

PEOPLE WILL ATTEND OPENING SESSIONS OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

TROOPS PATROL WINSTON-SALEM STREETS ALL DAY

Mayor Calls Upon Citizens to Stay in at Night.

PEACE AND QUIET REIGN

Death List Totals Three White Persons and One Negro; S. P. U. Employee Killed.

Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—Peace and quiet reigned throughout the day here, following the attempt of several hundred people to break into the city lock-up yesterday afternoon and last night for the purpose of taking the life of Russell High, the negro who the mob believed was guilty of holding up and robbing Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childers, on the Inverness mill road Saturday night and also attacking Mrs. Childers.

18,000 American Troops Stationed in Great Britain.

First Shipment of These to Be Started Homeward Within a Week; All Soon.

London, Nov. 18.—The first American troops to depart homeward as a result of the signing of the armistice will be 18,000 men stationed in England. The American army expects to start the first shipment of these soldiers homeward within a week and to have all the men on their way back to the United States 10 days later.

GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE THE OCEAN CABLE LINES

Washington, Nov. 18.—Government control and operation of all ocean cable lines owned in American, under Postmaster General Bullock is ordered by President Wilson in a proclamation dated November 18, which has just been made public through publication in the government's official bulletin.

SOLDIERS POLICE CITY; TROUBLE BELIEVED OVER

By the Associated Press. Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—With soldiers patrolling the city tonight, no further trouble was expected by authorities in maintaining order after the rioting yesterday, when a mob attempted to lynch Russell High, a negro, held in jail here on charges of shooting J. E. Childers and attacking Mrs. Childers.

ANTWERP CELEBRATES FREEDOM FROM GERMANS

Antwerp, Belgium, Sunday, Nov. 17. (By the Associated Press.)—Antwerp today is celebrating its third day of freedom from the Germans. The town is gaily bedecked with festive flags. Thousands of residents are crowding the boulevards and cheering the allied soldiers. The Germans left the city on Friday without any untoward incident and Belgian troops entered immediately.

BRITISH AND RUSSIANS REOCCUPY BAKU PORT

London, Nov. 18. (S. P. M.)—British and Russian forces on Sunday reoccupied the Russian seaport of Baku on the west coast of the Caspian sea, says an official statement issued this evening by the war office. The allied forces were given an excellent reception, especially by the poorer classes. The Turks, before evacuating the port, looted it.

GORGAS GOES TO THE RETIRED LIST DECEMBER 1

Washington, Nov. 18.—Major General William C. Gorgas, former surgeon general of the army, will be returned to the retired list on December 1, the war department announced today. When he reached the age of retirement several weeks ago, General Gorgas was recalled to active duty to make a special health investigation.

WINSTON-SALEM RIOTERS DETAINED AFTER TROOPS APPEAR ON SCENE

Arrival of Soldiers From Camp Greene in Early Morning Hours—Signal for Cessation of Promiscuous Firing—Find Streets About Railway Station Sprinkled With Blood—Appearance of Troops Greeted by Citizens—"Baby" Tank From Camp Polk on Scene.

BY K. B. CRANDALL. (Staff Correspondent.) Winston-Salem, Nov. 18.—For the first time in a quarter century the city of Winston-Salem was today placed under strict martial law. During nine hours of riot, indiscriminate use of firearms and general turmoil, a fireman and a little white girl were killed and another white man, ridden with bullets, was taken to the hospital, where he died a few hours later. Possibly a score or more of others, both whites and negroes, were more or less seriously injured, while several blacks, exact number unknown, received fatal wounds. Mayor E. W. Gorrell called on the mayors of Charlotte, Raleigh and Greensboro for immediate aid, shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday night.

The trouble was the sequel of a brutal assault. The case was aggravated in this instance by the fact that the victim was a woman past the age of 40 years and the mother of three children, the assault a strong, lusty, brutal negro of the lowest type. A mob of socialists and thoroughly angered white men, fully armed, bent on revenge, gathered about the jail early Sunday afternoon when a report gained currency that the women's "mob" after gun fight in which Sheriff G. E. Flint was wounded, had been captured and lodged in the county jail here. Mob Grows in Numbers. The angry crowd, which continued to grow in numbers until its strength was estimated at over 3,000, swarmed about the entrance to the jail. Occasional pistol shots punctuated their cries, demanding that the accused negro be turned over to them. Announcements by prominent citizens, and even the severed woman, that the prisoner was probably not the man wanted, had no effect on the now thoroughly aroused mob. The negro population of the city, which is about 50 per cent of the whole, then gathered, quietly collected their arms and prepared to rush to the aid of their black-skinned brothers, according to the best available information. At this critical stage assistance was (Continued on Page Four.)

MEN IN ENGLAND TO STANDARDIZE SEAMEN'S WAGES

Hurley Plans to Seek International Agreement. Expects to Propose That American Laws and Agreements Be Adopted by Nations.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, who sailed for Europe last Saturday to prepare for the returning of American troops and for moving needed food supplies to the war-torn nations, expects to seek an international agreement between governments, shipping interests and labor organizations of the principal maritime powers for standardization of seamen's wages and working conditions.

10-10 SAYS Fair

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 18.—With the exception of the civil service men employed at the navy yard, all sheet metal workers on government and other jobs in this section walked out this morning. About 600 men are out tonight. Practically all work of this class has been suspended. The men claim that the cutting out of overtime and the holding of their pay to 75 cents an hour is a virtual cut in wages. They demand with some show of reason, which has been given 12 hours pay for 10 hours work. Now they are receiving regular pay for eight hours work. Government officials declared that they are not involved in the present fight.

SEPTEMBER EARNINGS OF RAILROADS ARE REPORTED

Washington, Nov. 18.—Railway earnings in September were \$20,000,000 less than in August, but were slightly greater than those in the same month last year. Reports to the interstate commerce commission, made public today, show a total operating income for September of \$101,489,957, compared with \$87,487,927 for September, 1917. Total operating expense was \$448,135,940, or \$40,699,000 more than in September, 1917, and operating expense were \$276,604,490, an increase of \$26,288,000 over those for the same month last year.

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GREATEST NAVAL SURRENDER THE WORLD EVER SAW

Germany Hands Over Great Fleet This Week. UNDER ARMISTICE TERMS Many Battleships, Battle Cruisers, Light Cruisers and Destroyers to Be Given Up.

London, Sunday, Nov. 17.—(British Wireless Service.)—This week will see the greatest naval surrender the world has ever witnessed. A great fleet of German battleships, battle cruisers, and light cruisers and destroyers will leave port Monday morning at 5 o'clock for an unknown destination. They will be met by the British fleet, accompanied by American and French representatives, and conducted to their destination.

ARMY AVIATION TO BE CONTINUED ON LARGER SCALE THAN OTHER ARMS OF MILITARY SERVICE.

Demobilization of Air Service Presents Separate Problem for War Department.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Demobilization of the army air service presents a separate problem on which war department officials now are at work. How it is accomplished so that the aircraft manufacturing industry, now a government monopoly, can be preserved has not been disclosed, but it is possible to state authoritatively some of the considerations that will govern demobilization plans.

MUCH SPECULATION AS TO FINAL DISPOSITION

Washington, Nov. 18.—There was no announcement here today regarding the delivery of the fleet of battleships, battle cruisers and light cruisers which Germany was required to surrender today to the allied nations. No word was there any information as to the names of the ports at which the vessels were to be interned.

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WOULD ABROGATE THE CHRISTMAS AGREEMENT

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PRESIDENT PLANS TO SAIL FOR FRANCE JUST AFTER OPENING OF REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS

Will Take Part in Framing Main Features of Peace Treaty. DOES NOT PLAN TO STAY THROUGHOUT SESSIONS Probably Does Not Know How Long He Will Be Abroad.

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Wilson will attend the opening sessions of the peace conference. This was announced tonight officially. He will go immediately after the convening of the regular session of Congress on December 2.

TOTAL COST OF THE WAR IS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY TWO HUNDRED BILLIONS

Direct Cost to All Belligerents • Up to Last March 1 Reported at About \$175,000,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last March 1 was reported at about \$175,000,000,000 by the federal reserve board bulletin, issued today, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year. These calculations were compiled by the board from various sources and, while their accuracy is not vouched for, the board believes the figures are substantially correct.

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Fair today and Wednesday. Attention, gentlemen map-makers; overtime work for you fellows for a while.