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WILL REDUCE COTTON RATES BY TWO THIRDS

TRANS-ATLANTIC FREIGHT RATES REDUCED TODAY BY SHIPPING BOARD FROM \$22.50 TO \$7.50 PER BALE.

INCREASE COTTON THREE CENTS LB.

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 28.—Southern senators announced that after a conference with the shipping board today trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton had been reduced from \$22.50 to \$7.50 per bale from Gulf ports, effective immediately. The effect of this order, according to Senator Pollock, of South Carolina, will be to increase the price of cotton about three cents per pound.

WILSON PLAN FOR COLONIES

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, Jan. 28.—President Wilson is credited by the French press with having brought forward during yesterday's discussion of the German colonies a plan under which they would be placed, so to speak, under the guardianship of the League of Nations, which would appoint one of its members to administer them.

HUN VOLUNTEERS BEAT BOLSHEVISTS

(By The Associated Press)
Berlin, Jan. 28.—Bolshevist forces marching upon Liban on the Baltic coast of Courland, have been halted by German volunteer forces which forced the soviet army back across the Lindau river, according to a dispatch to the Zeitung Amnittau. It is said the Bolshevists suffered heavy losses.

HEFLIN SCORES COT. EXCHANGE

Washington, Jan. 28.—Representative Heflin, of Alabama, announced in the House today that he had asked the Department of Justice to investigate the New York Cotton Exchange, which he charged had violated the cotton futures act "in driving down" the price of cotton from 37 to 24 cents. "The South has been robbed of millions of dollars by this unjust speculation," Mr. Heflin declared. "At a time when the world demands for cotton is greater than ever before, the price has been forced down and down. No one is being benefited but the gamblers themselves. The spinners cannot obtain cotton at the present prices and the growers refuse to sell."

Mr. Heflin said governors of southern states had appealed to spinners to hold their cotton until the price goes back to 30 cents a pound and that at the close of the present session of Congress representatives from the south expect to go through their states to urge that cotton acreage be decreased.

CHILD LABOR PROBLEM COMES UP TODAY

COTTON MILL OWNERS MEETING IN RALEIGH TO AGREE UPON SOME EQUITABLE FORM OF A LEGISLATION.

PROPOSED AUTO TAX FOR GOOD ROADS

Raleigh, Jan. 28.—The meeting proposed (by Senators Scales and Stevens) is to levy a license tax on automobiles and other motor vehicles sufficient to meet the proposed Federal allotment of N. C. for the construction of a state system of highways. The bill proposes a tax of one dollar per horse-power and would take away the right to levy any other license tax on such vehicles. All of the tax (license) would go to road building, under the terms of this bill, and its promoters claim its passage would obviate the necessity of a bond issue to meet the conditions necessary to secure the Federal appropriation of \$2,200,000. Billy Sunday will slip anchor at Richmond, and chaperoned by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, will come to Raleigh and deliver two or three sermons next Monday, February 3rd. Relatives and friends of N. C. soldiers overseas will not learn of the exact time the 30th and 51st Divisions are to return until they are actually embarked and the proposed concentration and parade at Raleigh has been refused by Chief of Staff General Peyton C. March, who gives good reasons for his decision.

The governor's recommendation that the county education board be changed with factory inspection, as to the violation or compliance with the law, comes more nearly meeting the views of the mill owners. But Shipman says this method of inspection does not inspect and has been tried long enough to prove its unworthiness. The mill operatives are supposed to favor Mr. Shipman's plan, all except those who would work their under-aged children in the mills, and some of the mill owners (like the Carrs at Durham) and the committee having the bills in charge will be waited on by its spinners' representatives while here.

More than one-fourth of the present legislative session has been used up and very little (as usual) accomplished during the first two or three weeks of the General Assembly. But the "week-enders" (who go home every Friday or Saturday and return Mondays) were this week given something to do, the Senate and House holding afternoon sessions yesterday and the real work of the law makers is now getting into shape. One of the new measures just

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STRIKES SPREAD IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 28.—It is estimated that nearly two hundred thousand men and women are idle in the United Kingdom and Ireland on account of strikes, half of the strikers being in Belfast where the movement continues to spread. Strikes have also spread in London where the question of wages and shorter hours, in fact all the strikers are demanding shorter hours with the same privileges and wages as prevailed when longer hours were worked.

SPARTACANS DEFEAT GOVERNMENT TROOPS

HAVE TAKEN WILHELMSHAVEN GERMANY AND OCCUPIED BANKS AND ALL OF THE PUBLIC BUILDING—COURTMARTIAL APPROXIMANTS

ALL RAILWAY TRAFFIC BEEN STOPPED

BELFAST STRIKE INVOLVES 100,000

Twenty Six Trades Affected And All Public Utilities Are Closed Down

DEMAND FORTY HOUR WEEK

London, Jan. 28.—One hundred thousand persons are involved in a strike at Belfast and twenty six trades are affected, writes the Belfast correspondent of the Daily Mail. This correspondent says that the strike is the most serious ever experienced in the city. Theatres and saloons are closed down and tramcars are stopped. Bakeries, laundries and other concerns are closed. No afternoon papers appeared on Monday and only two small morning editions were issued.

The city had no electric light or gas, the main cause of the trouble was that the electric and gas plant workers joined the shipyard workers in demanding a forty hour week. Grave diggers also joined the strike on Monday.

(By The Associated Press)
Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—Spartan forces have overthrown the government at Wilhelmshaven, in Germany and have occupied the banks and public buildings. The Spartan leaders have ordered a court martial of their opponents and a regular slaughter is anticipated. Railway traffic to and from Wilhelmshaven has been stopped.

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\$100,000,000 BILL FINALLY PASSED

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 28.—Final legislative action was taken today by congress on the bill appropriating one hundred million dollars, requested by President Wilson for famine relief of Europe and the near east. The conference report was adopted by both house and senate without debate and the measure now goes to the president for approval.

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WILSON REMOVES "NEAR BEER" RESTRICTIONS

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

FORMER KAISER HOLDS BIRTHDAY

(By The Associated Press)
Amerongen, Jan. 28.—Religious services were held in the castle chapel yesterday in honor of the birthday of William of Hohenzollern.

With this exception the former emperor and empress passed the day in the usual quiet manner.

GERMAN TROOPS TO FIGHT POLES

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, Jan. 28.—Two full corps of German troops have been assembled to march against the Poles and eight troops trains are passing through Frankfurt daily under orders according to a Zurich dispatch to the Petit Journal.

COTTON MARKET

March	22.15	23.05	22.15	23.05
May	21.07	21.99	21.07	21.99
July	20.31	21.11	20.31	21.11
October	19.10	19.85	19.10	19.85
Local Market	NOMINAL			

THE OVERTURNED HATED STATUE OF KAISER WILLIAM HOHENZOLLERN THE FIRST.



The people of Metz lost no time after the Allies reached the Alsatian city in overturning the hated statue of William 1st. The photo shows how effectually the Alsacians did the job they had been waiting years to do.

LUXEMBURG MAY BE CONCEALED

Reported To Have Been Killed On January 15th but Rumors Say She Is Still Alive

PLANS ESCAPE TO FREEDOM

Copenhagen, Jan. 28.—A Munich dispatch to the Politika reports that it has learned from "quite reliable sources" that Rosa Luxemburg, reported shot and killed on January 15 in Berlin, is alive and at the home of a friend where she will be concealed until she has the opportunity to escape from the German capital.

DR. AYERS DIED TODAY

(By The Associated Press)
Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Dr. Brown Ayers, president of the University of Tennessee, died today after a brief illness.

TO PROHIBIT IMMIGRATION

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

RETURN 300,000 MONTH BY APRIL

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, Jan. 28.—General Pershing reports that by April he will be dispatching American soldiers home at the rate of three hundred thousand monthly.

Miss Claude Knight, who has been nursing Mr. J. C. Riddick left this morning for Rocky Mount to consult a specialist.

EMBLEM-ARMY OF OCCUPATION

(By The Associated Press)
With the American army of occupation, Jan. 27.—A blue circular patch with a superimposed red circle containing in white the letter "A" has been adopted as the insignia of the Third American Army with headquarters in Coblenz. All officers and enlisted men of the army of occupation, as the Third army is known, are entitled to wear the insignia on the left sleeve.