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GERMAN SOLDIERS ORDERED TO SHOOT STRIKERS

SITUATION IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SO MENACING THAT DRASTIC MEASURES ARE TAKEN

Striking Workers in Austrian Munition Plants Forced Back to Work at Point of Bayonet — Martial Law Declared — Big Peace Demonstration Sunday in Vienna.

(By International News Service.)
BERNE, Jan. 21. — So serious has the internal situation in Austria-Hungary become that Germany has sent large forces of soldiers into the industrial centers with orders to shoot down rioting strikers and force them back into the factories, according to information received from the Austrian frontier today.

It is reported that Martial law has been declared in communities where munitions industries are located. Another big peace demonstration took place in Vienna Sunday, when old men, women and crippled soldiers marched through the streets.

New Demurrage Rates With Heavy Penalties Are Effective Today.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21. — The new demurrage rates ordered into effect by the Director-General of Railroads become effective today.

The only freight exempt is that for export. All other shipments must be removed from the cars within 48 hours after arrival at terminals, in some cases within 24 hours, in order to escape the heavy penalties prescribed.

The new rate begins with a charge of \$3 a car for the third day, and builds up at the rate of \$1 additional for each day to a charge of \$10 for the tenth day that unloading is delayed. After the tenth day the rate remains at \$10 a day for each car. The scale is effective throughout the country.

The provision made in the order that in some cases cars must be unloaded within 24 hours to escape the demurrage charges affects only a few points where special rules have been in force because of the more urgent necessity to keep terminals cleared to handle unusual traffic.

Trotsky's Former Friend Runs Amuck of Courts.

(By International News Service.)
Pittsburgh, Jan. 20. — Joseph Ronsky, an alleged professional pickpocket, of New York, who claims to have been at one time a workmate and chum of Leon Trotsky, now Foreign Minister of Russia, was fined \$50 and given one hour to leave the city after a hearing before a police magistrate. He had been arrested as a suspicious character.

Before being placed on a train, Ronsky declared it was his intention to go to Russia and secure a position under his former friend.

How Ambassador Francis Stood Off the Mob.

Speaking in St. Louis Saturday Charles R. Crane, of the American mission to Russia, told how American Ambassador Francis stood at the door of the American embassy in Petrograd and stood off a Russian mob with a pistol. The incident occurred months ago but has not heretofore been published.

Mr. Crane said that a mob, believing that a man named Muni (in reality Mooney, the San Francisco dynamite suspect,) was to be executed in this country, started for the American embassy.

Petrograd authorities warned the ambassador by telephone that the mob was approaching. Guests begged him to flee with them, but he refused, said Mr. Crane. Mr. Francis told a negro servant to get a revolver. With this weapon, the ambassador met the mob at the door.

"Your government is going to hang our leader, Muni, and we are going to clean out the American embassy," said the leaders.

"No you are not!" replied Ambassador Francis. "This is American soil and I will kill the first man who crosses the line."

Mr. Crane said the mob then dispersed. He said he heard the noise at the embassy, and arrived there just as the crowd went away. From the negro servant, Mr. Crane learned the details.

Superintendent John E. Ray, for many years the head of the State school for the blind at Raleigh, died suddenly last Thursday night. His funeral at the First Baptist church in Raleigh Saturday afternoon was attended by an immense throng. He was one of the most noted educators of the whole country in the realm of the education and manual training of the blind.

MAKE RADICAL CHANGES

GOVERNMENT FORCES RECONSTRUCTION

BIG STRIKE IN VIENNA

MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE CLOSED

Hundred Thousand Men Employed in Munition Factories in Austria Refuse to Work—Movement Has as Its Basis a Desire for Peace.

Fresh troubles are reported to have broken out throughout Austria. General strikes have taken place, and in Vienna and Neustadt all the war manufacturing plants are reported to have been closed. In these towns 100,000 men are said to have quit their jobs. The movement is political and economic and has as its basis the desire for peace. Anti-Germanism is declared to be especially prevalent throughout the country.

After an adventurous career of nearly three and a half years in fighting and raiding operations in the Black sea, the famous former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau have met their fate at the hands of British warships in a fight at the entrance to the Dardanelles. The Breslau, renamed Midullu, was sunk and the Goeben, rechristened Sultan Yawuz Selim, was beached. The two cruisers escaped into Turkish waters shortly after the outbreak of the war and were purchased by the Turks.

Evidently the German censors are keeping a strict watch over the German newspapers in their expressions of opinion on the serious internal political situation, for even the most meager reports concerning the doings of the militaristic and anti-militaristic parties were missing Sunday. The latest accounts of the controversy, coming by way of Amsterdam and forwarded by the semi-official Wolff bureau, were to the effect that the military party had gained a victory over their opponents with regard to the settlement of the questions of annexations in the east.

THREE PITTSBURG GROCERIES HAVE SUPPLIES CUT OFF.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — Three Pittsburgh retail grocers, guilty of profiteering on sugar, had their wholesale supplies cut off today by the food administration.

CONFERENCE AT STOCKHOLM.

(By International News Service.)
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21. — The Bolshevik representatives and German socialist representatives, headed by Dr. Scheidman, are in conference at Stockholm, state a dispatch received from that place today.

PNEUMONIA PLAGUE IS RAGING IN CHINA.

(By International News Service.)
TOKYO, Jan. 19. — A pneumonia plague is ravaging northern China. Several foreign missionaries have succumbed and natives are dying by the hundreds.

SATURDAY'S MARKET SHOWED SOME GAINS.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 19. — The cotton market closed with January contracts selling at 31.39; May 37.80. Today's gains were approximately three dollars a bale on general buying.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES AN ALIEN'S YACHT.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 19. — The yacht "Joyous," belonging to multimillionaire Kleug, an unnaturalized German, was seized by the government today.

TO PROMOTE LIEUTENANTS.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — Second Lieutenants in the regular army will be promoted to first lieutenants in the national army, the war department announced.

RECORD PRICE FOR HOGS.

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, Jan. 18. — Hogs reached the record price of twenty dollars and five cents a hundred pounds here today, forty cents higher than the former high record.

Unfurled Old Glory At Altitude of 20,700 Feet.

(By International News Service.)
Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 20. — The distinction of being the first to unfurl Old Glory on the peak of the highest mountain in North America, Mount Denali, in Alaska, is claimed by Robert Tatum, of this city. The flag was made by himself out of silk handkerchiefs.

The party of four, of which Mr. Tatum was one, was the first to ascend Mount Denali, and the second to attain an altitude of 20,700 feet.

The Charlotte Observer says that a Mecklenburg farmer estimates that there are 700 bales of cotton in the fields of that county now, and that farm laborers decline \$1.25 for picking this cotton. There is cotton in the fields in York county and in other South Carolina counties, but it will no doubt be picked when the weather is favorable. The cotton pickers over in Mecklenburg appear to have more money than those elsewhere, if they decline to set the cotton out for \$1.25 per hundred pounds. — Rock Hill Herald, 18th.

BIG CROWD HEARD DAEL

PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION SATURDAY

FACTS ABOUT GARFIELD

IS SON OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT

Exercises Held by Daughters of Confederacy Saturday Drew Immense Crowd—Address by French Officer, Lieut. Dael, Heard by Large Gathering.

The largest crowd which ever assembled in the city for the purpose of celebrating Lee-Jackson Day gathered in the Gaston county courthouse Saturday morning at 11 o'clock to attend the celebration held under the auspices of Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Every available space in the courtroom and the galleries was occupied, and many who came were unable to get into the hall at all. Mrs. W. J. Clifford, president of the chapter, presided, and the exercises were opened by the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Miss Margaret Louise LaFar then delighted the audience with two splendid readings, both especially appropriate to the occasion, one being "A Southern Volunteer," and the other "Young Fellow My Lad."

In presenting the speaker of the occasion Mayor A. M. Dixon spoke eloquently of the services the French Republic had rendered to the United States in their day of great need and of the service we are now in turn rendering to the French people.

The principal feature of the occasion was of course the address of Lieutenant Dael, one of the French officers who are on a special mission to the United States for the purpose of giving our soldiers instruction in the new methods of warfare which count for so much in the great struggle now raging on the fields of France and the other European theaters of war. Lieutenant Dael was accompanied by Lieutenant Auguste Arrighi, an officer of equal rank and also a fluent speaker, but who was prevented from accepting an invitation to talk to the audience because he has no permit from his government to speak in public, while his brother officer, Lieut. Dael, has such a permit.

Lieutenant Dael, in excellent English for one who has been in this country only a short while, talked interestingly, although in purely conversational style, of the effects upon the civilian population of France of the war now raging. He told his hearers some first-hand facts in regard to the situation which were doubtless much more vividly impressed upon their minds than the same facts would be if merely read in the mass of information carried by the newspapers and periodicals in regard to the war.

Especially heartening to those who have relatives in the service was the statement that the percentage of losses on the French front has steadily decreased every year since 1914, and is now less than two per cent.

France, said he, has one million more men on the firing line today than she had when the war opened. She also has plenty of food, but this fact is largely due to the rigid conservation of food and other supplies which is enforced by the government. The speaker did not go into detail in regard to the horrors of war, but described the trenches and the hardships of trench warfare in a very realistic manner. He was heard with the strictest attention and interest by the large audience, and at the close of his speech was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by Miss Lowry Shuford on behalf of the Chapter. Rev. E. N. LeBlanc, former rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, who is awaiting orders to join the army as an interpreter for service in France, sang the French national hymn, the Marseillaise, in French. The exercises were closed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and the benediction by Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of Main Street Methodist church.

The visiting veterans were given a dinner at the Morris Cafe and at 2 o'clock were the guests of Manager Estridge, of the Cozy Theater, where a special war feature picture was being shown.

MEETING OF ASSEMBLY ACCOMPANIED BY FIGHTING.

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, Jan. 19. — The assembling of the Constituent Assembly in Petrograd yesterday was accompanied by street fighting in which many thousands of supporters of the Provisional Government were injured.

BOLSHEVIK CONSENT TO PARTITION OF RUSSIA.

(By International News Service.)
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 19. — The Bolsheviks have consented to a partitioning of Russia into several republics, loosely governed from Petrograd. The confiscation of all banks, mines, industries, railways and land is included in the program.

THEATRES ALLOWED TO CLOSE ON TUESDAYS.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — Directing Garfield today issued an order exempting laundries from the closing order and permitting theatres to close on Tuesdays instead of Mondays, in order to provide amusement for idle workmen on Mondays. All public amusements are affected.

GASTON MILLS VOTE TO OBSERVE FUEL ORDER

FUEL ADMINISTRATOR TRAINED FOR BIG BUSINESS—ONCE HEAD OF CLEVELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—IS DEEPLY VEGGED IN THE LAW.

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IS SON OF THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT

The following sketch of Fuel Administrator Garfield, from The New York Sun of the 17th, will be of interest to our readers:

Dr. Harry Augustus Garfield, whose order shutting down the industry and trade of more than half the United States for fourteen working days takes rank as one of the most extraordinary proclamations in modern history, was president of Williams College when he was appointed Federal Fuel Administrator by President Wilson on August 23 last. He is 54 years old and one of the most vigorous figures among those who have been chosen to handle big war measures.

Dr. Garfield can best be described as representing the unusual combination of student and practical worker. His business experience in early life proved that he was a man to handle affairs of large proportions. From 1888 to 1903 he was one of the leading lawyers and business organizers of Cleveland, Ohio, and was one of the two men who swung the railroad and development syndicate that opened up the Piney Fork coal mines in southeastern Ohio. During his residence in Cleveland he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce and was organizer and first president of the Municipal Association, now the Civic Association.

He is a son of the martyred President Garfield and was an undergraduate at Williams when the nation was shocked by his father's assassination. He went through St. Paul's School at Concord, N. H., and was graduated at Williams in 1885. He taught Roman and Latin history at St. Paul's for a year and then studied law at Columbia University and at Oxford and the Inns of Court, London. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1888 and began the practice of law as a member of the firm of Garfield, Garfield & Howe.

Soon after being admitted to the bar he married Belle Hartford Mason. His life in Cleveland was especially devoted to the improvement of municipal conditions, and when in 1903 he abandoned business to accept the chair of political jurisprudence at Princeton he possessed a special training in public affairs. In 1908 he left Princeton to accept the presidency of Williams College.

Since his appointment as Fuel Administrator he has been called upon to face situations affecting the coal supply, production and conservation of the nation that have called forth the full exercise of his executive ability. In November last he managed to calm disturbances at coal mines which threatened to develop into serious strikes by pointing out to the miners and owners that it was their patriotic duty to put aside personal grievances during the war.

His first order directly affecting New York city was his now famous "lightless night" rule, which went into effect in a mild way on November 9 last. This order directed that the big signs on Broadway should not be lit before 8 o'clock or after 11, and only affected the largest displays. The order was amended from time to time until the middle of December, when the more drastic order calling for two "lightless nights" a week went into effect. This provided that no electric signs, big or little, except those considered virtually essential, should be illuminated on Sunday and Thursday nights. While this order at first only applied to Broadway, it was gradually extended to all parts of the city.

McADOO DEFENDS GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — Director McAdoo, testifying before the Senate Commerce Committee today, declared that government control of railroads is necessary to prevent the nation's credit from becoming demoralized, and to expedite the movement of war supplies. He said credit throughout the country was based largely on railroad securities, which were rapidly becoming of doubtful value under private management. Members of the committee questioned him at length, but he stoutly defended government control.

Mr. McAdoo added that very little of the traffic congestion has resulted from government control. All lack of progress is due to bad weather. He urged immediate passage of the administration bill carrying approximately \$500,000,000 to guarantee dividends. Representative Thorne testified that the bill should do away with the interstate commerce commission and nullify its past good work.

FUEL SITUATION SHOWS IMPROVEMENT.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. — The general fuel situation already shows material improvement. This was announced by Dr. Garfield after examining reports received from all sections of the country today. The clearing of congestion of railroad traffic goes on. He said it will be the first of the week before satisfactory results can be expected. Cars are moving rapidly. Protests against the closing order had practically ceased coming in today. Saw mills in the South producing timber for the shipping boards were exempted from the order.

GASTON STORES TO CLOSE DURING MONDAYS

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PYTHIANS TO MEET IN HOTEL ASSEMBLY ROOM

At a meeting of the Gaston County Cotton Manufacturers' Association, held here Saturday afternoon, the following resolution was adopted by 27 mills represented and voting:

"We have read the order of the national fuel administrator, Dr. Garfield, and have secured all information thereon that it has been possible to secure, and while we individually and collectively think that the legal and moral right exists under which factories using as motive power hydro-electric current may continue to operate under said order, nevertheless out of the abundance of our willingness to co-operate to the fullest with the spirit of said order we frankly and freely pledge ourselves to complete compliance with said order, to the effect that we, the mills of Gaston county, remain closed through out Monday, January 21, and Tuesday, January 22, and during each of the following Mondays, that is from Monday, January 28, to and including Monday, March 25.

(Signed) "R. R. RAY, Chairman, J. H. SEPARK, Secretary."

GASTONIA STORES TO CLOSE DURING MONDAYS

Gastonia merchants pledged themselves to co-operate with the fuel administration in every way possible by absolutely closing on Mondays, with the exception of the groceries, which close at noon and the drug stores which remain open, at a meeting held at the chamber of commerce Saturday morning called by Chairman E. N. Hahn of the department of mercantile affairs of the chamber of commerce. The meeting was largely attended and the object was explained by Secretary Fred M. Allen of the chamber of commerce, County Fuel Administrator J. Lee Robinson was present and advised the merchants regarding the ruling.

The following resolution by J. A. Hunter was adopted by unanimous vote:

"Whereas, it is the sense of this meeting that the fuel administration's order means that grocery stores shall close at noon and that all other stores shall absolutely close their doors for the entire day each Monday for the next 10 weeks, be it

Resolved, that the merchants of Gastonia pledge their co-operation and support to the government in the enforcement of the ruling and pledge themselves to strictly abide by it to the letter.

PYTHIANS TO MEET IN HOTEL ASSEMBLY ROOM

Fuel Administrator Garfield's closing order will not prevent Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias from holding their regular meetings on Monday nights. Mr. R. B. Babington and Manager Crown W. Wilson of the Armington Hotel have very generously tendered the lodge the use of the hotel's assembly room for the next ten Monday nights for its meetings. First rank work will be done tonight.



RED CROSS NOTES.

Some of the ladies from the Mt. Holly Chapel were over Wednesday afternoon of last week and paid a visit to the work-room. The Mt. Holly Chapter is very active and has accomplished much.

Miss Mary Hall, of Belmont, came over Wednesday bringing dressings from the Belmont Chapter. She also carried back material for future work.

Mrs. A. L. Bulwinkle and Miss Stella Lewis, of Dallas, were visitors at the work room on Wednesday morning of last week.

Any old sheets will be most acceptable for use in wrapping dressings for shipment.

FOOD PLANTS EXEMPT FROM FUEL-SAVING ORDER.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — An order issued by the food administration declaring that all food conserving plants are exempt from the coal using order added to the confusion today. Later Mr. Garfield announced the exemption of more mills and added that other industries will also be exempted. He declined to name them for publication, as it would cause him to be flooded with appeals from less important industries for exemption. The Senate, fairly boiling with wrath, resumed its bitter denunciation. In the House Representative Snider, of New York, charged that Garfield had been made the goat to cover up McAdoo.