

WASHINGTON GOVT. REFUSES NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUSSIA

No Negotiations Says Hughes Until Propaganda Is Stopped Against Amer. Institutions

The Soviet Foreign Minister was bluntly informed that Washington Government Did Not Propose to Barter Away its Principal.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Russian Soviet efforts to open negotiations with the United States were rejected today by the Washington government.

Federal Troops are Reported Repulsed at San Marcos

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.—According to revolutionary headquarters the first phase of the fighting at San Marcos was in favor of the revolutionary forces.

GREEK GOVERNMENT WITHOUT KING

It is the belief that when King leaves his country today, he will be gone for good.

London, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press)—The Greek nation, which in recent years has suffered so many dynastic changes, will tomorrow again be without a king.

The suddenness of this development from the victory of the liberals and republicans at the recent elections has astonished even the Greek people.

Former Premier Venizelos, who is in Paris has again been invited to return to Greece to undertake the government.

According to latest advices the situation remains outwardly calm, but great anxiety for the future prevails.

Spot cotton middling 3550. Cotton futures closed irregular; Dec. 2545; January 3426; March 34733; May 3490; July 3412.

The first extra inning baseball game on record was played at Hoboken, N. J., June 17, 1851, between the Knickerbockers and the Washington Club, both of New York.

There are, according to reports received from the Charity Organization Society, about fifty families in the city this year who will not be able to appreciate the yuletide blessings, unless some assistance is received from the good people of Goldsboro.

In many of these families are sick members who are partially or wholly unable to earn for themselves the means to make Christmas a time for family joys.

Any one who will adopt a family for Christmas, and see to it that they shall receive some of the necessities, as well as the little luxuries that go to make life worth while on this occasion, please notify Miss Harlow.

Any person who does not feel able to adopt an entire family but would like to help by contributing to a fund to be used for the purpose of spreading joy among these families, may do so by making your donation to Miss Harlow.

The needs are many, and the workers few. Let everybody help in some way, the workers, who are giving so much of their time to this cause.

STATE PLANS TO SHOW FOX LED RECKLESS LIFE

HIRAM JOHNSON NOT WORRYING

South Dakota Supreme Court Keep California Man's Name off Primary Ballot.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Barred from the minority candidate column of the South Dakota Republican primary ballot by a decision of the State Supreme Court, Senator Johnson of California, plans to seek the State's support for the Presidential nomination.

Senator Johnson declared last night that he does not think his opponents could keep him off the ballot and said he was "very confident of what the electors will do at the primary."

MARINES PLAN HOLIDAY FEAST

Turkey With all its Fixin's to be Served to "Devil Dogs" All Over the World.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Turkey with all the fixin's will be a feature of the Christmas menu, served to U. S. Marines all over the world who plan an elaborate feast in celebration of the forthcoming holiday.

Mess cooks of the Marine Corps will test their culinary powers to the limit in providing a banquet that will eclipse the cuisine of former holiday repasts.

For years it has been customary for Marines of various posts to exchange menu cards on which the Christmas symposium is set forth.

This year the Christmas fare of the Leathernecks would win the admiration of the head waiter of a Broadway hostelry.

Printing press fell seven floors in Chicago. Perhaps it was printing something favoring high taxes.

Defense Centers That Fox Launched Under in Hallucination That "God Told Him to Kill Coburn."

Atlanta, Dec. 18.—Testimony relating to the alleged conduct of Philip E. Fox, former K. K. K. editor, or trial for killing William S. Coburn, a local attorney, shortly before he shot the lawyer, and "designed" to refute evidence that the slaying was insane, today was offered by a state in opening its rebuttal.

After offering testimony for three days to the effect that Fox was a paranoiac and that he killed Coburn while under an hallucination "that God had told him to kill" the attorney, the defense rested its case at noon today.

Solicitor John A. Byrd announced that the State intended to show that Fox had led a "reckless life" and had "associated with" characters. The defendant knew Coburn was collecting these facts, the solicitor said, and also was aware that he was being watched.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN HEART TEXAS TOWN

Firemen Bring Flames Under Control After Business Section of Town Had Been Threatened.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 18.—Fire which broke out in the Capitol Hotel, a four-story brick structure in the heart of the downtown shopping district at 6:30 o'clock this morning, was brought under control within an hour although the hotel and adjoining structures still were blazing.

The flames spread rapidly into the building adjoining occupied by W. C. Mann Company, Department Store, and at 7 o'clock were unchecked.

Scores of guests in the hotel barely escaped to the street in their night clothes.

The Capitol Hotel is a four-story brick building in the heart of the downtown shopping district.



Like photo of Crown Prince Hirohito, Regent of Japan. He soon will marry Princess Nagako Kuni.

PAGE NOT PRESENT BUT ROTES HAVE A JOLLY GOOD TIME

Leslie Weil Assists in the Organization of a Club in Mount Olive

Much to the regret of the members of the Rotary Club, Mr. Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, was not able to be present at the meeting last night as the special guest of the club, owing to the death of his nephew which has just taken place.

Leslie Weil, reported on the organization of the Rotary Club at Mount Olive in which he assisted last Thursday evening.

Tom O'Berry stated that there were 25 families to whom Christmas cheer should be carried either by members of the Rotary or others.

Notice was given that the club would meet at the Kennen at seven-thirty on the evening of the 27th for the ceremony of a presentation of a cup to the Boy Scouts sponsored by the club.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM INTERIOR OF MEXICO

Reports of Storming of Puebla by Federal Troops While Other Reports Were to the Effect That Point Had Already Been Evacuated.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Official dispatches received by the Mexican embassy today from Mexico city said the general forces had occupied San Marcos and that this had placed them in a position to cut off the retreat of the insurgent forces from Puebla.

The boys said Puebla was being stormed by the Federals but were repulsed by the Mexicans.

President Obregon was reported to have returned to Mexico City last night after a tour of inspection through the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla.

\$3,000,000 IN CASH TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO CO-OP MEMBERS

NO NEWS RECEIVED

The News up to a late hour last night had received no information as to the decision of the Junior National Committee, and it is believed that for some reason action will be deferred until further consideration on some point may be made.

The committee, according to advices was to have wired its decision a letter than last night, as to the location decided upon for the establishment of the orphanage which is to be established at some place in the state of North Carolina.

CROPPING PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Meeting Held Here Yesterday by District Agent Gaither and County Agents From Nine Counties to Outline Plans for Coming Season.

Farm Demonstration Agents will endeavor to pursue a systematic course of work during the coming year as a result of the meeting held here yesterday by District Agent Gaither and county agents from nine counties in the group embracing Wayne.

The purpose of the conference was to lay out definite plans for next year's work. Early in January the agent in each county will hold community meetings for the purpose of finding out just what definite line of work is needed and to what extent the farmers will co-operate.

In the meeting yesterday, District Agent Gaither laid before the conference a well worked out cropping system to be used as a basis for diversified farming. These plans are made for one and two horse farmers, either renters or owners who want to avoid the danger of a disaster that may come next year if too much dependence is placed on cotton.

It was stated that a bank in a certain town in this section had fifteen farmers who had gotten so far behind that they were told no further credit could possibly be extended to them unless this new system be adopted.

In case it was adopted as laid down and worked out in the plans, and proven by actual experiment the bank could see its way clear to carry them another year.

These plans show just what can be done with diversified farming as conditions and markets exist today. The plans show how much of each particular crop should be grown, including live stock and poultry, what the out go and income would be, and prove beyond doubt that the man who follows them will be far ahead of the man who depends exclusively upon either cotton or tobacco.

THOMAS WILDER, JR. OF ABERDEEN IS A VICTIM OF TETANUS

Aberdeen, Dec. 18.—Thomas Wilder Jr., nephew of State Highway Commissioner Frank Page, died Saturday afternoon following an attack of tetanus which developed from a cut on the hand while at play a week before.

The boy was not thought to be seriously ill until Thursday when tetanus developed. The cut on the hand showed irritation and he complained of pains in the face, but the prevalence of mumps in the community dispelled fears of anything of a more serious nature.

Young Wilder was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilder, and a leader in high school activities. He was popular throughout the Sandhills section.

Commissioner Page attended the funeral.

Beginning Friday the Co-operative Association Will Begin Mailing Out Checks to the Members of the Association in Eastern Carolina.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association has made successful sale of all but a comparatively small amount of the 163,000,000 pounds of the 1922 crop delivered to it by organized farmers according to Richard R. Patterson, manager of the Co-operative Association Leaf Department, who attended today's meeting of the Tobacco Association's directors from 3 states in Raleigh.

Recent successful sales of millions of pounds of tobacco at figures satisfactory to the directors, have enabled them to make the three million cash distribution which begins Friday of this week in every Co-operative warehouse in Eastern North Carolina, and is scheduled to continue until the Co-operative Growers of the Old Belt on January 16. Checks to pay the eastern Co-ops will be at every Co-operative warehouse in the east on the morning of December 21 according to the statement of James H. Craig, treasurer of the Association who was at today's meeting in Raleigh.

Directors from all districts of the Old Belt who reached Raleigh today reported very heavy deliveries at Association warehouses and predict heavy receipts at Co-operative centers this week. A thorough review of the year's operations by the Association today, showed the organization in better condition than at any time in its history, according to M. O. Wilson, secretary.

Report of another legal victory by the Association in its first case in the case of E. M. Price, of Carolina Co. who denied signing the Association contract a jury last Friday awarded the Association \$190 liquidated damages at the rate of five cents a pound on the following day the Association was again awarded liquidated damages, attorneys' fees and costs, the case of J. R. Garnett, at Bowling Green who was responsible for tobacco which he claimed belonged to a minor son. The Association has successfully completed or settled 125 cases brought by its attorneys to protect its contracts and secure damages from contract breakers, according to Colonel W. T. Joyner, resident attorney who was at today's meeting of its directors.

PUMBLINGS OF DISCONTENT AMONG DENOMINATIONISTS

Clergymen Among Methodists Baptists and Unitarians Have Taken Sides in the Question of Modernism Versus Fundamentalism.

New York, Dec. 18.—Modernist and Fundamentalists today pressed their ecclesiastical warfare with New York the chief battleground.

In all five denominations to date have been drawn into doctrinal debate, concerning chiefly the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and physical resurrection. While debate has progressed furthest in the Protestant Episcopal church, where charges of heresy have been made, it became known that the Presbyterian moderates, defeated in the last assembly last May, were planning vigorously to oppose adoption of five tenets held by fundamentalists.

In a greater or less degree, clergyman associated with the Baptist, Methodist, and Unitarian sects have taken sides in the question of modernism versus fundamentalism. With these rumblings in the other protestant faiths distinctly audible the chief engagement in progress today was between the Episcopalians.

While Bishop William T. Manning of New York, fundamentalist, and Bishop William Lawrence, of Massachusetts, modernist, here to attend a meeting of the church pension fund, maintained a strict silence, certain clergymen aligned with the fundamentalist faction issued statements designed to heal the breach which opened when charges of heresy were brought against the Rev. Lee M. Heaton, of North Worth, Texas, and five hundred Episcopal clergymen rose to his defense.

SOLDIER BONUS BEING CONSIDERED BEFORE COM. TODAY

Tax Revision Proposal Deferred Until Decision is Reached as to Soldiers' Bonus.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Tax reduction and the soldier's bonus became entangled in the House while the Senate continued its efforts to elect a chairman of the interstate commerce committee, but without result after nine ballots.

Under a program approved by majority leaders action by the House on the administration's tax revision proposals would be deferred until a decision is reached by the Republican membership as to a soldier's bonus. This plan will be laid before the Ways and Means committee tomorrow by Chairman Green.

Mr. Green in a statement declared that "the logical order of the proceedings of the committee should be to take up first the administrative features of the treasury bill, then to determine whether a bonus bill is to be considered and reported, and thereafter, in accordance with the determination of these two matters, to make the reduction in taxation accordingly."

Whether a majority of the committee membership will be inclined to accept the program outlined by Mr. Green and approved by Representative Longworth, the Republican leader, and various Republicans on the committee is problematical.

The Senate will resume its session of ballots tomorrow, but with the Republican insurgents apparently divided and the Christmas holidays only two days away. This far twenty three ballots have been taken.

Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, continued to lead an early ballot today, but failed at any time to draw more than three insurgent votes, and never was closer than four votes to the necessary majority.

Some of the insurgents said today they would continue to vote for Senator Couzens tomorrow, in the belief that he could show greater strength than he did today. It is the view of the Republican leaders, however, that Senator Couzens cannot win unless there is an unlooked for development, as his election would break the seniority precedent.

Whether Senator Smith can draw enough insurgent votes to insure his election is a question. One of the insurgents said they could not have thrown enough votes to him today to enable him to win.

MEXICAN REBELS BATTLE TO GAIN RAILROAD CENTERS

Fights in Progress for Control of Apizaco and San Marcos, Two Important Towns 75 Miles From Mexico City; Oregon Forces Putting Up Stiff Battle.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.—Rebel headquarters at an early hour this morning were still without information as to the progress of the battles of Apizaco and San Marcos, two important railway towns about seventy-five miles east of Mexico City. Reinforcements sent from Vera Cruz yesterday to the aid of the rebel forces at both places, were not expected to come up for some time because the railway lines have been torn up.

The battle of San Marcos, according to reports received here, is said to have been started by Oregon troops. The insurgent troops in the Apizaco battle, which raged all day yesterday, are in command of Generals Maycotte and Villareal. The federals are under General Martinez.

A dispatch received by the Mexican consulate at Nogales last night, said General Maycotte had rebelled with part of his command and that he had issued a proclamation protesting against the acts of the Cooperista party.

A communique issued by the Huertista report that Guadalupe in the state of Chihuahua has fallen into rebel hands.

It is stated that General Rosalvo Hernandez has gone into revolt in Doquilla Del Carmen, Coahuila, and is beginning to organize volunteer forces.

Francis Burton Harrison, former governor-general of the Philippines, born in New York City, 50 years ago today.