged 32, died at her home at Tar Heel Sunday at 5 o'clock a. m., after an illness of several days. The funeral was conducted at Zion Tabernacle Baptist church Monday by her pastor, Rev. Paul T. Britt, in the presence of perhaps the largest crowd that ever attended a funeral in that section. Mrs. Wilson was known by all her friends as one of the best and most lovable and kind Christian women that had ever lived in her section, and her death brought sadness to many hearts.

Mr. Silas Griffin at Home Near Fairmont—"An Old-Time Southern Gentleman" Passes.

Mr. Silas Griffin, aged 80 years, died at his home near Fairmont Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 11 a. m. by his pastor, Rev. D. P. Bridgers, pastor of the Baptist church at Fairmont, of which deceased had been a faithful and devoted member for many years, and interment was made in the family burying grounds. Deceased is survived by his wife and a number of children, among them Mrs. J. A. Thompson of Lumberton, Mr. J. A. Thompson and family, Mr. Geo. L. Thompson and Mrs. R. E. Lewis of Lumberton were among the large number that attended the funeral.

Mr. Griffin was a man of sterling worth and his friends were numerous. As one man remarked, "He was an old time Southern gentleman," and in his death Robeson county loses one of its best citizens.

MARIETTA MAN IN TROUBLE.

H. L. Powers Charged With Violating "White Slave" Act—Girl in Case Pretty Brunette of Lamar, S. C., Discovered at Fairmont and Brought to Lumberton—Powers Under Two Other Charges.

H. L. Powers, white, aged 31 years, was arrested at Proctorville Monday by Rural Policeman W. C. Britt, charged with violating the "white slave" or Mann act. Powers, who has a wife and three children, one only a few days old, living at Marietta, is charged with furnishing Jessie Huggins, 22 years old, money to get away from her home at Lamar, S. C., and meet him at Maxton, during the month of February.

Powers was brought to Lumberton Monday night, but waived examination and was bound over to the November term of Federal court at Wilmington under a \$500 justified bond.

It is understood that Powers took the girl from Maxton to Baltimore, Md., where he left her after a short time, and her father, R. K. Huggins of Lamar, was notified of her condition by the Associated Charities of Baltimore; but before he could get her money to go home with she left Baltimore and the next time he heard of her she and Powers were at Kingston, so he went to Kingston to learn that she had left for Lumberton. When he arrived here he found that though his daughter had been here, she had left.

In some way Policeman Britt learned that she was at Fairmont waiting for Powers, so he, in company with Sheriff R. E. Lewis and the girl's father, went over to Fairmont Monday night, and when they arrived there they learned that the girl had registered at the Thompson hotel, under the name of Jessie Smith, the same name she was using a few days ago when she was in Lumberton. Mr. Huggins went to the hotel and going to the room in which the woman was sleeping called her by her name and she, thinking it was Powers, answered, but when she learned it was her father instead of Powers she refused to open the door and her father had to break the door open in order to enter the room. She was brought to Lumberton, where she remained until yesterday morning, when she, in company, with her father left for Lamar.

The woman is a beautiful brunette, with eyes that are dark and winning. She said she loved Powers, and she didn't think she had done wrong, and would die before she would tell anything on him, and that she was willing to swear that she paid her railroad fare from Lamar to Maxton with her own cash. She remarked, that if she was taken back home she would not stay. She has nerve enough for two. From the time her father entered her room at Fairmont till she left for home she did not seem the least bit unnerved.

Powers seems to be in the middle of a bad fix. He is charged with jumping a board bill and disposing of mortgaged property, in addition to violating the white slave act, but he seems to be taking everything easy. He says that he is a traveling sales man, and that he only visits his wife at intervals.

CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

Progressives Will Hold a Mass Meeting in the Court House August 12 to Adopt a Platform and Name Candidates—Platform That Will Be Submitted for Approval of People—In Favor of Radical Reduction in Salaries Paid County Officers, Abolishing Some Offices and Other Reforms.

Sixteen people met in the court house Tuesday morning in response to the call of Mr. W. K. Culbreth for a meeting of the executive committees of the Republican and Progressive parties of Robeson county; but no part of the Republican executive committee was present. It was a meeting of Progressives. Mr. Culbreth presided and the result of the deliberations was the following resolutions and platform and call for a mass meeting:

"We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Robeson county, believing that it is the wishes of the people of the county that salaries should be reduced, unnecessary offices abolished, and taxes lowered; and believing that those who have been administering the affairs of county government and making our laws are not friends to the people, as shown by their acts in voting for the wage earners to be allowed only 50 cents per day for their services and board themselves, and other acts which amount to eminent proof of infidelity to the interest of the common people, hereby suggest the following recommendations as our platform, and call upon all citizens who are in favor of same to meet at the court house in Lumberton in a mass meeting on the 12 day of August, 1914, at 11 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of adopting same and naming a ticket, which may be pledged to embody the platform into a law for the county, if elected.

Platform.

"First, We favor the abolishing of the Robeson County Road Law and the enacting of a new one which will be in conformity with the best interest of the people of the county.

"Second, We favor allowing the sheriff for his services as much as \$125.00 per month, and \$75 per month in addition for his deputy.

"Third, We favor allowing the Clerk of Superior Court \$100 per month for his services and \$50 per month clerk hire.

"Fourth, We favor allowing the Register of Deeds \$100 per month and \$50 per month clerk hire.

"Fifth, We favor allowing the superintendent of public instruction \$100 per month and no clerk hire.

"Sixth, We favor allowing the county commissioners \$3 per day with mileage of 5 cents per mile one way, mileage only allowed for 12 meetings in any one year.

"Eighth, We favor allowing the superintendent of health \$100 per month, with no clerk hire.

"Ninth, We favor abolishing the office of treasurer of Robeson county.

"We favor rural police for districts, salary set by county commissioners.

"We pledge our earnest support in favor of the reforms as above set forth and solicit the hearty co-operation of all who are in favor of same in the naming of a ticket that will enact same into law.

W. K. CULBRETH,
C. R. HESTER,
J. J. SHAW,
NELL McNEILL,
W. H. HOWARD,

Eggs Hatched On a Car of Rocks.

Eggs will hatch in most any kind of a place without the aid of a hen, or so it seems of late. Only a few weeks ago some Robeson county eggs hatched in a shoe box, and Monday, while unloading a car of rock near the V. & C. S. station, the hands kept hearing something make a noise, and the noise sounded very much like that of a biddie. And that was just what it was, for up in the corner of the car which was not covered over was a paper sack in which had been six eggs, but three of them had been broken, two of them had "pipped" and the biddies were almost ready to hop out, while the other was broken and a third biddie was on the inside, not quite, but almost, ready to come out too. Poor things, in the world without a mother! But not so sad after all, for Mr. Willie McGill took them home and gave them to a hen, a good mother, which had been wanting to set for some time.

It was thought that some of the hands who loaded the car which was loaded at Granite Falls, bought the eggs and left them on the car unintentionally, and the sun hatched them. Things will happen, and eggs will hatch.

Bride 90 to 100; Groom 85.

License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Stephen Thomas, aged 85 and Bedie Jones, aged not under 90, and some think not under 100, both Robeson county Indians. The giddy young things!

GETTING DATA ON INDIANS

Special Agent of Interior Department at Washington Investigating Indians of Robeson County.

Mr. O. M. McPherson, special representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., arrived in Lumberton yesterday for the purpose of investigating the status of the Indians of Robeson county.

He will probably be in the county two or three weeks, seeking information as to the school facilities, educational means, and also the origin and tribal relations, of these Indians. He will attend the Indian mass meeting at Pembroke on August 11th.

Mr. McPherson has recently finished an investigation for the government of the Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina.

Mr. McPherson spent Tuesday in Raleigh and yesterday's News and Observer had the following in regard to his visit:

"Are the Croatan Indians of Robeson county a branch of the Cherokees? is a question which the Interior Department of the United States Government is attempting to solve. The North Carolina Legislature has decided that the Croatans belong to the Cherokee tribe but your Uncle Sam is from Missouri and will have to be shown.

"Senator Simmons has become interested in this much mooted question and to this end has had Congress pass a resolution to make an investigation into the lives and history of these strange Robeson county citizens.

"Armed with a letter of instruction from Hon. Cato Sells, United States Indian Commissioner, Mr. O. M. McPherson, special Indian agent from the Interior Department at Washington spent yesterday in the city mainly in the State Library getting all the data that he could find regarding the Croatans.

"He looked up the published information regarding the 'Lost Colony' and secured much valuable data that will help him in his work which he expects to complete within the next month or so.

"Mr. McPherson left yesterday afternoon for Lumberton and will live among the Croatans for the two or three weeks and get all the information possible concerning their mode of living, their wealth, educational advantage and such other facts as will enable the department to prosecute intelligently the inquiry which has been set on foot by the Senate resolution, fathered by the North Carolina Senator.

"Should the fact be established that the Croatans are actually a branch of the Cherokee tribe they will be entitled to a share of the government funds which amounts to quite a snug sum.

Many Attending Reunion.

The old soldiers reunion is being held at St. Pauls today. A large number from Lumberton are attending, and judging from the number that passed through Lumberton en route from other parts of the county, there must be a record breaker crowd in attendance. There were nine who came in the morning train from Wilmington en route to St. Pauls.

Good Meeting in Progress at Mt. Eliam.

Folks from down Mt. Eliam way report a good meeting in progress at the Mt. Eliam Baptist church. The meeting started Friday of last week and will last through this week and perhaps longer. Rev. Paul T. Britt is assisting the pastor of the church, Rev. M. A. Stephens.

Fine Peaches.

Somebody, whose name was not learned, was selling some very fine peaches on the market here yesterday. They were by far the largest ever seen by this reporter. Two dozen just made a nice peck. As one man remarked, "they had California peaches in the back-ground."

Seashore Excursion to Norfolk-Portsmouth August 4.

The Seaboard Air Line will operate an excursion to Norfolk-Portsmouth and Virginia seashore resorts Tuesday of next week, August 4, from Wilmington, Lumberton, Marion, Hamlet, Sanford, Raleigh and all intermediate stations. It will be a daylight trip. Two whole days and 2 nights will be spent in Norfolk. The train will pass Lumberton at 7:13 a. m. and the rate from this point is \$4.50.

Contract for Building Hotel Will Be Let This Afternoon.

The directors of the Lumberton Hotel Company will meet this afternoon for the purpose of accepting bids for building the new hotel. There are several architects in town who will submit bids, and it is expected that the contract will be closed this afternoon.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEM

—License has been issued for the marriage of Emory M'White and Oney Johnson, Andrew Edwards and Addie Russ.

—There will be an Epworth League social at the Methodist parsonage this evening, beginning at 8.30. All who are interested in the league are invited.

—Mr. Lacy McNair returned Monday night from St. Stephen, near Charleston, S. C. He reports a great trip, and lively times down in "the land of Bleese."

—Mr. Donnie Phillips of Stephens Crossing, near Orrum, was among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Phillips reported a good rain in his immediate section Tuesday night.

—Mrs. W. D. Baggett and two children left Sunday for Timmons-ville, S. C., where they will join Mr. Baggett, who recently accepted a position in a hardware store there.

—Mr. J. S. Oliver of Marietta is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Oliver says while his section had just a little rain Tuesday, it was not sufficient to stop the crops from burning.

—It is expected that another record-breaking crowd will go from here to the beach next Sunday morning. A large number of people in this section are taking advantage of the \$1.25 rate.

—The outlook for a large crowd from this section to go on the Norfolk excursion next Tuesday is good. The train passes here at 7:13 Tuesday morning, the round trip fare being \$4.50.

—"The Girl From the Hills," one of the Famous Players, but three-reel feature pictures, is running at the Pastime theatre this afternoon and tonight. An additional reel will be run, making a four-reel show.

—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern went yesterday to Charlotte, where he will consult an car specialist. He is expected to return the last of the week. Mr. A. E. Spivey is subbing for him while he is away.

—Mr. J. T. Wilkins, who lives on route 6 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday. He brought a load of nice melons along and gave this reporter one that was up to the standard in every respect.

—St. Pauls Messenger: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coley returned from their bridal tour last Friday evening. A reception was given them at Mayor J. M. Butler's, where they will board until they go to housekeeping in their own home on Broad street.

—Revs. I. P. Hedgpath, W. R. Davis and R. L. Byrd left this morning for Northfield, Mass., where they will attend the summer school at the Moody Institute. They will be away three weeks, and will visit Washington, New York and Boston before they return.

—Mr. W. L. Dougherty, engineer on the R. & C. passenger train, who had been at Blowing rock for several days returned Tuesday and made his run yesterday. He was relieved by Mr. John Jones while he was away. Mr. Dougherty reports plenty of rain in the section of "the land of the sky" where he had been sojourning.

—The Robesonian received recently a handsome illustrated booklet gotten out by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville, this State. This pictorial review is gotten out on a high plan and is a credit to this well and favorably known company. The booklet contains an account taken from The Robesonian of a land sale by this company last fall at Powersville.

—Messrs. John F. and W. F. French, Ed Pope and Robert Pratt went yesterday to Marion, S. C., where they witnessed a ball game between Dillon and Marion. The game was won by the Dillon team. They made the trip in an auto. They report crops suffering much worse for the lack of rain between Rowland and Marion than they are in this section.

Baltimore, Md., is preparing for a great celebration in September in honor of Francis Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner, and Baltimore Star Spangled Banner Centennial Celebration boosters, headed by James H. Preston, mayor of Baltimore, who are making a tour of the South, have visited Charlotte and Raleigh this week.

The Weather.

Good rains were reported in some sections of the country Tuesday, and it looked very favorable for rain here, but only a slight sprinkle fell, and reports from many sections of the county say that the rain was light, not heavy enough to do the parching crops any good. However, the weather has been much cooler since Tuesday night, and the farmers seem to think that will make it better for the crops.