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## 18000 SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED IN THE UNITED STATES UP TO FEB.

Schools That Failed To Provide a Adequate Salaries Numbered  
13000

## BUREAU OF EDUCATION REPORT

Washington, March 12.—The Bureau of Education report says eighteen thousand schools were closed up to February thirteenth for lack of teachers through failure to provide adequate salaries.

## HUNGARIAN PEACE TREATY AGREED ON

London, March 12.—The New Hungarian Peace Treaty is definitely agreed on by the Peace conference and placed in the hands of a drafting committee. The treaty is expected to be completed within a week. The territorial terms which Hungary protested against remain unchanged but various economic concessions were granted.

## NAVY WAR SLOW TO CONVOY SHIPS

Washington, March 12.—Director of Navy Department his recommendations in regard to the adoption of a convoy system as described by Admiral Sims as "infinitely more serious" bearing on war than other cases of alleged inefficiency cited on previous testimony before the Senate investigating Committee. He said the Navy Department failed to adopt the convoy system until late in July nineteen seventeen despite his urging.

## SAVE MONEY WEEK BEGINS MARCH 22

Washington, March 12.—The week of March the twenty second is set by the Department of Justice first "Save money on meat" week in which the public is asked to buy cheaper and aid high cost campaign.

## COTTON MARKET.

March	9.99
May	37.04
July	34.34
October	31.95
December	31.00

## THE PREMIER CROP OF THE NATION IS CORN WITH BIG VALUE

European Corn Borer is  
a Pest That is  
Feared

## MAYBE STAMPED OUT

Washington, Mar. 12.—The enormous value of corn, the premier crop of the nation has made it necessary for the government to take all possible precaution to prevent further infestation from the European "corn borer" which is supposed to have entered the country in shipments of broom corn and has obtained a limited foothold in the eastern part of the country. Large sums are being spent in an effort to control it and a ruling soon is expected from the Federal Horticultural Board as to whether a quarantine shall be imposed against all foreign countries to prevent further entrance of stalks and ears of Indian corn broom corn or other plants that may bring the borers. It would not apply to shelled corn or to the thrashed seeds of the other plants.

## FRENCH TEXTILE STRIKE AT ROUBAIX

Lille France, March 11.—Six hundred and fifty thousand persons are idle on account of the strike at Roubaix tureoing.

## NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH BY 6 MASKED MEN

Montgomery, March 12.—Wilbur Smith a negro former soldier was shot to death by six masked men near Legrand in this county Thursday afternoon after he had been arrested charged with attacking a six year old white child.

## AN 8 MILE ICE GORGE 20 FEET HIGH BROKE

The Crash Was Heard  
For Many  
Miles

## MANY BOATS SMASH

Pittsburg, March 12.—An ice gorge twenty feet high and stretching eight miles broke loose in Alleghany river last night at Freeport and started a rush down the river smashing flatboats, barges and houseboats. The crash was heard for miles.

## THE DUBLIN ZOO SHIP LIONS TO AFRICA

Dublin, March 12.—Dublin is now exporting lions to South Africa. The Dublin Zoo has a famous lion house where the animals have been successfully bred. It has been able to supply lions on demand to other zoos in the United Kingdom, but this is the first time an order has been received from Africa.

## STATEMENT OF KEECH INSULT TO CONGRESS

Washington, March 12.—Congressman will support the soldier bonds legislature "to get votes" Frank H. Keech of New York a former Lieutenant Colonel of the Inspector General Department told the Ways and Means Committee. Chairman Fordney characterized the statement as an insult to congress.

## THE WARD LINER FLOATED OFF REEF

New York, March.—The Ward Liner which struck the reefs near Yucatan coast yesterday was floated and arrived safely with the passengers at Progreso Mexico.

## PUBLIC OF PORTUGAL IN A GRAVE STATE

Madrid, March 12.—Libson telegram says the portuguese government has issued a proclamation the new cabinet is assuming power in time of distress and republic is shaken to the foundations by a confusion of the minds of people and the spirit of opposition. Discipline is prevailing country asks for support "this grave hour".

## MINERS WANT 7 HOUR DAY 35 PER CENT RAISE

There Are Two Factions  
To Be Reconciled

## IN HAND OF PRES.

Washington, March 12.—The effort to compose the difference between the majority and minority of the bituminous coal strike commission to be made by the president neither the minority nor the majority report is to be made public. If there is no possibility of bringing the members of the commission to agreement on the principal differences amount the wage advance and hours the work. It is understood that John P. White who represent miners held out for thirty five percent wage increase; seven hours day and majority recommended twenty five percent increase unchanged hours.

## BOND ISSUE TO AID SERVICE MEN OPPOSED

Washington, March 12.—A bond issue of two and half billion dollars to adjust the compensation of former service men result in disaster Secretary Houston told the House Ways and Means Committee that is considering the soldier legislation. Increase taxes to extend aid to service men is suggested by the Secretary as the least harmful way.

## ART HAS GREAT BOOM IN BOLSHEVIK RUSSIA

London, March 10.—"Art," so far as the production of pictures is concerned, is said to have had a great boom in Bolshevik Russia owing to the fact that the government pays a liberal amount for all works approved by official experts.

The whole domain of art has been placed under the control of a council of seven members, four of whom are apostles of futurism. Artists' earnings have been increased through a rule established by the council under which all pictures that pass the judges are to be paid for at the uniform rate of 7,000 rubles each.

Whether the artist has devoted months of assiduous labor to a picture or whether it is a daub which has taken a few hours to paint the recompense is the same. With such encouragement the number of artists in Russia is increasing rapidly.

## NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO IS MAYOR OF THE CAPITOL OF LIBERIA

He Rims The Only Hotel, Operates an ice  
Plant Which Was German  
Property

## HE IS THE ROCKFELLER OF LIBERIA

## 13 DIE IN TORNADO DEATH LIST MAY INCREASE LATER

Flooded Streams Add  
Menace To  
Life

## PROPERTY DAMAGED

Branson, Mo., March 12.—Flooded streams added menace to life and property in Southwest Missouri where a Tornado yesterday killed at least thirteen and injured others. It did unestimated property damage and every stream in Ozark Hills were bankful or overflowing. It is believed the death list will increase with later reports.

## MACHINE GUNS USED ON RED C. BOAT

Scutari, Albania, March 10.—The steamer Skodra, flying the French flag and carrying American Red Cross supplies for Montenegro, was held up by bandits this week while enroute up the Bojana River, and one of the sailors was wounded.

The ship had just reached a bend in the river when the bandits appeared with machine guns and began to embark a boarding party in small boats. The captain received permission to turn about, in order to secure better anchorage, but when he had fully turned he ordered all stream ahead and set down the river. The bandits immediately opened fire and riddled the sides and upper deck of the ship with machine gun bullets.

## SUICIDES UNDER RAIL- ROAD TRAFFIC ON ROAD

Nanchang, China, March 4.—Service recently has been seriously interrupted and schedules disorganized on the little 90 mile Nanchang-Kiukiang railroad by the large number of Chinese who have been using trains to commit suicide. In one week eleven Chinese killed themselves in this manner, according to reports, later.

London, March 12.—Liberia is truly a hermit republic, writes Stan Bourchier Lethbridge, author and traveler, in the Daily Telegraph. The country, he adds has no roads, no railways, no telegraphs no steamboats on her rivers nor any practical exploitation of her wealth.

Lodgings in Monrovia, the capital virtually do not exist with the exception of one place which is conducted by the mayor. This man is an enterprising negro of North Carolina who besides attending to the duties of the mayorality and conducting his hotel, operates an ice plant and an ice-cream parlor which formally were German property. From these latter his profits are said to be gigantic. He also has "something to do with the Post Office" and is a police court magistrate.

"In fact," says Lethbridge, "this remarkable man, starting from nothing, has made himself a Rockefeller of Liberia."

In Monrovia, says the traveler, there are no horses, motor rick shaws or other wheel vehicles; no street lighting, no drinking water and not infrequently food supplies for the European colony run out and strict rationing is enforced until the ship arrives.

Unless the 23 members appear at Parliament houses properly attired in a black frock coat, patent leather shoes, white waist coat and top hat, they are liable to a fine of \$5.00. The thermometer sometimes registers 110 in the shade.

## BIRTH RATE IN GERMANY DOUBLES

Berlin, March 10.—The birth rate is making a rapid recovery throughout Germany, according statistics which have been gathered by the American Red Cross representatives here. In most sections of the country, the number of births per month is now double that of a year ago, when the lowest point in the curve of vital statistics was reached.

Figures for Berlin show a great improvement than for any other city in Germany. Health conditions throughout Germany, however, indicate a steady betterment.

# Mexico To Elect A President In 6 Months

Mexico City, March 12.—With the presidential election less than six months away the political situation in Mexico is so obscure that it is impossible to state definitely whether there are three or four candidates.

President Carranza has been popular in his statements that he

intends to retire when his term of office expires next December. He has declared for honest elections and a peaceful transfer of power.

A recent conference of seventeen Mexican governors held in the national capital took cognizance of their chief's attitude by issuing a manifesto to the people

in which they pledged their support to the legally elected president. The governor's conference was declared by the local press to have deep political significance inasmuch as elaborate plans were made by the executives for holding elections, each governor to exercise complete control over the voting in his state.

One significant part of their program was the elimination of the federal army from politics. This was in accord with a recent order from the War Department, made at the direction of President Carranza, to the effect that army men must not meddle in politics.

Generals Obregon and Gonzales

are conducting vigorous campaigns each being aided by an official newspaper. Ignacio Pomillas is an avowed candidate although as yet he has not forsaken his ambassadorial duties in Washington.

If the present administration favors one of the three announced candidates Obregon, Gonzales or

Bonillas it has kept the fact carefully concealed. Obregon and President Carranza appear to have broken after a friendship of year's standing and El Monitor Republicano, the Obregon organ, is vehement in its attacks upon the president.