

POPULATION STARVING IN IRKUSTSK

Earthquake Causes a Death Toll of 1,000 in Guatamala City

PEOPLE LITERALLY STARVING TO DEATH NOW IN IRKUSTSK: FIERCE FIGHTING GOING ON

(By United Press)

TOKIO, JAPAN—Fierce fighting is in progress at Irkustsk between the Bolshevi Red Guards and Cadet Cossack forces, according to dispatches received by the Kokusai Agency from Harbin.

The Bolshevi are reported to have murdered the French consular agent and two other French citizens. The town is in flames, and to add to the terrors of fighting, there is an almost complete exhaustion of food supplies. The population is reported to be literally starving to death.

The dispatches stated that the Maximalists are receiving reinforcements from Krasnoirsksk.

FOUR DEGREES BELOW ZERO HERE YESTERDAY, RIVER FROZEN OVER

Greenville is now getting full benefit of the late snow and wind storm and the citizens are experiencing the coldest weather in many years. It began snowing here Saturday morning and continued all day until long in the night. With the snow came wind and the falling thermometer. Saturday night and Sunday the mercury fell rapidly, going as low as four degrees below zero, a circumstance which has not happened in this section for years. Last night there was not much change in the temperature. This morning the citizens were permitted to see Tar river frozen over. In fact the river is frozen all the way across from Greenville to below Washington.

Several residents of the city had the misfortune to have their waterworks apparatus to burst and at the homes of Mrs. Dot Patrick, Dr. Chas. Horne, Dr. Nobles and Mr. Hatem the boilers burst and considerable damage was done. Mrs. Horne was scalded badly due to flying hot water.

Business is practically suspended. Folks are hugging fires and longing for the weather man to predict something more encouraging in the weather line. Greenville is cold sure enough with poor prospects of its getting warmer.

School Opening Been Postponed

In account of the extreme cold which has struck Greenville, the opening of the Greenville Public Schools has been postponed to January 8. Superintendent Hor Taylor has notified the teachers living outside the city and who have been to their respective homes spending the holidays, that they need not report to school until the 8th. Several other towns in Western Carolina have taken similar action.

AMERICA ALONE CAN RELIEVE ALLIED EUROPE'S PLIGHT SO FAR WHEAT SHORTAGE CONCERNED

WASHINGTON—Americans are eating their hearts out until the war is over. The new government milling regulations, necessitated by a world wheat shortage and poor crop prospects near war bread early in nineteen eighteen. The last of our wheat surplus was shipped to the Allies a month ago.

Recent cables show that Europe's plight is still extreme, and that America alone can relieve it by sacrifice.

FOOD PROBLEM IN GERMANY IS MORE SERIOUS THAN THOUGHT

WASHINGTON—Germany is in a worse position for a food problem than this government had believed for a long time.

Official data recently collected by the American government from reliable sources in touch with the Teutonic problems now show this conclusively, although the government is withholding the specific facts. The pinch of hunger may be responsible for the persistence of the peace movement. The government has been led to believe that the food situation in Germany has improved since the last harvest, but later it has been learned that this was not the case.

GETTING OUT LUMBER FOR THE WOODEN SHIPS OF AMERICA



Throughout the timber regions of the United States and especially in the Southern pine regions strenuous efforts are being put forth to get out the timber needed for the construction of wooden ships to help combat the submarine blockade. The photograph was taken at one of the pine camps. At the left is one of the posters that have been put up everywhere to urge the lumber men to do their best.

Red Cross Workers Needed for Work

A class in surgical dressings is to be formed at once. The gauze is expected to arrive any day, and a certified instructor will be here to conduct the class, which will meet twice a week.

These dressings are very much in demand, and can only be made by those who have taken the prescribed course of instructions under a qualified nurse. At least twenty women are needed to start this work. Mrs. C. L. Porter will assist the instructor and be in charge of this branch of the work. Those desiring to join the class are requested to notify Mrs. E. B. Ficklen at once.

Ship "Pampa" is Now Hard and Fast

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—The Argentine training ship, Pampa, is now hard and fast in a difficult spot off the Atlantic Coast.

The navy department announces that the crew has been taken on board but it is uncertain whether or not the vessel can be rescued. No mention has been made of the reported presence of the Argentine mission on board. A life saving station is now rendering all assistance possible. The ship has a displacement of 2,618 tons.

HERTLING TO PARTICIPATE

WASHINGTON.—The Kaiser has agreed that Chancellor Von Hertling should participate in selecting the representatives to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference, according to a dispatch received by the state department from Copenhagen. This dispatch was dated December 29th and made public today.

This is the first step of the recent move, even remotely, resembling a stronger democratic representation in the German government. This move is regarded in Washington as most sincere.

Great Attraction Here Wednesday

Beautifully staged, admirably acted and excellently sung, "The Beauty Shop," a highly successful musical comedy, opening which will be the attraction of White's Theatre for Wednesday, 2nd of January. will no doubt prove one of the season's most enjoyable as well as profitable engagements.

The play is by Channing Pollock and Remond Wolf with the music supplied by Charles J. Gebst, who also collaborated with the former gentlemen in the contribution of "The Red Widow" and "My Best Girl," both of which enjoyed a long and profitable career.

The company numbers sixty people, many of whom are well known lovers of the class of entertainment, while the chorus includes many of the prettiest faces familiar in metropolitan productions only.

Have Adjourned for Agreement

(By United Press)

AMSTERDAM.—The Brest-Litovsk conference adjourned temporarily today with the further agreement looking toward a separate peace between Russia and Germany, which is to be submitted to the governments on both sides.

The agreement stipulates that Russia would withdraw from the occupied portions of Austro-Hungary, Turkey and Persia, provided the Central Powers did likewise and retired from Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other parts of Russia, thus granting the people in these occupied sections an opportunity to decide their status.

Winterville Items

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean returned from Vanceboro Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. G. H. Cox, after visiting a few days here, returned home Thursday.

Miss Irene McLawhorn returned from Greenville Wednesday.

Messrs. J. B. Carroll, W. M. Carroll, and W. H. Rouse left for Virginia last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Mallard and children returned to Wilmington on Thursday morning, after spending a few days with relatives here.

Messrs. S. Summerell and Mrs. Hugh McGowan returned from Kingston on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buck returned from Florida Wednesday night.

Messrs. Leona Cox and Mrs. J. L. Rollins went to Greenville Thursday.

Miss Belle McCaskey of Kingston, and Mrs. J. D. McLawhorn of Ayden, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McCaskey.

Mr. G. L. Edwards returned from Hobbesville Wednesday night.

Mr. Ben Hellen returned to Camp Shorman, Ohio, Wednesday morning.

Messrs. A. G. Fox and Hubert Jenkins visited Greenville Wednesday.

Misses Fannie Lee Spier, Elizabeth Spier, Annie Mae Whitehead and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buck visited Ayden on Thursday last.

Mr. Heber McLawhorn visited Ayden Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Crisp returned from Ayden Thursday.

Mr. J. S. Ross of Ayden was here Thursday.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ange Wednesday afternoon and took away their little two-year-old daughter, Gladys. Her death was a shock, as she was apparently as well as usual until about half an hour before her death. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

We are glad to report that Mrs. R. W. Crook is improving. She has been confined to her room several days with diphtheria.

Misses Nannie and Margaret Lawrence and Annie Bernard Benson, were the guests of Miss Vera Tucker Thursday night.

FOR SALE—2 Nice Resident Lots in the town of Greenville. See T. W. Whitehurst. 12-31-17

Property Transfers

Only one deed has been recorded since last report:

J. L. Gibson to H. A. Dudson, Chatham Township. Consideration, \$30,000.

Marriage Licenses

The following persons have received license to marry since last report:

Neil Mautsby of Bladen county to Edith Fowler, Greenville, white.

Alfred Anderson to Ellen Smith, white, both of Greenville.

Silas Moore, Greenville, to Linnie Hills, Chatham Township, colored.

White's Theatre

TONIGHT

"ENVIRONMENT"

Featuring Mary Miles Minter

"THE GREAT SECRET"

Bushman & Bayne, Ep. 9-8-10

Open Tomorrow.

This is to notify the members of the Red Cross that the work rooms will be open tomorrow afternoon. All the members are urged to be present.

ONE THOUSAND DEAD AS RESULT OF EARTHQUAKE IN GUATAMALA: MANY BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON.—One thousand are dead as the result of an earthquake at Quatamal City. This estimate was furnished to the State Department in cablegram by the Central and South American Telegraph Company.

The manager at San Jose, under date of December 30th, stated that he had just returned from the capital where he found forty per cent of the houses demolished and others uninhabited. He said that the public buildings were wrecked and that much of the region between Guatamala City and San Jose on the Pacific ocean, for a distance of 70 miles, had been devastated.

WASHINGTON VISITED BY BIG BLAZE YESTERDAY MORNING

Washington, N. C. was visited by a large fire yesterday morning and had the wind been in any other direction, in all probability the major portion of the business section would now be in ashes.

Between four and five o'clock the alarm was turned in, the blaze being discovered in the offices of the Pamlico Chemical Company, located on West Main street fronting the Atlantic Coast Line depot. By the time the steady and shivering citizens reached the scene the entire building, including the offices and warehouse, was afire and was burned to the water's edge.

Britain's Losses the Lowest Yet

(By United Press)

LONDON.—Great Britain's casualties for the month of December is the lowest that have been reported since August. This is according to a compilation made today.

The month's list shows that 80,034 officers and men have been killed, wounded or missing during the past month.

PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAINS ARE RUNNING BEHIND SCHEDULE

Trains are running under schedules all their own now and a passenger never knows when the train he desires to take is going to arrive or when she will leave. Every fellow has to simply trust to luck and reach his destination when he can.

This state of affairs has been in vogue since Saturday and is liable to continue for some days to come. The readers of this paper can gain some idea of how trains are running when they are informed that two passenger trains on the Norfolk Southern, one due to arrive in Greenville at 4:01 p. m., and the one due at 12 p. m., were several hours late yesterday afternoon and night. The train due here at 1:01 this morning from Raleigh arrived at 7 o'clock and the 9:45 train came in just after noon. The engine of No. 1 broke one of its brake rods near Simpson while No. 18 got out of water with only 40 pounds of steam. Due to this the train was delayed nearly three hours.

The Atlantic Coast Line train, which is scheduled to arrive in Greenville at 6:30 from Weldon was behind time last night to the tune of five hours due to a derailment near Hobgood. Freight trains are also running far from their schedule time.

SERIOUS REPLY BE MADE PEACE TERMS OF TEUTONS BY ALLIES

(By United Press)

LONDON.—The Allies intend to seriously reply to the Teutonic peace terms. This has just been announced from Brest-Litovsk, according to the very best information obtainable.

It is reported that Premier Lloyd George will shortly go to France for the purpose of conferring with Premier Clemenceau apparently on the same matter.

The Premier's latest on the subject of the war aims of the Allies was that there would be no re-statement of the British terms, except after a full consultation with all the Allies. It is pointed out that his contemplated trip to Paris may be for the purpose of obtaining the views of other Allies.