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TROOPS TO OCCUPY BIG INDUSTRIAL CITIES TO FORCE GERMANY TO PAY

Germans Told That They Have Done Nothing That Would Justify Postponement of Imposition of Penalties.

ALLIES WILL NOT WAIT ANY LONGER

German Refusal Of Allied Reparation Returns Brings Decision of London Conference To Force Issue; Allied Soldiers To Take Over Industrial Area Beyond Rhine.

LONDON, March 7.—Allied troops will march into Germany tomorrow in accordance with the decision of the Allies to inflict on Germany the penalties provided for because of the non-fulfillment of her reparations obligations. It was announced officially this evening.

LONDON, March 7.—Application of the penalties upon Germany for non-fulfillment of her reparations requirements was decided upon by the Allies here this afternoon.

The penalties in question were announced to the Germans last Thursday by Mr. Lloyd George. They are: Occupation of the cities of Duisburg, Dusseldorf and Ruhr, in the German industrial area beyond the Rhine, by troops of the Allies.

Imposition by each Allied country of such a tax upon German imports as it may deem necessary.

The establishment of a customs boundary under Allied control along the Rhine.

Mr. Lloyd George informed the Germans today that not only were the proposals made by Foreign Minister Simons this morning unacceptable to the Allies, but that notwithstanding the interval since last week's conference the Germans had not made such an advance in their proposals as would justify postponement of the imposition of the penalties.

The British Prime Minister said he must announce on behalf of the Allies a failure to come even to an approximate understanding with the Germans.

"Until we get proposals from Germany which mean a permanent settlement there can be no peace," he declared.

Not Satisfactory

LONDON, March 7.—The conference between the heads of the allied governments and representatives of the German government which began at noon today for discussion of the reparations questions took an adjournment at 1:30 o'clock until 4:30 p. m.

The session apparently had not been a satisfactory one, and there were reports before the adjournment that the attempt at an agreement had failed and that the Germans would be informed that the stipulated penalties would be applied.

After the recess had been taken, M. Laurent, the French ambassador to Berlin, who was present at the sitting, declared there was little doubt that there would be a rupture of the negotiations at the later afternoon sitting of the conference.

To Consult Berlin

At this sitting, it was announced Mr. Lloyd George the British prime minister, would reply to Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, who presented new German proposals at the first session today. These proposals,

OXFORD ORPHANS TO BE AT LOUISBURG.

The Singing Class of Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the Star Theatre, at Louisburg on Friday March 12th. This class has made an enviable reputation for giving concerts of a high order—concerts that entertain and edify. From some comments already published regarding this year's concert it appears to be up to the usual high standard, and all who attend can be assured of an evening of real pleasure and profit.

Another year of high prices and another siege of influenza in our State have served to make the needs of the orphanages greater, and the demands upon these institutions for admission of needy children is increasing. The Oxford Orphanage receives children without regard to denomination or fraternal relationship of parents, the need of the child being the first and chief consideration, and is striving to do its part in meeting the increasing demands. Your presence at the concert will aid in this work and will help to encourage the children, and friends who are working in their behalf.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church had a very enjoyable study circle meeting with Mrs. J. M. Allen on Tuesday night of this week. The Bible lesson for the evening was from the Fourth Chapter of Mark. The study lesson, our missionary work in Africa, was then taken up.

After the lesson the question of the orphan's Easter box was brought before the society and the different articles asked for were divided among the members of the society.

Delightful ice cream and cake was then served.

The Society will not meet again until the revival is over.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

On Thursday the 3rd day of March, in the celebration of his fifty-fifth birthday, Mr. Will H. Fuller entertained a large number of his friends to a splendid barbecue at his home near Dunn.

The barbecue was excellent, and with the Brunswick stew, cakes and other delicacies that went to make up the feast it provided a most delightful time for all which was greatly enhanced by the genial hospitality of Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Fuller is one of Dunn's most progressive and successful farmers and a most substantial citizen and justly deserves the esteem in which he is held by all who know him.

which were declared in French quarters to be unacceptable to the allies were of a provisional nature, calling for payment of fixed annuities for the first five years. The Germans said they would have to consult their government, and to ask a week's adjournment for the purpose, if they were required to make proposals covering the total reparations.

Premier Briand, of France, on leaving the conference, indicated that the reply of Mr. Lloyd George would be very firm and positive in tone.

"The allies are perfectly agreed as to what should be said," he added.

Dr. Simons Speaks.

M. Briand and Mr. Lloyd George took luncheon together during the recess.

In presenting his proposals at the conference's first session the German foreign minister, although declining to discuss the question of responsibility for the war, which he said only history could decide, expressed agreement with Mr. Lloyd George that the party which had been condemned by the peace treaty must pay. The Germans, he pointed out, had made proposals to restore the devastated area of France, but these had been received with doubt.

Dr. Simons deplored the allied disposition to ignore the payments already made by the Germans which they contended should be applied to the reparations account, and the allied persistence in the view that Germany was acting in bad faith. He discussed at length the subject of taxation in Germany and in the allied countries, seeking to disprove the statement made by the British premier in his speech of last Thursday that Germany's taxes were lower than those of the allies.

Quote Statistics

Dr. Simons maintained that the taxes should be calculated on a per capita basis, taking into account the income per capita. He quoted statistics to prove that on the basis of such calculations the Germans were more heavily taxed than the English. He declared that even the allies had admitted that further direct taxation in Germany was impossible.

After asking Dr. Simons a number of questions, Mr. Lloyd George replied:

MR. NEWELL EXPLAINS ACTION ON REVALUATION.

I am giving below a report and explanation of the disposition of the revaluation matter by the legislature as published in the News-Observer.

This leaves the matter in the hands of the board of county commissioners to make such reduction as to them may be best, just and equitable, subject to the review and confirmation of the State Tax Commission.

Under the new act the board of county commissioners, together with the board of equalization will meet on the 2nd Tuesday in April, the 12th to determine whether or not a horizontal cut shall be made and, if so how much.

We have all confidence in our board of county commissioners, doing the right thing and taking care of the people of the county. But as an aid and guide to commissioners we suggest that a mass meeting be arranged to meet before April 12th to reiterate the sentiments expressed in the resolutions adopted on Jan. 29th and to make such other and further recommendations as may seem advisable.

This meeting should be attended by every landowner and tax payer in the county. For anything that effects the taxes effect the whole people.

The commissioners are elected to serve the people. And we believe that if the people will make their wishes known the people will be glad to accede to them.

The opportunity is now yours and it is up to you to act.

Authority and machinery for horizontal reduction of property values with counties as the unit, the matter resting in the hands of the county commissioners and the county board of appraisers is provided for in the biennial machinery act, which will reach the House this morning with the sanction of the joint finance committee.

Accompanying the machinery act will be a second measure establishing an office of State Commissioner of Revenue, and a State Tax Commission, composed of the Revenue Commissioner, the Attorney General and the chairman of the Corporation Commission. The office of Commissioner of Revenue is appointive at the hands of the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and for a term of six years at a salary of \$5,000 per year.

Under the act the Board of Appraisers of each county will meet with the Board of County Commissioners, in each county, on the second Tuesday in April this year to determine whether there is sufficient cause for a horizontal reduction of property values in that county. If in their judgment they find horizontal reduction just and advisable, the order may be made, subject to the review and confirmation of the State Tax Commission.

Individuals May Appeal

Horizontal reductions in values will in no way impede or conflict with the right of individual taxpayers to appeal to the County Board of Commissioners of the county in which they reside to adjust discrepancies. Appeals thus lodged with the board will be carefully reviewed and action taken.

Appeal to the State Commission is provided for, either by the taxpayer or by the commissioners. The period for the readjustment of tax values extends through the month of May.

Complete surrender of a voice in matters of local property valuations is impracticable because of the fact that the State must retain the prerogative incurred in the equalization of

AMERICAN LEGION CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS.

The concert given for the benefit of the Jambes club of the American Legion at the Star Theatre on Thursday evening, March 3rd at 8:30 o'clock, was a complete success in every respect. The public seemed to take special delight in supporting the undertaking by turning out en masse. The use of the Star Theatre was donated by Messrs. P. S. & K. K. Allen without one cent of expense to the Boys and the concert was put on entirely by local talent of Franklin and Louisburg and was second to none that local talent could afford anywhere in the State.

Proceeding the musical program Mr. W. H. Yarbrough delivered a brief address in which he told of the object and purposes for which the American Legion had been organized; what they hoped to achieve and accomplish, and paid a glowing tribute to Franklin County's veterans of the recent world war.

The theatre seats only about 350 people but nearly 400 tickets were sold and then a good number of people were turned away from the door. It was indeed gratifying to the soldiers to see that the average citizen of Louisburg and surrounding community had not forgotten his patriotism of two years ago, as was evidenced by the overwhelming throng who sought to gain admission to a local talent concert given for the benefit of ex-service men.

But when that throng dispersed after the concert they were unanimous in their opinion that they had received more than their money's worth, and many declared that they had often paid a fancy price for lots less than they got for their money this time.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. E. H. Malone extended the thanks of the Legionnaires to every person who had in any way contributed to the success of the concert, and to the public for their liberal patronage and support.

The legion boys are hoping to soon be able to get into their new quarters, which they are trying to equip and fit up as a club hall.

MRS. THOMAS ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas entertained at bridge and took on Thursday afternoon, honoring Mrs. Glover Bedford of Lexington. Quantities of flowers decorated the reception room where three tables were attractively arranged. Tall cards suggestive of St. Patrick's were used. A green color scheme was carried out in detail.

After a number of progressions, Mrs. B. T. Holden was awarded the high score prize, a box of dainty green stationery. The honor guest was presented with a pair of lace hose.

A collation of grape fruit, Waldorf salad, tomatoes, sandwiches, saratoga chips, pickles, crackers, coffee followed by custard and cake was served by the hostess, who was assisted in serving by Mesdames W. T. Person, S. C. Holden and W. W. Webb.

Those enjoying Mrs. Thomas' hospitality were Mesdames Mattie Allen, Francis Barrow, Bessie Meade, Susie Meadows, Kathrine Dorsett, Gladys Vick and Mesdames B. T. Holden, S. C. Holden, Osmond Yarbrough, William Barrow, W. W. Webb, W. T. Person, W. R. Ayers and Glover Bedford.

the school fund, etc. Effort will be made to bring the valuation throughout the State to a common basis, eliminating the admittedly too high valuations in some counties and bringing the counties that are apparently too low up to a common standard.

S. A. NEWELL

C. HUBERT MARTIN DIES IN WASHINGTON AFTER A VERY BRIEF ILLNESS.

He Had Been Private Secretary To Mr. Overman For Years.

WAS UNIVERSALLY LIKED

Not Since the Death of Tom Pence Has Death Of Tar Heel Been So Mourned—Funeral Will Be Conducted at Wake Forest Saturday—Senator Overman Pays High Tribute to Loyalty of Dead Secretary.

Washington, March 7.—C. Hubert Martin, private secretary to Senator Lee S. Overman for many years and one of the best known and highly esteemed North Carolinians in Washington, died here early this morning. Mr. Martin suffered a sinking spell after midnight last night, and his heart failed him within a short time. News of his illness was carried in last night's despatches to the Daily News and the family today received many messages of inquiry and sympathy from the State.

Mr. Martin's death saddened the members of the North Carolina delegation and hundreds of friends here. He was known to thousands in his home state and his passage will bring sorrow to many throughout North Carolina. Senator Overman and members of the delegation joined today in paying tribute to his faithful services, his ability and happy disposition.

Secretary Daniels and Edward E. Britton, secretary to Mr. Daniels, also expressed their deep sorrow over his untimely death. Since the death of Tom Pence some years ago it is probable that the demise of no other North Carolinian outside of official life has been mourned by so many friends, for Mr. Martin had an extensive acquaintance both here and in his native state.

The body will be taken home tomorrow morning at 9:20 and the funeral will be held at Wake Forest Saturday morning. Senator Overman will be unable to accompany the body of his secretary home because of the congestion of business in the closing hours of the session. Senator Overman was visibly saddened throughout the session today by the death of his confidential adviser, friend and loyal associate.

Mr. Martin, who was 43 years old, is survived by his wife and two sons, Nathaniel Macon, age seven, and William K., age five. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. W. K. Martin, of Wake Forest, and two sisters and three brothers, Miss Nellie Martin, of Wake Forest; Mrs. J. W. Hartsfield, of Hickory, and Boyd, Kenneth and Roy Martin. He was of distinguished lineage and the grandson of the famous Nathaniel Macon.

"Martin," as he was familiarly called, was born in Franklin county, July 20, 1876, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Martin. He was educated at Wake Forest college, from which institution he graduated in 1898. For several years thereafter he was superintendent of public schools in Greenville, S. C.

He then stood the law examination in North Carolina and in 1903 the Supreme court granted him license to practice law. After he went to Washington he took a special course in law at George Washington university.

When Representative Edward W. Pou was elected to Congress in 1903 in recognition of the valuable services Mr. Martin had rendered the party in Franklin county, Mr. Pou appointed him as his secretary, which position he held until 1910, when he became secretary for Senator Overman.

He always had an affectionate regard for Mr. Pou and thought of him in his last moments. On Wednesday afternoon, when Senator Overman called to see him, he told the senator that he had promised to get extra tickets for the inauguration for Mr. Pou and he especially requested that the senator see that Mr. Pou received the tickets.

Mr. Martin was married about 10 years ago to Miss Annie L. McGuire of Smithfield.

The last thing that Mr. Martin did last Saturday before leaving the office was to write his mother a letter and send her a check for her old salary.

Senator Overman, Mr. Daniels and other members of the delegation will be most loyal sources of sympathy and support in his bereaved family.

It is a thing to be proud of that I knew it was true. I have handled my correspondence and my editorial business as usual. I don't know where I am without him.

Senator Overman has a special train for the funeral tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock and will arrive at Wake Forest tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock. He will be buried at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Greensboro Daily News.

The funeral was held Saturday morning at Wake Forest and was largely attended. Among those from Louis-

CURTAIN DESCENDS ON NOTABLE SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty Million Dollar Road Bond Bill Abolition of Property Tax and Furthering of Tax Reform; Senatorial Reapportionment, Generous Provisions for State Appropriations—Feature Session Which Largely Enacts Governor Morrison's First Legislative Program.

Working feverishly toward the adjournment hour set, beforehand, at one o'clock this morning, members of the General Assembly could nevertheless look back on the work of the past sixty days and in it the satisfaction of having written up the laws of the State their space of new legislation.

Fifteen hundred and sixty-seven bills passed across the reading clerk's desk during the sixty-four days of session, not quite covering up records that have been established in former years, but coming very much closer than the general expectation of the opening days of the session. Nearly 1,000 new laws had passed through the office of the enrolling clerk before the assembly was gone, and there are that many new statutes now on the books.

History in generous measure was made in the thousand bills that won the final signature of the presiding officers. Altogether is embraced the most sweeping enactments that have been encompassed by a session in many years, including a large part of Governor Morrison's legislative program. In the words of the Old Tiger from Atherhany, "The most notable record of a General Assembly during the years of my service here." And Mr. Doughton has served longer than any member of the adjourning session.

Governor Morrison last night expressed keen gratification with the success of his own program during the first session of his administration and asserted that all measures which he was most interested in writing into the law of the State were enacted.

Road Bill Outstanding

Outstanding from the mass of legislation is the bond issue for the construction of 5,500 miles of hard surfaced and other dependable types of roads, maintaining them, and carrying with it a bond issue of fifty million dollars for construction. Added to this major road bill there are more than 100 local road and street improvement bills, with an aggregate appropriation of upwards of twenty-five million dollars. The road appropriations and authorizations at the session is \$75,000,000.

Had not the road bill been sufficient to give lasting distinction to the 1921 session of the General Assembly, there is the completion of the tax reform inaugurated under Governor Bickett three years ago.

An equitable segregation of taxes, divorcing the State from any participation in incomes derives from property tax and leaving all such revenues for local use was the purpose of the evolution culminated in the session adjourning. This goal was attained in the Act to Raise Revenue, and made possible through the ratification of the income tax amendment to the constitution at the last election and a further extending and perfecting of the inheritance tax laws.

No Property Tax

For the first time since North Carolina assembled a legislature in 1789, no tax was levied on property for State uses. The Revenue act provides for taxes on incomes of individuals, and corporations, inheritance, privilege, etc., for its revenue. And

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MR. W. C. WILDER

A member of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County and one of Franklin's most successful planters.



MR. W. D. FULLER

A member of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County and one of the County's most successful and enterprising young business men.



MR. J. P. TIMBERLAKE

A member of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County and one of Franklin County's most progressive and successful business men.