

COSSACKS FLEE BEFORE ARMY OF THE BOLSHIEVIKI

Power of Combined Council Said to Be Increasing; Reveal Criminal Relation With Ukrainians.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Generals Kaledines and Dutoff, the Cossack leaders, the official news agency announces, have been defeated. General Dutoff is in flight, pursued by revolutionary soldiers and the red guard. General Kaledines is retreating. The workmen and soldiers' council at Rostov have been liberated. The Cossacks, the announcement adds, are unanimously against General Kaledines, whose troops, sent towards the Don river, are retiring.

BAKER TRIES TO EXPLAIN ARMY GUN SHORTAGE

The board's deliberations never delayed for one second the buying of any gun after last April, said Mr. Baker positively. "It delayed other guns, including the new Browning gun, before April." Few Guns. "The fact remains that nine months after the war the cantonments have none for training," said Senator McKellar. "I wouldn't say none," Secretary Baker replied. "They have relatively few."

Before the war the largest machine gun program was 12,000, he added, while now 200,000 are required, with manufacture difficult and slow. "Those two facts make it all the more important that machine guns should have been gotten from any source," said Senator McKellar. "The greatest energy should have been exerted to get any kind."

The questions involved, Mr. Baker reiterated, were of judgment between speed and excellence. "Are you entirely satisfied, so far as all ordinance is concerned, with the progress the department has made?" asked Senator Weeks. "I don't say that the department might not have expedited some phases of the work," Secretary Baker replied.

"In what have we failed?" Baker hesitates. The secretary hesitated and answered. "I can't answer that way. I can't pick out any particular place."

Senator Weeks asked if all available ammunition production facilities are being used. "No, not all," said Secretary Baker, "but all will be when we need them."

The arrangement to get British and French ammunition for artillery, he said, was "safe as far as it goes," but said principal reliance was placed on American sources.

When Senator Weeks again asked if he could suggest anything that would be helpful in speeding up ordinance production, Secretary Baker replied: "Is up to date."

"I can't think of anything that your work will help. Whenever I've thought of anything I've done it, I'm up to date now."

Secretary Baker said he thought a federal powder plant advisable. Senator Chamberlain referred to the Du Pont offer to build and operate a plant at cost, but Secretary Baker explained the offer was to build a plant for a commission of 15 per cent and operate it for 18 months. On the basis of a \$90,000,000 investment, he explained, the Du Ponts would have made a gross profit of between \$20,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

Big Profit Wanted. "They never at any time offered to erect a plant without compensation," he said.

"The present powder supply is adequate for our present needs," Secretary Baker added.

Senator New asked if there was any mistake of judgment when the Lusitania was sunk, in not beginning preparations for war. "It would have been very wise," Mr. Baker replied, "if a dozen years ago the ordinance department had begun preparations. To be perfectly frank with you, I think General Crozier is not entirely to blame. In season and out, he has recommended ordinance expansion."

Soldiers Well Equipped. Secretary Baker denied that the first American contingents sent abroad were not completely equipped. All sent then and since, he declared, have had adequate, standard equipment except that recent contingents depend for automatic rifles and artillery on French sources.

Senator Wadsworth asked if the

American artillery program is large enough. "You never can have too much," Mr. Baker replied, "but the program fully engages the resources of the country as they ought to be. Every country's artillery program has grown every month during the war."

Susan B. Anthony Bill Passes by Narrow Margin

(Continued From Page One.) chusetts, and Powers, Kentucky, also favored the amendment. Representatives Small, North Carolina, and Lufkin, Massachusetts, the latter in his maiden speech in congress, invoked state's rights in their opposition to the amendment, while Representative Mays, Utah, declared state's rights would not be interfered with. Representative Dyer, Missouri, favored it, and Representatives Slayden, Texas, and Burnett, Alabama, assailed it. Representative Burroughs, New Hampshire, spoke for it.

An amendment by Representative Moores, Indiana, to provide for ratification by special convention or popular referendum by each state instead of state legislatures was beaten by viva voce vote, and Mr. Moores demanded a roll call.

The Moores amendment was defeated, 272 to 131. Representative Gard of Ohio, an opponent of the resolution, offered an amendment to require ratification by states within seven years.

The Gard amendment was rejected 246 to 159.

The call of the house roll on adoption of the suffrage resolution was begun at 6:25 o'clock.

Deprecating Wilsons Stand. New York, Jan. 10.—A telegram deprecating his departure from the "states rights" declaration of the last national platform of the democratic party was sent to President Wilson today by the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

In endorsing the federal woman suffrage amendment yesterday, the message said, the president stepped aside from previous declarations to the effect that he favored extension of franchise to women through action by the individual states.

Britishers Tone to Suff. London, Jan. 10.—The House of Lords today rejected Lord Loreburn's amendment to the representation of the people bill, by which it was sought to exclude women from the suffrage. The vote against the amendment was 134 to 69.

Women Letter Carriers Not Success in St. Louis. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 9.—Women letter carriers are not a success, according to Postmaster Collin M. Selph, who after giving them a 15-day trial on several city routes, announced today their services would be required no longer. Work was too heavy for them, he declared.

Postmaster Selph of St. Louis has recommended to the postmaster general that a special examination be held for women who desire to become mail carriers and that the department advertise for "sturdy women."

VAL SCHARMANN HEARS LAST CALL

Woman of Pioneer Stock, Early Resident of Lincoln County, Dead at Age of Eighty Years.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Valentine Scharmann, a pioneer of this city, died last evening at the age of 81 years. He was born in Germany, December 24, 1836, and came to this city 40 years ago. Surviving children are: Mrs. Frank Douglas of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. H. E. McCall of Lincoln; Mrs. J. C. Orr of Missoula, Mont.; Major Conrad Scharmann of Chicago; Andy Scharmann of Kearney, and in this city, George, Edward, John Scharmann and Mrs. George Leddy.

Death of Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. Frances E. Snyder, wife of J. Snyder, died yesterday afternoon at her farm home east of Maxwell, at the age of 84. She had been a resident of this state since 1882, and was born in New York City, April 4, 1834. Surviving children are: George and John Snyder of Maxwell, Mrs. Emily Evans of New York City; Mrs. Alice Riser of Oregon; Mrs. James McCullough and Mrs. Charles Sullivan of Brady. Interment will be made at Maxwell Friday afternoon.

Roy E. Wilson, who has been deputy sheriff for several years resigned last evening, and will engage in farming near Keystone, Neb. Frank Knapp of Brady, will serve temporarily as sheriff.

L. Deuters Arrested. Leo Deuters, formerly of Omaha, who was arrested by Federal Post-office Inspector W. H. Smith, for sending obscene literature through the mails, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Elder yesterday, and pleaded guilty. He will be a prisoner in the county jail until federal court convenes in June. He has a wife and child in destitute circumstances in Omaha, and was traced by letters received from them.

To Give Concert. Miss Sadie Trovella of this city, formerly a pupil of voice under Mrs. Millie Ryan of Omaha, and who has studied music in Chicago for several months, will give a patriotic concert at the Franklin auditorium, January 15, for the benefit of the Red Cross.

ALLEGED "VAMP'S" VICTIM TO STAY FOR COURT CASE

(Continued From Page One.) other husband shortly after the second marriage, when the three met on a down town street. Mary was with Rayome. Later Rayome was confined to barracks and his wife went to live at 116 North Sixteenth street, where she was arrested.

Mary Juanita declared she was innocent of any wrongdoing. She says

she had been separated from George for some time. She declares she and George disagreed and finally signed separation papers in the office of an attorney. The attorney has been drafted. No divorce proceedings had been started in district court. Mrs. George believed the separation papers constituted a divorce, she says.

George was not certain that he had a claim to his wife, as he inquired at the office of the clerk of the district court to find whether there was a divorce on record. George has been married and divorced once before. The decree in the former case was granted to Mary Louise George, June 3, 1913. George was married to Mary Juanita in September, 1916.

"Private Rayome will be left behind when Company C of the Third balloon squadron leaves Fort Omaha, as he will have to appear as a witness in the bigamy charge against his wife," said Lieutenant Moore, who filed the complaint. The hearing in police court will be held Friday morning.

Rayome's allotment of one-half his pay transferred to Mrs. George after the marriage has been assigned to his mother at White Plains, N. Y.

OMAHA CLUTCHED IN FROST KING'S CHILLING GRIP

(Continued From Page One.) Snow had been falling most of last night and had attained a depth of 2 to 6 inches. Suddenly the wind veered into the northwest and from the Rocky mountains to the Missouri river commenced to blow a gale. A real blizzard was on.

Reports indicate that the snow is drifting badly and that all of the roads are operating snow plows. At noon it was still snowing, with temperatures falling rapidly.

The coal dealers were the busiest people in the city. Orders for the delivery of coal commenced to pile in on them as soon as they reached their offices and all day teams were worked to capacity making deliveries, apparently a large number of people being without fuel, or else they feared that they were not going to have enough to last through in the event the storm should be of long duration.

Generally coal went out in one-half and one-ton lots, few attempts being made to deliver larger quantities to any one customer.

The street railway company came out from under the storm in pretty good shape. Sweepers were put out onto the lines prior to the starting of the regular morning service and were kept moving during the entire day. Regular service was maintained on all the lines, but at times it was a little slow.

Wilson's Old Body Guard In Serious Condition. Wichita Falls, Kan., Jan. 10.—Captain W. J. (Bill) McDonald, United States marshal for the northern district of Texas, bodyguard of President Wilson during the early days of his administration, is seriously ill of pneumonia here.

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Broken lines of lisle, cotton and fiber hose, mostly small sizes, 59c qualities, for 39c a pair.

Black ribbed lisle hose, with double soles; a fine style for gym wear, 39c a pair.

Toilet Goods

A good hand lotion, fine for chapped or rough hands, reduced from 25c a bottle to 15c.

Powder Puffs, 10c.

SAVE, MEN!

On Shirts: A sale of Manhattan, Eagle and Arrow Shirts is worth knowing more about, especially as the colors and patterns are very good-looking and desirable; French or stiff cuffs. Sensible men are selecting half-dozen assortments.

On Underwear: A few odd two-piece garments, some cotton, others part wool, slightly soiled from displaying; sold formerly from 75c to \$1.25. Friday, 50c garment.

VERY GOOD REASONS FOR BUYING LINENS

During This January Sale

QUALITY CONSIDERED FIRST, these linens are finer than those offered today, notwithstanding today's enormous price advances.

PRICES ARE LOW: It might sound rather foolish to tell of the prices asked for linens in wholesale lots today; so very, very high that few realize the reason is acute—a real scarcity of linens.

The Thompson-Belden Linen Sale this year is of far-reaching importance. Friday's price concessions include:

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50c quality (15-inch), 40c a yd.
65c quality (18-inch), 55c a yd.
75c quality (18-inch), 65c a yd.
85c quality (20-inch), 75c a yd.
\$1 quality (22-inch), 90c a yd.

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On Haskell's Black and Colored Silks, Belding's Charmeuse, novelty Silks of the better sort, and woolens in suitable weaves and weights for dresses, suits and coats.

VISIT THE FABRIC SECTION FRIDAY.

OMAHA NEVER KNEW A JEWELRY AUCTION LIKE THIS

The announcement that Loftis Bros. & Co., the National Jewelers, with stores in the leading cities of the United States, had bought the Trustee's stock of four insolvent concerns at 25 cents on the dollar of the wholesale price, came as the biggest surprise of the week.

The further announcement that this stock would be sacrificed at auction to the highest bidder created a veritable furore, for the people have learned to know that Loftis Bros. & Co. always guarantee every article they sell.

Hundreds of satisfied customers filled the store yesterday. Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Jewelry, etc., all were sacrificed at prices that amazed the most conservative buyers. EVEN DEALERS WERE THERE TO PURCHASE ARTICLES FOR THEIR STOCK.

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