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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

Foreign

Leon Trotsky, Soviet-Bolshevik minister of war and marine, is reported to have arrived at Petrograd for the purpose of the defense of the city. Every available man, including veterans 70 years old, is said to have been mobilized by the Bolshevik authorities.

Germano-Russian forces in Lithuania have been defeated by Lithuanian troops in two encounters, according to information issuing from Lithuanian sources.

The Bolshevik official report claims that their troops have recaptured Petrograd and Tarkov-Selo south of Petrograd. Many prisoners are reported to have been taken.

A message by way of Honolulu says that Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier of Russia, in a speech at Moscow, said that the details of which are said to be forthcoming.

Romanian demands for articulation of the frontiers fixed in the determination of the western borders of Romania have been refused by the supreme council of the peace authority. It is in reply to the supreme council says it cannot consider the clauses of the agreement which have been communicated to the allied powers.

Former Emperor William has signed a statement Herr Siebert, an attorney, of Berlin, to institute a suit against the actor, Ferdinand Bonn, who prepared what are known as the "kaiser films" which were barred in Berlin but were permitted to be exhibited elsewhere.

William C. Magnusson, United States consul at Melbourne, died suddenly October 17 on board the steamer Sonoma, which arrived at Honolulu from Australian ports. Mr. Magnusson was formerly a resident of Rushford, Minnesota.

The returns from the Ontario province of Canada shows that the "dry" farm overwhelmingly and that the united farm and labor party had swept its field into office.

King Albert of Belgium, who is in the United States, says there is no doubt about the United States having won the world war.

The names of Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria and others of the former German royalty and nobility of Germany appear on the lists of German officers whose surrender for trial by common law crimes in France and Belgium will be demanded in accordance with the terms of the Versailles treaty.

Domestic

Active preparations are being made here in Washington, D. C., for the forthcoming convention of the Atlantic Seaper Waterways Association, which will be held in Charleston, S. C., November 10-13, 1919, inclusive.

The Chesapeake and Delaware canal has been taken over by the government, which gives the government the key to the entire Atlantic coastal situation.

The entire South is being secured in an effort to apprehend three alleged confidence men, charged with swindling a prominent banker of Chicago out of more than ten thousand dollars in Atlanta, Ga.

Adjourning to meet in Portland, Oregon, in 1922, the triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in America ended at Detroit, Michigan, in which the church considered one of the most momentous and history-making sessions of its history.

Maintenance of stable government and suppression of enemies of social order—these were the notes sounded at Atlantic City, N. J., at the first public session of more than ten thousand delegates in Atlanta, Ga.

Three agents of the department of justice were indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of having engaged in a conspiracy to blackmail liquor dealers in New York, and thereby frustrate the operation of the wartime prohibition law.

It is hard to buy a drink in New York. Arrests of federal agents accused of grafting and indications that one of them would turn state's evidence, scared cafes, cabarets and motor inns where hitherto nothing but the price has been necessary to satisfy any alcoholic craving.

Opera in the German language in New York at this time would tend to a breach of the peace and should be prevented by the police. This is the opinion of New York City's corporation counsel.

An unusual rush of emigrants toward America is in progress. Two thousand Italians applied for passports to the United States at Naples recently.

The removal of restrictions as to the views on American passports are given as the cause for the emigratory movement.

There is military efficiency about the work of the German prisoners engaged in clearing up the battlefields scattered over the low lying country between Ypres and Dixmude, scene of many a battle, and once more making it fit for habitation.

Despite decision by Mayor Hylan that German opera should not be given in New York until the peace treaty was signed, "Die Meistersinger" was presented in German at the Lexington theater, New York City, while thousands of soldiers, sailors, marines and civilians fought with the police in an attempt to reach the theater and stop the production. Several shots were fired and a former service man time and again charged the police lines and laid down a barrage of bricks, stones and other missiles in an attempt to force their way through.

PRESIDENT VETOS PROHIBITION BILL

AGAIN PASSED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY VOTE OF 176 TO 55.

THE VETO WAS UNEXPECTED

When Senate Duplicates House Action All Hope of "Wet" Season Running Over Christmas Will Vanish.

Washington—President Wilson unexpectedly vetoed the prohibition enforcement bill and within three hours the house had re-passed it over his veto by a vote of 176 to 55.

The total vote was barely more than a majority of the entire membership. Dry leaders in the senate immediately began laying plans to re-pass the bill. They expect to ask unanimous consent for its consideration, claiming enough votes to put it through.

The President refused to sign the bill because it included the enforcement of wartime prohibition.

The objects of wartime prohibition, the President said in his veto, had been satisfied, and "sound public policy makes clear the reason and necessity for its repeal."

It would not be difficult, the President held, for Congress to deal separately with the two issues.

The veto hit Congress unexpectedly. The house, getting on its feet again, deserted its leaders, who wanted to give consideration so as to round up all the dry members. But the drys swept into the chamber and showed there was an overwhelming sentiment among them to give the government ample weapons for dealing with the liquor traffic.

Nobody had really professed to know the President would veto the bill.

Attorney General Palmer, it was said, had declared it constitutional. But the President, propped up in bed, dictated and then signed a veto message and sent it along to Congress, without warning, apparently, what Congress might do.

With re-passing of the law by the house and the prospect of the same thing happening in the senate, hope of the big "wet" spell that would run over the Christmas season vanished.

WASHINGTON

With a recommendation to President Wilson that he create a commission to carry on the work which would be wholly unable to accomplish, the public group, the last remaining element of that body, quit and went home.

William C. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was kidnaped by three masked bandits and held for \$150,000 ransom, the state department to accomplish, the public embassy on inquiry has been informed by the Mexican foreign office that the government would take all possible steps to effect the liberation of Jenkins. The American embassy has been authorized to detail a member of its staff to Puebla to assist in obtaining the agent's release.

Meager details of the kidnaping of William Oscar Jenkins are contained in a telegram from his wife, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, to his father, John W. Jenkins, at Hartford, transmitted by the latter to Governor Stephens, of California.

The action of President Wilson in signing the amendment of the food control act, recently approved by congress, puts the department of justice in possession of new and effective tools to conduct the government's campaign on the high cost of living. Although the amendments, which are nothing more than additions to the war-time letter act, can be regarded merely as temporary expedients for dealing with the present situation, they will afford definite penalties for profiteering and hoarding in food and clothing.

Concurrence in a suggestion by Attorney General Palmer that ten cents a pound would be a fair price for the new beet sugar crop has been received from producers' representatives, ninety per cent of the output in this country, it was announced at the department of justice. This is an increase of one cent a pound over the old price.

Opposition to renewing the licensing power of the present sugar equalization board led Chairman McNary of the state agriculture sub-committee investigating the sugar situation, to announce that he would introduce a new bill authorizing the president to retain the present board, or appoint a new one, but containing no licensing provision. At his request the board will meet in New York to consider the substitute measure.

The Mexican house of deputies has given general approval of a proposal to withdraw extraordinary powers granted to agents under which he decreed many laws.

Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, on January 13 next, is to face his accusers on a charge of intriguing to bring about a dishonorable peace with Germany.

Although Lieutenant B. W. Maynard was the first to complete the transcontinental air race, Captain J. O. Donaldson made the flight in about 10 hours less flying time.

Only three members of the house, all Democrats, from the South voted against the budget bill when it came up for final passage in the house—Representative Moon of Tennessee, Blackman and Steagall of Alabama.

After a day of uncertainty during which President Wilson sent to Secretary Lane, chairman, a message of conciliation to be used as a last resort, the national industrial conference cleaned its slate October 21 by rejecting all collective bargaining resolutions, as well as the labor proposal for intervention in the steel strike.

Advised that the navy department has in reserve nine million pounds of sugar, Secretary Daniels has intimating that he will release some of the stock or three million pounds for public use.

The republic of Panama will be represented at the international labor conference at Washington by the Honorable Mr. J. A. Zubiate.

The reconcentrated system, made famous by General Weyler in Cuba, and afterwards used by Casa Lopez and the Huertistas against the Zapatas in Morelos, have been inaugurated by the Mexican government against the Villistas of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Food prices are on the decline, the department of labor's bureau of labor statistics announces in a statement asserting that the retail price of 22 staple foodstuffs show a decline of 2 per cent.

The long treaty fight in the senate is about to enter its final phase. Leaders here during the coming week to clear away all proposed progress in the framing of a ratification resolution.

Virtually conceding that no amendment to the peace treaty will be adopted, the opposition managers are determined to qualify the ratifying resolution with reservations.

Undesirable aliens are entering the United States in large numbers since lack of appropriations compelled the reduction in size of the border patrol. Anthony Caminetti, director general of immigration, told the house immigration and naturalization committee, that Camp Gordon, near Atlanta, will be retained by the government as a permanent military training field, and greatly enlarged, if 2,000 acres of additional lands are found available at the right prices, is practically assured.

PRESIDENT WILSON ON THE RED CROSS

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WORK YET TO BE COMPLETED

To Finance Operations and to Carry On Constructive Plans Eastern Europe, Organization Resumes Increasing Membership.

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VASTLY EXTENDED STRUGGLE IS ON

SAMUEL GOMPERS HAS CALLED MEETING OF HEADS OF 112 ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS.

AN ISSUE OF LIFE OR DEATH

Proposition is Suggested to Assess One-Fourth of the Net Earnings of Members to Finance Fight.

Washington—What may prove one of the greatest industrial battles in history was believed by some observers here to be forecasted by the announcement of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that a conference of the heads of 112 international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor would be held in Washington in the "near future" to discuss present and impending disputes.

Mr. Gompers' announcement was contained in a telegram to the Illinois Federation of Labor in Peoria. His message was in reply to one in which the Illinois organization asked that a special convention of the American Federation of Labor be called to perfect an alliance of the international unions of the United States and Canada and the railroad brotherhoods "more effectively to fight out the life and death struggle of the workers now in progress."

Federation officials also pointed out that the aid of the farmers be enlisted and that assessments aggregating one-fourth of the net earnings of organized workers be made "until the objects of this drive be accomplished."

RESERVATIONS PROPOSED BY LODGE BITTERLY OPOSED.

Washington—The democrats will not accept the treaty if the Lodge reservations are adopted. They prefer to defeat its ratification. Some of the leaders are very bitter in their denunciation of the Lodge reservations.

"We will stand firm if we go down in defeat," said Senator Underwood. "It would be better to defeat the treaty than to ratify with the reservations proposed. But, I do not believe that Mr. Lodge can put through his program. I can't believe that the senate will go with him."

"I shall vote against the ratification of the treaty if the reservations proposed by the foreign relations committee are accepted," said Senator Simmons. "The reservations offered are an insult to the American people."

STATE DEPARTMENT IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON MEXICO.

Washington—Pressure of the most urgent nature will be brought to bear upon the Mexican government to use all the forces at its command to obtain the release of William O. Jenkins, the American consular agent at Puebla, who was robbed and kidnaped by bandits, and now is being held for \$150,000 ransom. The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed by Assistant Secretary of State Phillips to keep in close touch with the Mexican foreign office and to push unrelentingly its request for all possible action.

WITH THOUSAND WORD LETTER GREAT CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

Washington—With a recommendation to President Wilson that the appointment a commission to carry on the work which would be wholly unable to accomplish, the public group, the last remaining element of the body, finally adjourned.

The report of the public representatives, declining to assume the task for which the original gathering was called, was transmitted to the White House through Chairman Bernard M. Baruch in the form of a 1,000-word letter.

POLICE OF CHICAGO ARE ARMED WITH TRENCH GUNS.

Chicago—Federal troops at Gary, Ind., patrolled with "trench guns," weapons of the sawed-off shotgun type. They were thus equipped by order of Col. W. S. Mages, commanding the strike area under military control, after he had received reports that the infantrymen had been stoned by strike sympathizers.

Elsewhere in the district the industrial situation was reported generally unchanged.

LIVELY MOVEMENT OF ALLIED WAR CRAFT IS IN PROGRESS.

Flume—A lively movement of allied war craft stationed in Adriatic ports is in progress. The United States torpedo boat Foote, which has been stationed here, has been ordered to Spalato and left for that Dalmatian port.

The press correspondent was informed by an American naval commander that the movement probably was connected with the Flume situation.

FRANCE ENDS STATE OF WAR BY ISSUING OFFICIAL DECREE.

Paris—Official publication of the law declaring the state of war to be at an end, fixes definitely the date from which will run the time limit on moratoriums.

This publication ends the state of war only as far as concerns internal affairs of France. The nation remains in a state of war with Germany until the treaty of Versailles becomes effective through the deposit of ratifications at the foreign office.

Great Pile of Sweetness.

The largest cake ever baked was made for Frederick William I. of Prussia. It was eighteen yards long, eight yards wide and one and one-half feet thick.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Wilmington—E. S. Tucker, entomologist from the department of agriculture, announced that the cotton boll weevil has reached New Hanover county.

Asheville—Two schools in this county at Arden and South Fork, have been closed owing to the lack of teachers, the county board of education announced.

Charlotte—Ten young men have enlisted for naval service at the local navy recruiting station in the Mint building during the past week, according to the report of Chief Quartermaster Wilson.

Wilmington—As a result of the continued high tide existing at present, some of the larger industrial concerns of Wilmington have been forced to shut down their plants.

High Point—Junior Order, United American Mechanics, announced here that the district convention would be held in Rameaux October 31-November 1. Prominent men in the order from over the state will attend the meeting.

Hickory—Ed Lippard, alleged Virginia hotel man, but a former Alexander county blockader, according to officers, was held up and his rear touring car seized in the South mountain section of Burke county, by Deputy Collectors Boger and Kirksey.

Wilmington—Edward Hood, well known and prominent merchant of Southport, a fishing town located 25 miles from Wilmington killed himself at his home, a pistol being the weapon used. The bullet penetrated the brain.

Reidsville—The sugar supply is at very low ebb and Reidsvillians are threatened with absolute famine.

Asheville—With 55 charter members present, the organization meeting of the Asheville local of the American Federation of Musicians, has just been perfected here and officers elected. This is the first musicians' union in the state, it is believed.

Monroe—An accidental discharge of a shotgun tore off the left hand of Cecil Williams, who lives about two miles east of the city.

Wilmington—Henry Brun, white, 28, a carpenter employed at a ship yard, was shot and almost instantly killed, declaring as he died that "Tom Mitchell," a negro, had fired the shot. The negro has not been captured.

Raleigh—There is a movement on foot here to revive the establishment of the meat packing plant that was well advanced in preliminary organization when America became involved in the world war.

Chapel Hill—Several hundred persons from Orange county united with the people of Chapel Hill here in the annual rally day celebration, under the direction of Prof. M. C. S. Noble. Memorial hall was filled with exhibits.

New Bern—The Col. J. E. Sawyer, 700 ton concrete passenger ship, took to the waters of Neuse river here, witnessed by more than 1,000 people and in the presence of several army officers sent by the government.

Salisbury—An early morning fire destroyed an outhouse and garage at the Salisbury Ice and Fuel company's plant. Also an automobile truck. The fire was started when an employee tried to draw gasoline from a drum using a lantern to enable him to see how to do the job.

Winston-Salem—Announcement is made that less than \$25,000 of the \$270,700 is needed to complete the fund being raised for the erection of a modern apartment house in this city.

Monroe—The Parent-Teachers' association of Monroe met and voted to federate with the other associations of like nature throughout the state.

Newton—Arthur F. Bolick, who lived about one and a half miles from Conover, was horribly mangled by a circus train on the local yards of the Southern railway.

Bolick, it is said, was drinking, and, after taking in the circus, had started home, going up the railroad tracks, when the train struck him killing him instantly.

Charlotte—Coming as a climax to one of the most successful and largely attended fairs in history a brief but healthy thunderstorm swept over the grounds and prevented the 1919 Fair of the Carolinas from ending in the customary "blaze of glory."

Wilmington—The first government shipyard in the United States to close following the conclusion of the war will be the Liberty, located in Wilmington, according to an announcement made here by Lewis R. Ferguson, general manager.

Tax Notice

To the tax payers of Chatham county: I will be at the following place on the dates mentioned below for the purpose of receiving the taxes for the year 1919 which will be due on October 1st.

Carleton, Dismukes' Store, Friday afternoon, October 31st.

Hillard's Store, Friday afternoon, October 31st.

Bear Creek, Coggin's Fitts' Store, Saturday (all day), November 1st.

Harpers Cross Roads, Wednesday morning, November 5th.

Bennett, Bank, Wednesday afternoon, November 5th.

R. L. Welch's Store, Thursday morning, November 6th.

J. M. Jordan's Store, Thursday afternoon, November 6th.

Ore Hill, post office, Friday morning, November 7th.

Brewer's Store, Friday afternoon, November 7th.

Siler City, Hadley Hotel, Saturday (all day), November 8th.

The law requires that no tax return be made and I am making the above number of places for your convenience. Please come forward and settle. Pay your dog tax and get the tax number on the shell of an operator if not paid before December 1st.

The law provides that on all state and county taxes paid in the month of October and November that you are entitled to a discount of one per cent.

All taxes paid in the month of December shall be paid at the net amount charged and from and after the first day of January a penalty of one per cent per month shall be charged and collected; that is to say, that on all taxes paid in the month of January after the first day of January, a penalty of one per cent shall be added on the taxes paid, and in the month of February and after the first day of February a penalty of two per cent shall be added and an additional penalty of one per cent for each additional month of delay in the settlement of same.

I sincerely hope that all the tax payers understand the law and will come forward and settle in due time without having to pay any penalty.

Yours very truly,
LEON T. LANE,
Sheriff Chatham County.

Flowers Forstell Rain.

The ordinary clover and all its varieties, including shamrock, are barometers. When rain is coming the leaves shut together like the shells of an oyster. For a day or two before rain comes their stems swell to an appreciable extent, and stiffen so that the leaves are borne more uprightly than usual. This stem swelling when rain is expected is a feature of many flowering grasses.

Only Real Riches.

There is no wealth but life; life, including all its powers of love, joy and