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## WAR FRONTS ARE IN THE GRIP OF WINTER

LITTLE FIGHTING EAST OR WEST BEYOND LIMITED ARTILLERY ACTION.

## FRENCH FRONT SNOWBOUND

Long Waited German Offensive Has Been Delayed for Weeks on Account of Weather—Peace Negotiations Continue at Brest-Litovsk.

Winter has settled down in earnest over all the important war fronts, and beyond artillery actions, which are being carried out over very limited sections, there has been little fighting either in the west or in the east.

Only patrol encounters are reported along the Polish lines, and artillery action at two points on the French front. In Italy the terrific artillery and infantry fighting has given way to aerial warfare, which, however, though it is spectacular, has little direct bearing on the progress of the campaign when confined to combats between individuals or squadrons.

For nearly a month now the front in France and Belgium has been almost snowbound. Thus the long waited German offensive, with the heavy reinforcements which Germany transferred from the Russian front to the west, has been delayed for weeks, if not, possibly, for months.

The peace negotiations between the bolsheviks and the representatives of the ushruple alliance at Brest-Litovsk continue, but without definite results. Another delay in the assembling of the constituent assembly is likely because of the issuance of a decree at Petrograd, providing for new elections to replace members of the constituent assembly who are deemed not to represent the interests of the workmen and peasants.

According to reports from the Russian capital, northern Russia is to receive ample food supplies from Ukraine, through the reconciliation of the bolsheviks and the Ukrainians. Every effort has been made in the last few weeks by the bolshevik authorities to prevent the threatened famine in Petrograd and other cities of Russia where the bolsheviks hold the power.

It is also semi-officially reported from Petrograd that the bolsheviks have taken control at Novo Tcherkassk, capital of the province of the Don cossacks and headquarters of General Kaledine, hetman of the cossacks.

## STEAMERS IN DESPERATE BATTLE WITH THE ICE

Richmond, Va.—Steamers battled desperately for hours to break through the ice in the James river between this city and Chesapeake Bay. All river transportation has been suspended for two weeks, but with the recent heavy rains the ice is breaking and traffic is expected to be resumed. Virginia suffered severely from the cold wave but in Richmond the temperature dropped to 10, several degrees higher than had been expected.

## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE VISITS INDIANAPOLIS.

Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Fire broke out in the industrial building, which housed thirty manufacturing concerns, and destroyed the building and adjoining property, causing a loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

Fire Chief Loucks said he believed that the fire was of incendiary origin. Several of the manufacturing companies were making machinery for the government under war contracts.

Six dwellings, a church, grocery and saloon also were burned. No lives were lost, although falling walls placed firemen in great danger, and hindered them in their work by cutting the after line of hose.

## BUSINESS MEN OF GERMANY WARNED KAISER MUST GO

Washington.—American business men are asked in a referendum submitted to the chamber of commerce of the United States to pass upon a proposed warning to German industrial leaders that they cannot hope to resume friendly commercial relations with the United States after the war unless the German government has become a republic.

## ANTI-HOARDING IS TO APPLY TO HOMES

ENFORCED FOOD CONSERVATION IN RESTAURANTS PLANNED BY ADMINISTRATION.

## TO CREATE LARGER SURPLUS

Allies Need 75 to 90 Million Bushels of Wheat and Want Meat Exports Doubled—America to Export Only Savings.

Washington.—Enforced food conservation in restaurants and extension of anti-hoarding regulations to make them apply to the household are included in the plans of the food administration for creating a larger export surplus of food for the allies.

This was revealed in a statement by Food Administrator Hoover, setting forth that the allies are in need of an additional 75,000,000 to 90,000,000 bushels of wheat and that they have asked America to double meat exports. Only by further saving, Mr. Hoover declared, can the food be shipped.

There is no need for rationing in America, in Mr. Hoover's opinion, and with the supplementary regulations there will be no shortages.

To Export Only Savings.

"We cannot and will not export more than our savings, for our own people must also be fed," said the statement. "The allies have reduced the bread ration to their people sharply the last few days and if this lowered ration is to be maintained we must save more than hitherto."

"Every grain of wheat and every ounce of flour and bread saved now is exactly that amount supplied to some man, woman and child among the allies."

"We are asking the American people to further reduce their consumption of wheat products and use other foodstuffs. It is one of the vital issues in winning the war that we must maintain the health and strength and morale of their men, women and children over the winter."

Further Program of Saving.

"Our 48 state food administrators have been in session in Washington the last few days devising with us a further program of saving which we will announce in a few days, in which we count with confidence on public support."

"We are going to ask the millions of devoted women who support the food administration to see that our new proposals are carried out on every side."

"Legislation is being considered by Mr. Lever and Senator Pomeroy for presentation to Congress for some further extension of the President's powers to enforce conservation in manufacturing trades and in public eating places. Although the majority have co-operated willingly and effectively there is a minority which patriotic appeals do not seem to reach. With such regulation there will be no shortages and equal justice to all. There is no need of rationing in America."

## ONE KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED AT CAMP WHEELER.

Serious Property Damage By Tornado in South.

Macon, Ga.—A tornado, followed by a torrential rain, swept down upon Macon and vicinity, killing one man and injuring several others and doing serious property damage in the city and at Camp Wheeler, near here. All communication with the camp was cut off shortly after the storm broke, but telephone communication, reestablished, revealed that the greatest damage done there was from the rain, which had flooded many of the hospital tents, 16 of which were blown down. It was estimated that 150 patients were in the tents but early reports from the camp said there were no injuries.

The collapse of the corral of the 122nd infantry caused the only death reported, that of Private Harris, of Atlanta.

After the tornado passed over the camp, its course turned in the direction of the city. It hurled 14 freight cars on the Macon, Dublin & Savannah railroad, on a siding near the camp, from the tracks and passed over the race track and baseball grandstands and demolished a building in which were quartered wild animals belonging to a circus. Some of the beasts were crushed under the debris while others escaped but were captured by hunters.

Fire broke out in several sections of the city during the storm.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF B. & L. ASSOCIATION

A. E. Cline and W. H. McGinnis Re-elected President and Secretary Respectively. Association Made Good Progress During The Year.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Kings Mountain Building & Loan Association was held in the opera house here Thursday night. The usual business was transacted. The secretary made his report, directors were elected, officers elected and some stock subscribed.

The following were elected directors: A. E. Cline, W. H. McGinnis, M. L. Harmon, J. E. Lipford, D. F. Hord, I. B. Goforth, W. P. Fulton, L. A. Kiser, D. C. Mauney, R. L. Mauney, J. F. Allison, M. E. Herndon. The directors met and elected the following officers: A. E. Cline, president; W. P. Fulton, vice-president; W. H. McGinnis, secretary-treasurer; E. L. Campbell, attorney.

The financial report shows some progress for the year. During the year \$15,000.00 new loans were made; over \$10,000.00 was paid back to shareholders in dues and profits on matured and withdrawn stock.

It was gratifying to note that many people had either bought or built homes during the year through the organization. Many of them could not have built or bought through any other available agency. It was pointed out that the association was making its shareholders six per cent above all expenses with no taxes or worry to the shareholder.

The usual canvass was made for new stock and quite a good showing was reported. The 18th series is now open, payments to begin the first Saturday in February.

## OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

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

"That the recent cold weather has caused the death of many partridges in many sections of the state is stated by hunters who are familiar with conditions. One well-known hunter reports having found more than 20 birds in one covey frozen in the snow, all huddled together on the roost."

A charter is issued for the Ellenboro Hosiery Mills Company, of Ellenboro, capital \$12,000 authorized and \$3,000 subscribed by J. Mc. Brooks, N. A. Green, R. L. James, G. S. Harrill, and Clyde Duncan for hosiery, yarns, cloth, twine, and other textile manufacturing.

Salisbury is to have the benefit of one of the first motor truck star routes to be established by the postoffice department. It is proposed to begin the first route out from this city February 1. It will connect Salisbury and Greensboro by way of Winston-Salem.

"Into the breach once more, kind friends, once more," says Governor Bickett in an appeal to the ministers of the gospel in North Carolina to come to the aid of the state and the nation in yet another crisis in which the nation has "just launched its greatest offensive for the winning of the war" in the effort to get into the hands of every man, woman and child in the state one or more war savings certificates.

Governor Bickett and a group of prominent citizens of Raleigh conferred as to the reception and entertainment of the French commission, headed by Marquis de Polignac, and of Charles Edward Russell, of the United States commission to Russia, who will be in Raleigh January 16 and 17. Mr. Russell will be the principal speaker for the public meeting to be held probably on January 17. The commissioners came from Richmond.

Cattle tick eradication in southern states is the object of a four-day conference of more than 200 employees of the bureau of animal industry in New Orleans beginning January 15. It is planned to eradicate all cattle ticks in Louisiana, Arkansas and South Carolina in a grand assault during this year and to free Alabama and North Carolina from the pest in 1919. Georgia and Oklahoma in 1920 and Florida and Texas in 1921.

A summary of records obtained from county demonstration agents and included in the report of Mr. C. R. Hudson, state demonstration agent in horticulture, indicates an average production of corn on demonstration farms of six bushels to the acre greater than any previous year. North Carolina has produced a great corn crop and the state food administrator has issued a statement in which it is said that North Carolina will have corn and corn meal for export.

By securing the assistance of Mr. J. G. Winkler from the department of agriculture at Washington the annual industry division now has sufficient

men to hold the dairy schools planned for the period from January 15 to February 1. Mr. J. A. Aray of the dairy field office will have charge of the schools, which will be held in select localities, largely where dairy cattle breeding associations have been formed.

At a recent meeting of the Council of the State College Summer School at Raleigh plans were formulated for the fourth session of the summer school which is to extend from June 11 to July 25, 1918. At this meeting it was decided to devote the whole plant of the State College, valued in excess of a million dollars, to the teachers of the State for this period. During this session it is to be possible for attendants to secure or renew a teacher's certificate; to increase their efficiency as teachers; to prepare for leadership in the new education for agriculture and other industries so vital to the needs of the nation at this crisis; to receive inspiration from association with fellow-teachers; and to enjoy a sojourn at Raleigh, the State's capital and educational center.

The enlistment of three brothers in the United States navy at the Raleigh recruiting station makes five brothers from Swain county now serving in this branch of the service. The young men who enlisted were Ulysses, Riley and Bowers Phillips and they came from Alaska.

Fire completely gutted the building on Patterson street occupied by the McKay Drug Company. The stock and fixtures, consisting of a handsome fountain and show cases, together with the entire stock of goods.

Lexington voters decided by a ratio of more than two to one in favor of issuing bonds not to exceed \$50,000 for the erection of a new school building for white children. Out of a registration of 302 there were 204 votes cast for the issue. As the vote was against the registration, the bond issue has a clear majority of 106.

A case under the cruelty to animals law was precipitated by the arrest of Claude Dodson, a drayman living in Asheville, who is charged with turning a horse out to freeze to death.

Rev. M. Luther Carpenter, an aged Lutheran minister, died at his home near Long Shoals, Catawba county, following an illness of a year with cancer of the throat. The funeral and burial was conducted at Bethel church.

The registrar of vital statistics for the town of Lincoln, reports for the year 1917 a total of 198 births, 93 white and 15 colored; and a total of 26 deaths, 38 white and eight colored; there being a gain of 62 births over deaths for the year.

Circus All Their Own.

David and Joan were playing circus parade when a third playmate, evidently not welcome, arrived on the scene and wanted to take part, too. When David's mother insisted that the newcomer be allowed to join in the play David said: "All right, Charles, you be the man that stands on the sidewalk and watches the parade go by."

## SEC. BAKER REVIEWS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HAS ARMY OF SUBSTANTIAL SIZE NOW IN FRANCE READY TO FIGHT.

## 1,500,000 MEN UNDER ARMS

Answers Critics of War Department and Declares Such an Army Never Was Raised, Equipped and Trained So Quickly.

Washington.—Every phase of the war department's preparations for battle against Germany was outlined and defended by Secretary Baker before the senate military committee. He answered those who have criticized the department during the committee's investigation with the assertion that no such army as that now under the American flag ever had been raised, equipped or trained so quickly, and that never before had such provision been made for the comfort and health of an army.

The secretary read an exhaustive prepared statement when he took the stand and was not interrupted until it was concluded. Then questions began to fly from every side of the committee table, launching a cross-examination that was not concluded at adjournment.

Chairman Chamberlain and other committee members wanted to know particularly about delays in furnishing machine guns and rifles; and much attention was devoted to the army's supply purchasing system. Mr. Baker admitted that there had been some mistakes and delays, but declared that all fighting men in France were adequately equipped and armed and that all sent over would be. He took full responsibility for delay in approving a machine gun holding that the value of the Browning gun now developed was worth it. He also said the superior weapon obtained by having the British Enfield rifle rechambered for American ammunition compensated for the delay there.

More than 1,500,000 Americans are now under arms, Secretary Baker said, and an army of substantial size already is in France ready for active service.

Members of the committee were frank in their disapproval of the secret purchasing system of the department. They did not shake Mr. Baker's support of it, however.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE BARELY WINS IN HOUSE

Washington.—Woman suffrage by federal constitutional amendment won in the house with exactly the required number of affirmative votes.

While members in their seats and throngs in the galleries waited with eager interest, the house adopted by a vote of 274 to 136, a resolution providing for submission to the states of the so-called Susan B. Anthony amendment for enfranchisement of women.

But for the promise of Speaker Clark to cast his vote from the chair for the resolution if it was needed, the change of a single vote to the opposition would have meant defeat. Republican Leader Mann, who came from a Baltimore hospital where he has been under treatment ever since congress convened, and Representative Sims of Tennessee, just out of a sick bed and hardly able to walk to his seat, brought the votes that settled the issue.

Advocates of the amendment had been supremely confident of the result in the house after President Wilson advised the members who called upon him last night to support. They were so confident that the close vote was received with amazement, and some of the opponents were almost as much surprised.

Announcement of the vote was greeted with wild applause and cheering. Women in the galleries literally fell upon each others' necks, kissing and embracing, and shouting, "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!"

## YANKEES AND BRAVES TO PLAY 10 SOUTHERN CITIES

New York.—The New York American league team will play in 10 southern cities with the Boston Nationals and three games with the Brooklyn Nationals in Brooklyn during its training season. It was announced here. The games will start April 1 with Boston at Macon, Ga., and subsequent games at Dublin, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Orangeburg, S. C., Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, Charlotte, N. C., Greensboro and Petersburg, Va.

## RAILROAD MEN TO ASK HIGHER WAGES

NEARLY ALL CLASSES OF ORGANIZED RAILROAD LABOR TO MAKE REQUESTS.

## NO "DEMANDS" OR STRIKES

Many Pending Wage Disputes Will Be Transferred to Government—Many Rate Revisions Will Soon Become Necessary.

Washington.—Higher wages will be asked of the railroad administration soon by nearly all classes of organized railroad labor. It was learned that many pending wage disputes will be transferred to the government from railway executives' boards, and in other cases new demands will be formulated for presentation to Director General McAdoo, who probably will deal with them through investigation boards.

Strikes are not contemplated by any organization, it is said, and wage questions will not be put up to the director general as demands. Railroad labor leaders are represented as not seeking to take advantage of government operation to press for more pay, but rather as pointing out the necessity of wage increases to keep employees from being attracted to other industries.

Demands Thus Far.

Up to the present, the only general demands for wage increases considered by Director General McAdoo are those presented by the four railway brotherhoods and the switchmen's union, whose president, S. E. Heberling, conferred with Mr. McAdoo. The brotherhoods' case will be investigated by a board of four to be named by the director general, and he also may ask this body to inquire into the switchmen's demand, which now is being considered by a committee of railroad executives representing all roads.

The director general announced that he expected to name railroad directors for certain sections of country to assist him in administering government operation, but said he had not determined how many would be appointed nor what territory each director would supervise. It is considered probable, however, that not more than six or seven will be named. Mr. McAdoo said specifically that he did not plan to name state directors. Thousands of applications for positions as state railroad supervisors have been received within the past few days.

## PAYROLL OF U. S. SOLDIERS NEARLY \$100,000,000 MONTHLY.

Includes Salaries of Officers and Men in Army and Navy at Home and Abroad.

Washington.—The payroll of the fighting forces of the United States is now nearly \$100,000,000 a month.

This sum includes salaries of officers and enlisted men in the army and navy serving both in this country and abroad, family allowances and compensation for certain services rendered, but does not take into account "family allowances" paid by the government toward the support of families of enlisted men, under specified conditions, nor does it include any of the special compensatory features of the military and naval insurance act. Details of the pay received by soldiers and sailors and of the operation of the war risk insurance bureau have just been compiled by the several departments for information of the public and those relating to the navy were made public by the committee on public information. The others will be made public later and separately.

Paid in December.

The committee's statement shows that approximately \$17,000,000 was disbursed as monthly compensation for the service of some 300,000 officers and men who constitute the uniformed force of the navy.

System of Pay in Navy.

The system of pay in the navy is complicated by a large number of ranks and ratings as well as financial rewards for special merit and service and allowances made for quarters for officers serving on shore duty. The salaries range from \$32.50 per month paid mess attendants and apprentice seamen to the \$833 a month paid an admiral commanding a fleet. Added to the officers' regular pay is graduated compensation for length of service and 10 per cent additional for duty beyond the continental limits of the United States.