

ALLIES RECALCITRANT

Balkan States' Reply to the Powers Virtually a Rejection of Their Peace Terms.

BLOCKADE BEGUN OF MONTENEGRIN PORT

Eight Warships Today are off Antivari—Allies Demand Aegean Islands and Indemnity.

By Associated Press.
Sofia, Bulgaria, April 5.—The Balkan allies today submitted to the powers their formal reply to the suggested basis for peace. The reply purports to be an acceptance of the mediation conditions, but the acceptance is subject to reservation which practically repudiates the peace terms. The propositions of the powers were:

- (1)—The frontier of Turkey shall start at Enos and end at Media. All territories west of this line shall go to the allied states with the exception of Albania, the delimitation of which shall be fixed by the powers.
 - (2)—The question of the Aegean islands shall be settled by the powers.
 - (3)—Turkey shall abandon all claims to Crete.
 - (4)—The powers cannot favorably entertain the demand for indemnity.
 - (5)—As soon as these bases are accepted hostilities shall cease.
- The reply of the Balkan allies contains the following counter propositions:
- (1)—In the definite determination of the frontier of the province of Thrace, the line indicated in the conditions formulated by the powers shall be taken as a basis and not a definite line.
 - (2)—The islands in the Aegean sea shall go to the Balkan allies.
 - (3)—The allies consider they should know beforehand the frontiers proposed for the future state of Albania, trusting they will be in conformity with those they proposed in London.
 - (4)—The allies demand for a war indemnity must be accepted in principle, the task of fixing the amount being left to a commission which is to study financial questions and on which the Balkan allies will be represented.
 - (5)—The allies agree that the operations of war shall cease as soon as the above conditions have been favorably received.

Antivari is Blockaded.
Gettine, April 5.—The blockade of the Montenegrin seaport of Antivari was definitely begun today. Eight foreign warships representing the European powers formed a semi-circular bar before the harbor.

The fleet is composed of three Austrian, two Italian, one British, one German and one French warship.

WORKING FOR VOLUNTARY MINIMUM WAGE PACT

By Associated Press.
Chicago, April 5.—The Illinois senatorial vice committee will begin its conference with State street merchants concerning a minimum wage agreement Monday morning, with practically every large business represented. An effort will be made, according to a member of the committee, to reach a voluntary wage agreement which will remove the necessity for minimum wage legislation.

TWINS OR NOT TWINS?

Determination of Status of His Two Children Means Real Money to British Father.

By Associated Press.
London, April 5.—All known birth records have been shattered by the wife of a working man at Barrow, Lancashire. On February 24 she gave birth to a son. Yesterday another child, a girl, was born.

The existence of the boy, who is only six weeks older than his sister, threatens to raise a perplexing problem under the British insurance act. From a medical position they are twins but regarded from the standpoint of Greenwich time they missed twinning by six full weeks. The father under the insurance act is entitled to the maternity benefit of £7.50. If the children are not adjudged to be twins he will be entitled to receive twice £7.50, but if they are twins the act counts them as one.

DONS MOURNING GARB FOR MRS. PANKHURST

By Associated Press.
Chicago, April 5.—Dressed entirely in black, Mrs. L. C. Brackett Bishop announced at a luncheon of the women's party yesterday she would wear mourning until Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette, is released from prison where she has just begun a three years sentence. She entertained Mrs. Pankhurst on her last visit to Chicago.

PUBLIC IN TERROR OF "WILD WOMEN"

Bomb and Arson Campaign of Suffragettes Spreads Through out Great Britain—Two Incendiaries Taken Red-Handed—Ayr Race Course Grandstand Burned.

London, April 5.—Two suffragette "fire fiends" were captured this morning red handed while setting fire to the new grandstand on the Kelso race course in Scotland. Rags saturated with petroleum had been placed beneath the stand and ignited when watchmen sprang out of their hiding places and captured the two women. The grand stand on the Ayr race course, also in Scotland, was burned this morning with a loss of \$15,000. Several suffragette placards and a bundle of suffrage literature were found in the vicinity, leaving no doubt in the minds of the authorities as to who was responsible for the fire.

ANARCHIST KILLS HIMSELF

Commits Suicide in Prison Where He Awaited Trial on Murder Charge.

By Associated Press.
Paris, April 5.—The anarchist bandit, Lacombe, called by the French police "the most desperate criminal in Europe," committed suicide today in the Prison de La Santé, where he was awaiting trial for the murder of M. Ducret, editor of the newspaper L'Idée Libre.

Lacombe was arrested in Paris on March 11 after the police had sought for him for several months. When taken into custody he was carrying in his pockets a small dynamite bomb, two dynamite cartridges, two automatic pistols and a supply of ammunition. The mob tried to lynch him while he was on the way to the police station. During his incarceration Lacombe confessed to the murder of Ducret and admitted also killing a postmaster at Besons and a railroad cashier at Les Aubrais.

Lacombe mysteriously escaped from his prison cell after breakfast this morning. When the wardens discovered his absence there was a tremendous commotion. The interior of the prison was searched and the alarm was given outside. The entire neighborhood of the jail was patrolled for several hours.

Some time afterward Lacombe was found on the roof of the prison, lying behind a chimney. When he saw his pursuers he stepped to the edge, where he was surrounded on three sides by armed wardens.

As he was about to be seized he turned, saluted the wardens, smiled ironically and then jumped head first like a diver into the stone court yard several stories below, where he was dashed to death.

OFFICIALS ARE NEGLIGENT IN SENDING IN REPORTS

Returns Received from Only 22 States on Action on Seventeenth Amendment.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 5.—Delay in the official announcement of the adoption of the seventeenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the election of senators by direct vote of the people, is threatened because of the apparent apathy of officials of the ratifying states. Up to the close of office hours yesterday, although press reports showed that 25 states already had reported themselves in favor of the amendment, leaving only one more affirmative vote to give effect to the amendment, the state department had received returns from only 22 states, the latest being New Mexico, which ratified the amendment March 15.

It is expected that early next week the one vote necessary for complete ratification will be recorded, but weeks may elapse before the announcement can be made and several states be legally authorized to adopt the new method of election senators.

Connection May Have the Honor.
Hartford, Conn., April 5.—Connecticut may grasp the honor of being the state which will make operative the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the popular election of United States senators. Only one more state is needed to have the measure ratified and the legislature is expected to act affirmatively Tuesday. There seems to be no doubt that both houses will pass the bill.

Jumps Contract With Raleigh.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, April 5.—Centerfield Adams of the Raleigh team in the Carolina league today jumped his contract because the local club would not pay him \$150 a month. He wants to play with Ulica, N. Y. Adams is from Philadelphia.

TARIFF IS PUT UP TO WILSON

Democratic Majority of Ways and Means Committee Agrees to Abide by His Decision.

COMPROMISE SUGAR AGREEMENT LIKELY

Underwood's Action in Turning Draft of Measure over for Senate Examination Unusual.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 5.—The democratic majority of the ways and means committee voted unanimously today to agree to President Wilson's final decision as to the sugar schedule and adjourned until Monday. It will agree either to free sugar or a low duty to be eliminated entirely in three years. President Wilson is expected to make his decision today.

The new tariff bill underwent a careful examination today at the hands of members of the senate finance committee. While the anti-free sugar forces from Louisiana and other cane and beet sugar states were making an effort to rally enough strength to defeat President Wilson's compromise plan, the senate leaders were analyzing all contested parts of the bill so they can tell President Wilson tomorrow whether they can accept it without change.

The action of Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee in turning the committee's bill over to the senate for examination is almost unprecedented in tariff history. It is claimed, senate leaders insisted they should be consulted in the preparation of the tariff revision and President Wilson has made efforts to bring the senate, house and White House into accord on the bill before it is introduced. While the house tariff makers have exercised their constitutional right to prepare the tariff revision bill, it will be made satisfactory to the president and the senate. It is said, before being introduced. Indications today were that President Wilson's compromise plan on the sugar tariff probably will be accepted finally in the senate. This proposes to reduce the present duty of 1.34 cents per pound on Cuban sugar to one cent a pound. Cuban sugar is allowed to enter at 20 cents less duty than sugar from other countries. At the end of three years it is proposed to admit all sugar free of duty.

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"All tariff legislation is compromise legislation," said Mr. Underwood. "When our bill goes to congress it will have the unanimous endorsement of the committee."

The committee today also considered administrative features of the bill. The bill will eliminate the maximum and minimum tariff of the present law and authorize the president to negotiate reciprocity treaties with nations willing to make tariff concessions to the United States. Such treaties, however, must have the approval of both houses of congress, it is said.

A "THRONG" DAY AT RUTHERFORDTON

Recorder's Court to Open, Superior Court Term Begins, Road Meeting.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Rutherfordton, April 5.—Monday will be a busy day in Rutherfordton, being the date of the opening of the recorder's court, which was created for Rutherford county by the recent legislature; the usual salesday; and also the beginning of a two weeks' term of the Superior court for criminal cases. Judge C. C. Lyon of Bladen county will preside over the Superior court.

Roy L. Blanton of the firm of Richardson & Blanton, attorneys of Forest City, was appointed judge or recorder of the county court. The creation of a county court for Rutherford county, long-felt want, and it is hoped that this will prevent the docket of the higher court, becoming congested with the minor cases which have not been within the jurisdiction of the magistrate's court and which consume as much time in the higher court.

Judge Blanton is a young man of ability, a Rutherford county boy, having lived in Forest City practically all his life. He will open an office in Rutherfordton at an early date, but will still be associated with Richardson & Blanton.

Another feature of interest for April 7 will be a good roads meeting, for the purpose of arousing interest in the approaching election on April 25, at which time the people of the county will vote on the \$250,000 bond issue for the roads of the county. Dr. J. C. Twitty, president, W. J. McDaniel and other good roads enthusiasts are sparing no pains to make this meeting an interesting and helpful one, and are planning to put the question before the people in a way that will appeal to them strongly in favor of the bond question.

GIVES ANOTHER MILLION.

By Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 5.—Andrew Carnegie has presented \$1,000,000 more to the Carnegie Technical schools. It was announced yesterday, making a total of \$3,000,000 he has given to the endowment.

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ACQUITTED OF COMPLICITY IN MURDER OF CHILD

But the Mother and Her Husband Are Held as Witnesses.

Special to The Gazette-News.
Waynesville, April 5.—Lizzie Putnam, the mother of the child whose body was found in the mountain on Jonathan's creek Thursday, and daughter of Mrs. Nancy Curley, who is held for the murder of the child, and Joe Putnam, father of Will Putnam, the husband of Lizzie, were given hearings this afternoon on the charge of complicity. They were acquitted of the charge but were placed under bond of \$200 each as material witnesses for the state in the case. The men gave bond.

ROME GETS FRANCHISE IN THE APPALACHIAN

By Associated Press.
Auburn, N. Y., April 5.—Chairman J. H. Farrell of the national board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues today gave out these notices of changes in minor league baseball.

The franchise and players of Morristown, Tenn., in the Appalachian league have been transferred to Rome, Ga.

The territory of Harrisburg, Ill.; Vincennes, Ind.; and Owensboro, Ky., has been added to the K. L. T. league.

HAYWOOD FIGHTING TO GAIN FREEDOM

Hundreds of Syndicalists Flock to Court Room Where Organizer Is Combatting Six Months Sentence—Whole-sale Arrests of Strikers Made.

By Associated Press.
Paterson, N. J., April 5.—William D. Haywood, organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, was discharged from custody today after a hearing on charges of disorderly conduct and causing unlawful assemblage in connection with the silk mill workers strike.

Adolph Leasing, arrested with Haywood, also was discharged. The court held that no intent to commit crime had been shown. Amid scenes of riotous demonstration on the part of several thousand strikers, the two men were escorted to a hall for a mass meeting.

Paterson, N. J., April 5.—Hundreds of Paterson's striking mill workers flocked today to the courtroom, where William D. Haywood, Industrial Workers of the World, organizer, was making a fight against the sentence of six months in jail imposed upon him a week ago for disorderly conduct. Thousands gathered outside.

The city's entire police force was on hand. Nearly 200 of Haywood's followers were left behind him in a jail that has never before in the city's history been so crowded. These were strikers arrested last night and today for picketing.

Today's proceedings were on the writ of habeas corpus granted several days ago in the disorderly conduct case. There is yet another charge against Haywood—that of causing unlawful assemblage—upon which the grand jury has not acted.

The 90 strikers arrested for picketing last night were joined this morning by 60 more. Notwithstanding the numerous arrests the strikers continued their policy of picketing. As fast as one of their number was arrested another took his place.

THEY WISH WATTS TO HAVE POSITION

Looks as if Pretty Nearly Everyone in the State Has Endorsed Him.

Gazette-News Bureau.
Wyatt Building, Washington, April 5.

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Watts' Endorsement.
When one begins to look over the endorsements of Colonel Watts he cannot but be impressed with the size of the document. It has more names of men higher up in the ranks in the state's politics, business affairs, and men in all walks of life, than any other petition presented to Senators Simmons and Overman since the new administration started a month ago.

A summary of the endorsement of the Fredell man shows the following signatures to his petition: The governor of North Carolina, the lieutenant governor, seven other state officers, three judges of the Supreme court, nine judges of the Superior court, 10 solicitors, 10 presidential electors, 27 out of 49 delegates to the national democratic convention, 44 of 47 democratic state senators, 90 of the 192 democratic members of the house, 53 of the 66 members of the democratic state committee including the chairman and the secretary, 85 of the 100 democratic county chairmen, 72 of 84 democratic clerks of Superior court, 19 of the 81 democratic sheriffs, 70 of the 82 democratic registers of deeds, 44 of 74 democratic county treasurers, 18 of the 79 democratic chairmen of boards of commissioners.

In addition to the above Watts has been endorsed by letters from 5326 other leading democrats, manufacturers, bankers, ex-officio holders, and ministers of the gospel from every county in the state. The endorsements of Senators Simmons and Overman, within the next week or 10 days, it is thought, will descend upon the White House and the treasury department and lay these endorsements before President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo, and then await the final result.

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ROOSEVELT TO PROGRESSIVES

Colonel Says House Organization May Have Trouble, but the People Are With Them

CANNOT AMALGAMATE WITH EITHER PARTY

The "New Nationalism" Debars It from Working With the Democrats, He Asserts.

By Associated Press.
Washington, April 5.—Theodore Roosevelt's letter to the house progressives was read here today at a conference. It follows:

"To the progressives in congress: I greet you, the men of stout and firm faith, who dare to stand up to your colors and fight the people's contest. In congress you will find the odds against you very great, but among the people at large I firmly believe that the changes are steadily in your favor."

"We cannot amalgamate with either of the old boss-ridden, privilege-controlled parties. We stand for the rights of the people. Where the rights of the people can only be secured through the exercise of the national power, then we are committed to the doctrine of using the national power to any extent that the rights of the people demand."

"This of itself, sunders us from the democratic party, for the democratic party must either be false to its pledges—and you can trust no party that is false to its pledges—or else it is irrevocably committed to the doctrine of some 50 separate sovereignties, a doctrine which in practice means that the powers of privilege can nullify every effort of the plain people to take possession of their own government."

"As for the republicans, their present position is the exact negation of the attitude of Abraham Lincoln and the men of Lincoln's day. Lincoln declared that the people were masters over both congress and the courts, not as he phrased it, to destroy the constitution, but to overthrow those who perverted the constitution. We stand for the right of the people to have their will determined by the majority of the fundamental law of the land without permitting either court, legislator, or executive to debar them from this right."

The conference took up reform of the rules of the house and the tentative draft of amendments to be proposed was prepared.

After the conference, the progressive committee on committees, Representative Murdock, Hinesbaugh and Stephens conferred with Majority Leader Underwood. They said later that they were well satisfied with the result, but would make no announcement.

It was definitely understood that Mr. Underwood had agreed that the progressives should be recognized as a minority party in the allotment of committee assignments.

TWO BANKS ARE CLOSED BY STATE COMMISSION

Special to The Gazette-News.
Raleigh, April 5.—Bank of Angier, Harnett county, promoted by the State Trust company of Wilmington, was ordered closed today by Corporation Commissioner and Bank Examiner Hubbard at Angier for the purposes of closing the institution. It appears that officers of the State Trust company went to Angier and told local people they would start a \$5000 bank provided that sum was subscribed in the Wilmington concern. All the directors of the Angier concern, it is said, have no financial interest in the bank and the outlay is practically nothing.

The Bank of MacIntosh, Edgecomb county, also promoted by the States Trust company, was closed by Assistant Bank Examiner Bateman this afternoon.

Judge Judson C. Clement of the interstate commerce commission denies derogatory statements assigned to him by John C. Forester of Greensboro as to the state corporation commission in a letter received this afternoon.

PROPOSED BY CABLE

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., April 5.—With the announcement of the engagement here today of Miss Ruth Bookwater of Kansas City, Kan., to wed Arthur Hummel of Indianapolis came the story of a courtship brought to a climax by cable.

Both were students at Oberlin college, Oberlin, O. last year. Hummel went to teach in a college at Kobe, Japan. Miss Bookwater returned home. Cablegrams exchanged yesterday read: