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TREATY OF PEACE SIGNED SATURDAY

Day of Peace Fifth Anniversary of Murder of Archduke—Ceremony of Signing Treaty Brief and Impressive.

Germany and the allied and associated powers signed the peace terms in Versailles Saturday in the same imperial hall where the Germans humbled the French so ignominiously 48 years ago.

This formally ended the world war, which lasted just 37 days less than five years. Today the day of peace, is the fifth anniversary of the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo.

The ceremony of signing the peace terms was brief. Premier Clemenceau called the session to order in the hall of mirrors of the chateau of Versailles at 3:10 o'clock. The signing began when Dr. Hermann Mueller and Johannes Bell, the German signatories, affixed their names. Herr Mueller signed at 3:12 o'clock and Herr Bell at 3:13 o'clock. President Wilson, first of the allied delegates signed a minute later. At 3:45 o'clock the momentous session was concluded. All the diplomats and members of their parties wore conventional civilian clothes. There was a marked lack of gold lace and pageantry. There were few of the fanciful uniforms of the middle ages, whose traditions and practices are so sternly condemned in the great, seal-covered document signed today.

A spot of color was made against this sombre background by the French guards. A few selected members of the guard were resplendent in their red plumed silver helmets and red, white and blue uniforms.

As a contrast with the Franco-German peace session of 1871 held in the same hall, there were present grizzled French veterans of the Franco-Prussian war. They replaced the Prussian guardsmen of the previous ceremony and the Frenchmen today watched the ceremony with grim satisfaction.

The conditions of 1871 were exactly reversed. Saturday the disciples of Bismarck sat in the seats of the lowly while the white marble statue of Minerva, the goddess of war, looked on.

Overhead of the frescoed ceiling, were scenes from France's ancient wars.

Three incidents were emphasized by the smoothness with which the ceremony was conducted. The first of these was the failure of the Chinese delegation to sign. The second was the protest submitted by General Jan Christian Smuts, who declared the peace unsatisfactory. The third, unknown to the general public, came from the Germans. When the program for the ceremony was shown to the German delegation, Herr von Haimhausen, of the German delegation, went to Colonel Henry, French liaison officer, and protested. He said:

"We cannot admit that the German delegates should enter the hall by a different door than the entente delegates, nor the military honors should be withheld. Had we known there would be such arrangements before, the delegates would not have come."

After a conference with the French foreign ministry, it was decided, as a compromise, to render military honors as the Germans left. Otherwise, the program was not changed.

An hour before the signing of the treaty, those assembled in the hall had been urged to take their seats, but their eagerness to see the historic ceremony was so keen that they refused to keep their seats, and crowded toward the center of the hall, which is so long that a good view was impossible from the distance. Even with opera glasses, the correspondents and others were unable to observe satisfactorily. The seats were (Continued on seventh page)

GERMANY PLANNED TO REFUSE TO SIGN TREATY

Purpose Was to Get the Allied Troops Into Germany For Strong German Attack.

The German government, headed by Philip Scheidemann, had planned to refuse to sign the peace treaty and to permit the allied troops to march into Germany as far as the Elbe, where it would be attacked by strong German forces, the Danzig correspondent of the Tagblatt declares in a dispatch describing the details of secret plan to create a separate state in northeastern Germany.

The plan failed because of jealousies and differences of opinion between the government and the army leaders, the correspondent says.

A report from Geneva Thursday night said Herr Scheidemann had arrived in Switzerland after crossing the frontier on foot.

The last proposal made by the conspirators planning to oppose the allies, it is said, was to ask Poland to combine with eastern Germany in the formation of an independent republic. The offer, it is declared, was rebuffed by the Poles, who asked why it had not been offered 10 years ago.

The Embroidery Club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. J. R. Anderson. Guests beside the club members will be Mesdames Moss, C. P. Greyer, Boney Claywell, Will Clinkscales, DeShaw Parker, and Miss Musa Marbut. Mrs. Parker will assist the hostess in serving refreshments.

EVERYTHING READY FOR CELEBRATION

Big Crowd Expected in Town and Day of Festivity Expected—Notes on Celebration

Every committee has been hard at work this week and the day before the big celebration finds arrangements just about completed for the occasion, which promises to be an event long to be remembered. A big crowd is expected in town and indications are that, if the weather is favorable, it will be the most enjoyable affair of years. Music will be furnished by the Morganton and Valdese bands.

To those who have not seen an airship one of the most attractive features of the day will be the exhibition flights which will take place during the day. Mr. Henry Westall, of Asheville, formerly in the U. S. air service, having been engaged for these flights. Mr. Westall was in Morganton Monday and signed a contract with the committee to the effect that unless providentially hindered he would make several flights on the day of the celebration. He will take as passengers those who desire to fly with him, the price per passenger being \$15. Those who wish to arrange for flights may leave their names at The News-Herald office to be given to Mr. Westall. He can take only one passenger at a time. In this connection it is interesting to note that a number of Asheville people have recently made flights with Mr. Westall in this machine. On Tuesday afternoon of this week his wife went with him on a trip over Asheville. Mr. Hidden Ramsey commissioner of public safety of Asheville was a passenger a few days ago.

Very few changes have been made in the original plans for the order of events for the day. The program as given in last week's News-Herald, and herewith reproduced, is as follows:

10 a. m.—Band concert on Court square.

11 a. m.—Grand parade.

11:30 a. m.—Speaking at school auditorium. Speaker, Dr. John Kestler, dean of Baylor University, Baylor, Texas.

1:00 p. m.—Dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Special street attractions, Court square.

3:00 p. m.—Open air minstrel, Court square.

4:00 p. m.—Athletic contests between soldiers.

Every man, woman and child in the (Continued on fifth page)

FORMATION OF THE PARADE TOMORROW

Order in Which the Fourth of July Parade Will Be Formed—Many Floats Are to Be in the Line.

The Fourth of July parade will start on West Union street at exactly eleven o'clock, and those who take part should be in line immediately after 10:30 o'clock. Floats will be arranged by numbers and positions cannot be held after 10:50. Each float should have its number given in large letters in order to save time in taking positions. The numbers should be as given below. Cars should follow each other apart twice the distance of the expansion joints in the concrete pavement in order to have a good effect.

The parade will start on West Union street in front of the residence of Mr. P. W. Patton, will pass down Main street to Green street, down Green street to the crossing in front of the residence of Mr. R. F. Goodson, and then return to the graded school. The following will be the order by number:

1. Uncle Sam.
2. Official Morganton—the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
3. Morganton Concert Band.
4. World War soldiers.
5. Red Cross float followed by members of the Red Cross.
6. Colored World War soldiers.
7. Colored members of Red Cross.
8. Confederate Veterans.
9. United Daughters of the Confederacy's float.
10. Junior Order—float followed by members.
11. Betsy Ross and Our Flag First.
12. Burke Garage.
13. Catawba Valley Light & Power Company.
14. Kibler Drug Company.
15. Kirksey & Company.
16. The Formation of the Union—1776.
17. Alpine Cotton Mills.
18. C. A. Poteet.
19. Standard Motor Company.
20. The New Theatre.
21. E. A. Green.
22. Burke Tannery.
23. B. F. Davis & Son.
24. Valdese Band.
25. Josiah and Samantha at Morganton.
26. Morganton Hardware Co.
27. Morganton Grocery Co.
28. E. P. Ervin.
29. W. A. Ross.
30. Morganton Cafe.
31. Mr. Clown and his mule.
32. The News-Herald.
33. A real league of nations.
34. R. L. Wagner.
35. Morganton Plumbing Co.
36. Lazarus Brothers.
37. P. F. Newton.
38. Morganton Fire Department.
39. Decorated automobiles.
40. Horsemen—riding four abreast.

MOURNING



PRE-WAR POSTAGE IN EFFECT AGAIN

Lower Rate Became Effective Again on Tuesday, July 1, Effective at Midnight.

The reduction in ordinary letter postage from three to two cents, which became effective throughout the United States of July 1, was welcomed by all classes of the people. When on November 2, 1917, the rate was increased to three cents it extracted pennies and dollars from the pockets of more people than any other provision of the war revenue act, but it is only fair to add that the burden has been willingly and patriotically borne, so long as additional revenue has been necessary to meet the nation's extraordinary expenses of the war.

When the three-cent rate came into effect a whole generation had elapsed since it had cost three cents to send a letter through the mails, outside local limits. In restoring the two-cent rate Uncle Sam is pursuing a policy that is almost as old as the Government itself, and which had been interrupted only in cases of greatest emergency. From the time of the original establishment of the Post-office Department, more than a century and a quarter ago, the tendency has been toward decreasing rather than increasing rates.

Only once before in the history of the country had the Government found it necessary to increase the postage rate. This was in 1812, to meet the expenses of the second war with Great Britain. In that year the ordinary letter postage was doubled, the increased rate continuing for a period of four years before the former rate was restored. Then, as in 1917 the increase was purely an emergency measure to help the Government in defraying the expenses of the war.

The United States postal service was still in a very primitive state of development in those early days, and rates, even in times of peace, were high. Communication by mail was chiefly confined to the few. (Continued on fourth page)

PLAN TO STOP THE SALE OF STRONG BEER

Congress and the Department of Justice Are After 2-3-4 Per Cent Article.

Congress and the Department of Justice moved Tuesday to stop the sale of two and three-quarters per cent beer under the wartime prohibition act.

Prohibition leaders of the House, after a series of conferences, obtained a call for a meeting Monday of the Judiciary committee, which is expected to agree promptly on an independent bill for enforcement of the wartime law, defining intoxicating liquors, as containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol, and to recommend passage of such a bill by the House at the earliest possible moment. At the same time the Department of Justice made it plain its agents would enforce the act according to its interpretation that anything containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol cannot be legally manufactured or sold.

Decisions of Federal Judge Rose at Baltimore, in favor of the brewers and two and three-quarters per cent beer and of Federal Judge Sawtelle at San Francisco, against the brewers and such beer, threw the entire legal status of low alcoholic beer into uncertainty. Either the Baltimore, the San Francisco or one of the many other cases expected to arise soon will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. However, action by Congress within a few weeks at the most, is expected to render a decision by the Supreme Court unnecessary so far as stopping the manufacture and sale is concerned.

The third quarterly meeting for Table Rock circuit will be at Fairview Saturday and Sunday. There will be preaching at Arney's Sunday at 3 p. m. by Rev. Parker Holmes.

DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES, 75 PERSONS BURNED

In Great Mass of Flames—Crew Uninjured.

The big navy dirigible C-8, commanded by Lieutenant N. J. Learned with a crew of six men and two passengers bound from Cape May, N. J., to Washington, exploded with terrific force just after landing at Camp Holabird, near Baltimore, Tuesday, to adjust rudder trouble. The big balloon instantly became a mass of flames and seventy-five persons, mostly women and children of the 200 spectators who had gathered on the field to see the monster flyer, were burned or otherwise injured as a result of the flames and bits of blazing fragments which were scattered in every direction.

None of the officers or the crew of the C-8 were hurt though several of them sustained severe shock. They when the explosion occurred. According to the commander, the explosion was due to rapid expansion caused by heat. The bag contained more gas than was required after descending from a colder altitude temperature.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Messrs. A. W. Hobbie and W. McDowell Walton have purchased the book store belonging to Mr. B. S. Gaither, the deal effective July 1st. The new firm will be known as Hobbie & Walton. By the trade the business conducted on the opposite side of the street by Mr. Hobbie and Gaither's Book Store are consolidated. Mr. Hobbie expects to move his stock shortly, as soon as stock-taking has been accomplished at both places. Besides books and stationery the new firm proposes to carry an extensive line of sporting goods and the better grade of toys. Gaither's Book Store, which by this deal has become a name of the past, was established in 1897, and has more than a local reputation. Mr. Gaither will devote his time exclusively to the rapidly increasing business of the Burke Garage Co., of which he is a stockholder.

REV. C. A. CALDWELL AND FAMILY HAVE ACCIDENT

Auto Collides With Another Machine Above Marion; Occupants Both Cars Injured.

When the automobile of Rev. C. A. Caldwell collided with an Asheville machine at a sharp turn in the road about five miles above Marion on Tuesday morning the occupants of both cars were more or less painfully injured, though not seriously. Their escape from one or more fatalities is considered miraculous. The Asheville car was driven by a Mr. Grady, who was accompanied by his daughter, Mr. Caldwell and family and Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Harris were on their way to the Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest. Mr. Caldwell driving the car, a Ford. Both cars were badly wrecked. Mrs. Caldwell received the most serious injuries of any of the party, rendered unconscious for a time and her face cut in several places. All were brought back to Marion to receive medical attention. The Caldwell family have been with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Smith since the accident, but expect to return home today. Rev. and Mrs. Harris returned yesterday.

TALKS TO TEACHERS.

Miss Kate Herring, representing the War Loan Organization of the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank District, with headquarters in Richmond, Va., was in Morganton last Thursday and talked to the teachers attending the summer school on the subject of thrift and the organization of savings societies. 30 of the 33 teachers present for the afternoon session pledged to organize savings societies and to encourage thrift in their schools. Miss Herring was much encouraged by this and also by the fact that the movement was given hearty endorsement by County Superintendent T. L. Sigmon and Prof. A. C. Kerley, superintendent of the Morganton schools.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES AGGREGATE 120,000

The Total Battle Deaths For All Belligerents Placed at 7,450,200.

American casualties during the 47 day Meuse-Argonne offensive aggregated 120,000 men, or 10 per cent of the total of 1,200,000 engaged, according to a "statistical summary of war with Germany," prepared by Colonel Leonard P. Ayres chief of the statistical branch of the general staff, and published by the war department.

"Of every 100 American soldiers and sailors who took part in the war with Germany," the report said, "two were killed or died of disease during the period of hostilities. In the northern army during the civil war the number was about 10. Among the other great nations in this war, between 20 and 25 in each 100 called to the colors were killed or died."

Best information obtainable by the general staff places the total battle deaths for all belligerents at 7,450,200, divided as follows:

Russia, 1,700,000;	Germany, 1,600,000;
France, 1,285,300;	Italy, 330,000;
Turkey, 250,000;	Serbia and Montenegro, 125,000;
Belgium 102,000;	Rumania, 100,000;
Bulgaria 100,000;	United States, 48,900;
Greece, 7,000;	Portugal, 2,000.

American participation is summarized in the report in the following table:

Total armed forces, including army, navy, marine corps, 4,800,000.
Total men in the army, 4,000,000.
Men who went overseas, 2,060,000.
Men who fought in France, 1,390,000.
Tns of supplied shipped from America to France, 7,500,000.
Total registered in draft, 24,234,021.
Total draft inductions, 2,810,296.
Cost of war to April 30, 1919, \$21,850,000,000.
Battles fought by American forces, 13.
Days of battle, 200.
Days of duration of Meuse-Argonne battle, 47.
American battle deaths in war, 50,000.
American wounded in war, 236,000.
American deaths from disease, 56,991.
Total deaths in the army, 112,422.
Under the head of "Sources of the Army," the report shows that 13 per cent came from the regular army, 10 per cent from the national guard and 77 per cent from the draft.

AIR PLANE TO BE HERE TONIGHT

Asheville Aviator, Formerly in Service, Will Make Trip Over the Blue Ridge in Plane—The Chief Attraction.

Burke people who have never seen an air plane will be given that privilege on the Fourth. On Monday the celebration committee completed arrangements for demonstrations and flights with Mr. Henry Westall, of Asheville, formerly in the air service. He will leave Asheville this (Thursday) afternoon, probably about five o'clock and, barring accidents, will reach Morganton about an hour later. He has promised to wire The News-Herald the hour of his departure. As soon as we receive the message it will be posted in a conspicuous place on Main street in order that those who wish to do so may see him come into town. The old fair ground site will probably be his landing place, but Mr. Westall stated when he was here Monday that when he came the direction of the wind might cause him to decide to select another place. In that event the landing may be made near the upper bridge in the open stretch of bottom land along the river. However, Mr. Westall was inclined to think the first mentioned place would be used for landing. He will spend the night here and begin making exhibition flights the next morning, if the weather permits, his plans being to make quite a number at different hours during the day. Mr. Westall has a Wright machine, capable of carrying one passenger in addition to the aviator. It belongs to an Asheville corporation, of which Mr. Westall is one of the stockholders. He has been making most successful flights over Asheville and vicinity and if the weather is favorable he sees no reason why he should not be even more successful here, the altitude being lower than Asheville. His trip from Asheville here will be the first flight over the Blue Ridge and will be an event of momentous interest. The celebration committee considers itself most fortunate in being able to secure his services for the occasion.

PAID DEATH PENALTY FRIDAY FOR CRIME

Tom Gwyn Electrocuted at Raleigh, Goes to the Death Chair With Composure.

Tow Gwyn, Catawba county negro, paid the death penalty last Friday for criminal assault on a school girl in Catawba some months ago. While he made no special confession to the prison authorities he always admitted his guilt. The electrocution took place without a hitch of any sort. Gwyn went to the death chair with composure and in the presence of the usual group of a score or more of witnesses.

SECRETARY DANIELS TO NAVAL SHIPS.

Secretary Daniels has sent this message to all naval ships and stations:

"The signing of the treaty of peace at Versailles ushers in the best day in the history of the world since the angels sang in Bethlehem 'Glory to God in the Highest. On Earth, Peace, good will toward men.'"

"We are living the fulfillment of that prophecy. As a republic we are grateful to have borne a part in making straight and plain the path of permanent peace with justice to the world. Upon the receipt of news of signing of the treaty of peace, the most important document in the history of the world, every ship and shore station will fire a salute of 21 guns with national ensign at each masthead."

Mr. R. L. Crawley of Dalton, was a Morganton visitor Saturday.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

CHESTERFIELD.

Mr. Billie Bristol arrived last week from Galveston, Tex., to spend some time with his sick sister, Mrs. S. A. Johnson and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alben Seitz and children, of Morganton, were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Knowland Rader.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hood, after visiting relatives, have returned to their home in Raleigh.

Miss Ruth Holloway, of Morganton, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Annie Laura Cassels.

Mr. Conley McGimsey, of North Dakota, has been on a visit to his uncle, Mr. H. M. Conley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sipe have sold their farm to the Western Carolina Power Company and have moved back to Catawba county.

Mrs. P. L. Threlkeld and Mrs. T. O. Cannon, of Hartland, were business visitors here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clay, of Caldwell, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rader.

Mr. R. F. Goodson, of Morganton, visited Mr. J. V. Powell Thursday.

Mr. Elam Whisenant, who has been in France, was a welcome visitor to his home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Arney, of Hartland, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Baird.

Mrs. Earl Hood and children, of Marysville, Tenn., are at the home of her father-in-law, Mr. W. A. Hood, for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Pink Herman, of Caldwell, spent the week-end as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thorneburg.

Miss Effie Williams and Miss Lizzie Rader spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Rader.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Courtney and Mrs. Polly Courtney, of Hartland, visited in the Johnson home recently.

Master Earl Wall visited Master Elbert Powell Sunday.

Miss Annie May Conley has been visiting Misses Stella and May Rader. Miss Annie Epley, of Norristown, Pa., is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Robert Wall.

Mr. John Baird, who has been visiting Mr. Horace Burns at Worry, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wall and little Miss Hal Wall of Morganton, visited Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Knowland Rader and Mrs. Alben Seitz have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Setzer, in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. James, of Catawba Valley, Mrs. E. B. Hood, Mr. Walter and Mr. and Mrs. John Hood were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hood.

The threshers are in our midst. They report the wheat crop very light.

Miss Ann Cannon, an aged lady, died Tuesday at the home of Mr. J. N. Baird. The funeral was held at Antioch Wednesday by Rev. J. M. Harris, and she was laid to rest by the side of loved ones. She was a kind hearted, industrious woman, and we trust it is well with her soul.

BRIDGEWATER.

Mr. Albert Haskins, son of Mr. Mike Haskins, of this place, and Miss Bertha Wise daughter of Mr. John Wise, of Longtown, were quietly married last Wednesday and left Monday for Winston-Salem, where Mr. Haskins is engaged in bridge construction work.

Bert Hunter, son of Mr. A. P. Hunter, who has been overseas for the past eleven months, has landed at Newport News.

Miss Norah Ballew, who is in training (Continued on sixth page)

AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Services are being held regularly at Calvary Lutheran church during alterations. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; Divine worship one hour later. Meditation Sunday morning on the subject: "Lost or Found." You are cordially invited to come and worship with us.

Real Estate Transfers During Week.

Martha Williams to E. A. Mitchell, 17½ acres in Morganton township.

A. D. Butler to W. R. Deaton, 1 lot in Morganton.

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