

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 Southland Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Domestic

The temporary personnel of the navy has been increased by twenty-five thousand men, exclusive of officers, for the fiscal year beginning next July.

Departure from France of five transports with more than 650 officers and 15,000 men has been announced by the war department. The *Twentieth*, built in the heart of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been destroyed by a fire which started early in the morning recently.

Navy officers at Pensacola, Fla., expressed complete satisfaction with the success marking the first experiments at the naval air station there in firing a torpedo from a dirigible.

Charged with excessive cruelty to children under her care, Mrs. Naomi V. Campbell, who conducts a private orphan's home eight miles from Atlanta on the Marietta road, in Cobb county, Georgia, was held for the grand jury bond of \$750 following a lengthy hearing at Marietta before Justice of the Peace B. V. Greer.

The federal government has been asked to take charge of the general strike situation in Seattle, Wash., where practically the entire working force of the city is on strike.

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Washington

A Paris dispatch announces that Marshal Foch will go to Treves February 17 to fix the conditions for a third renewal of the armistice and the issues of the conditions to be imposed will take up considerable time before the supreme war council.

Foreign dispatches state that the feeling in the peace conference is that the Germans are more and more forgetting their position, and it is expected that the supreme war council will take measures to bring them to a sense of the realities.

Substantially one-half of the draft of the constitution for the society of nations has been covered by the chief conference commission dealing with this question. The acceptance of all additional articles will be provisional. It is possible, it is stated, to secure action on the articles before President Wilson returns home.

American steamers will soon steam up the Rhine, using Rotterdam as a base, according to information emanating from Paris.

There is a feeling hinted in the dispatches from abroad that the war ended too soon for the more adventurous spirits on all sides of the contention.

The prohibitions against the use of the intoxicating purple bean by Indians have been lifted. The bean is used by many tribes in their religious observances and efforts last year to prohibit its use failed.

During the hard fighting from September 1, the German losses were appalling, the figures showing a drop in their strength from 1,339,000 to 856,000 November 1. During the same period the allied forces dropped only from 1,688,000 to 1,485,000.

A total of 24,242,021 men were enrolled for Uncle Sam's army under the selective service act. When the armistice was signed Uncle Sam had produced a selective army of 2,810,299 men and the work of handling, classifying and utilizing Uncle Sam's man power was just getting into perfect swing when the ending of the war brought it to a close.

Government agents are said to have started an inquiry into the operations of a "wire tapping" gang, operating in Florida and other parts of the South to which wealthy tourists are attracted. The investigation is proceeding from Chicago.

The total casualties for the forces in the Archangel, Russian, region are given as 408. The force originally numbered 4,927.

Figures showing the rifle strength of the allied and enemy forces of the western front during the last eight months of the war have been received by the war department. They show that up to July 1 the allies were outnumbered from two hundred to three hundred thousand men, but that they reached their peak on September 1, when they had 1,688,000 opposed to the Germans' 1,339,000.

The health of the American soldiers in France is excellent and the morale is of the highest. They show willingness to re-enter the fray if occasion demands.

Dutch ships requisitioned by the American government during the war and now operated by the shipping company will be unconditionally returned to Holland as rapidly as they reach United States ports at the conclusion of their present voyages. The announcement is made by the war trade board, which has reached an agreement on the subject with the shipping board.

EXPRESS METHODS TO BE REFORMED

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STUPENDOUS DRIVE NOW ON

Rules Now Existing, Relating to Boxing and Packing of Shipments to Be Rigorously Enforced.

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The drive started on February 10, in every city and town in the country, education and appeal among express employes simultaneously with a widespread effort to secure the cooperation of the shipping public along the same lines. No new packing or marking rules have been adopted for the campaign, but express drivers and receiving clerks will be instructed hereafter to insist, firmly but courteously, that the rules already in force be strictly adhered to.

The chief purpose of the "Better Service Campaign" is to check, once for all, the waste of time, effort and money that result from lost or damaged shipments. It is a source of dissatisfaction and annoyance to both shippers and the carrier and tends to impair the express service. It is expected that all who ship by express, and 300,000,000 shipments are annually traveling that way, will be keenly interested in the forthcoming drive, because it so intimately concerns the transportation and of many different kinds depend almost exclusively upon the express service.

Regarding the conditions which led to a decision for a national drive of this character, an express official made this statement: "It is an acknowledged fact that the average American business man regards a satisfied customer as a direct asset to his business. He would do nothing that might jeopardize his good relations with that customer. But if the customer sends to the customer a box in bad order, if the contents are damaged or pilfered because they were exposed during the journey, or if, may be, entire shipments are lost because of inadequate marking or insecure packing, the customer may not wait long for explanations, but place his business elsewhere."

"Start Express Shipments Right" is a slogan which will be carried throughout the campaign and which if adhered to will mean a great saving to business and their customers.

18 DIVISIONS OF GERMANS ARE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

London—British newspapers of all shades of opinion are devoting serious attention to the attitude adopted by the German government toward the armistice conditions.

The Daily News Paris correspondent sends a dispatch from "authoritative sources" on the subject in which he says his informant told him that he had the best reason to believe that Germany is not continuing to demobilize.

"She has now concentrated more than 18 divisions under Von Hindenburg on the western front," the correspondent quotes his informant as saying. "We also have the best reasons to believe that Germany is keeping her troops under arms on the pretext of economic necessity. Some of the military authorities think that Germany has sought more material to give necessary materiel to 3,000,000 men. German demobilization is a condition to our demobilization."

GERMAN NEWSPAPER USES AIRPLANES FOR DELIVERY

Berlin.—Am Mittag is the first paper to employ air service in newspaper distribution. It will send its issues to Leipzig and Weimar, thus enabling the paper to be distributed to its subscribers houses in the early morning hours. The paper is being distributed to the national assembly at Weimar with a regular service of newspapers and charters a number of airplanes, which left with Vossische Zeitung's morning edition.

JAPAN COERCES CHINESE DELEGATES IS CHARGED

London—Japan has notified China must work in harmony with Japan at the peace conference and must undertake not to reveal to the conference secret China-Japan agreements, according to a Reuters dispatch from Peking dated February 3.

The correspondent says his informant comes from Chinese sources and Reuters says it should be regarded with some reserve.

SPARTAN RIOTS IN HUN CITIES CONTINUE

Copenhagen.—Fresh Spartan riots began in Hamburg on Thursday afternoon when workmen rushed to the headquarters building of the government. Troops and all arms were seized. The town hall and banks were occupied at night and the movement has spread to Altona.

In Kiel armed sailors and workmen overpowered the guard at an airplane station, took possession of all arms and occupied the police buildings.

ANARCHISM NOW IN A CRITICAL STAGE

IMPERIALISM OR NIHILISM IS IMPRESSION GIVEN OUT BY MANY REFUGEES.

TROTZKY WORKS FOR ORDER

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Warsaw.—That bolshevism is in its critical stage, either turning to imperialism, with perhaps Leon Trotsky, minister of war and marine, as the new emperor, or slipping back to anarchy, is the impression given by many refugees of all nationalities who have arrived here from Russia. The correspondent has talked to a number of these people as to what might happen in Russia if there is no outside interference. One of them was a bolshevist soldier who deserted while his contingent was engaged in raising the country west of Minsk.

"Our chief characteristic," he said, "is that we are tired—tired of fighting, tired of killing, tired of fighting and tired of wandering from pillar to post. There is no doubt that Leon Trotsky is attempting to obtain order and to whip the troops into shape. He is known to be terribly ambitious, and possibly he is dreaming of becoming czar, knowing that bolshevism has failed."

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Washington.—In solemn services within the house chamber the nation's leaders and representatives of foreign governments paid tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt. Members of Congress, supreme court justices, members of the cabinet, army and navy officers, and diplomats of many nations heard Senator Lodge of Massachusetts praise Roosevelt as a statesman and as a man.

The crowded galleries and the throngs of men and women who could not gain admission testified to the personal feeling for the man whose death shocked the world. It was this to which Senator Lodge, a close friend of the man he eulogized, referred when he spoke these words in the stillness of the house chamber: "A tower is fallen, a star is set! Alas! Alas! For Celin.

TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY

Boston.—Acting upon instructions from the war department General Pershing has been in communication the past month with Marshal Foch for the purpose of purchasing property for a national cemetery for the American dead in France, according to Secretary Baker. The orders stipulate that a chateau or castle shall be located on the property desired upon, adequate for a museum to house a collection commemorating America's participation in the war.

CASH FOR GOOD ROADS IN NOW FAIRLY A CERTAINTY

Washington.—The senate by a vote of 51 to 17 tentatively adopted the Rankin amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000,000 for the construction of good roads. Of this amount \$50,000,000 is for use this year and \$75,000,000,000 each in 1920 and 1921.

PROPHECIES OF PROSPERITY ARE SANE AND RATIONAL

Washington.—Secretary Carter Glass, of the treasury department, anticipates and expects prosperous days is well on the way. He sees no reason for hesitation on the part of business men and farmers to invest in the products of the factory and the farm and is willing to pay for them. Money is more plentiful than ever before. This is shown in the office of the comptroller of the currency.

PLANNING TO BRING HOME OFFICER AND SAILOR DEAD

Washington.—Plans for bringing home the bodies of all officers, sailors and marines now buried on foreign soil are being worked out in the next few months. The wishes of relatives, however, will govern not only as to the return of the bodies, but also as to their final disposition. Those brought home either will be sent forward for private interment or buried in the Arlington or some other national cemetery.

NORTH CAROLINA CASUALTIES

Late Report From the War Department of Casualties Overseas Among N. C. Troops.

The following is a list of casualties among North Carolina troops, overseas, as recently made public by the War Department:

Killed in Action—Sergeant W. A. Shuler, Bryson City; Lieutenant F. S. Paris, Canton.

Died of Wounds—Corporal A. L. Turner, LaGrange; Privates Crowell Woodward, Selma; Buford Gross, Marjor; Jos. G. Benson, Carthage.

Died of Disease—Privates T. H. Alston, Greensboro; Frank Davis, Louisville; Thos. H. Mathews, Dunn; John H. Ruffin, Lewiston; N. Brodie, Franklinton; W. G. Hackney, Morrisville; Alexander Harris, Blanches.

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WOMEN ARE EQUAL TO MEN AS DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE

Paris.—The supreme council discussed the terms of the extension of the armistice with Germany. The discussion will continue.

The labor legislation commission discussed the representation which will be given to governments and organizations of employers and working people in the proposed permanent international conference. It was decided that women should be equally eligible as men as delegates.

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CALL FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

Only Sufficient Aid Asked to Keep the People Alive Until the Next Harvest Can Be Gathered.

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Raleigh.—The campaign of the Lutheran Church of America for \$100,000 for relief of refugees and orphans in France, Finland and near eastern countries, which begins February 16 and continues 10 days, is meeting with "a hearty response in North Carolina," according to Rev. W. A. Lutz, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, campaign director for this State, who returned from a tour of a large part of the State in the interest of the effort. Among the towns he visited were Statesville, Hickory and Salisbury and those in numerous adjacent counties. The quota assigned the members of this church in North Carolina is \$120,000, said Mr. Lutz, who is rapidly developing the State campaign organization.

Soldier's Wife Wins Out

Asheville.—After hearing three witnesses in superior court a jury returned a verdict awarding Mrs. Agnes de Lotbiniers, wife of a Canadian army officer, a verdict of \$75,000 against the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., executors of her father's estate. Captain de Lotbiniers, in testifying, stated that he made an agreement with W. J. Slayden, his wife's father, to take out \$100,000 insurance in favor of his wife, and the father, in turn, agreed to leave her a like amount in his will. Mr. Slayden died before the amount could be incorporated into the will. Mrs. de Lotbiniers received only \$25,000. The suit was brought as a friendly measure to justify the bank in carrying out the wishes of the deceased.

Plans to Welcome Soldiers

Rutherfordton.—A mass meeting was held in the courthouse for the purpose of planning a suitable reception for the county soldiers upon their return from the army. A standing committee composed of the county officers, the county chairman of the Liberty loan and war savings societies, and a number of other citizens, met at the office of Collector Watts, giving an account in detail of seizures for violation of the government liquor laws, the above month was the most productive of results of any month throughout the past year. A total of 58 stills were seized and 200 gallons of whiskey set up and 40 operations were destroyed by the officers, 23 of them being of pure copper construction and which are very highly prized by the bootleggers, as it has become a hard matter of recent years for them to hold of copper outfits, on account of the close observation under which hardware stores dealing in sheet copper, are kept by government officers.

Influenza in Salisbury

Lumberton.—The second epidemic of influenza in Lumberton has just about subsided. Only a very few new cases have been reported this week and it is expected that the work is now able to get out. However, the influenza is still on so far as holding public meetings of any sort is concerned. The barber shops and shows are also still closed and no services will be held at the local churches Sunday.

Fatal Auto Accident

Greensboro.—Nathaniel Norman, the child of Dr. George W. Norman, was struck by an automobile driven by Mr. Hayes, of Burlington, on Spring Garden street, and died from injuries at St. Leo's hospital. The work is survived by his parents and eight brothers and sisters. Mr. Hayes was greatly disturbed over the accident and remained with the child until its death. Doctor Norman, father of the child, is one of the city's best-known physicians.

Stand by Ferry Agreement

Wilmington.—The New Hanover county commissioners are standing by their agreement to take over the Cape Fear ferry from the State. Heavy pressure has been brought to bear on the board to tear up this agreement and support the two-bridge plan north of the city, but the agreement is not a "scrap of paper," according to Chairman W. A. McGirt. The board is not anxious to tear up the bridge, but regards the ferry as the main thing right now.

Number of Stills Destroyed

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Killed by Live Wire

Asheville.—Placing his foot on a wire carrying 6,600 volts, Thad Kendall, lineman for the North Carolina Electrical Power Company, was instantly killed at Cresco, near here, while at work at the top of a pole. His safety belt, strapped around the pole, held him away from the pole until fellow workmen ascended the pole and brought him down. The strong current had burned off the toes of the foot which was on the wire. A hurried examination showed that life had left the body.

Arrested for Neglect

Wilmington.—E. S. Woodard, who is charged by his dying wife with ill-treatment, neglect and non-support, has been arrested on charges of neglect and non-support. He was told that may life a burden to her. Doctors say she may live a day or two, but cannot recover. She later withdrew her charges.

Cooper Lends an Ear

Wilmington.—Senator Cooper on arriving here was met by a Southport delegation asking that he permit no election on the question of moving the county seat from that town, and he advised that the folks of Brunswick possibly knew better how to settle the question than he did. He was told that many people wanted no election, but by others that many do hunger and thirst to get a chance to vote on it, and it may fall out that Brunswick will settle this ancient quarrel in a pleasant way.

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