

AMERICANS SAFE IN RUSSIA.

Citizens of United States Who Wish to Leave Assisted by Ambassador Francis.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Messages from Ambassador Francis at Petrograd and Consul General Summers at Moscow, dated last Friday and Saturday and received today at the State department, said all Americans in the two principal Russian cities were safe. Conditions in both places were reported as quieter but still chaotic.

No suggestion was made of moving the Americans from Moscow although the fighting in that city appeared to have been more general and sanguinary than that in Petrograd.

Ambassador Francis' dispatch said the Petrograd city duma had not recognized the Lenin-Trotsky faction and that many of the government departments were closed while others were operating under subordinate officials.

WHEAT CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

Hon. A. F. Lever Will Speak at Shiloh, Mayesville and Lynchburg.

Chairman A. C. Phelps, of the Sumter County Council of Defense, acting under instructions from the State and local councils of defense, has called two meetings in this county for Tuesday, November 27th, at which Hon. A. F. Lever, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, of the National House of Representatives will speak under authority of the National Food Administration and Council of National Defense, of Washington, D. C.

The first meeting next Tuesday, will be held at the large auditorium of the Shiloh school at 11 o'clock in the morning. The second meeting in Sumter county, the same date, will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening in the spacious auditorium of the Mayesville school building in the town of Mayesville.

Mr. Lever is also scheduled to speak at Lynchburg, in Lee County during the afternoon of the same date, under the auspices of the Lee County Council of Defense, which organization will arrange the hour and the place of meeting for Lynchburg's afternoon meeting.

The members of the Shiloh and Mayesville township committees of the Sumter County Council of Defense, twenty in number, have been requested to serve as committees of arrangements to advertise these two meetings in this county.

Mr. Lever wishes, under the directions of the National Food Administration, and the Council of National Defense to meet the men and the women, and the boys and girls of these sections he will address. His address will be practical and patriotic.

There are many ways of saving corn by substituting other feeds as there are many better uses to which we can put part of our corn than has been done in the past. It has high human food value and may be substituted for a larger part of wheat flour than is now done.

SMUTS DECREASE YIELDS.

Simple Seed Treatment Will Eliminate Loss.

Small grain smuts may be destroyed very easily by seed treatment, says the botany and plant pathology division of, Clemson College. There was a loss of 5 to 10 per cent of our small grain crops in South Carolina last year due to smuts.

Rye is not subject so to smuts, but to prevent smuts of oats, barley and wheat use only the very best seed obtainable, and before treating be sure to have, if possible, the seed passed through a fanning mill to remove light imperfect kernels and any smut balls that may not have been removed at the time of thrashing.

For chemical treatment of seed the following methods have been found to be most effective:

(1) Take an old molasses or oil barrel, clean well and fill about two-thirds full with formalin solution—one pint of formaldehyde to forty gallons of water. Place about a bushel of seed in a bag and tie near the top so that the seed will have free movement within the bath.

(2) Place the seed in a pile on the floor or in one end of a wagon body, and as you gradually shovel from one pile to a new one the seed should be sprinkled with the formalin solution. The shoveling and sprinkling of the seed should be repeated until the seed are thoroughly damp.

The former treatment is preferable and gives better results as the seed are more likely to be thoroughly wet. The above methods may be varied by the use of bluestone (one pound of bluestone to four or five gallons of water) instead of formaldehyde.

Hog Sales Days.

A chain of hog sales days has been organized for all counties of southeastern Alabama, which with the remainder of the Southern section of that State, in six years have become a hog-producing area of distinction.

At Ozark, October 3, No. 1 hogs sold for \$17.50 a hundred and No. 2 and No. 3 hogs 1 and 2 cents less, respectively. Agents of the States Relations Service of the United States Department of Agriculture worked to develop hog raising in the section and are in charge of the sales days.

Advisability of development of hog raising in southern Alabama was urged when ravages of the boll weevil directed attention to the necessity for diversification of farm products in cotton States. Geneva County shipped 373 cars last year, and this number was followed closely by other counties of the section.

BETTER THAN SALVARSAN.

Head of Rockefeller Institute Tells of Discovery of Improved and Cheap Substitute.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20.—Dr. Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller Institute, today told the National Academy of Science in convention here that the Rockefeller Institute had discovered an improved substitute for salvarsan. The new chemical agent, he said, is still unnamed.

"The new chemical has many advantages over salvarsan," said Dr. Flexner. "Where salvarsan cost \$3.50 a dose, the improved substitute costs about 5 cents a dose."

Salvarsan was a German product under the control of a German manufacturer. Since the war it has been impossible to import it.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Gov. Manning Calls on the People to Pray to God for Guidance in Our Future Endeavors and to Praise Him for the Benefits He Has Bestowed.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—Gov. Manning yesterday issued his Thanksgiving proclamation. He directs the attention of the people to seriousness of the hours that the day may not be marked by feasting, sports and entertainments but rather by fasting and prayer.

The proclamation is as follows: "State of South Carolina, Executive Chamber, Columbia.

"Conscious of our supreme duty to our fellowmen in this age of strife, not unmindful of our responsibilities in this day of preparation and undaunted by no sacrifice in this hour of need, the people of our State, in accordance with their honored custom, should cease from their labors for a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

"Let us pray that the spirit that once inspired our countrymen in their fight for independence shall, with His divine benediction, be our guide at this time when we have cast our lot with other free peoples to destroy the forces of iniquity, barbarism and tyranny.

"This day of thanksgiving shall be the occasion of calling our people to the seriousness of the hour. Thanksgiving, prayer and fasting should mark the day rather than feasting, sports and entertainments. A world tragedy is upon us. Let us realize it and turn with all our hearts to God to guide us, praying that we may play our part as Christian men and women, and as patriots, and that in His good time He will lead us to victory over injustice, cruelty and oppression.

"Now, therefore, I, Richard I. Manning, governor of the State of South Carolina, in accordance with the proclamation of the president of the United States, do hereby designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, 1917, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer for the people of this commonwealth.

"On that day let every church be opened, and the message carried to all our people. Let us remember those who are less fortunate in our communities, in our State and in the countries of our neighbors across the seas. Let us shoulder gladly our responsibilities to the soldiers now being trained within our borders. And let us pray to Him for guidance, so that we may have strength and wisdom to carry forward to the nations of the world the principles and ideals which can alone assure our people of a lasting freedom of body and soul.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State at the city of Columbia, this 20th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1917 and in the 142nd year of the independence of the United States of America.

Richard I. Manning, Governor. "By the Governor, "W. Panks Dove, "Secretary of State."

PLANS TO AID DAIRYMEN.

Food Administration to Establish Federal Commissions.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Regional milk tribunals federally appointed, is the plan of solving the milk problem of the metropolitan areas adopted by the food administration, after appeals for aid from producers and distributors in New York and Chicago, where the rising cost of milk has caused discontent among consumers.

"The plan of the United States food administration," said a statement tonight by G. Harold Powell, in charge of the division of perishable commodities, "is to set up regional federal commissions on which producers, distributors, consumers, milk experts and the public at large will be represented. These commissions will be formed, so far as can be done from citizens in the districts concerned. They will at once begin public hearings, giving all parties in interest an opportunity to assemble and present all milk data and facts that may bear upon equitable prices, decided according to the facts and make reports that will advise the public of the true status of the milk industry in each of the districts named."

If automobile purchases continue there are going to be lots of one-horse towns in South Carolina.—Anderson Mail.

FINE COUNTY FAIRS.

Richard Carroll Visits Sumter and Horry Events.

To the Editor of The State.

The Sumter County Fair had an "annex" for negroes or "Negro Day." I was invited by Mr. A. C. Phelps to speak on negro day. Sumter County Fair, though this being its first year, was the greatest county fair I have ever witnessed. The negroes did not have many exhibits, but what they had was creditable. What I and others saw in the building was worthy of exhibition anywhere in America.

I went from Sumter to Conway, Horry County Fair. Here is another county that is coming to the front along agricultural lines. One would be surprised to see the corn, cotton, wheat, potatoes and other grains that Horry County put on exhibition.

MESSAGE FROM VENIZELOS.

Premier Issues Statement to Greeks in America.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Greek premier, Venizelos, now in London for the inter-allied conferences, issued a statement today to the Greeks of America. It was received here by cable as follows:

"I am happy at being able to address greetings from the capital of the British Empire to the Greeks overseas, who in this most tragic period of national history have shown moral strength and faith unshakable in the policy which draws its principles from the very traditions of the Hellenic race. The principles were always in harmony with the ideals of freedom of the great American democracy.

"It was impossible for Greeks living amidst the most liberal democratic people of the world not to loathe the political dogma of Prussian militarism. The Greeks espouse the ideas of freedom so brilliantly expressed by America's great citizen, Wilson.

"United Greece is faithful to the compact entered into with the allies and this unity is not impaired by mischievous, isolated rumors and the doings of a few organs which in some parts of the world continue to serve the fallen regime. We will now reconquer those Macedonian provinces which a treacherous policy handed to our enemies.

"I am sure that the vigorous American Hellenism which, during the Balkan war, was helped greatly in fighting for Greece will continue to play its part through this critical period. Hellenism must not forget that only if it has a deep consciousness of its obligations to itself will it be able to establish the new Greece on a firm foundation to take its honorable place in the assembly of nations."

A Near Miracle.

A near miracle took place yesterday afternoon at the corner of Wofford and Magnolia streets when a little negro boy was struck by a heavy truck knocked down and run over, sustaining only one small cut on his hand as a result. People who witnessed the accident are at loss to account for why it happened that the boy escaped.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—Three commissioned and four non-commissioned officers, three privates of the English army have arrived at Camp Jackson to assist in training the army in the science of trench warfare.

TO PLANT WHEAT CAMPAIGN.

Congressmen to Tell Farmers What is Needed.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—The services of the South Carolina congressmen have been conscripted by Gov. Manning, D. R. Cook, food administrator, and W. W. Long, farm demonstration agent, for the purpose of presenting to the producing farmers of the State the positive need of planting winter wheat at the rate of two acres to the plow. A brief but thorough campaign of speeches has been evolved for six of the congressmen, who at a conference in the governor's office or by telephone, have volunteered their services in this campaign.

Each congressman, it was agreed, should speak within his respective district, visiting the smaller towns and rural communities rather than the county seats. The speeches will be both practical and patriotic, as the ever increasing scarcity of wheat makes it plain that the farmers of each section will be forced to grow sufficient wheat to satisfy the needs of themselves and neighbors.

The campaign will be conducted under the auspices of the State Council of Defense, which will arrange through its county organizations for the several meetings. Mr. Nichols is out of the State, and final arrangements of the itinerary of Congressmen Ragsdale, Whaley and Stevenson are now being worked out.

J. F. Byrnes—Saturday, November 24, Ridge Spring and Saluda, (after noon); Monday, November 26, Williston and Allendale (night) Saturday, December 1, Blackville and Denmark.

F. H. Donnick—Saturday, November 24, 11 a. m., Honea Path and 2 p. m., Anderson (court house), 4 p. m., Belton; Monday, November 26, 11 a. m., Liberty, 2 p. m., Easley, 4 p. m., Pickens; Tuesday, November 27, 11 a. m., Seneca, 2 p. m., Walthalla, 4 p. m., Westminster.

A. F. Lever—Saturday, November 24, Swansea (morning), Springfield (afternoon), Cope (afternoon); Monday, November 26, Branchville, (morning), Bowman (afternoon), Ellore (night), Tuesday, November 26, Shiloh (morning), Lynchburg (afternoon), Mayesville (night.)

NEW REGISTRATION IN 1918.

All Qualified Electors Must Reenroll and Register Next Year.

Columbia, Nov. 21.—In reply to a letter of inquiry Thomas H. Peebles, attorney general calls attention to the fact that an act of the legislature provides for the registration and reenrollment of all voters in this State next year. No provision is made in the act for the soldier vote. This will probably be done at the next session of the legislature.

The following is the letter of the attorney general: "Mr. W. F. Estridge, Secretary Board of Registration, Kershaw, S. C.

"Dear Sir: Answering your letter of the 8th inst., I beg to advise that the act of 1917, page 49, was passed in pursuance of the constitutional requirement that there be a reenrollment and registration of the qualified electors of this State every ten years, and makes special provision for the reenrollment and reenrollment of all qualified electors then living in the State who may have been registered prior to July, 1918.

"This reenrollment is to be had during the months of July, August and September, 1918, and is a special provision in addition to the general law which otherwise fixes time when the county board of registration shall keep their office open and attend to the registration of electors.

"The act of 1917 was not intended to interfere with the opening of the books for the registration of persons as they may become of age or be qualified to register between now and July, 1918, or after that time. If any one registers between now and July, however, he will have to register again in the general registration to commence July, 1918."

HONORS NOBLE WOMAN.

Tablet to Mary Amarantha Snowden Unveiled in State House at Columbia.

Columbia, Nov. 19.—A marble tablet to the memory of Mary Amarantha Snowden, mother of Prof. Yates Snowden, of the department of history, University of South Carolina, was unveiled at the State House this afternoon. The tablet, sculptured from pure white marble, is a panel of Gothic architectural effect. It is placed on the south wall of the lobby, just to the left of the entrance into the hall of the house of representatives. It was erected by an appropriation of the general assembly, and by a collection of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The tablet today was presented to the State by John P. Thomas, professor of law, University of South Carolina, in an address which told of the life and deeds of Mrs. Snowden and the wonderful work she accomplished for the Confederate soldier, his widow and his daughter. Her life's span was spent in Charleston, he declared, and her memory is the heritage of future generations.

The certain unveiling the table was withdrawn by four young girls, descendants of signers of the Ordinance of Secession. They were Misses Catherine Clark, Trevers Carter, Heica Coles Shand and Margaret Gibbs. Miss Rebecca Pickens Salley, great granddaughter of Joseph Daniel Pope, presented each of the young girls unveiling the tablet with a souvenir pin commemorative of the occasion. The contractor for the monument, R. V. Stiller, of Columbia, was given a purse by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Prof. E. M. Rucker, of the University of South Carolina, department of law presided, and prayer was offered by Dr. George A. Blackburn, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church. Music was furnished by Schumacher's band.

The tablet has the following inscription, in gold lettering: In memory of

Mary Amarantha Snowden Yates, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Saylor Yates. Born Sept. 10, 1819, died Feb. 23, 1898. President of the Calhoun Monument Association. President of the Ladies' Memorial Association. Founder of the Confederate Home School of Charleston, S. C.

Rich in the gift of persuasion to noble ends, daunted by no obstacle in the pursuit of her high purpose by her unquenchable ardor in aid of the suffering soldier of the Confederacy by her zeal to keep his memory sacred by her toil for the nurture and education of his daughters. She won the admiration of her generation.

This stone is erected by the General Assembly of South Carolina and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

England Building More Ships.

London, Oct. 31.—(Correspondence) —It is announced here that Great Britain has placed orders in Canada for twenty-two steel vessels of 3,400 to 8,000 tons, the total tonnage now under consideration being 150,000. The vessels are to be launched "this year or early in 1918." Orders for wooden ships to the value of \$10,000,000 are also under consideration.

When the dog bit the editor it charged nothing for each insertion.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Advertisement for a lens grinder. Includes an illustration of a man at a workbench and text: 'We Grind Lenses, examine the eyes scientifically and fit eye-glasses perfectly. Let us work for you. We have all prescriptions on file. Broken lenses replaced promptly. Graduate Optometrist and Optician in charge. W. A. Thompson, JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST.'

Advertisement for Geo. H. Hurst, Undertaker and Embalmer. Includes text: 'Prompt Attention to Day and Night Calls. At D. J. CRAIG Old Stand, N. Main. Phones: Day 519 Night 201'