

EVIDENCE OF PLOT TO ALIGN SOUTH AMERICA AGAINST U. S.

MORE LUXBURG MESSAGES ARE GIVEN TO PUBLIC BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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ARGENTINE MINISTER DENIES STATEMENTS

Messages Complete Famous Chain of Exposures Started Sometime Ago by Secretary Lansing and Are of Particular Interest at this Time.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Through a long series of telegrams exchanged between the notorious Count Luxburg, former German charge in Argentina, and the Berlin foreign office, the state department tonight disclosed further facts about German diplomatic trickery and at the same time shed light upon some hitherto unexplained activities of certain Latin-American statesmen.

Luxburg, in one of his messages dated August 1 last reported that President Irigoyen, of Argentina at last had made up his mind to conclude a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for protection against North America "before the conference idea is taken up again."

Presages War Declaration. In Latin-American diplomatic quarters here it is regarded as certain that the disclosures will result very quickly in an Argentine declaration of war against Germany.

The messages today were made public by the state department in agreement with the Argentine government, which in an accompanying statement by its foreign minister says the "inaccuracies of the German diplomat's reports are so surprising that no epithet will fit them."

Transmitted by Swede. The first Luxburg's intercepted telegrams were transmitted to Berlin by the Swedish legation, at Buenos Aires in its diplomatic code, and publication of that fact by Secretary Lansing not only threw Argentina into a turmoil, resulting in the dismissal of the charge, but precipitated a crisis in Sweden.

Throughout the messages Luxburg dwells upon his difficulties with the foreign minister and upon his influence with the president. Finally he was conducting negotiations directly with the president.

In one of the messages of which there are some forty, Luxburg reports that he induced President Irigoyen, of Argentina, to enter into a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia a "mutual rapprochement for protection versus North America" and did his utmost to have Peru included in such an agreement.

Translations of the dispatches were given out by the state department in agreement with the Argentine minister of foreign affairs who in an accompanying statement gave denial to Luxburg's account of the negotiations with his government.

Complete Story. Today's disclosures complete the story of Luxburg's intrigues which began when the state department gave out the famous "spurio versentk" (sink without a trace) messages. They are of importance chiefly because of their bearing upon various heretofore unexplained activities in South America and are particularly interesting at this time when Luis Cabrera, envoy of President Carranza of

THIRTY-EIGHT ARE KILLED IN WRECK ON THE L. AND N.

Fast Express Crashes Into Accommodation Train Near Shepherdsville.

THIRTY-NINE MORE INJURED IN CRASH

No Cause for Wreck is Given Lighter Train is Demolished.

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 20.—Thirty-eight persons were killed and about thirty-nine others injured tonight when Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear end of a Bardstown, Louisville and Springfield accommodation train just south of the station here early tonight, according to W. F. Sheridan, superintendent of the Louisville division.

First Reports Larger. First reports, apparently authentic, had placed the number of known dead at sixty-seven and the number of injured at between forty and fifty, but this was reduced when an official check of the figures was made.

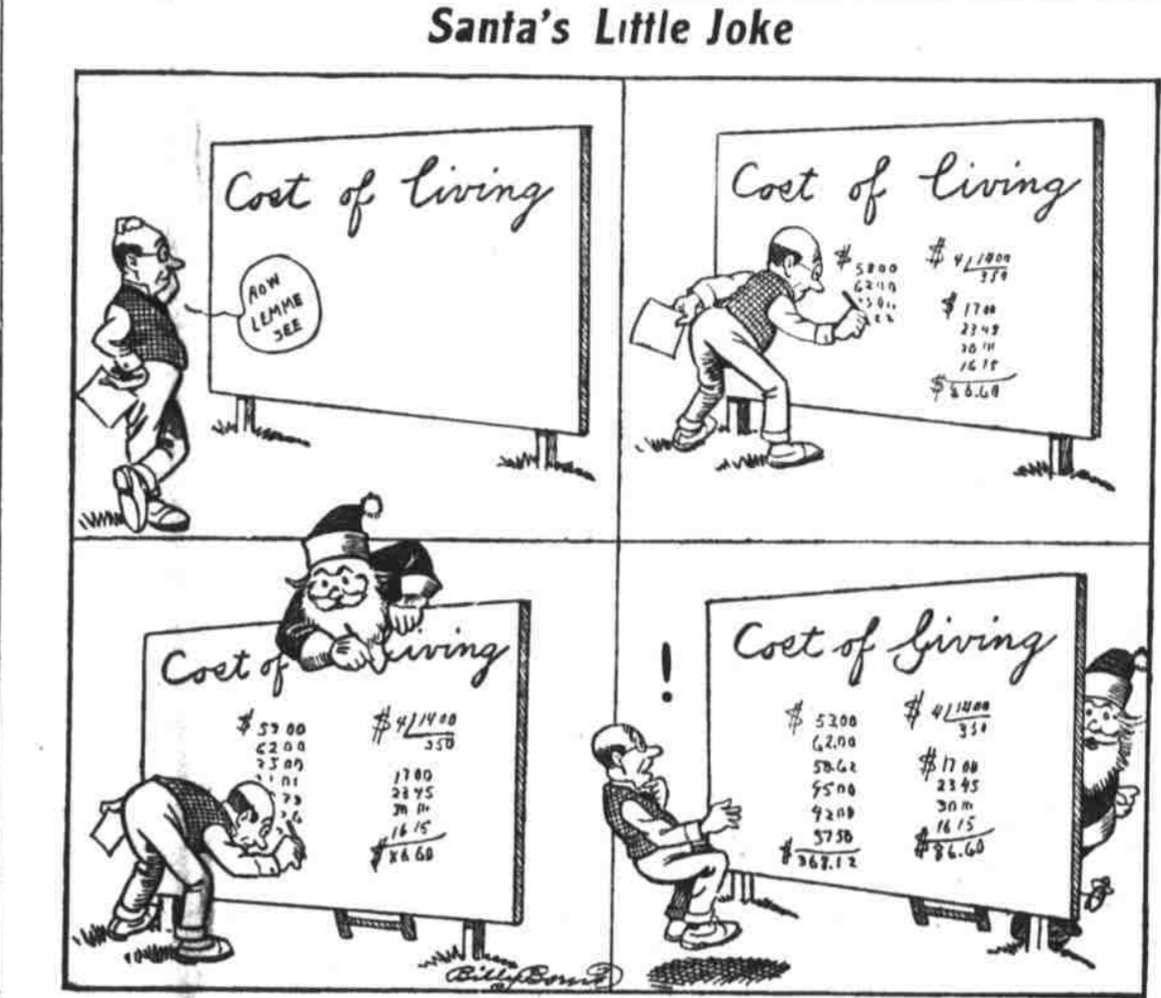
No Cause for Wreck is Given. No cause for the wreck was assigned by Mr. Sheridan, who would make no statement, pending an investigation of the tragedy.

Sensational Disclosures Are Gleaned From Corporation Records.

WITNESSES HEARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—From corporation records the federal trade commission today drew sensational disclosures of high finance, dummy officers and sham trustees in its effort to determine the ownership of the Chicago stock yards and the terminal railroad facilities at the big packing plants there.

The commission plans to continue its investigation into every branch of the country's meat supply and alleged control by five principal groups of packers. The commission's report will be made the basis for recommendations for additional legislation to remedy the situation if necessary and any evidence of lawbreaking will be turned over to the department of justice.



LLOYD-GEORGE OUTLINES TERMS UPON WHICH THE ALLIES WILL MAKE PEACE DURING SPEECH IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Complete Restoration of Territory Now in the Hands of the Teutonic Forces, and Compensation for the Havoc They Have Wrought is the Price that Will Be Demanded for the Laying Down of Arms by the Allied Forces.

In the midst of the peace negotiations that are in progress between the representatives of the Teutonic allies and the Bolshevik government in Russia, the war aims of Great Britain and doubtless all of her allies—have been concretely set forth in the house of commons by David Lloyd George, the British prime minister.

The complete restoration of territory now in the hands of the enemy and compensation for the havoc they have wrought is the price that will be demanded for the laying down of arms and the bringing about of peace. No Territorial Aggrandizement. Great Britain did not seek territorial aggrandizement for herself or for any of her allies when she entered the war.

Flame of Civil War is Spreading Northward Along Volga. LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and the Maximalists in southern Russia, is increasing in severity.

SEN. NEWLANDS CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT WILSON. Discusses Commerce Commission's Rulings on Operation of Railroads. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, conferred with President Wilson at the white house again today.

CHRISTMAS PARDONS ARE ISSUED BY GOV. BICKETT. RALEIGH, Dec. 20.—Instead of granting a blanket parole to all honor roll prisoners, as was done last Christmas, Gov. Bickett has issued Christmas pardons to fourteen prisoners who were serving sentences in the state's prison aggregating 145 years.

THE WEATHER. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday, not much change in temperature.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN FRANCE OFFER SERVICES TO THE UNITED STATES. REGARDLESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY, WANT TO FIGHT. ARE SPLENDID MEN. 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.

PLenty OF SUGAR FOR COMING YEAR BABST PREDICTS. PRODUCTION IN UNITED STATES, TERRITORIES AND CUBA AMPLE, HE SAYS. EXPLAINS REASON FOR THE SHORTAGE. Hoarding, Canning and Other Causes Forced Shortage of Sweet Stuff. WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A plentiful supply of sugar for the American people during the coming year, was predicted today by Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining company, testifying before the senate investigating committee.

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