

President Announces Control All Railways In Continental United States Tomorrow

Will Cut High Salaries and Slightly Increase Wages---McAdoo Will Be Director General.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—The President, it has been announced, will assume the possession and operation of every railroad in continental United States at noon Friday, December 28. McAdoo is appointed director general.

One of the first acts of the government in beginning the operation of the railroads will be to reduce the large salaries of the railway executives and to increase in some measure the wages of railway workers.

Securities to be issued by President while the government is in control will not be less than four percent, and the President will ask Congress to empower the government to buy any quantity of new securities. All the earnings over and above the amount to be agreed on are to go to the government. Congress will be asked also to appropriate a large fund, probably two hundred millions of dollars for immediate supply of rolling stock to handle the food traffic which has swamped the roads. The director general will have authority to decide whether the government shall also assume the operation and control of the express companies. In his dual position McAdoo has been in position to pass on securities and interest rights. It is held. It will also be his duty to determine when the government will purchase new securities, and this plan will prevent the rules of securities from interfering with the future issue of Liberty Bonds without necessitating the actual government financing of the roads.

Germans Make Three Attacks On Verdun Front Last Night

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 27.—Three attacks were made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front east of Meuse. At the last attempt the enemy succeeded in reaching the French lines but was driven out immediately with heavy losses, leaving prisoners, it is officially announced.

Many German Socialists Arrested Christmas Eve in Berlin, It Is Reported

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 27.—More than three hundred members of the German minority Socialists party were arrested on Christmas Eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch given out today by the Wireless Press.

Deputy Warden Kills Prisoner Who Struck Him Down With Iron Bar

(By Associated Press)

Atlanta, Dec. 27.—Dr. James R. Brock of Trenton, Georgia, Deputy Warden of the Federal penitentiary, killed a prisoner this morning when Dimitre Popoff, a prisoner, struck him down with an iron bar as the prisoners were leaving the dining room. Popoff's only statement is: "Was personal matter." Popoff was sentenced for counterfeiting from Ohio.

Washington Doubtful of Sincerity Of German Peace Proposals

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—Conditions surrounding Czernin proposals for basic peace caused officials here to feel apprehension for their sincerity. There is a disposition to feel that the object of the German representatives is simply to protract negotiations as long as possible.

British Steamer Wrecked; Lives and Cargo Saved

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer, Nagpur, eighty-three hundred tons has been wrecked in Delgoa Bay, Portuguese, East Africa, says the dispatches from Lisbon, passengers numbering two hundred and fifty-nine and the cargo were saved.

Eleven Austro-German Airplanes Brought Down on Italian Front

(By Associated Press)

Rome, Dec. 27.—Eleven Austro-German airplanes were brought down by British and Italian flyers in an aerial battle which developed when the Teutons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, sixty miles north of Venice, according to the war office report today.

SOME HUSTLER

Mrs. A. R. Fripp sends an Additional Forty-Five Dollars for Red Cross Proceeds From Box Super at Westley Chapel School

Mrs. A. R. Fripp, teacher of Wesley Chapel school, and who recently sent 23 news names for the Red Cross, with the \$1.00 from each name, has sent Macbeth Young, County Chairman in the drive for ten million new members of the Red Cross, another check, this time for \$45, this sum being the proceeds from a box supper at Wesley Chapel school, the same to be turned over to the Red Cross to be used to the best advantage. Mrs. Fripp is some hustler, and that's a fact. If every community can develop a leader in this movement like her, Union county will go far over her quota.

Mr. Young requests that we urge upon all communities the necessity for pressing the solicitation for new members right up to January 1, at which time the canvass is to close. No doubt there are many communities that have rallied nobly to this last call of the Red Cross, but Mrs. Fripp has, we judge, outstripped them all.

Death of N. H. Hawkins

N. H. Hawkins died at his home eight miles above Union Monday night and his body was laid to rest in Hebron cemetery yesterday. He was 66 years of age and is survived by five children of his first marriage. His children are: N. H. Hawkins, Jr.; Bennie Hawkins; Guy H. Hawkins; Mrs. Nora Burgess; Mrs. Douglass Lancaster and Bryan H. Hawkins. He was a member of Hebron Baptist church and the services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. M. Trogdon and Rev. States Jolly.

Burial of W. Farr Gilliam

The burial services of W. Farr Gilliam, who passed away Monday evening at 7 o'clock, were held at his home on E. Main street, Wednesday morning at 12 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. W. Speake, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

Mr. Gilliam is survived by his wife, who was Miss Hunter Young, two small children, his mother, Mrs. Mary Gilliam, two brothers, D. Fant Gilliam and R. R. Gilliam, prominent business men of this city. Mr. Gilliam had been for years one of Union's leading business men and his sudden death has brought sorrow to many hearts.

City Offers \$25 Reward

The city authorities have offered a reward of twenty-five dollars (\$25) for information leading to the discovery and conviction of the party or parties who, on last night turned in a false alarm. It should be \$50, or three months on the gang, for it was a pretty scary trick to have the whole fire department running out to a supposed fire when there was nothing to it but the silly prank of some silly fool.

At Hotel Union.

Wednesday, Dec. 26th.

E. O. Steinbach, Salma, Ala.; H. B. Jennings, City; R. S. McIver, Greenville, S. C.; Boyd Farr, Lockhart, S. C.; Thos. Roberts, Camp Wadsworth; E. H. Holden, Camp Wadsworth.

It is hard to down a man who does not know when he is whipped. Selfishness is a canker that eats the heart out.

Pittman-Pitts

Reverend and Mrs. Alexander McArthur Pittman announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Elizabeth

to Mr. Wesley Capers Pitts on Wednesday the twenty sixth of December nineteen hundred and seventeen Carlisle, South Carolina

The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. A. McA. Pittman and the young couple left immediately for a bridal trip after which they will be at home in Conway, S. C.

Mrs. Pitts is the eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. McA. Pittman of Carlisle and is a young woman of high Christian character and charming personality. She is a graduate of Greenville Woman's College and has taught successfully for several years.

Mr. Pitts is a graduate of Clemson College and of Carolina and is held in the highest esteem by his friends and business associates.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitts have the good wishes of the community for a long and happy life.

Notice to Fourth Grade Children

The fourth grade children of Central school who were invited to the home of their teacher, Miss Kathleen James are asked to postpone this visit until further notice as Miss James was called out of town today.

Miss James asks that the children pardon her for postponing their party, but she got a message late today calling her away, and had to respond to the call.

20,000 Graduate Nurses Will be Required in Army Hospitals

With a continuance of the war, in the next year at least 20,000 nurses will be needed at army hospitals at home and abroad. Of the 80,000 graduate nurses of the country only 3,500 have so far assigned to duty in army service, and of this number 1,500 are in France.

Any army nurse must be a graduate of a training school for nurses and must have served for two years in a hospital. They are assigned to duty in the United States or abroad, and preferences are granted when conditions permit. Nurses who prefer not to have service abroad will have their preferences respected.

Thanks for Supper

Union, S. C., Dec. 21, 1917.

Mr. Editor: Please spare me a little space in your paper to thank the Monarch Mill Company for the kindness in their giving such a nice supper. Everyone present enjoyed himself, especially Mr. Howard Boulware. Never in my life have I seen such a pleased man. Now he did do some feasting. The only reason he didn't get any more his pockets were shallow and there was another man made happy, Mr. O. W. Shirley proved to be in good form for eating everything in sight. He would like to get a supper like that every night. In regards to the company here is wishing them a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and another supper at the Hotel Union.

L. G. Tallone.

CENTRAL POWERS SOLEMNLY DECLARE WILLINGNESS FOR PEACE

Austro-German Foreign Minister Czernin Makes Statement at Peace Conference Yesterday.

(By Associated Press)

Petrograd, Wednesday.—The Central Powers solemnly declare their resolve to immediately sign peace terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents, Count Czernin, Austro-German foreign minister told the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday. The Central Powers also bind themselves to such terms without guarantee that Russia's allies would recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers. Czernin declared the Central Powers believed the basic principles uttered by the Russian delegates could be the basis for such a peace.

Stocks Soared at Opening Of Market This Morning

(By Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 27.—Stocks soared at the opening of the market this morning, denoting the satisfaction of the financial community with President Wilson's decision to take over the railroads. The advance ranged from two to eight points in railroad lists, all standard shares being bid up furiously.

Nothing to Report of Importance On the Ypres Front Today

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 27.—Nothing to report last night except some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres, General Haig reported to the war office today.

One Large and One Small French Steamer Sunk During Past Week

(By Associated Press)

Paris, Dec. 27.—One French steamer of over sixteen hundred tons and one under that tonnage were sunk by submarines during the week ending December twenty second.

Wooden Ship Building Plan Declared a Failure

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 27.—Wooden ship building program is pictured as almost a complete failure by Rear Admiral Rowles, assistant general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, testifying before the Senate Committee today.

BELGIUM'S HEROIC RULER

Who's Stupid?



New photograph of King Albert of Belgium, showing him in his field uniform.

Daily Cotton Report.

(By McNally Cotton Company)

January cotton opened at 30.80, closed at 30.31. Local market 30 1-2. Seed \$71.00.

(Bristol Herald Courier.) The following interesting little dispatch from New York appeared in yesterday morning's papers:

"Although he was a German subject, Eric Hoecker, a butcher boy, possessed an air of such profound stupidity that he was permitted to call daily at Fort Totten in his rounds. Today he was interned on Ellis Island after army intelligence officers discovered that he had important papers among his effects and that he was an expert telegrapher and map maker."

Hoecker wasn't stupid at all. No German subject is stupid, not even in the art of appearing so, when there is devilment and dirty work to be done. Somebody else was stupid when this expert telegrapher and map maker from Germany in the guise of a stupid butcher boy was given free access to Fort Totten.

The government is anxious that the people shall realize that America is at war with the greatest and most vicious and unscrupulous military power on earth and that if the war is to be prosecuted to a successful termination they must stand by their country to the utmost of their energy and resources. The people are beginning to realize it. They are also beginning to wonder why the government does not adopt more drastic measures which the emergency clearly demands, in dealing with German and Austrian spies, enemy aliens and disloyal natives.

A joy ride often terminates in a ditch.

Star gazing is oft rewarded with a stubbed toe.

"Some stuck up"—a cat that steps upon a sheet of "tanglefoot."