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RIOTING AGAIN IN PETROGRAD

PRO-GERMAN PEACE AGITATORS ATTACKED IN STREETS BY CROWDS OF SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS

(By United Press)
Petrograd, May 5.—Pro-German peace agitators were attacked on the streets here today by crowds of soldiers and citizens. There were numerous clashes, shots were fired, and several were wounded.

The fighting and rioting broke out Friday night when adherents of Nicholas Lenin, socialist and separate peace advocate who recently arrived from Switzerland via Germany, sought to address crowds on the streets. It is believed that this rioting is separate from the disturbances of the past two days which were directed against the government, but the greatest disorder prevails.

The Duma government has apparently smoothed out all differences between Duma leaders, soldiers and workmen delegates. At headquarters the soldiers and workmen's committee informally stated that amicable adjustment had been reached at the Duma and that the executive committee approved the government pledge. It was reported that one pledge was to announce publicly the reasons behind the provisional government's announcement May Day as to Russia's war aims. The soldier delegates said that the text of the explanation was read to the executive committee and approved.

PIVOTAL POINT OPEN TO FRANCE

IF FRENCH CAN OUTFLANK THE GERMANS BY CAPTURING LAON TROUBNS WILL HAVE TO RETIRE

(By United Press)
London, May 5.—The way for flanking Laon, the pivotal point in the Hindenburg line, is open to the French today.

If the French can outflank the Germans by capturing Laon in the immediate future, strategists believe that the retirement of the Germans to the frontier line will be necessary.

Paris, May 5.—Germany is pouring fresh divisions into the desperate fighting along the Soissons and Rheims front to stop the French advance and retake the positions lost to General Nivelle in his recent drives today's report shows.

Four new German divisions of approximately a hundred and sixty thousand men have been called upon to aid in the violent counter attacks of the T6utons.

German counter thrusts are furnishing the greater part of the fighting now, but around Mont Cornillat and east of Blendmont the French have again gained in spite of violent resistance.

AT FIRST METHODIST

The pastor, Rev. J. L. Cornbligh, will preach at both morning and evening services. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Call for Vengeance" and the evening service a special sermon will be preached to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The subject will be "The Bible and the Public School." The choir will render several pieces. Every one is cordially invited. The Sunday School will meet at 9:30 a. m., and the league at 7:15 p. m.

WILL GIVE ROOK PARTY

The Surgical Dressing Society of this city will give a Rook party in the Southern Hotel parlors Tuesday evening under the auspices of Mrs. J. Fearing.

Tickets are on sale now at 25 cents each. A good musical program will be rendered. Further particulars will be given by Mrs. Fearing on request.

SENIOR PLAY SCORES BIG HIT

The Senior play given in the High School auditorium Friday evening was a decided success.

A large crowd was present and every one was enthusiastic in praise of the leading actors, Miss Ruth Winslow and Messrs Clarence Ashby and Graham Evans, and of the excellent support given by the entire cast.

Between the acts music was rendered by Miss Pauline Skinner, Master Larry Skinner, Miss Emerald Sykes, Miss Pearl Hughes, Miss Jones and Miss Covert.

The marked success of Friday evening's performance has already caused the suggestion to be made that the play be taken to neighboring towns in the near future.

NEW BOMBSHELL IN VAWTER CASE

DR. JAMES DEJARNETTE, SANITY EXPERT, MAY BE CALLED IN TO SHATTER PREVIOUS EXPERT TESTIMONY

(By United Press)
Christianburg, Va., May 5.—While the commonwealth prepared a new bombshell, the Vawter trial was held up this morning. The bombshell took the form of Dr. James DeJarnette, superintendent of the Western State Hospital at Staunton, and a real sanity expert. At any moment it is expected that the state will call him to riddle the previous expert testimony.

The trip of the jury to Blacksburg has been postponed.

HOW IT FEELS TO MEET A SHARK FACE TO FACE

No film actor had a more terrifying experience perhaps, than that described by Allan Holubar when he first met a man-eating shark face to face at the bottom of the sea. He was playing Captain Nemo, Jules Verne's famous hero in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," the sensational photo-drama which is booked at the Alkrama for Wednesday, May 9th.

"When we climbed out of the sea door in our submarine," says Mr. Holubar, "and found ourselves for the first time in our lives on the floor of the ocean, breathing through oxygen tubes and no life lines to save us if anything happened, it gave me a shiver of fear. We found ourselves in the wonderful marine gardens with subaqueous vegetation, corals, sponges, sea urchins and other forms of marine growth more beautiful than I can describe.

"We started along the ocean bed on a hunting trip armed with guns and spears. We captured some fine specimens of sea turtles and then came to where the big game was to be found. Suddenly a shark appeared in the foggy distance. Presently others came in view until soon a dozen of the monsters were circling around and eyeing us ferociously. With no life lines to haul us up we had to meet the sharks in their natural element. Our fifty-pound shoes would not permit us to proceed faster than a walk, and I would have collapsed if the water hadn't held me up with its own pressure.

"As the monster came nearer I forgot all about my gun. I was simply frozen stiff. Then one big fellow charged right at me with its jaws open and its six rows of saw-tooth flashing I raise my gun and jabbed him square in the mouth, expecting a life and death battle, but he turned tail and glided off. The natives told me that sharks were cowards, and maybe they are, but I'll never take another chance like I did that day. If there are any more submarine pictures to be taken they will have to hire another boy in my place."

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of City Road church will meet in the annex Sunday evening at seven o'clock. This is a very important meeting as delegates will be elected to the Conference to be held here in June. Also plans for the entertainment of the Conference will be brought up. Every member is urged to be present.

"CHIMES OF NORMANDY"



Comic opera for Chautauqua!

A notable presentation of the beloved "Chimes of Normandy," by Plaquette, which scored a run of 400 nights at the Folies Dramatique, Paris, and later repeated that success in America. Not selections from the "Chimes of Normandy"—not an abbreviation of the famous opera—but a strictly authentic production with full cast of characters, principals, chorus, peasants, attendants and special orchestra.

This production not only exceeds all former operatic presentations of Chautauqua, but is one of the most notable attractions on the Chautauqua platform.

The "Chimes of Normandy" company is an especially strong singing organization both in leads and chorus. The company is under the direction of George V. C. Lord, the eminent dramatic critic and coach of Boston, and has been splendidly equipped in point of costuming and stage effects to present this distinctive and notable offering for Chautauqua audiences.

The "Chimes of Normandy" is a mine of tuneful fun. Situations that bubble with the frolic and repartee crowd each other in sparkling succession, and over all is an apple blossom perfumed provincialism and a delicious witchcraft quality.

Around the pivotal character of the opera, Gaspard, the misceu, encores a sort of maypole dance of rollicking characterization and incident. Serpolette, the inimitable spitfire piece of impudence, keeps up a running crossfire of barbed wit with other members of the company. Intervened with Serpolette's astonishing career is the story of Germain, a girl as sweet as Serpolette is "tartamoyon." The antics of Jean Greniecheux, the worthless fisherman, the Bailly with his farcical squalidly, Henri, Marquis of Cornerville, the notary, all interlaced in one continuous melody of mimicry, melody and mirth. Chautauquans will find that the "Chimes of Normandy" taps the fountains of laughter and harmony to their uttermost capacity.

WILSON APPEARS IN GALLERY

Some idea may be had of the magnitude of at least one branch of our Public Service Corporations from the following figures compiled by the United States Census Bureau.

There are approximately 1,300 gas companies in the country supplying gas service to nearly 40,000,000 people in 4,600 cities and towns.

Gas companies annually require in their operation 6,000,000 tons of coal, 1,000,000 tons of coke, 750,000,000 gallons of oil at an approximate expenditure of over \$55,000,000.

Out of this crude raw material the gas companies, by employing 60,000 persons, turn out and distribute annually over 200,000,000,000 cubic feet of gas used in over 1,000 different ways in the home, and for manufacturing purposes.

It takes 60,000 miles of street mains to deliver the gas to its consumers.

There are probably 3,000,000 gas ranges alone in use in the United States, showing the almost universal use of gas for cooking purposes in our country.

Immense sums of money are spent annually by the manufacturers of gas appliances in perfecting their product and bringing it up to a high standard of efficiency. Service to the consumer is the modern slogan under which the gas companies, and in fact all other utility corporations such as the electric, street railway, telephone and telegraph interests are endeavoring to build up their business.

Owing to the continually increasing cost in all staple commodities, foods, coal, and oil, gas is rapidly becoming the logical and most economical fuel for universal use.

Gas companies will always be found willing to give every assistance possible, and the public is reminded of this fact and urged to consult more freely with its local company when in need of advice or service. The Gas Co.

WILSON APPEARS IN GALLERY

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The President appeared in the House gallery today to be present at the visit of the British Mission.

Wilson sat there for five minutes before he was noticed. Then the lid blew off and a great demonstration followed. Another demonstration was forthcoming when the Balfour party was presented.

MOVE TO CURTAIL KAISER'S POWER

(By United Press)
Amsterdam, May 5.—The first move to curtail the Kaiser's power was taken by the recently appointed constitution committee of the Reichstag today. Berlin dispatches state.

The committee voted to amend the constitution so that hereafter all decrees and ordinances issued by the Kaiser must be countersigned by the Chancellor, who thereupon becomes responsible to the Reichstag for orders therein.

FURTHER LOANS TO THE ALLIES

(By United Press)
Washington, May 5.—The government today announced further loans of a hundred and twenty five millions to Britain and France.

AT CHRIST CHURCH

May 6th, fourth Sunday after Easter the services of Christ Church will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon at 11 A. M. and Evening Prayer and sermon at 8 P. M. H. S. Osburn, Rector, will conduct the services.

PARSONAGE SOCIETY MEETS

The Parsonage Society of City Road church will meet at the annex Monday afternoon at four o'clock, and will be entertained by the president. Seventy five members are expected to be present.

CRANK LOSES FINGER

Thursday at noon while repairing his car, which was smashed up in the auto collision which occurred between Wentworth Blount and himself Wednesday evening, Mr. Frank Crank had one finger cut off and three more badly smashed up.

Mr. Crank was under the car, which was raised slightly by an auto jack, when the jack was accidentally knocked out of position and the axle dropped to the ground across Crank's hand.

T. C. ALLEN DEAD

The funeral of Mr. T. C. Allen will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist Church by Rev. C. B. Culbreth and J. L. Cunningham. Mr. Allen was seventy-one years old. He died Friday night at twelve o'clock. He was a great friend of children and before falling in health he used to contribute a great deal to their amusement.

WARNS AGAINST BUYING COAL

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION COUNSELS PUBLIC NOT TO INDULGE IN BUYING PANIC AND HOARDING COAL THROUGH SUMMER

Washington, May 5. Retail prices of coal generally obtaining are unwarranted, the Federal Trade Commission ruled today in its report to Congress.

The Commission counseled the public not to indulge in a "buying panic" and said "the consumer should buy as in the past and not try to hoard for four months their winter supply." The Commission announced that it intends to expose any dealer or speculator who "tries to stampede the public into abnormal buying or tries to justify high prices. The output will be increased and the usual summer prices ought to apply."

A school savings system will be inaugurated in the Elizabeth City schools next year whereby all students may make deposits in one of the local banks without leaving their seats. Interest will be paid on time deposits.

BUSINESS HAS NAUGHT TO FEAR

LORD RHONDA DECLARES THAT BUSINESS MEN AND WORKMEN MAY LOOK OPTIMISTICALLY TO THE FUTURE

(By LOWELL MELLETT)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, May 5.—American business has nothing to fear from the war. Profits in England have been above normal since the war began.

Lord Rhonda, a member of Lloyd's George's cabinet makes this statement, declaring that American business men from the small tradesmen up to the biggest capitalist can look optimistically to the future. He said that last year's abnormal profits in England were achieved with little evidence of profit, for labor obtained its due proportion of increased wages. Workmen were able to meet the increased cost of living and at the same time spend more.

GREENSBORO LEADS IN SALE OF SEALS

RALEIGH CLIMBS TO SECOND PLACE WHILE GREENSBORO FALLS BACK TO THIRD

Raleigh, May 4th, 1917.—Greensboro has again led the State in the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals, while Raleigh comes in for second place and Wilmington for third. Greensboro sold 114,667 seals; Raleigh, 103,848 and Wilmington, 90,040. The total number of seals sold in the state was 1,207,874, amounting to \$12,078.74 which is an increase of 50 per cent or \$2,636.01 over the sale of last year.

Of this amount \$7,298.39 was kept in the state by the local committees or those selling the seals; \$1,206.33 was the amount sent to the National Association for the expense of the campaign, particularly for the printing and distribution of the seals, and with all other expenses paid, the net receipts of the 1916 campaign amounted to \$2,035.77.

"As glad as we are to have this amount to help carry on the work of controlling tuberculosis in the State," says Dr. L. B. McBrayer, "we believe that the educational value of the campaign was much greater. Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner said to me recently that he believed that \$75,000 was not too much to estimate the educational value alone of the seal campaign. That North Carolina won second place in her group of States selling almost one seal per capita per .999 for the population of the state, is another source of encouragement. We are now planning to hold our first meeting relative to the 1917 campaign on or about the 1st of June."

TWENTY ONE IN GRADUATING CLASS

Commencement exercises of Roanoke Collegiate Institute begin tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock with a sermon at Mt. Lebanon Church by the pastor, Dr. G. L. Miller.

This is the twentieth annual commencement and marks the close of one of the school's most successful years.

Prof. Graves says that unusual interest and especial care has been taken by both faculty and students in preparing next week's series of exercises. These will be held in the chapel of Roanoke Collegiate Institute and the programs will be announced later. Twenty one students make up the 1917 graduating class. The public is cordially invited to attend all exercises.

TO OUST HOLLWEG AND ZIMMERMANN

Copenhagen, May 5.—The movement to oust Holweg and Zimmermann may be impelled by the knowledge that German peace advocates have no chance to make serious efforts to end hostilities until these two leaders are out.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy and cooler tonight with light frost in west portion if weather clears. Sunday fair slightly warmer moderate northwest winds.

BLIND MAN RESCUES LAMB FROM WELL

A remarkable feat for a blind man was performed by Mr. John Gordon of Camden, who is sixty five years old and lives near the courthouse. Thursday night Mr. Gordon heard a lamb bleating outside the house and finding that it had fallen in the well, got a ladder and rescued it.