

POINCARÉ'S SPEECH WAS NOT PROMPTED BY BALDWIN'S PLAN

French Premier Had Already Prepared Address Delivered Sunday Before England Mate Latest Proposal.

SITUATION IS NOT TO BE CHANGED

Until British Note is Received by France—Copy of Reply to Be Sent to the United States.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Poincaré's address at Senlis yesterday was a mere reiteration of the French government's policy and was not intended as a reply to recent reparations speech of Prime Minister Baldwin, it was explained in official circles here today.

Speech Not Accepted Favorably

London, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—British hopes of assuming the allied leadership in the negotiations for a reparations settlement with Germany are considered here to have had a serious setback during the week-end by reason of the speech which Premier Poincaré of France, delivered at Senlis Sunday.

DELINQUENT GROUPS FAVOR EASY LIFE

Too Little Sleep, Too Much Play, Not Enough Study, Too Much Leisure. Evanston, Ind., July 16.—Too little sleep, too much play, not enough study, too much leisure; these are the factors that devitalize students and are responsible for the "delinquent groups" found in every university, according to a report made public by Professor Delton Thomas Howard, of Northwestern University.

WILL SEND REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES

British Reply to German Reparations Note Will Be Sent to American Government. London, July 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Baldwin announced in the House of Commons that he would communicate to the United States for its information the draft of the reply he was preparing to the German reparations note.

PREPARING FOR HARD CONTEST IN COURT

The Trials of Mike Lawson, John Hedgepeth and Jule Brogren Will Begin Tomorrow. (By the Associated Press.)

Lumberton, July 16.—Attorneys and court attaches are preparing for one of the longest fought and hardest legal battles in history of the county when Mike Lawson, John Hedgepeth and Jule Brogren face trial tomorrow on charges of burglary and kidnaping arising from the alleged dogging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Parris at Proctorville last April.

China Turning to Intensive Farming

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 16.—A remarkable development of intensive agriculture in China is shown by a special study of farming in that country, just completed by the department of agriculture.

Reformed Church Classes to Buy Salisbury Normal

Salisbury, July 15.—The North Carolina Classis of the Reformed Church, at a special meeting held in Salisbury, decided to buy without delay the property of the Salisbury Normal and Industrial Institute to which school property it is proposed to move at a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Culbreth Have Returned from a Visit to Relatives at Columbia, S. C.

HEAVY RAIN VISITED THE CITY SATURDAY EVENING

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INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press.) During the last twelve years the furniture industry has grown to be one of the most important in the State. In 1910 there were 83 factories in the State; today there are 107.

The value of the output of these mills in 1910 was \$11,232,000 annually, in 1921-22, the value was \$30,288,761. Guilford, Davidson and Caldwell counties lead in this industry while the city of High Point is the acknowledged center of the industry in the State.

In 1910 the total number of wage earners employed by the industry was 6,883; today there are 8,697. The wage scale has kept pace with the industry for it has advanced 89 per cent. during the decade.

Capital invested in the manufactories in 1910 was \$3,283,216 and in 1922 had increased to \$6,525,102. The annual payroll a decade ago was \$1,618,150 while in 1921-1922 it amounted to \$5,467,614.

Wages in these plants are paid weekly and semi-monthly.

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COMMISSION SAYS FRENCH BATTLE SCARS ARE VANISHING

France Is Making a Magnificent Effort to Restore the Ravages of War. London, July 16.—France of today, like the France of 1871, is making a magnificent effort by hard work to restore the ravages of war.

The present economic position of France is strong. Her industrial population is fully employed, and her output is most fields of production is only limited by shortage of man-power.

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The main railway system has been repaired, nearly all the waterways have been made navigable, and of the 36,450 miles of devastated roads, 10,743 have been restored to traffic and 8,671 have been improved.

SALISBURY IS AFTER RAILROAD UNDERPASS

Aldermen Pass Ordinance Requiring an Underpass Near Present West Inlet Crossing. Salisbury, July 15.—The Salisbury aldermen have passed an ordinance requiring the Southern Railway to construct an underpass near the present grade crossing on West Inlet Street.

The State highway commission is building several miles of improved road out from the city and this new road is to go through the underpass. The railroad is given until September 1st to finish the work after which time a penalty of \$50 per day attaches.

SKES GIVES BOND

Former Bank Teller Charged With Embezzlement, Released on \$10,000 Bond. (By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, July 16.—John D. Skyes, Jr., former teller of the First and Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City, arrested two weeks ago in Montana on a charge of embezzling about \$25,000 of the bank's funds, today was released on a \$10,000 bond furnished by friends in Elizabeth City.

As soon as Skyes was released from jail he hastened to a local hotel to see his mother who was waiting for him. It was an affectionate meeting between mother and son.

NUMBER ARE REPORTED KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Several Buildings Damaged, Also, When Ammunition Near Belgrade Explodes. (By the Associated Press.)

Belgrade, July 16.—A number of persons are reported to have been killed and others injured and considerable damage caused to buildings, through the explosion yesterday of a large depot of artillery ammunition at Kragujevatz, 60 miles southeast of Belgrade.

With Our Advertisers.

Cline's Pharmacy will give \$5.00 to the person writing the best letter suggesting the ways this store can serve the public better, \$2.50 for the second best and \$1.00 each for the next two best letters. See particulars in the new ad. today.

The July Clearance Sale at Fisher's is now on, and will run through July 31. C. H. Barrier & Co. have a nice lot of Peach Bloom seed Irish potatoes which are selling at \$1.75 a bushel.

The Ritchie Hardware Company thinks it is an injustice to close their store on Thursday afternoon. Instead this store is in favor of early Saturday night closing. See ad.

WILL ASK CONGRESS FOR COMPENSATION TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Disabled Veterans of World War Draw Up Program Which Will Be Presented to the Next Congress.

AID FOR DISABLED IS ALSO PROVIDED

Program Adopted by Recent Convention of Disabled Calls for Changes in Manner of Pay for Wounded.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 16.—A legislative program calling for adjusted compensation for world war veterans and affecting their rehabilitation hospital care and insurance will be pressed upon Congress when it reconvenes in December by disabled American veterans of the world war.

The proposals provide a rating of total permanent disability for veterans who have been given hospital care for twelve consecutive months and all veterans so rated and those being treated at home shall receive the same family allowance as given at veterans bureau trainees.

Amendment of the civil service laws will be proposed to place disabled veterans who attain passing grade at examination at head of eligible list.

The program would make woman veterans who are ill or in need eligible to enter any home maintained by the government, or veterans with provision for a separate home for them when their number warrants.

MAKING THREAT TO KILL

Dun District Planter Don't Believe in Trying to "Beat the Almighty." Dunn, July 15.—Defying threats of certain and immediate death if he did it, W. Bruce Mabce, entomologist in charge of the local government boll weevil field station, gave a cotton dusting demonstration on the J. H. Pope plantation, near Dunn, Wednesday night.

Mr. Goldstein was just as much determined to have the cotton dusted as the tenants were that it shouldn't be. Threats on the part of the tenants to bring a "good gun" into play, and that the first one who entered the field to apply the poison would have to be carried out, failed to halt the demonstration.

Quite a crowd of farmers and business people gathered to witness this, the first dusting demonstration put on in this immediate section. For a time it appeared that they might be called upon to witness the killing of men instead of boll weevils, but the 10-acre field of cotton was dusted and no shots were fired.

PETERS CASE IS AGAIN BEFORE GRAND JURY

Frederick K. Weeks, Former District Attorney for Westchester County, Appears for July 7. (By the Associated Press.)

White Plains, N. Y., July 16.—Frederick K. Weeks, former district attorney of Westchester county, was called today before the grand jury investigating the slaying by Walter S. Ward, of Clarence Peters, of Waverhill, Massachusetts.

Mr. Weeks conducted the former investigation which resulted in first degree murder indictment, subsequently dismissed. Sheriff George J. Werner was scheduled as the next witness. Atorney General Sherman, who is conducting the present inquiry, refused to indicate what line the questioning of the two would take.

Tension in Strike Areas Increased.

(By the Associated Press.) Sydney, N. S., July 16.—The tension in steel and coal strike areas was increased today when authorities revealed that a rail had been removed on the Sydney & Louisburg Railroad shortly before the passage of an express, and that a boy had been arrested for jamming a switch with a bar of iron.

"Cattle Dipping War" Reported.

(By the Associated Press.) Jackson, Miss., July 16.—Armed with machine guns and rifles, a Federal force has "dug in" in Amite County, where a "cattle dipping war" is in progress, according to reports reaching here.

In olden times people believed that a ring made of the hinge of a coffin had the power of relieving crops, which were also mitigated by having a rusty old sword hung up by the bedside.