

PRESIDENT'S SHIP WILL START FOR BREAST NEXT FRIDAY; WILSON'S ORDER

Positive Instructions To Hasten Vessel Back To France Received at Navy Department From Admiral Benson

SPECULATIONS AS TO THE HURRY-UP ORDER VARY; EFFECT ON CONFERENCE

Although Admiral Benson and White House Secretary Tumulty Volunteer No Information, Most Officials Regard It As Significant; In View of Press Dispatches It Is Inferred That The President Would Want Ship Available Should He Decide To Cut Short His Paris Visit, Because of Vexatious Delays or Otherwise

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 8.—President Wilson has ordered the transport George Washington to be started for France at the earliest time possible. The instructions were received at the Navy Department late today through Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations at Paris. Acting Secretary Roosevelt announced that the George Washington would leave "at the earliest opportunity, probably Friday afternoon, April 11."

As Admiral Benson had sent a cablegram yesterday inquiring as to when the George Washington could sail, officials regarded the message today as significant, but in the absence of more specific information they declined to comment.

Acting Secretary's Statement
Acting Secretary Roosevelt's announcement follows:
"Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt late today received a cablegram from Admiral Benson at Paris requesting that the sailing of the U. S. S. George Washington be expedited at once by direction of the President. The U. S. S. George Washington will, therefore, leave New York at the earliest opportunity, probably Friday afternoon, April 11."

Regarded As Very Significant
Admiral Benson's message gave no reason for the President's order and the White House professes to have no information on the subject, but interpreting it in the light of press dispatches from Paris telling of the President's determination that delays at the peace conference must end, most officials regarded it as significant. Added importance also was given by the fact that this was the second message from the admiral regarding the ship's departure, the first received yesterday having inquired as to the time the vessel could get under way.

Can Reach Brest by 17th
By fast steaming the George Washington should reach Brest by April 17. She would be held there subject to the President's orders, it was said, and thus would be immediately available in the event Mr. Wilson should decide to cut short his stay at Paris because of delays in agreeing on the terms of peace. In some quarters it was explained that without his ship at a French port the President might find himself in a somewhat embarrassing position should he decide to leave the French capital before the treaty had been agreed upon.

Apparent Effect on Paris Conference
Late press dispatches from Paris indicated that a more hopeful view as to the progress of the peace negotiations was entertained than had been for several days and this view was reflected in a cablegram received tonight by Secretary Tumulty from Rear Admiral Grayson, the President's personal physician, who reported that the general situation had improved slightly.

Secretary Tumulty said he had not been advised as to the situation which had led the President to order the George Washington to Brest and that Admiral Grayson, in sending the message received tonight, evidently had assumed that Mr. Tumulty was cognizant of the state of affairs through press dispatches from the French capital.

Moved Up Three Days
When she went to the New York navy yard officers estimated that she would be ready to sail again next Monday, but on communicating with the navy yard yesterday after receipt of Admiral Benson's first message, Mr. Roosevelt decided that the vessel could start four days earlier. No order for her departure was issued, however, until after the receipt of the second message from Admiral Benson late today.

ERZBERGER CRITICISED FOR ACTION AS TO POLISH TROOPS.
Zurich, April 8.—(French Wireless Service.)—Many German newspapers are attacking Matthias Erzberger and the German government for the agreement reached with Marshal Foch at Spa last week concerning transportation of Polish troops from France to Poland.

WILSON'S PRESENCE REMOVES TENSION

Attended Meetings Yesterday But Was Still Weak From Illness

Paris, April 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson met with the Premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy today for the first time since he became ill. The discussion of responsibility for the war and the Sarre Valley which was unfinished today will be continued tomorrow.

It was not indicated whether the President made any reference to the summoning of the George Washington. On account of the President's weakened condition the afternoon session was comparatively short. Mr. Wilson lying down immediately after his adjournment, although it was stated at the "White House" that he was gradually improving and expected to attend all the meetings of the council hereafter.

The return of President Wilson to the council of four and the progress made on various questions has removed much of the tension which existed in conference circles and has led to renewed confidence in an early and satisfactory conclusion.

The reparations problem, now is considered definitely settled and only minor details concerning the functions of the commission to allot the annual installments from Germany remain to be arranged. The Polish question including the status of Danzig, is also nearing settlement on the basis of internationalization of the city. Danzig as a free port avoids the necessity of recognizing the claims of either Poland or Germany, while the former will have a corridor to the Baltic to the limits of the internationalized town.

MORNING SESSION OF COUNCIL OF FOUR.
Paris, April 8.—The council of four met this morning at the residence of Premier Lloyd George. President Wilson was not able to attend the forenoon session, but hoped to be able to attend the meeting this afternoon at the "White House."

The over-tight tension in peace conference circles had not been dispelled when the council of four met today. The first question taken up at the afternoon session, at which Col. House represented President Wilson, was that of procedure. This was considered in an effort to accelerate the work of the council.

It was said by American members of the peace conference that the general situation was improved somewhat.

FOCH COMPLIMENTS AUSTRALIAN TROOPS
London, April 8.—(British Wireless Service.)—Marshal Foch has sent the following message to the soldiers and people of Australia:
"The Australian troops have upheld the cause of the allies with magnificent dash. From start to finish they distinguished themselves by their qualities of endurance and boldness. By their initiative, their fighting spirit, their magnificent order, they proved themselves to be shock troops of the first order."

"In the grave hours of 1918, with their British, American and French comrades, they barred the enemy rush. They stopped it, broke it, and at the appointed hour drove it far back."
"I am happy to express to Australia the undying memory which we shall cherish of her incomparable soldiers."

COMMUNISTS MOCK SOVIET REPUBLIC
Absence of Unity at Munich Is Believed To Assure a Firm Dictatorship
Berlin, April 8.—Commenting on the entire absence of unity at Munich, which, it is asserted, insures a firm dictatorship, the Munich correspondent of the Tagblatt says the communists deride and mock the soviet republic and that the independents are quite divided, only the Munich group supporting the soviets. The major states are declared to be completely split in Bavaria.

The city, owing to the state of siege, remains quiet. There was a tremendous run on the banks Saturday but the bankers refused to pay out large sums.
The Vossische Zeitung's correspondent says hatred for the Jews is expressing itself in hitherto unaccustomed forms. The Nuremberg correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung explains that the Hoffmann Ministry first moved to Nuremberg and afterwards Bamberg. The present councils of middle Franconia reject the soviet republic.

To Speak On "Bolshevism."
(Special to the News and Observer.)
Goldboro, April 8.—Friday evening of this week Dr. Carroll, of the State University, will deliver an address in Goldboro under the auspices of the Goldboro Woman's Club. His subject will be "Bolshevism or What." The address will be made in the courthouse, beginning at 8 o'clock.

PULL TOGETHER FOR BETTER BUSINESS

Secretary Redfield Sends Message To Machinery and Hardware Men's Convention

PRICE STABILIZATION, CLOSER CO-OPERATION

Subjects Before Conference Tuesday at New Orleans; Executive Sessions

New Orleans, La., April 8.—In a lengthy telegram to M. W. Mix, president of the American Mill Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' Association, read at a joint session of the machinery manufacturers and three other organizations of hardware and machinery men here today, Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, urged that "we must all pull together and hasten the restoration of normal healthy business life, which we subordinated when the liberties of the world were in danger." Pointing to the part the country's hardware and machinery men must play in aiding the rehabilitation of Europe, the secretary said:

"For two years, we have built few houses; we have repaired our industrial plants only to prevent deterioration, we have decreased or eliminated production in many less essential industries; the putting of our houses in order will require enormous supplies of mechanical equipment and hardware. There is little doubt that devastated Europe must come to us for assistance in rebuilding her shattered homes and dismantled factories. The demand for your products is immediate and widespread; where there is such urgent demand, the means for financing and distributing the purchases cannot fail to be found."

The joint session, which was attended by members of the Southern Hardware Jobbers' Association, the Southern Supply and Machinery Dealers' Association, the American Hardware Manufacturers' Association and the American Supply and Machinery Manufacturers' Association was opened with an invocation by Archbishop Shaw. Stabilization of prices and closer cooperation between the jobbers and the manufacturers were the principal subjects before the conference. Part of the day was taken up with executive sessions.

COMMERCIAL MEN HEAR SENATOR ELIODORE YANEZ
New Orleans, La., April 8.—When the people of the United States and

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MICHIGAN DRYS POLL MAJORITY OF 90,000
Proposed Amendment Modifying Prohibition Law Overwhelmingly Defeated

Detroit, Mich., April 8.—That Michigan voters defeated a constitutional amendment modifying the State prohibition laws at yesterday's election by a larger majority than when they voted the State dry in 1916 became apparent today as the "dry" margin continued to increase. Incomplete reports tonight, representing approximately three-fourths of the total vote, gave a majority against the amendment legalizing the sale of beer and wine of 90,000, exceeding by 30,000 the "dry" margin three years ago. Prohibition leaders predict their majority will exceed 100,000.

The entire Republican State ticket of minor State officers was elected by large majorities and a \$50,000,000 highway construction program was adopted.

KAROLYI DID IT TO SCARE THE ALLIES

Measure of Despair Was The Hungarian Communist Move; Socialists Opposed

(By the Associated Press.)
Budapest, Monday, April 7.—It is considered certain here that the communist movement was engineered by Count Michael Karolyi, the former president, to scare the allies by the spectre of Bolshevism and thereby draw attention to the situation in Hungary. It was a measure of despair, the results of which have scared out those who planned the move as it has given an opportunity for Bela Kun, the foreign minister, to attempt to become a dictator of the Trotsky type.

The communists are opposed by the Socialists who are attempting to form a moderate socialist government. All who dare, from waiters to manufacturers, inform the correspondent that none but a few madmen in Budapest want rationalization of property and other similar communist schemes.

Bela Kun, in speeches yesterday and today, attempted to make the people believe that the visit here of General Smuts, the special allied commissioner to Hungary, was a recognition of the aims of the communist government. It is reported in some quarters that Gen. Smuts came here with authority to adjust new boundary lines for Hungary under the armistice, but that he left here for Paris by way of Prague without doing so.

Spring Steeple Chase, Flat and Harness Races. Pineshurs. Today at 3:00.—Adv.

Gen. Pershing's Boy Starts Across To Join Daddy; Meets Reporters



WARREN PERSHING SERGT. JOSEPH A. WELZ.

New York, April 8.—"Nothing to say, absolutely nothing to say," was how Warren Pershing attempted to win his first encounter with the New York ship news reporters who interview nobles when they leave for abroad. But the nine-year-old son of the leader of the A. E. F. found it expedient to make a retreat to the line held on the deck of the Levanthian by Secretary of War Baker and confer with Sergeant Joseph A. Welz, his chief of staff. It was

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WINTER WHEAT CROP ESTIMATE

Forecast By U. S. Department of Agriculture Arouses Speculations

837 MILLION BALES, BIGGEST CROP EVER

Total Value Would Be Nearly Two Billion Dollars; Farmers Gain By Uncle Sam's Loss

Washington, April 8.—Forecast by the Department of Agriculture today that the nation's winter wheat crop would total 837,000,000 bushels, the largest crop ever grown, aroused immediate speculation as to the cost to the government of such an enormous yield. Under the bill passed by Congress in the closing days of the last session the government is obligated to pay the difference between the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel and the world market price for every bushel, not only of winter but of spring wheat produced.

The total value of the winter wheat crop on the basis of an 837,000,000 bushel crop forecast would be \$1,891,020,000. The spring wheat crop, soon to be planted, cannot be estimated, but Department of Agriculture officials today predicted it would range between 235,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels, which would increase the total value of the nation's wheat crop to approximately two and a half billion dollars.

The part of this two and a half billion dollars that the government must pay to maintain the guaranteed price was a matter upon which officials here declined to comment. It was said the factors influencing the world market price, such as production in Argentina, Australia and the European demand, were too numerous to make any prediction at this time.

From One Pocket to Another.
Officials expressed the belief today that there would be a good foreign demand for American wheat which would take care of the nation's surplus and while the loss to the government through its price guarantee may amount far into the millions of dollars so far as the actual wealth of the country was concerned it simply will be taking money from one pocket and putting it into another. The money, it was said, will go into the pockets of the farmers of the country and officials believe the forecast indicates farmers will be more prosperous and possess greater potential buying power than ever before in the history of the country. The enormous sums farmers will receive for their wheat, it was said, should find its way back quickly into circulation, thus adding to the general prosperity of the nation.

Today's forecast also indicated that America will have a greater surplus than ever before.

WILMINGTON ASKS FOR \$180,000 FOR ROADS
Wilmington, April 8.—Formal application has been made for \$180,000 of State and Federal road money to be used in the construction of a ferry and causeway across the Cape Fear river in conjunction with Brunswick county. This was decided upon at a meeting of the New Hanover board of commissioners today. H. F. Wilder and C. C. Chabourn were named on the county council board of review, and L. W. Moore, local real estate dealer, was recommended for county supervisor of revaluation.

Exchange Oil for Copper.
Prague, April 8.—(French Wireless Service.)—A mission from the Ukrainian government has arrived here to discuss the resumption of commercial relations between Bohemia and the Ukraine. The Ukrainian government is prepared to deliver oil in exchange for copper and glassware.

MANY BOLSHEVISTS EXECUTED AT PINSK

70 Caught Plotting Against Government Lined Up and Every Other One Shot

Warsaw, Monday, April 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thirty-three Bolsheviks were executed Saturday at Pinsk, on the eastern frontier of Poland. They were charged with plotting an uprising for the purpose of seizing the city.

An allied commission composed of American, British and French is conducting the fullest inquiry and may send a special mission to Pinsk from Warsaw for that purpose. Some reports which have reached Warsaw place the number of executions as high as 250.

Col. Fronczak, of the American Red Cross, who was at Pinsk, said that according to the military officials, 200 Bolsheviks were discovered plotting in a hall on the outskirts of the city Saturday afternoon. The building was surrounded, but a majority of the Bolsheviks succeeded in escaping. About 70 were captured and marched to the city market place, where every second one was shot.

Col. Fronczak was in a hospital around the corner at the time when he heard the shots. Later he counted the bodies. His affidavit has been turned over to the American military authorities. Pinsk was captured from the Bolsheviks a month ago.

Rotary Meeting Postponed.
The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Raleigh Rotary Club, scheduled for today, has been postponed until next Wednesday. This was done because of its nearness to the Rotary banquet last Friday and the present absence of many members from the city.

TAR HEEL TALES FROM WASHINGTON

Events at National Capital in Which North Carolinians Figure, More or Less

CHARLOTTE AND VISIT OF THE 120TH INFANTRY

Apparently Proposed Parade Now Rests With Desire of Officers and Men

(News and Observer Bureau, 406 District National Bank Bldg. By S. H. WINTERS, (By Special Licensed Wire.)
Washington, D. C., April 8.—Mayor F. R. McNeish, of Charlotte, was in communication with Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, today relative to the transmission of a radio message to Col. Sidney Minor of the 120th infantry with the view of sounding the sentiment of officers and enlisted men as to their wishes for a celebration in Charlotte. Seemingly the War Department has promised to send the unit to the Queen City provided that the soldiers signify their anxiety for a parade before being mustered out. Consequently, Charlotte citizens have been restless for fear that something may intervene between the arrival of the troops and the contemplated parade.

Reassuring news from the office of Senator Simmons is to the effect that there is no cause for worry, since the 120th infantry could go to Charlotte while their accounts were being squared at the demobilization camp. However, Mr. Hampton will have the office of Secretary Daniels convey the radio message to Col. Minor tomorrow morning, asking that the wishes of the soldiers be registered. The mayor of Charlotte had a premonition that the men might desire to be mustered out without any preliminary, to say nothing of a trip to the Queen City. But the short distance between Charlotte and Charleston minimizes the fatigue of travel.

Movements of Tarheels
General Samuel T. Ansell, of Currituck county, North Carolina, champion of the crusade against the existing court-martial system of the United States army, has been tendered the honor of being chosen as one of the principal speakers at the annual dinner of the George Washington University Law School. The banquet will be held in the hall of the new Masonic Temple, Thirtieth street and New York Avenue, northwest, on Monday night, April 28. The president of the university will be one of the speakers.

The United States Public Health Service makes honorable mention of Kingston, N. C., for its action in passing an ordinance closing the tenderloin district and prohibiting the use of property for immoral purposes. The county seat of Lenoir is credited with having joined the nation-wide campaign for the eradication of venereal diseases.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Daniel C. Roper will deliver an address before the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. His subject will embrace a discussion of the personal tax law.

Rogers W. Davis, of Charlotte, N. C., is in Washington as a member of the committee of the Rotary Clubs on work pertaining to the activities of boys of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The meeting is being held at the Willard Hotel. Rev. G. Otis Meade, of Roanoke, is representing Virginia.

Luther K. Pulliam has been designated rural free delivery carrier on Route 2 from King, Stokes county.

Wilson G. Lamb, of Williamston, was a visitor to the National Capital yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. George Ferree Leonard, of New Brunswick, N. J., in Washington for a few days en route to Asheville, N. C., were the guests of honor at dinner last evening of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Monroe Ellison.

O. N. Lovelace, a lawyer of Selma, Johnston county, was in Washington today on legal business connected with the War Department. Mr. Lovelace, who is a native of Cleveland county, has located in Selma for the practice of his profession since being honorably discharged from the navy some weeks ago. He took an academic course and studied law at the University of North Carolina and has many friends throughout the State.

ONLY THREE COMPANIES OF 119TH IN SERVICE
All of The North Carolinians Have Received Their Discharge Papers
(By the Associated Press.)
Columbia, S. C., April 8.—All the North Carolina contingents of the units of the 119th Infantry, 30th Division, except companies F, G and H, have been mustered out of the service at Camp Jackson up to tonight. The three remaining companies will receive their discharge tomorrow. Four hundred and fifty Tennesseans, enlisted men of the 119th Infantry will leave Camp Jackson tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock for Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where they will receive their final discharges. These men will not be under the command of officers of the 119th. A majority of the fifteen days leave of absence and are going to their homes. As the expiration of these furloughs they will return to Camp Jackson and be mustered out.

Finding Many Jobs for Soldiers.
Richmond, Va., April 8.—The United States employment service has placed 4,602 demobilized soldiers and sailors in employment in Virginia since January 1, according to reports received from its branch offices bureaus for returning soldiers and sailors and Federal labor boards.