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## GERMANS HOLDING BACK.

Nobody Wants Onus of Signing Treaty and the Momentous Event May Not Take Pace Till Saturday or Monday.

The Associated Press this morning gave the following:

Another day has passed with the delegates of the allied and associated powers in Paris awaiting in vain definite word from the Germans as to when they will be ready to sign the peace treaty. Unofficial opinion in the French capital, is that the momentous event will not take place before Saturday and possibly not until Monday. The council of four was informed that during Wednesday the German government was busily engaged in trying to arrange the personnel of its delegation in Versailles.

The Germans thus far have given no intimation as to what men are to be the choice of the Bauer government. Unofficial advice indicates that the cabinet is experiencing great difficulty in finding men who are willing to take upon their shoulders the duty of acknowledging in a document which will become world famous Germany's utter defeat in the war and her unqualified acquiescence to the terms of the victors.

Reports are that Herman Goerdeler, foreign secretary in the Bauer cabinet, like Dr. Haniel von Haimhausen, declined to accept the onus for signing a treaty admittedly obnoxious to the Germans. Even a visit Wednesday to Versailles, where the members of the original German delegation still are, by the general secretary of the peace conference failed to develop any knowledge of what was being done in Germany toward the selection of plenipotentiaries.

Paris dispatches assert that owing to the uncertainty of the situation the heads of the allied and associated powers are contemplating the issue of an ultimatum setting a day and a time for the appearance of the Germans before the peace congress to sign the treaty.

## MANY WILD CATS HOME THIS WEEK

321st Infantry to Be Mustered Out at Camp Lee.

A special of the 25th from Petersburg, Va., to the Charlotte Observer states that the 321st infantry regiment, 81st division, numbering 94 men, which arrived at Camp Lee Tuesday night from overseas for demobilization, will be mustered out of service at once by the officers of the regiment themselves, who, it is said, have volunteered to perform the service in order that the men may get to their homes as soon as possible. The dispatch quotes the commanding officer as saying that it was proposed to make the mustering out of this regiment a record-breaker and that it was expected to have all the men of the regiment discharged and the camp clear of them by Saturday next. Many Robeson county selectmen are members of this regiment.

## HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. A. J. Taylor of R. 5, Lumberton, arrived home this morning from France. Mr. Taylor was a member of the 322nd infantry, 81st division, and landed at Newport News, Va., June 18. He left Camp Lee yesterday and informed The Robesonian that Robeson members of the 321st infantry of the same division, which landed at Newport News Friday of last week, arrived at Camp Lee yesterday from Camp Stuart. They will be mustered out from Camp Lee and will probably get home Sunday or Monday. Mr. Taylor was at Camp Lee four days.

Mr. D. Marvin Barker arrived home Monday evening from France. He was attached to the 81st—"Wild Cat"—division and spent more than 9 months overseas.

Messrs. John Rogers and Haynes Britt arrived home Tuesday from France. Both were attached to headquarters of the "Wild Cat" division and were mustered out of the army at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

Pvt. Jos. H. Jones, a member of the 81st division, arrived at his home at Wagram from France Monday.

Mr. C. Guy Townsend arrived home this morning from France. He was attached to the 81st division and was mustered out of the army at Camp Lee, Va., yesterday.

Mr. V. D. Gerald arrived home Tuesday from France. Mr. Gerald was attached to the 324th infantry, 81st division, and was mustered out of the service at Camp Jackson, S. C.

## FRIDAY TIME SET FOR SIGNING PEACE TREATY

It Is Expected That Signing Will Last Two Hours—Mr. Wilson Will Use the President's Seal—No Speech Expected From the Germans—German Delegates Will Sign After the Allies.

A Paris dispatch of the 24th gives the following: Unofficially Friday afternoon has been set as the time for the ceremony of signing the peace treaty of the allied and associated powers on behalf of Germany.

While the German plenipotentiaries have not been announced, advices from Weimar are to the effect that they will arrive in Versailles Friday morning. M. Clemenceau will open the ceremonies with a brief introduction. No speech is expected from the Germans. William Martin, of the French foreign office, as master of ceremonies will then carry the treaty to President Wilson and the premiers, who will sign at their seats.

After the treaty is brought back to the signature table, the names of the other delegates will be called and they will advance and sign. It is expected the signing will last two hours. The seals of all the delegates will be affixed in advance, many of them are already in the hand of the French foreign office.

President Wilson is using the President's seal, which is an eagle, with the words "Seal of the President of the United States."

Some of the seals supplied by the delegates are merely monograms adorned, in striking contrast to the elaborate coats of arms supplied by Premier Paderewski, of Poland, and other European officials. The French treaty experts regard the Chinese and Japanese seals as the most artistic. These are chiefly the names of the delegates in Oriental and quaint figures.

The expectation was that strictly personal seals would be used but like President Wilson, M. Vandervelde representing Belgium is using an official seal—the Belgian coat of arms encircled with the words "Minister of Justice."

The German delegates will sign after the Allies.

The order in which the allied delegates will sign after the signatures of the President and premiers are attached will be according to the alphabetical order of the names of the countries they represent. When the signatures are completed, the Entente party will emerge on the terrace at the side of the palace, where all the great fountains will be playing in the gardens. The Germans will leave on the side where they entered.

## VETERANS 3 WARS INVITED ST. PAULS JULY FOURTH.

Arrangements Are Being Made For Program for Entire Day—N. A. Sinclair Will Speak.

To the Confederate Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans and Veterans of the Late World War of Robeson and Adjoining Counties: This is an invitation to each and every of you to come to St. Pauls on July Fourth and be our guests. We are making every effort possible to arrange a program that will entertain you for the entire day. Hon. N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville will deliver the principal address, after which a picnic dinner will be spread for everybody. We are making arrangements to entertain fully 5,000 people. We want all the soldiers who can possibly do so to wear their uniforms on that occasion and upon your arrival at St. Pauls please report to either Dr. J. F. Nash or Dr. C. T. Poole at the Farmers' Tobacco warehouse.

Don't fail to come!  
JOHN S. BUTLER,  
Chairman Program Committee.

## New Manager of Lorraine Hotel—Traveling Public Pleased With Service.

Mr. E. W. Dunham of Winston-Salem will succeed Mr. J. H. Maddy as manager of the Lorraine hotel. As has been stated in The Robesonian Mr. Maddy resigned as manager of the hotel, effective July 1, to return to his old home at Sandborn Ind. Mr. Dunham has been connected with the Lorraine hotel at Winston-Salem for some time and has had considerable experience in the hotel business.

The directors of the hotel company say they will spare no efforts in keeping the hotel up to its present standard. Judging from the talk of the traveling public, the Lorraine service has been giving absolute satisfaction of late.

## FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Great Tobacco Season Expected—Market Expected to Open About July 9—New Cafe—Many Still Holding Cotton—Street Improvements—Van Watson's Leg Broken—Other Items.

BY W. V. BRANCH.

Fairmont, June 25.—Everything is being put in first-class shape for the busy tobacco season. The warehouses and surroundings are being swept and cleaned. The warehousemen are here and are expecting good prices for the crop. The people in general are in jolly good spirits and expect to sell tobacco on the Fairmont market. Those who are of authority to know say more tobacco will be sold this season here than ever before. Two reasons support this: The good market and crop and the new redrying and stemming plant.

Probably never before in the history of the world have the people had more money. We have heard some of our prosperous business men say that they never saw as much cash before at this season of the year is better than a blue cotton season.

Raymond Hunt, Indian, was being ordered Floyd on the charge of carrying concealed weapon. Hunt plead guilty and was taxed 50 perfectly good dollars and the cost, which made his gun-toting cost him over sixty dollars.

Messrs. Pmpas and Regan, Greeks, will open safe here this week in the old Jones building. They have an excellent location and no doubt they will be very successful. Here's a welcome to every new business.

An article in Tuesday's Star regarding the scarcity and high price of sugar set some on a sugar hunting expedition. One merchant sold nearly 500 pounds in one afternoon to the retail trade. The people are sweet and want to stay so.

It's the general opinion of the tobacco men that the market will open near the 9th. A meeting of the Pee Dee tobacco association will be held in Mullins, S. C., Saturday p. m. and a decision will be reached. Many of the people in the rural districts are still holding on to cotton in view of higher prices when the Huns sign the treaty.

The new movies are very popular here. Mr. Jones shows first-class clean pictures in a nice, roomy, airy and cool building.

Mr. Buckenheimer of Baltimore, an expert tailor and designer, is here with the Norfolk Tailoring Co. and will stay through the tobacco season.

Much improvement is being done on Center street. Trash and weeds are being moved and it adds much to the looks of Bulldog avenue. Dr. Brown is building Dr. Pearson, the optometrist, a new office on this street.

This morning Van Watson, an employee of J. D. Purvis, was trying to move a log, the timber slipping on his leg, breaking it. Mr. Watson was rushed to the Thompson hospital by Mr. Purvis.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM ROZIER.

Tobacco Looks Better Since the Rain—Quarterly Meeting Sunday—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rozier, June 25.—It looks as if the farmers will soon have to go to cropping tobacco. It is looking better since the rain.

Sorry to report Mrs. G. L. Willis is very ill.

Miss Caroline Withers of Lillington is spending a while with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier.

Mrs. J. C. Harrell spent the week-end with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson.

Misses Bessie and Alma Holder and Miss Mamie Harrell spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brisson.

Rev. Mr. Murray of St. Pauls was in this section Monday p. m.

The quarterly meeting will be held at Rozier Sunday. Everybody is invited to attend and bring a basket along.

With best wishes to The Robesonian.

## Community Fair Association Re-organized at Oakdale.

The community fair association was re-organized at Oakdale, near Marietta, Monday evening. Mr. G. E. Morgan was elected president of the association and Mr. Henry Morgan was elected secretary-treasurer. A successful fair was held at Oakdale last fall, but this year promises to be on a larger scale. The fair will be held October 8th.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Crops Are Fairly Good—Farmers Are Buying Hay Who Should Be Selling—Revival in August—Personal Mention.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, June 24.—The rainfall up our way Saturday was the largest of any one rain this season. Most of the farmers were ready for it. The crops as a whole are fairly good.

Peas are very scarce and if the farmers don't watch out there will be another hay panic for next season. If peas are high farmers should plant them and in the future save your seed. It is amazing to see how many farmers are buying hay when they should sell hay... The high price of cotton should not excite any farmer to the extent that he should not look out for plenty of feed stuff.

Private John A. Gillis returned home Saturday night from overseas. His father, Mr. J. D. Gillis, met him in Fayetteville and brought him out in his car. Mr. B. A. Hodges of Lumberton was a visitor to our town this afternoon. Mr. Hodges formerly lived here and he has many friends who are always glad to shake his hand.

Messrs. J. F. Williamson and Jack Cochran, of Chesapeake, returned Saturday and Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and two children, Helen Marie and Justin, Jr., spent Sunday with home folks.

This scribe enjoyed the pleasure of having all our children and grandchildren with us Sunday and a day of much pleasure and hard to forget.

Miss Stubbs of Georgia came up Friday night and is visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stubbs.

It was announced Sunday that the big union revival meeting would begin the 20th of August. Evangelist John Horn of Atlanta, Ga. is to conduct the meeting and he has the rep of a good one.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Sunday morning a fine ten-lb. girl. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stubbs and babe of Clio S. C. spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.

Rev. W. L. Maness, Mrs. Carter and Miss Lee and the writer leave this afternoon for Roseboro to attend the Fayetteville district conference.

Messrs. T. M. Blue F. N. Fisher and Gordon Beard spent the week-end at Wilmington and seashore.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM ANTIOCH.

Refreshing Rain—Preaching Last Sunday—Movements of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Antioch (Lumberton, R. 5), June 24.—Rev. L. E. Dailey preached a very excellent sermon here Sunday p. m., which was heard and enjoyed by a large crowd.

We had a very nice rain here Saturday which was needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Lytton and children, Dewey, Velma and Hugh, of Lumberton, spent Sunday night with Mrs. Lytton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pittman.

Little Miss Josie Melvin of Maxton spent the week-end here. Mr. Sandy Smith and sister, Miss Alice, of Lowe, attended preaching here Sunday.

Mr. Clifton Pitman spent a short while at Lumberton last Saturday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Windfield Pitman and daughter, Miss Emma, attended preaching here Sunday.

Mr. Pope Pitman spent the week-end at St. Pauls.

Little Miss Vara Deaton of Lumberton is spending the week with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pittman.

Mrs. Maudie Caulk and son Ernest spent last Thursday in Lumberton on business, also Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fol Freeman and children of near Lumberton spent Sunday in these parts.

Mr. Paul Todd and sister, Miss Essie of Rockingham, are spending a few days here visiting friends and relatives.

Little Miss Sadie Stephens of Lumberton spent last week here visiting her grand-parents.

Mrs. Ben Hooper of Fayetteville is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillips.

Miss P. J. Todd spent last week-end with her sister Mrs. Bunch Carpenter of near Elizabethtown.

Sorry to report Mrs. Rince Britt is sick.

Mr. Frank Israel is home from Wake Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Quick and children spent a few days recently with Mrs. Quick's parents of Clio, S. C.

—Mr. C. C. Blake, assistant postmaster, is taking a two weeks' vacation.

## SINKING OF GERMAN FLEET TO BE INVESTIGATED.

To Ascertain if Armistice Terms Were Violated—Belgium is to Have Priority in Reparations.

The following is taken from yesterday's summary of foreign news by the Associated Press:

The sinking of the German fleet in the Scapa Flow by the skeleton crews of German ships aboard them is to be investigated by order of the council of three, composed of Premier Clemenceau, David Lloyd-George and President Wilson.

The idea of the investigation is to ascertain if the armistice terms were violated by the Germans. The French minister of marine says France will require complete reparation from Germany.

The council has resumed work on the provisions of the Austrian treaty which were not included in that part of the document recently given the Austrian delegation at St. Germain. It is expected that the treaty will be speedily concluded.

The Turkish delegation has sent to the Council of Ten a detailed memorandum of the requests recently made in behalf of Turkey. Turkey's willingness to recognize the independence of Armenia and a suggestion to grant a sort of autonomous government to Palestine and Arabia under Turkish governments were made known in the memorandum.

Belgium is to have priority in reparations paid by Germany to the extent of 2,500,000,000 francs. Formal approval has been given this decision.

## Personal Items From Center—Putting in Tobacco.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 3, June 24.—Folks around Center are putting in tobacco or getting ready.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Prevatt spent Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isham Lamb.

Messrs. Ross Singletary and Santon Brown, Misses Fannie Olivia and Smithy Fields of Boardman were visitors at Center Sunday.

Miss Ada Ammons of Rowland is spending a week with her sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilkerson.

Mr. Henry Lamb has recently purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkerson spent a short while Sunday p. m. at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wilkerson.

Mr. Cleve Herring of Gable S. C. spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkerson and returned to Gable Sunday morning.

Messrs. Odie Walters and Avery Atkinson were visitors Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Odie small.

Best wishes to the dear old Robesonian and its many readers.

## INDIA RELIEF FUND.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The fund for famine relief in India is still growing:  
Miss Carrie Shooter ..... \$4.00  
Mr. J. A. Sharpe ..... 5.00  
Mrs. N. Ralls ..... 1.00  
W. H. M. Brown ..... 1.00  
Mrs. Lizzie Proctor ..... 2.00  
Lacy Barnes ..... 2.00  
Janie Carlyle ..... 16.30

Total ..... \$119.87

Any other contributions will be gladly received, no matter how small.  
JANIE CARLYLE.

—Miss Cora C. Collins, milliner for Miss Josephine Breece during the past season, left last evening for her home at Crisfield, Md.

—Mr. Geo. W. Wilson, an expert accountant of Charlotte, is making the annual audit of the books kept by Mr. Ira B. Townsend, town clerk and treasurer.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLeod and small son, A. H. Jr., left this morning for Waynesville, where they will spend the summer. They were accompanied by Miss Anna Burt Stainback sister of Mrs. McLeod, and her guest Miss Oneida Russell of Selma, Ala., who will spend some time at Waynesville with Mr. and Mrs. McLeod at their summer home.

## SENATE APPROVES AVERAGE ARMY OF 400,000 MEN.

The United States Senate has adopted committee amendments to the army appropriation bill providing for an average army of 400,000 men for the year beginning July 1. The bill as passed by the House provided for an army of 300,000, and Secretary Baker had recommended that the total be placed at 509,000 officers and men.

The Baptist Seaside assembly will open at Wrightsville Beach tonight.

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## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Children's story hour at Mrs. Alf H. McLeod's Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. H. Fisher and Lillie F. Cain; Stewart L. Mages and Mary Alma McLeod.

—An examination for white, Indian and colored teachers will be held in Lumberton Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8th and 9th.

—Mr. A. H. Hinds lost a fine milk cow Monday. The cow died of abscess of the brain. Mr. Hinds had recently refused \$150 for the cow.

—Messrs. J. B. Humphrey and D. P. Buie of the Philadelphia section are among the visitors in town today. They report good crops in their section.

—The county pension board will meet in the office of Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper here Monday July 7th. Applications for pensions will be received at this meeting.

—Mr. S. McIntyre returned last night from Thomasville, where he attended the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Baptist orphanage, of which board he is a member.

—Mr. J. F. Flowers, has resigned his position as salesman in the grocery department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store and accepted a position as salesman in the store of L. E. Squires & Co.

—Mr. Victor M. Stonebanks of Raleigh is spending a few days here visiting friends. Mr. Stonebanks was formerly connected with the National bank of Lumberton and is pleasantly remembered by many friends.

—Mr. Jos. S. Branch has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store and Mr. J. P. Cashwell has accepted a position as salesman in the clothing department of the Caldwell store.

—Mr. T. L. Johnson left last evening on a business trip to New York. He will stop over today in Richmond to see Mr. H. M. McAllister, who has been under treatment at the Hygiea hospital for several weeks. Mr. McAllister's condition continues to improve.

—Mr. A. J. Smith, who recently accepted a position in the undertaking department of the Lumberton Furniture Store, was among those who passed the examination successfully before the State Embalmers board at Wrightsville Beach last week.

—Messrs. John D. Purvis and Perry Ruff of Fairmont were among the visitors in town yesterday afternoon. Mr. Purvis, who is proprietor of the Norfolk Tailoring Co. of Fairmont, recently returned from a business trip to New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia.

—Mr. R. J. Jones of Wagram was among the visitors at The Robesonian office yesterday. He reports fine crops in the Wagram section. He was accompanied to town by his brother Mr. Joseph H. Jones, who was a member of the 81st division and arrived home from France Monday.

—Mr. W. C. Boone, a prosperous farmer of R. 2, Lumberton, was the first to bring 1919 watermelons to Lumberton for sale. Mr. Boone brought in a load yesterday and retailed them at \$1 each. Mr. Boone made The Robesonian's local editor a present of one of his first melons and it was highly appreciated.

—Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, will go tomorrow to Chapel Hill, where he will attend the university summer school for teachers. Mrs. Cale and three children, John Carter, William Graham and Agnes Darden, will go to Winton to visit at the home of Mrs. Cale's mother, Mrs. Luella Carter.

—Mr. W. H. Fleming of Oxford is a new man on the Lumberton tobacco market. He is associated with the O. L. Joyner Co. in the management of the Big Banner warehouse. Mr. Fleming is a prominent tobacco farmer of Granville county who moved to Oxford 7 or 8 years ago and soon became one of the leading tobacco warehousemen of that splendid market. Mr. Fleming is quite an addition to the Lumberton market.

—When it comes to successful gardening, Mr. George Lennon of Lumberton is in the game. He is an expert in growing beans, peas and tomatoes. Mr. Lennon saves his own tomato seed each year, picking some of his largest tomatoes for seed, and he has developed some of the finest tomatoes one sees in this part of the country. He "set up" each member of The Robesonian's staff to a "mess" of the tomatoes Tuesday, and they were appreciated.