

AUSRIA REPORTED ASKS THE ALLIES

TO SEND TROOPS TO RESTORE ORDER IN VIENNA. THE GREAT KRUPP WORKS WILL PAY NO DIVIDEND THIS YEAR. MONEY FROM RUSSIA TO FINANCE REVOLUTION IN GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 21.—Zurich newspaper are printing the report contained in a despatch from Vienna that the Austrian government has asked the allied governments to send troops to Vienna to preserve order. They also say that the request is for either American, British, or French troops.

Krupps Will Not Pay Dividend This Year.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Great Krupp gun works in this city the decision was reached not to pay any dividend this year. Last year the company paid ten per cent. The first two years of the war it paid twelve per cent each year.

General Mencher Appointed.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The appointment of Major General Charles T. Mencher who commanded the 42d Rainbow division in France as director of air service, succeeding John Ryan has been announced by General March.

German Revolution Financed from Russia.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The question as to whether the German revolution was financed from Russia is agitating political circles, the inference being that the Independent Socialists have received large sums of money from Russia. The Berlin papers say a wireless message has been received from Adolph Joffe the Bolshevik representative in Berlin sent to Richard Barth and Hugo Hasse of the German ultra radical parties, saying that while Joffe had not actually paid any money yet they knew where the funds came from.

WINGATE FARMERS BUSINESS UNION
(Marshville Home)

The organized farmers of Wingate community have followed the example of Lanes Creek and Trinity last spring and withdrawn from Alexander's political union. Wingate sent a delegate to Wilson. He listened, heard and saw enough at Wilson to make him enthusiastically in favor of sending no more campaign funds to promote the Alexander State political union. And after he made his report at a regular meeting of Wingate Local Union Saturday night, this organization, which consists of about fifty members, passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, The State president, after bringing a cloud of shame in 1917 over the Farmers Union, has again secured his re-election through political manipulators, therefore be it resolved by Wingate Local Union,

1. That we organize ourselves into Wingate Farmers Business Union and retain for the present in our local organization all moneys derived from the payment of dues

2. That we express our willingness to federate with other independent unions or clubs and to support county or district unions if it shall be deemed desirable to maintain larger representative organizations.

The government accepted your pledge in good faith and spent the money to bring the war to a close, now the government is counting on you to buy the stamps.

REVENUE BILL MAY PASS TODAY

Chairman Simmons Will Make Effort to Have it Passed By Senate

TALKS DELAY PROGRESS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Although renewal of general Senate debate halted progress on the war revenue bill, Senator Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced that an effort would be made to pass the measure before adjournment today. Republican leaders, however, expressed the belief that the measure would go over until Monday.

Practically all of today's session was devoted to discussion, the principal speakers being Senator Jones of New Mexico and Senator Thomas of Colorado, both Democrats. The former declared the bill contained many inequalities and injustices which handicap the conduct of business.

Speaking in support of a substitute measure, of which he is author, Senator Thomas declared the watchword for this Congress should be "retrenchment, frugality and economy." Adoption of a Federal budget system was urged by the Senator, who said national bankruptcy would result unless such a system is put into effect.

Senator Thomas opposed granting the recommendations made by Secretary Daniels for increased naval appropriations declaring "every dollar placed in a battleship is a dollar wastel."

Vote on 1920 Tax Today.

Senator La Follette, Republican of Wisconsin, plans to discuss his substitute bill today, after which Senator Simmons hopes to obtain a vote on the committee amendment providing for \$4,000,000,000 tax in 1920, the section which Republicans are opposing.

Just before the Senate adjourned Senator McKellar, Democrat of Tennessee, announced that before final passage of the bill he would demand a separate vote on the postal section tentatively accepted by the Senate late yesterday proposing the repeal of the present zone system for second-class mail and substituting a one-cent a pound rate within 150 miles and 1 1-2 cents beyond.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures opened steady with January 28.45, March 27.15, May 26, July 25.22, October 23.10.

At noon the cotton market was as follows: Jan. 29.54, March 27.50, May 26.50. Spots Wilson market, middling basis 28 1-4 to 3-8.

STOCKS

New York, Dec. 21.—Speculative issues continued the only feature of interest at the outset of the week end session of the stock exchange today. Marine Preferred, United Fruit, Mexican Petroleum showed some improvement, but Studebaker and the Tobaccos displayed reactionary tendencies. The Liberty 4's and 4 1-4 reached a new low level of 94.44. The trading was exceedingly light the market coming to a standstill at the end of the first half hour.

Will Have A Guard of Honor

London, Dec. 21.—President Wilson will have a guard of honor when he arrives in London to visit King George. He will be driven in the royal carriage between lines of soldiers to Buckingham palace. Among those who will assist in receiving the President will be David Lloyd George, the British Premier.

Buy War Savings

DR. POE'S APPEAL FOR HARMONY

Because He Wanted a President Agreeable to Both Factions He is a

"THIEF AND PLUNDERER."

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16, 1918. Editor The Co-Operator:

In the issue of your paper appearing just the week before the State Union Meeting, some member shooting from ambush, said he had "just a minute" to answer an article of mine which appeared October 18 and proceeded to devote three columns and a half of valuable space to an attack on me.

If he can write three and one-third columns about me when he has "only a minute," I guess he could write a 12-volume biography if he had little time.

Josh Billings once remarked, however, "It's better not to know so much than to know so much that ain't so"—and the trouble with the brother in ambush was that he knew so much that ain't so.

My Course at Winston-Salem

I can't get three and one-third columns to the minute, but I do wish to say that insofar as that article tried to make it appear that I went to Winston-Salem last year anxious to help any faction or to knife any individual, it is not only not true but just as nearly the reverse of the truth as it is possible for erring mortals to get. The brother charges that I went ahead of time to Winston-Salem and sought out and brought out a certain candidate for president, etc., etc. The facts are that the writer at Winston neither directly nor indirectly asked anybody to become a candidate for president, and I did not know that the gentleman who was voted for had ever been put in nomination until after the election was over.

My constant purpose at Winston-Salem was to get both factions together. I thought it would be a happy solution if Dr. Alexander would retire voluntarily—and I suggested that the last one of us who were then in office retire with him, if he would—but since he would not retire, then I favored concessions on both sides which would promote harmony and save the Union.

Do you remember what Lincoln wrote Horace Greely about saving the Union regardless of the slavery issue: "If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time save slavery, I do not agree with them. If there be those who would not save the Union unless they could at the same time destroy slavery, I do not agree with these. My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. What I do about slavery and the colored race, I do because I do not believe it would help to save the Union."

So as I saw it, the main thing was neither to elect Alexander or defeat Alexander, but to save the Union, and as God knows my heart, I strove to this end. My position was very clearly set forth in my letter to Dr. Alexander October 8, 1917, in which I said: "Dear Dr. Alexander: "In all the controversies about your speeches and your course since the war started, I have been your friend; a somewhat hurt and disappointed friend, and yet your friend—hurt and disappointed that you could take a position however sincere, the only result of which was sure to be the weakening of the Union, and the (Continued on last page.)

A TERRIBLE AUTO ACCIDENT

Three People Dead as the Result of Train Crashing Into Car

NORFOLK SOUTHERN R. R.

Sometime about midnight last night a terrible and fatal accident occurred at the Tarboro street crossing of the Norfolk & Southern railroad when the eastbound 11:30 train while backing out from the station to continue its course towards Norfolk ran into an automobile, the property of Mrs. J. T. Flowers, who lives about six miles west of this city. As a result Mrs. J. T. Flowers, her daughter Laura and her son-in-law, Mr. Harvey Harrison all the occupants of the car are dead the train striking the machine about the front wheels smashing it to pieces, grinding it up and dragging it about fifty yards, while the bodies of the occupants of the car are badly mangled and broken.

Mrs. Flowers and Mr. Harrison came to Wilson yesterday morning and took the ten o'clock train for Raleigh where they met Miss Laura who has been away to school, in order to meet her and accompany her home for the holidays. They met her in Raleigh and took the same train out of Raleigh last night about 9:30 which caused their death. Arriving in Wilson they secured their car and started for home and in the meantime the train had unloaded its passengers and freight and started on its trip with above disastrous results.

Mrs. Flowers is the widow of the late John T. Flowers and is highly esteemed by all who know her. Since the death of her husband she has managed his business in such a way as to add greatly to what he left. She has paid off all his debts and he left many on account of the large purchase of land.

She leaves several children, one of them the wife of Mr. Harrison who was killed. The bodies were taken to a local hospital. Mrs. Flowers and her daughter died within an hour after being taken to the hospital, while Mr. Harrison lived about five hours. All were conscious up until the time of their death.

The remains were taken to their late home this morning and the interment will be made tomorrow afternoon. It is probable that Elder Geo. W. Boswell will conduct the funeral services.

TWO MILLION DEAD GERMAN SOLDIERS

New York, Dec. 21.—When the total German casualties are published the number of dead will be about two million according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25, a copy of which has been received here. Up to October 25 the total casualties reported were 6,066,789, of whom more than 4,750,000 were Prussians. The total includes the naval casualties which were 70,000, comprised of more than 25,000 dead, more than 15,000 missing and nearly 29,000 wounded.

11 MILLION JOIN RED CROSS

ROLL; MORE THAN IN 1917 million persons had answered to the roll call" up to Thursday night, according to reports received yesterday at headquarters. This number it was stated is more than the total number of new members set as a goal in the first Christmas membership drive in 1917.

Reports from the Southern division announced last night show North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida 208,000. The Potomac division figures were not given.

BE YE READY

The Red Cross campaign begins in the morning. The organization desires that you have ready when the members of your committee visit your home one dollar for each member of your family and as much more as you desire to donate for the great cause that appeals to the heart of every soldier in the service and every one who has suffered in Europe.

PRESIDENT AND J. S. DELEGATES

CONCRETE SHIPS HOLDING WELL

The Plant at Wilmington Turning Out Ships That Are Giving Good Service

11,000 MILE VOYAGE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The concrete ship builders at Wilmington, N. C. and the adherents of this type of vessel construction will be interested in the views of a California as to the future of concrete ship construction.

"All the hopes and expectations of the advocates of concrete ships seem to have been fulfilled by the 11,000 mile voyage off the Faith, the first concrete vessel of considerable tonnage in this country," says Captain Thomas Hope, of San Francisco.

"I saw the Faith when she was in the early stages of construction and when she was launched, and naturally I was curious to find how she would stand the rigors of the sea. I saw her again a short time ago in New York, and I was greatly impressed. She had gone through gales and all sorts of weather, yet apparently was as staunch as the day when she slid from the ways into the waters of the Pacific Ocean.

"It is my judgment concrete ships will be the ships of the future. The only problem that has to be overcome, in my opinion, is that of that of tonnage. I do not know how large concrete ships can be built."

A government newspaper, edited jointly by representatives from the Democratic and Republican parties, is the latest idea championed by Hon. William J. Bryan, of Asheville. The newspaper would give the proceedings of Congress, the principal events at the National Capital, and otherwise serve the purpose of a truly representative mirror of happenings here.

Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina, has been requested to father the idea in Congress. "The suggestion for a government paper is an excellent idea and most favorably impresses me," says Representative Kitchin. "But the difficulty we will have at the short session is that we are so rushed with the appropriation bills and revenue bill that Congress will hardly have time to consider it. It is possible, if the President would insist upon its consideration, we could have it considered, but I do not believe he will do this."

Wilson's Views on Freedom of the Seas.

Paris, Dec. 21.—President Wilson, in an interview given to the correspondent of the London Times, is reported to have stated his views on the discussion of the freedom of the seas and to have contrasted the evils of the Vienna congress with a hopeful outlook for the Versailles congress.

Lord Northcliffe, editor of the London Times, has given The Associated Press a copy of the interview, from which the following extracts have been made:

The congress of Vienna, the correspondent says, President Wilson told him, was a congress of "Bosses." The delegates were concerned more with their own interests and the classes they represented than the wishes of their peoples.

RAIN TONIGHT AND SUNDAY

For North Carolina probably rain tonight and Sunday, warmer tonight in the interior with moderate to fresh northeast and east winds on the coast.

AT WORK ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PEACE CONFERENCE. KING VICTOR VISITS TROOPS IN BELGIUM. EMPEROR WILLIAM ABLE TO BE OUT AGAIN.

Paris, Dec. 21.—King Victor Emanuel left Paris at midnight to visit Italian troops who are now in Belgium. With the departure of the King Paris put aside her holiday attire and the matter of the first consideration was the arrangement for the peace conference and these began in earnest.

President Wilson and the American delegates spent the day with few interruptions in the study of the preliminary plans for the carrying out of the Wilson program which has apparently the other nations looking to some basis for a league of nations and the freedom of the seas.

FUTURE OF U-BOATS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Army and navy officials here believe that the use to which two weapons which figures so largely in the world economy may be put in future wars will be sharply limited by international agreement evolved at the peace conference.

These questions have been under discussion in military circles since the end of hostilities but there is no definite information as to what suggestions the American peace conference. There appears to be substantial agreement among officers, however, that future operations of submarines to be confined strictly against warships.

As to aircraft, officers say that in seeking to make certain that civil populations are never again subjected to such outrages as have been committed by German airmen. It may well be that the flying army hereafter will be restricted exclusively to obstruction work and to such attacks upon troops as machine gun or similar armament would permit.

The submarine problem apparently attracts the greatest attention. There is reason to believe that the navy general board would not favor proposals that use of submarines in any form be abandoned entirely. Navy officers, however, favor prohibition of the use of their craft against any but warships, as that would mean the end of submarine blockades, and they regard this as one of the most practical elements to be dealt with in discussions of freedom of the seas.

MAY COMMUNICATE WITH SOLDIERS BY WIRELESS

New York, Dec. 21.—Relatives and friends of soldiers returning on transport from overseas may communicate with them by wireless and receive answers to their messages, under a Navy Department agreement announced here last night.

The announcement said messages may be filed at any telegraph office and will be relayed to New York, Boston or some other naval radio base, where they will be flashed to the incoming ships. Answers will come over the same route.

Charges for the service via New York are 16 cents a word.

Ex-Emperor William Improving.

Amerongen, Holland, Dec. 21.—The Ex-emperor of Germany, William was able to take advantage of the better weather to walk around the estate where he is staying. He has recovered from his chill which has kept him in bed since Sunday. His car which has also been troubling him is also improved.

If the people of North Carolina would invest the ten Million Dollars that is estimated they will spend, for Xmas gifts in War Savings Stamps, the State would sell its quantity trouble.