

SITUATION IN RUSSIA NOT SHOWING IMPROVEMENT; ALLIES MAY CUT LOOSE

In Event Russian Makes Separate Peace Allied Minister in Russia May Ask for Their Passports, It is Reported Unofficially.

GENERAL BYNG HOLDING ONTO GAINS HE MADE

Teutons Have Been Unable to Make Further Inroads on Positions of Italians—French and German Artillery is Active.

The situation in Russia shows little improvement and the country is described as being on the verge of civil war. Efforts of the Bolsheviks to arrange an armistice continue and Berlin and Petrograd are reported in communication by wireless, presumably in connection with the peace offer of the Maximists. The second army on the Russian northern front has removed its officers, agreed to the Bolshevik armistice proposals, and pledged its support to the extremists.

The American government has received the note from the Petrograd government and it is under consideration. The ministers of the allies in Russia, it is reported unofficially, will demand their passports of Russia enters into separate peace.

General Kaledines, the don Cossack leader, according to a dispatch received in London, is master of the situation in Russia. He is in control of most of the grain growing section in the south and is said to hold the Russian gold reserve reported removed from the capital a year before the war. The Russian soldiers at the front are reported desperate from hunger, due to the exhaustion of food supplies and mutinies are said to have broken out.

New German attempts to drive the British from their positions in Bourlon wood and the high ground dominating the Cambrai region have failed.

General Byng's men have repulsed another enemy attack at the northeast corner of the wood. There was severe fighting Monday around Moeuvres, west of the wood, and in the outskirts of Fontaine Notre Dame, immediately east of the wood and toward Cambrai.

German artillery has been active in the Ypres and Verdun regions. In Flanders the British positions at Passchendaele, the northern part of the Passchendaele-Gheluvelt ridge, are being bombarded heavily by the enemy, but Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, has not attempted infantry attacks.

On the right bank of the Meuse where the French gained the first and second German lines on a 2-mile front Sunday German efforts have been checked while the enemy guns have been bombarding the new French positions. The activity of the big guns also has been violent in Belgium and north of the Chemin des Dames.

French and British soldiers have reached the fighting zone north of the Venetian plains to aid the Italians in their brave defense against the invading Austro-German forces. Between the Brenna and Piave rivers the Italians are withstanding successfully massed enemy attacks. The invaders attempted to rush the defending lines on the left in the center and on the right of the short front between the rivers but were crushed.

British cavalry is now three and one half miles west of Jerusalem and is closing in on the Turks. The Turks are offering some resistance and are holding the road to the south.

PRICE LIST FOR TURKEYS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY

New York, Nov. 27.—Price lists of cold storage turkeys approved by federal, state and city food administrators, will be distributed by the police today to shops dealing in fowl.

Texas plain will sell at wholesale from 23 to 25 cents a pound and at retail up to 28 cents a pound. Texas fancy up to 30 cents wholesale and 35 cents retail, northern plain up to 28 cents wholesale and 32 retail. The retail prices are based on a "cash and carry" basis.

NO ADVICES DECLARING THE STRIKE SETTLED RECEIVED

Wilmingon, Nov. 27.—Neither striking railroad clerks nor officials of the Atlantic Coast Line have received any advice declaring the strike settled, although on the strength of reports that it had been adjusted the clerks presented themselves at the railroad offices for work.

GET IN TOUCH TO CLEAR UP MISTAKE

Hungarian Count Says Central Powers Neither Conquerors Nor Oppressors.

Amsterdam, Nov. 27.—Count Michael Karolyi, the Hungarian opposition leader, has informed the Berne correspondent of the Budapest newspaper that the main object of his visit to Berne was to get information regarding the feeling among the enemies of the central powers.

"I openly declare," he said, "that I intend to get into touch with the British and French in order to explain to them that we are neither conquerors nor oppressors."

THREE LADIES ARE INJURED WHEN AN AUTO TURNED OVER

Newton, Nov. 27.—Miss Nannie Frye sustained a dislocated shoulder, Mrs. Oscar Frye and sister fractured collar bones and Mrs. Frye's little son was bruised and considerably shaken when the automobile in which they were riding turned over an embankment near J. W. Lowrance's home, about 10 miles from this place, Saturday night.

Mrs. Frye and children had been in Spartanburg, S. C. for several weeks visiting relatives and returned to Catawba on No. 12 Saturday night, accompanied by her sister and were met by Misses Mamie and Nannie Frye. It is not known just how the accident occurred unless it was because the lights on the machine were dim and Miss Frye, who was driving, could not see the road very plainly.

DANIEL A. McDONALD IS THE INSPECTOR IN THIS STATE

Washington, Nov. 27.—Inspectors for 43 states to enforce the federal explosives law under supervision of the bureau of mines were appointed yesterday by President Wilson. Those for the other states will be named soon. The appointments include:

- North Carolina—Daniel A. McDonald, Charlotte.
- Tennessee—Albert M. Leach, Clarksville.
- Virginia—Martin Williams, Pearisburg.
- South Carolina—William Banks, Columbia.

Straus to Entertain Negroes

New York, Nov. 27.—Nathan Straus, who is campaigning to raise \$1,000,000 in this country for welfare work among the Jews in national service, will entertain 50 negro soldiers from the national army, Camp Upton, at his home here Thanksgiving day. It was announced tonight. It was stated he had decided to do this as one way of showing impartiality in welfare work, which he had emphasized ought not to be confined to aiding men of one race of color.

BRITISH CALVARY CAPTURE BITTIR, WEST OF JERUSALEM

London, Nov. 27.—British cavalry have captured Bittir station, about six miles southwest, and Ain Karim, three and a half miles west of Jerusalem, according to a British official communication issued this evening.

Rear Admiral Cowles Dead

Redlands, Cal., Nov. 27.—Rear Admiral Walter Cleveland Cowles, retired, died at his home here after an illness of a week. Mrs. Cowles and a son, Lieut. W. B. Cowles, U. S. N., were with him at the time.

Admiral Cowles was 64 years old and a native of Connecticut.

President Reviews New Officers.

Washington, Nov. 27.—President Wilson yesterday reviewed the 940 successful candidates at the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Va., and Secretary Baker told them of the hopes of officials and the country are building on their ability to help train the national army.

Homes Overheated.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Declaring that American homes are overheated, the fuel administration urges all householders to maintain a temperature of not more than 68 degrees. With that temperature the saving in coal will go far toward meeting the demand for fuel.

Wants Universal Service

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Representative Ullis Kahn, ranking Republican member of the house military affairs committee, today issued a statement in which he said all his energies during the coming session of Congress would be directed toward passage of the universal service bill.

First License Granted

Washington, Nov. 27.—First license for the use of German patents was issued today to three chemical manufacturers in New York and Philadelphia for the production of Salvarsan, specific for blood poison.

THREE JURORS ARE SELECTED TO TRY CASE

Out of Thirty Veniremen Examined Up to Noon Today Two Farmers and a Weaver Were Accepted by the Court.

State in Trial of Gaston Means Did Not Use Any of Its Challenges on the First Thirty Men Brought Before Court.

Concord, Nov. 27.—Three jurors to try Gaston B. Means, on the charge of murder of Mrs. Maude A. King had been accepted out of 30 veniremen examined when court adjourned for lunch today.

The jurors are: C. E. Culp, farmer; R. B. Buchanan, weaver; M. M. Lipe, farmer.

Five men were peremptorily excused by the defense. The state did not use any of its challenges on the first 30 men.

C. E. Culp, a farmer, the second venireman to be examined and R. B. Buchanan, a weaver of Concord, were chosen today as the first and second of the two men who are to be asked to decide whether or not Gaston B. Means shot and killed Mrs. Maude A. King as charged. Buchanan was the fourth venireman called.

The state asked the veniremen if they would accept circumstantial evidence and if they "would give due consideration to the testimony of experts" on an equal basis with other testimony. The solicitor also questioned the veniremen whether or not they would be "prejudiced against witnesses who came from another state to testify." All those replied that they had no prejudice against outsiders and said they would give weight to circumstantial evidence. The state is relying on weaving a net of circumstantial evidence around Means and by experts hopes to show it should have been impossible for Mrs. King to have inflicted the pistol bullet wound that caused her death here.

The defense asked many questions as to opinions formed and to what extent the veniremen had talked about the case Buchanan said he had talked very little.

The defense also asked F. H. Linker, a farmer, if he would convince Means if the state was unable to show a motive for the crime.

The state pointed out that North Carolina law does not require a motive to be shown. Linker was excused, it being the first time either side had used a preemptory strike.

By noon the third juror, M. M. Lipe, a farmer, was accepted. He was the sixteenth venireman examined.

TENANT RENDDED INSANE WHEN THROWN TO PAVEMENT

Kinston, Nov. 27.—Dave Taylor, a farm tenant, was rendered insane by being thrown from a cart to the pavement at Queen and King streets here. A team of mules collided with Taylor's vehicle and started his own team to running. His feet became entangled in the reins and he was thrown out and dragged for a distance. When assistance reached him he was a raving maniac, and it required four or five men to hold him in a conveyance in which he was taken to a hospital. It is believed a fracture of the skull caused his dementia. Taylor, about 45 years of age, is an industrious farm tenant.

NEGRO CONVICTS START RIOT IN TENNESSEE; ONE KILLED

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 27.—In a riot of 600 negro convicts at the state penitentiary yesterday, one negro was killed by a guard and two others were injured. The negro killed was serving a sentence for murder.

The riot started when a guard reprimanded a negro at the supper hour. The negro overpowered the guard and it was then that the 600 negroes in the dining room made an effort to kill the guard. Other guards rushed in and after three men were shot, restored order.

Trying to Relieve Sugar Famine.

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Twenty pound packages of sugar have been expressed by individuals here and in other western cities, to relatives and friends in the east in attempts to relieve the prevailing shortage of that commodity, it was learned from railroad officials.

Hoover Will Take Sugar.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Food administrator Hoover's plan to take a large quantity of sugar held in this country for foreign account and pay for it with government funds, was approved as legal yesterday by the comptroller of the treasury.

Choirs to Meet.

Church choirs of the city will meet this evening at the First Baptist church at 7:30 o'clock for a practice for the joint service Thanksgiving morning.

KING GEORGE INSPECTS U. S. ENGINEERS



King George in conversation with one of the soldiers of the American engineering regiment commanded by Colonel McKinstry, which for a time was camped in England. The unit is now in France.

POLICE THINK MAN RESPONSIBLE HELD

Officials Are Rapidly Clearing Up Bomb Outrage in Milwaukee Saturday.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 27.—With the arrest of a large number of suspects early today in connection with Saturday's bomb outrage which resulted in the killing of 10 persons, the police were hopeful that before many hours they would secure something definite on which to fasten responsibility.

There was ground for the belief that the police were hopeful of having the man who made the bomb in custody shortly. The men rounded up today were supposed anarchists.

POSTOFFICE AND BANKS WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY

The postoffice will be closed all of Thursday, Thanksgiving; the banks of the city will be closed, and, in fact, all business throughout the country will be suspended for 24 hours.

Prevented Communication.

Buenos Aires, Nov. 27.—The arrest of Count Luxburg, formerly German minister to the Argentine republic, prevented the operation of a gigantic wireless station which had been erected by a German company on a bluff near Buenos Aires. When Luxburg received his passport the company was installing an apparatus which was expected to put this city into direct radiographic communication with the German station at Nauem, Germany.

The next day the minister of marine closed the wireless station and ordered an officer of the navy to superintend the dismantling of the apparatus.

Although the official excuse given for the closing of the station was that its experiments had not been successful, officers of the ministry of marine have stated that the real reason was to prevent secret communication with Germany during the crisis which followed the expulsion of Luxburg.

South Dakota Pedagogues

Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 27.—Sioux Falls is entertaining for two days a large number of teachers assembled here for the annual convention of the South Dakota educational association. School work in war time will be discussed before the convention by many well known educators and others. The large attendance and instructive program combine to give promise of one of the most successful conventions in the history of the association.

Seaman Washed Overboard

Washington, Nov. 26.—Casimir A. Majewski, of West Olive, Mich., a seaman on the American destroyer Junett in the war zone, was washed overboard and lost Wednesday. A dispatch to the navy department tonight said the destroyer's foremast was carried away while Majewski was on lookout duty in the crew's nest.

Bandits Get \$35,000

Toledo, Nov. 27.—Five bandits today attacked the Hinson brewery company paymaster and got away with \$35,000 according to a report received by the police.

CONFERENCE MEETS NEXT IN CONCORD

Report of Stationing Committee Was Most Important Document of Session.

(By J. E. PRITCHARD.)

Mebane, Nov. 27.—The ninety-second session of the North Carolina conference of the Methodist Protestant church, in session here since last Wednesday, adjourned yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock to meet in Concord, November 20, 1918. All during the day business was rushed at lightning speed and everybody was looking forward to the report of the stationing committee, which is the assignment of the men to the various charges for the coming year.

A number of reports were read during the day, including that of the statistician, a few items of which are as follows: Number of churches, 228; paid on church debts, \$45,823; promised pastors, \$41,741; paid pastors, \$41,743; number of ordained ministers, 61; number of unordained preachers, 54; number of professions, 2,093; number of accessions, 1,907; present church membership, 22,668; number of Sunday schools, 211; scholars, 10,296; money raised for all purposes, \$535,927.

At the morning service Sunday five young men were ordained elders. Their names are as follows: Paul S. Kennett, S. M. Needham, J. B. O'Brian, A. D. Shelton and B. M. Williams. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Pike, of Liberty. Three more young men graduate from the theological seminary and will apply for work in this conference next May.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, R. M. Andrews; secretary, Rev. C. W. Bates; treasurer, Rev. S. W. Taylor; statistician, Rev. L. W. Geringer; reporter, C. B. Way; to preach the conference sermon next conference, Rev. J. E. Pritchard; to preach the ordination sermon next conference, Rev. T. M. Johnson, D. D.

In the estimation of many men this has been the best conference in their memory. The conference host, Rev. W. F. Kennett and the people of Mebane have graciously provided for the welfare of everyone in attendance. The conference while standing invoked the blessings of God upon everyone who in any way have made the stay of the conference pleasant and profitable.

The report of the stationing committee includes: Greensboro—C. W. Bates. Guilford—W. H. Neese. High Point—George B. Brown. Welch Memorial—A. L. Hunter.

Cold Weather General.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Very cold weather with temperatures from 10 to 43 degrees below seasonal average was reported from the lower lake regions, the middle Atlantic states and New England today with the lowest temperature at Canton, N. Y., where 16 degrees below zero was recorded.

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MRS. D'SAULLES SORRY SHE WAS A 'BAD' WIFE

Letter She Wrote Husband Saying She Was Sorry She Did Not Make a Good Wife is Read in Court.

Letter May Be Used in Attempt to Break Down Story of Neglect She Told the Court Yesterday, It is Indicated.

Mineola, Nov. 27.—A letter in which the defendant told her husband "it was the greatest regret of her life" that she had not been able to make him a good wife was read into the records today during cross examination of Mrs. Blanca De Saules on trial here charged with murdering her husband, John L. De Saules.

There were indications the letter will be used by the prosecution in their attempt to break down the story of neglect on the part of her husband, told by the young woman yesterday. The letter was written while she was on board ship bound for Chile to visit relatives in 1916 prior to the granting of her divorce decree.

At that time the witness said she felt that her married life was ended—morally. Mrs. De Saules countered her admission that she wrote the letter saying, she "was to blame for everything," by stating "de Saules always made me believe that I was at fault."

PLANNED TO CONDUCT GREAT PROPAGANDA

Whipple Helped Hilquitt Rather Than Buy U. S. Government Bonds, He Says.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 27.—President Edwin Alderman, in asking the board of visitors of the University of Virginia to dismiss Professor Leonidas R. Whipple from the faculty for alleged disloyal speeches, declared today that it was Whipple's purpose to conduct a far-reaching propaganda for promulgation of sentiments expressed in his speech at Sweetbriar.

It is alleged that he declared in an address last Tuesday night that democracy was not safe in this country and that he had contributed to the campaign of Morris Hilquitt, socialist candidate for mayor of New York, rather than buy Liberty bonds.

Cotton.

New York, Nov. 27.—Realizing for over the holiday and scattered southern selling caused reactions in the cotton market during the day's early trading. The opening was steady at a decline of two points to an advance of three points and Liverpool was again a buyer, particularly on March and May. On the whole, however, demand was much less active after the advance of yesterday and prices soon turned easier, selling off to 28.95, or about 13 to 18 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady, Dec., 20.25; Jan., 20.45; March, 20.05; May, 28.87; July, 28.65.

Death Figures.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Nearly a third of a million deaths reported during 1916 were caused by heart disease, tuberculosis and pneumonia.

Figures given out today presented on vital statistics regarding 20 per cent of the country's population showed the deaths caused by heart diseases, 114,171; tuberculosis, 101,39; and pneumonia, 98,334. There were 10,162 suicides, far below the 10-year average.

New Russ Government.

Washington, Nov. 27.—The American consul at Tiflis today reported establishment of the new government as a protest against anarchy in Russia. The report contains but few details, but indicated the men were conservative and were determined to do what they could to hold back the wave of disorder. The governing power has been placed in an assembly of 36 men.

Cold in New York.

Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Northern New York is in the grip of a severe cold wave the coldest for November in 16 years. The temperature today was ten degrees above zero.