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## MOVING GOODS IN HUGE QUANTITY

### McAdoo Commences General Freight Moving Campaign

#### SNOW PLOWS CLEARING TRACKS IN THE WEST

Transportation of Fuel to War Industries Given First Consideration—Extraordinary Steps To Be Taken.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The national railway, aided by business organizations, all over the land, began today an assault on piled up freight.

With opening of "freight moving week" unusual efforts were made to clear congestion at terminals. The abnormal pressure of recent weeks was enhanced by the tied up traffic of the midwest, but through the east considerable relief is anticipated.

Snow plows are working on the western line to open a way for the most important traffic, but it will be several days before normal conditions are restored.

Meantime steps to altar the coal transportation problem of the east are anticipated from the fuel administration. As forecast the least essential industries will probably be barred from getting coal shipments, in order to supply other more pressing needs. This is expected to result in periods of closed theatres and other places of amusement as well as manufacturing plants not vital to the war.

In clearing up congestion resulting from the storm, McAdoo is getting valiant aid from his assistant directors, to whom he wired, "I should like you to use every possible means to overcome the situation and restore railroad service at the earliest possible moment."

### ENGLAND WILL RAISE NEARLY HALF MILLION MORE MEN FOR ARMY

Probable Other Large Contingents Will Be Added, Says Minister of National Service.

London, Jan. 1.—Nearly half a million men from Great Britain alone are to be recruited in the British army at the earliest date possible, and it is probable that many more will be added to that number in the coming months. These will comprise younger men, who, up to the present have been exempt because of the employment in industries.

This appointment was made in the House of Commons today by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, whose statement of the government's manpower proposals were replete with interesting details of Britain's strength in the struggle into which she means to throw her full resources.

The minister set forth the status and needs of the British fighting and munitioning forces and the measures the government is taking in an agreement with most of the labor leaders for recruitment from the classes of skilled workers who were promised exemption when conscription was adopted.

The empire has enrolled 7,500,000 fighting and labor battalion forces during the war, according to the statement of the minister, and now has more than 4,000,000 enrolled, but needs more men to hold its own against the enemy until the American strength is available.

### RECTOR RESIGNS.

The Rev. T. P. Baker, rector of the Episcopal Church in Benettsville, has resigned and will return to his old home in Virginia and engage in business there.

### ABBEVILLE HELD IN GRIP OF SEVERE COLD SPELL

#### Windstorm of Cyclone Force Causes Great Damage.

The weather seems to be a subject that is always ready for anyone to fall back on to talk about or to write about. It is even more so now than ever before in our recollection. One snow follows another snow before the first is quite gone. It was predicted that we were to have eleven snows in January. According to count we have already had seven snows and one freeze which should be equal to the balance of the snows for this January or the rest of the winter.

Friday after the day had been unusually bad and a stinging wind had been freezing every body that ventured out the lights and all current went off. We were unable to do any work at all in our office. We got home just before the wind began to rage. It blew hard and about seven o'clock it developed into a cyclone. It took a decided path across the upper part of the town. Those who suffered more than anyone were, Dr. C. H. McMurray, who had a chimney to blow down, Dr. Irwin Gilmer, who had a window to blow out, Mr. R. C. Wilson, who also had a chimney to blow down. Rev. H. W. Pratt's tin roof turned over. On Greenville street the damage was felt by Mr. Jas. A. Hill as a whole half of one of his bed rooms was divided. Every thing in the room was ruined. One of the big chimneys was blown down at Mr. Horace McAllister's, Mrs. J. H. McDill was a sufferer and also Mr. M. T. Coleman. One of their chimneys blew down and fell through the roof ruining their furniture with soot and dirt.

Trees were snapped off and wires were broken. Limbs of trees were broken off. The town was in absolute darkness and quite a number of people sat up all night to watch for any other storm that might come.

Reports from the surrounding country is that fences and barns were blown down. Several of the men who were at their places of business when the wind came up first got lost when they started to go home.

Saturday was no better than Friday for the ground was frozen slick and it was dangerous for anyone to walk out very much. In the afternoon the thermometer went down ten degrees in less than two hours. A gale continued all night and by morning the temperature was down to 5 above zero.

This has been the worst spell of weather and of the longest duration that we have experienced, and we hope that it is over.

### HOWARD MOORE WILL RUN FOR THE SENATE

J. Howard Moore, representative from Abbeville county, one of the older members of the lower house in point of continuous service, will be a candidate for the State senate from his county in the primary this summer. Mr. Moore is a member of the judiciary committee and has always taken a very prominent part in the deliberations of the house. He has been a member for a number of terms, and in nearly every instance has headed the ticket from his county.—Columbia Record.

COTTON MARKET	
Cotton	32 cts.
Seed	\$1.06 1-2

## FURTHER PLANS TO OVERCOME U-BOATS

### Shipping Board Takes Steps to Cooperate Shipping.

#### SPEEDING UP SHIP YARDS.

Representatives in London, Paris, Rome—Branches at Charleston, Other Ports.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Reorganization and extension of the operating department of the shipping board, so as to place representatives in London, Paris and Rome and branches at nearly all important Atlantic coast ports, was announced tonight as one of the direct results of the inter-Allied war conference. Branch offices will be established at New Orleans, Mobile, Galveston, Jacksonville, Charleston, Norfolk, Baltimore Philadelphia and Boston, in addition to the branch at San Francisco. Experienced shipping men, the board announced, will be placed in charge of each office.

The plan is not only to make more effective control of the American merchant fleet, but insure complete cooperation with shipping of the Allies.

Chairman Hurley, of the board, also announced that the country's ship yards are speeding up faster and producing tonnage in a greater measure than ever before thought possible. Eighteen vessels requisitioned on the stocks, of 145,091 dead weight tonnage, will be completed this month, he said, and during February twenty-three ships of 182,000 tons will be turned out. Twenty-five of the forty-one vessels are building on the Pacific coast.

### A CHARGE OF INFANTICIDE.

The body of a male white child was found on the plantation of Jas. H. Greene, near the residence of J. M. Knight, in Long Cane township, on last Thursday. The body was in the water which had collected in a hole in a deep ravine.

Magistrate A. R. Ellis held an inquest on Friday and Saturday but the jury of inquest has not yet rendered a verdict. Another meeting of the jury is to be had on Thursday.

A white woman residing on the plantation is suspected of having given birth to the child, and arrests are expected as the attending physicians believe the child was born alive, and probably met with foul play.

### JUDGE SMITH TO CAMP WADSWORTH

Judge Mendel Smith, who resigned recently as a Judge of the Fifth Circuit to enter the army, has been assigned to Camp Wadsworth, as Judge Advocate with the rank of Major.

In Waycross 1500 A. C. L. men are idle because they refuse to work with non-union men who have been sent there from Montgomery.

### BRITISH LOSSES FOR WEEK.

London, Jan. 14.—British casualties reported during the week ending today totalled 24,979 officers and men, divided as follows: Killed or wounded: Officers, 117; men, 5,149. Wounded or missing: Officers, 304; men, 19,408. Casualties in the British army reported for the week ending today exceed by almost 6,000 the total reported in the previous week when the figures took an upward jump, virtually doubling the casualties of the preceding week.

## EMMA GOLDMAN LOSES APPEAL

### Obstructors' Conviction Is Upheld By High Court

#### URGED MEN NOT TO REGISTER

Cases of Berkman, Emma Goldman and Others Embraced in the Decision.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Conviction of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman on charges of conspiring to prevent the operation of the selective service act by urging men not to register, was today sustained by the supreme court.

The supreme court also sustained Ohio decrees sentencing Charles E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht and Charles Baker to one year imprisonment for violating the draft law.

Miss Goldman and Berkman were convicted in New York and sentenced to serve two years in prison and a fine of \$10,000 each. Both contended the act was unconstitutional but the supreme court last Monday upheld the law although the court at that time rendered no opinion in the cases involving conspiracy charges.

Ruthenberg and the other Ohio men were convicted on charges of conspiring to prevent Alphonse J. Schue from registering under the selective service act.

### COAL TO BE TAKEN FROM INDUSTRIES NOT ESSENTIAL FOR HOME FIRES

#### Relief For the Individual is Plan of Dr. Garfield.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Announcement was made today that coal would be taken from unessential industrial plants in order that it might be distributed among the homes more generally.

Fuel Director Garfield will issue an official order to this effect tonight or tomorrow.

### THE SICK.

Mr. Louis Levi was taken dangerously ill with neuralgia of the heart on Monday morning. Four doctors were in constant attendance on him all day Monday. He suffered another attack during the night, but at 6 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning he was resting comfortably.

Miss Sarah Haskell continues to improve at the home of her father, Mr. L. C. Haskell, after a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. W. H. White, who has been ill at her home on Greenville street for several days, is somewhat improved this morning, and her friends hope that she is on the road to recovery.

Chas. J. Bruce, who went to Chester to Pryor's Hospital a few days ago on account of a slight attack of paralysis has returned home looking as well as ever.

### LARGE AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES LOST BY FIRE

Washington, Jan. 14.—Fire in the Quartermaster's Department early today destroyed about a million dollars worth of food and other government supplies. Firemen had a hard fight in getting the blaze under control. Several alarms were turned in.

The origin of the blaze is unknown.

Frank B. Jones of Columbia, was in the city a few days this week with relatives.

## GERMAN TROOPS RELEASED BY RUSSIA

### STEAMER TEXAN WITH BIG CARGO SINKING AT SEA

#### U. S. Vessel Loaded With Nitrates Believed to Be Rammed.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 14.—Agents of the American Steamship Texas, a vessel of 14,000 tons, today received advices from naval authorities that she was sinking at sea. The location of the ship was not given.

The naval authorities did not state the cause of the Texan's distress, but reports reaching shipping circles here from other sources were that the vessel had been rammed amidship in collision with another ship.

It was said that a steamer which had picked up the Texan's S. O. S. calls was hurrying to her assistance and that the crew of 43 had taken to the boats.

The Texan left here recently with a cargo of nitrates bound for a French port, agents of the vessel stated.

In the absence of definite word regarding the accident, shipping men expressed the opinion that the Texan may have encountered an iceberg. Efforts were made by government radio stations to communicate with ships with which the Texan might have been in collision. The fact that the Texan apparently was sinking soon after being rammed, without word as to assistance by another vessel in saving the crew, made the accident puzzling, naval authorities said.

### GERMAN SPY RAN STEAMER ON ROCKS

#### Officers on Liner Were New and Spy Masqueraded as One of the Crew.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 14.—Federal agents arrested here today a German spy, who, masquerading under the name of "William Swanson," stood at the wheel of the Alaska liner Spokane when she crashed onto the rocks off Idol Point, B. C., on the night of November 22, 1917, while bound from Southeastern Alaska for Seattle with 327 passengers.

The Spokane was floated some time after she struck. No lives were lost in the accident.

### MUCH WHEAT FOR ALLIES

#### Argentina Sells 3,500,000 Tons to England and France.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 14.—The minister today signed an agreement with the British and French ministers to sell 3,500,000 tons of wheat to the Entente Allies. Argentina is to open a credit at the bank of the nation in favor of the Allies, which is to be liquidated in two years. The agreement is virtually a huge loan to the Allies and is made in order to stabilize the rate of exchange.

### ALLEGED GERMAN PLOTTER CAUGHT

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 14.—Under a naval guard, a man, who gave his name as Walter Sporrman, suspected of having been an active figure in plots launched here by Capt. Boy-ed the former German naval attache, left here tonight for Baltimore, where, it was understood, he will be turned over to agents of the Department of Justice.

All the Clemson boys left today to resume their studies after a long vacation.

### Slav-Hun Parleys Are Again Halted; May Go To Warsaw

#### BOLSHEVIKI VICTORY AND MUTINY REPORTED

Lenine Taking Important Part in Parley—Propaganda Among German Soldiers Said To Be Effective.

London, Jan. 14.—The Russian withdrawal from the war relieves 1,600,000 Germans for use on the western front, according to Brigadier General Sir A. C. Geddes, minister of national service, in a "man power" statement to the house of commons this afternoon.

Between 420,000 and 450,000 troops must be raised at once in this country, Sir Auckland told the house of commons today.

The minister said this was the absolute minimum, and that it might be necessary during the year to take more men from civil life for the army.

### Hun-Slav Parleys Again Are Deferred.

New York, Jan. 14.—Russo-German negotiations at Brest Litovsk apparently again have been broken off temporarily and the possibility of a final breach is not unlooked for in Petrograd. The armistice on the eastern front has been extended until February 18, while it is expected the conferences will be resumed at Warsaw.

David R. Francis, the American ambassador to Russia, in a new year's message to the Russian people reminds the mtha ta separate peace with Germany would rob them of the results of their revolution. President Wilson's message is greeted with divided opinion by the leading Bolshevik newspapers. Ambassador Francis says the message is the best greeting he can give Russia from America.

### CANADIAN TROOPS GET PRISONERS

London, Jan. 14.—German trenches north of Lens were raided last night by Canadian troops who brought back prisoners, says the official report. Near Merisourt, south an east of Lens, the British were victorious in patrol engagements.

### SMITH'S APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED BY SENATE

Washington, Jan. 14.—Appointment of Senator Smith, of South Carolina, as chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee, and of Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, to succeed him as chairman of the immigration committee, recommended by the Democratic steering committee, was confirmed today by the Senate. Senator James was elected to fill the interstate commerce committee vacancy caused by the death of Senator Newlands, of Nevada.

### RUNNING LATE.

We are late with the issue of the paper this morning. On last Friday the current from the local power plant was cut off at noon, and we had no power until Saturday night. As all our presses and our type-setting machine are run by electric current from the power plant, we stood helpless until the current came on again. All of which should demonstrate to the local plant that a storm proof, ice-proof, electric plant is of as much importance as a rabbit bed.