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OPEN OPPOSITION IS ON INCREASE

Ukraine in Its Opposition to New Regime Has Been Joined by Russian Staff on Southwest.

RELEASED PRISONERS AIDING THE BOLSHEVIKI

Premier Lloyd George Says Try in Months Are Ahead but Says Prussianism Must End.

(By Associated Press.)

Opposition to the Bolsheviks apparently is increasing as it becomes more evident the German influence is the spirit backing the Maximalist becomes more pronounced and the situation becomes more chaotic while the Bolsheviks are endeavoring a separate peace with the Central powers.

German and Austrian officials released from Russian prisons are reported to have led the Bolsheviks in overthrowing their opponents in Tashkent, the capital of Russian Turkestan, while other released enemy prisoners, said to number two army corps, are near Petrograd.

Officials of the Central powers are said to be active in Petrograd although this is denied by the Bolsheviks, who claim the constitutional democracy is trying to put Russia under German control.

Meanwhile diplomats of the Central powers are hurrying to begin peace negotiations with the Bolsheviks. On leaving Berlin the German emissaries were urged by the populace to "make a strong peace."

Premier Lloyd George simultaneously with the publication of the German peace feelers declared the allies must defeat militarism and that a league of nations including Prussia and Germany would be a failure.

Raiding engagement occupied the opposing forces on the northern end of the western front, while the artillery continues active in the Ypres and Cambrai sectors.

In Lorraine the French have repulsed heavy German attacks north of Reillon, about eight miles south of the Remy-Marac canal, where the Germans raked an American trench last month.

COTTON WAREHOUSE DESTROYED

Eighty-Five Thousand Dollar Blaze at Henepath, S. C.—Many Bales of Cotton Saved.

Anderson, S. C., Dec. 21.—Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed early today a warehouse at the Chipola mills at Henepath, Anderson county, with an estimated loss of \$85,000. Part of 1,085 bales of cotton in the structure was saved.

PRESIDENT'S RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Mr. Wilson Will Go Before Congress Immediately After the Holidays Regarding the Transportation Situation.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to congress recommending the enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holiday recess. Until it has been read the President has requested that the senate Inter-State Commerce Committee withhold making any investigation as provided for under the Cummins resolution.

FRENCH DESTROYERS SINK TWO ENEMY SUBMARINES

Athens, Dec. 20.—French destroyers have sunk two enemy submarines in the Gulf of Taranto.

SUPPOSED TREATY FOUND IN RUSSIA

Petrograd Paper Publishes What is Said to Be Text of Secret Japanese-Russian Treaty.

WOULD COMBINE AGAINST AMERICA AND ENGLAND

The Treaty Was Signed in 1916 by Foreign Ministers of the Two Nations.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—Under the heading "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for a joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia publishes what it says is the text of a treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action for Russia and Japan preventing another nation from controlling China.

The treaty is dated July 3, 1916, and runs for 5 years automatically extending itself until after a year after one party has expressed the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Sazonov, then Russian foreign minister and Viscount Motono, Japanese minister of foreign affairs.

The treaty stipulates that the "agreement shall remain a deep secret from all except the contracting parties." It opens by stating that it is for the purpose of strengthening the treaties of 1907-10 and 12.

WASHINGTON KNOWS NOTHING OF SECRET TREATY

Washington, Dec. 21.—American officials said today they had no knowledge of the so-called secret treaty between Russia and Japan, described in a Petrograd dispatch, but considered that to describe it as a contemplated "joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East" was not borne out by the text of published articles. There is a possibility that the treaty referred to is the special convention concluded between Russia and Japan at about the same time as the so-called treaty.

It was generally assumed here that the treaty contained some secret provisions but its purpose it described as being to safeguard the rights of Japan and Russia in the Far East; to reconcile all outstanding issues between them, and to generally follow the lines of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

AFTER ENEMY TRADE

Federal Commission Wants to Be Sure That After the War Germany Will Not Profit by the Trade up Here.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 21.—In licensing of American manufacturers to use enemy owned patents the Federal Trade Commission is using every precaution to make sure that after the war German producers will not reap the benefit of the trade built up here. Such was explained here today in regard to recently issued licenses which required that drugs to be produced be given a new American name by which they may be known in this country.

PACKERS ARE UNDER FEDERAL SEARCHLIGHT

Washington, Dec. 19.—The packing industry will be put under the searching eye of the Federal Trade Commission's investigative powers at open hearings beginning tomorrow.

Unless they come of their own volition, representatives of the country's five great packing families will not be present, as the commission announced that subpoenas would not be issued for them. While the commission gave no explanation of its decision, some officials called attention to the possibility of giving immunity to persons giving testimony on which future prosecutions might be used.

The specific question at issue tomorrow and in subsequent hearings to be held in New York, Boston and probably Chicago Stock yards and the Chicago terminal railroads. The National Cattleman's Association has at various times charged intercorporate relations between the yards, the roads and the packing plants. The packers have contended that they owned no stock in the yards or the roads.

Since the commission began its investigation of food supply conditions almost its entire force of investigators has been devoted to the meat industry. Conditions were found which led to the decision that extended investigation of meat packing was necessary as the biggest factor in the food situation. Interest in prospective disclosures centers in documentary evidence which the commission has announced will be introduced without giving any hint of its nature.

SCHOOLS CLOSE WITH FINE EXERCISES

Splendid and Appropriate Festivities Mark Beginning of Holiday Season With Schools.

COUNTY SCHOOLS OBSERVE NORTH CAROLINA DAY

Ellis Street School Held Exercises This Morning and Innes Street School This Afternoon.

(By Associated Press.)

The city public schools closed today for a two-week holiday for the Christmas season. The closing was marked by appropriate exercises at the Ellis street and Innes street schools. The exercises at the Ellis street school were held during the morning and the exercises at the Innes street school were held this afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

At the Ellis street school the higher grades held exercises first, these being presided over by Superintendent Andrews and Principal Beam. Mayor Walter H. Woodson made a splendid talk to the boys and girls of this school.

Following the high school came the primary departments and this was the real inter-lingua and enjoyable part of the morning program. Many of the parents of the little folks were out to see and hear their regular Christmas songs and carols, readings and a Bible play and they did this in a most excellent way and without a hitch. Each class was in charge of its teacher and Miss Elizabeth Birmingham, presided at the piano. Superintendent Andrews had a few words to say as also did Mr. W. A. Lamb, Jr., Mr. A. H. Bowden made a beautiful little talk to the little tots.

In practically every room in the school buildings as well as on the rostrum in the auditorium, where the exercises were held, there were small Christmas trees, beautifully decorated, and on the desks of each teacher piles of fruits and other gifts from the children.

Superintendent Andrews reminded all of the children to meet at the Innes street school Monday afternoon at 5:15 to march to the community Christmas tree in front of the postoffice to participate in the exercises there.

It was a happy day with the school children and most especially, those of the primary department, their faces bright and cherry and beaming with smiles as they rendered and listened to the Christmas recitations and songs. The large auditorium was packed with pupils of all grades and friends of the school to witness and participate in the closing exercises for the holidays.

The county public schools all closed today also, this being for one week. In practically all of these schools North Carolina Day was observed with appropriate exercises, the program as mapped out by the state board of education being used.

DR. K. P. BATTLE HAS REACHED AGE OF 85

Made Regular Trips for Mail in Recent Weather and Recalls Snow of 1845.

Chapel Hill, Dec. 20.—Dr. Kemp P. Battle Wednesday celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday, still full of vigor and of love for the university. For nearly three-quarters of a century Dr. Battle has been closely connected with the life of the University of North Carolina. In 1845 he entered here as a freshman. After the war he was elected president of the institution and it was under his wise and beneficent management that the university again established its prestige in the country.

During the recent cold spell Dr. Battle has not failed to make regular trips for the mail. Dr. Battle recalls a severe snow in 1845, when he was a freshman.

Of the university he says: "I love her more than all the inanimate things and rejoice over her prosperity under her able president and faculty. The student body, by their most excellent and manifest patriotism, have won my cordial admiration." In the last number of the university magazine Dr. Battle tells of the spirit of war on the campus in the sixties and the patriotism of Carolina men at that time. Dr. Battle's history of the university is ever a fresh source of information, and the university will ever live in its pages.

Dr. Battle has had many cakes given him on his birthdays and at other times, many of which came from foreign countries.

The University of Alabama has 125 women students at its present time. For to err in opinion, though it be not the part of wise men, is at least human.—Plutarch.

SOUTHERN TRAINS TO LEAVE ALL TERMINAL STATIONS ON TIME

Announcement Made That No Time Will Be Lost in Waiting for Connections During the Holiday Rush.

(By Associated Press.)

The Southern Railway is doing everything possible to maintain schedule at this time, and has resorted to the hitherto unknown experiment of advertising in an effort to keep people from traveling at this season unless the trips are absolutely necessary. This is done in order to avoid congestion as far as possible. Many school directors are returning home for Christmas and the regular travel is exceedingly heavy, and the equipment and tonnage is well taken up in the movement of freight for army and other necessary purposes.

Another thing to be done is the movement of passenger trains from terminal points on time, not waiting for connections with late trains. The last move is told in the Asheville Record of today as follows:

Due to the congested condition of travel, the Southern railway has found it necessary to issue instructions that in future, while the present heavy traffic continues, no trains will be held at terminal stations for connections, but will leave on time. It has been found that this arrangement will take care of the major part of the travel, and will enable people along the road to proceed on their way on schedule time.

In discussing the situation confronting the railroads of the country with a representative of the Citizen yesterday, James H. Wood, division passenger agent of the Southern, stated that at present it is impossible for the Southern to furnish extra sleeping cars for through travel, that the demands of the government are so great the roads have been forced to make this limitation.

At the present time, said Mr. Wood, the Southern is operating the New Orleans limited in two sections between Atlanta and Washington, and also trains No. 35 and 36, between Atlanta and Washington, is being operated in tow sections. Trains No. 27 and 28 are being operated in two sections between Asheville and Charleston.

NO BOOZES FOR THE SOLDIERS

Light Wines and Beer is All the Men of the American Expeditionary Force in France Will Get Christmas.

(By Associated Press.)

With the American Army in France, Dec. 21.—All alcoholic beverages except light wines and beer will be denied members of the expeditionary forces in France by General Pershing, in general orders issued today. Extraordinary measures will be taken to insure sobriety and a high moral standard in the army and officers have been informed that they will be held to a strict accountability for the fullest compliance with the orders.

Navy Hinders Ship Building.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy's utilization of much of the country's ship building facilities was cited by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board today as one reason for the slow progress of merchant ship construction.

Mrs. Geo. Lindsay of Baltimore, Md., left three young sons in the kitchen while she went for a plumber to fix frozen pipes. When she returned all three were dead as a result of burns.

GERMANS SAID TO HAVE REJECTED RUSSIA'S TERMS

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, this is according to the Exchange Telegraph company dispatch under date of Thursday.

JUST 3 MORE DAYS LEFT TO SHOP COUNT 'EM!

Friday Saturday Monday

SWIFT & COMPANY DECLINE RECORDS

Chicago Meat Packers Refuse to Produce the Records the Federal Trade Commission Wants for Investigation into the Meat Industry.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Swift & Company, of Chicago, have refused to deliver to the Federal trade commission records desired by the commission in its investigation into the packing industry, and drastic action will be taken to force their production, according to Francis Hemeny, special counsel for the commission inquiry.

It was said that when the city started to send to Chicago they received only evasive replies from officers of Swift & Company and that a direct demand for records has been refused. To obtain the papers, which relate to the ownership of the Chicago stock yards, the commission will go into the Federal courts and ask that an order be issued for the production of the records. It is not made public where this action will be taken.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN FRANCE OFFER SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES

Volunteer as a Body and Would Welcome Opportunity to Fight Under Stars and Stripes.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.) The officers of the Russian army in France have volunteered as a body to give their services to the United States.

The officers are desirous of continuing the battle against the Germans notwithstanding the German peace negotiations, and declare they will welcome an opportunity to fight to the finish in Russia under the Stars and Stripes. The ranking Russian officer who made the request that he and his subordinates be taken into the American service, guaranteed to vouch for everyone accounted. All grades are included in the request from second lieutenant up.

There also have been suggestions that it might be possible to form for the Russians an organization similar to the French foreign legion or the Lafayette flying squadron. There is a general feeling that the action of the Russian officers will have a moral effect in their country.

The officers are some of the best in the Russian army. There are aviators among them and many of them, who possess excellent military knowledge and speak French and English, might be of assistance in various ways.

NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS.

Attorneys Will Be in Office of County Commissioners Morning and Afternoon to Assist Men Fill Out the Blanks.

On account of the great rush by registrants in the matter of the national army members of the Bar Association have arranged to be in the county commissioners' room in the court house morning and afternoon for the purpose of assisting registrants to fill out the blanks sent out several days ago by the local examination board. This new plan will relieve the rush at the offices of the attorneys and have a stated place where lawyers may be found to help the men in this work, the services of the lawyers being without cost to the registrants.

Beginning tomorrow, Saturday, December 22, four attorneys will be in the commissioners' office from 9 A. M. until 12 noon, and from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., and any calls made on them for this service during these hours will be gladly answered.

Registrants will bear this in mind and go to the court house, to the commissioners' room, between 9 and 12 mornings and 2 and 5 afternoons to get their question blanks filled out properly.

Tomorrow from 9 to 12 will be Hayden Clement, A. H. Price, and W. C. Coughenour, and Walter H. Woodson, of Advisory Board.

Tomorrow from 2 to 5 will be Frank Hudson, R. Lee Wright, and John Busby, with P. S. Carlton, of Advisory Board.

Beware the Candles.

On account of the fire hazard and danger to life the national board of fire underwriters has issued a warning against the suggestions made by headquarters of the American Red Cross that lighted candles be placed in windows behind the Red Cross flags on Christmas eve as a stimulus in the membership campaign.

Most aristocrats are victims of inverted, heredity.

THIRTYEIGHT PEOPLE KILLED ON L. & N.

Disastrous Railroad Wreck Just South of Shepherdsville, Ky., Early Thursday Night.

A FAST PASSENGER HITS ACCOMMODATION TRAIN

Large Number of Others Injured—All of the Dead Were on the Accommodation Train.

(By Associated Press.)

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 20.—Thirty-eight persons were killed and about 70 others injured tonight when Louisville and Nashville passenger train Number 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Louisville, Louisville and Sevier field accommodation train just south of the station here early tonight, according to W. F. Sheridan, superintendent of the Louisville Division.

First reports, apparently authentic, had placed the number of known dead at 67 and the number of injured at between 10 and 40, but this was reduced when an official check of the figures was made.

No cause for the wreck was assigned by Mr. Sheridan, who would make no statement, pending an investigation of the tragedy.

From other sources, it was learned that the accommodation had left the station after making a stop, when the fast train came in sight, running at a high rate of speed, and plunged into the rear of the train ahead. The two wooden coaches and the baggage car making up the lighter train were splintered.

A relief train was started from Louisville at once, but by the time it arrived the injured and the bodies of the dead had been removed from the wrecked train. Thirty-five of the injured were placed aboard the relief train and rushed to Louisville. Three or four others were taken to private homes in Shepherdsville, Superintendent Sheridan reported, but he said he had been unable to learn the exact number.

None of the passengers aboard the fast train were killed and none of them received more than minor injuries. Another locomotive and train crew was sent here from Louisville and after detaching one baggage car, the New Orleans train went on as soon as the right of way was cleared. Jesse Weatherford, telegraph operator at the station here, said that after the accommodation train had left the station he had thrown his block to show the track clear and left the office to help handle baggage. When he got outside, he said, he saw the fast train approaching, ran back to the office, pulled his block to show red, seized a lantern and rushed to the platform to flag it. He reached the side of the track just as the heavy locomotive thundered by.

Through Sleeper Not Attached.

Cincinnati, Dec. 20.—Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7 left Cincinnati at 11:15 o'clock this morning. The train, as made up in Cincinnati, consisted of a mail, baggage, and express cars, three coaches and a sleeper.

An official of the Louisville and Nashville here tonight said a through going sleeper car from New York to New Orleans is usually connected with the train at Cincinnati, but this was not done today because of the late arrival of the New York train.

THE DEATH TOLL INCREASES.

Fifty-Six Persons Lost Their Lives in the Collision Last Night

(By Associated Press.)

Shepherdsville, Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when the Louisville train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Louisville, Hardtown and Springfield accommodation train, a few hundred feet south of the railway station here, reached 46 today. The number killed at first was placed at 38 by W. F. Sheridan, superintendent of the L. & N. division. The revision of these figures is caused by deaths from these badly injured.

SID TYNDAL IS SENT UP FOR FIFTEEN YEARS FOR INCEST

Wilson, Dec. 20.—A case that took up a day and a half in Wilson Superior court was the state against Sid Tyndal, a white man of this city, charged with incest and decided by a jury in 10 minutes. Tyndal, according to evidence, is of the lowest order of moral depravity. Judge Frank A. Daniels gave him the full limit for his crime, 15 years in the penitentiary.

The man of pleasure does not know what pleasure means.—Savage.

LOCAL CAMPAIGN REACHING THE TOP

Goal is Going to Be Reached Judging by Present Point Reached in Red Cross Campaign.

NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED NEW MEMBERS ADDED

Coolesmees is Leading the Outside Contributors With a Hundred and Ten Names.

The hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping has not in any way deterred the efforts of the Red Cross Membership workers from pushing forward with greater zeal and eagerness the cause which means so much to the winning of this war. The slogan that resounds over the entire nation "A Red Cross Flag in Every Home," is having its rebound in Rowan county for the people are responding in a most noble way. The workers in Salisbury and Rowan county reported from yesterday's canvass 289 new members, which is by far the best day of the campaign. The total for the three days' canvass is 743. The fact that the goal is within sight is spurring the workers on to greater effort and it is firmly believed that before the final report shall be made on Christmas eve the goal will have been passed by a very large margin. It will be interesting to note that the town of Coolesmees, a new branch, reports 110 new members and with a prospect of doubling that amount before the close of the campaign. Hurray for Coolesmees, they have the right kind of spirit and deserve special recognition. The Atlanta Headquarters have not been able to supply extra orders for buttons and flags. Secretary Knebel phoned to Charlotte and succeeded in getting by special delivery of 300 flags and finds this amount will not go around. There is a general shortage the country over and everything has been done by the local management to meet the demands that have been coming in locally and throughout the county. A wire was received a few days ago that extra button supplies would be shipped after Christmas and these will be distributed after the campaign to those who failed to get them during the campaign. The report of yesterday's canvass is as follows:

Salisbury Chapter. Mrs. W. S. Nicolson's Team.... 37 Mrs. Fagart, Mrs. Maupin, Mrs. Hays, Mrs. Robertson, (booth)..... 20 Mrs. P. S. Carlton's Team.... 10 Miss Luna Thomson, Mrs. Byron Clark, Mrs. P. S. Carlton, (booth)..... 9 Mrs. Mauney, Mrs. McCorkle, (booth)..... 5 Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Kohloss, Miss Hays, (booth)..... 4 Miss Mary Bean (booth)..... 3 Miss Lucile Linn..... 3

Total for Salisbury..... 91 Salisbury Branch Chapters. Spencer—Miss Thelma Armstrong (Blues) 7, Miss Smith (Reds) 12..... 19 Coolesmees..... 110 China Grove..... 30 Rockwell..... 13 South River..... 11 Faith..... 8 Grand Quarry..... 4 Creland..... 3

Total Branch Chapters..... 198

Total Salisbury..... 91

Total for the day..... 289

Previously reported..... 454

Grand Total..... 743

DOSE OF POISON TAKEN BY MIDDLESEX DENTIST

Hope Entertained for Recovery of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, Whose Wife Died as Result of Poison.

Wilson, Dec. 20.—Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, a dentist of Middlesex, came to Wilson today from Richmond, where he had been to investigate the cause of the poisoning of his wife, who was employed in Virginia as a stenographer. Upon arriving here he registered at a hotel, leaving a call that he should be aroise at 2 o'clock. A bell rang at the appointed time rapped on his door several times and, getting no response, entered the room and found him in an unconscious condition from a dose of poison self-administered. He is now in a local hospital and hopes are entertained for his recovery. The untimely death of his bride of three weeks is assigned as the cause for his rash act.

The world's record for big apples is held by the variety known as the Spackane Beauty, some specimens of which weigh as much as 38 ounces.