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## SOCIALISTS WANT EX-KAISER TRIED

Willie, Jr., Von Hollweg, Von Jagow and Zimmerman Also Are Sought by Reds' Leader.—Calls Them Mass Murderers—Radical Socialists, However, Appear to Be Losing Ground in Germany—Returning Soldiers Reject Bolshevism.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—“We demand the immediate convening of a revolutionary tribunal for the purpose of passing sentence on the Hohenzollerns, father and son, and on von Bethmann-Hollweg,” says the Red Flag, the organ of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, in commenting on the disclosures made in Munich concerning the complicity of Germany in bringing about the war. William II must be commanded to return and give an account before this tribunal.”

The Spartacus organ also demands a reckoning with the Socialist leaders, Ebert, David, Molkenbuehr and others, for participation in propaganda calculated to absolve Germany from responsibility for causing the war.

“We have been told that Germany had no knowledge of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. It was a lie,” says the Vorwaerts. “Berlin was said to have admonished Vienna to go slow. It was a lie.”

“In the course of his proclamation William II declared ‘in the midst of peace we are attacked by the enemy.’ A base, impudent, bottomless, shameless lie.

“And does this band of mass murderers who in the progress of the revolution and through the generosity of the German people managed to escape unhurt, really still believe it can once more establish its blood-stained, lie-bedecked?”

The organ of the independent Socialists, Die Freiheit, says:

“They committed high treason. We could lay hands on William and his son, but it is to be hoped that they will yet be brought to justice. Their fortunes, however, must be confiscated. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, von Jagow and Zimmerman, who were their tools, must forthwith be arrested and brought into court.

Count Reventlow in the Tages Zeitung, says that neither Bethmann-Hollweg nor his associates desired a world-war and that they were not prepared for it. The Count adds:

“It is not to be denied, however, that their jumbling was responsible for complications which ultimately involved Germany.”

Reports of tests of strength between the conservative elements and the independent and Bolshevik Socialists in various places in Germany continue to indicate that as far as mere numbers go the extremists are almost negligible.

The elections to the Soldiers and Workmen's Council in Dresden, on Sunday show that the extremists polled only 4,200 votes against 56,400 for the old Socialists. Both groups of independents won only three or four seats in the council of 50.

Fuller reports from Bremen show that the movement in the coast cities already has turned into a more conservative channel.

A meeting of soldiers, workmen's and peasants' councils, representing Bremen, Hanover, Hamburg, Oldenburg, Flensburg, Osnabrueck, Wilhelmshaven and a number of smaller places in the provinces of Hanover and Schleswig-Holstein adopted a resolution declaring that these councils would stand behind the present government and demand the convocation of a national assembly. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 81 to 20.

There also was a crushing defeat for the extremists at a meeting representing the Tenth Army Corps at Hanover, where by a vote of 140 to 4, a resolution was adopted against efforts to establish a dictatorship and demanding the summoning of a constituent assembly.

Soldiers from the front are beginning to arrive in Berlin and men who have conversed with them express themselves optimistically as to the result of their arrival as regards its effect upon the preservation of order. These men declare that the great bulk of the soldiers reject Bolshevism in all its phases.

It also may perhaps be considered an indication of the general public's faith in the conservation of the soldiers that German and Prussian flags are beginning to reappear over all Berlin, after having made way for the red flag since November 10. Only in one of the suburbs was any objection raised to the flying of the national flag. Certain elements there tore the Prussian banners from the street cars. Elsewhere the emblems were not destroyed.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM SELMA.

(Regular Correspondence.)

The local Red Cross met Tuesday afternoon in the Red Cross room at the school building to discuss plans for carrying out successfully the Christmas Roll Call. The members decided to recommend to Mr. Dwight Barbour, the County Roll Call chairman, the name of Mr. John Wiggs as chairman for Selma township. Mr. Moser met with the members and offered a plan of work that was adopted and will be carried out. The local organization is enthusiastic about the success of the Christmas drive.

The local organization has elected officers for the coming year as follows: Mrs. L. D. Debnam, chairman; Mrs. Young, vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. Call, treasurer; Mrs. Bethel, secretary and publicity agent; Mrs. Robert Etheridge, chairman work room; Messrs. M. C. Winston and N. E. Ward and Miss Margaret Ethebridge, executive committee.

The Selma school celebrated Thanksgiving Thursday morning with a short program. It went as follows:

Song—All Hail the Power Jesus' Name. The School.

Twenty-third Psalm. The School. Prayer. Rev. J. H. Worley.

Recitation—Thanksgiving Poem. Sixth Grade.

Song—On Thanksgiving. Second Grade.

Song—On Thanksgiving. First grade.

Snatches of several popular songs:

There's a Long, Long Trail, Keep the Home Fires Burning, Pack Up Your Troubles. The school.

A Short Talk—“We Should Be Thankful to Be American Children Today.” Supt. Moser.

Solo—When the Boys Come Home. Miss Folger.

Songs—Your Flag and My Flag, The Star Spangled Banner. The school.

A number of the people of the community came out to the exercises and went away refreshed, filled with the spirit of Thanksgiving.

School turned out at noon for the general turkey dinner.

Under the direction of the Board of Charities special dinner was served to those who otherwise would not have felt the special feeling of good will and pleasure that should come to all of us at this time of abundant harvest and boundless blessings.

The Selma public school is running six days to the week now to offer the children an opportunity to make up the lost time. If the experiment is a success, and it should be, the schools in Selma will likely run six days to the week next year. Is there any reason for not running all our schools six days to the week?

Supt. Moser attended the Christmas Roll Call conference at Greensboro Saturday in the interest of putting the thing over in Johnston county. Do the people of Johnston know that last year only six people out of every hundred were members of the Red Cross, while in New England thirty-five out of a hundred were members? What is patriotism, anyway?

A number of the young people of Selma went to Raleigh and Wilson. Those going to Raleigh were Misses Kilpatrick, McNeil, Brietz, Rodwell. Those going to Wilson were Misses Edgerton, Folger, McKee, Keel and Paris.

Two of the teachers, Misses Jones and Paris went out of town to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. M. C. Winston is in Richmond for part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edgerton and family were in Raleigh Tuesday shopping.

Judging from the turkeys that have been brought to town recently the day was celebrated in real Turkey style.

The celebration at the Methodist church Thursday night was one of sincere praise, heartily entered into by the congregation. An offering of money and materials was made for the Raleigh Orphanage. The pastor of the church, C. K. Proctor, made a fitting talk for the occasion. Mr. Proctor also made Thanksgiving talks at Sanders Chapel and at Kealy Thursday.

Rev. R. R. Lanier and family are away this week attending the Baptist Association at Bethesda.

Miss Frances Walker, of Fayetteville, and Miss Florence Neighbors, of Wilson, were visiting Mrs. I. W. Mayerberg during the last week-end.

G. M. Jones, an employe of the Southern Railway, who has been living in Selma, has moved to Raleigh.

Preston Mazing moved his family from Selma to Wilson Tuesday. Mr. Mazing will go into business at Wilson.

Mr. Bundy is moving his family to Selma. Mr. Bundy recently bought a home in Selma near the school building. We are glad to welcome him.

Mrs. John Winston, of Wendell, who has been visiting relatives in Selma, returned home Wednesday.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR THIRTIETH DIVISION

“Will Rank With Highest Achievements of the War”—Pays Tribute to 27th—Carolina and Tennessee Troops Thanked in Message From British Field Marshal.

With the British Army in Belgium, Sunday, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The American second corps, which served with the British fourth army during the closing days of the war, has been rewarded for its work by a glowing letter of praise from Field Marshal Haig, the British commander in chief.

The field marshal's message to the commands of the corps, read:

“Now that you are leaving the British zone, I wish again to thank you and all the officers and men on behalf of myself and all ranks of the British armies in France and Flanders for the very gallant and efficient service you have rendered during your operations with the British fourth army.”

“On the twenty-ninth of September you participated with distinction in a great and critical attack which shattered the enemy's resistance on the Hindenburg line and which opened the road to final victory.”

“The deeds of the twenty-seventh and thirtieth American divisions, which took Bellecourt and Nauroy and gallantly sustained the desperate struggle for Bonoy, will rank with the highest achievements of the war.”

“The names of Brancourt, Brement, Busigny, Vaux-Andigny, St. Souplet and Wassigny will testify to the dash and energy of your attacks. I am proud to have had you in my command.”

The thirtieth division mentioned by Field Marshal Haig was known as the Old Hickory division, composed of troops from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia, and which was trained at Greenville, S. C. The twenty-seventh and thirtieth divisions probably were the first American divisions to fight in Belgium, having crossed the border with the fourth British army.

The twenty-seventh division is composed of New York troops and was trained at Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

### Four Selma Boys Met in London.

Selma, Nov. 27.—Mr. Bartha Deans, now in the service of Uncle Sam's navy and who has made several trips across the big pond, related a very interesting incident on his last furlough home. Mr. Deans said that he was walking down the streets of the big city of London taking in the interesting things to be seen in the world's metropolis, when suddenly a good fellow slapped him on the shoulder. Who was this good fellow but William Creech, of Selma—the famous city in the Old North State? William knew where to find two more Selma boys—Wilbur Perkins and Arthur O'Neal. They were soon found and the four Selma boys scattered to the four winds of earth by war, had come together in London and were celebrating the coming together in a sumptuous way, feasting at one of London's famous eating places. Such a good time these boys had and what a joyous surprise that they should meet in the very heart of the world's population to talk over old times in Selma. Perhaps every man in that dining room that evening thought that North Carolina was a small place in the State of Selma. What a strange coincidence that this should happen, but such is war. And this is one of the pleasantest phases.

### Robbers Steal Pistols.

J. D. Smith's hardware store was broken into some time last night, and the robbers helped themselves to five pistols and several boxes of cartridges, valued at about \$100. Entrance was effected at the rear, where a glass was broken. Nothing else in the store was molested. The bloodhounds were phoned for, but owing to the illness of their keeper they could not be secured. Every effort will be made to find the guilty parties.—Clayton News, Nov. 28.

### Students Average \$5.00.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 26.—The faculty and students of the University of North Carolina subscribed a total of \$3,700 in the war work drive just ended, \$700 being the faculty's share. The subscriptions from the students averaged about \$5 per man.

Illinois has approved a \$60,000,000 bond issue to provide means for the construction of 4,800 miles of good roads. The interest on the loan is to be met by automobile fees.

## AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Several Marriages Among Bensonites. Death of John Jones in Elevation. Boys from the Camps Spending Thanksgiving at Home.

Benson, N. C., Nov. 28.—Mr. Hugh Royall, of Richmond, Va., spent a few days here this week with his wife and daughter, who are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal.

Messrs. J. L. Hall, G. W. Rollins, Alonzo Parrish and L. Gilbert have been attending the Baptist Association at Bethesda this week.

Deputy Marshal George F. Moore is in Raleigh this week attending the Federal Court for the Eastern North Carolina District.

Mr. Decker Creech came home yesterday to spend Thanksgiving with his parents in Elevation township. He is in the Navy Yard at Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Denning and Mr. Lonnie Denning spent Monday in Fayetteville visiting.

Mr. John Jones, a son of Mr. Rom Jones, died at his home near Rehoboth lats Thursday and was buried Friday at Rehoboth cemetery. Mr. Jones had been seriously sick for several days and his death was expected. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Mr. J. C. Clifford, of Dunn, was a visitor to our city Tuesday on legal matters.

Miss Annie Parker, registered nurse, who has been in service with Uncle Sam, has been here for a few days recently.

Mr. R. U. Barbour left Tuesday for Tennessee, where he will buy two car loads of fine mules for the Benson market.

Messrs. Rooft Penny and Shepard Penny spent yesterday in Raleigh on business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Capps went to Henderson Tuesday to visit Mr. Capps' mother, who has been sick at her home for the past few days.

Messrs. Julian Godwin and Roy Smith went to Goldsboro yesterday, returning last night.

Mr. Marvin Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Clifton, of our city, who is on one of the big battleships of the United States fleet, is home for a few days' visit.

Messrs. George W. Hall and John Hall, were visitors to Fayetteville Monday on business.

Mrs. Walter Strickland is spending a few days in Bentonsville township with relatives this week.

Mr. Tom Baker, of Penniman, Va., came home for a few days this week.

Mr. William Strickland, of Camp Sevier, was home for a few days the first of the week. He visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Strickland, in Elevation.

Miss C'ell Lamb, who has been visiting relatives in Wilson county for a month, has returned and resumed her work at the postoffice here.

Mrs. W. D. Boon and daughter, Florence Boon, left this morning for Elizabeth City, Norfolk and other places to visit relatives.

Mr. J. Willis Creech, of Elevation, has bought the Dr. Rowland place in Benson and will move here in the near future. We welcome Mr. Creech and his family to Benson.

Mr. Claud Canaday went to Fayetteville shopping Tuesday and spent the day.

Mr. A. W. Perry is spending some time in Millbrook, N. C.

Miss Dale Weaver spent Sunday here with her sister, Miss Bess Weaver. Miss Mary Wilson also spent the day here with Miss Weaver.

Miss Clyde Hocutt and Miss Maud Hocutt, of Garner, spent Sunday here with Velma Brady.

Misses Lucile Eaton, of Mocksville, and Grace Bryan, of Marshall, were here Sunday with friends. They will teach at Peacock's Cross Roads this year.

Mr. Arthur Jernigan, of Camp Jackson, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jernigan, near here Sunday.

Miss Dora Norris died at the home of her father, Mr. Eldridge Norris, near Benson, the first of the week. She had pneumonia, following influenza and death resulted.

Miss Ruby Day, of Durham, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Warren.

Miss Gertrude Surles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Surles, and Mr. Tom Baker, of Penniman, Va., were married Monday at Lillington, N. C. Mr. Baker holds a responsible position with the government works near Penniman, to which place he has returned. His wife will remain with her parents till the first of the year.

Miss Florence Jernigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jernigan, was married Monday morning to Mr. John W. Hill, of Laurens, S. C. The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few relatives of the bride being present. They left Monday afternoon for their future home in South Carolina.

A very pretty marriage was solemnized yesterday morning in Durham at the parsonage of the Second

## THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., Nov. 27.—Misses Helen Rogers and Gladys Barbour spent last Sunday in Raleigh with Mrs. R. H. Garrison.

Mrs. E. E. Murchison and little daughter returned to their home at Sanford last Sunday after spending some time here with parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis, of Raleigh, spent last Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ellis.

Mrs. C. G. Boyett returned to her home at Wilson a few days ago after spending some time here with relatives.

Mr. Ransom Averitt is at home from Wake Forest College to spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. John Stallings is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cable.

Mr. Borda Allen, a member of the U. S. Navy, stopped over and spent Monday here on his way to his new post of duty at Norfolk.

Mr. Ekum Ellis, who holds a position at Baltimore, visited his parents several days this week.

Mr. Edgar Averitt, a U. S. Navy boy, is at home for a few days.

On Thursday and Friday, December 5, and 6, at Miss Taylor's Millinery store, the ladies of the Baptist church will hold their bazaar. They will have a good display and the proceeds to go to the church.

At the home of Mrs. C. W. Carter last Friday evening the Mothers' Club held a meeting known as the “fathers' meeting.” All the fathers were invited and all enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

Thursday night Mrs. John S. Barnes entertained the young married folks of the town in honor of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Griffin, who are to leave real soon for their new home at Wendell.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving day. Each store in town will be closed for the entire day. Services at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. and at the Baptist church at 7 p. m. We realize that we have much to be thankful for on this day. Most of all we are in peace again, and have not lost a single home boy in the awful world war.

We understand that the packages for Christmas may be mailed as late as November 30, but none after that time. There are as yet lots of families who have received no labels and have not been able to secure any through the Red Cross, so therefore have not sent any.

Lots of people are attending the Association at Bethesda church this week.

## BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Some winter weather visited our section Sunday in the shape of hail and cold rain.

Messrs. Harvey Westbrook and Allen Lee went to Camp Humphreys, Va., last week to visit Mr. Norman Westbrook.

The “flu” has broke out in Bentonsville township again. It seems to be the Wayne county kind, having originated there.

Mr. Snider, of Winston-Salem, is in this section in the interest of the beneficiary degree of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

The Mill Creek school opened Monday with Miss Esther Rose, of Wayne as principal and Miss Lorrine Massengill as primary teacher.

A Thanksgiving sermon will be preached at Ebenezer M. E. church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 for the Jr. O. U. A. M. by the pastor, Rev. T. W. Siler. You are welcome.

Mr. W. A. Powell, the township health officer, has his thinking cap on now, with the schools opened up, and the “flu” nearing on them. He is asking the people to help him that the epidemic may be kept down, otherwise the schools will have to close.

Bentonville, Nov. 27.

Joseph Fielding Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), died at his home in Salt Lake City, a few days ago, after a long illness, in his eightieth year. Death was due indirectly to a paralytic stroke suffered last April. An avowed polygamist, Mr. Smith was married six times. His children numbered forty-three and his grandchildren ninety-one. Five of his wives are living and thirty of his children.

Baptist church when Miss Lena Beam became the bride of Mr. David Pleasants. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Avers, pastor of the bride. The young couple arrived here yesterday afternoon and will visit relatives of the groom for a few days before returning to Durham, where they will make their home.

All business places in Benson have closed for Thanksgiving. It is the universal opinion of our people that there is much to be thankful for this year and all places have therefore closed.

## THIRTIETH DIVISION TO RETURN SOON

Only About 12,500 Men and Officers in Each—Not Reduced to This Number By Losses in Fighting, However.

Washington, Nov. 26.—News from France today that the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions, which have been fighting with the British Fourth Army, have been withdrawn with only approximately 12,500 officers and men in each, does not mean that these organizations have been reduced to less than half of their normal strength in the severe fighting on the British front before the signing of the armistice.

Army officers recalled today that only the infantry and machine gun units of these divisions went into action with the British forces, the artillery being used elsewhere. It also was regarded as more than possible that the infantry and machine gun units were reduced in number so as to make the division conform in size to the British divisions. The British divisional unit numbers about 12,500 men.

The Twenty-seventh division is the New York National Guard division commanded by Major General John F. O'Ryan, the only National Guard officer to have served through the war with that high rank.

The Thirtieth division was composed of the North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard.

Both these organizations saw heavy actions with the British and were highly commended by British officers for their desperate fighting when Marshal Haig's armies were smashing the Hindenburg line in northern France. Their losses undoubtedly have been heavy, but it is not regarded as probable that half their original strength figured on the casualty lists.

So far as is known here, no date for the return of these or any other divisions from France has been fixed. Secretary Baker said today that none of the divisional organizations would arrive home before Christmas.

## HALF DEAD FROM STARVATION.

While 800 Bolshevik Prisoners Perished En Route to Nikolsk.

Vladivostok, Saturday, Nov. 23.—Half dead from starvation and disease, many beyond help, 1,321 survivors out of the original total of 2,100 Bolshevik prisoners and refugees in a train sent across Siberia by the Czecho-Slovak troops fighting in Samaria, European Russia, have arrived at Nikolsk, near Vladivostok. The journey from the Ural mountains to the Pacific occupied weeks.

The survivors reached Nikolsk in 40 cars. The train carried no provisions.

Of the 800 prisoners missing from the original total some were shot while trying to escape from the train. Others lost their lives by throwing themselves from the car windows. Disease, starvation and exposure accounted for the remainder.

When the Czecho-Slovak forces captured Samara, they loaded the inmates of the jails into trains indiscriminately along with the Bolshevik prisoners of war. The American Red Cross at Vladivostok has rushed doctors to Nikolsk to aid the arrivals, who are in a terrible condition.

Other train loads of human freight in similar straits are now on their way eastward over the trans-Siberian railroad.

Among those reaching Nikolsk were a dozen women who formerly were nurses in the Bolshevik hospital at Samara. Many innocent persons were included. There was a girl stenographer, who had been sentenced to six days' imprisonment for serving the non-Bolshevik city administration. The American Red Cross is taking care of 500 of the survivors in an improvised hospital. These persons are dependent solely upon charity.

## BUILD 2,985 NEW VESSELS.

American Yards Make Great Record Since Declaration of War.

Nearly 3,000 vessels were built in home yards between April 6, 1917, the date of the declaration of war by the United States, and November 11 last, the date of the armistice.

The actual number was 2,985 of 3,091,695 gross tons, of which 506, aggregating 2,056,813 gross tons, were ocean-going steel steamers. Ocean-going wooden vessels numbered 403, of 753,156 gross tons, and nonsailing vessels numbered 2,076 with a gross tonnage of 281,725.—Washington Post.

From all organizations over the country comes the call, “Do your Christmas shopping early.”