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FERDINAND OF RUMANIA QUITS IN FAVOR OF SON

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Unofficial Reports by Way of Petrograd Say
King Abdicates Following Revolution. Russia
Threatens to Make Separate Peace.
Fighting in Palestine Heavy.

By the Associated Press.
King Ferdinand has abdicated the Rumanian throne in favor of Crown Prince Charles, according to Petrograd news. The revolutionaries in Petrograd, however, is lacking confidence in the king.

Unofficial reports from Petrograd and the Bolshevik government received information that there had been a successful revolution against the government.

The Rumanian army has been in active service since the Russian armistice and peace negotiations forced it to use hostilities. Bolsheviks and German propagandists have been reported working among the Rumanian troops.

Russia's Leon Trotsky told the soldiers and workers' delegates, who were asked to conclude a separate peace with Germany unless the latter agreed to take part in the negotiations.

The Bolshevik foreign minister announced that he would officially ask the belligerent powers whether they would take part in the conference.

An official report from Petrograd, dated Friday, says that the German peace emissaries have arrived in Petrograd, and that the German and French, through Premier Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour, have voiced their governments' position in the war.

The peace conference has voted to postpone the war to make the world safe for democracy in the future. The peace policies of the French government were approved by the majority of deputies.

Only in Palestine has there been marked fighting activity. North and northwest of Jerusalem British troops after repulsing four Turkish attacks, attacked the enemy and pushed him back 2-1/2 miles on a front of one mile. Turkish losses are reported heavy, among the prisoners being German soldiers.

Artillery duels occupy the opposing armies on the Italian and western fronts. On the front in France the German artillery fire has been heavy around Et. Quentin and in the Tiers sector.

A German attack in Lorraine was broken up by the French gunfire. A shell fired by an American passenger steamer is believed to have sunk a German submarine near the British Isles Thursday. Gunners and passengers saw the periscope of a submarine and the second shot from the gun threw debris from the submarine into the air.

LIVELY FOOT RACE
A number of sports ran a fox hunt last night and finally captured it near Brookfield. The chase was begun about 10 o'clock, and Sir E. B. started for Hickory, getting as far as the Piedmont Wagon Company before turning towards the river. There were 10 dogs and the following men in the party: Dr. F. B. Hicks and Messrs. John Fry, Bill Cook, Luther Fry, Tom McCauley and Cleveland Fry.

Sheriff John A. Isenhower was doing a big business today and customers were coming up to his county in the city manager's office all during the forenoon and buying receipts. He will be here again Monday. \$5 for the sheriff has collected about \$65,000 in taxes, which is over half of the \$112,000 charged against him. He has yet to collect from the biggest corporations. This year's collections are ahead of last year's.

RUMANIAN KING SUCCEEDED BY SON

By the Associated Press.
Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 28.—There are persistent rumors here that King Ferdinand of Rumania has abdicated in favor of the crown prince.

King Ferdinand, who is a member of the Hohenzollern family, succeeded his uncle, King Charles, in November, 1914. King Charles having died on October 8. Rumania declared war on Austria on August 27, 1916, and King Ferdinand took personal command of the army soon thereafter.

Crown Prince Charles was born October 3, 1893, and is an officer in the Rumanian army. He is unmarried, although early in 1914 it was reported that he was engaged to the then Grand Duchess Olga of Russia.

GERMAN PAPERS DR. SHUFORD TO BURLINGTON IS SCORE PEACE OFFER

By the Associated Press.
Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—Ten German newspapers angrily condemn the peace terms of the central powers. The Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin says:

"Never before have we given up so completely everything we so dearly bought with the blood of hundreds of thousands, with the sweat of millions, with the deprivations of our children, with our own hunger."
The Deutsche-Zeitung says that the entente has won the greatest victory of the war and that diplomats have destroyed all that has been fought for.

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JEWISH BATTALION OFF FOR PALESTINE

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 29.—The new Jewish battalion of the British army is now encamped for its final training period on a hillside in the west of England. Early in the new year it will leave for the Palestine front.

The battalion is under the command of Colonel J. H. Patterson, an Irishman and a great lion hunter in East Africa in the days before the war. His experience in command of Jewish troops dates back to the Gallipoli campaign, where he was in charge of the famous Zion Mule Corps, formed in Egypt of Jewish refugees from Palestine. After the close of the Dardanelles campaign the Zion corps was disbanded, but some of its members managed to make their way to England and form the nucleus of the new Jewish battalion.

As at present constituted, about fifty per cent of the Jewish battalion are British born or naturalized. The remainder includes the members of the old Zion Mule Corps, a large number of Russian Jews, and a curious melange from several allied and neutral countries. The level of physical fitness, according to the medical officers, is very high, particularly in such matters as teeth and eyesight.

The battalion is practically teetotal, and a wet canteen which was opened a few weeks ago was closed in a fortnight for lack of business. Colonel Patterson himself is an ardent temperance advocate. "Crime is due to drink and nothing else. This is shown by the fact that our garrison has been empty practically from the start, and you would have to travel around many training camps to see the like. The disused cells have been turned into bedrooms for the guards."

A great variety of trades and professions are represented in the battalion. There are more tailors than any other single trade, and this fact is reflected in the excellent fit and smart cut of the battalion's uniforms. There are several artists and sculptors, the latter including a leading British sculptor, Jacob Epstein, whose work has been a center of interest in England for the past three years. A prominent concert violinist, Anton Achaikov, is in the same company with Epstein, which also numbers a young Russian, who claims to be a second cousin of Kerensky.

Regimental orders for the new battalion are issued simultaneously in English and Yiddish, and Yiddish is used as much as English in instruction. Some of the soldiers hardly know the English words of command, but all the non-commissioned officers and most of the commissioned officers speak Yiddish fluently. The languages represented in the ranks are more than a score in number. Any corporal speaks nine languages.

The food served is strictly kosher. Saturday is the day off instead of Sunday, and all the fast-days are observed with as much ceremony as the military atmosphere will permit.

Miss Bessie Cline has returned from Greensboro and will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. S. L. White.

ZEPPELIN FALLS BURNING TO ITS DOOM

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 29.—A Zeppelin and a seaplane which was accompanying it have been wrecked in the North sea, according to a General News Dispatch from Jutland. The Zeppelin is said to have fallen in flames into the sea.

DR. SHUFORD TO BURLINGTON IS REPORT SOON FOR DUTY

By the Associated Press.
Burlington, N. C., Dec. 29.—Fire early today destroyed the buildings occupied by the Williamson Company, Inc., wholesale grocers and the Covington Hardware Company, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000. This included the contents of both stores, which were almost entirely destroyed.

The telephone exchange adjoining the burned block was damaged to some extent and the system put out of commission.

The Williamson owned the building it occupied and the other structure was the property of N. S. Cardway. The fire which threatened to do further damage to the uptown district was under control at 10:30 o'clock after the Burlington firemen had been augmented by other nearby fire fighters.

SEE END PRIVATE OWNERSHIP ROADS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—The railroad have refused the demands of their organized employees for 40 per cent increase in pay and have turned the responsibility over to the government.

The executives here today in letting their decision be known made no concealment of their feelings toward government ownership and they fear the stockholders and public will demand it.

At the same time it became known the railroad has refused the brotherhoods demands it was learned that the railway workers had decided not to press their request for a period of at least 30 days or until it is seen just what the railroad situation will be.

POPCORN ROASTER IS BLOWN UP HERE

The popcorn and peanut stand of Mr. Calvin Hawn was blown up late Friday afternoon when the little boiler in the machine burst and sent fragments of the roaster flying in every direction and caused Master Ernest Seabrook, who was in the roaster at the time, to be carried to the Richard Baker Hospital for treatment. He soon was able to return home, and his condition is not serious, though he was painfully scratched and bruised by the flying debris.

FOOD REPORT IN HICKORY FOR WEEK

The following is the food conservation report for the week ending December 22:

Presbyterian Church—45 Families	26
Families reporting this week	212
Wheatless meals reported	383
Meatless meals reported	541
Baptist Church—60 Families	11
Families reporting this week	67
Wheatless meals reported	124
Meatless meals reported	229
Holy Trinity Lutheran—80 Families	40
Families reporting this week	40
Wheatless meals reported	44
Meatless meals reported	126
M. E. Church—175 Families	11
Families reporting this week	72
Wheatless meals reported	146
Meatless meals reported	231
M. E. Church (Colored)	15
Families reporting this week	42
Wheatless meals reported	83
Meatless meals reported	315
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NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton market opened steady with January four points lower. There was general buying of the late deliveries, especially by Japanese interests, and moderate support of the trade by continental concerns furnished strength.

The close was steady.	30.42	30.57
January	29.92	29.99
March	29.60	29.64
May	29.20	29.64
July	29.20	29.29
October	28.18	28.22

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	30c
Wheat	\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

By the Associated Press.
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Washington, Dec. 29.—A great, thick blanket of intensely cold air lying sluggishly over the country from the upper Mississippi valley to the seaboard has plunged the whole eastern section of the United States in a cold snap that the weather bureau sees no immediate prospect of abating.

While record low temperatures may be shown in some places, the cold generally does not equal that of the mid-December snap, but it is none the less effective as an agent of distress and suffering in many localities where there are coal shortages increased by the difficulties of transportation and communication.

In the language of the weather, sharps, an "anti-cyclone is responsible for the conditions."

This is nothing less than an extraordinary high barometer, touching as high this morning as 31 inches, something seldom seen in winter weather. This condition means that an area of high atmosphere with cold has suddenly settled down over the eastern section and by its superior weight and force has crowded to sea the low pressure area which contained all the warmer air.

Around the edges of the high pressure area there is rain or snow, but the whole great mass has settled so sluggishly and gives so little disposition to move on and give place to warmer air that the weather bureau warns the country it may not expect relief for several days.

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MEN IN ARMY CAMPS GAIN 5 TO 10 POUNDS EACH

By the Associated Press.
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Men in army camps have gained from five to 10 pounds each since they entered military service because of the government's scientific study of diet and rationing.

Major John R. Murlin, head of the food division of the surgeon general's office at Washington, told the annual meeting here of the Federation of American Soldiers for Experimental Biology.

"The gain is a flesh gain and not fat," he said, "and it is due to the United States soldiers receiving the best rationed and most generous food allowance of any army in the world."

Dr. William Moore, of the University of Minnesota, announced that a new powder has been discovered which exterminates vermin from clothing, one of the difficult problems medical men have had to contend with during the war.

Dr. E. C. Rosenow, Rochester, Minn., told of a new serum for treatment of infantile paralysis which he said had given instant relief in 37 of 40 cases treated at Davenport, Iowa, during a recent epidemic there.

Messrs. George Johnson and Elwood Mitchell, accompanied by Alf Dellinger and his good dogs, hunted rabbits on Mr. Henry Hyme's place Thursday and returned with 15 and two squirrels. The cotton tails were plentiful.

THESE ARE SHIPS WHICH SANK U-BOAT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew, made public today by the navy department, shows that the destroyers Fanning and Nicholson were the warships engaged. The incident was reported November 24, but few facts were available.

The submarine was sunk, the navy department story of the affair indicates, as it was preparing to attack a merchant ship flotilla that was being convoyed.

The four officers and 35 members of the crew of the submarine were all taken prisoners. After being taken aboard the German destroyer they were given hot coffee and sandwiches. To make them comfortable the crew of the destroyer gave them their great coats.

The German officers said the first depth bomb had wrecked the machinery of the submarine and caused her to sink to a considerable depth.

The submarine bore no number nor distinguishing mark. One of the life belts, the report to the navy department said, had "Kaiser" marked on one side and "Gott" marked on the other side.

FAMINE IN AUSTRIA IS CAUSING DISEASE

By the Associated Press.
Zurich, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—Vienna newspapers report Austria's near approach of famine in eggs, vegetables, sugar, bread and milk. As a result of poor and insufficient food there is said to be a large increase in skin diseases manifested in boils, abscesses and eczema.

The working capacity of the laborers in mines and munition plants, and the health of the children are seriously menaced. Any further deterioration of the food supply is bound to have inconceivably grave consequences say Austrian papers.

THREE TORPEDO BOATS ARE SUNK

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