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8 TO 10 CARLOADS MAIL UNDELIVERED

SOLDIER MAIL IN FRANCE TO BE RESHIPED TO DEAD LETTER OFFICE HERE.

BLAME THE WAR DEPARTMENT

To Improve Conditions a Force of Experienced Mail Clerks May Be Sent to Make Deliveries.

Washington.—From eight to ten carloads of mail for American soldiers are undelivered in France, Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger told the senate postoffice committee, and "thousands and probably millions" of letters addressed to the men overseas will arrive in New York soon to be sent to the dead letter office where no attempt will be made to return them to the writers.

Blame for the failure to deliver this mail was placed on the war department by Mr. Praeger, who again explained that the army authorities handle all soldiers' mail in France the postoffice department delivering outgoing mail at Hoboken and receiving returning mail at the French ports.

Mr. Praeger said one way to improve conditions overseas would be to send a force of experienced mail clerks to France to deliver the mail to the soldiers.

Mr. Praeger told the committee that one reason for the confusion in the delivery of mail to soldiers was the failure of the war department to keep up its index system. This same cause he declared, also was responsible for the department's delay in sending out allotments to soldiers and in reporting casualties.

31,000 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

Armored Trains Included in Captures Together with Large Quantities of War Material and Supplies.

Washington.—Loyal Russian troops operating under the authority of the Omak government have defeated large bolshevik army, capturing 31,000 prisoners and large quantities of war material, according to a telegram from the Omak authorities to the Russian minister at Stockholm. The message as printed in the Swedish press.

The telegram said the third bolshevik army of 10 regiments had been shattered and that the loyal troops had advanced beyond Kama and Nove and pursuing the enemy toward Glasnov. Booty captured included armored trains as well as large quantities of war materials and reserve supplies.

NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA STAND FIRST AND SECOND

Washington.—Final statistics of the American cotton crop of 1917, as announced by the census bureau, placed production at 11,348,343 running bales equivalent to 11,302,375 bales or 500 pounds, gross weight, and worth \$1,532,090,000 to the growers. Production of cottonseed amounting to 3,640,000 tons worth \$32,550,000.

For the "cotton year" ended July 31, 1918, consumption amounted to 6,555,489 bales, exclusive of linters; exports amounted to 4,285,430 bales; net imports 217,381 bales; stocks on hand at beginning of year 2,720,171 bales and at the end of the year 2,450,188 bales.

For the entire world the production of lint cotton destined for factory use was 17,410,000 and the mill consumption 17,761,000 bales of 50 pound net weight.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GREGORY RESIGNS

ANOTHER MEMBER OF WILSON'S OFFICIAL FAMILY FINDS JOB IS TOO POORLY PAID.

Washington.—Thomas Watt Gregory, attorney general of the United States since 1914, has resigned because of "pecuniary responsibilities" and will return to the practice of law. President Wilson has agreed to his retirement next March 4.

Mr. Gregory's letter of resignation dated January 8, and the President's reply, cabled from Paris the next day, were made public at the White House. The attorney general's letter disclosed that he had long considered retiring from office and had discussed the matter with the President before Mr. Wilson went abroad.

Mr. Gregory's successor has not been appointed, and there has been no official intimation as to who he will be. In speculation the name of Frank L. Polk, counselor of the state department and acting secretary while Mr. Lansing is in Europe, and Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, were mentioned.

Mr. Gregory is the second cabinet officer to resign recently on account of personal financial considerations. William G. McAdoo having retired last month as secretary of the treasury because he could not support his family on the cabinet member's salary of \$12,000 a year. Mr. Gregory is the fifth man to leave the cabinet during the six years of President Wilson's administration. Others were Secretary of State Bryan, Secretary of War Garrison, Attorney General McReynolds, Mr. Gregory's predecessor, who was appointed to the supreme court, and Mr. McAdoo.

Paris.—Many important questions concerning the arrangement of the program for the peace conference, which have been in process of solution probably will soon be adjusted as a result of President Wilson's return here. The president has personal knowledge of the views of some of the premieres on these subjects and he has supplemented it by his observations during his trip to Italy.

FRENCH AND BRITISH PLANS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE ON TENTATIVE PROPOSALS.

Compulsory Arbitration; Restriction of Armaments and Series of Penalties, a Part of Program.

Paris.—The return to Paris of President Wilson, the arrival of Lord Robert Cecil, the special delegate of the British government on the league of nations, and the presence here of Leon Bourgeois, the French representative on the same subject, marked the inauguration of exchanges on the definite terms by which the league is to be constituted.

Already considerable progress has been made on the various tentative proposals put forward. Lord Robert Cecil's plan outlines a broad and comprehensive organization of the league of nations, but thus far it is in the general terms and has not yet been reduced to definite terms of enactment.

General Smuts' plan is along similar lines, but more general, and it is mainly a thesis on the advantages of such a league of nations. M. Bourgeois' plan, embodying the French point of view, while general also embraces a number of specific details, including compulsory arbitration, restriction of excessive armament and international tribunal and a series of sanction of penalties for enforcing observance of the league's decisions.

Washington.—Benjamin Franklin whose picture adorns the 1919 issue of the War Savings certificates, will have on January 17—his 213th birthday—one of the most unique birthdays; celebrations ever undertaken in honor of a distinguished American. It will have the full backing of the United States government.

BERLIN IS NOW IN A STATE OF SEIGE

BLOODY FIGHTING OCCURS IN WHICH MANY PERSONS ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Thousands of Government Troops Are Still Entering Capital; Public Buildings Occupied.

Copenhagen.—Serious Spartacus riots are going on at Dresden, Brunswick, Dusseldorf, Essen and Dortmund, according to the Munich correspondent of the Politken. Several towns in the Ruhr district are in the hands of the Spartacans.

Government troops have occupied all the public buildings in Berlin, and thousands of government troops are still entering the capital. The Berlin correspondent of The Berlingske Tidende, who sends this information, declares that the Spartacans have been beaten, and that quiet was partly restored.

Bloody fighting occurred at the Anhalt railroad station when Spartacan groups tried to occupy the building, according to Berlin advices received by way of Frankfurt. They were repulsed by government troops, who inflicted heavy losses on them. There was lively shooting at many points, including the Brandenburg gate, which the government forces had captured during the night. Several persons were killed or wounded.

Just and Righteous Peace.

"A peace with a soul," as Milton expressed it, is the kind of peace far-sighted men of all ages have prophesied. It is what is now demanded in "a peace which shall be permanent."

Representatives of the allied nations, unspoil by victory, yet faithful to their trust, must unite in their stand for a just and righterous peace. So ring out, Christmast Bells, and proclaim as never before the glad tidings—"Peace on Earth, Good-Will to Men."

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Statement of Condition of **Farmers & Merchants Bank, Rocky Mount.**

At Close of Business, Aug. 30, 1918.

RESOURCES:

Loan and Discounts, \$187,327.88

Overdrafts, 189.48

Banking House, Fixtures, 28,889.30

Bonds and War Stamps, 18,225.54

Cash and due from Banks, 49,919.97

\$284,552.2

LIABILITIES:

Capital, \$60,000.00

Undivided Profits, 1,957.75

Rediscouts, 19,500.00

Bills Payable, 45,040.00

Deposits, 158,054.47

\$284,552.21

Deposits Compared as of Sept. 6th:

Sept. 6, 1917, \$84,738.64

Sept. 6, 1918, \$200,689.74

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Visitors From Nashville

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