

North and South Carolina—Generally fair tonight and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

TEUTONIC SUPPORT OF THE BOLSHIEVIKI INCREASES REVOLT

Opposition to the Maximalists Is Spreading Through All Russia

SITUATION GROWS MORE CHAOTIC

Various Revolutions to Bolsheviki Spring Up All Over the Country — Lloyd-George's Answer to Peace Offer.

Opposition to the Bolsheviki apparently is increasing as reports of German support of the Maximalist government become more pronounced...

German and Austrian officers released from Russian prisons are reported to have led the Bolsheviki in over-powering their opponents in Tashkent...

Meanwhile diplomats of the Central Powers are hurrying to begin peace negotiations with the Bolsheviki.

Apparently undaunted by the heavy losses the enemy has been using in attempts to break the Brenta-Piave line...

A CZECH-SLOVAK ARMY IN FRANCE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 21.—A decree authorizing the formation of a Czech-Slovak army numbering 80,000 men already has been formed in Russia.

ONLY BEER AND WINE FOR AMERICAN TROOPS

By Associated Press. With the American Army in France, Dec. 21.—All alcoholic beverages except beer and wine are denied to the members of the American expeditionary forces in France by General Pershing in general orders issued today.

AMERICA HAS A SIMILAR TREATY

The So-called Russo-Japanese Secret Treaty No Cause for Alarm

Washington, Dec. 21.—American officials said today they had no knowledge of the so-called secret treaty between Russia and Japan described in the Petrograd dispatches...

There is a possibility that the treaty referred to is the special convention concluded between Russia and Japan at about the same time as the so-called secret treaty.

Careful reading of the four published articles inclined officials to opinion that the general purpose of the convention was somewhat in line with the existing British-Japanese treaty touching Far East interests...

The agreement just concluded between Secretary Lansing and Viscount Ishii, though not specifically supportable by military force...

Italy Retake Ground. Rome, Dec. 21.—A considerable portion of the ground gained by the enemy on Thursday in the region of Monte Asolero...

EVIDENCE SHOWS ARMOUR'S PART

New Treasurer Every Two Years to Keep One From Knowing Much

Washington, Dec. 21.—Testimony to show that J. Ogden Armour is part owner of the Chicago Stock Yards Company was given today at the Federal Trade Commission's inquiry into the packing industry...

Operation of the company has been made as complex as its formation by means of dummy directors. A new treasurer was put in every two years or so, resulting in only incomplete knowledge of the company's activities on the part of any officer.

A RAILROAD MESSAGE

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will send a message to Congress recommending enactment of legislation to meet the transportation situation immediately after the holiday recess.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN IN SECRET TREATY

Alleged to Have Been Made to Keep Others Out of China

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Under the heading: "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint armed demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East."

The treaty stipulates that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for all except for the contracting parties. It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1907, 1910 and 1912.

Article I: In the event that as a consequence of any measures undertaken by mutual consent by Russia and Japan on the basis of the preceding article any third power, as foreseen by Article I, should declare war against Russia or Japan...

Article II: The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance and the means by which such assistance shall be expressed, shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties.

AUSTRALIA DEFEATS CONSCRIPTION PLAN

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 21.—Unless the soldier vote on the various fronts, which has not yet been counted, offsets the vote in Australia, the government's conscription scheme has been defeated in a referendum by a majority of about 15,000.

An American Edition. London, Dec. 21.—The London Daily Mail yesterday began the publication of an American edition from the off-édition will be for Americans in possession of its Paris edition.

INVESTIGATE CAUSE OF WOMAN'S DEATH

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—Police renewed their efforts today to ascertain where Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, 46, of three months and wife of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, of Middlesex, N. C., got the cyanide of potassium poison which she took here last Saturday night with quickly fatal results.

KUEHLMANN GOES TO BREST-LITOVSK ON PEACE MISSION

"Bring us a Strong Peace," Was Berlin Crowd's Parting Shout

A TURK PRESIDES OVER NEGOTIATIONS

Teutons Are Active in Petrograd and Are Causing Many Heart Burnings—Charges Made and Denied

London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German Foreign Secretary, with an important staff, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk amid scenes of enthusiasm...

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin and Dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps.

While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heart burnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is in negotiation with the officers.

Herling Receives Socialist. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count von Herling, the Imperial German Chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all the Reichstag parties with whom he had confidential discussions on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia.

SECRETARY BAKER MODIFIES ORDER

Camp Commander May Give As Many Christmas Furloughs as He Wants

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Secretary of War Baker, taking heed of the universal protest made against his order of a few days ago directing that no more than five per cent. of the soldiers in the National Guard and National Army camps should be given furloughs...

This leaves the number of men to be furloughed entirely in the hands of the camp commanders, except that the new order directs the camp commanders not to furlough so many men that railroad traffic will be blocked.

Quebec Would Secede. Quebec, Dec. 21.—A proposal that the Province of Quebec secede from the Confederation of Canadian Provinces was expressed in a motion introduced in the Provincial Legislative Assembly today by J. N. Francoeur, Deputy for Lotbiniere.

SHOP NOW! Saturday Monday

PEACE TERMS REJECTED

London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires under date of Thursday.

Studying Peace. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace" has been opened in Berlin.

MANY KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

Forty-Seven Dead and 40 Injured in Wreck on Louisville and Nashville

Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death list of the wreck caused by the Louisville & Nashville passenger train running into the rear of the Bardonia, Louisville and Springfield accommodation train here last night, stood early today at 47, though several of the injured were so badly hurt that little hope is entertained for their recovery.

The blame seems to hinge on whether the fast train had been given a clear block or not. Jesse Weatherford, operator at the station, said immediately after the collision that after the local train pulled away from the station he had turned his board to show the track clear for the fast train and then left his post in response to orders to help unload baggage.

Superintendent Sheridan closely questioned the crews of both trains as well as the station force, but declined to attempt to fix the blame, without further investigation.

REGISTRANTS HAD HARD EXPERIENCE

New Bern, N. C., Dec. 21.—Several days ago seven young registrants under the selective draft service from Pamlico county, started out to Camp Jackson near Columbia, S. C.

These two started out to the camp and en route they met a man of whom they asked the way and upon being asked why they were going there they replied that they had been ordered to report there for duty.

More as a joke than anything else, this man told them that they had just as well go back home for there was no room for them at the camp, and they were not needed and the boys believed his story and returned to Pamlico by the next train.

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ARGENTINA IS NOW EXPECTED TO COME OUT AGAINST HUNS

ALLIED GENERALS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN "BLACK JACK"

General Pershing's Ability is Unhesitatingly Acknowledged in Europe

GENERAL HUGH SCOTT TELLS OF HIS VISIT

Former Chief of Staff Says There is No Pessimism Among Troops on the Western Front

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct assurances of the confidence of both British and French commanders in General Pershing's ability and their satisfaction with the breadth and soundness of his preparations to make American arms effective on the Western front have reached Washington with the return from Europe of Major General Hugh L. Scott, former Chief of Staff, who was in conference today with Secretary Baker and other War Department officials.

General Scott visited virtually every part of the battle front on his trip, familiarizing himself particularly with the scope of the work of a divisional commander. He believes that General Pershing has laid the foundations for American army training upon what is best in French and British methods and experience.

There is no pessimism as to the outcome of the war in the fighting lines, General Scott found. The armies of the Allies are cool and confident. There were no doubts in the firing trenches. Such pessimism there may be among the British appears to be confined to the uniformed in London.

General Scott has now personally inspected three fighting fronts, the Russian, French and British. It appears probable that he is to command a division of the American army, although no direct statement of the place designed for him by Secretary Baker has been made.

ANOTHER VIRGINIA RAILWAY TO STOP

Richmond, Va., Dec. 21.—Another Virginia railway, the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Line, in which Frank Jay Gould, of New York, is reported to have been a principal stockholder, is to discontinue operation, a petition asking for its dissolution having been filed with the State Corporation Commission today.

The Richmond and Chesapeake Bay railway, which extends from here to Ashland, when built, was believed to be a link in a chain of electric lines which would soon extend from Richmond to Washington and also from here to Norfolk.

NAVY UTILIZED MOST OF YARDS

Shipping Board Delayed by Navy Using Ship Building Plants

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Navy's utilization of much of the country's shipbuilding facilities was cited by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board today, as one reason for the slow progress of merchant ship construction.

Mr. Hurley declared that the fact that the Navy at the outbreak of war controlled 70 per cent. of the building facilities of 18 prominent ship yards forced the shipping board to have new yards built.

The Result of Publication of New Evidence of German Trickery

MESSAGES PUBLISHED IN BOTH COUNTRIES

Further Revelation of Luxemburg's Machinations—Attempted Agreement Between Chile, Bolivia and Argentina

Washington, Dec. 21.—Declaration of war against Germany by Argentina was regarded as almost certain in Latin-American diplomatic circles today, as the result of the new evidence of German trickery disclosed simultaneously in Washington and Buenos Aires last night by publication of another series of telegrams between the notorious Count Luxemburg, of "Spurio Varsenki" fame and Berlin Foreign office.

Luxburg, former German Charge in Buenos Aires, in a message dated August 21, last, informed his foreign office that President Irigoyen, of Argentina had at last made up his mind to negotiate a secret agreement with Chile and Bolivia for protection against North America.

The "conference idea" is assumed to be the proposed Latin-American neutrality conference advocated by President Carranza and widely discussed in South America. The secret agreement referred to may explain recent South America reports of President Irigoyen's proposals for a league of South American nations.

The messages, forty in number, were made public by the State Department, though an agreement with the Argentine government and was accompanied by a statement by Foreign Minister Puertreydon in which he says the "inaccuracies" of the German report are so surprising that no epithet will fit them.

Following is the statement of the Argentine minister of foreign affairs given out with the Luxemburg telegrams:

"The telegrams which appear below are all that the Argentine ministry for Foreign Affairs received from the embassy in Washington, of which the translations were made by the Department of State in the United States. There are three telegrams not published, as they allude solely to the republics of Chile and Uruguay. The government has decided that it should not publish these telegrams and has delivered them to the respective chancelleries.

"The telegrams show a number of inaccuracies so surprising that no epithet will fit them, as they are at complete variance, both in substance and form, with the terms in which the negotiations were entered into, carried on and brought to a conclusion."

"The German charge's messages were sent during last July, August and September. All are addressed to Berlin and signed Luxemburg. The messages are as follows:

"July 7 or 8, 1917. No. 62. Minister for Foreign Affairs who is a theatrical person, has shown an insane cunning in preventing me from having an interview with the President. He sent me a copy of the note and declared in accordance therewith that Argentina could not consent to all the products of the country being treated as contraband.

"The pressure of North America in regard to shipping iron, coal and paper is great but not irresistible. What is lacking is strength of will."

"If the President whose action is impossible to forestall, changes ministers a postponement of the crisis or a settlement is possible."

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