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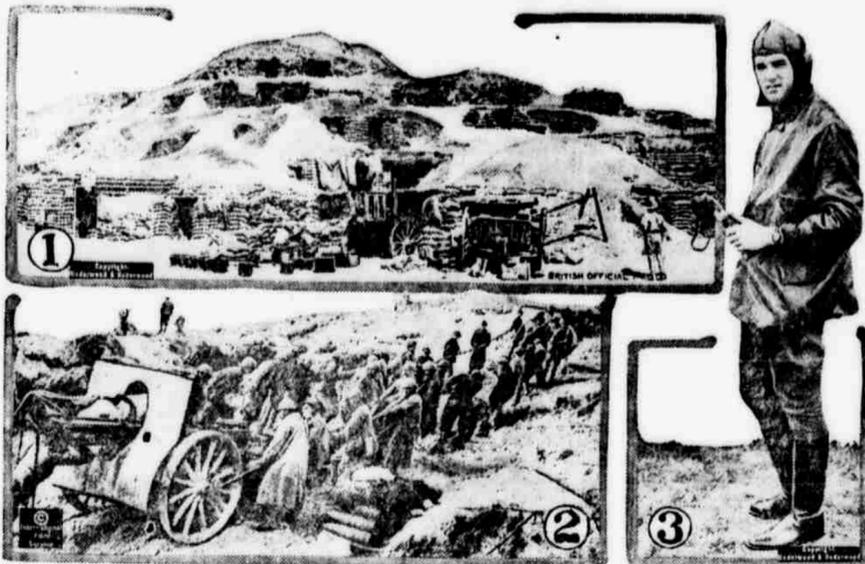
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1—Sandhills of Palestine turned into "cliff dwellings" by the British troops who are fighting north of Jerusalem. 2—French artillerymen dragging a field piece into a new position on a ridge. 3—Lieut. Edwin M. Post, Jr., of the American air service, now with Pershing's forces, who has been cited for gallantry in the French orders.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Germany's Plans for Annexation Disgust Russia and Check Peace Negotiations.

OPPOSED BY ALL SOCIALISTS

French Troops in Italy Whip the Austrians—American Ordnance Department Is Reorganized—Plans Made to Hurry Our Forces to France.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Prussian and Austrian greed and duplicity exposed themselves last week in the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, and in consequence the meeting broke up with fair prospects that hostilities would be resumed between Russia and the central powers. After making all sorts of promises to refrain from forcible annexations and to permit self-determination by occupied territories, the Germans made it clear that they intend to impose an Austrian monarchy on Poland and to make German duchies out of Lithuania and Courland. Their contention was that these countries already have declared their desire to be severed from Russia. Furthermore, they declined to consider the evacuation of Riga, Libau and other occupied cities until certain that all Russia sanctioned the peace.

Whether or not Lenin and Trotsky be in reality German agents, they could not stomach such terms, and the foreign minister of the bolsheviks declared the government of the Russian workers would not consent to the German proposals. Petrograd leaders said the government might put an army of 3,000,000 in the field, and the bolshevik red guard was reported to be already moving back to the fighting front. The resumption of hostilities, of course, would upset German plans for a great offensive on the west front, as many of the troops removed from the east front would have to be returned to the line there. That the situation was considered critical by the central powers was shown by the hurried conferences of leaders in Berlin and Vienna. The negotiations at Brest-Litovsk were interrupted, at least temporarily, and the Russian delegates demanded that if they were resumed it be in Stockholm.

In Bad All Around.

The German official attitude, as expressed by Dr. von Kuehnemann, didn't seem to be pleasing to anyone. In Russia all factions, even the most radical and peace-loving, denounced it and began to perceive that they must fight to save their revolution. In Germany the leaders of both the regular and the independent socialists expressed great dissatisfaction with the government's evident aims concerning occupied territory, and told Von Kuehnemann his course justified entente statesmen in declining to place confidence in the word of Germany's leaders and rulers. The Leipzig Volkszeitung went so far as to declare that everyone now knows Germany is not aiming at a just peace without annexations and indemnities, that she intends to annex all territories she now holds, and that these intentions must strengthen the war will of the entente. Also the pan-Germans are highly dis-

LETTER FROM MR. EARP

The following letter from Mr. Earp of Curry, will be of interest to his many friends on the plains:

Tucumcari News—

My wife and I, and "Henry" are still in Eastern Oklahoma, having the time of our lives, visiting many relatives and friends.

We started from our home near Curry, N. M., on Dec. 6, struck the Ozark Trail at Amarillo, Texas—also a blizzard. Followed the trail to Chickasha Okla. There we left it and went south-east to Lindsay and visited our uncle and aunt, C. C. Helm and wife, and many other relatives. We then came north on the Lincoln Highway to Okmudgee stopping several times. We then came east to Haskell, visiting relatives here. From Haskell we went to Tahlequah, near the line of Arkansas, visited our brother and family, S. R. Earp.

We are back at Haskell now waiting for the weather to clear up. Then we will start back to the land of sunshine, the best state in the union.

We are still running on New Mexico air, have traveled over 1500 miles. If the weather will permit soon we will be at home before many days to our many friends. L. A. Earp and Wife

SELLING WHEAT FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IS FORBIDDEN BY LAW

Selling wheat fit for human consumption for chicken feed is deemed a "wasteful practice" within the meaning of the Food Control Act and is therefore forbidden not only to licensees but also to those under license. The ruling was made upon query by an Albuquerque firm dealing in poultry supplies which was anxious to fully conform to the food regulations and the matter is called to the attention of other similar dealers in the state.

Wheat screenings can be sold by anyone for chicken feed, A. D. Thompson, Assistant Counsel for the law departments adds:

Section 4 of the Food Control Act reads in part:

"That it is hereby made unlawful for any person knowingly to commit waste etc., to engage in any discriminatory and unfair, or any deceptive or wasteful practice or device."

Railroad men arriving from Pratt, Kansas, this morning reported a blizzard headed this way, but it beat them here and the worst was over by noon. There is one thing sure and that is when Tucumcari is experiencing a cold "norther" other places along the road are faring much worse. The thermometer was not below eight above zero this morning, although it did seem much lower.

The lecture given by Rev. Coombs at the Christian church Tuesday night was well attended and those present are loud in their praise of the manner in which it was delivered and the message contained therein. It was worth much to the community and should have been given in a large auditorium where many times as many could have heard this wonderful speaker.

It took a war to teach this country thrift. But we are learning a lot of useful things from it.

As the Germans are fond of formal music, why not exasperate them by sending a jazz band to serenade the Kaiser?

It looks as if corn would do the "pinch hit" for wheat again next year.

Germany deserves to incur the enthusiastic approval of the Bolsheviki.

QUAY COUNTY FUEL BOARD ORGANIZED READY FOR SERVICE

The following communication to the Quay county fuel board, composed of Lee G. Pearson, chairman, W. J. Eitzen, secretary, and C. Cisco, of Nara Visa, another member of the board, informing them of their first duties. These men serve without pay and at present are paying their own expenses but they were appointed by Wm. C. McDonald, federal fuel administrator for New Mexico, and they are desirous of doing their bit. Following is the order:

"Order of Fuel Administrator taking effect December 15th cancels the present order regulating time advertising signs shall be lighted. In its place all signs of every kind including merchant signs, theatre signs, also display lighting on buildings and elsewhere, hotel signs and advertising signs are ordered discontinued completely on THURSDAY and SUNDAY NIGHTS of each week. On these same nights stores not open for business must not show inside lights more than are necessary for safety and municipalities with cluster lights or extra bright lighting for White Way effect must reduce on THURSDAY and SUNDAY NIGHTS to only so much lighting as is necessary for safety. These nights will be called 'Lightless Nights' and we urge householders to observe these nights with as few lights in homes as possible.

"Please understand spirit of order is that on Thursday and Sunday nights there shall be no more outdoor lighting than is absolutely necessary for safety on streets, passages and dangerous spots, and that you are charged by the United States Fuel Administration with giving full effect to this order, using the full authority granted you by the Fuel Administrator to enforce same if there are individual violators."

The American National Bank has a condensed statement in this week's News showing how the finances stood immediately after the Christmas season, or the end of 1917. The business of this bank is steadily increasing and it will be only a matter of a little time before larger quarters will be necessary to care for its fast growing patronage. The bank has the confidence of all who know those in charge of the business end of the institution. The sixth dividend was paid out to the stockholders last week and it is needless to say they are elated over the progress being made by the bank. The statement will appear in full next week and those looking for a safe and sure depository need go no farther.

F. C. Beebe, secretary of the Tucumcari Business Men's Association, is a hero. A mule team started across the street Tuesday. The team was hitched to a wagon and had no driver. The mules seemed to know where they were going but Mr. Beebe climbed on the wagon and stopped them. Neither one of the mules said a word to Mr. Beebe because he pulled back on the lines just like they belonged to him. He turned the team over to the owner and did not ask for a reward for this brave act. His friends are writing to Mr. Carnegie for a medal to present Mr. Beebe.

It may be true that "Old King Coal was a jolly old soul," but he isn't in the East they say. He's hard-visaged cross and stingy now.

GERMANY CAN HAVE EQUALITY, NOT MASTERY, SAYS PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 8.—With a statement of war aims, approving the declarations of the British premier, Lloyd George, President Wilson today presented to congress and the world a specific declaration of the terms on which it would be possible to make peace with the German military autocracy.

The president's program has 14 articles and provides for restoration and reparation, guarantees for territory and national life, freedom of the seas and access to them, reduction of armaments and guarantees for the sanctity of agreements between nations.

In a word, the president said, the program removes the chief provocations to war.

But, in order that his pronouncement should be definitely understood as one of war aims rather than peace aims, the president declared: "For such arrangement and covenants we are willing to fight and to continue fighting until they are achieved."

This he followed with a re-statement that the world was only upon a Germany crazed by war, not upon a Germany of peaceful pursuits, no matter how great she may be.

"We wish her only to accept a place of equality among the peoples of the world," said the president, "the new world in which we now live, instead of a place of mastery."

These aims, the president declared, shared by the co-belligerents, were the aims and principles of the people of United States for which they are willing to sacrifice everything.

"The moral climax of this, the culminating and final war for human liberty, has come," said the president, in conclusion, "and they (the people) are ready to put their own strength, their own highest purpose, their integrity and devotion to the test."

The practical agreement of fundamentals in the president's program with those accepted by the British premier, made an immediate and profound impression upon all who heard him.

Coming at a moment when Germany faces the demands of her socialists for abandonment of any program of annexations and indemnities and also faces the failure of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the president's pronouncement developed its tremendous importance as he spoke it word by word to a crowded chamber of legislators, diplomats and officials who gave him the closest attention. Although the address was punctuated liberally with applause, there was one great demonstration when the president declared France must have right for the wrong in Alsace-Lorraine. At that the entire assembly arose, applauded and cheered loudly. Otherwise the president's address was delivered in the silence which denotes the rapt attention of any audience which realized that it was passing through a great quarter of an hour in the life of the world.

To the German people the president gave a reassurance that there was no aim to impair their peaceful greatness.

"We have no jealousy of German greatness," he said, "and there is nothing in this program that impairs it. We grudge her no achievement or distinction of learning or of pacific enterprise such as have made her record very bright and very enviable. We do not wish to injure her or block in any way her legitimate influence or power. We do not wish to fight her, either with arms, or with hostile arrangements of trade, if she is willing to associate herself with us and the other peace-loving nations of the entire world in covenants of justice and law and fair dealings. Neither do we presume to suggest to her any alteration or modification of her institutions. But it is necessary we must frankly say and necessary and preliminary to any intelligent dealings with her on our part that we should know when our spokesmen speak, for whom they speak to us, whether for the reichstag majority or for the military party and the men whose creed is imperial domination."

The president made clear at the outset that the German statesmen having again challenged their adversaries to a restatement of war aims, he undertook to respond to it with the utmost candor. The British premier's declaration the president referred to as having been spoken with "admirable candor and in admirable spirit for the people and government of Great Britain."

"The only secrecy of counsel," he added, "the only lack of fearless frankness, the only failure to make statement of the objects of the war lies with Germany and her allies."

"The voice of the Russian people, prostrate and all but helpless with power apparently shattered, but soul not subservient," called for a statement of aims, and, the president add-

ed, he responded "with utter simplicity and frankness."

At this point the president enumerated the fourteenth essentials of his program.

The president occupied just 23 minutes in delivering his address. The visiting Serbian mission sat with the members of the cabinet and joined in the applause that greeted the declaration for restoration of Serbia and the freedom of the Balkan peoples. Each statement of the program was greeted with some applause as the president read it, and there was no division of approval apparent between the parties.

CHIEF POINTS AS DELINEATED FROM ASTRONOMY

The war should end sometime during the first half of 1918. The month of March is a crucial time, and during its days treaties may be signed affecting commerce and peace.

A loss of check to the Allies is predicted for January, particularly affecting Canada and the United States. During the year the Negro question will confront the United States in a more vivid form than ever before.

The states of the East coast may expect a recurrence of epidemics among children, during spring and summer.

The western half of the United States will suffer much from heat and destructive storms.

Troubles will find incipency involving the Philippines and Alaska, with perhaps the West Indies featuring.

Excitement is shown to prevail in February, June, August and December, for the United States, a portion of which may be found in celebrations.

February is particularly fraught with possibilities and indications. A turn of the tide of affairs in the war are indicated for this month (February) with the Allies assuming the molding of world events.

In February are indicated disasters for Russia, from which chaotic conditions she will not emerge until 1922.

January is to bring trouble for the German leaders, in revolts of the people, with April and May finding these troubles mounting to danger and disasters.

England will be benefitted by the tide of affairs during this spring, but she will continue to be confronted with Irish and economic problems.

Hungary will emerge from treaties that will be to her credit. Turkey's ruler faces violence and possibly death.

A resume of the general forecast for the United States shows an increase in trade, prestige and an exalting position among the nations of the earth. Believed to be the part the United States will play in the settlement of the war.

The political status shows a widening in party differences with many investigations leading to disagreeable breaches among leaders.

PLAIN NEWS

Guiana and Bill have it in their minds that if the Plain News were written it might come a blizzard. (And they came near guessing it).

Mrs. Maggie Sylvester has purchased the Plain Postoffice. She says she would like it much better if she had a jitney.

Miss Frankie Helton and Mr. Luther Sparks of Plain spent Christmas in Tucumcari.

Miss Cora Duram and Lawrence Walker, Herman Walker and most all the Plain pupils are ill with measles, but hope they will recover soon.

Willie Harmon, a soldier boy from Plain, is very ill. He is in the hospital at San Diego. He has the scarlet fever. His many friends hope he will soon recover.

Willmer Morris of Southwest City, a small boy aged 12, has come to visit his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Harmon of Plain.

Mrs. Katie Heiker is very ill with the measles.

Miss Frinkie Helton has just recovered from a sick spell she had just after her visit to Tucumcari.

N. L. Canton's windmill is out of condition which causes a shortage of water.

G. A. Fisher has his house finished after so long a time.

Luther Sparks has gone to Texas on a visit.

Willmer Morris has the measles. He says he ate too much popcorn and it made them pop out all over him.

Miss Veda Fisher has the popular disease, measles, this morning.

The Plain and Valley people say there are plenty of rocks in the brakes but not much wood.

Mrs. Hudson is suffering with two broken ribs sustained in an accident. Grandma Fisher said she hoped it would come a blizzard after the last of this month to make up for the pretty weather.

Mr. DeOliviera is buying some cattle to ship.

Guiana and Bill

At the recent session of the State Teachers Association special recognition of our local school was made by the election of Miss Sarah D. Ulmer, our principal, as a member of the Educational Council. Miss Ulmer is the only representative from Quay county and Nara Visa is the smallest town to receive such recognition. — Nara Visa News.

STOCKMEN GET HERE IN INTERESTING SESSION THIS AFTERNOON

The New Mexico Stockmen's Association met in Tucumcari today as was announced, but owing to the bad weather not many of the local stockmen were present.

A number of prominent men from all parts of the state were here and a number of good speeches were made at the afternoon session held in the auditorium at the court house. Among the more prominent speakers were Vic Culberson, vice president of the association whose home is at Fierro; Uncle John Hicks of Cuervo, J. O. Neafus of Las Vegas, T. E. Mitchell of Union County, O. O. Gragg of Nara Visa. Miss Bertha Benson, secretary, was present and acted in that capacity.

Many interesting subjects were discussed, the main one being the benefits derived from organization. Delegates were selected to represent the State of New Mexico at the National Conference to be held at Salt Lake City Jan. 14, 15 and 16, 1918. Those selected were Wm. R. Morley, of Datil, president of the state association; H. L. Hodge of Silver City, Geo. H. Webster of Cimarron, and M. A. Van Houghton of Shoemaker.

The regular annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas March 12, 13 and 14, 1918. A number of new members were added today and the organization expects to be a power for good in assisting the stockmen throughout the state.

Members of the executive committee were given a special invitation by O. O. Gragg and Roland C. Bell of Nara Visa, to meet with them at Nara Visa when their local association meets Feb. 4. Ex-Gov. W. C. McDonald and Col. John Hicks have agreed to be present at that time and address them on the need of organization and other timely topics. The state association as well as the local associations are for the advancement of the stock industry and one of the best ways is to introduce new blood into the herds and gradually work up to purebred stock or as near to it as possible. This can be done through the male more easily as he is half the herd, although a number are buying pure bred females and disposing of their inferior stock. Range stock is beginning to show the infusion of new blood and New Mexico promises to be one of the leading livestock states in the union.

The associations will work for better legislation and through the united efforts of the members men will be elected to the legislature that will not impair this great industry. Another thing this association stands for is honesty of purpose. It will rid the state entirely of the "rustler" and tend to make the stock industry a business fully protected by the laws of the state and county.

This association should be supported by all farmers and stockmen who wish better conditions. Quay county is not alive to the needs and the great benefits to be derived from such an organization but there were a number joined today who will spread the news to their neighbors and before next year Quay county will be represented by a majority of the largest stockmen in this part of the state.

HIGHLAND PEOPLE STRIKE OIL

The following report was handed in this morning from the Interstate Investment Co., and partly shows what is doing in the oil business:

"The proud stockholders of the High Land Oil & Gas Co., of Electra, Tex., in Tucumcari will be pleased to know that a wire was received Wednesday by Phil Shahan which stated well No. 1 that was brought in the night of Jan. 8, struck oil.

A few of the stockholders are Phil Shahan, J. W. Parks, J. F. Jackson, H. Goodman, Dr. Ferguson, Robert Fullwood, Sale Bros., C. V. Robinson, Vern Newman, A. D. Goldenberg, A. Vorenberg, Herman Gerhardt, and a number of others whose names were not available.

Our types made us say that John Eager was a big stockholder in the new mine at Taos, in this state. It should have been George Eager. John says he would like to own a mine but his business as treasurer of Quay county is keeping him too busy to fool with other things. George sells Fords faster than he can get them so it looks like he did not need to go into the mining business. But a fellow is never satisfied.

Mr. James, of Amarillo, is here this week by invitation of merchants and citizens interested in organizing a band for Tucumcari. Mr. James has had charge of the Amarillo band for a long time and is said to be one of the best bandmasters in this part of the country. Tucumcari needs a good band and the proper time to start it is the present time while we have a chance to secure a man whom we know can deliver the goods.