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ARMIES RENEW FIGHTING IN SEVERAL BATTLE AREAS

Political Situation in Germany Continues Most Interesting—English Labor Party Addresses Circular to German People Urging Them to Insist on Reasonable Attitude

By the Associated Press.

While German leaders are undecided as to what course to pursue in the peace negotiations with Russia, the British labor party has issued an appeal to the Russian people supporting the principle of self-determination.

Appeal also is made to the people of Germany and Austria-Hungary and Germany to stand by the principle of allowing people to determine their government.

Apparently no definite course has been decided upon by the German emperor and his advisers, but the speech on foreign policies which Chancellor Count von Hertling was to deliver today has been indefinitely postponed.

The pan-Germans continue their campaign against von Kuehlmann and the Socialists have forced the Fatherland party, composed of pan-Germans, to postpone meetings favorable to annexations.

It is declared by a friend of the pan-German Count von Reventlow that the peace movement in Germany is strong and is made up of the Socialists, a large number of Liberals, many Clericals and diplomats. These are said to hold to the view that the U-boats cannot win the war.

Instructions given the German representatives at Brest-Litovsk have not been changed.

On the western front and in Italy the winter monopoly has been broken by spirited actions. German troops have again made one of their fruitless attacks against the French positions northeast of Verdun. While most of the attacking troops were driven back by the French fire, the remainder were ejected by quick counter strokes.

East of the Brenta river the Austro-Germans have replied only with artillery fire to the daring Italian attack which resulted in the capture of important observation posts at Monte Asolone. The Italians also raided the Austro-German lines and enlarged their bridgehead on the lower Piave. Four hundred prisoners were taken.

Through the efforts of the diplomatic corps in Petrograd the bolshevik government has released the Rumanian minister.

Of great moment on the political side of the war is a message issued to the Russian people by the British labor party. The message announces that the British people are one with the Russians on the principle of self-determination of peoples and no annexations for the British empire, particularly in the middle east, in Africa and in India. It also calls upon the people of the central empires to force their governments to renounce annexations in Europe "with the same good faith in which we are renouncing them in Asia," and not let them drive the British people, as they are driving the Russians, into the "terrible choice between continuing the war and abandoning the only principle that can save the world."

As for Turkey, the message says the sovereign independence of the Turkish people in their national home is respected, but that the Turkish government's domination over other peoples is a hindrance to the national development of the Turks. The formation of an international organization is called for to take over the responsibility of governing certain peoples, such as the Arabs, the Palestinians, and Armenians.

The political pot in Germany continues at full boil, with the militaristic element in the ascendancy, but with the moderate section of the people still hotly opposing them. Notwithstanding the seeming impasse that has arisen in the peace negotiations between the Russians and the central powers, owing to objections by the Russians to the demands of Germany and her allies, announcement has been made in the reichstag that no alteration has been made in the instructions given to the chief German representative in the negotiations.

A meeting of the annexationist party in Germany has been broken up by the independent socialists, who passed a resolution declaring for a general peace by understanding, while at another meeting in Frankfurt, a resolution was adopted declaring that a peace safeguarding Germany's vital economic interests would be possible only along the lines of the reichstag peace resolution.

Meanwhile, Admiral von Tirpitz, the father of Germany's submarine warfare and one of the leaders of the fatherland party, in speeches is endeavoring to bolster up the cause of the pan-Germans. In his latest address he still held to his dream of forcing Great Britain to seek peace as a result of Germany's submarine campaign and dwelt on the ability of von Hindenburg and his

COLORED ARTIST CONTINUES IN BUSINESS

Operating on the assumption that store-keepers in the suburbs of Hickory are all easy marks, that none of them will ever hear of his former deeds, the colored check-flashing artist goes merrily on his way, buying a pair of overshoes and a sack of meal here and a sack of meal and a pair of overshoes there, and giving in return a perfectly bare check and walking off with the change. It is so easy that the small, black man with a slight limp, has about decided that he will never have to work again—certainly as long as these stores in the suburbs continue in operation.

Mr. C. S. Sipe, a merchant on Twelfth street, is the latest victim. Mr. Sipe cashed a check for the negro for \$10, and gave him a pair of overshoes and promised to hold a bag of feedstuff until it was sent for. Mr. Sipe still has the feedstuff—and the bad check. It was made out in favor of John Williams and was drawn on the Henkel-Craig, Live Stock Company, artistically decorated with numbers and flourishes and done in a manner that would make the check worth something to Mr. Sipe as a souvenir. It is appreciated the souvenir part, and was even unwilling to charge the cashing of it up to experience—that good old school, which sometimes burns before it can impart its brand.

Mr. Will Sigmon of Conover had some experience with the colored artist too. The check manufacturer gave him one for \$24, and as Mr. Sigmon did not have \$24 in change—the sum that obviously was due the purchaser—Mr. Sigmon considerably issued his own check for \$24, and the artist had no difficulty in putting \$24 in his pocket.

Mr. W. A. Sattlemire of West Hickory accepted a check for \$16 about two weeks ago, but has since filed a petition in bankruptcy. Messrs Perry Baker and J. A. Reitzel also have been accommodating to the extent of \$16.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AT PASTIME

Manager Miller has booked a special program for children at the Pastime Thursday, January 17. This will be an Edison Conquest program of 6 reels. Don't forget to bring the little folks out to see it. It will please both the little folks and the grown ups.

Misses Shuford and Hall Entertainers On Monday evening Misses Mary Rogers Shuford and Virginia Hall entertained quite a number of their young friends at the home of Mrs. W. R. Woodall. Various games were enjoyed and delightful refreshments completed a most pleasant evening.

HOW ABOUT THOSE WASTED SLICES?

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The French have been put on a bread ration of seven ounces a day in order to release shipping for the transportation of American troops. Does that make you ashamed of anything?

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH STATE LAWS

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—The state railway laws and regulations will remain in full effect under government operation, Director General McAdoo today told a delegation of railroad commissioners here today.

TO KEEP WOMEN OUT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—The newly created labor administration announced today that it will be the administration's policy to prevent the introduction of women labor in positions for which men are still available and any reduction of wage scales because of the employment of women will not be made.

A chief aid, von Lulendorf to bring about a peace acceptable to Germany by force of arms.

FRENCH PARTY IS IN CAPITAL OF STATE

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Marquis and Marquise Courtvois and the Marquis and Marquise de Polignac, a party of distinguished French men and women, who are making a tour of the south accompanied by Charles Edward Russell, a well known Socialist and writer, and member of President Wilson's mission to Russia, arrived here today. A patriotic mass meeting will be held tonight, at which Governor Bickett will introduce the members of the party and Mr. Russell will be the principal speaker. Later in the evening a public reception will be given at the governor's mansion.

FRENCH TAKE CRACK AT GERMAN LINES

By the Associated Press. Berlin, via London, Jan. 16.—French troops after several hours of artillery preparation delivered a strong attack in the vicinity of Badonviller in the Vosges region and temporarily penetrated the German front trenches, army headquarters announced today.

SHOW PLEASES

"Human Hearts" played to a packed house at the Hub Tuesday night and the good old play was pulled off in a manner that pleased most of the big crowd. Each member of the company worked like a pony and the situations were cleverly met and conquered. Good music added a lot to the production.

Manager J. F. Miller says it is his intention to book some high class shows at the Hub this winter. Also he will book some big pictures, among which will be a return engagement of the "Birth of a Nation" and "Intolerance." "Within the Law" and other big features will be shown at the Hub soon.

An Englishman is the inventor of a pitcher for wines with an ice compartment to cool its contents.

TWO POSTMASTERS ARE NAMED TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—Lewis G. Daniels was nominated today by President Wilson to be postmaster at New Bern, N. C. About 1,500 postmasters were reappointed today by President Wilson.

Among the reappointments was R. S. Galloway, Winston-Salem, N. C.

MOVIE MEN MEET TO DISCUSS ISSUES

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The North Carolina Motion Picture Association Exhibitors met here this afternoon. Conservation of food and the war tax will be the most important subject discussed at this meeting. About 100 delegates are in attendance.

The annual banquet of the association will be eliminated from the program this year in order to comply with the request of the food administrator.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Starnes, a son.

MONEY IS FOUND THAT CAPTAIN STOLE

By the Associated Press. Camp Funston, Kans., Jan. 16.—The money taken from the army bank at Camp Funston by Capt. Lewis Whistler last Friday night after he had killed four employees and wounded another, amounting to over \$62,000, was found hidden in the walls of Whistler's barracks.

The money in currency was found stored in a hiding place Captain Whistler had evidently prepared for it. Its discovery has closed the case so far as an accomplice is believed concerned.

PAINTS GLOOMY PICTURE OF OUTLOOK

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator McCumber of North Dakota today gave the senate a gloomy picture of the United States and her allies in emphasizing his plea for a radical shipbuilding program. He declared that England is bearing the brunt of the strain and asked:

"How long can she stand this rain? The United States must send 5,000,000 troops to balance the naval powers," he said, "and 7,000,000 would be needed to make the Germans retreat."

"Russia and Rumania are out of the war," asserted Senator McCumber. "Italy is losing ground. France is unable to make any headway. The wall of the eastern end of the battle line is continental Europe is crumbling. Who can say how long Italy can or will withstand the Teutonic pressure? Optimistic indeed must be the man who can see an early ending of the war."

"With Italy under the heel of the conqueror, with France assailed in the flank, who can prophesy that that country will not quickly be brought under the heel of the same conqueror?"

"This is delineating two things: the exact situation as it now is and a possibility of the future."

STEAMER TEXAN IS REPORTED ALL RIGHT

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 16.—The American-Hawaiian line steamship Texas reported sinking off the coast two days ago is reported safe in a message from the navy department.

The line received no details, it is officially announced, the notice from the navy department merely stating that the Texan was afloat. Their assumption was that the 42 members of the crew were safe.

MUST BE 14-K

Providence Journal. The Kaiser deliberately misstates the fact when he says that his enemies do not want peace. They do want it, and intend to have it, but not a German silver peace.

HUNGARIAN CABINET HAS QUIT OFFICE

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 16.—The resignation of the Hungarian cabinet on account of failure to obtain necessary support for the military program is reported in a Budapest dispatch by way of Amsterdam.

It is believed Emperor Charles will ask the Hungarian premier, Dr. Alexander Wekerle, to remain in office and reconstruct the cabinet.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 16.—With the exception of October, which opened four points lower, the local cotton market opened three to eight points higher on covering, but shortly afterward developed much weakness under liquidation and increased bear pressure, influenced by the fuel and transportation situation was regarded as distinctly unfavorable to the bull side of the market. The close was steady.

	Open	Close
January	31.75	31.37
March	31.31	31.03
May	30.95	30.67
July	30.60	30.31
October	29.32	29.90

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton -----31c
Wheat -----\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably rain in east and rain or snow in west portion. Slightly warmer tonight, gentle to moderate east winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

January 15,	1918	1917
High	38	46
Low	31	24
Rainfall Monday night	.7.	

EVIDENCE IS FURNISHED TO CONVICT M. CAILLAUX

Secretary Lansing Produces Proof of Conspiracy of Former French Premier With Bernstorff.

Uncle Samuel Seems Able to Track Most Rascals Anywhere

FIRST BUILDING AND LOAN IS HUSTLING

The 28th annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Building and Loan Association, with President G. H. Gettner in the chair for the 25th consecutive time, was held Tuesday night in the Chamber of Commerce with a good representative of members on hand. The report of Secretary-Treasurer Geo. R. Wooten was handed to the stockholders in printed form and it showed gratifying progress during the year just closed.

The disbursements for the year were \$344,932.99, the number of shares in force is 10,882 and the book value of the series is \$405,875.80. The percentage earned stockholders is .06678, which is more than six and two thirds. The number of mortgages made in 1916 was 176 and in 1917 it was 204 showing the number of borrowers on real estate, many of whom were buying property or paying for homes.

President Gettner, in a few brief remarks, declared that it was impossible to estimate the value of the building and loan to Hickory. It fills a place in the community that nothing else can occupy and it is the best incentive to good citizenship and home-owning of anything of its kind. In its 28 years it has helped many and many a man, he said, to own his home, and has been a great factor in making Hickory what it is.

The old directors were reelected by acclamation. They are A. A. Shuford, J. A. Martin, G. H. Gettner, W. B. Meznies, Dr. W. H. Nicholson, C. H. Gettner, J. A. Lentz and J. D. Elliott. The directors will elect officers, who will likely be the same as for many years—G. H. Gettner, president; J. D. Elliott, vice-president; G. R. Wooten, secretary and treasurer; and Bascom B. Blackwelder, attorney.

President Gettner called on various stockholders for expressions. Mr. J. D. Elliott was absent at this meeting, the first time in many years and Mr. Gettner told of his interest in the association. Messrs. J. A. Lentz, Geo. E. Bisanar, P. A. Setzer, C. T. Morrison and others spoke briefly on the worth of the association and every stockholder made up his mind to work just a little harder for more business and for a better town.

SQUIRE APPEGATE

Ladies and Gentlemen, meet Squire Donald T. Applegate. Squire Applegate, let the Record present you to some 5,000 good people. (A deep, chesterfield bow on the part of Squire Applegate and a graceful acknowledgment on the part of the noble 5,000.)

It is now Justice of the Peace Donald T. Applegate, prepared to try lawsuits not involving too much money, to hear criminal charges and to take two marriages and make them one in the sight of the law. All lads and lassies who are matrimonially inclined will please give him a trial.

The honor came unsought and unknown to the squire. It was tendered him by Governor Bickett, and he took it.

TO PROBE HEARING IN VANCE COUNTY

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Geo. H. Hunter of the state food administration left here today for Henderson to investigate reports of alleged hoarding of food supplies in that section in violation of the food laws.

BOMB WAS FOUND BESIDE DRY DOCK

By the Associated Press. Norfolk, Jan. 17.—Relief from Elizabeth City and Washington, N. C., reached the stricken people of Roanoke Island and Cape Hatteras today. The warmer weather of yesterday freed the sounds of ice sufficiently for the operation of small boats and sailings were they from the island and mainland today. The boats from the mainland carried supplies to the stricken people and the boats from the island carried people from the terrible conditions that have existed at Camp Hatteras and Roanoke Island since the severe weather.

MR. TAYLOR RESIGNS

Mr. D. B. Taylor, who for several months has been assisting City Manager Ballew, has resigned his position and before the vacancy is filled, a thorough canvass will be made by Mr. Ballew and members of council. The city manager desires to devote more of his time to outside work hereafter, especially in the open street work that can be done to advantage.

WHERE YOU AIN'T

Louisville Courier-Journal. "Women are great to make home cheerful." "Um." "Brighten up the corner where you are—that's my wife's motto." "My wife is cheerful enough, too, but she's always on the gad. You can't brighten up the corner where you ain't."

FOUR ALARMS

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 16.—Fire in a big five story warehouse filled with government food supplies, located on the Brooklyn waterfront, broke out this forenoon. Four alarms have been turned in. Accumulation of ice is preventing aid from fire boats.

NINE IN GAME AND CAUGHT FLY TO SAFETY

Chief Lantz and Sergeant Sigmon dropped in at a restaurant in the bottom Monday afternoon and interrupted a skin game in the rear. There were nine negro men intensely interested in the contest and they knew nothing of the danger until the chief removed a piece of tin from a window and made a noise in order to get the proper perspective.

When the tin rattled, there was a mighty scramble and it sounded like the rear wall was being torn down. The officers had not noticed a small door in the rear and it was through this that eight men piled, some of them shaking the building as they struck the sides of the door frame in their eagerness to kick up the snow and ice and place a considerable distance between them and the minions of the law.

One sparky was unable to get out—the door being too small to admit of all leaving at once, and there being no place to fly through the roof—and he was caught. The officers released him, however, on his personal recognition, agreeing that it would be a shame to take the one while the eight made a get-away. The others are known, and there will be something doing later.

RELIEF FROM HUNGER CARRIED TO ISLANDS

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The officials declined to be more specific regarding the character of the missile.