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THE AMERICAN NAVY SHOWS GREAT GENEROSITY TO RUSSIAN REFUGEES

(By Associated Press)
Ragusa, Dalmatia, April 8.—The generosity shown by the officers and men of the American warships in the Adriatic commanded by Rear Admiral Andrews will never be forgotten by more than 20,000 of the Russian refugees from the Crimea, who, infected with typhus, fled from the Bolsheviks and found refuge here on the Dalmatian coast.

The American sailors' tenderness in keeping the children clothed and fed and the outpouring of pocket books and stores on the ships for relief is the chief topic of conversation in the Russian colony and the refugees remaining in this district.

happy existence," is the most common sentiment expressed about here.

"They have saved us. They are the brightest remembrances of our un-
The bluejackets of the flagship Olympia, and the destroyers Aldea, Brooks, Gilmer, Reuben, James and the Sturtevant have fed 5,000 persons daily and have ever taken clothing from their own backs to give to the refugees.

When the refugees landed at Cattaro Bay and other places and it was found that no preparation had been made for their arrival, the sailors worked hard to make dwelling places for them. They cleaned the old barracks, and hangars and sometimes made up gangs of Russians who assisted in the general cleaning up.

Upon an outbreak of typhus later the sailors brought into use improvised disinfecting plants, steaming apparatus and baths and eliminated the dirt and vermin which the Russians had accumulated in their clothing through the winter.

With real American generosity, Admiral Andrews' men, when they saw the destitute children, hungry and ill-clad mothers, would take them to the local stores and, from their own pockets, outfit them from head to foot.

The Russian women showed the most grateful appreciation of the sailors' work, although they were powerless to repay them. Captain Wyman of the Olympia received a long note from the Russian women extolling the sailors' generosity, declaring that the American boys had brought hope to the hopeless women and children who had been driven out bud.

DRIVE FOR MEMBERS TO BE MADE BY THE LIBRARY ASSO.

The Scotland Neck Library Association held an important meeting Thursday afternoon in the Mayor's Office, the purpose of the meeting being to start a drive for membership to the Association. A committee was appointed to visit every person in Scotland Neck, requesting that every one join the Association, and pay the membership fee of one dollar a year. The drive will begin on April 21. The following is the committee: Mrs. Norfleet S. Smith, Miss Ellen Meredith, Miss Margaret Meredith, Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Mrs. J. E. Woolard, Mrs. Joshua Robertson, Miss Ethel Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Russell, Mrs. C. F. Burroughs, Mrs. G. W. Bryan.

The Librarian, Mrs. Norfleet S. Smith, gave in a most encouraging report. There are now 630 volumes in the library with a circulation weekly of 150 books against 200 volumes six months ago with a circulation of 15 a week. The reading room has now four book cases, two presented by Mrs. E. T. Whitehead, one loaned by Miss Susie Hill, and one handmade, bought by the Association.

Mrs. Stuart Smith and Miss Annie Dunn were appointed to draw up some rules and regulations to be used in the library work.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOOVER CONFERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LEADING INDUSTRIES

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 8.—Secretary of Commerce Hoover continued today his series of conferences, with representatives of leading industries, looking toward the formation of an advisory council to Department of Commerce, composed of business men. Automobile and dye representatives discussed personnel of committee to represent their industries on council and gave a general idea for expansion of the country's trade.

Cornel W. B. Jackson, the head of the American Red Cross mission here, told The Associated Press that the United States navy did fine work in bringing hope to the hopeless women and children who had been driven out bud.

Chamber of Commerce Held Important Meeting

At eleven o'clock this morning the Chamber of Commerce held a called meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed bridge across Roanoke River, and also a state highway through Scotland Neck.

Messrs. G. Hoffman, A. McDowell and J. H. Alexander, Jr., were appointed as a committee to confer with Mr. W. A. Hart, Road Commissioner from this district on the Highway Commission relative to a state highway passing through Scotland Neck, and on to Tarboro.

It was moved by N. A. Riddick that the chair instruct the secretary to write Dr. B. L. Long and Mr. Harry Waldo of Hamilton, N. C., to find out what plans they have on foot relative to a highway connecting Halifax County seat, and to find out if they have any proposition to make Scotland Neck regarding a proposed road. Mr. W. E. Smith offered a resolution

calling on the Chamber of Commerce to go on record as approving the proposed bridge across Roanoke River at Edwards Ferry and to petition the State Highway Commission to make necessary appropriations for this work. This resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to furnish Mr. G. Hoffman with a copy of resolution and to spread a copy upon the records. Mr. Hoffman was appointed by the County Commissioners some days ago, together with Mr. A. P. Kitchin, to confer with Mr. W. A. Hart regarding the bridge.

Mr. Alexander, President of the Chamber, called upon all members to attend the meeting this afternoon to hear Drs. Clarence Poe and B. L. Kilgore, and to extend to them a hearty reception. There being no other business meeting adjourned until further call.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO MEET IN RALEIGH

Many Sunday School leaders of North Carolina on program for the State Sunday School Convention will be in session in Raleigh, April 14-15-16. Prominent among them are: Gilbert T. Stephen, Winston-Salem; J. M. Broughton, Raleigh; B. Crow, Raleigh; D. H. Dixon, Goldsboro, John A. Park, Raleigh; J. A. Brown, Chadbourne; Hugh Parks, Franklinville; Joseph G. Brown, Raleigh; W. A. Withers, Raleigh; Mrs. Chas. L. VanNoppen, Greensboro; Mrs. Martha Dozier Flagg, Jamestown; Rev. Daniel Iverson, Charlotte; W. B. Cooper, Wilmington.

One outstanding feature of the program will be a parade of Sunday School men on the last evening of the Convention. E. B. Crow, Teacher of the Vanguard Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Sunday School of Raleigh, is Chairman of the Parade Committee. Effort is being made to get all members of men's Bible Classes of Raleigh to be in the line of march, also all men who are delegates to the Convention.

Another feature of the Convention which is expected to be one of the most helpful is the Divisional Conferences on the afternoons of April 13 and 14, at which time the Convention will divide into four sections, for the Children's Young People's Adult and Administrative Division workers.

The program for the main sessions of the Convention is said to be very strong. Among the specialists who will speak are Dr. Wm. A. Brown of Chicago, Ill. of the International Sunday School Association; Dr. Joseph Broughton, Atlanta, Ga., Superintendent Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School, Dr. Gilbert Glass, Richmond, Va., Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Department, Presbyterian Committee on Publication; Prof. H. H. Harris, Professor Religious Pedagogy, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga.; Mrs. Maude J. Baldwin, Chicago, Ill.; Children's Division Superintendent, International Sunday School Association.

Communications are being sent out by the Raleigh Committee on Arrangements assuring the Church and Sunday School workers of the State that Raleigh can take care of all who attend the Convention, for besides the hotel accommodations, the committee has secured lodging at the rate of \$1.00 per night for delegates in more than 700 homes of the city. The local committee has arranged to meet all incoming trains during the Convention, Delegates on arriving in

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY MET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Daughters of the Confederacy met Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. R. W. Shields in Main street. At this meeting the daughters gave a towel shower for the Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh. Two dozen towels were brought in. Plans for the yearly 10th of May celebration were also discussed. At the conclusion of the business of the afternoon Mrs. P. E. Shields and Miss Susie Hill served sandwiches and ice tea. The following members and visitors were present: Mrs. R. W. Shields, Mrs. E. T. Whitehead, Mrs. J. E. Wolard, Mrs. J. B. Hall, Mrs. J. E. Bowers, Mrs. H. I. Clark, Mrs. Henry Gray, Mrs. W. R. Bond, Miss Eleanor Smith, Miss Ernestine Cherry, Mrs. P. E. Shields, Miss Susie Hill and Mrs. R. B. Hyatt of Tarboro.

GREAT BRITAIN FACES INDUSTRIAL CRISIS OF GREAT PROPORTIONS

(By Associated Press)
London, April 8.—Great Britain is today face to face with an industrial crisis of unprecedented proportions. Railwaymen Union and Federation of Transport Workers have decided to strike in support of coal miners, bringing the entire power of triple alliance of labor into the greatest controversy in England for many years. A general strike will be called unless miners and mine owners reach a settlement. Miner's representatives this afternoon refused to accept Premier Lloyd George's invitation to meet owners on conditions proposed, which were that pumpmen and engineers return to work pending negotiations.

Raleigh can register and be assigned homes from either the Station or Convention Church.

The railroads of the State have granted a special rate of one and one-half fare, certificate plan, provided as many as 350 certificates are presented for validation.

According to a communication from the headquarters of the Convention in Raleigh, 6000 programs of the Convention are being mailed to Sunday School leaders throughout the State. Information is also received indicating a large number of workers over the State are planning to make the trip to the Convention in automobiles.

JURY TO RECEIVE CASE OF WILLIAMS ON CHARGE OF PEONAGE

(By Associated Press)
Covington, Ga., April 8.—The closing arguments and judges charge only remained today before the case of John Williams went to jury, which will decide whether Williams caused the killing of Lindsay Petersson, negro farm hand. The court room was packed to capacity today. Should Williams be acquitted he will be held for trial on two other murder charges returned against him in connection with death of eleven negroes on his farm.

IRISH NATIONAL MOVEMENT UPHELD BY WOMEN

(By Associated Press)
Dublin, April 8.—Women are the inspiration and the sustaining power of the Irish National movement. This is well recognized throughout Ireland, even by British government officials whose task of subduing Sinn Fein militants and restoring peace has been made ten-fold more difficult by reason of it. "Wherever one goes in this country he hears extolled the 'spirit of the women.'"

Women shelter, feed and bind up the wounds of the "flying columns" of the Irish Republican army. They collect money for the Dail Fireann, they sew and nurse and do a hundred other things that fall to women in war time. What some of them do outside the woman's accustomed sphere of activities can only be conjectures.

General Strickland, governor of the huge area now under martial law, told the correspondent that women carried concealed under their skirts and coats the rifles, bombs and revolvers which were used by the men responsible for a number of ambushes of crown forces in the Cork district.

Nothing in the last six months of guerrilla fighting has more intrigued the imagination of newspaper readers than the arrest of the 14-year old peasant girl of Cork county who, wearing steel armor around her body, was caught while scurrying across a field lugging a Lewis machine gun. Women, according to report, accompanied various parties of the Republican army who shot and killed the 14 British intelligence officers on Dublin's "Black Sunday" last November.

A proclamation recently spread broadcast through Ireland was headed "Stand Fast! Say the Women of Ireland." After landing the Republican army the proclamation continued: "We men and women of Ireland will stand by our army till the certain day of victory. We glory in their heroism under torture and their deeds of valor in the field. We repudiate the calumny that our brave soldiers are a 'murder gang.' We must defy the enemy's insolent command to refuse food and shelter to our own countrymen. We scorn all proclamations that would make Irish men and women traitors to their country, and we will be as true to our soldiers as Nurse Cavell to England's."

Besides the Countess Markievicz there are a score or more of prominent Irish women serving prison terms of waiting trial for their zealous efforts to further the cause of Irish independence. They include doctors, teachers and several young women conspicuously identified with the Irish language revival.

WEATHER REPORT
For North Carolina: Unsettled May weather tonight and Saturday. Probable showers. Not much change in temperature. Moderate to fresh southeast and south winds.

TURKS CONTINUE ADVANCE

SAFETY OF ENTIRE GREEK EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN JEOPARDY

(By Associated Press)
Paris, April 8.—The Turkish Nationalists have resumed advance in Bruea sector of Asia Minor, according to official dispatches. Fears are entertained here for the safety of the entire Greek expeditionary forces. The magnitude of the reverses suffered by the Greeks appears to be even greater than first supposed. Six thousand Greeks are said to be in the hospitals in Asia.

PERSONS KILLED IN RIOTING IN INDIA

(By Associated Press)
London, April 8.—The fighting at Nankana, India, in which about 130 persons were killed, was restricted to rival factions of Sikhs, according to a report just made public at the India Office.

The rioters were described as old Sikhs and reformers, the former of whom included the managers of important and richly endowed shrines. That at Nankana is the wealthiest of them, its annual income, derived largely from landed estates, amounting to tens of thousands of pounds. The Mahants, who are in charge of such shrines, regard themselves as life tenants of the estates and secure in their possession as long so they discharge their religious duties.

The reformers opposed this view. They alleged that deplorable abuses exist in connection with the shrines. The revenues, they contend, belong to the Sikh community and should be administered under its control. But the reform party, says the report, there have attached themselves a number of thieves as well as enemies of the government.

The attacks on what is termed the vested interests of the old Sikhs began with the occupation of certain shrines at the Golden Temple of Amritsar. The incumbents there gave way. They submitted also to being ousted from some minor shrines at other places.

But at the end of January a serious fight occurred at Tarn Taran in the Armistat district. A band of reformers which suddenly appeared there succeeded in getting possession of the shrines only after losing two lives. Some 25 persons altogether were injured.

The old Sikhs held a meeting at Lahore the day before at attack at Nankana which it had been rumored, had been impending for some time. Apparently numbered about 200. Just how the fight begun is not known, says the report.

The Deputy Commissioner who started his investigation the day that the fight occurred, was told that the Mahants had been victorious. The fight had taken place inside a small shrine enclosure which was commanded by houses on all sides.

"The inquiry into the facts," concluded the report, "was hampered by crowds of excited Sikhs from all parts of the Punjab who accused the Moslem neighbors of the shrine of having assisted the Mahants."

COTTON MARKET
11.63
12.29
12.73
13.08
13.34

CITIZENS ENDORSE MOVEMENT PROPOSING TO PAVE STREETS

The real question for consideration is, whether or not paving should begin at once? I believe the time is ripe and the work should be started immediately, if possible. R. Pell Byrd
We are heartily in favor of the town making a start in paving. We don't think that the project will hardly run by our door, but if we never begin, we will never get out of the mud and dust. For the benefit of the town at large, we are willing to pay our part of the excess tax.
J. M. Bunch & Son.

I am strongly in favor of doing paving work now. I believe it will help business.
E. W. Staton
Paving streets at this time seems to be a wise move.
W. O. Lawrence.
I am in favor of paving the streets now.
E. L. Burnette
I am strong for paving, as I am for any progressive movement.
Spencer Lewis

Let's have paving done at once if we are ever going to do it.
Ben McRegan
I endorse paving of streets now.
B. B. Newsome

Let's put Scotland Neck on the map as a progressive town. J. L. Dunn
Now is the time to pave the town. I want it and the people want it.
W. A. Walston.

Am I in favor of paving? I am in favor of anything that will prevent our people from having to live in a mud hole in winter and a desert of sand in the summer. Shove off.
W. D. Harden

Do I want pave streets. Do you think I am not enterprising? Of course I am for paving and I think now, of all times, is the time for it.
S. H. Allsbrook

I am favor of paving the streets of Scotland Neck.
C. A. Paramore
I am strongly in favor of paving the streets now.
D. E. Henderson

Is there a small town in Eastern North Carolina with paved streets that is not progressive?
We have good schools, good churches, good preachers, and good people, and now if we could have paved streets, we certainly would have a good town.
J. W. Allsbrook.