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ANARCHISM NOW IN A CRITICAL STAGE

IMPERIALISM OR NIHILISM IS IMPRESSION GIVEN OUT BY MANY REFUGEES.

TROTSKY WORKS FOR ORDER

Chief Characteristic Tired Feeling, Tired of Killing, Tired of Fighting and Tired of Wandering.

Warsaw.—That bolshevism is in its critical stage, either turning to imperialism, with perhaps Leon Trotsky, minister of war and marine, as the new emperor, or slipping back to the idea of nihilism, with a sort of orderly disorder, is the impression given by many refugees of all nationalities who have arrived here from Russia. The correspondent has talked to a number of these people as to what might happen in Russia if there is no outside interference. One of them was a bolshevik soldier who deserted while his contingent was engaged in raiding the country west of Minsk. "Our chief characteristic," he said, "is, that we are tired—tired of fooling, tired of killing, tired of fighting and tired of wandering from pillar to post. There is no doubt that Leon Trotsky is attempting to obtain order and to whip the troops into shape. He is known to be terribly ambitious, and possibly he is dreaming of becoming czar, knowing that bolshevism has failed."

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Washington.—In solemn services within the house chamber the nation's leaders and representatives of foreign governments paid tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt: members of Congress, supreme court justices, members of the cabinet, army and navy officers, and diplomats of many nations heard Senator Lodge of Massachusetts praise Roosevelt as a statesman and as a man. Crowded galleries and the throng of men and women who could not gain admission testified to the personal feeling for the man whose death shocked the world. It was this to which Senator Lodge, a close friend of the man he eulogized, referred when he spoke these words in the stillness of the house chamber: "A tower is fallen, a star is set! Alas! Alas! for Celin." "The words of lamentation from the old Moorish ballad, which in boyhood we used to recite, must, I think, have risen to many lips when the world was told that Theodore Roosevelt was dead. But whatever the phrase the thought was instant and everywhere."

TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY

Boston.—Acting upon instructions from the war department General Pershing has been in communication the past month with Marshal Epstein for the purpose of purchasing property for a national cemetery for the American dead in France, according to Secretary Baker. The orders stipulate that a chateau or castle shall be located on the property decided upon, adequate for a museum to house a collection commemorating America's participation in the world war. Secretary Baker made clear the plan would not interfere in any way with the desires of parents who wish their dead brought back to this country. "The war department will scrupulously respect such requests," he said.

CASH FOR GOOD ROADS IN NOW FAIRLY A CERTAINTY

Washington.—The senate by a vote of 51 to 17 tentatively adopted the Bankhead amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill appropriating \$200,000,000 for the construction of good roads. Of this amount \$50,000,000 is for use this year and \$75,000,000 each in 1920 and 1921.

PROPHECIES OF PROSPERITY ARE SANE AND RATIONAL

Washington.—Secretary Carter Glass, of the treasury department, anticipates and expects prosperous days is well on the way. He sees no reason for hesitation on the part of business. The country needs the products of the factory and the farm and is willing to pay for them. Money is more plentiful than ever before. This is shown in the office of the comptroller of the currency.

BELGIUMS CLAIMS ARE MOST URGENT

A PERCENTAGE OF INDEMNITY SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NEED FOODS AND MACHINERY

Government, Cities, Towns, Villages and Individuals Have Suffered Heavy Losses.

Paris.—The financial claims of Belgium against Germany are most urgent, Baron Van Den Heuvel, a member of the Belgian peace delegation and of the peace conference committee on reparations, said. Belgium, he declared, does not have time to wait for an agreement to be reached as for the exact figures of the indemnity which is due her before obtaining at least partial reparation. The baron said a percentage of the indemnity should be paid immediately. Belgium, he added, needs foods and machinery at once. Her workmen are idle, her industries are at a standstill or working at a loss, and her foreign trade will go to other markets unless something is done. Baron Van Den Heuvel said it would take time to reckon the exact figure of Belgium's losses through military operations, occupation and enemy requisitions. The government, cities, towns, villages and private citizens have suffered heavy losses.

GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN OPENED AT WEIMAR

Weimar.—The opening of the national assembly this afternoon was impressive for its solemnity, earnestness and simplicity. Chancellor Ebert's opening speech, the delivery of which occupied a half hour, was frequently interrupted. The Court theater was thronged long before the appointed time. It was a democratic looking crowd, well, though plainly dressed, that shuffled its way through the snow to the theater, for everyone walked, save one carriage and one automobile party. Following a brief review of an infantry honor company, everyone sought the interior of the theater. Herr Ebert received only a brief ovation on his entry. He found himself so heckled by independent socialists that he was forced in the middle of his speech to turn upon them with the declaration that their disorder showed how little evil times had taught them. He aroused approval when he began by declaring: "We have done forever with princes and nobles, by the grace of God." He said the German people was now ruling itself. "There was disapproval mixed with approval when he declared the revolution would decline responsibility for the shortage of food and the defects in food in Germany. Need, the chancellor continued, delivered Germany to her enemies, but he protested against being a slave to Germany's enemies for 30, 40 or 60 years."

TOTAL RECENT CASUALTIES BY AMERICANS IN RUSSIA

Washington.—Total casualties in the American forces in the Archangel region of Russia up to and including January 31, were 180 killed, 683 wounded, sickness or from other causes, or missing in action, and 229 wounded or injured, making a total casualty list of 469 out of a force that numbered 4,925. The information was contained in a cablegram from Archangel dated February 4. The casualties were listed as follows: Killed in action, three officers and 58 men; died of disease, two officers and 64 men; died of wounds, one officer and 12 men; accidentally killed, three men; drowned, one officer and two men; missing in action, 34 men; wounded in action, all ranks, 193; accidentally wounded, 25; wounded, other causes, six.

EARLY ACTION EXPECTED ON MUCH DEBATED TAX BILL

Washington.—Senate and house members studied the final redraft of the six billion dollar war revenue bill, preparing for early action on the conference report. The bill will yield \$6,977,200,000 for the present fiscal year and \$4,184,510,000 next year, according to estimates given out as compiled by experts of the treasury and senate finance and house ways and means committees.

THREE STILLS CAPTURED.

Local Officers G. P. Falls and J. E. Rhodes were joined here Friday night by Revenue Officers Boy Rhyne and Charley Stewart and the mountain raided for blockaders. Friday night a still was captured near Bud Toney's place in the vicinity of the cut in the mountain. Saturday one was taken near Wood Bias' place and another near the round top house. Neither still was hot.

Mr. C. D. Littlejohn, has let a contract to Mr. H. F. Peterson to build him a five-room house on the lot on Gold Street between Mr. J. C. Baumgardner's and Mr. Gaston Littlejohn.

Mr. Floyd Mauney asks us to announce that the time for ordering government soda has been extended to Saturday night of this week. Mr. J. L. Julian has sold the City Pressing Club to Mr. B. A. Kincaid of the Phoenix Mill.

Mrs. M. J. Stewart and Mrs. Ira Fronberger of the Bethany section were in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hudspeth spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at York, S. C. Mr. T. M. Plonk, of Cherokee Falls, spent the week-end here with his homefolks.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 4, 1918.

Mr. Andrew K. Falls, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 25, Kings Mountain, N. C.

My dear Mr. Falls: Your letter of September 18th inquiring as to the manner of the death of your son, Private Robert P. Falls, of my company, has just been received by me.

I was returned to the United States late in September and hence your letter went to France and was returned to this country. I was standing within 50 yards of your son when he received his wound which resulted in his death. We were in Belleau Woods, which is the place you read so much about in June. We were living in little holes covered by brush. The Germans were shelling the woods very heavily. One of their shells bust over the hole of your son. He had his helmet on at the time but a piece of the shell penetrated the helmet and made a severe gash in his head and also cut off two of his fingers. He received immediate medical attention, being carried to the rear by two of his comrades. He died in some field hospital and was buried near by. I did not see him after he was wounded, since I was continuously in the line. I am not able to give you the number of his grave, but if you will write to the Commanding Officer Co. F, 7th Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, I am sure you can obtain this information.

I want to tell you that your son made a good soldier and died a good soldier. He had several opportunities to be transferred from the company to some non-combatant branch of the service but he always fought against the transfer and insisted that he wanted to go to France with us. He had his wish gratified and remained with the boys that he loved, and died with most of them, because most of the men that he went over with were either killed or severely wounded.

Very truly yours,
M. J. Witman.

A TERRIBLE LOVE SCRAPE IN KINGS MOUNTAIN.

It's another case of puppy love being foiled in its desperation. Which is to say both spouse and sponsor got into a scrape. Equire Kendrick sat as committing magistrate last Thursday in a case of unusual interest for Kings Mountain's court record and was surrounded on three sides by three of the best lawyers in Cleveland and Gaston. Coy Barnett, a slim youngster of barely twenty summers, was arraigned on the charge of having taken and carried away and married little Pearl Styers, a daughter of Cleveland Styers, who was proven to be at least three hours less than thirteen years old when the knot was tied last Saturday at six p. m.

Attorneys Geo. W. Wilson and Bismark Capps, of Gastonia, appeared for the State and the father of the girl who was pushing the prosecution, and Attorney J. H. Quinn, of Shelby, represented the defendant, Barnett. In a vain effort to have the case dismissed and not sent up to superior court. But, after hearing the evidence and the speeches of all the attorneys, the 'quire decided that there was probable cause that the child was under the legal marriageable age of fourteen and that she was "shore enuff" married to Barnett, and that, therefore, notwithstanding all argument to the contrary, one Coy Barnett must be bound in the sum of four hundred dollars for his appearance at Cleveland superior court to answer the charge of abduction and marrying a child under fourteen years old. Barnett not being able to make the bond, was taken to jail.

THE CAUSE OF THE ACTION AROSE ON THIS WISE.

Coy Barnett and Pearl Styers both worked in a cotton mill. They got to courting and decided to marry each other. A plot was made and according to the same they met at Gantt's store in East Kings Mountain last Saturday about two o'clock in the afternoon and being joined by some other folks proceeded by auto to Gaffney, S. C., on matrimony bent. The probate judge at Gaffney pronounced the girl too young and sent them away sorrowful, but no less bent on marrying. They then turned their sails toward York. Arriving at York, the girl gave her age at 18 and the knot was tied before another adverse wind could blow. They came back to Kings Mountain as full-fledged man and wife. Cleveland Styers got a whiff and swore out a warrant for Barnett under which he was arrested and the balance of the show enacted.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Herald has not sent out notices to its subscribers for the last few weeks informing them of the expiration of their subscription. This has been due to several causes. But we expect to resume the practice as soon as we can. In the meantime, however, if you know or think your time is out come in and see about it anyway. The flu struck this issue of the Herald amidsthip. Our mechanical man threw up the sponge at noon last Wednesday and crawled into bed to take this portion of the epidemic and hid it not been for our good fortune in being able to borrow Mr. Ben Beach from the Patterson Grocery Co. for a couple of days it would have been "good-night" for this issue of the Herald.

THE GRAHAM MEMORIAL.

The Herald is in receipt of a booklet explaining the proposed Graham Memorial which is to be erected at Chapel Hill at a cost of \$150,000 to be raised by popular subscription in a campaign to be launched on February 10.

The uses to which the building will be put, the fact that with the one hundred counties of North Carolina represented in the student body in normal times, it will be dedicated to the service of every community in the state, together with the thought that it is a memorial to a man who rendered a service more than state-wide in its scope, make it a cause statewide in its appeal.

A HOME SCHOOL FOR MOTHERLESS BABIES.

We have just received a folder from the Economy Home, for the motherless child, Kings Creek, S. C., setting forth the plans of a campaign to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of enlarging the Home. The Home was chartered last fall by the State of South Carolina as an eleemosynary institution, the trustees having purchased the Piedmont Springs property, not far southwest of Kings Mountain Battle Ground, N. C., two miles east of Kings Creek, S. C. They secured Rev. J. H. Spaulding as General Manager.

Mr. Spaulding has been conducting a private home of this kind at Patterson Springs, Cleveland County, N. C. He claims the distinction of being the first man in the Carolinas to start a home for the motherless child. We all agree with him in saying that such a home is greatly needed just now. He says that he has applications from West Virginia to Georgia, and that his greatest need is more room. They have their own electric light plant, but only six cottages.

Mr. Spaulding asked us to say to our readers that already eleven banks together with a number of good business men are co-operating in this campaign. It will be appreciated by the trustees and friends of the home if some of our readers will assist in this great work. We are glad to commend this and all similar institutions to our people.

RENEWED INTEREST IN BANKHEAD HIGHWAY.

(Special to the Herald) Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 8.—Renewed and active interest in the Bankhead National Highway which starts at Washington and traverses the States of Virginia, N and S. Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and California is being aroused. Six of the above states through which the Bankhead Highway traverses, legislatures are now in session. Resolutions designating the Bankhead National Highway as an interstate highway through these several states have been adopted are now favorably pending in these legislatures naming the Bankhead National Highway as an interstate highway and are joining in memorializing the Federal Government to designate said road a National highway and to co-operate

DEWITT PATTERSON WRITES.

Marseilles, France, Jan. 15. Dear Mother and Father: I received the box you sent me. It came a little late but was appreciated to the fullest extent. I received a letter from you today and one from Wray a few days ago. I have had several letters from home lately. Guess you are all expecting me home sometime soon. I hope to get home some time in March. But guess it will be too late to do any farming. Wray said he was going to buy me a horse. I don't know, I'm learning to love the French folks pretty well. I may stay over here. No, it's just the opposite. I can't speak a word of French.

I hope the flu is a thing of the past, for I don't want it any more. You asked me what I was doing since the war is over. I have the same job. The troops must have clothes to wear whether there is any war or not.

I imagine I will be lonesome when I get home with no soldiers around. I am glad you all got the helmet. There was a strap off it. I have walked over hundreds of German helmets better than that one but I was looking out for myself at that time. I took one off a dead Jerry officer to send home but soon dropped it and didn't go back to look for it. You said Miller had a piece in the paper about when he had a close call. We had lots of them. I believe I'm naturally lucky to go through what I have without a scratch. I did get a little out Christmas day when we were all celebrating.

Hoping you are all well. DeWitt To Mr. and Mrs. Ira H. Patterson.

RED CROSS YARN FOR SALE.

Several pounds of the gray sweater yarn and a few pounds of the sock yarn were left when we were instructed to send in the finished garments. The directors of the knitting department at Atlanta has written that we can sell to those who would like to take advantage of the low price until she instructs us as to what disposal to make of it.

The retail price of yarns this season had been \$5.00 and up per pound. This yarn is of excellent quality and can be bought for \$3.00 per pound. Call early before we are asked to ship it.

MRS. M. L. PLONK, Director of Knitting Dept. Kings Mtn. Chapter.

Wadesboro.—A young man named Robinson was run over and badly injured by an automobile here. The streets were crowded at the time, and it is not known how the accident occurred.

Gastonia.—G. Lee Gowan, of Stone Mountain, Ga., has been elected farm demonstrator for Gaston county to succeed John B. Steele, who recently resigned to go into the farming business on his own account. He has been engaged in this line of work for quite a while, and is an expert in this line of work.

Wilmington.—The first steamer to come here for a cargo of cotton since the war ended is the Italian Anseldo IV, a new ship on her maiden voyage. She is taking on 18,000 bales of cotton at the Sprunt compress, and in addition will carry some thousands of tons of steel plates for more new ships building in Italy.

Charlotte.—Captain G. B. Hamilton has been assigned here to succeed Lieutenant V. A. Yergason to investigate and prosecute alleged vice cases. He will work in co-operation with the city police department.

Spencer.—Luther J. Gobel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gobel, of Spencer, has accepted a position as associate editor of The Lexington Dispatch and has already gone to that place to make his home. Mr. Gobel is a graduate of Trinity and was recently discharged from the United States army.

Newton.—The beautiful residence owned by Sid J. Smyre was practically destroyed by a blaze which was discovered by passers-by coming from the window on the second floor of the dwelling house. Heroic efforts on the part of citizens of the town and the students of Catawba College soon placed the fire under control. The damage was estimated at between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Mebane.—Mebane tobacco market has reached the mark of three million pounds for the season to date.

Chapel Hill.—Mrs. Irene Fay Graves, of Raleigh, holds the distinction of leading the list of 13 candidates in the law board examinations just held in Raleigh in grade attained. Mrs. Graves is a senior law student at the university and president of her class.

GERMANY SEEKING TO AVOID PAYMENT

FIRST MEASURE TO BE TAKEN ALONG FINANCIAL LINES IS BANKRUPTCY PREVENTION.

FIX LUMP SUM OF DAMAGES

Time and Method of Payment is Not as Important as a Guarantee of Final and Complete Reparation.

Paris.—Germany is making utmost efforts to have the allies believe that she is nearing bankruptcy, declared Raoul Peret, chairman of the budget commission of the chamber of deputies and former minister of justice, in discussing the financial problems facing the peace conference. The first measures of the conference along financial lines, he added, should be to take measures to prevent Germany from declaring herself an insolvent debtor or a bankrupt state.

"Then," Peret returned, "we should immediately fix the amount of our account against Germany which she must be made to pay to the full limit of her financial ability without consideration for her feelings. It will be time enough then to decide about the method of payment.

"Whether the installments we shall demand from Germany be twenty, thirty or forty billions of francs yearly depends entirely upon our decision, after an investigation as to what amount Germany will be able to pay. These payments would be guaranteed by customs tariffs decided upon at the conference, reserving for ourselves the right to raise such tariffs should Germany fail to meet her obligations.

"I do not believe that all importations of raw material to the Germans should be forbidden, because their industry would then be at a standstill, and they would be unable to pay.

"I would suggest that preferential treatment be given the allied countries, as France, Belgium and Serbia have suffered the greatest damage. Raw material from America should be sent to those three countries first, the overflow being allowed to revert to Germany so as to enable her to keep her machinery working without enabling her to undersell us.

PERSIA ASKS FOR EQUALITY WITH OTHER SMALL NATIONS

Paris.—Persia is pressing earnestly a claim for representation at the peace conference the same as that granted China, Serbia, Rumania and other of the lesser belligerents, on the ground that Persia suffered more war damages, perhaps, than any of the smaller nations, with the exception of Belgium, but that because of British pressure she was unable to take part in the war.

ALL CORRECTLY ADDRESSED MAIL PROMPTLY DELIVERED

Washington.—General Pershing called the war department denying reports that mail to and from the American expeditionary forces had become congested at French rail heads. The general said there was no delay or accumulation of mail for the United States, and no accumulation of correctly-addressed mail arriving in France for the soldiers.

General Pershing said there were 1,213 sacks of incorrectly-addressed mail at the central army postoffice in France now being redirected, while only 136 sacks of dead letters had been shipped to the United States during January.

COTTON SEIZED BY SHERMAN IS PAID FOR BY UNCLE SAM

Savannah, Ga.—United States court of claims has handed down a judgment awarding \$176,664.79 to stockholders of the old Importing & Exporting Company of the State of Georgia for cotton seized by Sherman in his memorable march to the sea in 1865. The litigation was instituted shortly after the War Between the States.

PADEREWSKI'S PARTY LEADS IN LATE POLISH ELECTION

Paris.—The elections in Poland for members of the constituent assembly resulted in the list headed by Premier Paderewski and M. Dmowski, obtaining 50 per cent of the total votes. The Polish socialist party got 15 per cent and the remainder went to Jewish candidates, according to a telegram from the Polish official news agency to the Polish committee of Paris. Of 435,000 eligible voters, 330,000 voted. Women voted in great numbers.