

RUMANIA'S KING ABDICATES

The Report from Petrograd Says He Has Quit the Throne

THE CROWN PRINCE CHARLES SUCCEEDS

There Have Been Reports of Plots Against King Ferdinand

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 28.—There are persistent rumors here that King Ferdinand of Rumania has abdicated in favor of Crown Prince Charles.

Disturbed conditions in Rumania were reported in a dispatch from Petrograd dated Monday. It was said that news of a revolutionary plot against Ferdinand had been received at Bolshevik headquarters.

BRITISH LOST THREE DESTROYERS

Thirteen Officers and 180 Men Went Down Off the Dutch Coast Dec. 22—Vessels Hit Mines or Were Struck by Torpedoes.

London, Dec. 29.—Three British torpedo boat destroyers were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting mines off the Dutch coast on the night of Dec. 22, with the loss of 13 officers and 180 men, the admiralty announced today.

BRITISH ROUTED TURKS

Latter Attacked Near Jerusalem and Were Beaten Back

London, Dec. 29.—The British troops in Palestine have repulsed a Turkish attack north and northwest of Jerusalem, and made an advance of about 2 1/2 miles on a front of nine miles along the Turkish front line, says an official communication issued yesterday.

ITALIAN ATTACKS FAILED

Tried to Break Teutonic Position on Monte Tomba

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Italian attacks against Austro-German positions on the heights of Monte Tomba broke down yesterday under the fire of the Teutons, it was announced officially by the German war office today.

POOR CAMP CONDITIONS

Caused Deaths of Many Soldiers is the Complaint

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Disease epidemic and clothing and equipment shortages at Camp Bowie, Tex., and Camp Doniphan, Okla., were described to the Senate military committee by the respective commanders of these national guard cantonments, Major Generals Greble and Wright.

Both officers said the epidemics at their posts now were under control and that adequate supplies of overcoats had been received, but they gave dismal pictures of earlier conditions. They told, too, of enormous shortages of rifles, machine guns and other equipment still existing. Food has been plentiful, they said, and of good quality.

GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Morris P. Bradford Pleaded Guilty to Murder

Laconia, N. H., Dec. 29.—Morris P. Bradford, who shot and killed Miss Alice B. Richards and wounded two other teachers at the New Hampshire school for the feeble-minded on June 28, yesterday pleaded guilty to first degree murder and was sentenced to prison for life.

TOO COLD TO DRILL

It Was 23 Below Zero at Camp Devens Headquarters

REPUBLIC STARTED IN WHITE RUSSIA

Defection from the Bolsheviki Government Announced in Petrograd—Advices Received in London.

London, Dec. 29.—The establishment of a republic in White Russia has been announced according to Petrograd advices yesterday. A Rada, or legislative body, for the territory has been assembled at Minsk, at which place a decree will be issued proclaiming the independence of the new state.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times, describes the effect upon the Bolsheviki authorities of the rumored proposal of the German and Austrian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk conference that in a certain contingency various strategic points in Russian territory should be occupied by the central powers.

According to the rumors it had been proposed by the representatives of Germany and Austria that pending the resumption of the negotiations Russia should mediate between the central powers and the entente allies with a view to bringing about a general peace. Should the attempt fail, the occupation of the several strategic points by the central powers was proposed so that pressure might be brought upon the entente. The proposal, says the correspondent, caused consternation at the Smolyn institute, the Bolsheviki headquarters.

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Reports of Fighting and Other Military Activities in Interior Russia Continue Numerous

The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent quotes from the newspapers the reports of the finance commissioner on the financial condition of Russia, in which it is stated that all sources of the state's income have been absolutely cut off. It shows the railroads entirely supplied with moving troops and members of the Red Guard, who travel free, there being, therefore, no receipts from passenger traffic.

PROMOTION GIVEN TO U. S. SEAMEN

For Meritorious Conduct When American Destroyers Sank German Submarine and Captured Crew

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The full details of the destruction by American destroyers of a German submarine and the capture of its crew, made public today, show that the destroyers Fanning and Nichols, were the ships engaged. The incident was reported Nov. 24, but few facts were given at the time.

SUGAR MORE PLENTY

New York Is Beginning to Feel Some Relief

New York, Dec. 29.—So greatly has the close approach of new crops relieved the sugar situation that refiners and manufacturers were authorized yesterday to allow consumers and makers of non-essential products 80 per cent of their requirements. These instructions, issued here by the United States food administration, rescind the order issued in October limiting the candy men to 50 per cent of their needs.

FOUR SUBMARINES

Were Captured by American Destroyers, According to Word Received in Boston

Boston, Dec. 29.—Four German submarines were captured recently by 12 American destroyers, according to an American official who reached his home here from a French port last night. The seaman—a former Boston newspaperman—was aboard a troop ship at the French port recently, he said, when the destroyers, all flying the stars and stripes, steamed in with their prizes. The submarines were lying upon the surface of the ocean, with their conning towers open, recharging their batteries, when the American destroyers swept down upon them and took them prisoner without a fight.

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Ayer, Mass., Dec. 29.—Drills were suspended at Camp Devens today because of cold weather. The thermometer at division headquarters registered 23 below zero.

MALICIOUS ACTS CHARGED

Paul Hennig, a Naturalized German, Charged with Treason

WAS EMPLOYED IN A FACTORY

Where Gyroscopes for Torpedoes Were Manufactured

New York, Dec. 29.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in making torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded today to jail without bail in federal court charged with treason. Hennig, the authorities say, superintended the assembling of gyroscopes, which control the course of torpedoes. According to District Attorney France, some of these gyroscopes have been found maliciously mutilated. This was done in such a way as to render useless the torpedoes in which the gyroscopes were installed. Not only these torpedoes have been worthless as weapons, but it is possible they would have proved engines of destruction for their own users, said the district attorney.

TO SPEED UP FREIGHT

Director General McAdoe Issues Order to Railroads

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Director General McAdoe of the railroads of the country issued last night his first formal order designed to speed up freight movement, telegraphing all railroad presidents and directors instructions to move traffic by the most convenient and direct routes. At the same time he ordered them to continue operation of their lines in conformity with the president's proclamation putting them under government control.

There was no indication whether Mr. McAdoe intended to displace the war board with an organization of his own or to continue its organization for the duration of the war. It was made clear, however, that it will continue to function until the director general decides that a better system can be devised.

FAIR HAVEN MAN FINED

John S. Jubar Was Fined for Having Gaming Implements

Rutland, Dec. 29.—A fine of \$20 and costs of \$6.05 was imposed on John S. Jubar of Fair Haven by Judge Leo E. Pratt in Rutland city court yesterday morning after he had changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty to keeping gaming implements. State's Attorney C. V. Poulin, who issued the search warrant in the case, appeared for the state. The fine was paid.

BARN WAS SAVED

But House and Most of Contents Were Burned

Newark, Dec. 29.—The house known as the old Dollop place in Newark was totally destroyed by fire Friday morning. Most of the furnishings were burned and the few articles saved were badly damaged. The house was occupied by Mrs. Lilla Burrell and Mrs. Sarah Chamberlain.

TAKES OVER STOCKYARDS

The British Government Will Ship Horses from Portland

Portland, Me., Dec. 29.—The British government has taken over the East Deering stockyards, owned by the Grand Trunk railway, in this city and will ship horses from here for war purposes. This action is due to conditions at Halifax.

HIT IN EYE BY KNOT

Howard Kennedy Seriously Injured in North Duxbury Mill

Waterbury, Dec. 29.—Howard Kennedy was seriously hurt at the Elliot mill this forenoon when he was struck in the eye by a knot, which flew from a board while he was operating the matching-machine. Dr. Hopkins was called, and the injured man was taken this afternoon to the Mary Fletcher hospital in Burlington, accompanied by his wife. It is not known whether the sight in the eye has been destroyed. Mr. Kennedy is chairman of the North Duxbury school board.

TO GRANT FINAL PAPERS

A session of the United States district court for the purpose of granting final citizenship papers will be held at the federal building in Montpelier Jan. 2 and 3.

ALLEGED TO HAVE CONFESSED

Emeroy Pepin Was Planning to Use the Money to Buy Farm

Burlington, Dec. 29.—Emeroy Pepin of this city, who was arrested in Montpelier Thursday afternoon by the authorities upon receipt of a message from Chief of Police P. J. Russell of this city, stating that he was wanted here to answer to a charge of uttering fraudulent checks, confessed to the charge filed against him by State's Atty. Allen Martin, after being subjected to a grilling that occupied the greater part of three hours at local police headquarters yesterday by the chief of police and the state's attorney. It was shortly before 7 o'clock yesterday morning that Officer George Fraser of the local police force departed for Montpelier to return with Emeroy, a youth of less than 21 years, to this city, where he is to be arraigned on the charge of "willfully, falsely, feloniously and deceitfully making and forging several checks," the total of which was given out yesterday as being in the neighborhood of \$2,000, the exact amount being as yet undetermined. On the way to the Capital city, the local officer was met by State's Attorney Martin, who accompanied him to the Washington county jail for the prisoner, and thence to this city.

Young Pepin was at work in a store in Montpelier when he was arrested by the chief of police. He seemed not at all perturbed over his predicament when locked up, but it was learned yesterday that he had not slept well all night, neither had he tasted food of any kind since his arrest. At the institution he would admit nothing when questioned by the authorities there, nor would he say anything convicting to the local officer and the state attorney until he was closely questioned after his arrival here, which was at 4 o'clock.

FOUND NOT INSANE

John J. Wilson of Brandon Was Taken in Charge by Montpelier

John J. Wilson of Brandon was in probable condition Friday afternoon as a result of a petition brought by the state supervisors of insane that he was insane and asking that the man be committed to the state hospital at state expense. State's Atty. E. R. Davis appeared for the state and the man was discharged by Judge Frank Martin, the testimony of the petitioners failing to show his insanity. It appears that Wilson was committed to the house of correction from Brandon and that while in the penal institution he was transferred to the state hospital and since being in the latter institution his term of servitude has expired; and the supervisors did not know what to do with him, with the result that the petition was brought for his commitment, which failed.

BUCHAN PEOPLE GATHERED

Annual Banquet Held in Clan Gordon Hall Last Evening

Aud winter's cold blast did not deter the sons of Buehan from mustering for their annual banquet last evening at the Clan Gordon hall, where the faithful gathered, never housed a more enjoyable gathering of the Glengie club. The assembly was one of many yearly reunions of the club, and few, if any, of these annual get-togethers of the Buehan folk have been more successful. The affair included a banquet, after-dinner exercises, the program opening with his hearty address of welcome. Miss Barbara McDonald contributed a vocal solo, and then followed the toast to America, responded to by George Brown. A McKenzie gave a vocal solo, and then the entire company stood at attention for a toast to the absent members. Miss Leona Lamb was next heard in a vocal solo and followed the time-honored toast to Buchanan, which was capably handled by John Brown, one of the older members of the club. The next vocal number was contributed by George McDonald, whose entrance opened the way for one of the most delightful numbers on the program, an ode to Glengie, rendered in a stirring manner by John Brown. By special request, vocal solos by Miss Lamb, James Freeland, Joan Ingram and George McDonald followed in order. After-dinner dancing, which continued into the gray hours of morning, brought the reunion to a happy close. A McKinnon and James Forrest acted capably as floor managers, and excellent music was furnished. Credit for the success of the gathering is shared by the club committee and three ladies, whose culinary ability was admirably exemplified in the dinner. Mrs. Isabella Thompson, Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Merchant deserved all of the fine things said of the feast. The general committee consisted of Charles Keith, president, James Davidson, vice-president, J. Clubb, secretary, Alex. Covie, treasurer, Messrs. McKinnon and Forrest, A. Massie, R. Thompson, William Duncan, W. Imah and William Still.

SANTA CAME LATE

But He Brought Something for Every Child Present

A very successful Christmas entertainment was held last night in the vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The vestry was well filled with children, parents and friends, and a very interesting program was rendered. The tree was tastefully decorated by the senior classes and all the children acquitted themselves very creditably. Every child connected with the Sunday school received a gift and a bag of candy.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM DIACK

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon—Masons Gave Their Ritual

The funeral of the late William Diack was held at 41 Pleasant street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Edgar Crossland of the Presbyterian church and Mrs. Isabelle Ewen, parish worker of the Congregational church, officiating. The services were attended by delegations from the Masons and Clan Gordon, and the former gave their service at the house.

HAD SLIGHT SHOCK

Joseph N. Barrs, Recently at Head of Industrial School

Vergennes, Dec. 29.—Joseph N. Barrs, until recently superintendent of the Vermont industrial school, was at the head of the boys' training school and farm at Shawbridge, Can., has suffered a slight shock, his left side being affected. It is reported his condition, however, is not serious.

KEEP SOLDIERS FROM DRINKING

Pershing's Order to Army in France Was So Intended

SO GENERAL STATES IN AN INTERVIEW

Matter of Prohibition Being Taken Up with French Government

With the American Army in France, Friday, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press).—General Pershing in an interview with the correspondents said that the question of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors to American troops, which he favors, is being discussed with the French government. "Of course," said the general, "there are difficulties here in France that do not exist in the United States. A general order issued December 18 was a long step toward the prevention of drinking among our men. It was not intended to convey the injunction to the American troops to drink light wines and beer but quite the reverse. The same order which forbade the soldiers taking strong drink contained the most rigid regulations to prevent the spread of social disease. Thus far the record of the army in both respects has been most excellent. It is a testimonial to the high character of American soldiers."

APPROCIATED THE PACKAGES

Stanley H. Averill Writes Home about the Soldiers' Delight

Stanley H. Averill of battery D, 101st regiment, field artillery, stationed in France, writes his mother, Mrs. H. L. Averill, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Averill, under date of Dec. 3 that he is feeling well except for a slight cold and that he is undergoing training with telephones in connection with his war work. He writes in part as follows: "Received a letter from you dated Nov. 1, with the rest of a bunch I got. There was a lot of mail and packages that came in. It made it seem just like Christmas, everybody opening packages, and it all came on Sunday, so it seemed like a holiday. I got two packages that had been on the way for about six weeks, so they were delayed somewhere. "We are having fine weather. This is the coldest day we've had yet. There was a lot of water in the ground when we watered the horses this morning. "One of the packages was from Mrs. Small, so it got here at last and, believe me, it was appreciated. Your letter was a dandy. The only trouble was there was only one from you, and I like to see a bunch. You can't write too often to suit me, so write as often as you can. "I'm feeling pretty good; have had a slight cold, but that's all. "Everything is going on about the same. I go on guard to-morrow for part of the day, so think I won't have much else to do. "Some of the fellows got cake in their packages and, believe me, it tasted good. I got some of those brownies, but by the time I tasted them they were all about five, and that was just a teaser. They tasted good, you bet. One of the fellows here had about six packages. One of them had nothing in it but chocolate drops, about five pounds I guess. He gets more mail than anybody else in the room, that's sure. "I just got my new fall hat and a new suit, so I guess I look pretty swell now. We practice with the field telephone mostly now. That is what we use the most. We have to know how to run the wires and all about them; also there are several instruments we have to know all about beside our signals; so you see this part of the battery has to study a lot. We fall in for pay soon now, so will be close. "I just got a letter to-night from you, with one from grandma and grandpa, dated Oct. 25, so will add a few lines. Just got back from guard all day long on a lonely road. Quite cold now, but haven't received the package yet, but hope I will soon. That helmet is just the thing I need, as I have lost the one I had."

WORK FOR THE SOLDIERS

Vermont Officials Planning for Them at the End of the War

The following school superintendents arrived in Montpelier Friday afternoon for a conference with Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas relative to the war saving stamps campaign, which will be waged in the public schools of the state during the coming year and in which the superintendents will be called upon to play an important part: David B. Locke, Rutland; William McGinnis, Bellows Falls; Carroll White, Barre; W. H. Young, St. Johnsbury; H. D. Casey, Springfield; M. D. Chittenden, Burlington; S. C. Hutchinson, Montpelier. The details of the work will be explained to the superintendents by Mr. Hillegas, who is at the head of the school campaign, having been delegated to that duty by F. A. Howland, director of the campaign for Vermont.

WILL CLOSE CHURCH

Episcopal Society in Montpelier Will Worship in Parish House

Rev. F. Barnby Leach, rector of Christ church, Montpelier, announced today that after to-morrow, Dec. 30, there will be no church services in Christ church till Easter but that the usual services will be held in the parish house.

HALF-TON LOTS

Is Restriction Placed on Burlington Coal Dealers

Burlington, Dec. 29.—Because of the scarcity of coal, the local fuel committee has issued orders to the retail coal men forbidding them to sell more than a half ton to anybody unless the order is approved by the committee. In the larger residences of the weather class there is believed to be coal enough stored away for most of the winter. In the poorer section the shortage is keenly felt and it is for this class that the coal is being held. There is a genuine scarcity of coal in this city and the combined supplies of the dealers will not last more than two weeks if the present cold weather continues.

ACUTE FUEL SHORTAGE

Bellows Falls Feeling the Pinch More Than Ever

Bellows Falls, Dec. 29.—The fuel shortage is being felt in this vicinity more acutely than heretofore and measures are being taken to conserve coal in all possible ways. The schools of this town are 125 tons short of annual need, and the directors have voted a week additional vacation, not opening here and at North Walpole until Jan. 14. All churches are reducing services, and a number are to hold union services each week the remainder of the winter. One closes his auditorium entirely, using parish houses only.

DEALERS ARE NOT GETTING SUPPLIES OF COAL

Sufficient for orders, and in order to distribute what they have as equitably as possible are making deliveries only upon presentation of cards signed by the local fuel committee, who investigate relative needs in all instances. Local dealers sold last year 11,000 tons, while this year only 8,500 tons have been available. Practically no wood has been thus far available. They have wood fitted for stove use ready at \$10 per cord and in some instances higher.

BURLINGTON STORE INCORPORATES

Hubert J. Shanley & Co., Inc., Has Capital Stock of \$25,000

Hubert J. Shanley and company, Inc., of Burlington has filed articles of incorporation in the office of secretary of state for the purpose of conducting a store in Burlington, with a capital stock of \$25,000, divided into 250 shares. The subscribers are Hubert J. Shanley, C. D. Ordway, and H. R. Watkins of Burlington.

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Had Been Pastor of Winooski Church Nearly Half a Century

Winooski, Dec. 29.—Rev. J. F. Audet died at 11:30 last night. The funeral will be held at 11:30 o'clock Wednesday.

URGES LONGER VACATION

Fuel Administrator Jones Thinks Schools Should Not Open Till Jan. 14

BRINGS ALARMING REPORT ON FUEL

Says People Must Save Coal or Suffer Consequences

Fuel Administrator H. J. Jones of Montpelier returned this morning from Boston, where he attended a conference of the New England fuel administrators relative to the coal situation, which is far from encouraging; in fact, he remarked that the reporter could tell the people "to save coal" or they will be without it. So bad is the condition that Mr. Jones to-day advised M. B. Hillegas, commissioner of education, not to open the schools for a week at least in conservation of coal. In some of the states, the schools will not be opened until Jan. 14. Co-operation that has not existed must commence to-day or the people of the state who depend upon coal will find some day they are out of it. "The reason for the marked change in conditions since Mr. Jones came home from Washington is that the government has commandeered boats that were to be used for coal and has also taken over the railroads. New England Fuel Administrator Storror left last night, after the conference, for Washington to confer with the highest authority on the matter, there having been so marked a change since the conference in Washington last week. St. Albans has adopted a plan whereby the fuel committee is handling all of the coal. Other large towns will have to come to that. Some of them have already. This means that half-ton lots are being placed with each family, and there is no duplication of orders, as is taking place in some of the larger towns. Each state seems to think the others of the New England group are getting more than their share. Mr. Jones urges householders and others to burn more wood and has but little of encouragement to offer in the matter.

Fuel Administrator Jones and Commissioner Hillegas arranged a conference to be held this afternoon in conjunction with the school superintendents, who were gathered in Montpelier to discuss school matters, and it is expected that some definite steps will be taken regarding the extension of the vacation. Commissioner Hillegas, prior to the conference, was not prepared to say much about the prospects of the plan but he was inclined to think that most of the rural schools had fuel enough, as they burn wood. The situation in the Richford schools was reported to be very serious.

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