

PRESIDENT'S PLAN FOR THE GERMAN COLONIES

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NOBLE AND GENEROUS, SAYS THE PARIS MATIN

The Paper, However, Apprehends Some Difficulty in Putting the Plan of the President Into Practice.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 28.—President Wilson is credited by the French press with having brought forward yesterday's discussion of the subject of the German colonies, the plan under which they would be placed, so to speak, under the guardianship of the league of nations...

London, Jan. 28.—In referring to discussions of the future status of German colonies by the peace congress, the Paris correspondent of the Mail writes: "President Wilson appears to have put forward a general scheme which may be termed the internationalization of Germany's late possessions."...

Win the "17 Year Locusts" Come. The year 1919 is likely to be one of the worst "locust years" on record, according to entomologists of the United States Department of Agriculture...

Big Reduction Made in Trans-Atlantic Rates. Washington, Jan. 27.—To meet the cut in trans-Atlantic freight rates made by British shippers, the shipping board tonight announced a reduction of about 23 per cent. in tariff charges between Atlantic and gulf ports and ports in the United Kingdom...

House Adopts Senate Amendment on \$100,000,000 Food Bill. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Enactment of the bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for famine relief in Europe and the near East was nearly completed today by the House adopting without objection the conference report, accepting the Senate amendment substantially unchanged.

Working on the Third Concrete Vessel at Wilmington. (By The Associated Press.) Wilmington, Jan. 28.—The Liberty Shipbuilding Company today began pouring concrete for the third concrete vessel ever constructed in the United States.

IRRESISTIBLE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF AMERICANS

Two Americans Put a German Squad to Flight by Throwing Stones at Them. (By The Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 28.—The fighting spirit that made the American army irresistible is illustrated in the case of Private Michael J. Feeney, of Company G, 114th Infantry regiment, 29th division, who with his "buddy" named Brady, put a German squad to flight by hurling stones at them.

The 29th division was in heavy fighting in a wooded district in or near the St. Mihiel sector. "Feeney and his running mate, Brady, were occupying the same bank-hole in the woods," writes Lieutenant Lang. "There was just some tangled underbrush between them and the lines of Boches close in front."...

"One Hun hurled a grenade quite accurately and it landed on the edge of the hole which was the 'hunting lodge' of Messrs. Feeney and Brady, brave crusaders of the gentle Irish race. Feeney saw the grenade coming and jumping himself, he hauled his comrade, Brady, after him into the next hole a foot and a half to the right."...

"The grenade exploded with a terrible noise. It shattered the stock of Feeney's rifle, making it useless but Feeney with all the hereditary temper of his race wasn't long in deciding that 'The doochmen' were a dirty lot and needed a beating."...

"I went over to Feeney and, trying to get from his smiling, I upbraided him for throwing rocks at the Germans. Feeney didn't see that I was chucking but thought I was angry. 'He felt I hadn't been fair in upbraiding him so he lost his usual disciplined attitude and very forcefully told me:'

"'Yes, Lieutenant, ye may be mad with me but if I'd had grenades I'd a thrashed him top.' 'How could I help promoting him for it?'

Eight or Ten Fat Years, Says Labor Secretary. Business Back to Normal Swing in Few Months, if No Big Blunders are Made. New York, Jan. 25.—Predicting that the country will "get back into its normal swing" within six months after the signing of the armistice, William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, declared today that "we have any large period of industrial unrest, there is no reason to believe that we will have any great increase in activity ever known."...

Phono Users Need Not Pay Them, Says Chairman Almy. Harrisburg, Jan. 28.—Chairman Almy of the Public Service Commission, in a statement tonight, declared the increased telephone rates cannot be legally collected from telephone users in Pennsylvania. The statement follows: "The order by the Postmaster General to telephone companies to increase toll rates in Pennsylvania is, in the opinion of the Commission, in direct violation of the law and cannot be legally collected from telephone users."

Most Legislation Would Only Muddle Things Up, Says Morris. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—Any legislation designed to control or regulate the meat industry "would just muddle things up," Edward Morris, president of the National Meat Association, declared today in testimony before the House Commerce committee. He said he could suggest no legislation that would have beneficial effects.

BIG REDUCTION IN RATES ON COTTON

Trans-Atlantic Freight Rates on Cotton Reduced From \$22.50 to \$6.25 a Bale From South Atlantic Ports.

TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Looked Upon as Evidence of the Beginning of After-the-War Fight for Ocean Tonnage.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—Southern Senators announced after a conference with the shipping board today that trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton had been reduced from \$22.50 to \$6.25 a bale from South Atlantic ports; and from \$23.50 to \$7.50 a bale from Gulf ports, effective immediately.

The effect of the order, according to Senator Pollock, will be to increase the price of cotton about three cents per pound. Senator Pollock based his estimate on an assumption that if the Liverpool market could be supplied at reduced freight rate the consumers would be able to pay a higher price for the product. The conference was held with J. H. Rosseter of the shipping board, and was attended by Senators Randall and Gay, of Louisiana; Pollock, of South Carolina; Sheppard, of Texas; Kirby, of Arkansas and Overman, of North Carolina.

Shipments board officials said they were not prepared to make announcements of the new cotton rates as the schedules had not been worked out. It was admitted however that the cotton rates would be reduced in proportion to other ocean rates.

Reductions to Be Made in Rates to Europe From Southern Ports. Washington, Jan. 28.—New rates on cotton from Atlantic and Gulf ports to Europe in American bottoms were drafted today by the division of operations of the shipping board, and it was said they would be made public shortly.

THE COTTON MARKET. Opened at an Advance of From 3 to 33 Points Today.—Reaction Later. (By The Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 28.—The cotton market opened at an advance of 3 to 23 points today, with March selling at 22.32 and July to 20.62 during the first few minutes, or about 30 to 37 points above last night's closing.

SPARTACANS OVERTURN THE WILHELMSHAVEN GOVERNMENT. Have Ordered the Court Martial of All Their Opponents. (By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—The Spartans have overturned the government in Wilhelmshaven, Germany, and occupied the banks and other public buildings. They have ordered the court martial of their opponents. Railroad traffic to and from Wilhelmshaven has been stopped.

2,000,000 Bolsheviks Plan Spring Offensive? Christiania, Jan. 26.—According to The Bergen Tidende, an entente officer just returned from Archangel declares the Bolsheviks are preparing for an offensive in the spring. They will try to collect an army of 2,000,000 men, starting the offensive in South Russia.

Wilmington Star Office Damaged by Fire. (By The Associated Press.) Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 28.—The business office of the Morning Star was damaged by fire early this morning when carrier boys, it is believed, started a blaze in the rear of the building.

It is odd to hear from Paris that Brazil owes the large representation allowed at the peace congress "to her historical position as a former empire." World it has been entitled to still more delegates if it had not become a republic.—Springfield Republican.

WHITE-MORRISON-FLOWE CO. TO LIQUIDATE BUSINESS

The Building Occupied by This Company Must Be Vacated By July 1. At a meeting of the firm of White-Morrison-Flowe Company last evening, it was decided that on account of circumstances that firm will liquidate its business entirely by the first of July. The building occupied by the concern will have to be vacated by July 1, and inasmuch as there is no available location open at present, it will be necessary that the entire stock of goods handled by them be disposed of. They will begin at once to selling off all their stock, and continue until it is gotten rid of.

TO STOP W. E. S. SCALPING. Secretary Glass Issues Protective Order to Postmasters. Washington, Jan. 28.—To protect holders of War Savings Certificates against loss through offers of persons or firms to purchase them at amounts less than their current redemption value, Secretary Glass has instructed postmasters not to redeem certificates which do not bear the name of the owner or on which the name has been erased or changed, and not to accept certificates presented by persons or firms "known to be buying, or publicly offering to buy, War Savings Certificates or stamps from the owners, unless positive evidence is submitted that the certificates were originally issued to the persons or firms presenting them for payment."

In announcing the new order today, Secretary Glass also again urged the public to hold their War Savings Stamps, or if forced to dispose of them to have the redeemed at the nearest post office.

BOLSHEVIKI HALTED BY GERMAN FORCES. They Were Forced by the Germans Back Across the Windau River. (By The Associated Press.) Berlin, Sunday, Jan. 28.—Bolshevik forces marching on Lithuan on the Baltic coast of Courland, have been halted by German volunteer forces, which, though greatly outnumbered, forced the Soviet army back across the Windau river, according to a special dispatch to the Zeitung, Am Mittag. It is said the Bolshevik forces suffered heavy losses.

In the course of their territorialization of Estonia, the Bolsheviks are reported to have killed 800 people in Dorpat, and Wessenberg. The German commissioners in Lithuania who arrived here today stated that Kovno is not occupied by the Bolsheviks who are still 25 miles east of that city. The line is being defended by German volunteers and the Bolsheviks are said to be waiting instructions from Moscow before resuming their advance. It is said the capture of Ravno would open the road to the German frontier.

Bolsheviks Fail in Attempt Against Americans and British. Archangel, Monday, Jan. 27.—The Bolshevik forces failed in an attempt last night to drive the Americans and British troops from their positions at Tulgas on the Dvina river, southeast of Archangel. Earlier the enemy had bombarded the positions with artillery.

REPORT THAT EX-KAISER IS TO RETURN TO GERMANY. Following Celebration of His Sixtieth Birthday Ex-Emperor Will Go Back to Potsdam. London, Jan. 27.—Following a quiet celebration of the ex-Kaiser's sixtieth birthday at Amerseng Castle, the former German emperor will return to Potsdam as a result of the success of the ex-Kaiser's faithful few in the recent German election, said an Amsterdam dispatch today.

Restrictions Removed on "Nigh Beer." (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—The food administration announced today that President Wilson signed a proclamation in Paris on January 23, removing restrictions on the manufacture of so-called near beer.

Death of Mr. C. H. Sears. Mr. C. H. Sears died last night at 11:15 o'clock at his home on Guy street. He was operated upon January 7th, 1917, in Asheville for appendicitis, after which he had never regained his strength. Later he underwent several more operations, at the Mercy General Hospital in Charlotte. His death was not unexpected, for his condition had been critical for the past several weeks.

To Prohibit Immigration for Four Years. (By The Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 28.—Legislation prohibiting general immigration for a period of four years following the signing of the peace treaty was approved tentatively today by the House Immigration Committee.

A \$8.50 steak as a bribe might have once raised a smile at its triviality, but not in these times. From a triviality it has become a temptation.—Salt more American.

WORK OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TODAY

Expected Message of Governor Bickett Making Certain Recommendations Did Not Reach Either House Today

IT WILL COME SOON, HOWEVER, IT IS SAID

Doughton's Bill Amending the Constitution Taken Up in the House.—Bill to Increase Judges' Salaries.

(By W. T. Bos.) Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Governor Bickett's expected message to the General Assembly today recommending that the Department of Agriculture be moved to the group of college buildings in West Raleigh, and coordinated with the A. and E. of that place, and that the woman's demonstration work be transferred to the State Normal at Greensboro, did not reach either house today, but knowing legislators say it is coming, and will reach that body before the Board of Agriculture meets Wednesday night.

Governor Bickett is said to be moved by the conviction that the saving of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars in buildings, and the ending of much duplicate work would justify the move, even if the work were not improved, and he looks for greater effectiveness. The proposal was left in his hands, Friday, when hopeless disagreement of strident partisans left the committee on agriculture high in the air.

The House today took up Doughton's bill amending the constitution so as to tax incomes of single men when earnings have reached \$1,000 and married men at \$1,500. It also provides reduction of poll tax, uniformly to \$2; makes a year's residence in the state and four months in the precinct sufficient for voting, and places all under one amendment for the 1920 election.

Gardner, of Vance, county proposes to increase superior court judges salaries by adding \$6 for daily expenses while actually at work, and not a penny for days not consumed in court. The salary must not exceed \$5,000 annually. Love, of Lincoln, presented a bill to abolish the office of commissioner of labor and printing, and Matthews, of Mecklenburg, a state highway act of 50 cents a horsepower for motor vehicles of certain character, then graduated tax on the heavier motors.

WANT TO PLACE TOBACCO IN BOND. Small Tobacco Growers Cannot Get Offers for Last Year's Crop. (By The Associated Press.) Springfield, Mass., Jan. 28.—Because of inability to get offers on their last year crops, the smaller tobacco growers of this vicinity, it was announced today, will apply to the government for the privilege of placing their tobacco in bond in order that they may obtain money for this season's planting. Larger growers are said to be protected by big buyers, the large number of small acreage farmers say they are facing ruin because of the refusal of the buyers to bid.

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At The Theatres. At the New Pastime today Dorna Drew will be seen in the fascinating romantic drama, "The Ghost Girl," who set a trap and fell into it. Also Harold Lloyd in "The Non Stop Kid" and the Universal Weekly of world events. On next Thursday Henry B. Walthall will be presented by Paralta Plays in the wonderful picture "Hoops of Steel."

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THIRTIETH DIVISION TO BE LANDED AT CHARLESTON

And Will Be Sent to Camp Jackson for Demobilization. Washington, Jan. 28.—The thirtieth division (N. C. S. C. and Tom. National Guard) which now is under orders to prepare for embarkation to return home, will be landed at Charleston, S. C. if the War Department can prepare facilities there to handle so large a body of men. The division will be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. for demobilization.

French High Commissioner Says Every Facility Shall Be Given Foreign Papers. (By The Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 28.—Captain Andre Tardieu French high commissioner to the United States, and a French delegate to the peace conference, in his speech Monday at a luncheon to members of the foreign press, repeated the pledge given by the French government that no censorship of foreign cables would be exercised by France and the promise that every reasonable facility would be given foreign papers during the conference. One of the first points, according to the official report of the Captain's speech, which now are available, his words were:

"After rapidly of transmission, your need is freedom. This liberty which you have from the French point of view, is total, absolute and unreserved. What you write will be transmitted just as you write."

FIVE SERIOUSLY BURNED. Gasoline and Kerosene Can Near Stove Exploded. (Special to The Tribune.) Hickory, Jan. 28.—Five persons were burned, some seriously last evening at the home of James A. Harmon, four miles northeast of Hickory, when a mixture of gasoline and kerosene in a can with which three children were playing near a stove, exploded.

ROSA LUXEMBURG IS SAID TO BE ALIVE. It Is Said She Is Concealed at the Home of a Friend in Germany. (By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—A Munich dispatch to the Politiken reports it has been learned from "quite reliable sources" that Rosa Luxemburg, who was reported to have been shot and killed on January 18th, in Berlin, is alive and is at the house of a friend, where she will be concealed until she has an opportunity to escape from the German capital.

Crawley Gang is Hemmed in the Smoky Mountains. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 27.—George Crawley and two of his alleged accomplices in the killing of Ben F. Dixon, a federal deputy marshal are hemmed up in the Smoky Mountain section of Tennessee and will be captured within a short time, Howard Thompson, United States marshal, said today on his return from a trip to that section. The trail over which the men might escape are guarded by federal deputies and as soon as word comes from Knoxville that the weather has made the mountain trails passable, the hunters will begin to close in, Thompson said.

Dr. J. A. Bangle Locates Here. Dr. James A. Bangle has decided to locate in Concord for the practice of his profession. This announcement was made this morning by Dr. Bangle, who has secured an office over the Cabarrus Drug Company.

Mr. W. A. Kindley Buys Two Farms Near Blackstone, Va. Mr. W. A. Kindley has returned from a trip in Virginia, where he has been for a week selecting some good farms. Mr. Kindley reports he has found two most excellent farms. One consists of 500 acres and the other of 215. He expects to move his family some time in August, and his son, Frank, later in the fall. Mr. Kindley has sold his farm near Mt. Pleasant to the Wolf Company for a fancy price. Mr. Kindley stated he liked Virginia. This makes his third trip.

Mr. Sallie Niece McCall, wife of J. D. McCall, and a beloved woman of Charlotte, died last night at 11 o'clock at her home, 607 North Graham street. Death was the result of pneumonia following influenza. Mrs. McCall contracted influenza several days ago.

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Men and Women in the United Kingdom and Ireland Out Because of Strikes in the Various Trades.

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All the Strikes, Except in London, Are Due to the Demand for Shorter Hours With Same Pay.

(By The Associated Press.) London, Jan. 28.—It is estimated that nearly 200,000 men and women are idle in the United Kingdom and Ireland because of strikes in various trades, causing one of the most serious situations industrially the country ever has had to face in many years. Half the strikers are in Belfast, where the strike movement is continuing to spread. Except in London, where the question at stake is one of wages, all the strikes are due to a demand for shorter hours, with the same privilege and wages as prevailed when longer hours were worked.

COTTON MILLS ARE TO ELIMINATE BIG BONUS

50 Per Cent. Bonus Which Employees at Danville Have Been Sharing Will Be Cut Off.

Danville, Va., Jan. 27.—The representative of the Daily News learned today from an unquestionable source that the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mill corporation, capitalized at \$12,000,000 and affording work for 6,000 men and women has decided to eliminate the 50 per cent bonus which employees have been sharing during the past year. The local mills are passing through a difficult period caused by the fluctuation of the cotton market. Extensive orders were being filled when the armistice was signed and the price of cotton fell considerably. Concerns whose orders were being filled decided to accept the goods at a price based on the high cost of cotton before the armistice and a quantity of this high priced cotton is left on hand. The issue of \$2,000,000 of common stock, according to a man who is close in touch with the situation, was authorized in order to afford funds to carry the company through the present depression in the textile industry. It is intimated that the salaries of some of the higher mill officials may come under the pruning knife.

Carmel Saw New York But Cannot Prove It. Carmel Myers, the lovely star of "A Society Sensation," a Bluebird photodrama of unusual appeal which is being shown at the Piedmont theatre has returned to the Bluebird studios from New York.

Although the Myers home in Los Angeles is the original stamding ground of early rising and earlier retiring, Miss Myers and her mother were stepping out in New York and as a result spent most of the days in sleep. Consequently Carmel has no knowledge with which to prove that she has been in New York. To overcome this shortage in facts she purchased a book on the train entitled: "New York and Its Environs." This she read faithfully all the way home so that she would at least know where the Flatiron Building loters.

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