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North and South Carolina—Cloudy, probably light rain Sunday and Monday.

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CREEL TELLS TRUTH ABOUT OUR COUNTRY

Creel's Machine Busily Engaged in Molding Opinion Throughout World
HE HAS BUILT UP A GREAT ORGANIZATION
Hammering Home the Facts About America's Entry Into War—Some of Means Used

Washington, Feb. 2.—Molding public opinion throughout the world, and hammering home the truth about America's entry into the war, is the gigantic task assumed by the Committee on Public Information, George Creel, chairman, wrote to President Wilson in his report made public to-day.

"The Committee on Public Information has grown to be a world organization," Creel's report states. "Not only does it touch every part of the machinery that co-ordinates the forces of America for victory, but it carries its meanings and purposes of America to all peoples, making the fight for public opinion in every country."

Every agency known for the dissemination of the news is being employed by the Creel machine. From Brockton and Key West the doctrine of democracy is flashed to Eiffel tower, and Rome. Radio stations at San Francisco relay a thousand or more words a day to Honolulu, Yokohama and Shanghai. Cables, telegraph and mails supplement the work of the radio while in every hamlet and city in the land 15,000 "minute men" are doing their bit.

In Russia and foreign countries the motion picture and the printed word carry hope or strike fear into the hearts of the ally or the enemy. Over the battlefields of France, Allied airplanes scatter public documents, the President's message and the "truth about America," while in Russia bulletins and the cinema in the short space of a few months have "worked" fundamental change in public sentiment.

With the firm conviction that the war is still mightier than the sword, America's mobilized public is this, writers and artists are fighting Teuton propaganda with its own weapons, studiously avoiding Texon tactics.

"We do not argue or exhort or censor," Creel declared, "but confine our activities to a plain, straightforward presentation of our claims, our purposes and our ideals. We have nothing to fear from the truth; it can be made our principal weapon." Outlining the work already accomplished by the committee, Creel continued:

"It has prepared and printed for distribution to all parts of the world 1,000,000 copies of 15 different pamphlets in seven languages.

"It conducts speaking campaigns in every State of the Union, arranges meetings, books speakers, conducts tour conferences and organized tours; and in the four minute men alone it commands the volunteer services of 5,000 public speakers.

"It has wireless and cable news service that is being extended to every capital in Europe, Scandinavia, the Orient, South and Central America, and Mexico, and a feature article service of similar proportions.

"It sends to foreign countries motion picture exhibits showing American social, industrial and war progress.

"It has mobilized the advertising press of the country—press, periodical, car and outdoor—for a patriotic campaign that will give \$30,000,000 worth of free space to the national cause.

"It designs posters, window cards and similar material of pictorial publicity for the use of various government departments and patriotic societies.

"It prepares moving picture films showing our war progress and exhibits them to hundreds of thousands of people daily.

"It issues an official new daily newspaper for the government with a circulation of 50,000 copies a day.

"With the aid of a volunteer staff of 10,000 men in direct touch with the foreign language press, supplying selected designs to combat ignorance and prejudice.

"It has organized, and now directs, a hundred dozen of societies and leagues designed to appeal to certain class and

This Week In Congress

Washington, Feb. 2.—With the "war cabinet" row furnishing the high light, Congress next week will get down to action on a mass of emergency war legislation.

Here is what is on the program in the Senate:

Senator Hitchcock will speak Monday in support of the war cabinet and munitions director bills.

Railroad control bill will be reported Monday by the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

"Moratorium" bill, designed to protect soldiers' and sailors' civil rights, will be reported by the Military Affairs Committee.

Bill creating a war finance corporation to be introduced by Chairman Simmons, of finance committee.

New food and price fixing bills to be introduced by Senator Pomerene.

Reed sub-committee to begin formulating reports of investigations into coal and sugar situations.

Here is the program in the House:

Re-drafted railroad bill to be reported by Inter-State Commerce Committee, probably by Thursday.

Urgent deficiency appropriation bills, carrying hundreds of millions for increased war programs to be reported late in week. Representative Glass to speak against critics of the War Department.

Daylight savings bill will be reported.

War finance corporation bill carrying \$500,000,000 appropriation will be reported.

Bills for compulsory meatless and wheatless days and price fixing to be considered by the Agricultural Committee.

BOLSHEVIKI SUPPORT FOR TWO ANARCHISTS

Berkman and Goldman Prepare to Begin Serving Their Sentences

New York, Feb. 2.—Declaring the government of the United States will not dare refuse what he declared was a demand of the Russian Bolshevik government that he be deported to Russia, Alexander Berkman, notorious anarchist, today surrendered to United States authorities, to begin his sentence of two years for conspiracy to defeat the military draft.

Emma Goldman, convicted as a co-conspirator, surrendered at the same time. They have been out on bail.

"I have been assured," Berkman declared to a crowd of friends and sympathizers in the United States District Attorney's office here, "that my friends in dear Russia will leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure my release or my return. They will fight as bitterly for our courageous Miss Goldman."

Then Emma took the floor, declaring with a shaking fist that "this is outrageous."

Joseph B. McDonough, Chief Deputy to United States Marshal McCarthy, put a stop to the hubbub by entering the room and warning the speakers.

Ambassador David R. Francis is being threatened by Russian anarchists who hold him responsible for the life and liberty of Berkman, dispatched to the United Press recently stated.

WAYNE MAN HAS 14 SONS IN THE ARMY

Negro Farmer, Father of 35, Sends Platoon Hunting for the Hun

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 2.—John Borden, a well known colored farmer of this county, has the distinguished record of having 14 sons serving in the army of the United States and is the father of 35 children, and has been married three times, so he says.

This interesting news came to light Thursday of this week during the process of a divorce case being tried in Superior court in this city in which Farmer Borden was a witness for the plaintiff.

Borden related the following story of his life's history to Judge Whedbee, who in a spirit of humor, asked Borden if he wanted to marry the woman after she secured a divorce, or in other words was he trying to aid her to get a divorce in order that he might marry her?

"I have been married three times. Two of my wives are dead and the third living. I am the father of 35 children, 15 by my first wife, 12 by my second wife and eight by my present wife. My first wife gave birth to four boys each time for three times, and at one time my second wife presented me with three boys and one girl, all arriving within a period of a half hour. Twenty-seven of my children are living, the youngest being only 22 months old, and I now have 14 sons serving in Uncle Sam's army."

Following his relation of this remarkable statement, Borden said he was 62 years old.

Mrs. Kizziah Cobb died at her country home near Goldsboro this week, aged 80 years.

Friends in Goldsboro, where he at one time made his home, were advised this week of the death in Rocky Mount of Mr. Charles L. O'Berry, which occurred Monday last.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed property in Pikeville, nine miles north of Goldsboro, this week, which entailed a loss of several thousand dollars, partially covered by insurance.

STUDENT BALLOONISTS ARE FINALLY LOCATED

Macon, Ga., Feb. 2.—After spending 24 cold and weary hours in Ocmulgee swamp, sometimes waste deep in water—verily a "no man's land"—Cadet Rowley, of the Macon balloon school at Camp Wheeler, waded out Saturday morning and phoned to officials of the school the first news they had of the balloon and its four occupants since it ascended at 10:17 a. m. the day before.

Fifty dollars reward had been offered for information concerning either the whereabouts of the balloon or the men. The men are now back at camp after their gruesome night and the balloon has been recovered.

STATE COLLEGE DEFEATS TRINITY

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—State College defeated Trinity here tonight in one of the hardest and most spectacular games of football seen on the local floor in a long while, the final score being State College 28, Trinity 18.

Hartsell's, five held Trinity to four field goals, while they themselves found the pocket 10 times.

Allied Conference Adjourns.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The second inter-allied conference which has been under way in Versailles this week terminated tonight. The official statement of its accomplishments will be given out simultaneously in all Allied cities.

SHIP AND 224 LIVES LOST.

London, Feb. 2.—Two hundred and twenty-four persons perished when the arm'd boarding ship Louvain was torpedoed and sunk in the eastern Mediterranean on January 21, the Admiralty announced tonight.

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A FOOD SHORTAGE NOW THREATENING CERTAIN SECTIONS

Railroad Blockade Ties up Foodstuffs for Eastern Part of Country

Movement Hampered by Severe Weather

Freight Trains Freeze to the Tracks and Brakes Have to be Thawed Out—Terminals Packed

Washington, Feb. 2.—Food shortage in certain sections of the United States tonight absorbed the efforts of the railroad administration. With Eastern United States virtually at the mercy of the national railroad, Director General McAdoo is making every effort to give both animal and human food right-of-way.

Two hundred carloads of feed for live stock are rushing eastward tonight at the order of Director McAdoo to relieve the serious situation in the New England district, caused by congestion due to weather conditions.

One thousand refrigerators and box cars will be loaded daily with foodstuffs and speeded through from the Middle West into congested Eastern districts to restock retail dealers, feed bins and poultry yards, Director General McAdoo announced tonight.

Despite the drastic steps taken by Fuel Administrator Garfield in his closing order and the general embargo on certain Eastern lines by Director McAdoo, the transportation situation is not greatly improved. Weather has hindered the work of moving the long strings of loaded and empty cars which have plugged up every Eastern terminal. Unless the jam is smashed quickly and necessities are moved with dispatch serious results are feared.

Lifting of the Monday workless order is expected Tuesday, but it is generally believed that Fuel Administrator Garfield consented to do this only with the information that the railroad embargo would remain in effect until the transportation situation is relieved.

While Regional Director Smith, of New York, reported today that the westward movement of cars was 1,000 greater than the eastward movement, there still remain thousands of loaded cars packed tight between long strings of freights in Eastern yards. Meanwhile the constant stream of freight continues to pour in though it is diminished somewhat by the embargo on certain lines.

Whether conditions in New York and New England continue severe, Smith reported to McAdoo tonight. Railroad operation is hampered at every turn by the extreme cold. Frost is obscuring the signals throughout the Mohawk valley, hampering safe operation of trains.

Freight trains stopping for coal and water freeze tight to the track, requiring four and five engines to budge them. Castings are bursting with the cold. Brakes freeze and have to be thawed out before trains can start.

Frozen coal in cars is hindering dumping at docks, though 13 steamers were bunkered during the day.

Over 750 carloads of live stock, dressed beef and other perishables were forwarded from Chicago yesterday and 1,744 cars of coal.

FREIGHT WRECK IN NASHVILLE SUBURB

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 2.—One man is missing, four wounded, three of them seriously, and 21 cars and two locomotives are demolished as a result of a freight wreck on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, in a western suburb of Nashville early tonight.

Finding it impossible to get a heavy train over a grade, the crew undertook to carry the train over in sections. The brakes on seven rear cars, which were uncoupled failed to hold on the slippery tracks. The runaway cars dashed down the grade and collided with a double-header freight train which was following.

BLOTTER FILLING SLOWLY.

But Three Prospects For Recorder's Court This Morning.

The police blotter at headquarters early this morning showed only three prospects for Recorder's court Monday morning, two of them colored and the other a white man. Macy O. Nixon, colored, was "in" on a charge of store breaking; William Faison, also colored, had been jailed on a warrant charging larceny, while the lonesome white man, Anthony Stuart, had "drunk" marked up opposite his name.

BICKETT WRITES FORD, (Special to The Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—Governor Bickett, without being requested by anyone in Wilmington, today wrote to Henry Ford, the Detroit multi-millionaire automobile manufacturer, to erect in Wilmington the shipbuilding plant proposed for the Atlantic seaboard. The Governor told Mr. Ford that no better site can be found anywhere along the Atlantic and that everything necessary for such a plant is to be found in Wilmington.

WANT PROTECTION FOR THE SMALL RAILROADS

Kitchin and Webb See McAdoo About Exclusion of Little Roads

Washington, Feb. 2.—Declaring exclusion of small roads from government control will bring their collapse, Majority Leader Kitchin and Representative Webb today asked Director General McAdoo whether the railroad bill could be amended to protect the small lines.

McAdoo said the policy of the railroad administration would be to protect the small lines as far as possible, but Congressman Webb indicated a "protection amendment" may be urged when the bill comes before the House.

Kitchin and Webb insisted that all traffic agreements regarding rates, the amount of business the short lines shall receive from the trunk lines and the proportionate compensation shall remain the same as now, unless war emergencies shall make changes necessary. To this McAdoo agreed.

"With \$800,000,000 invested in the securities of the small lines, it would be far more serious to make these investments worthless than for the government to bear the extra burden of protecting the small lines," said Webb after the conference.

Many small lines, particularly in the South, have vigorously protested McAdoo's act of excluding them and have asked that all their agreements with the trunk lines be allowed to stand, Kitchin and Webb said.

SOCIALISTS INSPIRED THE GERMAN STRIKES

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—The Independent Socialists inspired the strikes that are now sweeping over Germany as a protest against the continuance of the war. This was clearly shown by a pamphlet which reached here today. It charged that the pan-Germans were endangering to present peace negotiations with Russia by demanding the cession of territory by the Russians.

Eight Independent Socialists signed the pamphlet. One of the signers was Wilhelm Diettmann, whose arrest was recounted in a message reaching Amsterdam yesterday. While the Amsterdam dispatch as forwarded here said that Diettmann was arrested while attempting to address a crowd of workers in Berlin, the fact that he signed the protest is regarded as the real occasion for his arrest. The pamphlet called upon the working class for a powerful demonstration that will finish the war.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF THE OIL INDUSTRY

Presidential Proclamation to This Effect Expected in a Day or So

Washington, Feb. 2.—Government control of the oil industry will be a fact within 48 hours—another big step in the mobilization of the nation's tremendous resources for war.

President Wilson has prepared and signed a proclamation to be issued shortly authorizing radical steps by the Fuel Administration.

All oil production and distribution will be placed under license, it is understood. Prices will be fixed for various grades of crude and refined petroleum products.

There is no shortage in oil production. But the extensive aeroplane plans have made it necessary to insure special grades of gasoline in sufficient quantity to send American flying machines flying over the Kaiser's armies. Only by controlling distribution can this be done. It is pointed out, as many automobile owners are eager to get these higher grades of gasoline even at high prices. Oil Director Requa will be given wide powers to divert gasoline and other oil products wherever military needs demand. Supplies of fuel oil for naval use will be insured under the new regulations.

FIGHTING ALONG SALONIKA FRONT NOW UNDER WAY

Allies Hope to Break Germany's Blockade During This Spring

Trouble Brewing in Balkans for Kaiser

Far Eastern Campaign Expected to Loom up Large in Near Future—Enemy Restless

Washington, Feb. 2.—Fighting on the Salonika front, where the Allies hope to break the Kaiser's back bone the coming spring, has begun, according to Macedonian front war dispatches received in Washington today.

Serbian, British and French troops, operating in the Vardar valley are the Mount Doboropolva positions held by the Bulgars, and have made advances in the vicinity of Seres, reports state. The Allied forces at Monastir have also started activities against the Austrians and Bulgars and a determined offensive will get under way from this base early in spring, military critics here believe.

The appointment of General Guilleme, to succeed General Sarrail, presaged a year of activity in the Balkans, military officials declare. Guilleme has a reputation of being restless, aggressive and a good campaigner. Had the Entente intended to simply sit tight, hold Salonika, and protect Britain's route to India, Sarrail or some other defensive General would have been placed in charge of that vital base, critics pointed out today.

With the Allies in the West taxing Germany's utmost defensive strength, with a reconstruction of the Italian offensive, and with the British in Palestine, and Mesopotamia making inroads into Turkish territory, the Central Empires face great obstacles the coming year, high Allied military officials declare. With the policy of co-ordination, which the Entente has adopted, the Kaiser will be unable to shift his demoralized forces from one front to the other to halt the advancing offensive, they believe.

"The Salonika front is not going to be one of secondary importance," a Balkan military expert declared today. "On no other front will such immense and far reaching results accrue from a successful offensive. Cut the Berlin-Bagdad railway and Germany's blockade is broken. Shut the submarine from the Belgian coast and her sea power is gone. Both are necessary and both will be done before another year is gone.

The morale of the Balkan and Asiatic allies of the Central Powers is weakening, official information indicates. The Bulgars, who long since accomplished their war aims, have been deserting by scores and are chafing under the German military rule.

Germany's draining of Turkey and Bulgaria of supplies and in return giving them war munitions has also created a spirit of discontent," a Balkan diplomat declared. "Stop this interchange and both Bulgars and Turkey will quit. Open the Dardanelles and South Russia will be on her feet again. With British forces in Turkey and Allied troops in Macedonia and the Italian steam roller will forge onto Vienna."

Greece's mobilization of troops for active service, announced today, and Roumania's decision to hold out against overwhelming odds, is also indicative that trouble for the Kaiser is brewing in the Balkans.

CHICAGO POLICE IN FIGHT WITH BANDITS

Chicago, Feb. 2.—A desperate gun battle near the Fillmore street police station tonight resulted in the death of George Raymond, bandit, surrender of George Moran, another bandit, and injury of four other men.

Following their hold-up of a woman, the bandits shot Dr. J. M. Hancock four times when he refused to aid the pair by driving them away from the scene in his automobile. He may die.

Officers engaged the bandits in a running gun battle during which Patrolman David O'Keefe was probably fatally shot through the abdomen and two detectives were wounded.

When Raymond dropped with a bullet through his heart, Moran surrendered. The dead bandit, 26 years old, was recently released from Joliet penitentiary. Moran was under \$3,000 bond, charged with stealing freight.

Food Riots in Vienna.

Geneva, Feb. 2.—Food riots have broken out in Vienna, according to reports received here tonight. Shots have been pilled and clashes have occurred between rioters and police.