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IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South- land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

European

Maxima Litvinoff, former Bolshevik ambassador at London, has sent a note to President Wilson declaring that the Bolshevik government of Russia is prepared to cease its world propaganda if the allies will agree to enter into peace negotiations with it.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg have been killed. Both were in a Berlin hotel. Doctor Liebknecht was arrested and in trying to escape was shot by a soldier. Frau Luxemburg was roughly handled, thrown into an automobile and a man jumped on the running board and shot her through the head. It is supposed that her body was thrown into the canal, but it has not been found.

London advices are that there are apprehensions of a general strike in Germany to avenge the death of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the Spartacan leaders.

The German Spartacan bunch is apparently losing its grip. The Independent Socialists, who charge the Spartacans with being traitors to the middle classes and laborers, have determined to get rid of them one way or another, typical of the German way of settling things.

The London Central News declares that as a result of the allied discussions in Paris the whole aspect of demobilization has undergone a sudden and vital change, this being shown in the drastic conditions demanded of Germany for a renewal of the armistice. The decision is that Great Britain, in proportion to its military strength, must maintain an army of occupation on the Rhine for many months.

Marshal Foch has presented the following new armistice terms: Retribution on all Germans for murder and ill-treatment of prisoners; stolen machinery and goods to be given up. German gold amounting to more than one hundred million pounds sterling to be moved from Berlin to a safe place; Germany's 4,000,000 tons of shipping to be handed over to the allies; any U-boat on the stocks to be handed to the allies for disposal; no more submarines to be built.

The London Daily Mail says that the British navy has provided appliances to rob the submarine of its sting, but that the use of submarines in war is criminal and should not be tolerated.

Domestic

All American ships which were requisitioned by the United States government during the war have been released to their owners with the exception of those actually engaged in army service.

A million dollar oil fire broke out in Philadelphia January 16. One workman jumped into the Delaware river to escape burning oil and was drowned. Nine others were taken to hospitals seriously burned.

Twenty-one individuals and seven corporations, composing the membership of the National Association of Automobile Accessory Jobbers were placed on trial in the federal court at New York on an indictment returned nearly a year ago charging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

A joint resolution urging the purchase of Lower California, the Colorado Islands and portions of the state of Sonora, Mexico, contiguous to the Colorado river, has been introduced in the California legislature. The resolution requests congress to urge the president to initiate negotiations with Mexico.

Statutes of "dry" states permitting persons to import or personally bring in limited amounts of intoxicants for their own use were amended by the so-called "bone dry" amendment enacted by congress, the Supreme court held, in an opinion reversing the federal court for the southern district of West Virginia.

Nine persons were killed and more than a score injured when a train ran over a foot bridge in Philadelphia and Reading railway crashed into the rear of a Doylestown local train while the latter was standing a quarter of a mile below Fort Washington station, fifteen miles north of Philadelphia.

The director of the federal employment service says that thousands of Italian and Austrian war prisoners are planning to come to the United States as soon as possible.

The distillers' committee recently named to fight national prohibition elected a permanent organization at Chicago, and announced the line on which an attack through the courts will be made.

It is reported through Red Cross circles that seventy-five thousand Austrians are in Italy waiting the first opportunity to come to the United States.

Two aviators of Carruthers Field were killed at Fort Worth, Texas, when their plane dropped into a tall-spin and fell five thousand feet. Two others were seriously injured within a few minutes of the fatal accident.

United States shows no promise of reaching a stage of open disunity. So far the movement is mainly confined to New York City.

Tax rates on luxuries, semi-luxuries, amusement admissions and club dues have been agreed upon by the national senate and house conferees on the war revenue bill.

It is estimated that about \$75,000,000 in revenue will be secured annually from amusement admission under the new tax rate if it becomes law.

PERIL OF FRANCE IS WORLD'S PERIL

THE SUPREME COUNCIL HEARS REPORT OF AMBASSADOR ON CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA.

THE ENEMY OF THE ENTENTE

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Paris.—The two notable events of the day were the meeting of the supreme council to consider the Russian situation and the gala luncheon to President Wilson at Luxembourg palace.

The luncheon, besides bringing together a brilliant assemblage, also brought out the declaration from President Wilson that "the peril of France if it continues, will be the peril of the world, and not only France must organize against the peril, but the world must organize against it."

The meeting of the supreme council was attended by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and representatives of the other four great powers. An hour was given over to hearing M. Noulens, the French ambassador, who has just returned from Russia, where he personally witnessed the various changes which have been taking place in the government and conditions there. What he told the council was not disclosed, but an authorized statement from M. Noulens sums up his views thus:

"The bolshevik power is the enemy of the entente. It furnished Germany with food during the war. It profited against the terms of the armistice. These acts show an uncompromising attitude of hostility against the entente."

"Tyranny and terror, which are increasing daily, should place the bloody chiefs at Moscow and Petrograd outside the pale of humanity."

"Until the regime falls a development which I hope the allies will actively seek to bring about, Europe will continue to be exposed to the severest risks of agitation and war."

**ALL UNITED STATES TROOPS
TO WITHDRAW FROM BELGIUM**

Brussels.—In order to facilitate the rebuilding and reconstruction of Belgium, which has been hampered by the exclusive use of railways for military purposes, Marshal Foch, at the request of the Belgian government, has decided to withdraw the British and American forces now in Belgium and employ them elsewhere.

DECLARES THE POGROMS IN LEMBERG ARE TERRIBLE

Prague.—A Jewish woman who has arrived here from Lemberg declares the pogroms there are terrible. She said: "When on December 28 the Jews accompanied their dead to the Ghetto, the remains of the Talmudic Law which had been buried in the synagogues were buried with them. Pogroms were also frequent in Grodek."

LABOR SHORTAGE AND HIGH WAGES FOR YEAR FORECAST.

Chicago.—A continued labor shortage, with resultant high wages for at least another year, was forecast at a conference between 75 men representing the various railroads centering in Chicago and government and state employment officials.

Charles L. Boy, general superintendent of the Illinois Free Employment offices, warned the railroad men that they were going to find it difficult to get in competition with other industrial demands, and advised them it would be unwise to advocate a reduction of wages.

Sanford H. E. Freund, director of the clearance division of the United States employment service at Washington, D. C., declared that the relief expected to follow the signing of the armistice had not materialized.

HEAVY VOTE IS REPORTED AS CAST IN GERMAN ELECTIONS.

London.—"The course of the elections throughout the German state," says a German government wireless dispatch, "has clearly proved that the government interests the whole German nation. Participation in the elections was strong everywhere the sharpest contradiction to the indifference which vast classes, especially the Bourgeoisie, have shown on the occasion of former elections."

CONTEST FOR JUDGSHIP IS ALREADY ON IN EARNEST.

Washington.—The Judgship contest for the post under the new bill is on in earnest. Candidates are mustering their friends. The bill is in conference, where it will remain for days, if not weeks. There is no doubt as to its final enactment. A safe prediction is that it will receive the President's name about the 4th of March. The man most talked of in connection with this new job is Representative Webb of North Carolina.

A NEW POLITICAL PARTY HAS BEEN FOUND IN ITALY.

Rome.—The announcement of the establishment of a new political party known as the "Partito Popolare Italiano" indicates a landmark in Italian politics. The new party, Catholic in its formation, marks the breaking of tradition. For many years owing to the attitude of the Vatican, Catholics have been compelled to keep aloof from politics, but the late Pope relaxed the "non expedit" rule.

DISARMAMENT IS A DELICATE PROBLEM

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BRITISH LARGELY AFFECTED

Rejects Theory of Super-Sovereignty of an International Police Force; Early Return to Normal State.

Paris.—The plans for a league of nations have been discussed in very definite form. The general indications are that the statesmen of the principal nations are steadily drawing together on a structure which will have the support of all.

It is understood that the general plan which is now most approved in substance by all the parties concerned rejects the theory of the super-sovereignty of an international police force. It also contemplates the working out, as the development of the league progresses, of the most delicate question of all—disarmament—which the same principle, it is proposed, shall apply to the other nations associated in the war against Germany.

Such a plan will delegate to various commissions and committees detailed problems which shall be reported to the league for its consideration. The probability of such a plan being adopted justifies previous forecasts that the principal accomplishments of the peace conference as it now sits in Paris will be agreement on broad general principles, leaving the details to be applied in accord therewith, and the making of a preliminary peace which will return the world at the earliest moment possible to its normal state.

KAISER LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES OF WORLD WAR

Paris.—Some points in the reports to which Mr. Clemenceau referred, when he said he had consulted two eminent jurists on the penal responsibility of the Kaiser, were made public. The report was drawn up by Ferdinand Larnaude, dean of the Paris law faculty, and Dr. A. G. de Ladrappelle, professor of rights of nations in the same faculty.

The object of the inquiry was to investigate from a purely judicial point of view the former German government and army involved in the penal responsibility of the former German emperor, what tribunal should judge him and whether his extradition could be demanded.

KING GEORGE BEREAVED BY DEATH OF HIS SON.

London.—Prince John, the youngest son of King George, died at Sandringham. He had been ill for some time.

The prince was possessed of exuberant spirits. He was the prime favorite of all classes and the idol of the servants and tenants at Windsor. It is said that he was the favorite of Princess Mary who loved to romp with him. The prince was born at Sandringham July 12, 1905.

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SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Charlotte.—In the nation-wide campaign for thirty million dollars for relief of Armenians, Syrians and other peoples of the near east the quota of North Carolina is two hundred thousand dollars. The campaign in North Carolina will take place in February for eight consecutive days.

Rutherford College—Dr. T. V. Goode of Rutherford College, died January 12. Dr. Goode's health failed about two years ago but he had been able to practice medicine to some extent until a few months ago. He was born in 1853.

Asheville.—"Flu" restrictions were lifted long enough to permit Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, first lady of the state, to attend the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at the Masonic temple, for the reception following the speaking and of the big luncheon given by the state council of the state federation of clubs at Battery Park hotel.

Davidson.—The college has begun the new term under most pleasing and promising conditions. The enrollment to date is about 275, a number in excess of what was expected as most likely in view of the upturn wrought by war conditions and the abrupt incoming of peace.

Raleigh.—Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, left for a stay of ten days in New York City. His trip is in the form of a Christmas gift from the ladies of the church. Before departing from the city he received and declined a flattering call to a church in the mid-west.

Charlotte.—In the presence of his congregation the Rev. J. H. Dixon of the Street Presbyterian church just after he entered the building to preach his morning sermon. Heart disease was assigned as the cause of death.

Shelby.—It is expected that road construction work will begin at an early date in No. 9 township; \$25,000 of the \$75,000 bond issue voted last year was sold to Bruce Craven, at par with accrued interest to date.

Wilson.—In consequence of the continued sickness suddenly of Wilson Superior court has been called off. This is the third or fourth time this court has adjourned on account of the malady.

Rocky Mount.—Subscriptions are being solicited for the erection of a memorial fund for the purpose of erecting a handsome monument and constructing the Duke Memorial Building at the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, in memory of the late Rev. Geo. M. Duke of Nash county, one of the most prominent workers in the church in this section of the State.

Wilmington.—Local fertilizer factories are booking orders for spring delivery in a way that indicates a very heavy season for them. The outlook for peaches and strawberries is good and it is believed that there will be sufficient supplies.

Spencer.—Fatally burned, Frederick, the 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Burton, died after several hours of suffering. The clothing of the little fellow ignited when older children played with fire during the absence of the mother.

Durham.—Dr. B. D. Gaw, pastor of the First Baptist church in this city and vice president of the home department of the Southern Baptist convention, died at his former home in Washington, D. C. A brief telegram received stated death was due to heart failure.

Charlotte.—The actual work of raising Camp Greene's buildings may not be undertaken for several weeks yet, depending upon the time the bids are opened and accepted by the war department.

Gastonia.—A. B. O'Neil, for the past seven years a prominent business man of Gastonia, died in the Johnston-Willis sanitarium where he underwent an operation a few weeks ago.

Winston-Salem.—The Winston-Salem Rotary Club pledged its hearty support to the state commissioner of public welfare, R. F. Beasley, in any effort he may make for an enactment requiring the absolute separation of youthful offenders awaiting trial, as well as those already convicted, from adult prisoners.

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