

showers Friday and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Stage of river at Fayetteville yesterday at 8 a. m., 6.6 feet.

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ALL FACTIONS APPEAR PLEASED BY MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT HARDING Democrats, Irreconcilables and Pro-League Republicans seem to be satisfied

COMFORT FOR ALL Pro-Treaty Advocates Understand That President Accepts Certain Provisions

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1921, by The Star) WASHINGTON, April 14.—Warren Harding may be known in history as the great compromiser. Judging by the expressions of pleasure which flow from practically every faction in congress after hearing the President's address, there can be no doubt that Mr. Harding has embarked on a middle of the road course best calculated to cool the partisan passions of the last two years.

The "bitter-enders" and irreconcilables are happy. The true friends of international co-operation and a league of nations are pleased beyond measure—the message is more than they expected. Even the Democrats are quiet, saying "I told you so" referring to the acceptance by Mr. Harding of the Versailles treaty as a basis for future foreign policy.

Mr. Harding himself surveys the situation with the calm confidence that the masses have not expressed more definitely the pledges of his campaign. It is this league of nations—the existing one—which must be rejected but the new one which is being developed against plans to use the existing league as a basis for changes that would suit America.

There is, moreover, a hope in the eyes of the pro-league Republicans that Mr. Harding's league may be even a better league. Insight is better than foresight and the interweaving of the league with the enforcement of the Versailles treaty will be a much talked upon by many true friends of the league, such as Herbert Hoover, as a rewarding influence—an obstacle to the development of international cooperation.

Such forecast of the future may prove true eventually but it finds no support in the executive end of the arena where the influence for a closer working agreement with the nations of the world are multiplying rapidly instead of diminishing. Secretary Evans Hughes of the department of state points his finger entirely toward American membership in some association of nations.

For foreign governments, those who are in a position to say that Europe's attitude will be, in fact, that Mr. Harding has opened the way to compromise. They are pleased because they are pleased because Europe's attitude will be, in fact, that Mr. Harding has opened the way to compromise.

Puts Flask "Toters" In A Class With Gunmen



Persons who carry hip-pocket flasks are now in the same class as the man who carries a pistol or dirk without a permit, according to a statement made by John A. Leach, first deputy police commissioner of New York, who is in charge of the police enforcement of the new state dry laws in New York city.

PRELIMINARY FRENCH REPLY ON YAP TANGLE PROVES ENCOURAGING

Note Is Described By Administration Officials as "Very Agreeable"

STILL INDEFINITE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—The French reply to Secretary Hughes' note regarding mandates, the only one thus far received from any of the four great powers addressed, was made public simultaneously today in Washington and Paris. It is in the form of a letter from Premier Briand to Ambassador Wallace and is of a preliminary nature.

The reply was issued by the state department without comment, but administration officials said it was very agreeable to the United States and while not an absolute commitment, was couched in diplomatic language that was tantamount to a recognition of the principle laid down by the other principal allied and associated powers in the disposition of the former German overseas possessions.

Reference also is made to an unpublished French note to the United States regarding Yap in which France confirms that meetings of the supreme council before that of May 7, 1919, when a mandate for the northern Pacific islands was awarded to Japan, reservations regarding the island of Yap were made by President Wilson and by Secretary Lansing in addition.

ROCKY MOUNT, April 14.—Aware that feeling was running high and fearing that violence might be attempted, Jesse Nines, white farmer, about thirty-five years of age and unmarried, to the Nash county jail at Nashville after they had arrested him. Webb's mill, three miles from near Hope, upon charges of having originally assaulted the 5-year-old daughter of a farmer, on whose place he was employed.

PREPARE CAMP GLENN FOR NATIONAL GUARD'S ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

State Military Authorities Undertake Preliminary Inspection of Arrangements

MAKE INNOVATIONS

Provision Will Be Made for Machine Gun Practice—Major Smith At Work

(By JULE B. WARREN) RALEIGH, April 14.—Major Gordon Smith, assistant adjutant general, will go to Morehead City on Friday, where he will make an inspection of improvements under way at Camp Glenn in preparation for the annual encampment of the national guard in July.

Major Smith and General Metts are expecting to take 21 units of the guard into the summer instruction and training camp for a 16-day stay. In addition to these two officers, eight related men from each company assigned to Camp Glenn will go there four days ahead of the camp for a special course of instruction, which will prepare them for the work of instruction during the fifteen days the whole organizations are there.

The camp will not only be the largest ever held at Camp Glenn, but it will provide better pay for officers and men than any national guard units have ever received for such summer camps. The government will spend about \$60,000 on food and pay for the soldiers during the 15 days they are in camp.

J. R. Collier, former superintendent of the state prison, has been named chief field deputy, according to Col. A. D. Watts, according to authoritative information today. Mr. Collier will take up his duties with the new department immediately after the first of May, when Col. Watts takes charge of the new job.

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FARM DELEGATES MEET WASHINGTON, April 14.—Delegates from six farm organizations claiming to represent more than 3,000,000 farmers met in joint session here today to get together on a program of national legislation. Taxation, collective bargaining and the tariff were discussed.

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WILLIAMS FARM TOLL DUKE IS DEFENDED AS 'EIGHTEEN OR TWENTY' POWER HEARING ENDS

Department of Justice Uncovers Evidence of Decade of Peonage and Murder

ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—Announcement that indications pointed to 18 or 20 negroes in all having been killed on the John S. Williams farm in Jasper county through a period extending as far back as 1910 and of their intention to widen the scope of their investigations into alleged peonage in Jasper and other Georgia counties was made here today by agents of the department of justice.

Names of three more negroes alleged to have been killed were made public. Jasper county is in the southern district of the federal district court of Georgia and simultaneously with the announcement by department of justice agents, Hooper Alexander, federal attorney for the northern district, said it was probable he would turn all evidence his office has gathered over to John W. Bennett, federal attorney for the southern district. Mr. Bennett said tonight over the long distance telephone that as soon as he received an official report from federal agents he would arrange to place the evidence before grand jury which meets in Macon May 2.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 14.—The Charlotte club of the South Atlantic League today scored four runs on four pitched balls against the Winston-Salem Piedmont league club. After three batters had hit safely on the first three balls thrown, shortstop O'Connell, the fourth batter, met the pitcher's initial offering for a home run.

NATIONAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING RAILROADS ABROGATED BY BOARD

Suspension Becomes Effective July 1, According to Announcement At Chicago

CALLS CONFERENCE

Disputes to Be Settled By the Individual Roads and Their Employes

CHICAGO, April 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—National agreements defining working conditions for employes on all American railroads formerly under the federal railroad administration were today ordered abrogated effective July 1, 1921, by the United States railroad board.

The board called upon the officers and system organizations of employes of each railroad to select representatives "to confer and to decide" as much of the rules controversy as possible. "Such conferences shall begin at the earliest possible date" the decision said.

Sixteen principles outlined by the board were drawn up by Henry T. Clegg of the public group and upheld the right of the employes to organize for lawful purposes, the right to negotiate through representatives of their choosing, the right of seniority and the principle of the eight-hour day. It was specified that "eight hours work must be given for eight hours pay."

TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NEGRO TEACHERS PLAN

School Superintendents Hold Conferences in This City

Summer schools for negro teachers will be held jointly by Brunswick and Columbus counties and by Duplin and Pender county, instead of one for New Hanover and the four adjoining counties, as has been customary previously. It was decided at a meeting of school officials held in this city yesterday.

The announcement of the new plan for summer schools was made yesterday by N. C. Newbold, director of negro education of the state board of education, following a conference of school superintendents of the five counties held at the office of Major W. A. Graham, superintendent of public instruction of New Hanover county. Last year New Hanover county united with the other four in a summer school for negro teachers, but as the New Hanover teachers now hold state certificates, a continuation of last year's plan is not necessary.

APPROVES LOBBY NORFOLK, April 14.—Resolutions demanding that the "American Legion, as a national organization, separate itself entirely from any connection with the propaganda and lobbying that is now going forward to force congress to make the bonus project a law," were adopted by the Norfolk post-American Legion, here tonight.