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RUSSIAN DUMA OVERTHROWS MINISTRY; BELIEVE RAILROAD STRIKE WILL BE AVERTED

HOPE OF AVERTING STRIKE IS NOT ABANDONED TODAY

Managers and Four Brotherhood Chiefs Adjourn Conference Until 4 This Afternoon--Refuse to Make Statement--Earlier Informa- tion Not Encouraging as Later.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 15.—With no agreement as to whether any agreement had been reached the joint conference today between the four chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and the managers to consider the settlement of the strike situation, the conference adjourned until this afternoon. W. G. Lee, spokesman for the brotherhoods, said that in the meantime statement of what had occurred at the conference would be given out by either side.

It was learned, however, that adjournment was made to give time to the managers to give separate consideration to the demands of the brotherhoods.

The managers were to give their answer at 4 o'clock.

The managers after having their luncheon brought into them began consideration of their answer. No counter proposition was made by them. They simply allowed the brotherhoods to present their case.

An impression was gained, however, that both sides were in a conciliatory mood and were willing to thresh the controversy out if there seemed a possibility of agreement.

It was believed that the managers in the interim would formulate a counter proposition in which the case there was a possibility that there would be an agreement.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 15.—The critical international situation is the most important factor in the conference of railroad managers and labor chiefs that met here today. Both sides used it as an argument for settling the question their way.

The 40,000 railroad brotherhood men, according to their spokesman, W. G. Lee, are determined to get the eight hour law, because should war come patriotism would compel the men to remain on their jobs.

The railroad managers entered the conference today with the declaration that they would make no bargain until the supreme court had ruled on the Adamson law.

The position of the employes at the opening of the conference was that if the railroad managers do not yield, the strike will begin Saturday afternoon.

WANT NINE HOURS PAY

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 15.—It was said here this afternoon by one in position to know that the railroad brotherhood's compromise calls for an eight-hour day, with pay only for one, instead of 10.

CAPTAIN MOTT HERE FOR GOOD, IT IS HOPED

Capt. T. A. Mott has returned from Norfolk, Va., and is occupying his bungalow on Sixteenth street. Mrs. Mott and Master Thomas, Jr., will arrive in a few days from Richmond. Captain Mott now expects to reside in Hickory permanently unless the war department should call him to active duty once more.

SENATE DESIRES SOME FACTS ON SHIPS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 15.—A resolution offered by Senator Stone, calling on the secretary of commerce to furnish the senate with a complete list of ships which have entered American registry in the last 15 months and all other transfers, was adopted without discussion.

Resolution was generally accepted as intended to develop what since the German campaign began February 1.

BICKETT NAMES HIS PRISON OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Bickett today recommended to the state prison board the following appointments:

For superintendent of the state prison, J. R. Collier, Louisburg. Chief Clerk, E. F. McCullough, White Oak.

Warden, S. J. Busbee, Raleigh. Physician to the prison and the department for the criminal insane, Drs. Carl Bell and C. E. Judd, Raleigh.

Superintendents of the two prison farms, Capt. C. W. Christian and Capt. C. J. Rhem, of Halifax.

Physicians to the state farms, Dr. F. M. Register, Halifax.

Slowly but surely the Kaiser is torpedoing the hyphen beyond all hope of recovery.—Washington Post.

SUBMARINE SINKS STEAMER SAGAMORE

(By Associated Press.)
Boston, Mass., March 15.—Agents of the Warren line announced today that they had received indirect word that the British steamer Sagamore which sailed from Boston February 21 for Liverpool had been sunk. The Sagamore had crew of 50. There were no Americans on board. She carried munitions for the British government. The value of the ship and cargo was placed at \$1,500,000. The Sagamore was armed.

CUBAN TROOPS ARE IN SANTIAGO NOW

(By Associated Press.)
Havana, March 15.—Government troops, according to a message received here this morning, are disembarking at Santiago, to take possession of the city.

BERLIN ANNOUNCES REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, via Sayville, March 15.—There has been a successful revolution in Russia, according to the Overseas News Agency (the official German news bureau).

CHESAPEAKE PUTS ON ABSOLUTE EMBARGO

(By Associated Press.)
Lynchburg, Va., March 15.—Local freight representatives of the Chesapeake Railway this morning gave notice of an absolute embargo excepting company's fuel coal, the order to be effective at midnight. The impending strike is given as the cause.

GERARD REPORTS ON GERMAN FEELING

Washington, March 15.—Former Ambassador Gerard, fresh from Berlin reported to the state department that when he left there was every evidence that Germany fully intended carrying out her ruthless submarine campaign, regardless of the prospect of war with the United States, and that talk of peace had been abandoned.

The former ambassador did not see President Wilson because the president still is confined to his room, but he conferred at length with both Secretary Lansing and Counselor Polk, and went over with them in detail events leading to the break in diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

Mr. Gerard reported that German officials apparently considered the effects and consequences of submarine ruthlessness before proclaiming it, and so far as he could learn were confident of its success. When he left Berlin, however, the campaign was only in its second week and the Germans were still predicting the destruction of a million tons of shipping a month, the amount admitted by Teutonic experts to be essential for an effective starvation blockade of England. Since then, however, the average has been below half that.

Food conditions in Germany when Mr. Gerard's party left were reported as serious, but not necessarily critical. This question is looked upon by the American government as very important because of its bearing upon the possibility of further peace moves by Germany in the near future.

The report made by the former ambassador to the state department was understood to deal particularly with the treatment accorded himself and other Americans following the break in diplomatic relations, the effort of the German government to get him to reaffirm the old treaty of 1828, with extensive changes, the general attitude of the German government and public towards submarine warfare, peace and relations with the United States, and conditions in Germany.

The department presented a scene of unusual activity with the many returned diplomats who accompanied Mr. Gerard reporting to their superiors. Some of them will be kept at the department and others will be given new posts.

Regarding food conditions one of the best observers who has reported to the state department in months, said that 20,000,000 people directly connected with the army of government, another 20,000,000 people in the rural population and about 8,000,000 wealthy people are well fed, but that the balance, about 20,000,000, are in a serious plight.

Mr. F. D. Van Sant of Lenoir was a Hickory visitor today.

J. L. Murphy, Jr., is in Newton today on business.

GERARD CONTINUES HIS REPORT TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 15.—Former Ambassador Gerard remained in Washington today prepared to amplify his report concerning conditions in Germany and his treatment in Germany. He was to leave for New York today to attend a reception given in his honor.

CONCORD GAS PLANT SOLD

Concord, March 15.—The Concord Gas Company was sold at public auction this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Several concerns were represented and bidding was lively. William D. Anderson bid in the plant at the price of \$25,000. The bid is open for 20 days for a 10 per cent increase.

These Are Days of Wonders

We have had bread riots before, but never in days when everybody's working.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

MERCHANTS MEET IN QUARTERLY SESSION

With interesting discussions on various matters that affect individual merchants, the association as a whole and the community at large scheduled for tonight, the quarterly meeting of the Merchants' Association is destined to prove profitable and enjoyable to all who attend. The annual meeting was held a month ago and at that time the trade-at-home idea was stressed. There will be reports on results of the agitation. Other live subjects will be discussed.

GERMANS RETIRE RAPIDLY ON SOMME

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 15.—Brigadier General B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the British war office, today told the Associated Press that the withdrawal of the Germans on the Somme front was taking place faster than anticipated and that the whole new line might soon be on the reverse side of the Bapaume ridge.

CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED AT ONCE

The United States government is in urgent need of mechanics and helpers at the following places: Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, Pa.; Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. Y.; Watertown Arsenal, Watertown, Mass.; Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y.; Navy Yard, Boston, Mass.; Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.; Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.; Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

Mechanists, toolmakers, brass molders, blacksmiths, skilled laborers, machine operators, molders, pattern makers, chippers, boiler makers, riveters, sailmakers, seamstresses and common laborers are needed also a few foremen and gang bosses.

For further information and application blank call on or address local secretary, board of examiners, post-office, Hickory, N. C.

NEW WAR VOTE IS ASKED BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)
London, March 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, today introduced in the house of commons a supplementary war loan of 64,000,000 pounds for the current year.

Seven men have been sent away from this section by Corporal J. H. Penland, in charge of the army recruiting station in Hickory. The station was opened in February and Corporal Penland said today that results had been satisfactory thus far.

A series of covert acts is equivalent to one overt act.—Philadelphia North American.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.)
New York, March 15.—The cotton market opened steady today at a decline of four points to an advance of five points, with May selling off at 17.56 or five points net lower, while October touched within a point of last night's close. The market soon turned firmer, however, with old deliveries selling seven to nine and the new crop months up nine to 11 points. This advance carried May up to 17.70 while October held at 16.87. The market closed quiet.

| | Open | Close |
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| March | 17.71 | 17.71 |
| May | 17.61 | 17.60 |
| July | 17.49 | 17.60 |
| October | 16.75 | 16.82 |
| December | 16.89 | 16.87 |

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| Cotton | \$2.00 |
| Wheat | \$2.00 |

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 15.—Wheat prices developed considerable strength today largely because the railway strike outlook seemed less threatening. Opening quotations with May at 1.77 1/2 and July at 1.52 to 1.52 5/8, were followed by a further upturn.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; probably light frost to night in interior. Warmer Friday in west portion; moderate north and northwest winds.

DR. GOOD HERE AT REFORMED CHURCH

The Rev. Jas. I. Good of Philadelphia, noted historian and student of church history, Wednesday night delivered an illustrated address in the Reformed church on the 400th anniversary of the Reformation of the 16th century and while the lecture appealed especially to members of the Reformed and Presbyterian churches, it was interesting to every other person who desired information on the men who rescued Europe and the world from the blight of Catholic intolerance and injustice.

The church was comfortably filled, the slides unusually good, and the lecturer loved his subject. For nearly two hours the audience intently watched and listened. Dr. Jos. L. Murphy presided and the Rev. J. G. Garth, pastor of the Presbyterian church, whose members also attended, offered prayer and benediction.

Dr. Good showed pictures of Zwingle, Luther LeFevre, Farel, Calvin Knox and other heroes of the Reformation. The slides were made from old prints, many of them priceless, and the audience felt that it was carried back 400 years to Germany, Switzerland and France, where the enlightening drama was enacted. It was interspersed with the pictures of the men were slides of Swiss scenery, including the Rhine and the Rhone, the Alps, such towns as Zurich, Bern and Geneva, famous in song and story.

Zwingle was the first mortal to preach against the custom of large bodies of Swiss to hire themselves to a foreign power as soldiers, and Dr. Good showed pictures of the man protesting against the custom. France and Spain were the chief buyers of Swiss mercenaries and the custom obtained as late as the French revolution. Zwingle's battles with the Catholics of the mountains and his death were shown.

It was interesting to note that LeFevre, a Frenchman, had such wonderful influence over Luther and Zwingle and other Reformed leaders. Copies of LeFevre's bible were found in the libraries of both men, and Dr. Good said they drew much of their inspiration from it.

Luther and Zwingle were equally vigorous in protesting against the sale of indulgences and those who followed after them protested as hotly against the custom. Persons who believed that Germany today is almost wholly Protestant learned that in south Germany there are many Catholics. While the German and Swiss Protestants were persecuted, they had nothing deadly to contend with as the French and Italian Protestants, and the speaker related how, as the result of the Edict of Nantes, many thousands of the flower of France were murdered and 400,000 caused to leave the country and settle in other lands. Other historians point out that these Huguenots carried knowledge and handicraft with them and enriched the national life of other lands. Germany, Holland, and England were gainers from this stupendous crime.

V. P. I. STUDENT DIES RESULT OF WOUNDS

(By Associated Press.)
Roanoke, Va., March 15.—Stockton Heth, Jr., shot, according to a deathbed statement said to have been made in the presence of relatives last night, by Prof. Charles E. Vawter, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute faculty at the Vawter home early Tuesday morning, died at 5 o'clock this morning at a hospital here.

Heth's brother and two sisters were at his bedside. There is no intimation of Heth's alleged statement of the shooting.

The first authentic information coming to the press from principal of the tragedy was a statement given out by Lieut. Clement Heth, U. S. A., brother of Stockton Heth, Jr. Lieutenant Heth interrogated his mother this morning shortly before he died and said he was shot by "Charlie Vawter without provocation."

Stockton lapsed into unconsciousness before the question could be carried further.

FOUR CAR LOADS TO NORTHERN MARKETS

Four carloads of sweet potatoes were loaded from Hickory today, three cars being billed to Cincinnati and one carload to Chattanooga. The potatoes will bring from \$1 to 1.25 per bushel and the Catawba variety is in great demand.

Mr. Enloe Yoder said shippers and buyers were somewhat worried over the prospects of a railroad strike, but said the buyers have not yet urged the shippers to hold the crop.

BRITISH AND RUSSIANS ARE PUSHING TURKS HARD

In Persia and Mesopotamia Allied Troops are Sweeping Over All Opposition--Turks May Lose Line of Communications--Ger- mans Still Retiring.

BRIDGE MATTERS CONSIDERED TODAY

Caldwell and Catawba boards of county commissioners met at the Chamber of Commerce today for the purpose of considering the rebuilding of the Horseford bridge, a temporary structure now spanning the river between the two counties. Plans from Engineer W. S. Falls, state engineer, were on hand and gone over thoroughly.

Mr. Mark Squires of Lenoir, attorney for the Caldwell board, and Mr. R. H. Shuford of Hickory, attorney for the Catawba board, were present, as was also Representative Suttlemyre of Caldwell.

In addition to the Horseford bridge, the Catawba commissioners expected to discuss plans for rebuilding the bridges across the river at Island Ford and Buffalo Shoals.

It was expected that the board would advertise for bids for all three bridges at one time.

HERE IS MEANEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Who is the meanest man in the world? There are many mean men, but who would say was the worst of any selected bunch?

Dr. Henry F. Abernethy would not make a second guess. He was convinced Thursday morning when he discovered that some arch villain had entered his barn, carried off two sitings hens from nests that they had been occupying for two weeks.

"Now, isn't that fellow the meanest man in the world?" the doctor asked. "All I want to do to him is to make him eat those eggs that he left in the nests. I'd be satisfied with that."

GRAYSON CONFIRMED AS REAR ADMIRAL

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 15.—Dr. Cary T. Grayson was confirmed by the senate today as medical advisor and rear admiral of the navy.

REQUISITION ASKED FOR ALLEGED FORGER

Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Bickett today issued a requisition on the governor of California for P. H. Lazar, wanted in Wilson, N. C., to answer a charge of forgery. Lazar, it is stated, is under arrest in Los Angeles.

JUST LIKE HIM

Bryan favors an extra session. But even if he supports the right thing it is for a wrong reason.—New York Evening Sun.

(By Associated Press.)
A successful revolution has taken place in Russia, according to advices through Berlin today, embodying what is stated to be an official report from Petrograd.

The lead in the movement, according to dispatches, was taken by the duma, which refused to accept a dissolution and organized by the duma the imperial ministers, advices said, were locked up. The imperial troops there, numbering some 30,000 are reported to have supported the duma. Order is restored after three days of turmoil.

With the exception of the notable German retirement on the Franco-Belgian front, which, whether voluntary or forced is continuing, the most interesting military developments in progress are those in western Persia and Mesopotamia.

Disorganized by their defeat before Kut-El-Amara and Bagdad, the Turks are retreating up the Tigris and at last reports were more than 30 miles north of Bagdad.

Eastward two columns of Russians are advancing from Persia towards the line of the Turkish retreat, driving other Turkish forces before them. One of these columns has captured Karmanshah, 90 miles from the Mesopotamian border.

To the northwest another column is pressing northward and is near Babis, only 10 miles from the Mesopotamian frontier.

Both these Russian armies are threatening the Turkish armies in Mesopotamia. To reach their place of retirement the Turks have some 180 miles to travel before reaching their destination.

From Banaeh the Russians are within 50 miles across the country from the Turkish rear. While the fast moving Russian forces at Karmanshah, while still 185 miles from Shamamah, constitutes a serious menace to the Turkish flank in this field of long distance and rapid troop movements.

The only other way to retreat for the apparently-out numbered and out-maneuvered Turkish forces lies to the west over rough ground.

Of the Franco-Belgian front operations, aside from those of the British on the Somme front, the current statements report little of importance.

FALL OF A NATION IS PRESENTED HERE

Thomas Dixon's famous picture, "The Fall of a Nation," was shown at the Hub Theatre Thursday afternoon and night before four separate audiences, each of which taxed the capacity of the house. The pictures were made to point a moral and they showed the unpreparedness of the United States, invasion by a foreign foe and the nation's fall. There were tragic, personal scenes in the reels that took one's breath and everyone admitted that it was a wonderful picture. Special orchestra music was furnished during the performances.

COTTON FIGURES IN FEBRUARY ISSUED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 15.—Cotton consumed in the United States during February aggregated 547,203 running bales, exclusive of linters, the census bureau announced today.

Last year during February 540,733 bales were consumed. Cotton on hand February 28 in consuming establishments was 2,167,288 bales, compared with 1,984,821 the previous year, and in public storage and at compresses 3,435,273 bales, compared with 3,970,799 the previous year. Cotton spindles active during February numbered 33,117,090, compared with 31,980,240 the previous year.

REX LUMBER COMPANY AT LENOIR CHARTERED

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, March 13.—The Rex Lumber Company of Lenoir, Caldwell county, capitalized at \$25,000 was chartered by the secretary of state today. The company proposes to manufacture and sell lumber and mine and market ores and metals.