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ENGLAND IS CHEERED BY BETTER TIDINGS FROM EASTERN FRONT

RUSSIAN DEFEAT NOT AS BAD AS FIRST REPORTED

Decision of British Government to Form Coalition Cabinet Also Pleasing.

LITTLE ACTIVITY ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Artillery Duels Are Reported From That Portion of the War Zone.

London, May 20.—The wave of depression which has been sweeping England, following the receipt of war news unfavorable to the allies, was checked today by the decision of the government to form a coalition cabinet, together with better news from the eastern front.

It is believed the Russian advance toward the forces of Emperor Nicholas have been strengthened will counteract the effect of the German advance near Premysl, across the river.

The military writers today claim that only one out of 14 Russian armies have been in danger and that Duke Nicholas, of the Russian forces, is playing his usual strategic game of drawing the enemy away from his base. Petrograd maintains that forty Austrian and German army corps have been used during the fighting the past fortnight against the center of the Russian line along the front.

Reports from Athens set forth that the allies have occupied the Turkish position at Killid Bahr, on the European side and opposite Chamak. Occupation took place after the position had been reduced by a bombardment of the fleet.

RELIEF FROM COLD; HEAVY FROSTS AND SNOW

Washington, May 20.—Weather bureau forecasters said last night there could be no relief from the cold weather, prevailing over the entire country, except in the Gulf States, before late in the week. Killing frosts were reported in the Great Lakes region. In northern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming unusually heavy snows prevail the season.

Foot of Snow in Kansas. Elsworth, Kas., May 20.—There is foot of snow on the ground here as a result of a storm which has lasted Tuesday.

Serious Floods in Kansas. Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—Hundreds of small streams are out of their banks, and many larger creeks and rivers are approaching flood stage in Kansas, northern Oklahoma and west Missouri. Forty blocks in Wichita are submerged. Heavy damage is reported by truck farmers and orchardists.

MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND ANTI-TYPHOID VACCINATIONS

Henderson, May 20.—More than one thousand inoculations against typhoid fever have been made by Dr. D. C. C. in Henderson and Vance counties in the past four weeks. Dr. C. C. is health officer employed jointly by the city and county. Dr. C. C. is pursuing the work into every community in the county and expects to reduce typhoid and ultimately eliminate the disease in the county.

SHORT COURSE FOR THE N. C. CLUB BOYS

A short course in practical instruction for the boys of the Pig, Poultry and Corn Clubs in North Carolina will be held at the A. and M. College, Raleigh, August 17-20. Rooms are to be furnished for the boys who attend in the college dormitories and board is to be furnished very cheaply in the college dining room. Effort is to be made, also, to have reduced rates for the club boys on all the railroads leading to Raleigh for the occasion.

SEVENTEEN GERMAN SUBMARINES LOST?

London, May 20.—An Evening News dispatch says the report is current that German naval circles that 17 German submarines have been lost since the commencement of the submarine war in England.

OFFERS MADE TO ITALY NOT SUFFICIENT

Austria's Eleventh Hour Proposals Rejected by Council of Ministers.

ITALIANS HASTEN HOME

Pouring in From Austria in Thousands Every Day, Says Report.

Amsterdam, May 20.—No one in Italy any longer doubts that war begins today, says a telegram sent from Chiasso, Switzerland, on Thursday, and printed in the Berliner Tageblatt.

Granted Full Powers. Paris, May 20.—Reports from Rome say the Italian chamber of deputies today granted full powers to the minister of war.

Bill Presented. Rome, May 20.—Premier Salandra introduced a bill today in the chamber of deputies giving the government extraordinary powers in case of war.

Rome, via Paris, May 20.—It was learned today that the council of ministers at a long session has rejected Austria's eleventh hour proposals for prolonging the negotiations regarding territorial concessions. It is believed these proposals were prompted by ignorance in Vienna and Berlin of the determination of the king, cabinet and parliament to obtain all territory demanded by Italy.

King Victor Emmanuel has decided to pardon all railway employees punished for taking part in the strike of 1914.

Reports from all universities are to the effect that the students of each will volunteer if war is declared.

Dispatches from Vienna say Italians are pouring from Austria in thousands every day.

Authorities in Genoa have been ordered to watch closely German steamers interned there.

Minimum Demands. The minimum demands made upon Austria by Italy were:

First: The cession of the entire province of Trent (part of the Austrian Tyrol) according to the frontier of Italy in 1801.

Second: Eastern Friuli, comprising Malcorgeth Plazzo and Tolmino Gradisca Goritz, Nanfacone, Comen and as far south as Nesribina.

Third: Trieste, Cape D'Istria and Pirano (the last two in Istria) to form a new state independent of Austria.

Fourth: The island of Curzola, Lissa, Lesina, La Gosta, Cazza and Medela (off the coast of lower Dalmatia) to be ceded to Italy.

Fifth: The abandonment of Austria of all her interests in Albania. Announcing Italian sovereignty over Avonola.

An Alleged Development. Paris, May 20.—The Jaulois today publishes a dispatch under a Turin date which mentions an alleged development in the Italian situation.

The message declares that Prince Buelow and Baron von Macchio, the German and Austrian ambassadors, at a request of the Italian government, asked it to act as mediator for peace between the central empire and the allies. This report has not been heard from any other source.

Royal Decree Published. Rome, May 19.—A royal decree, under which all railroad lines in Italy are placed entirely under the supervision of the military, is published by the Official Gazette. Under the decree military officials may prohibit suspected persons from traveling on the railroads. All travelers are warned that at certain points they must not look from the car windows.

It is said here Austria has decided to entrust to the United States her interests in Italy in the event of war. Germany is reported to have decided to ask Switzerland to do the same for her.

The "Green Book," containing diplomatic documents, showing Italy's attitude on the war and efforts made to reconcile the obligations of the triple alliance with Italian national aspirations, has been set up by the typewriters employed by the chamber of deputies. Every precaution was taken to keep the contents secret.

NORTHERN MARKETS FLOODED WITH BERRIES; PRICES DECLINE

Mt. Olive, May 20.—With practically all of the northern markets flooded with berries from about all of the berry-producing sections of the country, the price per crate has taken such a sudden and sharp decline within the past day or two as makes further shipments, under present conditions, hardly advisable, and throws the berry growers of east Carolina face to face with losses aggregating thousands of dollars.

MANY ROBBERIES IN POSTOFFICE STORE DAVIE COUNTY REPORTED

Mocksville, May 20.—This section of the country seems to be in the grip of a set of thieves and robbers. The first robbery took place Sunday night, and has been going on since, with from one to three robberies every night.

Early yesterday morning the postoffice and the store of D. D. Bennett, at Cornatzer, five miles north of this city, was broken into and more than 100 pairs of shoes and a number of other goods, together with some stamps and money, were taken.

The postoffice at Cornatzer is located in Mr. Bennett's store. The owner was in Stokes county, attending the funeral of his father, Mr. William Bennett, who died Tuesday at his home five miles north of Danbury.

On the same night the residence of G. A. Sheek, in South Mocksville, was entered by two unknown men, but they were frightened away before securing anything. The thieves also visited the home of Dr. W. C. Martin, in North Mocksville, and succeeded in getting a side of meat. Last night or early this morning the Southern lunch room near the depot was entered and a supply of cigars, tobacco, etc., were taken. A message from Clemmons this morning says that the postoffice and store of F. A. Jones, at that place, was robbed last night. There seems to be no clue as to who the thieves are, as they make their getaway and leave no trace behind them. The citizens of the town are rubbing up their guns and getting ready for business. It is thought by some that the thieves are using automobiles and come into town from adjoining counties over the government post road.

Nearly three thousand people attended the Fork Church commencement yesterday. The exercises were very excellent. Had the weather not been bad the crowd would have been much larger.

An army officer was in town this week looking over the ground with a view to securing ground to be used for target practice by Uncle Sam's boys during July and August. If a suitable location is found 9,000 soldiers will be brought here and put through practice and sham battles.

N. C. SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS JUDGMENT

Perhaps the most interesting case decided by the Supreme court in the opinions handed down Wednesday was that of William A. Williamson, of New York, against T. J. Jerome, of Greensboro, T. H. Vanderford, W. F. Snider and Jackson, another defendant not mentioned in the case because he became a voluntary party to the action. This was action by the plaintiff for the recovery of a commission for the sale of certain stocks and bonds for which a New York court gave a judgment of \$5,692.93 with interest from November 28, 1913, and \$101.40 from March 21, 1914.

No Evidence of Fraud. The New York appellate court affirmed the judgment and the plaintiff having brought this action in the superior court of Rowan county to recover the New York court's judgment, pleaded fraud to secure jurisdiction of the defendants in New York as the defendants allege. The plaintiff made the Wachovia Bank and Trust company of which Mr. Snider was cashier, a party to the New York action and attached large sums of money in New York banks belonging to the Winston-Salem bank. According to the answer of the Salisbury defendants, Mr. Jerome then being a resident of that city, the New York plaintiff "fraudulently alleged in his complaint and affidavit of attachment that the bank was a party to the contract by which the plaintiff was to sell certain stocks and bonds." The action against the bank was dismissed.

Judge Brown writes the opinion for the court and finds no evidence of the fraud which half tries if their fervor before the court wasn't counted. "We agree with your honorable judge Brown writes, 'that there is no evidence whatever of fraud having been practiced by the plaintiff in procuring a judgment against the defendants in the New York court. The fraud for which a judgment may be enjoined in another state must consist in the procuring of such judgment. The courts of this state will not vacate or enjoin a judgment merely based upon a cause of action which may be vitiated by fraud, for this is a valid defense which may be interposed at the trial and unless its interposition is prevented by the fraud of the adversary a judgment.'"

"The defendants were not required to appear and defend the action in the New York court," Judge Brown continues. "No property of theirs had been attached for none had been found. There was no issue raised in respect to ownership of any property claimed by these defendants. The property attached belonged to bank and it was its duty to defend its rights. If these defendants wished to its rescue, it was their voluntary act." The court affirms the judgment.

ROBBERY AT CLEMMONS

Sheriff Geo. W. Flynt was called to investigate the robbery Wednesday night of the store of Mr. Frank Jones, in which is located the postoffice of Clemmons. The investigation developed the fact that the store had been entered by taking out the upper sash of one of the windows in the rear of the store. After entering, the back door of the store was opened and a large quantity of merchandise carried off. The merchandise consisted of about 25 pairs of shoes, shirts, overalls, etc., and it is believed that the intruders carried the goods away in suit cases.

In addition to the merchandise the robbers secured about twelve or fifteen dollars in cash. About eight dollars of this was taken from the section of the store occupied by the postoffice.

There is no clue as to the identity of the robbers, tho it is believed that they were the same that committed the robbery at Cornatzer, in Davie county, on the preceding night. Some of the property taken in the Davie robbery was found about a half mile away from Mr. Jones' store yesterday. A woman in the community started with a cow to the pasture and en route she saw a shotgun in a little grove. The gun was loaded and by it were two other shells. Further investigation revealed the fact that there were several pairs of shoes, articles of clothing, etc., which answered the description of property secured at Cornatzer. The gun has been positively identified.

Mr. Jones states that he was in the store Wednesday night until about 11 o'clock, and it is believed that the robbers waited at the point where the gun and other articles were found for the store to close. There was no trace as to the direction taken by the robbers after committing the crime.

FOUR SALISBURY BOYS RETURN FROM EUROPE

Four young Salisburyans, Frank Yancey, Ray Thompson, Alfred Bierbaum and "Dudley" Buford, arrived home Wednesday from Norfolk, Va., at which place they landed Monday, May 17, having left Glasgow, Scotland, on April 29, being eighteen days on the voyage across. These young men, says the Post, with several other Salisburyans, left Newport News March 24, going to Liverpool aboard a transport loaded with 650 horses and a cargo of lumber and grain, the horses being for service in the allies' army in the present European war. Forty-one horses were lost on the way over and these were dumped into the sea. The return was made on the S. S. Orithia. The Post says:

While the boys had a most interesting trip they are glad to be at home again. On the way over they saw only two submarines and these were English destroyers. They landed in Liverpool and went from there to Glasgow, Scotland, where they remained some days. The voyage across was uneventful but the return was made in a very rough sea.

When some distance out at sea on the return the Orithia passed the Cunard liner Lusitania, this being two days before that vessel was sunk by a German submarine. The Salisburyans had with them two Irish pigeons which they liberated and which made straight for the Lusitania. However, they knew nothing of the fate of the big liner until they took aboard a pilot at Norfolk and he informed them of the sinking of the ship.

Lamar Ramsay, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Ramsay, who went across with the other Salisburyans, came back on the boat with them but returned in Norfolk and will return to England aboard another transport. The boys say they had a big time, saw many sights and that they would not take anything for the trip. Mr. James Julian, who went over with them, remains abroad for a time.

BIG ILLICIT DISTILLERY CAPTURED IN DAVIDSON

Salisbury, May 20.—Over in Davidson county within 300 yards of the national highway and just on the edge of the old Haden place now owned by Sheriff Shaw, of Davidson, officers captured 1,000 or more gallons of beer, 40 gallons of fresh made whiskey and cut up a furnace and other utensils that had been used in making whiskey. The still had been carried off. Deputy Collector Walter McCanness led the officers' squad which included Deputy Sheriff A. L. Nash, F. C. Talbert and David Graham, of Rowan county. A man who was cooking supper on the hillside, deserted his frying pan and ran. In the night while the officers were destroying stuff parties were heard approaching cautiously, but they were dispersed by shots from the officers. The officers returned to the neighborhood and got up a chase after three men. Sheriff Shaw came out to his farm and offered any assistance he could render in bringing to justice the blockaders who are giving Davidson such a bad reputation.

Denials of Report.

Rome, May 18, Via Paris, May 19.—At the Austrian and German embassies tonight denials were made that Prince Buelow, the German ambassador, and Baron von Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, had demanded their passports.

NATIONAL WEALTH IS \$1,965 FOR EACH PERSON IN U. S.

Washington, May 20.—The national wealth is officially estimated at \$87,739,000,000, or \$1,965 for each man, woman, and child in the country.

Such are the figures contained in the special bulletin, Estimated Valuation of National Wealth, 1850-1912, which is about to be issued by Director Sam. L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This bulletin, which was compiled under the direction of Mr. Starke M. Grogan, Chief Statistician in charge of the inquiry, presents estimates of the true value of the various classes of real, personal, and other property owned in each state and in the District of Columbia in the year 1912. Comparative statistics, in less detail, are given for earlier years, extending as far back as 1850.

The Census Bureau does not present these estimates as very close approximations to accuracy, but as being the best which can be made from the data available and as being fairly comparable with those published eight years ago, relating to the year 1904. The sources of information employed were reports of assessors and other state officials; the Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture; Census reports on agriculture, manufactures, street railways, telegraphs, telephones, electric light and power stations, and transportation by water; and reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, the United States Geological Survey, the Bureau of Navigation, the Chief Engineer of the United States Army, the Director of the Mint, and the Comptroller of the Currency.

In less than two-thirds of a century—from 1850 to 1912—the total wealth of the nation, excluding exempt real estate, increased from \$7,136,000,000, or \$308 per capita, to \$175,426,000,000, or \$1,856 per capita, the percentage of increase being 2,355 for the total and 496 for the per capita amounts. In other words, the wealth of the nation as a whole is nearly twenty-five times as great as it was in 1850, while that of the individual is about six times as great.

The exempt real estate, which was estimated at \$12,314,000,000, or \$129 per capita, in 1850, includes the buildings, other structures, and public works owned by the Federal, state, and local governments, with the land on which they stand, together with such real property of educational, charitable, and religious institutions as is exempt from taxation.

FIVE SUSPECTS JAILED IN VIRGINIA MURDER CASE

Martinsville, Va., May 20.—Mr. T. G. Burch, United States marshal for the eastern district of Virginia, has just returned from Patrick county, where he went to look after the case in which Mr. C. P. Phlegar, a United States revenue officer, was shot and killed from ambush on Shooting Creek. Five suspects have been arrested and are now in the county jail.

COLD IN TOOTH CAVITY LOCKS JAWS OF YOUTH.

Pottsville, Pa., May 20.—Stanley Hill, 17 years old, is in a critical condition from lockjaw, believed to have resulted from a cold contracted in a cavity where a tooth was extracted. His jaws are tightly locked. Physicians have administered eighteen injections of tetanus antitoxin without result.

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATED.

Charlotte, May 20.—Charlotte kept its customary holiday today in celebration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

According to historians, the Mecklenburg instrument was signed May 20, 1775, or more than a year earlier than the famous declaration of Philadelphia.

LIBEL CASE WILL GO TO JURY IN A SHORT TIME

Syracuse, N. Y., May 20.—The jury in the trial of William Barnes' libel suit against Theodore Roosevelt probably will have the case in hand before night.

Beginning his final address today William M. Ivins, chief counsel for Mr. Barnes, said he planned to conclude during the forenoon. Justice Andrews' instructions to the jury will follow.

John M. Bowers, chief counsel for Theodore Roosevelt, in the trial of William Barnes' libel suit, spent three hours yesterday in summing up the case of the defense. Near the conclusion of his address he asserted that the suit "was a purposeful act of the machine to destroy Col. Roosevelt's usefulness."

Bowers used up much more time than had been allotted him. For that reason the summing up of the case of the plaintiff was postponed until today.

In his address Bowers discussed the testimony given by Barnes and Colonel Roosevelt and their respective witnesses. He urged that the jury consider "the evasions, and in a sense the denials" of Barnes. Bowers questioned the truth of many of Barnes' statements and presented exhaustive arguments designed to convince the jury that his client was justified in saying the things he did about Barnes.

The attorney placed special emphasis on testimony regarding the lock in the legislature in 1911 over the election of a United States senator and asked why Barnes would have endeavored to interest the Republican minority in the election of an independent Democrat had he not been in control. The mere fact, he said, that Barnes was consulted in regard to such a combination was in itself proof of the leadership of the plaintiff.

In concluding Mr. Bowers described Colonel Roosevelt as closely following President Wilson as a "guide of the nation."

Then he referred to his client and his case in this manner: "Ex-President, ex-governor, the people's true representative, Jurors, will you let him be broken down and destroyed? Stand for him; stand for the people. Give no vote to accomplish the purpose sought by this action. Meet the responsibility that rests upon you with a clear conscience and Theodore Roosevelt will remain a power for good."

MAN ON TRIAL AS SPY TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Said He Could Not Bear to Mount the Scaffold As a Spy.

U. S. CITIZEN, HE SAID

Was Charged in London With Trying to Communicate Information to Enemy.

London, May 20.—Anton Kueperle, claiming to be an American citizen and who has been on trial charged with giving information to enemies of this country, committed suicide last night. He is reported to have hanged himself.

The man left a message on a slate, bearing testimony to the fairness of his trial. He insisted he was a soldier and wished to die as a soldier and said he could not bear to mount the scaffold as a spy.

The trial of the man began Tuesday at the Old Bailey police court. The proceedings were public until yesterday's session.

The charge was that the prisoner attempted to communicate to Germany information concerning Great Britain. He pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution contended that while he claimed to be an American citizen he was in fact a German.

The man arrived in Liverpool February 14. He showed a passport signed by Secretary Bryan, issued ten days prior. He said he was a woolen merchant. From Liverpool he went to Dublin and then to London, where he was arrested.

DURHAM PEOPLE INDICTED FOR FAILURE TO LIST TAXES

Durham, May 20.—The grand jury late yesterday returned true bills against 503 people of Durham for failure to list their taxes for the year 1914. The former grand jury took up this matter and presented the bills of indictment. The grand jury this year returned the bills. This action was taken following a great deal of trouble the officers of the county have had in getting people to place their names on the books. Among the 500 people in the bills are many prominent people in the city. The bills came as a great surprise to the whole city. None of them have yet been issued, and the people will not be cited to appear before the court till the next term.

"SNEEZING POWDERS" THE NEW FILIBUSTER

Harrisburg, Pa., May 20.—The free and continued use of "sneezing powders," foul smelling chemicals and the bombardment of members with volleys of papers, pamphlets, books, newspapers and "spitballs" has developed as the latest and most effective means of halting the passage of legislation of unpopular character in the Pennsylvania house of representatives. The officials of the chamber so far have been unable to quell or even abate such performances, and much necessary and important legislation has been delayed.