

ALLIES DO NOT INTEND TO PUT TRUST IN GERMANY WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT'S UP SLEEVE, LLOYD-GEORGE TELLS COMMONS

Peace Without Reparation Will Not Be Considered for Moment—Berlin Cannot Have an End to Strife So Easily—Representatives of People Cheer New Premier Roundly as He Announces "Impossibility" of Peace Now—France and Russia Spoke for England—American Ambassador to Get Note Formally Declining to Take Up Negotiations Unless Kaiser Is Willing to Pay the Price

(By the United Press)

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Allies will not treat with Germany for peace until Germany formally states the terms upon which her peace offer is based, Lloyd-George announced. The Allies' terms are complete restoration and full reparation with an effectual guarantee for future peace, the premier declared.

London, Dec. 19.—"We do not propose to put our heads into the noose, with the rope's end in Germany's hands," declared Lloyd-George in his speech in the House of Commons today. England and her allies do not propose to enter peace negotiations without the knowledge of Germany's proposals. This decision was announced in the Commons by the Premier.

"Britain has endorsed every word of Russia's and France's answer," the premier declared. There was great cheering. "Without reparation peace is impossible. All the outrages on land and sea cannot be liquidated by a few pious phrases about humanity."

Lloyd-George announced a formal note responding in this way to the German peace proposals, as soon as it is completed it will be given to the American embassy for transmission to Berlin.

RUSSIA WOULD SAY 'NO' STRAIGHT OUT TO BERLIN'S OFFER

(By the United Press)

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Council of the Empire today declared unanimously in favor of a categorical refusal of the Allies to enter into peace negotiations with Germany.

FAULKNER TELLS OF BORDER SHOOTING

Lieut. W. A. Faulkner, Second North Carolina infantry, who recently shot and seriously wounded Sergt. Norwood Barbour of his regiment, has written his wife in this city, giving the details of the affair which nearly resulted in a tragedy. Faulkner, he states, was junior officer of the guard at the time. His was the night tour, it is presumed, since the shooting occurred at night, and he was making his first round when pistol was accidentally discharged. Faulkner was in the street of Company A at the time. Barbour was in K street, which would put him, in the event the regimental camp was arranged alphabetically, nine streets away from where the officer was at the time. Faulkner says he himself took Barbour to the Fort Bliss hospital.

CAROLINA OFFICER LIKES TO BE CURSED

As Long As It Is in Poetry—American Army Has Its Kipling Now and He Comes From Swamps of East Carolina—Has Small Regard for Human Life
A double postcard being circulated on the border and among friends "back home" bears a poem by Private Harry R. Paul, machine gun company, Second N. C. infantry, who enlisted from Kinston last summer. A copy of the poem is sent The Free Press with comment by a fellow soldier who says Paul claims 5,000 circulation for his effort already. He intimates that the last two cipher were "added by Paul for effect." Say the accompanying letter:
"Notice the paragraph about Gardner."

DIED EARLIER THAN FUNERALS MIGHTN'T MAR CHRISTMAS DAY

(By the United Press)

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Stanley Millstein, 19, and Charles Kumrow, 29, gave up three days of life in which something might have intervened to save them, that they might spare their families the sorrow of Christmas funerals. The youths went calmly to their deaths in the electric chair at dawn. The double execution was set for Friday. They asked to be permitted to die today.

COMMITTEE NAMED TO SELECT NAVY ARMOR PLATE PLANT SITE

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 19.—Admiral Fletcher, Commander Frank Clawson and Rubin Backenhaus, civil engineer of the Boston navy yard, were today appointed by Secretary Daniels a board to select the site for the proposed government armor plate plant.

Paul writes of the Tarheel brigade and regimental commanders. Here's the verse on Gardner:
"First comes Colonel Gardner,
Colonel of the First,
Who saw the hell of one war
And is awaiting another curse."
Note by Paul's border critic: "Old man's terrible fond of being cursed, or think. But just let anybody here to it outside of poetry."
Private Paul's patriotism knows no limit. "He would erase willingly," he says, but that's a punk yarn he puts up." Listen:
"For what do we care for dying
As long as we can see
Our noble flag, Old Glory,
And know that she floats free?"
Paul is stated to have asked Jim Meagan, band leader of the Second, to put his composition to music. Meagan is said to have refused flatly. The poet is a Belhaven citizen and he first literary star to come from here.

BOSTON VOTING TO SEE IF SHE SHALL JOIN RANKS OF DRY

Big Vote Being Polled—Billy Sunday et al. vs. Liquor Interests—Balloting Culmination of Strenuous Campaign

(By the United Press)

Boston, Dec. 19.—Boston today is deciding the question of prohibition, while the country looks on to see if the growing tide of sentiment which swept the nation will engulf the Hub. After a momentous campaign Billy Sunday and prominent citizens in behalf of prohibition, and bitter antagonism from the liquor forces, Bostonians rushed to the polls in force early in the day presaging the greatest vote in the city's history.

MILITIA OFFICER IS JUDGE SEVENTH DIST.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Capt. Albert L. Cox, Third North Carolina infantry, whose regiment is at El Paso Texas, will quit the army to accept the judgeship of the Seventh district tendered him by the Governor Monday. Judge Cox will succeed Judge Cook, who resigned recently. He is only 33 years of age. His home is here; he is a prominent member of the local bar. He is the son of Gen. W. R. Cox of Edgecombe county, is married and has an interesting family. He studied at Chapel Hill and Harvard.

MORE TROOPS COME BACK, NONE OF THEM FROM NORTH STATE

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18.—In compliance with instructions from the War Department to relieve national guard organizations of border duty as conditions warrant, General Funston today designed 16,000 State troops to be returned to their home stations and mustered out of the Federal service. The troops will move homeward in three units, the first unit to entrain within a few days. The release of the guardsmen included in the order will leave about 75,000 State troops still on border duty.

The only Southern troops included in the order were the First Infantry Regiment of Virginia, which is in the second unit. The other troops affected are from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas and Utah.

PREPAREDNESS NOT TO BE PROCURED IN USE RAW MATERIAL

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The existing national guard system as reorganized has not had a sufficient trial, but the guard has shown remarkable development to date, Secretary of War Baker testified today to the House Military Committee. In the event of its failure, he favors "some system not voluntary, either universal service or selective conscription."

Washington, Dec. 19.—Had the national guard been sent into Mexico shortly after mobilization they would have destroyed themselves and their mounts in attempting the forced march made by Pershing's column of regulars, Major General Scott today told the Senate sub-committee on military affairs.

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NEW BANK FOR CITY LIKELY BE OPENED IN HUNTER BUILDING

Organization Looked For Tuesday Night—Will Be Kinston's Fourth Enterprise of Kind—Stock All Taken

(By the United Press)

Capital stock for a new State bank, to be Kinston's fourth monetary institution, is reported on best authority to have been over-subscribed. It is planned to incorporate the bank with \$25,000, and that sum, it is said, has been exceeded. It is rumored that Mr. W. D. LaRoque will be president.

The subscribers, who include a number of leading businessmen of the city, among them, it is said, Mr. L. Hines, Dr. Ira M. Hardy and others, are expected to meet Tuesday night to organize, after which papers of incorporation will be applied for.

The bank, it is said, will probably be located in the Hunter building, at Monument corner.

NOT AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN WESTERN THEATER, IT'S SAID

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Repulse of French advances north of Rheims, attempted after heavy artillery preparation, was detailed in today's official statement.

After a vigorous engagement and hand-to-hand fighting the French around Chambrettes, in the Verdun sector, maintained their place in front of the Germans, it is officially stated.

MRS. GATLIN, WIDOW OF GENERAL, IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary A. Gatlin, 80, widow of the late General Richard Caswell Gatlin, died at Chapel Hill, where she resided with her son, Prof. Collier Cobb of the University, Monday.

General Gatlin was a native of this city. He studied at the University of North Carolina and graduated at West Point in 1831, a classmate of Robert E. Lee and the poet Poe. He served in the Florida and Western Indian and Mexican wars.

The remains of Mrs. Gatlin were sent to Fort Smith, Ark., where for many years she lived with her husband.

General Gatlin or one of his relatives, just which is not quite certain in the minds of local folks, invented the famous gatlin gun, the first successful machine gun, a simple arrangement of 19 or 12 rifle barrels revolving about an automatic plunger which could be fired at the rate of several hundred shots per minute, it is said. The weapon is not used in first-class armies in this time.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

A small boy sitting on the porch of the Craven county jail at New Bern was attracted by the noise of falling masonry and prevented a jail delivery. Negroes had made a hole in the wall.

Eight persons on the schooner-power yacht Minnesota, owned by a member of the Chicago Yacht Club, were rescued by surfmen when the vessel went ashore at Cape Lookout.

D. E. Langdale, a Wire Grass farmer, killed a marauder eagle weighing 29 pounds. Langdale had been missing domestic fowls. He saw the prayer drop a hen into a canal and sat on guard for the eagle until he succeeded in shooting it.

NOT ENOUGH WIRES TO CARE FOR GREAT BUSINESS GOING ON

Hundreds of Sales Go By Beard in New York Stock Market Because Telegraph Facilities Cannot Keep Up Offers

By LOWELL MELLET, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Dec. 19.—So anxious are the West and the South to dump their money into the New York stock market, the Western Union and the American Telegraph and Telephone companies cannot provide enough wires to accommodate them. Hundreds of sales, it was learned today, go by the boards simply because the wires cannot carry the offers.

The other day when Germany's peace proposals caused the greatest dumping of stocks into the exchange since the "silent panic" of 1907, the selling orders of those western and southern traders did not reach the floor of the exchange until late afternoon. These out-of-town speculators, who generally buy—play the market long—lost in the shakedown; while a large bulk of the professional traders of the Wall Street district had sold short and took profits on the decline.

So furious is the trading on the stock exchange that the tickers, supposed to keep every broker's and banker's office in even touch with quotations, sometimes are 18 minutes behind the market. Even in the cotton and grain exchanges business has become too fast for the telegraph wires and the tickers frequently lag five or ten minutes behind.

In the open windows of the corn brokerage houses, one today could see the girls making the wild, mystic signals to the traders on the pavement, that never before were made by feminine fingers. The supply of brokerage employes has run short of the demand.

And lambs are so plentiful that a bright young man who started a magazine for their special treatment four months ago is a full blown publisher today with big circulation and advertising.

"The South and the West," answered R. T. Halsey, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Stock Exchange, asked today for an explanation of the six two-million-share days, and the twenty one-million-share days on the exchange during the past month.

"The people of the West are trading in New York stocks in a way none of us ever saw before. They have money as a result of the big prices for crops, and they are making more of it here, many of them. The good cotton prices, likewise have put the people of the South into the market. They are newcomers. Southern business on the exchange in the past years has amounted to practically nothing. Now it amounts to millions."

William C. Van Antwerp, governor of the Stock Exchange, agreed, explaining that the people in remote sections are trading by wire in the stocks of concerns they know. Utah Copper, Texas Oil and Montana Powers stocks, he said, bring orders from their respective states in large numbers.

"But the influence of the foreign business is more significant to my mind," he said. "South Americans are coming into this market as a result of conditions in London and Paris that have shut them out of their usual market. The volume of business from down there is becoming very big."

"From Europe the cables are carrying enormous business to New York. The increase in our foreign listings has been largely responsible for the increase of about 500 stocks handled by the New York Stock Exchange. From 1,200 our listings have been raised to 1,700."

"New York undoubtedly will remain most of this new stock business after the war. In fact, we expect to see it increase and this city to remain permanently the financial cen-

HUNDRED OF OHIO MILITIAMEN FACING IMPRISONMENT NOW

Signed a 'Round Robin,' Forbidden by Regulations; Uncle Sam Seized It In Mails; Was for Paper 'Back Home'

(By the United Press)

El Paso, Dec. 19.—By orders of General Bell, a rigorous investigation is under way today to determine whether discipline shall be administered to 580 guardsmen of the Eighth Ohio infantry for signing a "round robin" protest, addressed to an Ohio newspaper, against further stay on the border, against camp conditions and the army food.

It is stated in official quarters that the ring leaders or possibly all of the signers may be subjected to mild discipline.

The original copy was intercepted in the mails at Platt, Kansas.

INVESTIGATION OF PAPER SHORTAGE BY CONGRE'S PROBABLE

(By the United Press)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The House rules committee will report out immediately after the Christmas holidays a resolution for investigation of the news print paper situation, Representative Bailey today stated, giving as his authority a promise made him by Mr. James of the rules committee.

GETS BIG AWARD IN BREACH OF PROMISE. SUIT VS. OLD COUSIN

(By the United Press)

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—Miss Nellie Richards was today given a verdict for \$170,000 in her half-million dollar breach of promise suit against Henry Deniston, her wealthy octogenarian third cousin.

SAILORS SUFFER IN WINTER TIME STORMS

(By the United Press)

Norfolk, Dec. 19.—Battered ships and battered men in port today revealed tales of wild buffeting by the winter seas in the past few days. Many sailors were injured on lurching ships.

At least a third of the stock exchange is tonight investment. Van Antwerp declared. As for the speculation, he said the stock exchange is exerting every effort to keep the market free of manipulation, and that every safeguard the governors can conceive has been thrown about trading.

"The very intensity of the business now being done," he said, "may be expected to bring on a call for congressional investigation. Whether it does or not, the stock exchange intends to keep its record clean."

William Shearer, manager of the New York Clearing House, can testify to the prevalence of the speculation bacilli.

"Some gamblers up in New England," he protested indignantly today, "are running a pool based on the clearing house figures. They offered me a 'split' on the profits—\$50 or so a week if I would slip them the figures in advance of the public announcement."

Shearer's official statement on the banks in the clearing house, at the close of last week's business showed the banks to be carrying \$78,790,840 more reserve than required by law. It showed also that the total reserve then in the banks' vaults, \$347,726,000, was in actual hard money.

NOTHING FOR THIS GOVERNMENT TO DO IN CASE OF RUSSIAN TORPEDOED HORSESHIP CARRYING 17 AMERICANS WAS IN BRITISH SERVICE

NO VIOLATION OF PLEDGES

By Berlin Government—Vessel Sailed From Newport News and Was Returning Empty—Stank In the Mediterranean

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The American steamer Columbia was torpedoed because, being once released after stoppage by a German submarine, she sent wireless warnings of submarine zone operations in violation of neutrality. This reply to America's request for information was handed to American Charge Grew today.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The submarine of the British male transport Russian, with the loss of 37 Americans, is held to be no transgression of Germany's pledges, as the vessel was on British war business.

London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen American muleteers have been killed and 11 of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14. The British admiralty makes this announcement as follows:

"The empty westbound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also 17 American muleteers were killed. Their names have been communicated to the American consul."

The third attraction of the Lyceum course, the Westminster Concert Entertainers, given in the Sunday school auditorium of the First Baptist Monday night, proved to be up to the high standard set by the first two entertainments and by some, who have attended all the attractions, was thought to be the best yet. The attendance was small, far too small although the weather was exceedingly unfavorable and the Christmas rush lent its influence to prevent more people from availing themselves of the good opportunity to enjoy an evening of uplifting and enjoyable pastime.

The Westminster company is composed of Misses Cole, Wilson and Mr. Ball. The opening number, a duet by Miss Wilson and Mr. Ball, accompanied on the piano by Miss Cole, made a hit and the succeeding numbers scored rounds of applause. Miss Cole's readings and "take-offs" were exceedingly well done. Miss Wilson's voice was very pleasing, and her singing of a selection from "Madame Butterfly," as well as her other contributions, was good. Mr. Ball's tenor voice added to the program and an hour and a half of pleasure was afforded those who braved the elements.

THIRD LYCEUM NUMBER FULLY UP TO STANDARD

The next lyceum number will be in Kinston Thursday night, December 28th. Dr. Len G. Broughton, the noted pulpiteer and lecturer, will be the attraction.

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