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BOLSHEVISTS MAY REVOLT IN AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA; HUNGARY TURNS FORMALLY, PEACEFULLY TO SOCIALISM

Military Mission at Vienna Tells Government Allies Are Ready to Increase Food Supply—People Excited Over Events in Hungary—New Army at Budapest Drawing \$90 Per Man Monthly—Bessarabia Proclaims Independence and Begins Attack on Roumanian Forces Occupying Country—Foch to Demand That Germans Aid in Getting Polish Garrison Established at Danzig

(By the United Press)

Berne, Mar. 27.—A Bolshevik uprising in Austria and Czechoslovakia is imminent, according to advices received here. Any move in those countries against the Hungarian soviet government is expected to precipitate trouble. The British military mission at Vienna, it is reported, has notified the government that the Allies are ready to increase Austria's food supply if order is maintained. The Austrian population is greatly excited over events in Hungary.

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Budapest, Mar. 25 (10 p. m.)—The new soviet republic was firmly established today without disorder or bloodshed, with amicable relations continuing with the Allied representatives.

All aliens and Allied soldiers are at complete liberty. The popularity of British and American officers is not diminished.

Everything in the country has been socialized, from the army down to baths. This reorganization has been accomplished with the approval of the wealthy and aristocratic as well as the poor and humble. The red army is being organized purely on a volunteer basis, conscription being abolished as soon as the communist government took hold. The soldiers are paid \$90 monthly. They are clothed, fed and equipped without charge, and in addition receive extra pay for support of their families.

Bessarabia Says She's Free.

Warsaw, Mar. 25 (Delayed).—Bessarabia has proclaimed its independence, established a soviet republic and begun an offensive against the Roumanian army of occupation, a dispatch from Chotin announces.

Bessarabia is a former province of Russia bordering Roumania on the northeast. It has been claimed and occupied by Roumania.

Danzig Be Occupied Soon.

London, Mar. 27.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times states he understands the big four have decided that the Marshal Foch shall demand that the Germans facilitate the landing of Polish troops at Danzig.

A Big Health Problem

for the United States

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, Mar. 27.—Fifty per cent. of the 25,000,000 boys and girls of school age have physical defects that impede normal development, Willard S. Small, school hygiene specialist of the Federal Bureau of Education, said in an address before the American Public Health Association.

After declaring that the Nation's need of physical education is imperative, the speaker pointed out that 2,500,000 men in the first draft were disqualified for active military service because of physical defects.

The physical education needed must assume physical activity as the basic thing, the speaker added. There must be wholesome physical environment, individual physical examination and record, and medical supervision of schools.

WINCHESTER QUIET; NO TROOPS NEEDED

(By the United Press)

Richmond, Mar. 27.—Reports from Winchester, where a mob assembled last night on account of the death of Raymond Shaekelford, alleged bootlegger shot by officers of the prohibition department, indicate that the disturbance has subsided. No call for troops from here has been received by the adjutant-general. Officers say the mob was orderly and at no time was any indication of violence shown.

TAFT AUTHOR FOUR AMENDMENTS BEING CONSIDERED PARIS

Written at Request of President—Ex-President Working With Present Executive By Means of Cable, Stated

(By the United Press)

Washington, Mar. 27.—Ex-President Taft is working by cable with President Wilson in an effort to amend the league of nations covenant so as to make it acceptable to the opposition Republicans.

This was officially disclosed when the White House let it be known that the peace conference at Paris is working on four amendments written by Taft at the request of Wilson.

EXPLAINS GENESIS OF HORROR STORIES

Army Rumors Largely Responsible For Yarns About Conditions at Brest—Little First-Hand Dope to States.

By Fred S. Ferguson

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Paris, Mar. 10 (By Mail).—Judging from reports drifting back to Europe, America is now getting all the thrills of the old "blood-curdling" stories that have been drifting around France for months—and some of them for years—through returning soldiers. They are the product of one of the greatest rumor factories the world ever saw—the Allied armies.

The stories of the "horrible" conditions at Brest, and of many men dying there, are probably traceable to this curious feature of army life. Most of the stories which were so glibly spun to New York reporters probably originated on the boats en route to America. One man heard another tell someone of what someone else had told him, and by the time the boat docked everyone on board was probably convinced that men were "dying like flies" at Brest.

The record of the Brest camp, as described by a United Press Correspondent recently, after visiting Brest, disproved some of the stories. But "horror" stories will continue to reach America. The best off-hand explanation is probably found in the lack of communication for individuals in the army.

As an example, imagine what would happen in your town if there were no newspapers; if conditions of threatening death constantly prevailed; if there was a big fire, or an explosion every night; if you had no responsibility other than that of doing some particular job assigned to you, while someone else saw that you were fed and had a place to sleep. There being no newspapers, the only way you would have of learning what happened at these fires and explosions would be through what someone told you.

No Annette Kellermans Among These Monkeys

New Orleans, Mar. 27.—A monkey detests water. There are no Annette Kellermans among the Simians. A monkey refuses to cross a stream. These characteristics have given birth to a new idea in the minds of members of the Audubon Park commission here, with the result that a monkey island will be established in the center of the lake at Audubon Park.

The island will be provided with trees and a jungle, dear to the monkey heart, and the tribe of monkeys, imported from the Central and South American forests, will be able to swing from limb to limb and desert themselves with as much freedom as they did in the days when they were "home" in their native jungles.

ALLENBY AT CAIRO; SITUATION BETTER

(By the United Press)

Cairo, Mar. 27.—General Allenby, conqueror of Palestine, who has been appointed military commander of Egypt, has arrived here. It is officially announced that the situation continues to improve. Opposition to the British authorities is dying out.

CAROLINA SOLDIERS MISS SHOTWELL TO JOHN CAMERON GOES MINCHER HELD FOR COURT; SMALL BAIL EXACTED BY FOSQUE

ARRIVE CHARLESTON TEACH THRIFT FOR TO STATE HIGHWAY BODY FOUR YEARS

(By the United Press)

Charleston, S. C., Mar. 27.—The transport Mercury, racing with the Koningen Der Nederlanden, arrived here shortly after daybreak this morning. She brought national guard troops. Thousands lined the water front to view the troops, who will be sent to Camp Jackson.

30th's Headquarters Aboard. Aboard the Mercury are units of the 30th (Old Hickory) Division, headquarters of the Seventh and Sixth Infantry Brigades and several other units.

VANGUARD OF 30TH WILL LAND CHARLESTON FRIDAY.

Charleston, Mar. 27.—According to official advices the transport Koningen der Nederlanden with the vanguard of the 30th Division, including the famous 115th Field Artillery, will reach here shortly after noon. This probably means that the troops will remain on board until early Friday morning because of the desire to get the men to Camp Jackson in the daytime.



AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

DONALD M. CALL, Second Lieutenant, Company B, Tank Corps

Lieut. Call was decorated for conspicuous bravery in action near Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. During an operation against enemy machine gun nests west of Varennes, Lieut. Call, then corporal, was in a tank with an officer, when half of the turret was knocked off by a direct artillery hit. Choked by gas from the high explosive shell, he left the tank and took cover in a shell hole thirty yards away. Seeing that the officer did not follow, and thinking that he might be alive, Corp. Call returned to the tank under intense machine gun and shell fire and carried the officer over a mile under machine gun and sniper fire to safety. Lieut. Call's home is at Larchmont Manor, N. Y.

COTTON.

Local receipts Thursday were heavy. Prices ranged from 24 downward.

How Taxes Will be Raised Pay for County Road Bonds

(From the Chamber of Commerce.)

The amount of bonds to be sold to produce the necessary funds to construct hard-surfaced permanent roads, thoroughfares, highways, and bridges in the county is to be determined by the County Highway Commission when duly constituted and elected as provided in the act. The consensus of opinion, however, with those who have given it much thought and consideration, is that \$1,500,000, or less, will be sufficient for all our purposes.

The act provides that the first series of bonds to be issued shall be \$150,000, the second \$200,000, the third \$250,000, the fourth \$300,000, the fifth \$400,000, the sixth (all the remainder) \$200,000.

One series is to mature every five years, beginning June 1, 1924, the last series maturing in 1949.

To provide for the payment of the principal and interest, as each becomes due, our road tax rate must be increased materially. A proper estimate of this increase must be based upon the revaluation of property already ordered by the General Assembly for 1920. Our county valuation is now about \$11,000,000. It is reasonable to believe that a revaluation will raise that to \$15,000,000 or more. With that as a basis, the present rate of 45c for road pur-

Local Educator Goes to Government's Employ—Will Work in This State—Handsome Present From Lenoir Teachers

(By the United Press)

Miss Mary G. Shotwell, assistant superintendent of schools of Lenoir County, has resigned to become field director for thrift educational work in the Fifth Federal Reserve District. Miss Shotwell's territory will be the State of North Carolina. The Government has recognized thrift as a great factor for national betterment, and the work started during the war will be continued during the years to come. Experts will drill the subject into the millions of school children.

Miss Shotwell is a native of Oxford. She was educated at Trinity College. She taught in the Lenoir Schools three years, has been supervisor of rural schools in Granville County and for the past two or three years has been assistant superintendent in Lenoir County.

Miss Shotwell told the County Teachers' Association about her intention to leave the county a few days ago. A love feast followed and tears flowed freely. Afterward Miss Shotwell found a handsome brooch in her room, with no explanation of its presence.

No step has been taken to employ a successor to Miss Shotwell.

Rainy April Would Be Big Help to Bonds, Say

"Praying for rain" may be resorted to by good roads advocates here during the few days preceding April 15, when Lenoir County will vote on a bond issue for \$2,000,000 for road improvements. The reason is obvious. Friends of better highways would have the mud deep over the county about the time the election is held, as a first-class ally to the pro-bonds faction.

BIRTH REGISTRATION AREA TOO LIMITED.

Washington, Mar. 27.—The United States is behind in a very important feature of its national accounting, according to a pamphlet just issued by the Children's Bureau, (United States Department of Labor. Only 20 States register the 90 per cent. of their births necessary for them to be admitted to the birth-registration area of the United States. These States include little more than half of the population of the country. Most modern European countries have very complete systems of birth registration, and have had them for years.

Governor Gets as Good a Republican as Possible to Serve With Three Democratic Members—Is a Progressive

(By the United Press)

John E. Cameron of Lenoir County has been appointed Republican member of the new State Highway Commission. The Raleigh News and Observer Thursday said the Governor had named Frank Page of Aberdeen, James K. Norfleet of Winston-Salem and James G. Strikeleather of Asheville and Mr. Cameron to constitute the commission.

Page will serve six years, Cameron four and the others two. Mr. Cameron represents the eastern third of the State. "Governor Bickett did decidedly better for the minority representative than he might have," because he could have appointed him for two years instead of four.

Mr. Cameron, says the News and Observer, "is a practical farmer and a robust Republican, and stands for good schools, good roads and the best interests of rural North Carolina. In addition he has had considerable travel to enlighten him on the work of other states. He is a Mason of high standing in the fraternity."

Lieutenant Page, chairman of the new commission, recently returned from France. Governor Bickett appointed him because he served in roadbuilding work with the armies overseas, it is said. France has model highways.

There is general approval here of the Governor's choice of Farmer Cameron to be a member of the board. He is popular with both Democrats and Republicans in Lenoir County.

The board will assume its duties April 1.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS MAY STAY IN CHINA.

Peking, Mar. 27.—The headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force in China has issued a new order that may result in a number of American soldiers who have served four years remaining in China to take up civilian work. Discharges have already been made from the marine guard in Peking to accept positions in the consular service. The new order reads as follows: "The American minister thinks he can obtain employment for good men who wish to remain.

Tuberculosis Among Returned Soldiers

(By the United Press)

Washington, Mar. 27.—An astonishingly large number of soldiers have contracted tuberculosis. Nearly 40 per cent. of disability claims filed with the War Risk Insurance Bureau show that tuberculosis has undermined the soldier's health.

The board has found that it is best to send these men to small towns or into the country where they may obtain employment under more favorable conditions than they would get in the city.

FIRST VISIT HERE IN MANY YEARS FOR HIM.

Mr. Frank M. Harper of Raleigh, regional director of the "U. S. School Garden Army" was here Thursday conferring with the school authorities. Mr. Harper said it was his first visit to Kinston in many years. He was surprised to see the changes in the old town, although he recognized a few landmarks, happily. He renewed acquaintance with numerous residents.

Name Every Volunteer is Wanted for List

The Free Press has a list of hundreds of Lenoir County men serving in the war. It will publish the whole list shortly in bound form. It wants to omit no name. Please send in the name of any volunteer you may know of not already printed in the list which has been carried in this paper for a week past. In case of doubt telephone it anyway. The office will see that there is no duplication. Here are latest additions: McKinley White, Emmett Jones, Gravelle E. Johnson, Dr. George L. Eritchard, Harvey H. Suter & SONS.

MINCHER HELD FOR COURT; SMALL BAIL EXACTED BY FOSQUE

Negro Trusty Describes Alleged Robbery Conspiracy in Magistrate's Court. First Degree Trial for Principal

(By the United Press)

Will Gorham, colored convict who Wednesday confessed to two robberies of dwellings, Wednesday evening entered a plea of guilty before Magistrate K. F. Fosque and was re-committed. He is being held in \$50 bail for Superior Court. Gorham will be tried for first degree burglary.

E. W. Mincher, white boss of convicts, who was arrested following Gorham's arrest, having been implicated by the latter, was held in \$50 bail on the charge of receiving stolen goods and having knowledge that it was stolen. Magistrate Fosque considered the evidence weak as to Mincher.

Gorham on the stand declared that Mincher had put him up to robbing E. A. Adrey, a confectioner, of a sum of money which Adrey at the time placed at about \$300, and John T. Hearne of \$202. It was after the robbing of Hearne during Tuesday night that the negro, a trusty from the county stockade, was tracked down and arrested.

Gorham told a straightforward story, but it was not born out entirely by other witnesses. Thad Tyndall said he had seen gold coins, identified as Adrey's property, in the possession of Mincher. Ed. Barnes colored, was a witness who knew nothing about the matter, he said. Supt. Frank Rhem said Mincher had shown him the coins on the road and asked if he thought Gorham had stolen them. Rhem said he had replied that he guessed not and that they were of no value. (Afterward, upon being pressed by Attorney Henry E. Shaw in the cross-examination, Mr. Rhem said he had not noticed the coins very closely or examined the inscriptions upon them. Sheriff Taylor told of the events leading up to the arrests and the arrests. Mincher was not on the stand.

A watch of considerable value said to have been purchased by Mincher from Gorham for \$8 was in evidence at the trial.

Gorham made the interesting assertion that it was behind Minnie Sumrell's store, South Queen Street, late Tuesday night, that Mincher gave him his instructions for the Hearne robbery.

Evidence was that Rhem and Mincher left the red light section about midnight Tuesday night.

PAMLICO WOMEN TAKE LAW IN THEIR HANDS.

Fifteen women of Alliance, Pamlico County, incensed over the operation of a moonshine still in the vicinity, raided the plant Sunday night, according to the Morning New Bernian. The still was described as of "mammoth" size. "They divided the worm into 15 parts" and carried it out of the woods. Men of the community were summoned to help destroy the heavier parts. The operators were away when the "raid" was staged.

SEEKING DIRECT CABLE COMMUNICATION TAMPICO.

(Manufacturers' Record) An effort is being made by the chamber of commerce of Tampico to have direct cable communication with the port resumed. This may be accomplished by making connection with the Vera Cruz-Galveston cable which lies three miles out in the Gulf from Tampico. It is also proposed to bring about, if possible, a reduction of telegraph rates between Tampico and Rio Grande border points.

AMERICA LOST ONLY 125 SHIPS TO SUBS.

(By the United Press) Washington, Mar. 27.—American shipping suffered comparatively little at the hands of German submarines during the war, according to complete figures on Allied and neutral ship losses made available today. Only 125 vessels were lost, compared to 3,147 British.