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EARTHQUAKE WIPES AWAY GUATEMALA

125,000 PERSONS ARE REPORTED IN THE STREETS WITHOUT SHELTER.

DEEP FISSURES ARE OPENED

Many Killed by Violent Shocks That Completed Work of Destruction Begun Christmas Day.

Washington.—Guatemala city, capital of the little Central American republic of Guatemala, has been laid to waste by a series of earthquakes beginning Christmas day and culminating in violent shocks which completed the work of destruction. A cablegram to the navy department said 125,000 people were in the streets without shelter and that a number were killed by falling walls.

Naval vessels in Central American waters have been ordered to the scene in order to render all possible assistance.

Following is the brief dispatch which brought the news of the catastrophe:

"Bad earthquake finish the work of others. Everything in ruins and beyond description as a result of the shock. One hundred and twenty-five thousand people are in the streets. Parts of the country are very cold and wind. Tents are needed badly. Quite a number killed by falling walls."

The shocks probably occurred between 5:57 and 7 o'clock. Violent quakes were recorded at that time by the seismographs of the Georgetown University observatory and the distance was estimated at 1,900 miles from Washington.

INHABITANTS IN PANIC HAVE FLED FROM CAPITAL

San Salvador.—Guatemala City, capital of the republic of Guatemala, has been completely destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed in the disaster, some in their homes and others in the streets.

The Colon theater, which was filled with people, collapsed. There were many casualties among the audience. Various hospitals and asylums—the prisons were badly damaged and many patients and prisoners were killed.

The railroad depot, sugar mills, offices, the American and British consulates, United States consulate and the churches in the city have been leveled.

The inhabitants in panic have fled from the capital. More than 80,000 persons are homeless. The stock of provisions in the city is scant and aid is required promptly.

The Salvadoran government has suspended the official New Year celebration and entered into mourning in sympathy with Guatemala.

UNNATURALIZED GERMANS ARE TO BE REGISTERED

Washington.—The week of February 4 was set aside by the department of justice for registration of the half-million un-naturalized Germans in continental United States by police and registrars in pursuance of President Wilson's alien enemy proclamation directing this action as a means of mitigating the danger from enemy sympathizers in the United States.

Earlier plans for administering the registration will involve the gathering of detailed information concerning the business, relatives and habits of every German, together with his photograph and finger prints. After registering he must carry a certificate card and may not change his place of residence without approval of the police or postmaster. Violation of the regulations will be punishable by imprisonment for the war.

The orders do not apply to German women, nor to any persons under 14 years of age, because these are not classed as alien enemies by law. Subjects of Austria-Hungary are not required to register.

PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BY PEACE DELEGATES

Brest-Litovsk via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Provisional agreement on a series of important points, including liberation of war prisoners and resumption of commercial relations was reported by delegates of Russia and the central powers in discussion of issues which, in the event of a general peace, would have to be settled among the nations represented in the negotiations. This provisional discussion was terminated.

M'ADOO INSTRUCTS NEW R.R. WAR BOARD

AS TO TASK OF OPERATING FOR THE PRESENT TIME AT LEAST.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE WIRED

Traffic to be Moved by The Most Direct Route Now—Open Way for Traffic Pooling That Was Heretofore Impossible.

Washington.—The railroads of the United States passed into government possession at noon Friday as Secretary McAdoo, designated by President Wilson as director general of railroads, was delegating to the railroads' war board the task of operating them for the present.

The war board, comprising five of the country's foremost railroad executives who have been in supreme charge of the roads for the last nine months, were called into conference at 11 o'clock to discuss plans for welding all transportation lines into a single government-operated system. They left the treasury department two hours later under instructions to continue their functions and submit immediately a plan of operation to the director general.

Mr. McAdoo issued his first formal order designed to speed up freight movements, telegraphing all railroad presidents and directors instructions to move traffic by the most convenient and direct routes. At the same time he ordered them to continue the operation of their lines in conformity with the President's proclamation putting them under government control.

There was no indication whether Mr. McAdoo intended eventually to place the war board with an organization of his own or to continue its organization for the duration of the war. It was made clear, however, that he will continue the function until the director general decides that a better system can be devised.

The order that freight move by the most expeditious route opens the way for a pooling of traffic impossible heretofore by reason of statutes designed to prevent the practice by carriers operated under private direction. It takes from the shipper the right to route his freight as he wishes, and gives to the railroad traffic manager the task of sending it most directly and where there is least congestion.

TEUTONIC TERMS FOR PEACE NOT SUFFICIENT

Great Britain and France, respectively, through their prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, have made known to the world that the terms under which the Teutonic allies seek a general peace are not sufficient. And backing their prime ministers, the British proletariat, re-nounced by a national labor conference, has affirmed without equivocation that it is the determination of labor to continue the war.

Fortified by the known attitude of President Wilson as to the requirements of the United States if the war is to end and a peace concluded, the strenuous of President Woodrow Wilson and Foreign Minister Bihon and the almost unanimous sentiment of the British workers seem to make certain that the Teutonic allies' offer, even in spite of the Russian refusal, will go for naught unless it is materially added and brought into line with the demands that the United States and the entente allies have laid down as the concrete basis for the discussion of peace.

Nevertheless the bolshevik element in Russia apparently has not lost heart that something may come from the Czernin proposal for the Brest-Litovsk peace conference at which it was made has taken a recess until January 4, and meanwhile Trotsky, the bolshevik foreign minister, proposes to send a note to the entente allied embassies in an endeavor to have them participate in further peace parleys, and also is drafting a note to the peoples of the world.

PROHIBITION FOR TROOPS IN FRANCE BEING CONSIDERED

Washington.—Prohibition of the sale of intoxicants of any description to members of the American expeditionary force is under discussion between General Pershing and the French authorities. The war department announced it had been so advised by General Pershing, who in order to clear up misunderstandings enabled the text of his order forbidding American soldiers to buy any intoxicants other than light wines or beer.

THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 19.—The Pathfinders of the Bankhead National Highway Association, that inspected the routes from Washington by the way of Fredericksburg, Richmond, Raleigh, Greensboro, on to Atlanta, and also from Greensboro via Danville, Lynchburg, Charlotte, Culpeper, back to Washington, are actively going over the maps, data, and the observations that they made on their recent trip. Secretary J. A. Rountree is in receipt of letters from the Pathfinders urging him to forward at once all maps, data, and questions propounded to the towns and cities through which the Pathfinders passed on their recent tour. Many counties and towns on the Piedmont and Eastern routes have failed to send in data, maps and mileage fees. It is impossible for the Pathfinders to hold a meeting to definitely decide and to make up their report without this information. Just as soon as they secure this data the Pathfinders Committee, consisting of J. O. LaGorce, chairman; A. G. Hatcher and M. O. Eldridge, will hold a meeting in Washington, go over all the maps, data and information and make a report to President Flower who will announce their decision. Just as soon as they secure this data the Pathfinders Committee, consisting of J. O. LaGorce, chairman; A. G. Hatcher and M. O. Eldridge, will hold a meeting in Washington, go over all the maps, data and information and make a report to President Flower who will announce their decision. Just as soon as they secure this data the Pathfinders Committee, consisting of J. O. LaGorce, chairman; A. G. Hatcher and M. O. Eldridge, will hold a meeting in Washington, go over all the maps, data and information and make a report to President Flower who will announce their decision.

There will also be sent with each questionnaire a return envelope, which you can use in mailing your questionnaire back without paying any postage. And you must return same within seven days after the date noted on the questionnaire.

Each registrant, as soon as he is classified will be notified by mail of his classification. If you desire to claim a deferred classification on the ground of being engaged in agriculture or some industrial occupation, you must do so on the questionnaire, and the local board will forward same to the district board for classification. A "deferred" classification means a temporary exemption.

GINNERS' REPORT.

There were 14,315 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county from the crop of 1917 prior to December 13, 1917, as compared with 11,872 to December 13, 1916.

DR. J. R. SCROGGS DEAD.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs, D.D., a very prominent minister in the Southern Methodist church and one time presiding elder of the Shelby District, died a few days ago at his home at Marion, N. C., where he held a pastorate. Dr. Scroggs was a well beloved pastor and a most useful man. He was 70 years of age. The remains were taken to Shelby for burial.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS FROM HERE AND THERE

Condensed for Best Herald Readers. About Folks You Know and Some You Don't Know.

Miss Lola Page, the twelve-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Page of Hamlet, N. C., was severely burned about the face a few days ago when a cook stove exploded from lighting kerosene to build a fire.

Stow-Leeper.

A wedding of interest to a large number of people over the county was celebrated at Belmont Christmas eve at 7:30 o'clock when Miss Zoe Stow became the bride of Lieut. Ned Leeper.

Love-Overcash.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Love, in Myers Park, Charlotte, Mr. Creasy Overcash and Miss Hazeline Dunn Love were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 22nd, at 8:30 o'clock.

Rhyme-Deck.

On Monday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock Mr. Sylvanus Deck and Miss Stella Rhyme were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Rhyme, near Bessemer City.

Carpenter-Nantz.

On Saturday evening, December 22nd Mr. Robert Nantz and Miss Cora Carpenter were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage in Mt. Holly.

London-Boyles.

Married at the Methodist parsonage at Cherryville Friday evening, December 14, Miss Marie London and Mr. Ben Boyles.

REGISTERED MEN OF CLEVELAND COUNTY, NOTICE!

Information in regard to Answering Questions of the Army Draft.

EVERY REGISTERED MAN WILL RECEIVE ONE

If You Don't Receive One Questionnaire, Notify the Local Board, and You Will Get It.

To All Registrants of Cleveland County:

Each person who was registered under the selective service act of May 18, 1917, will receive a questionnaire. Five per cent of these will be sent out each day until every person receives one. And if you do not receive one, notify the board and it will send one. The board is not responsible if you fail to get one. Notices will be posted each day at court house, showing to whom questionnaires have been mailed. The answers you make to the questions therein propounded, and any additional affidavits that you may desire to file with said questionnaire, will determine your classification. In answering the questions you have a right to secure advice and help from the legal advisory board, without charge. The members of said board are: Messrs. John P. Mull, O. Max Gardner, J. H. Quinn and any others they may designate. The exemption board is instructed not to help any registrant in preparing his questionnaire. Be sure you get your questions properly answered, or you may deprive yourself of rights to which you are entitled.

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This board desires to put every registrant in the class that he is entitled to be placed in; but cannot do it unless it has the facts and nothing but the facts.

The task is big; and its success depends upon the willingness of the people to help and not to mislead. So it calls upon every citizen of the county to place patriotism and justice above personal favor. And it feels it will not call in vain.

LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN ADDS 225 MEMBERS

Mill People Make Fine Showing—Over A Thousand Drawings Sent to Red Cross Warehouse.

The Christmas membership campaign added about 225 new members and renewals to the enrollment of the Kings Mountain Chapter. We were pleased to enroll the following numbers from the various cotton mill communities: Eagle 41, Bennie 27, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co. 17, Klothe 16.

The Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter shipped about two weeks ago a box of surgical dressings to the Red Cross Warehouse in Atlanta, Ga., containing the following:

- 600 compresses, 6x9 inches.
- 250 compresses, 4x4 inches.
- 55 crinoline bandages, 3 in. x 5 yds.
- 10 crinoline bandages, 4 in. x 5 yds.
- 30 four-tailed bandages.
- 2 gauze pillows.
- 5 T bandages.
- 9 muslin bandages 4 in. x 7 yds.
- 24 muslin bandages, 3 in. x 7 yds.
- 48 gauze rolls 4 1/2 in. x 1 yd.
- 48 gauze rolls 4 1/2 in. x 3 yds.

The total number of dressings in the box was 1091.

Mrs. A. H. Patterson has charge of the work room which is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. All the ladies are requested to come and help in this noble work.

The chapter has on hand a supply of wool for knitting. All ladies who are willing to knit for the Red Cross are asked to notify Mrs. Patterson. (Miss) BONNIE E. MAUNSEY, Secretary.

YOUNG JOHN FALLS DEAD.

A cloud of sorrow was cast over the Falls family during the holidays, occasioned by the death of Mr. John Falls, 19 year old son of Mr. John Falls, who lives near Bethel church at Lawndale. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Falls. He was operated on for appendicitis at the Rutherfordton hospital. He died Sunday, Dec. 23rd and was buried Sunday evening at St. Peter's church in No. 10 township.

RUN DOWN BY AUTO.

Miss Louise Holland, of Fayetteville, was run down on Hay street, that city, Saturday before Christmas by an automobile driven by a Mr. Pearson of 71st township. She was rushed to the hospital and died in a few minutes. She was one of the most popular young women of Fayetteville and the tragedy cast gloom over the entire city. The affair was pronounced an unavoidable accident and no blame was attached to Mr. Pearson.

SENT TO REFORMATORY.

Ralph Griffin who shot and killed little Ab Poston, an account of which we published, has been sent by Recorder Falls to the Jackson Training School at Concord. This is a reformatory for wayward children and in perfecting a reformatory they also teach a trade so that the inmates may become useful citizens.

REV. MR. SWOPE BACK.

Rev. L. W. Swope's many friends will be interested to know that his resignation as chaplain in the service of Uncle Sam has been accepted and he is coming back to Cleveland county about the first week in January to teach Bible in Bolling Springs High School, fill the pulpit at Bolling Springs and New Hope Church, Etc.

D. A. R.'S ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS.

The Col. Frederick Hambrecht Chapter D. A. R. entertained Thursday and Friday nights in honor of the New York soldiers who are on detail at Grover from Camp Wadsworth. The parties were held at the home of the regent, Mrs. C. E. Neisher. About sixty-five soldiers were entertained.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This State That Are of Interest to All the People.

The Old North State Smoking Tobacco Company's factory at Reidsville was destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered in the cutting room on the fifth floor of the main plant. The factory had closed for the holidays and no one was in the building.

Two United States army officers, Major Walsh and Major Brown, inspected a camp site at Fayetteville for a proposed ordnance corps training camp to be established at once. The camp will be for permanent occupancy and would be built for 15,000 or 20,000 men.

WALL STREET APPROVES GOVERNMENT'S PLAN

Sweeping Advance in Securities Market Follows Announcement. New York—Wall Street expressed unqualified indorsement of President Wilson's plan for the government to run the railroads by a sweeping advance in the securities market. The upturn was one of the most sensational in years. The assurance of net earnings and of the maintenance of government properties were the factors of the government program which pleased investors and dealers in stocks and bonds.

The pessimism over the railroad outlook gave way to enthusiasm when the rather unexpected news from Washington was read. Orders to buy poured into broker's offices from all over the country, and the market was primed for a big advance long before it opened.

Railroad shares, especially those under greatest depression in the widespread decline of recent months, recorded extreme gains of 5 to ten points in the representative group. 12 to 18 points in the less active dividend issues and 3 to 13 points in numerous non-dividend stocks.

The bond market for railroads went bare with the movement on stocks, various underlying or junior issues advancing 3 to 8 1/2 points.

Industrial and the many related stocks which figure in daily market dealings were ignored in the first upswing of prices, but were taken up vigorously later on the theory that every line of trade will be stimulated by the upbuilding of the railroads.

MISPLACING OF CARS CAUSE COAL SHORTAGE

Washington.—President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads will keep the severe coal inquiry within narrower limits than originally planned. Members of the manufacturer's committee, investigating both coal and sugar, are distinguished as going into the transportation difficulties, now that they believe improvement is in sight and in the hearing reached only casually upon the lack of railroad facilities blamed for coal shortage.

CENTRAL POWERS OFFER PEACE TERMS

TERMS FOR AN IMMEDIATE AND GENERAL PEACE MADE KNOWN BY CZERNIN.

THE CONDITIONS INSUPERABLE

From Entente Standpoint—No Annexations and No Indemnities Acceptable But Russia's Allies Must Guarantee to Fulfill Terms.

Terms under which the Teutonic allies will be willing to make "an immediate and general peace" have been made known to the Russian delegates engaged in the peace parleys at Brest-Litovsk. The terms have been set forth in an address by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister.

As in previous Teutonic allied intimations of what will be required from the Germanic viewpoint to bring about a cessation of hostilities and eventual peace, the latest terms are hedged about by conditions which seemingly are insuperable from the standpoint of the United States and the entente allies.

The basic principles of the peace terms of the Russian revolutionary masses—no annexations and no indemnities—Count Czernin said he believed could be made the basis of a general peace, but that the Teutonic allies could not bind themselves to these conditions unless a guarantee were given that Russia's allies would recognize and fulfill them.

Notable omissions in the statement of Count Czernin connected with the concrete demands of the United States, Great Britain and France, as already made known, are the questions particularly of the rebuilding of Belgium and Serbia, the return of Alsace and Lorraine to France and the overthrow of the militarist government in Germany and the formation in its place of a government that can be believed—the latter demand as set forth by President Wilson in his address to Congress calling for war with Austria-Hungary.

Pending the placing of Count Czernin's proposals before Russia's allies, the Russian delegates to the peace conference have asked for a 10 days' recess in the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk.

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