

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 and Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Domestic

William H. Albright, the 24-year-old player of Carlisle H. Christy, at Atlanta, Ga., on the night of January 2, this year, is now a free man.

A military committee on employment for soldiers and sailors has been organized by the council of national defense with the approval of the war and labor departments.

Gen. N. D. Forrest of the United Confederate Veterans announces that Savannah has been selected for the first time since the signing of the armistice unemployment over the country shows a decrease, according to department of labor reports.

George B. Williams, president of the Cosmopolitan bank, reported recently to the police that \$36,422 had been stolen from the vault during the night. The robbers had discovered the combination.

Returns from eleven towns which voted on the question of issuing liquor licenses show that eight changed from dry to wet. Liquor advocates contend that the result was a protest against the national prohibition amendment.

William Jennings Bryan has issued a statement endorsing the league of nations, but suggests amendments to the proposed constitution which, together with other things, would preserve specifically the Monroe doctrine, enlarge the proportionate voting power of the United States and make it clear that each member nation might decide for itself whether it would support increases of the league's general council.

European

The number of victims of the latest Spartacist disturbance in Berlin is so great that it is difficult to find accommodations for the bodies in the Berlin morgues.

Recommendation that the navigation of the Rhine be opened to all nations without discrimination is made in a report to the peace conference by the commission on the international regime of waterways, railways and ports. It is suggested that the Rhine be controlled by a commission similar to the Danube commission.

The status of the Kiel canal has been settled by the peace commission on the basis of the freedom of use for all nations for merchant vessels or warships in time of peace. The canal would continue under German ownership and operation.

A vigorous protest is made in Albanian circles against the designation of Edmond Pasha, Albanian premier, and Mehmed Bey, representative of the Albanian federation in Europe, to submit the claims of Albania to the peace conference.

Reports from Paris to the effect that the peace treaty will provide that Poland and the Baltic states shall be formed along the Rhine, have stirred up the German press, both conservative and radical.

The German delegates to the peace conference will be Court von Brockdorff-Rantzau, chairman; Gustav Stresemann, majority socialist, and first president of the national assembly; Max Warburg; Dr. Adolph Muller, minister to Switzerland; Prof. Walter M. A. Schuecking, of Harburg university, and Her Geisberg, minister of posts and telegraphs in the Prussian ministry.

Lieutenant Lemaire, a leading aviator during the war, has completed a flight from Toulouse to Casablanca on the western coast of Morocco, a distance of 1,900 kilometers, approximately 1,180 miles, in eleven hours actual flying time.

Louis Klutz, French minister of finance, began his eagerly awaited speech in the chamber of deputies on the financial situation by denying that he had made the statement that France had become richer since the war.

During the war 8,000 enemy airplanes were shot down by the British air forces, while 2,800 British machines were missing, Brigadier General J. E. B. Seely announced in the house of commons in introducing the army's air estimate of \$322,500,000.

When the armistice was signed England was turning out 4,000 airplanes a month and had 200 squadrons in commission, compared to six at the beginning of the war.

A London dispatch says fighting is going on in Berlin with great fury. The dispatch says that witnesses of the fighting in the last few days say both the Spartacists and the government soldiers acted like wild beasts. Hostilities in the northern and northeastern sections of Berlin are bitter, and it is stated that the government troops and the Spartacist soldiers are showing no quarter.

Reports say that the celebration of mass has stopped in many cities in Russia.

Typhoid and smallpox are reported to be raging in Petrograd.

Chronic conditions in Russia, particularly in Petrograd and Moscow are described in reports which contain, among things, the statement that human flesh has been sold by Chinese soldiers. Both Moscow and Petrograd are reported to be without any kind of fuel.

Sugar is selling for ten dollars a pound in Moscow.

German troops sent to Lichtenberg to protect the postoffice and police stations are reported in a dispatch from Berlin to have been totally annihilated, but the report does not state the number slain.

FURTHER RESULTS LATE FILIBUSTER

ACTIVITIES OF WAR BUREAU ARE GREATLY CRIPPLED BY LACK OF FUNDS.

PRESIDENT IS ASKED TO ACT

Early Convening of Congress is Not Exactly Recommended But Certain Facts Have Been Presented.

Washington.—Secretary Glass has asked President Wilson to set aside more than \$2,000,000 from the presidential war emergency fund to cover the cost of continued operation of the war risk insurance bureau for the next few months until Congress can remedy its recent failure to appropriate funds for the bureau. The president has not yet given an answer, and if he does not make the money available, the activities of the war risk bureau may be greatly curtailed.

It was officially stated that the bureau has funds to cover allotment and allowance checks to be sent out during the remainder of March and during April. This really means March allowances, since the checks are distributed one month late. Unless some available funds are found early in May, allotment and allowance checks may be greatly delayed.

The funds asked of the President would be spent only for administrative expenses of physical operations of the bureau and not for actual coverage of allotment and allowance checks.

Secretary Glass explained that, although he has not specifically recommended early convening of Congress to deal with this situation, he has presented "certain facts" in regard to the government's financial situation, from which the President may make his own deductions. In this connection it was learned that other cabinet members have called the President reports of serious conditions in their respective departments caused by failure of Congress to appropriate funds.

RAT IS RARE DELICACY AT FORTY DOLLARS A POUND

Helmsing.—According to information from Petrograd, the Moscow central executive at Trotsky's proposal has ordered the bolshevist general staff to hasten plans for the formation of an army of 150,000 to invade Germany about the end of April or May.

The chief task of this army would be to help thousands of Russian prisoners of war, who are not allowed to leave Germany.

The authorship of the plan is attributed to a German, Major Busch, formerly a prisoner of war who now plays a leading role in Moscow as a communist.

In the Petrograd market the fish is sold openly at 50 rubles (normally 25) a pound, and meat is sold at 50 rubles (normally 25) a pound. The fish is sold in a former great net in Petrograd, has become, as a consequence of the famine, a rare luxury.

THOUSANDS DEAD AND DYING OF STARVATION IN CAUCASUS

New York.—Thousands of men, women and children are starving to death in the Caucasus, according to the first report from Dr. James L. Barton chairman of the committee recently sent to that region by the American committee for relief in the Near East, received at the headquarters of the committee here.

"There is no bread anywhere," said the report. "The government has not a pound. There are 45,000 people in Erivan wholly without bread and with their bare hands today."

Thirty deaths a day are reported from Ashguz; 25 from Etchmiadzin, Zeir and Sadabad certainly more. Another week will score 10,000 lives lost.

LETITISH TROOPS CAPTURE THE CITY OF FRAUENBURG

Stockholm.—Lettish troops captured Frauenburg, northeast of Libau, from the bolsheviki several days ago and took a great quantity of war material, a large number of machine guns and many prisoners, a dispatch from Libau said. The bolsheviki retired in the direction of Mitau. The Letts also advanced west of Frauenburg and drove the bolsheviki from the region of the Baltic port of Windau.

GERMAN U-BOAT ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE AND IS SUNK

Paris.—The German submarine U-48, while attempting to escape from Ferrol, Spain, was chased by a destroyer and sunk, according to a Havana dispatch from Madrid.

The U-48 took refuge at Ferrol in March, 1918, and was interned. The attempted flight of the U-boat was observed and the torpedo boat destroyer Antola pursued her. The German boat was sunk outside the Ferrol roads. The crew was saved.

AMERICAN SAILORS ON WAY TO MAN VESSELS

New York.—Several hundred American officers and seamen attached to the cruiser and transport forces already have been sent to French ports to take over the German ships as they are delivered, it was learned here. They are to be supplemented with men from naval forces stationed abroad. The first of the German ships is expected to arrive here shortly after April 1.

COLORADO HOUSE VOTES FOR IRRELAND'S CAUSE

Denver.—The senate resolution asking the peace conference to grant Ireland the right of self-determination was adopted by the house of representatives of the Colorado legislature by a viva voce vote, with an amendment requesting President Wilson to "exercise his extraordinary and unlimited powers and authority that the senate herein expressed may be incorporated in the constitution of the proposed league of nations."

FIGHT ON CLARK GROWING BITTER

CONGRESSMAN LEVER CLEARLY INDICATES HIS POSITION TOWARDS MISSOURIAN.

SOLDIERS ALL FAVOR LEAGUE

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Washington.—The fight on Champ Clark for Democratic leader of the house is becoming bitter. He has denounced some of his opponents as liars.

Three North Carolinians, Messrs. Godwin, Doughton and Robinson, all of whom are away from here now, are said to oppose Mr. Clark.

Representative Lever of South Carolina, announced that he would not support him. He said:

"It is my firm belief that the overwhelming majority of the people of the country are in line with the president in his wonderful fight to minimize to the very limit the possibility of wars in the future.

"The million, three hundred thousand soldiers who have gone through the brutal murder of this war, returning to this country, are certain to give their support to the idea of a league of nations as it is certain that the sun will rise tomorrow morning.

"Democrats cannot allow personal relationships or sympathy to stand in the way of party success and they are not going to do it. Personally I will support no man who will say that a conscript is synonymous with a convict."

270,000 TONS OF FOOD IS PAID FOR BY GERMANY

Copenhagen.—Germany in consideration of a deposit of \$11,000,000 in gold at Brussels, will receive an immediate delivery of 270,000 tons of foodstuffs, according to Berlin version of the agreement entered into between the German delegates and representatives of the allied powers at Brussels.

Germany will further be entitled to purchase monthly 370,000 tons of food in enemy and neutral countries, before the Japanese authorities, but the restrictions on fishing in the Baltic will be removed, the dispatch adds.

AMERICAN ACE KILLED BY FALL FROM HIS AIRPLANE

Seabreeze, Fla.—Major David McK. Petersen, one of America's officially recognized "aces" was killed in a fall of his airplane at Daytona Beach. Major Petersen's address is Honesdale, Pa.

The air plane piloted by Major Petersen, and in which Lieutenant F. X. Paversick was a passenger, dropped nose forward after reaching a height of about 75 feet while ascending from the beach. Major Petersen was killed instantly and Lieut. Paversick was injured seriously.

THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY IS SEETHING IN KOREA

Washington.—Official advice received by the state department from the Orient described the independence movement in Korea as a spontaneous one which had assumed large proportions. No effort at organized resistance to Japanese authority has been undertaken, but demonstrations and meetings have been held throughout the country.

Many of the demonstrations were reported by the Japanese authorities, but it was said the Japanese had adopted a more conciliatory attitude and that they might treat the aspirations of the Koreans with more sympathy. Immediate demands of the Koreans included freedom of ships, right of petition and the teaching of the Korean language in the schools, with ultimate independence for the country.

CLEMENCEAU'S ASSAILANT IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Paris.—Emile Cottin, the anarchist who recently made an attempt upon the life of Premier Georges Clemenceau, was sentenced to death by the court-martial after trying him. The verdict of the court-martial was unanimous.

RACE PREJUDICE FRUITFUL SOURCE OF DISCONTENT

New York.—Action by the peace conference to eliminate race prejudice which he termed "a fruitful source of discontent and uneasiness among nations in the past," was urged by Viscount Balfour, who was speaking before the United States, speaking before the Japan Society. Nothing would contribute more effectively to the foundation of permanent peace, he declared, than application of a proper remedy.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S RETURN

Paris.—In commenting on the return of President Wilson to Paris, The Matin says: "The alliance with the United States is necessary to the peace of the world and to the existence of France. It seems forever a precious help against possible aggressions. France looks upon Mr. Wilson as the power which helped her to win and will now stand by her when she is to make her legitimate demands heard."

ALL RELATIVES OF OFFICERS ARE EXECUTED

Stockholm.—All the relatives of officers of the 85th Russian White Guard as against the Soviet government, have been executed. According to a dispatch from Petrograd, the executions were ordered by the military revolution committee of Petrograd. A number of well known Russian officers, it is added, also have been executed after being convicted of having aided the Whites.

GERMANY READY TO SURRENDER FLEET

AMPLE FOOD SUPPLIES WILL PROBABLY BE FURNISHED TO RELIEVE HUN SITUATION.

DEFINITE AGREEMENT WANTED

Decision of Associated Powers Will Be Announced by Admiral Weymas at Conference at Brussels.

Berlin.—Under Secretary of State Von Braun, before leaving to participate in the conference at Brussels regarding the turning over by Germany to her mercantile fleet and securities in exchange for food, received the correspondent and informed him that Germany was prepared to begin immediately the surrender of her entire fleet and conclude an agreement covering the other conditions in return for a definite agreement specifying the amount of food deliverable until the next harvest.

Paris.—Admiral Weymas at Brussels will inform the Germans of the associated powers' decision in regard to the supply of foodstuffs to Germany. Your correspondent understands that the associated powers, on the grounds of humanity, will again express their intention to supply food and that the quantities they propose furnishing are 300,000 tons of breadstuffs and 70,000 tons of fats a month until September 1. Payment for these supplies will be made by various methods, by freight by credits to neutral countries, the sale of foreign securities and properties abroad by advances against the issue of foreign securities and collateral and to a limited extent by gold.

WEBB, KITCHEN AND OTHERS TO VISIT PORTO RICO SOON

Washington.—Twenty members of the house of representatives will visit Porto Rico in April to study political and economic conditions with a view to obtaining information for solving the problem of the island. The party will be headed by Representative Webb of New York. The party will leave New York April 12, but the length of the stay in Porto Rico has not been determined.

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WOMEN RESENT A RANK INJUSTICE

NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD HEAR ARGUMENT OF WOMEN AGAINST DISCHARGE.

DOCTOR ANNA SHAW PLEADS

During the War Women Responded Nobly to Every Call of Duty While Many Men Shirked.

Washington.—Arguments in the appeal from the recommendation of the national war labor board that women conductors at Cleveland, Ohio, be discharged to satisfy demands of striking male employees were heard by the board. The case was taken under advisement and a decision is expected within two weeks.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association; Frank P. Walsh, former joint chairman of the board, and Miss Mary Van Kleeck, director of the women-industry service of the labor department, were among those appearing in behalf of the discharged women workers.

Dr. Shaw declared that during the war women in all parts of the country had responded nobly to the nation's call for workers, but that now the acute need for workers had passed, there was a tendency to "get rid of" the women.

"Men employes demand it," said Dr. Shaw, "and because they are organized, they have power to enforce their demands. The worst of it is that many of the men who were never in the military service, but had left to enter 'safe' employment."

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NO CHANGES IN HOLIDAYS

Proposition to Abolish Certain Holidays in State is Tabled in Senate by a Decisive Vote.

STEADY CLIMB IN TOBACCO SALES

INCREASE IN SALES OF LEAF TOBACCO DURING YEAR IS \$7,000,000 POUNDS.

WINSTON-SALEM THE LEADER

Rocky Mount and Wilson Are Close Seconds, and Oxford Ran Over the Millon Mark.

Raleigh.—Increase in sale of leaf tobacco in North Carolina in February, 1919, over February, 1918, was about 7,000,000 pounds, according to the reports filed with Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture. There were 2,827,885 pounds sold in February, 1918, and 16,637,886 in 1919.

The sales by markets follow: Burlington, 325,218; Durham, 858,638; Enfield, 142,727; Etkin, 26,165; Farmville, 242,273; Greensboro, 81,269; Greenville, 81,269; Henderson, 12,280; Kinston, 330,718; Lenoir, 97,367; Leaksville, 82,787; Mehane, 314,767; Mt. Airy, 258,927; Madison, 23,997; Oxford, 1,226,231; Reidsville, 460,120; Robersonville, 120,542; Roxboro, 473,856; Rocky Mount, 2,561,638; Statesville, 57,695; Smithfield, 49,268; Warrenton, 437,715; Winston-Salem, 2,648,594; Williamston, 149,659; Wilson, 2,440,199; Wendell, 168,483; Washington, 39,993; Youngsville, 311,535; Zebulon, 44,469.

TAKING TIME BY FORELOCK

Charlotte.—With the January exhibition of the Mecklenburg Poultry Club declared the most successful in ever respect in the history of two county, plans for development of this annual exhibition into an event of interest to the Southeastern States were launched at a meeting of the officials and directors. President R. L. Simmons announced that January 6, 7, 8 and 9 were selected as the dates for the 1920 exhibitions.

PLANNING AUTOMOBILE SHOW

Greensboro.—Greensboro will have an automobile show this spring. It will be held March 25 to 29, inclusive. Last year's event was quite a success, and it is hoped that this year's affair will far surpass it. John Kelley, of Philadelphia, who managed the Gate City's first show, will be in charge again for the occasion, and he is exceedingly enthusiastic over the outlook. The big brick warehouse on Greene street has been rented for the show, and Mr. Kelley is already engaged on plans.

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