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

MORE LUXBURG MESSAGES ARE GIVEN TO PUBLIC BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT

In One Message, Luxburg Reports that He Has Induced the President of Argentine to Enter Into Secret Agreement With Chile and Bolivia for "Protection Versus North America."

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 telegrads 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 ported that President Irigoyen, of Argentina at last had made up his mind to conclude a secret agreement with 20.—Thirty-eight persons were killed (hile and Bolivia for protection against North America and about thirty-nine others injured "before the conference idea is taken up again." The "con- tonight when Louisville and Nashville ference idea is taken up again. The consequence idea is taken up again. The consequenc President Carranza of Mexico and much discussed in some Springfield accommodation train just in Russia, the war allies of the South American countries. While the proposed of the South American countries. While the proposed hight, according to W. F. Sheridan, have been concretely set forth in the house of commons by David-Lloyd the house of commons by D Buenos Aires recently of President Irigoyen's proposals vision. for a league of South American nations.

Presages War Declaration.

In Latin-American diplomatic quarters here it is regarded as certain that the disclosures will result very this was reduced when an official quickly in an Argentine declaration of war against Germany. Congress and a majority of the people favored this step when the American government made public the "spurlos versenkt" (sink without a trace) messages of Luxburg, and it is believed that the president's opposition now will be swept away if it is not withdrawn.

'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." The messages were sent to Argentina soon after the state de-partment gave out the first series of intercept of telegrams, but heretofore demands for their publication have been in

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 ne-cotiations directly with the president.

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

state department in agreement with the Argentina 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 "spurlos versenkt" (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 Richard Ciney and other citizens of Samara.

State department of fustice. Organization of the Chicago stock ards company, under the laws of samara.

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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

... First Reports Larger First reports, apparently authentic,

this was reduced when an omciai check of the figures was made. No cause for the wreck was as-signed 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 (Condnued on Page Two.)

PACKING PLANTS DRAWN INTO THE LIMELIGHT BY SENATE INVESTIGATION

Sensational Disclosures Are Gleaned From Corporation Records.

WITNESSES HEARD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—From corporation records the federal trade commission today drew sensational lisclosures 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.

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.

Organization of the Chicago stock wards company under the laws of



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

Santa's Little Joke

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.

George, the British prime minister.

The complete restoration of territory now in the hands of the enemy had placed the number of known dead and compensation for the havoc they at sixty-seven and the number of in- have wrought is the price that will be demanded for the laying down of arming Bolshevik troops. No Territorial Aggrandizement.

Great Britain did not seek territo rial aggrandizement for herself or for any of her allies when she entered the war, Mr. Lloyd-George said but en tered into the hostilities merely for the As to Germany's colonies all of

which are now in the hands of the en-tente, Mr. Lloyd-George said, their disposition must be determined at the peace congress. Jerusalem, however, the premier declared, would never be restored to the Turks. The statement of the prime minis

ter came almost simultaneously with a report that the Teutonic alles ina report that the Teutonic allies in-tended to make peace proposals to the entente and that Russia had been re-quested to take similar steps and was endeavoring to sound her former al-lies in arms as to their requirements for a cessation of hostilities.

Meantime the civil warfare in Rus-

uncertain owing to conflicting reports.

The Bolshevik government is reported to have demanded that the thief governing body in the Ukraine nake known immediately whether the Ukrainian troops will cease assisting General Kaledines' Cossacks and dis-

Will Declare War. If the reply of the Ukrainians is not a favorable one, it is announced that the Bolshevik government will declare war on them An unofficial report is to the effect that Grand Duke Nicholas, the former Russian general whose masterful re

treat from the Carpathians and later successful operations against the Turks in the Caucasus region stamped him as one of the great commanders of the war, has formed a great arm; of royalists in the Caucasus region. Hard fighting continues between the Italians and the Austro-Germans between the Brenta and Plave rivers in northern Italy but apparently the Italians have been holding their own since the enemy's thrust on Tuesday resulted in the capture of positions

around Monte Arolone The Italians, according to the Berlin official communication, have delivered fierce counter-attacks against

In the midst of the peace yoursity. Cossacks under General Dutoff are reported to have captured Tchell-binsk, the junction point on the Siberian railway, 125 miles west Plave river northeast of Venice, were

Cost of living

MORE SERIOUS ASPECT.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN ITALY, Wednesday, cember 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in the north-ern fighting zone has assumed a more serious aspect with the enemy's oc-cupation of Monte Asolone, whence there is a stretch of hills between him and the level plain.

Monte Assolone is the last of the heights in that section with an alti-tude of more than 4,000 feet and tude of more than alove teet and snowless except during a severe win-ter. This remaining stretch of hills is about seven miles across, with Bassano four miles farther on.

Eassano four miles farther on.
The enemy's heavy guns already
have the range beyond Bassano,
which lies on the Venetian plain near
the entrance to the Brenta valley, and
while the city itself has not yet been shelled, occasional shells have falle: in the outskirts and some have passed over the city to the suburbs beyond. The reports show that the enemy

is employing seventeen divisions in his operations between the Brenta and Plave rivers. Of these six are certainly and nine probably Ger-mans. Soldiers who come in say that the enemy troops declare

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COSSAGK-MAXIMALIST STRUGGLE INCREASING

Flame of Civil War is Spreading Northward Along Volga.

Dispatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and the Maximalists in southern Russia, is increasing in severity. The correspondent at Petrograd of Reuter's Limited, telegraphing under date of Tuesday, says the flame of civil war is spreading northward mission's recommendations governing along the Volga river from Astrakhan

SEN. NEWLANDS CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT WILSON

Discusses Commerce Commission's Rulings on Operation of Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee, conferred with President Wilson at the white house again today. He said afterwards he had a "full and comprehensive" discussion with the president, of the interstate commerce comoperation of the railroads during the

Asked if the d'acussion would affect plans for an investigation of the railroads under the Cummins resolu-tion, Senator Newlands said his committee would meet tomorrow to form-ulate plans for the inquiry.

The joint congressional committee The joint congressional committee on transportation today completed the hearing of representatives of the state railroad commissions regarding the general railroad situation in their and adjourned until after

CHRISTMAS PARDONS ARE ISSUED BY GOV. BICKETT

Decides to Deal With Each Case Separately this Year, is Announced.

RALEIGH, Dec. 20 .- Instead of granting a blanket parole to all honor roll prisoners, as was done last Christ-mas, Governor T. W. Bickett has issued Christmas pardons to fourteen prisoners who were serving sentences in the state's prison aggregating 145

The governor is this year handling the Christmas pardons only in individual cases and where a parole board survey or other investigation to the parton is justice.

board survey or other investigation satisfies him that the pardon is justified. Last Christmas, all honor roll prisoners were permitted to visit their families during the holidays and in no did the prisoners violate the case did the prisoners violate the terms of their parole. Conditions have arisen that have given Governor Bickett a great deal of concern over the wisdom of repeating the blanket parole and he decided to deal with each case separately. each case separately.

Most of the prisoners pardoned so far has been sent up for manulaugh-

states and adjourned until after Christmas. Then representatives of the railroads will appear.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 20—Foreand promised "I will never do wrong cast for North Carolina: Generally again." It is probable that additional pardons will be granted before change in temperature.

FOR COMING 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 sumply 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. He opposed placing a limit on domestic consumption contending that any such plan would result in a larger surplus than could be shipped atroad. More Than Enough.

Half of the world's sugar crop outside of the central powers, Mr. Babst said, is produced in the United States its territories and Cuba and if prop-erly distributed, this production is more than enough to meet domestic

demands and supply all that can be shipped to the allies.

Of this year's shortage Mr. Babst said, it had its inception in unwarranted famine stories which resulted in hoarding, aggravated by a series of unavoidable conditions ever affice. When people began to hoard the re-

RUSSIAN OFFICERS IN

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.

The officers are desirous of continuous the battle expired to

tinuing 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 Ameri-can service, guaranteed to vouch for every one accepted. All grades are included in the request from second

included in the requirement of the control of the Russians an organization similar to the French foreign legion or the LaFayette flying equadron. There is that the action of LaFayotte flying equadron. There is a general feeling that the action of the Russian officers will have a moral effect in their country.

The correspondent, who was au-thorized to make the announcement, understands that the matter is under consideration and that the offer un-doubtedly will be referred to Wash-jungton. It is considered not unlikely that many of the Russ'an soldiers now in France and virtually without a country may follow the lead of their officers. The laws of the United States prohibit the incorporation into the army of any but American citizens, but it is hoped a way may be found by which these men can be of service to the United States and the allies in

the Officers are some of the best in The officers are some of the best in the Russian army. There are avia-tors among them and many of them, are aviawho possess excellent military knowl-edge and speak French and English night be of assistance in various

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