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1—Greek troops in vicinity of Bourne advancing against Turks. 2—Members of 1921 class of West Point getting practical training at Camp Dix. 3—John F. Montley, veteran coach of Cornell, appointed mentor of America's Olympic track and field team, and his twin granddaughters.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Entente Allies Discover They Must Defend Poland Against Russian Bolsheviks.

EAST PRUSSIA THREATENED

King Faisal of Syria Yields to French—Drys Mandate Walks—Harding in Notified and Cox Declares for Wilson's League Policy—Rail Workers Offered Wage Increase.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

International attention was centered during the week on the Russo-Polish situation, in which the diplomats found plenty to disturb their equanimity. In the first place, the Moscow government, replying to the British note asking if it would arrange an armistice with Poland, rejected in substance the British proposals. The Reds declined to go to London for any peace conference, holding that Great Britain is not impartial, and, in language so energetic that it hurt the feelings of the English statesmen, made it clear that they could deal with Poland direct. Their next move was to send a wireless message to Warsaw expressing regret that Poland had been forced to deal through the allies and suggesting that conversations on peace be conducted between the two governments without consulting or considering outsiders. So far as it is known at this writing, the Poles have not replied definitely to this invitation, but a London report said they had been told to reply for an armistice in order to test the sincerity of Moscow.

Meanwhile, the Soviet forces opposed a general attack on along the front line, the Russians border to the Polish marches, and though at first the Poles reported them to most places, at one point they broke across the border and were fighting on Polish soil. North of the Pripiet the Reds moved rapidly and took Livonia. Their evident objective was Warsaw, and the citizens of that city were preparing to take flight, some already having left. American relief organizations were ready to get the city, and the Red Cross was shifting part of its headquarters to Odessa.

In their advance through Lithuanian territory the bolsheviks seem to be threatening an invasion of East Prussia, and the German government is preparing to defend that region desperately. Fifty thousand of the best redoubtable troops have been mobilized and Berlin feels confident they can prevent an invasion if they can be maintained near the border. The danger, however, is that as the Soviet army draws near the bolshevik elements in other parts of Germany may break out and cause a scattering of these defense troops and leave open to the Russians the way into East Prussia. No doubt Germany will take advantage of the conditions and ask leave to utilize more of her regular troops, and also it is likely the threat of invasion will bring to light vast stores of concealed arms, including artillery.

Early in the week Ignace Paderewski was made Polish plenipotentiary to Paris and his return to power was taken as evidence that the Poles were willing to make peace with the Russians direct. The plenipotentiary was expected to placate Lloyd George, Milschank, Pilsudsky, Pultz and other states, but refused to withdraw his claims to the lines specified by Lloyd George, insisting that national safety required the holding of the line of Saragorits-Pinsk-Dobru.

As a result of the Ryn conference Great Britain and France are pledged to support Poland against Russian aggression, and they intend to give this support in the form of arms and munitions. They also will be supplied if this is considered necessary by British and French missions that have just been sent to Warsaw. But the British

government is greatly agitated with the Poles. Premier Lloyd George on Wednesday gave voice to this feeling in a statement to the house of commons. He said: "It is over a nation in history has gone mad, that nation is Poland" and characterized its course as reckless and fanatical. This, however, he asserted, does not justify the crushing of the new nation, adding: "The whole future of European peace depends on an independent Poland. There is no time for the machinery of the League of Nations to interfere. If the bolsheviks overrun Poland and reach the German frontier, they deprive the allies of the entire fruits of victory." If the Russian bolsheviks decline to come to terms, the allies will give material aid not only to the Poles, but also to Gen. Baron Wrangel and others who are fighting the soviet government.

For the present France's trouble in Syria seems to be over. According to a report from Beirut, King Faisal of Syria has accepted all the terms of General Gouraud's ultimatum and it is believed the French are now occupying the territory assigned them without further attacks. Faisal had been informed that Great Britain would support him, taking the position that his independence is not inconsistent with a French mandate over Syria. At the time he yielded the French troops were ready to move on Damascus, his capital.

Operations in Anatolia ceased for a time. Kemal Pasha and his nationalists being held in check, but in Thrace there were signs of the outbreak of a new Balkan war. The Greeks, to whom western Thrace was awarded, had not advanced for inland, but according to reports Bulgaria, which claimed the territory, was getting into action against them, and had called the class of 1911 to the colors. The Bulgarian troops were helping Jaffer Tajar, who, with headquarters at Adrianople, is trying to hold western Thrace for Turkey.

It was a busy week in Ireland. Several British officers were assassinated at least one town was looted and public houses and there was desperate fighting in Dublin in which a number of persons were killed. The opposing forces in that city were Sinn Fein and the management of the ship yards.

Woody battles in the vicinity of Peking marked the progress of the civil war in China early in the week, and from news the news that the rebels had been defeated and had given up the struggle against the government.

The prohibition party met in national convention in Lincoln, Neb., and neither surprised itself by nominating William J. Bryan for president at the first session. The nomination was made by acclamation and came after a stenographic of the delegates started by the adoption of a resolution "rendering the honor to the Nebraska. On Thursday Bryan absolutely declined, the convention named Her. Aaron S. Watkins of Oregon, and he gave the second place to D. Leigh Colvin of New York.

Whether or not to accept a wage increase of \$600,000,000 yearly, including about \$100,000,000 for the rail workers of the country last week by the United States railway labor board.

The long awaited award was announced in Chicago to the representatives of eighteen brotherhoods and unions, and it really did not please them at all, as they demanded approximately twice as much. Some of the members of the grand council were not empowered to accept the award finally, so a referendum vote of the two million rail workers became necessary. The chiefs of one union, the Order of Railway Telegraphers, rejected the award, and they called for a referendum vote on strike.

Of course the railway executives at once began looking for means to pay the advanced wages and they already have worked out a schedule of increased rates, both freight and passenger, for presentation to the Interstate Commerce commission. The passage increase asked is from one cent to one per cent per mile. That for freight will undoubtedly be heavy.

In the death of William K. Vanderbilt in Paris one of America's leading financiers and sportsmen passed. He inherited a large share of the vast estate of his father, and is believed to have left a fortune of between \$100,000,000 and \$150,000,000. Despite his wealth he worked his way up from the bottom in the railroad business.

Another death of the week, interesting but not important, was that of Fuchin, program son of the former emperor. Deceased by Emperor Sun, he was consorted outside in Berlin.

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REDUCTION OF TWO BILLIONS

Operations incident to the Greatest Expenses Incurred by Government Have Been Completed.

Washington.—The government's income for the fiscal year ending June 30 exceeded its expenses for the first time in three years, Secretary Houston declared in a statement in which he announced a reduction in the gross public debt and forecast a further "important reduction" for the coming twelve months.

While the annual operations of the government showed a surplus of \$291,221,847, the more important change, treasury officials said, was the cutting of \$1,188,184,892 from the gross public debt during the year. The national debt aggregated \$24,299,321,467 on June 30, and \$24,481,506,106 a year previously, but in the meantime the obligations of the nation had mounted to their highest point—\$25,598,701,548, on August 31—due to the operations incident to the handling of maturities of treasury certificates of indebtedness. Thus a reduction of \$1,297,380,180 from the peak is shown.

"The operations incident to the handling of the maturities of treasury certificates from June 15 to July 15 have now been completed.

Harding Declines to Express an Opinion on Case of Eugene Debs

Marion, O.—Although declaring for "amnesty" for political prisoners, Senator Harding declined to express an opinion regarding the case of Eugene V. Debs, the socialist nominee for President, who is serving in the Atlanta penitentiary on conviction of attempting to obstruct the draft.

Minutes to Poland is to Get an Exact Idea of Situation There

Paris.—The role of the Franco-British mission now on its way to Warsaw, is to get an accurate idea of the situation, to support with every means within its power the newly formed Polish ministry, and to advise as to the army's needs in material, munitions and instructors."

Cox to Be Notified of Nomination at Montgomery County Fair Ground

Durham, N. C.—A change in the plan for notification of Governor Cox, of his nomination for the presidency by the democrats, was taken up by the governor with local interests. The event may be transferred from "Treat's End" the candidate's home, two miles outside of Durham, to the Montgomery county fair grounds.

Damage Yoke Entered to Recover on Loss of \$6,000 Worth Whiskey

New York.—A value of \$25 a quart is placed on 247 quart bottles of whiskey which were the basis of a \$6,000 suit filed here by W. E. D. Stowers against the Insurance Warehouse Company, Inc. The action is brought to recover \$6,000 for the alleged loss of whiskey from a warehouse.

Stotes Newspapers Believed That the League Will Meet at Geneva

Berlin.—Stotes newspapers express satisfaction that President Wilson has summoned the next assembly of the league of nations at Geneva and not Brussels. Regarding the seat of the league, they point out that the United States has always favored Geneva, and that if the limit of the universality of the league is to be maintained the seat will have to be in a neutral country.

Department of Agriculture Warns Against Danger From Army Worm

Washington.—Warning is farmers in North Carolina, Virginia and states further north that the fall army worm may damage their crops within the next few weeks was issued by the department of agriculture. The worm already has done considerable damage to growing crops in South Carolina and Mississippi, proving especially destructive to corn, alfalfa and sorghum.

Thomas E. Watson, Former Populist, Returns Georgia Senatorial Race

Atlanta, Ga.—Thomas E. Watson, former congressman and candidate for President years ago on Populist ticket, has paid his fee for entering the senatorial primary for United States senator, September 4. It was announced here.

Mr. Watson will oppose United States Senator Hoke Smith, who has not formally announced, but whom his friends generally expect will be in the race.

LOOK FOR HIGHER PASSENGER RATES

FREIGHT TARIFFS INCLUDING THAT ON MILK EXPECTED TO REACH BLUE SKY.

HIGHER STILL FOR PULLMANS

These Increases Will About Care For \$225,000,000 Recently Awarded Army of Railway Employees.

Washington.—Increases of twenty per cent in passenger rates, from eight to ten per cent in freight tariffs and, from 24 to 31 per cent in milk transportation charges were asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission by the railroads to cover the \$225,000,000 wage award made by the railroad labor board.

The carriers also proposed that an additional surcharge of 50 per cent of passenger fare be made where the passenger use Pullman cars.

The freight rate increase requested are in addition to those on which hearings recently were held and which the carriers have estimated would yield them \$1,517,000,000.

The increases in passenger, freight and milk tariffs, said Alfred F. Thom, counsel for the executives, will take care of the total of \$225,000,000 which the board's estimate is added to transportation costs by the labor board award. Mr. Thom explained that the additional \$225,000,000 over the board's estimate was accounted for by certain overtime charges provided for in the award.

William K. Vanderbilt Has Died After Illness of Some Duration

Paris.—William K. Vanderbilt, the American banker, died here surrounded by his family.

England Quietly Reports Soviet Secretary of Ludwig C. Martens

Washington.—Santari Nouriev, private secretary to Ludovic C. A. E. Martens, soviet agent in the United States, who recently arrived in Mexico as a sailor on a merchant vessel, has been deported.

Representatives of Coal Operators Appeal to President Wilson

Washington.—Representatives of the Coal Operators' Association of Illinois appealed to President Wilson to see his good offices in an effort to prevent the spread of a strike of miners in the central competitive field.

Unloading of Ships at Vera Cruz is Suspended Because of Strike

Mexico City.—A general strike has been declared in Vera Cruz, according to dispatches. Unloading of several ships will be suspended. In consequence of the recent strike at Vera Cruz and Tampico and those on the Mexican Railway, a government investigation into alleged radical activities has been instituted.

Alton Yale Preparatory Steps to Give Poland Military Assistance

Paris.—The allies have decided to take measures preparatory to giving aid to Poland, if that should prove necessary, it was learned here.

A French mission headed by Jules J. Jusserand, French ambassador to the United States, has gone to Warsaw to arrange for prompt export to Poland.

On the same train and with the same object to a British mission headed by Lord Aberdeen, British ambassador at Berlin.

These missions, it is learned, leave with full authority to say in the future that whatever aid is needed, whether military or financial or in the nature of supplies, will be forthcoming if the bolsheviki persist in a design to march into destructively Polish territory.

A Great General is Not Without Honor Save in His Own Country.

Boston.—General Pershing in uniform is a Rare Gem in the country; John J. Pershing in civilian clothes ceased to exist in the sands on the streets of this city.

The leader of the American expeditionary force, in passing through Boston to begin a short stay at Nahant Island as the guest of W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the Philippines, was recognized by only one person.

Bryan is Most Earnestly Urged to Stand on the Prohibition Ticket

Lincoln, Neb.—Several hundred telegrams and as many more letters, many signed delivery, poured into W. J. Bryan's office here urging him to accept the prohibition party nomination for president. They came from all parts of the country and the dominant keynote in all was that this was Mr. Bryan's opportunity to sweep the country because "people everywhere were disgusted with the democratic and republican parties."

SUFFRAGE WORKERS PUBLISH NO PLANS

LEADERS HAVE BEEN IN CITY OF RALEIGH A FORTNIGHT UNKNOWN TO PUBLIC

ROUNDING UP FOR BIG DRIVE

From General Talk and From Reports Coming in From over the State It Appears The Cause is Lost

Raleigh.

One of the leading suffrage workers of the country was due to arrive in Raleigh, it was reported, but she had not registered at any hotel. It is known that suffrage leaders have been in and out of Raleigh for the past fortnight, but none of them disclosed their identity.

It is said they are giving out no plans but are rounding up things for the big drive on the legislature. The National Equal Suffrage association and the women's party will both be represented in Raleigh at the special session by workers from other states.

From general talk heard here and from reports coming in from over the state, it would seem that there is not much chance for ratification. On the other hand, those who are engineering the votes for women movement are not outwardly worried, to say the least. That the fight is going to be a spectacular one goes without saying. Workers on both sides are too busy to talk. On account of reticence displayed, especially by the pro-ratificationists it is hard at this time to delve into any plans that may have been made. In case ratification fails at the special session a renewed drive will be made at the regular session.

Towne Shows Good Growth

Washington, (Special).— Census report Scotland Neck, N. C., 3,961, increase 350, or 9.4 per cent. Lenoirville, N. C., 1,405, increase 225, or 16.2 per cent.

Five North Carolina towns whose 1920 census figures were announced more than doubled their population. The largest increase was shown by Roper with 124.4 per cent, its population being 1,207. The others were Tuxco, population 141, increase 202.2 per cent; Rutherford, population 2,214, increase 135.2 per cent; Highland, population 1,282, increase 115.2 per cent; and Powellville, population 181, increase 102.2 per cent.

More Money for Wake Forest

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College, held here to fill vacancies in the college faculty, President William Louis Foust announced a gift of \$100,000 from the General Education Board. The gift is made upon the condition that the college shall raise \$200,000 the entire sum of \$300,000 to be used as an endowment fund to provide permanent increases in professors' salaries. It was announced that the board will give the college \$5,000 a year for the next three years without conditions, the money to be applied to the salaries of professors.

2,000 Page Auto Directory

Difficulties that stand in the way of having the directory of, automobile clubs printed this year will cause the directory of State to ask the special session of the General Assembly to repeal the law that requires its publication, it was stated. The statute was passed at the 1915 session of the Legislature, and only one directory has been published.

Features in Demonstration Work

The most interesting feature of the Home Demonstration work in North Carolina, at present according to Mrs. Jane McKinnon, its director, are the summer camps which the county demonstration agents are holding for the girls of the communities which they supervise. Sometimes kindly disposed individuals will lend a building club for the setting, or more generally, the parents choose any convenient spot, preferably near water, and proceed to enjoy themselves there.

Has Pardoned Many Convicts

Governor T. W. Bickett has pardoned 160 more convicts than were freed during the administration of his predecessor, Governor Lock Craig, and 200 more than Governor Kilchoe.

The record of pardons was furnished in an inquiry from Apex which wanted to know the comparative number of pardons during his four years of office Governor W. W. Kitchen pardoned 220; Governor Lock Craig 124; and Governor Bickett the three years were months of his four years term has pardoned 224.

Came to State College

Dr. Carl C. Taylor, professor of economics and rural sociology, at the University of Missouri, has accepted the professorship of economics at State College, and will enter upon his new duties at the West Raleigh Institution when college opens.

Dr. Taylor came to the State College with splendid equipment both as to training and experience. He had a farm in Iowa, he received his A. B. degree of Drake University, and his M. S. degree and Ph. D. at the University of Missouri.

Suit Over Camp Bragg Site.

More than 800 defendants were named in a suit heard before United States Judge H. G. Connor, in federal court in condemnation proceedings to acquire possession of 120,451 acres of land in Cumberland and Hoke counties for the site of Camp Bragg, the artillery training center of the United States army.

The vast acreage of land was proposed by the government in 1915, when the war department determined to locate Camp Bragg in the sand hills 8 miles west of Fayetteville, on a site approximately eight miles wide and 25 miles long, extending north west across the county line into Hoke county. Immediate possession was taken of more than 2,000 acres of land under notice of condemnation proceedings, and the remainder left to await the more deliberate processes of law.

Three commissioners, two representing Hoke county, and a third from Cumberland county, were named to expedite the fixing of the proper values on the land, and are called to hold their first meeting August 25, at a point to be agreed upon within the region over which they will have jurisdiction. They will proceed to fix a value upon the lands, reporting to the court what they consider a fair price to both the government and the owner.

Off to Navy Summer school.

The enrollment of 35 boys from North Carolina for the summer school naval training station at Hampton Roads, Virginia, is announced. The capital city sends eleven boys of the first in recruit the others coming from virtually all sections of the state.

Interested in Wild Cats.

North Carolina members of the Wild Cat Division are much interested in the approaching session of the Division which will be held at Columbia, S. C., September 25.

From Columbia the word has come that at least five thousand of the Wild Cats will gather there for the two-day session on the date named.

Suffrage Workers on Their Way.

Impaired suffrage workers, reported to have left Washington for advanced missionary efforts in North Carolina, are at the capital, though they have not yet revealed their identity.

The "cause" continues to be as laudable as the question is growing warmer. As a matter of fact, it is expected to extend to the regular session of the annual assembly next January as there has been no doubt but that the special session will decline to ratify.

Machine Gun Scatter Mob.

When a masked mob attempted to storm the Alamance county jail, where three negroes charged with assault on a white woman are held, one man was killed and two were wounded, according to a statement made by Captain Marston B. Fowler, commanding the Durham machine gun company, guarding the jail.

Abolition Fails.

"Absolutely failed," Captain Fowler said in connection with the report that an invasion might be attempted by the abolitionists. "The masked mob," Captain Fowler said, fired the first shot. The machine gunners returned the fire with machine guns and side arms.

Census of Several Counties.

Washington, (Special).— Census North Carolina counties, totals only announced. Catawba, 25,338, increase 3,331, or 13.2 per cent; Cherokee, 1,245, increase 177, or 14.3 per cent; Currituck, 1,289, increase 426, or 33 per cent; Bertie, 22,993, 12,700, or 55 per cent; Davidson, 25,991, increase 6,791, or 26.2 per cent; Gates, 16,227, increase of 3 per cent; Haywood, 22,499, increase 3,476, or 15.6 per cent; Hertford, 19,378, increase 3,288, or 17.0 per cent; Iredell, 18,919, increase 1,617, or 8.5 per cent; Johnston, 21,239, increase 2,281, or 10.7 per cent; Stokes, 22,876, increase 429, or 1.9 per cent; Union, 22,882, increase 220, or 1.0 per cent; Chowan, 10,447, decrease 234, or 2.3 per cent; Pamlico, 17,675, increase 971, or 5.5 per cent; Wayne, 22,516, increase 184, or 0.8 per cent.

Col. Watts Out for Keeps

Washington, (Special).— Col. A. B. Watts, of Charlotte, was here. He reiterated his statement that he was out of politics for keeps, but it was interesting to his party. He and Frank A. Hampton agree that North Carolina is going to give Governor Cox a routing vote.

Colonel Watts said with much feeling that it would give him great pleasure to vote for a real, honest, republican democrat.

"I like the old time kind of party fellow," said he.

In Anticipation of Hot Fight

In anticipation of the hot fight sure to come in August when the legislative session opens and the South H. Anthony amendment goes to permanent victory or temporary defeat, the anti-alcoholists are preparing to gather.

The anti leaders in the state are supporting Miss Charlotte Stone, of Washington, a member of both the National League and the National Anti-Suffrage Association. In view of North Carolina's loss to their vote, Mrs. Stone is one of the allies of the anti-alcoholists.