

REBEL BLOCKADE AT TAMPICO PUT OFF; TENSION RELIEVED

Admiral Magruder Tells the Navy Department That Rebels Will Not Attempt the Blockade Now.

SOLICITORS PASS THROUGH EL PASO Train Carrying Troops Passed Through City Early This Morning—Train Was Given Heavy Guard.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 21.—The rebel blockade of two ports of Tampico has been postponed until the end of the present month...

In announcing receipt of this message the State Department said Admiral Magruder had not indicated the source of his information...

The Richmond will remain off Tampico for the present. No orders have been sent to the cruiser Omaha and the six destroyers accompanying her to Vera Cruz...

Mexicans Pass Through El Paso. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 21.—A special train carrying approximately 1,500 Mexican federal troops passed through El Paso at 6:45 a. m. today and was immediately routed to Juarez...

EIGHT FIGHTING SHIPS ARE ORDERED TO VERA CRUZ. Patrol Force Must Not Be Part of Mexican Rebel Order.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Eight fighting ships under the American flag have been ordered mobilized off Vera Cruz, Mexico, as a grim reminder to Mexican rebel leaders that peaceful American commerce must not be made the paying of Mexican politics.

Orders were flashed southward today detaching the fast light cruiser Omaha and six destroyers from the battleboats mobilized in Panama canal waters for winter maneuvers...

Announcement of the orders to the Omaha and the destroyers was made both by the state department and by Secretary Denby. No formal explanation was added by Mr. Denby to the terse statement that the ships were already moving toward Vera Cruz...

Assembly of the fighting ships off Vera Cruz is viewed as a naval demonstration designed to impress Mexican insurrectionist leaders with the idea that less grim warnings already sent them against interference with American shipping are not to be regarded lightly...

New Hotel for Henderson. Henderson, N. C., Jan. 21.—Plans for a new hotel are being discussed here with serious intent of early construction. The idea was brought up some few months ago but until within the last few days nothing definite was done...

The shipping tonnage actually under construction at the end of September was the lowest recorded in nearly fourteen years in Great Britain and Ireland.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair tonight and Tuesday, colder on the coast tonight; not quite so cold Tuesday.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Easy at Decline of 10 to 40 Points Owing to Weak Liverpool Cables.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 21.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of 10 to 40 points today owing to weak Liverpool cables and the strike of British railroad engineers...

Cotton futures opened easy, Jan. 32.55; March 32.75; May 33.00; July 32.90; Oct. 27.85.

BABY IS RECOVERING AFTER FIGHT FOR LIFE. Cletus Moore Has Chance Following Removal of Tumor From His Lung.

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—Cletus Moore, a St. Louis baby from whose lung a steel carpet tack 3-4 inch long was removed yesterday at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital after a hurried railroad trip to this city...

THE MONTREAL HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE. Building Being Used as Girls' Dormitory. Loss of About \$25,000.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Jan. 21.—The Montreal Hotel, serving as a dormitory for Montreat Normal School on the Assembly grounds of the Southern Presbyterian Church, 18 miles east of this city, was destroyed by fire this morning...

SEVEN MEN DROWNED WHILE FIGHTING FIRE. Were Members of Pittsburgh Fire Department and They Fell in Oil Tank.

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 21.—Seven men were drowned in oil, three captives and four hostages of the Pittsburgh fire department, while fighting a fire at the Butler Street plant of the Atlantic Refining Company today...

'Stonewall' Jackson Centenary. Richmond, Va., Jan. 21.—With appropriate exercises, the people of the South today celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Thomas J. 'Stonewall' Jackson...

Governor Cooper Files Petition in Bankruptcy. Wilmington, Jan. 19.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, of North Carolina, who goes on trial January 28, charged with violations of the national banking laws in connection with the failure of the Commercial National bank here...

Annual Meeting of Merchants and Manufacturers Club. The regular annual meeting of the Merchants and Manufacturers Club will be held in the club rooms on Tuesday night, January 29th, at 8 o'clock...

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COTTON SPINNING IN DECEMBER SHOWED MARKED DECREASE

875,000,000 Decrease in the Number of Active Spindle Hours as Compared With Month Before.

37,635,709 SPINDLES USED IN MONTH. Average Number of Spindles Used in December Was 32,674,741—This is 86.8 Per Cent. of Capacity.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—Cotton spinning activity had a marked decline in December, the Census Bureau's monthly report issued today showing a decrease of 875,000,000 in the number of active spindle hours...

Spinning spindles in place December 31 totaled 37,635,709, of which 34,044,870 were active at some time during the month, compared with 37,585,049 on November 30...

GRADY ADMITS CONNECTION WITH KU KLUX KLAN. Superior Court Has Acted as Grand Dragon For North Carolina Since September, 1922.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Superior Court Judge Henry A. Grady pushed aside the secrecy of the robe and mask and came out into the open as the 'Known head and recognized spokesman' of the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina in a 2,000 word statement issued here tonight...

While defending the Klan, the grand dragon devoted considerable of his statement to a defense of himself in sitting upon the superior court bench while sitting upon the throne of the invisible empire. The oath of the Klan contains nothing to conflict with his oath of office, he said...

Got What He Didn't Want. Hamburg, Jan. 21.—For many years Carl Sternheim boasted of his contentment and his knack to accumulate. Among his neighbors he was known as a greedy man and he did not deny it...

Gives Up Eating to Help Others. Berlin, January 21.—Dr. Eugenie Schwartzwald, manager of the dining room for brain workers which Austrian women are maintaining in an old imperial castle in Berlin, receives many interesting letters from persons who want to help German students...

Arrangements Completed for Winston-Salem Revival. Charlotte, Jan. 19.—Billy Sunday will conduct a revival service at Winston-Salem beginning April 12, 1924. Mr. Sunday completed arrangements for this meeting with a committee of the Winston-Salem ministerial association...

Arrest Oregon's Father-in-Law. Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 19.—Passengers arriving here today from Monterey stated that General Talpa, father-in-law of President Alvaro Obregon, has been arrested at Monterey by federal officials charged with being a rebel sympathizer...

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SPEAKERS FOR THRIFT WEEK

Tuesday, January 22nd OWN YOUR HOME DAY

Table listing speakers for Thrift Week with times and locations. Includes High School, Central School, Primary School, Colored Graded School, Piedmont Theatre, Pastime Theatre, Star Theatre, Colored Moving Picture, Locke Cotton Mills, Gibson Mfg. Co., Brown Mills Co., Norcott Mills, Caharrus Cotton Mills, Hoover Hosiery Mills, White-Parks Mills, Cannon Mfg. Co., Brancord Mfg. Co., Kerr Bleachery, Buffalo Mills, Franklin Mills, Parks-Bell Co., Edlin's Department Store, McClellan Stores, Hartwell Mill School, Brown Mill School.

Strike Threatens to Tie Rail Movement in England

Union Officers Declare Men Are 'Coming Out Solidly and Standing Together Splendidly' in Crisis.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 21 (By the Associated Press).—A statement issued early this morning at headquarters of the Association of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which last night called a strike on the railways of Great Britain, said the men were coming out solidly and standing together splendidly...

Lower Temperature Promised for Tonight. Cold Wave Will Not Moderate in Atlantic States Until Tomorrow.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—The North-western cold wave has spread rapidly eastward and southward, and this morning all districts east of the Mississippi and the Southern states were under its influence...

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PRESIDENT WANTS THE DRY LAWS ENFORCED

So Tells Committee of Association Opposed to Modification of Prohibition Laws.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—A request of delegates to the 'faces the facts' of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment for Modification of the Prohibition Laws, was sent by President Coolidge with a declaration that he stood for 'law enforcement.'

At the conclusion of the opening session of their convention the delegates called at the White House and presented through Senator Baird and Areinbald Hopkins, chairman of the association's executive committee, a committee declaring their stand 'absolute for law and order' for 'the impartial execution of laws as the preservative of citizens of liberty' and for modification of the existing dry laws.

The President, in reply, ignored the request for modification, expressed his gratification that the association stood for law and order, and announced his determination to enforce the laws in accordance with the oath of his office.

His remarks were made privately to delegates and not made public by the White House.

BOK CONFERS WITH MEMBERS OF SENATE. Donor of Peace Plan Exchanges Views on World Peace With Senate Members.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—A Senate committee for two hours today exchanged views on international peace with Edward R. Bok, donor of the \$100,000 prize contest which was won by a plan proposing American co-operation with the League of Nations.

Senator Moses, republican, of New Hampshire, and Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, both irreconcilables in the Versailles treaty fight, led in the questioning, and as the meeting progressed Mr. Bok himself showed a disposition to turn inquisitor. Some of the questions asked him remained unanswered as did some of those he fired at the committee members.

The witness declared every cent of expense of the contest has been defrayed by him personally, but when he was pressed to name the total amount expended he reportedly told the committee he regarded that as his own affair.

Mr. Bok again will take the stand when the hearing is resumed tomorrow.

BETTER ESTIMATES OF COTTON CROP WANTED. Bills to Provide This Have Been Presented to Congress by Senator Harris.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—Bills designed to insure better cotton crop estimates and giving reports were introduced today by Senator Harris, democrat, of Georgia, and Representative Rankin, democrat, of Mississippi, and Swann, democrat, of Oklahoma. The measure have the approval of officials of the agricultural department and the Census Bureau and were drawn as a result of study of the subject by a committee of southern senators an congressman. One bill would eliminate the cotton acreage estimate of the Department of Agriculture based on farmers' intentions to plant. The other measure would require monthly cotton crop figures by that department and giving figures, and estimates to be published simultaneously.

ORDER OF THE MILEAGE TICKETS IS SET ASIDE. Action Taken by United States Supreme Court in Government Case.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—The order of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring railroads to issue interchangeable mileage tickets under the act of 1922 was set aside by Supreme Court today in a case brought by the government against the railroads east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

SECOND COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MEETS TO STUDY FINANCES

Committee is Acting Under Direction of Reparation Commission.—First Meeting Held Today.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 21 (By the Associated Press).—The second committee of experts organized by the reparations commission for the purpose of finding German capital abroad and of determining means of its return to the Reich, met for the first time in the Hotel Astoria.

The meeting was confined to an exchange of addresses between Luis Barthou, president of the reparations commission, who presided, and Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the British exchequer, who will preside over the committee.

'The participation of American citizens in the work of the allied experts is a significant fact, upon the importance of which I must once more insist,' Mr. Barthou continued. 'It was impossible that so many men of good will, united with such disinterestedness should not arrive at a successful conclusion.'

INCIDENTS ENLIVEN SUNDAY AT SALISBURY. Liquor Runner Arrested, Makes Escape in Officer's Car, and is Again Arrested.

Salisbury, Jan. 20.—An otherwise grey and dull Sunday afternoon was enlivened by a series of incidents that caused considerable excitement. To start with a young man drove on the Fulton Street grade crossing in time to be struck by an incoming passenger train and the two rear wheels of his automobile were torn off. When a crowd gathered it became apparent that the young man had possession of whiskey, and officers placed him under arrest.

He was put in Policeman Yost's car to be taken to headquarters, and when the officer cranked his car the prisoner stepped on the gas and left the officer standing in the street.

Officer Yost and Wagner commanded two cars and started in pursuit, going in different directions to head the escaping man off. The cars bearing the cops and going good speed came together at the intersection of North Main and Henderson streets and were badly damaged, Mr. Wagner suffering a bad bruise on the arm.

The man in Mr. Yost's car kept going but later in the evening he was arrested and the officer's car recovered, it having only been slightly damaged in the wild race. The prisoner refused to give his name and is being held on several charges, larceny of a car, possession of whiskey and driving a car while under the influence of whiskey.

Funeral Service For Earthquake Victim. Kinston, Jan. 19.—Funeral services for Miss Elizabeth Dodson, victim of the Japanese earthquake last September, were held at the northwest Kinston residence of Miss Dodson at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The body arrived here Thursday night. Miss Dodson, a middle-aged woman, was a member of a prominent local family and related in several states. She was killed by a falling beam in a Yokohama building.

Miss Dodson had been touring the world. She had been away two years and was about to cross the Pacific on her return when she was killed. A northern woman, her traveling companion, gave such details of the accident as were available after the disaster. The latter escaped. Two sisters of Miss Dodson, from Kinston, Misses Steva and Mary Dodson, were at Shanghai at the time to attend the dedication of a missionary school named for Miss Steva, an Episcopal educator widely known in the Orient. These accompanied the remains of the earthquake victim home. A first service for Miss Dodson was held at the home of Bishop McKim in Japan. She was a woman of exceptional culture.

McAdeo Will Oppose Change. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 21.—Attempts to bring about restoration of unit rule for the New York delegation to the Democratic National Convention will be opposed by the McAdeo forces in the State, according to David Hunter Miller, the State campaign manager of William G. McAdeo.

Rules Against Former Governor. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 21.—The Supreme Court today declined to permit former Governor John C. Walton, of Oklahoma, to bring up for review direct from the legislature, the impeachment proceedings which resulted in his removal from office.

Young Man Missing. Statesville, N. C., Jan. 21.—Joseph Becker, 19 year old son of W. A. Becker, of Churchland, Davidson County, and nephew of W. F. and J. B. Reese, of Statesville, has been missing since August and all efforts to locate him have been futile, according to a statement made public by his uncle.