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PERIL OF FRANCE PERIL OF WORLD

American President Speaks at Luncheon Given Him by French Senate, Bringing Together a Brilliant Assemblage—Meeting of Supreme Council to Consider Russian Situation Another Notable Event of the Day at Paris.

Paris, Jan. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The two notable events of the day were the meeting of the supreme council to consider the Russian situation and the gala luncheon to President Wilson at Luxembourg palace.

The luncheon, besides bringing together a brilliant assemblage, also brought out the declaration from President Wilson that "the peril of France, if it continues, will be the peril of the world, and not only France must organize against the peril, but the world must organize against it."

The meeting of the supreme council was attended by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing and representatives of the other four great powers. An hour was given over to hearing M. Noulens, the French ambassador, who has just returned from Russia, where he personally witnessed the various changes which have been taking place in the government and conditions there. What he told the council was not disclosed, but an authorized statement from M. Noulens sums up his views thus:

"The bolshevik power is the enemy of the entente. It furnishes Germany with food during the war. It protested against the terms of the German armistice. These acts show an uncompromising attitude of hostility against the entente.

Tyranny and Terror Increasing.
"Tyranny and terror, which are increasing daily, should place the bloody chiefs at Moscow and Petrograd outside the pale of humanity. No society of nations could deal with such a regime, which constitutes today the most serious obstacle to a general peace.

"Until the regime falls, a development which I hope the allies will actively seek to bring about, Europe will continue to be exposed to the severest risks of agitation and war."

M. Noulens will be followed tomorrow by the Danish minister, H. Schavenius, who will speak along the same lines.

The luncheon to President Wilson was one of the most elaborate functions thus far held, with 300 guests at the table, including two presidents and many premiers and public leaders, in the sumptuous setting of one of the finest of old world palaces. The throne room of the Bourbon kings was used for the first time since a hundred years ago, Napoleon banqueted his generals returning from battle.

The republican guard in white uniforms and gleaming helmets lined the marble staircase as President Wilson ascended. The menu was a beautifully engraved work of art, bearing President Wilson's portrait on the cover.

Wilson Sends Note to Singer.
President Wilson's speech was warmly applauded, and as he closed the band of the republican guard took up the inspiring strains of the Marsellaise, with the voice of a tenor from the opera joining in the refrain. The President was so impressed with the demonstration that he wrote a hurried note on his card and sent it to the singer.

The guests then withdrew for coffee in the saloon Victor Hugo, where two brilliant groups formed, the premiers and foreign delegates crowding around.

The two Presidents again received military honors when they departed. President Wilson wound up a busy day by going to Hotel De Crillon at 5 o'clock where he had a conference with the American delegates.

Fayetteville Schools Closed Again.

The Cumberland County Board of Health has ordered—the schools, churches, and all other places of public gathering closed in Fayetteville and Hope Mills, on account of the spread of influenza.

NEWSY LETTER FROM OVER SELMA WAY

Selma, N. C., Jan. 23.—A large number of the Selma people are sick as a result of the second influenza epidemic. None of the cases are reported serious however, except Mrs. John Jeffreys. Mrs. Jeffreys is critically ill but there are other complications besides the influenza.

Rev. C. K. Proctor has been very ill this week, but not with the flu. His condition is considerably improved.

Rev. J. E. Dupree, of Pine Level, has moved his family to Selma. Mr. Dupree is connected with the Johnstonian and in that way has made many friends in Selma. We are glad to have the family of Mr. Dupree come to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Etheredge, and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Winston visited Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday nights to attend the plays given at the Raleigh Opera House.

Mr. M. C. Winston attended the play in Raleigh Wednesday night.

Mr. E. H. Moser spent last weekend in Raleigh attending the meeting of the legislative committee of the State Teachers' Assembly. Mr. Moser reports that it is the opinion of the committee that the Legislature is in a mood to pass some real progressive school legislation this year. For instance, a compulsory school law that counts; and measures to amply provide a six months' school term for every school district in North Carolina with prepared and equipped teachers, receiving a living salary. Anything less than this will be a failure.

The Selma High School basketball team played the Fremont school boys Wednesday at Fremont. The game was not at all a fast or snappy one. Yet it was clean and well played. The Selma boys won by the score of 36 to nine.

Mrs. John Jeffreys' mother, of Conee, is visiting her during her illness; also Mr. Jeffreys' sister, Mrs. Rose, of Clayton, is here.

Mrs. Proctor, of Durham, mother of Rev. C. K. Proctor, is visiting her son and family during the illness of the preacher.

Some of the much needed work on the Selma streets is at last being done. The beautiful weather during the winter has done a great deal in itself to put good streets in Selma. But the worst holes are being filled up and the fullest ditches are being opened. Some of these days you are going to see the people of Selma get together and figure out some kind of a drainage system for the town. How soon?—I wonder.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Edgerton, of Wilson, were in Selma Monday. It looked natural to see these former Selmites on the streets again. They received a warm welcome.

Miss Elizabeth Sasser of Goldsboro, was in Selma Sunday visiting Miss Lottie Lee Jones.

Eula Mae Edgerton, of the Selma High School, spent the week-end in Wilson with her parents and friends.

Mr. Frank Brantley, of Zebulon, was in town Tuesday to see Mr. E. H. Moser. Mr. Brantley said that Zebulon was moving along and doing things in a way that is characteristic to that little progressive town.

The farmers in the surrounding territory are taking advantage of this beautiful weather to haul guano and other supplies needed away from town and back to the farms. Much early preparation is going on for the crops. It ought to be urged upon the farmers that it is necessary to raise as much grain and meat as possible this year. America will be called upon with strong appeals for food supplies for the starving world this year. It is our duty to supply the demand as far as we can. Food supplies of all kinds bid fair to bring fabulous prices. We need to see that this county produces grain and meat to sell this year. When we get to producing grain and meat to do us and then some to spare our prosperity will show signs of reality. High priced cotton and tobacco will never make us a really prosperous county if we have to spend all this fabulous wealth for food of all kinds that is equally fabulous in prices.

Edward Edgerton, of Trinity College, spent the week end with his parents in Selma.

There is much talk of a new depot, modern and well equipped for public service for Selma. We all hope this report is true. Nothing

TROOPS SHELLING AMERICAN POSITIONS

Enemy Apparently Prepared for General Offensive in Shenkursk Sector. Battle 30 Miles to the South.

Archangel, Jan. 21.—Bolshevik troops are heavily shelling the farthest south positions of the American and Russian armies at Ust Pagenda, on the Waga river, 30 miles south of Shenkursk. They also are showing considerable activity west of Shenkursk on the Tania river. It has been impossible to determine whether the attack will develop on a greater scale. The enemy apparently is prepared for a general offensive in the Shenkursk sector.

Sunday the enemy, under cover of heavy bombardment, attacked with infantry the American and Russian population at Ust Pagenda. The allied outpost withdrew, but the Bolshevik attack on the main position was repulsed with heavy losses.

There has been no infantry action. There has been a constant rain of shells on the village. The American infantry was vigorously replying yesterday. Flying in a temperature of 16 degrees below zero, one American airplane bombed the enemy and secured direct hits on important Bolshevik positions.

The fighting is going on in cold, clear weather but the temperature is so low that it is difficult for the infantrymen to remain in the open any length of time.

The Bolsheviks also are shelling the American positions on the Volozda railway. With the exception of a few days early in January, when the allied forces attempted to improve their positions southward on the Kadish railroad, and on the Onega sector, the offensive on the Archangel front for several months has been in the hands of the Bolsheviks. They are boasting that in the vicinity of Kadish they will drive the allies into the White Sea in March.

Along the Murmansk railway front the Russian and allied troops yesterday raided the village of Rugozerka, 50 miles southeast of Soroka, where they either killed or captured all the Bolshevik garrison.

The allied forces did not suffer a single casualty.

STEPS FOR PERMANENT MERCHANT MARINE.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The foundation for a permanent organization having for its purpose the maintenance and expansion of the American merchant marine was laid here today at a conference of ship officials, builders and employers. The meeting was called by Senator Ransdale, of Louisiana, who presented subjects for discussion and who, as temporary chairman named committees on permanent organization and resolutions which are to report at the final sessions tomorrow.

TRAIL HITTING BEGINS IN SUNDAY MEETING.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 22.—Trail-hitting in Billy Sunday's campaign began at the city auditorium tonight. The first to hit the trail was a young girl about 15 years old with her hair done in braid down her back. She was followed by an aged woman. Next there were young women nearing or in their early twenties. The first ten were women, the eleventh was a gray-haired man, followed by a young man in khaki, a lieutenant.

When the last invitation had been offered and the last verse of "Just as I Am" had been sung heads were counted and it was found that fifty-six had hit the trail to God and His truth, to borrow one of Sunday's most treasured expressions.

would do us more good or fill a greater need for the travelling public, unless perhaps some prosperous individual decided that he wanted to be more prosperous and erect a modern hotel in Selma. Then that fellow would put this burg on the map. To own a modern hotel, modernly equipped and supplied with modern courteous service here in Selma, would be almost the same as owning a small gold mine in Klondike or an oil well in the west.

RESULT W. S. STAMPS CAMPAIGN OF 1918

Mrs. D. T. Lunceford Gives the Number of War Savings Stamps Sold By Different County Post Offices.

The number of War Saving Stamps sold by the different postoffices in the county were as follows:

Smithfield, 20,448; Selma, 10,939; Benson, 6,433; Kenly, 3,126; Micro, 2,590; Pine Level, 2,534; Princeton, 2,055; Bentonville, 1,305; Clayton, 1,198; Four Oaks, 1,174; Wilson's Mills, 1,155; Bagley, 27; making a total of 52,984, the maturity value of which will be \$264,920, in 1923.

A part of this amount has already been collected by those who have been overtaken by misfortune, and by others whose patriotism has slackened. The Third Assistant Postmaster General in the postal bulletin of January 22, says that the need of the Government for the proceeds of the War Saving Stamps is great and that the holders should retain their stamps until maturity unless their necessities are urgent.

The interest paid by the United States to the holders of these stamps, if held till maturity, will be \$40,267.84, which will mean a great deal to our county as well as to the individuals.

SARAH A. LUNCEFORD,
District Act. P. M.

LITTLETON COLLEGE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Blaze Believed to Have Started in Dining Room of Four-Story Dormitory.

Littleton College, a school for young women, was completely destroyed by fire at Littleton shortly after two o'clock Wednesday morning. The blaze, which is believed to have started in the dining room of a four-story dormitory, quickly spread and consumed other buildings of the school. None of the 250 students were injured, although many were forced to jump from windows to escape from the burning structures. It is believed the loss will exceed \$50,000, partly covered by insurance.

The college was conducted under the auspices of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.—News and Observer.

PEACE MISSION TO POLAND

Decision Reached by Supreme Council. With Foch—Two Delegates Each to Be Sent by America, Great Britain, France and Italy.

Paris, Jan. 22.—The supreme council of the peace conference took up the Polish question when it assembled today. Marshal Foch, the allied commander-in-chief, was present and was consulted on the subject.

The discussion resulted in a decision by the council to send at once to Poland a mission comprising eight delegates, one military and one civil from each of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy.

This subject thus disposed of, the council took up again the question of the Russian situation. President Wilson took a prominent part in this, reading a proposal on the subject to the council, which planned to discuss it in the afternoon, at the session beginning at 3 o'clock.

These announcements were made in the official statement of the morning proceedings of the council, which reads:

"The supreme inter-allied war council met this morning at 11 o'clock at the ministry for foreign affairs. The President of the United States of America and the prime ministers and ministers for foreign affairs of the allied and associated powers, as well as Baron Makino and Baron Matsui, the Japanese delegates, considered the Polish question, on which they consulted Marshal Foch. They decided to send at once to Poland a mission composed of two delegates, one civil and the other military, of the United States, the British empire, France and Italy.

"The ministers then resumed the examination of the Russian question, and President Wilson read a proposal which will be discussed this afternoon. The meeting will take place at three o'clock.—Charlotte Observer.

FROM THE CAPITAL CITY OF BANNER

Miss Julia Canaday, who has been in Richmond for the past several months, came home this week and will visit here for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin left this week for Miami, Fla., where they will spend several weeks.

Mr. R. U. Barber went down to Columbia, S. C., the first of the week and returned yesterday.

Messrs. J. G. Dixon and John Smith went to Smithfield on business yesterday.

Mr. Willis Pleasant, a son of Mr. Neal Pleasant, who lives near here, was buried Monday. He had been in camp for some time and it is thought that he either was murdered or committed suicide.

Prof. T. T. Lanier has accepted a position with Mr. Alonzo Parrish as auto salesman.

Misses Myrtle Ashcraft and Annie Laurie Wicker went to Four Oaks Tuesday, spending the day there with friends.

Prof. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield, was a visitor to Benson Tuesday on business matters.

Miss Maggie Abernathy, of Fuquay Springs, has been visiting in Benson for the past several days.

The store building recently occupied by W. N. Stewart, will be remodeled and occupied by Messrs. Ira B. Raynor and J. M. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dixon went to Smithfield Sunday, spending the day with Mrs. E. H. Dixon.

Messrs. W. T. Martin, W. F. Smith, Ezra Parker and Charles Creech went up to Raleigh Tuesday evening to attend the Grand Lodge.

The stock of goods of the late A. L. Barefoot was sold by the administrator the first of the week to Charles Johnson and Oscar Johnson, who later re-sold the stock to Messrs Abdalla Bros., of Selma.

Mr. William Woodall, who is in school at Chapel Hill, came home this week on a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pet Woodall.

The influenza in and around Benson seems to have disappeared almost entirely within the last week. There are now no new cases, and most of those who have been confined to their homes with it have returned to work within the last few days.

Mr. Albert Stephenson, brother of our townsman, Mr. A. L. Stephenson, died at his home in Pleasant Grove township the first of the week. He was buried Tuesday near his home. Mr. Stephenson was a man who stood well in his community, and had accumulated a goodly lot of property. He was married to a daughter of Mr. James Langdon, of near Rehoboth, and several children survive as the result of the marriage. Mr. Stephenson had been confined to his home only a few days with flu, from which he never rallied. He will be greatly missed in his community.

KRUPP PLANT WORKING FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Making Parts For 72 Incomplete Cannon Rejected By Americans.

Coblentz, Jan. 22.—(By the A. P.)—The Krupp plant at Essen began working for the United States government Tuesday. The task undertaken by the Krupp consists of making parts for seventy-two incomplete cannon, rejected by the Americans as part of the war material offered by the Germans under the terms of the armistice.

The German commission which has been in Berlin considering the question of the heavy guns turned down by the American authorities has arrived at Coblentz and reported that eighty cannon have been shipped to the headquarters of the American army of occupation to replace big guns which failed to meet requirements. With the delivery of the parts for the seventy-two cannon and the arrival of the other eighty, the delivery of heavy artillery to the Americans will have been completed. The American allotment calls for one hundred and fifty-two heavy guns.

Sanford Closes Schools.

On account of the number of new cases of influenza in Sanford the churches, schools and theatres have been closed for a few days.

JOHNSTON TO HAVE SUMMER RESORT

Original Holt's Pond Four Miles From Smithfield To Be Turned Into Summer Resort—No Efforts Spared to Make Project Decided Success.

Recreation is a prerequisite of re-creation. Recreation is essential and indispensable to the normal development of a healthy and progressive individual. We can't explain life; we only know by experience and study what produces longevity, and when we sum it up if recreation had not played a prominent part brevity of life would have been the outcome. If this be so, do we not appreciate any effort on the part of any individual who makes an attempt to develop anything which contributes to the happiness of the people or who gives any effort to materialize plans of a recreative nature.

One of the needs of our county is a place near by where one can spend an afternoon or week-end and come back into business or home feeling refreshed and ready to begin work with a greater vigor. We are to have such a resort. Mr. R. C. Gillette, the real estate firm of Abell & Gray, with Mr. N. G. Rand associated, have made some elaborate plans which they have already begun to develop and which will materialize into a place of which our town, county and State will feel justly proud. They have leased Holt's pond, between Smithfield and Four Oaks, for a number of years and are going to make the place a veritable place of amusement and recreation.

The old pond, of which so many picnickers cherish memories, will be known as "Holt Lake" and will be embellished until it will be transformed into a resort which will be a more convenient and appropriate place for out-door functions.

The old dam has been torn down and a new dam of dirt and concrete, is being built near the A. C. L. railroad, which makes the lake proper about five miles in length covering near 2,500 acres. It has been dredged and snags and stumps removed making it a fit place for the motor boats, which will be available there at any time.

A man will be employed and placed in charge of the grounds and will remain there at all hours. Adequate bath houses will be constructed and a beach will be built and roped off, making it safe for children to take a dip when chaperones see fit to take the youngsters in. Many pavilions are being planned to accommodate any function or make a stay pleasant for a house party which might desire to go down for a few days.

One of the most important features of the place will be the fishing. The lake will be stocked with various kinds of fish. Mr. E. M. Haynes, superintendent of the government fish hatchery at Edenton, was here last week to investigate the advisability of the government stocking the lake with fish. As a result of his visit fish in abundance will be furnished which promises to make this place one of the best fishing grounds in the country.

This summer resort will open some time in the early part of the coming summer; definite announcements will come later and it is to be hoped that the people of the county will appreciate the efforts of the promoters to the extent that they will co-operate and take advantage of the privileges offered by an up-to-date place such as this promises to be.

FLIGHT OF TROTZKY OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

Stockholm, Jan. 21.—Leon Trotzky, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, is in flight, according to an official statement issued by the Estonian Staff, and received here to-day.

Narva has been taken from the Bolsheviks. Many prisoners and much booty were captured.

Nine Thousand Pages in Bill.

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—A bill of nine thousand pages went into the Senate and House today, through Senator Waffan and Representative Davenport entitled, "An act to consolidate the statutes of North Carolina." It is the work of the special code commission appointed by the last Legislature consolidating the North Carolina laws.