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Rain and warmer tonight and Saturday

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HINDENBURG MAY HEAD COUNTER REVOLUTION

Details of the President's Trip to London Are Being Worked Out

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

With North Carolina lagging behind in the Red Cross-Christmas Roll Call it behooves us to make desperate effort to bring our own local territory into line of high percentage.

In Rowan we are doing proportionately well. The workers are reporting progress and new forces are getting to work each day.

The Spencer shop men are going to take a turn tomorrow and the shop committees will give the day to the Roll Call canvass.

The Christmas Red Cross Roll Call passed the thousand mark yesterday and the total number of new members to date is 1,258.

The following is the report to date: West Ward: Miss Sadie Klutz, Capt. 460

South Ward: Mrs. W. A. Goodman, Capt. 201

East Ward: Mrs. Smith Foushee, Capt. 153

North Ward: Mrs. Pritchard Carlton, Capt. 108

Total to date 922

Total from branches to date 336

Grand total to date 1,258

HINDENBURG IS BEHIND REVOLUTION

The Field Marshal Advises German Government That He Proposes to Establish New Line.

THIS TAKEN TO MEAN A NEW REVOLUTION IS ON

Correspondent to Newspaper Says Berlin Government is Powerless to Resist.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government of his intention to establish a new line six miles behind the neutral zone which was fixed by the recent armistice.

The correspondent quoted points out that Major General Scheuch, the former Prussian war minister, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Lequid (probably Lieutenant General Lecuis former governor of Metz) who is in command of the active troops in Berlin, are behind a counter revolutionary movement.

Peoples Need Organized London, Dec. 20.—A "Peoples Need" has been organized in Berlin, says a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen.

PAN-GERMANS AND THEIR COMPLETE UNDOING Berlin Paper Comments on Suicidal Sortie Against British Grand Fleet

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—The attempt of officers of the German high sea fleet to make a suicidal sortie against the British grand fleet before the armistice was signed is characterized by the Berlin Vorwarts as "the last devilish crime against the German people that sealed the doom of the pan-Germans."

Professor Aggrey has his workers in the field. The negro chapter of the Red Cross has done fine work during the period of Red Cross war activities and will answer well this call.

Mrs. I. T. Bailey, of Woodleaf, was here today in the interest of the Red Cross Roll Call.

The shop committee of the Red Cross Roll Call canvass of the Spencer shops is made up as follows:

Electricians—W. E. Shuping. Electricians—M. M. Mask. Solderers—Wm. Wanda. Painters—A. C. Iddings. Clerks—C. L. Burton. Blacksmiths—W. F. Couble. Sheet Metal Workers—G. L. Wallace. Carmen—Lee Ketchie and S. C. Lisk. Colored Men—James Clement and J. L. Cadwell.

RELIEF URGED FOR FAMISHED EUROPE

President Wilson Insists the Need is Imperative and Will Help Stem the Tide of Discontent in the Trail of Bolsheviki Movement.

(By the Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 20.—Plans for extending relief to famished Europe which President Wilson regards as a most immediate pressing question needing settlement are rapidly maturing in every way to secure full co-operation by the allies.

The President some time ago indicated in a speech that something be done promptly to liberate the neutral regions suffering severely from the war. He has now supplemented this by making this known to the allies, that he regards the relief measures as of extreme importance both for the stricken population and as a means of holding back the waves of discontent and resentment sweeping in the trail of the Bolsheviki movement.

W S S

MOSE BROWN DEAD AT CONCORD HOME Well Known Citizen of Concord Who Married Rowan Lady Died Suddenly at Home of His Brother on Thursday Afternoon Late.

Concord, Dec. 20.—Mose L. Brown died suddenly at the home of his brother, George W. Brown, Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock, death coming without a word of warning.

Mr. Brown was well known in Salisbury. He married Miss Fannie Smith, sister of the late Fletcher F. Smith.

PARIS' NOVEL CAMP NOTICE FILLED "PEWS" Clergyman Invited Tommies to Meet Him, and They Did.

London, Dec. 19.—The war has taught a lesson to the clergyman as well as to the layman and priests and parsons who donned khaki and went "over there" to tend their flock have learned how to influence men.

Hundreds of men who, before the war, had no good work to speak for, are now enthusiastic in their praise of the padres, whom they realize to be men like themselves—men with a sense of humor, of patriotism and of courage.

Mr. Charles Council arrived this morning from Randolph-Macon academy for the holidays.

RUSSIAN SITUATION CAUSING COMMENT ALLIES MAY TAKE A NEW ADVENTURE

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—The London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian suggests that President Wilson's sudden determination to come to England was due to a desire to consult the British government regarding the Russian situation before the preliminary peace conference.

The correspondent points to the presence in London of former Premier Kerensky and Paul Milukoff, former Russian foreign minister and leader of the constitutional democrats.

He also called attention to the statement made on Wednesday by Viscount Milner, secretary for war on the situation which he said was "evidently intended for preparing the public mind for the events that are to come."

LETTS APPEAL FOR PROTECTION.

Washington, Dec. 20.—An appeal for protection against the Bolsheviks has been received by the State Department today from the Lettish government to the American legation at Stockholm.

PEACE PLANS ARE NOT MAKING FAST GENERAL BIDDLE ON RED CROSS

The Plans For the Peace Convention Are Not Progressing As Rapidly as American Delegates Would Like.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Definite plans for the peace conference are not shaping as rapidly as some of the American commissioners expected.

London, Dec. 20.—General John Biddle, commander of the American army in Great Britain, speaking recently of the Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross, said that everyone was taking it for granted now that the Red Cross could provide any kind of aid in the shortest possible time.

"I really do not know what the American army would have done in England without the American Red Cross. Everywhere the Red Cross is giving the best that can be given or asked for.

"We in the army all feel a gratitude to the Red Cross which it is hard for me to express in words. Without the Red Cross it would be impossible to have given the camps the comforts, conveniences and happiness they have received in England.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts in an address to the Senate today advocated postponement of the formation of a league of nations until after the peace conference.

Miss Annie Bostian is assisting the clerks in the Salisbury postoffice during the rush incident to Christmas, and Bernice Keeler is helping the regular carrier force dispose of packages.

THE HOG ISLAND PROBE MADE PUBLIC

Long Awaited Report of the Department of Justice Given to Public by Order of President.

FACTS DO NOT JUSTIFY ANY CRIMINAL LAW SUITS

If \$61,000,000 Cost is Reasonable Matter Should Be Dropped, Otherwise Gov. Reimbursed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The long awaited report of the department of justice on the government's great Hog Island ship building project was made public at the White House today on wireless instructions from President Wilson and says a searching investigation disclosed no criminal liabilities but recommends that a board of arbitration determine what part if any of the more than \$60,000,000 which the plant cost was in excess of reasonable necessity and should be demanded of the contractors by the government.

That the facts do not justify criminal process and no fraud of profits has been established.

That the probable cost of the plant will be about \$61,000,000 (including \$6,000,000 for additions by order of the emergency fleet corporation) compared with an original estimate of \$21,000,000 and a revised estimate of \$27,000,000.

That no clear explanation of this discrepancy has been forthcoming.

That prior to February 1 last a condition existed at Hog Island which "specifically at least would impress any one as an organized riot, 'tangled mess' or 'stage or chaos.'"

That the contractor or agents of the American International Corporation in substance had taken the position that since this was a war job the cost was of minor importance.

That the question of reasonableness of expenditures should be referred to a board of arbitration provided for in the contract, proceedings to be closed if the board finds the expenditures reasonably necessary or otherwise payments of excess to be demanded by the government.

EXECUTED FOR A DOUBLE MURDER

Napoleon Spencer, Winston-Salem Negro Electrocuted at State Penitentiary This Morning—Protested Innocence to the Very Last.

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Napoleon Spencer, a 17-year-old negro, of Winston-Salem, was put to death in the state penitentiary here this morning for the killing of Mrs. Harvey Hester, a white woman, March 1, Spencer died protesting his innocence to the very last. He was tried in Surry county and Governor Bickett refused to interfere with the courts and his execution followed.

Mrs. Hester and her husband were killed at their home near Winston-Salem last Spring and Spencer was arrested charged with the double killing. The evidence against him was circumstantial but so conclusive and well connected that little doubt of his guilt was felt.

MRS. RANSOM DEAD FROM PNEUMONIA

(Special to the Post.) Hickory, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Matt W. Ransom, the widow of the late United States Senator, Matt W. Ransom, died at her apartment at the Hotel Hurff last night at 11:20 o'clock, death being due to pneumonia.

Mrs. Ransom was 88 years of age and is survived by five sons and one daughter. The remains will be taken to Verona, Southhampton county, for burial in the old home plot, where the distinguished husband and other members of the family are buried.

Mrs. Ransom had made her home here for several years. She had a summer home at Blowing Rock where she spent much of her time. She was well known to the older people of the state, for her distinguished husband, who was long United States senator and minister to Mexico, was one of the most honored and valuable citizens North Carolina ever had.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO VISIT LONDON

Plans Are Now Being Worked Out to Take Care of His Special Visit to England.

WILL TAKE CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH SOLDIERS

After That He Will Leave Immediately for the English Capital for Conference.

(By the Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 20.—The details of President Wilson's trip to England are being worked out by the President, Colonel House, Captain Pardee, the high commission of the United States and members of the American official staff to the peace conference.

The President will start for London immediately after he has taken Christmas dinner with the soldiers in the field, as previously planned. He will return to Paris directly after the visit to England and will be back in France by January 4th, two days prior to the first meeting of the peace conference on the 6th.

WILSON TO VISIT ENGLAND'S KING

Official Announcement Has Been Made That the President Will Visit London.

London, Dec. 19.—President Wilson will probably be the guest of the king at Buckingham palace during his visit to England. This official announcement was made tonight.

London, Dec. 19.—There is undisguised confusion in American centers here as the result of the change in President Wilson's plans regarding his coming to London, and the most directly interested are anxiously waiting an official notice of the President's early coming, which was not to be had up to noon today.

With nothing more definite than the British official announcement of last night to work upon, the naval representatives are making endeavors to reach American naval headquarters in Paris to learn what they can concerning the President's trip.

In the absence of such notification, it is recalled that the President is reported to have ceased to consider himself an official guest of France when the official reception ceremonies ended.

It was suggested in American centers today that the President might come to England in a French or British vessel, although there is nothing available at the British admiralty to show that such plans are contemplated.

All of the American battleships that were in European waters have sailed for home, but there are plenty of American destroyers for the escort of any vessels desiring the President.

The reception of the President in London will not be participated in by the American army to any extent, according to indications.

President to Visit Pershing Christmas Paris, Dec. 19.—President Wilson's present Christmas plans contemplate his departure from Paris on Christmas eve for Chaumont, American headquarters, on General Pershing's special train. On Christmas morning he will go by automobile to a nearby rest camp and dine with the troops returning to Paris the same night.

American Ambassador Sharp, as dean of the diplomatic corps, has arranged to present all the ambassadors and ministers accredited to the French government, to President Wilson on Friday at the Murat palace.

INTERNATIONAL AIR MEETING. British Air Board Drafts Articles for a Convention Which Will Be Submitted to the Allies. (By the Associated Press) London, Dec. 20.—The British air board has drafted articles for an international air convention which will be submitted to the allies, it is announced by Lord Weir, secretary of state for air forces. The draft is accompanied with suggestions that an international air conference be convened.

GINNINGS OF COTTON Number of Bales Ginned in the South Prior to the 15th of December. (By the Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 15th was 10,252,402 running bales, including 139,074 Egyptian bales, 12,735 bales of American Egyptian and 33,600 of Sea Island cotton. The ginnings by state show: North Carolina 715,548 bales and South Carolina 1,229,207 bales.