

PRESIDENT WILSON MAY START FOR HOME WITHIN TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS

This Announcement is Regarded as Significant of An Early Impending Agreement of Big Four

REPLY TO GERMAN PLAY FOR BETTER TERMS MAY BE FINISHED THIS WEEK

Sunday's Session of the Council of Four Included Work on Some of the Most Difficult Outstanding Questions; Peace Terms With Austria Assailed by President Seitz Who Described Them To Austrian Assembly As Impossible; Adriatic Problem Solution

(By The Associated Press.)

The new week begins with the German counter proposals still the subject of discussion. The Council of Four, with Premier Orlando of Italy absent, again went over the proposals Sunday, and while various days have been mentioned unofficially for replying to the Germans, no agreement has been reached by the council.

The latest belief expressed, however, is to the effect that an understanding may be arrived at the end of the week with the possibility of its coming sooner. It may be significant of an early impending agreement that the departure of President Wilson for the United States is reported as probable within ten days or two weeks.

Sunday's discussion included one of the most difficult outstanding questions—that affecting the German-Polish frontier. The presentation of a majority of the minor commissions' reports is expected to occupy the council's attention Monday. It has been pointed out that this may tend to make more rapid progress possible.

A plan for the solution of the Adriatic problem which has met with the approval of the peace conference, will form part of the discussions taking place at the Italian frontier between Premier Orlando and Vice-Premier Colosimo.

The peace terms for Austria are again assailed. President Seitz before the National Assembly described them as "impossible and as meaning the death of the country by starvation."

Foreign Minister Bauer, in a report of his conference with Dr. Renner, head of the Austrian peace delegation, was similarly outspoken against the document.

Count Von Brockdorff-Rantzau has returned to Versailles from his visit to Germany, where he is said to have been called in connection with the recent disturbances.

CLEMENCEAU AND LLOYD GEORGE EXPECTED TO AGREE

Paris, June 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—The council of four, with Premier Orlando of Italy absent, had another brief session at the "white house" this morning, considering the reply to the German counter proposals. Later President Wilson took a long drive.

While no agreement has been reached by the allies on the reply to the counter proposals, it is believed that M. Clemenceau and Premier Lloyd George will come to an understanding before the end of the week, perhaps Wednesday or Thursday.

Nearly all the commissions to which were entrusted consideration of the different German proposals are ready to report and it is expected will turn in their conclusions tomorrow. After the adoption of a general report by the council it is believed that a compromise will be reached on the time to be given to the Germans to decide whether they will sign the treaty.

Time to Consider Council's Reply. It is known that M. Clemenceau desires to hold the Germans to a short interval, perhaps no more than twenty-four hours, while Mr. Lloyd George favors giving them a week for consideration of the council's reply.

Pending their consideration of this reply President Wilson will probably visit Belgium, to return for the signing of the treaty. As soon as possible after that he will embark for the United States.

CHAIRMAN BROCKDORFF RETURNS TO VERSAILLES.

Versailles, June 8.—Count von Brockdorff Rantzau, chairman of the German peace delegation, who went to Germany Friday night, returned here this morning.

The special train on which the Count traveled arrived at Noisy Le Sec at 11:47 a. m. The chief German delegate was accompanied by Herr Roediger, his secretary, and four secretaries of the delegation.

Steamer Sunk, All Aboard Saved. Lima, Peru, Saturday, June 7.—The Chilean mail steamer Limari sank early today after running ashore forty miles north off Eten, northern Peru. The passengers and crew, it is reported, were rescued by the Peruvian line steamer Mantaro. The Limari was southbound from Panama for Callao and Valparaiso.

The steamer Limari measured 2,045 tons. She was built in Glasgow in 1898 and was owned in Valparaiso.

VANGUARD OF 81ST IN NEWPORT NEWS

317th Field Artillery and 306th Ammunition Train Arrive At Camp Stuart

DOWN HOME SOLDIERS ARE WELL AND HAPPY

Bands Played Gaily While They Debarked From Transport South Carolina and Battle-ship Missouri; Col. W. H. Dodd, Commanding Officer, Praises Their Fighting Spirit

(Special to The News & Observer)

Newport News, Va., June 8.—The vanguard of the 81st or "Wild Cat" Division, made up of Tennessee and Carolina drafted men, arrived here this afternoon on the transports Missouri and South Carolina. Units of the 317th field artillery, the 306th ammunition train and detachments of other units of the division are in the aggregation.

The units aboard included the 317th field artillery complete, battalion headquarters and Companies E, F and G of the 306th ammunition train, the Third corps artillery park and four casual companies, included two for New York.

The 317th came in command of Col. W. H. Dodd, who declared that while his men had been denied contact with the foe they displayed the sort of fighting spirit that made him proud to be their commander.

Were Ready to Fight.

The men were preparing to enter the Argonne fight when the armistice was signed, just having finished their period of training when the war came to an end. They arrived in France August 18.

The South Carolina bringing the Carolina artillerymen landed early this afternoon and few minutes later her sister ship, the battleship Missouri, steamed into port bringing the 306th ammunition train and the 3rd corps artillery park. The ammunition train men of the same division followed the artillery on its journey nearer and nearer the front lines always in the hazardous positions of supplying feed to the barking guns.

The gunners were equipped and well trained with the little French 75 and were eager to go into the lines, the men on board declared today.

Well and Happy.

They landed here well and happy men from every town and city in the "Down Home State," along with their brothers from the mountains of Tennessee. They were greeted on the pier by a delegation of citizens of Tennessee and North Carolina and bands played gaily while the men debarked.

Later in the afternoon, after they had made their triumphal march through the streets of this city to Camp Stuart the men passed through the delousing plant and tomorrow night they will be permitted to visit the city.

Colonel Dodd said the men are all well and happy and this statement was vouched for by scores of Carolinians who stood on the pier that the happiest day of their lives was today.

CHAIRMAN HURLEY ASKS FINAL APPROPRIATION

To Complete Work of Raising U. S. As Ship Builder To Second Place

Washington, June 8.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board has asked Congress for a final appropriation of a little more than \$600,000,000 to wind up the government's ship building operations.

This sum, he says, which will complete the work of raising the United States as a shipbuilding nation to first place in the world, and develop the American mercantile marine fleet from a negligible quantity to second place, actually is \$400,000,000 less than Congress already has authorized.

The present needs of the shipbuilding program, as Chairman Hurley outlines them, take into consideration the cancellation or suspension of contracts for 754 ships which alone will effect a saving of more than \$294,000,000. The administration charges of the whole business will be only 1.22 per cent of the total final expenditure.

When all is done, Chairman Hurley points out in a letter to Chairman Good of the House appropriations committee, \$2,861,755,579 will have been expended in the country's great effect which will be shown in 13,885,106 deadweight tons of ships on the seas. Although a cost of \$206 a deadweight ton is indicated, the actual cost to the government will be less he stated.

TWO KILLED ON GOLF COURSE BY LIGHTNING

Augusta, Ga., June 8.—R. Roy Goodwin, prominent in local real estate circles, and John L. Sauer, of the hotel Review, New York, were killed by lightning on the golf course of the Augusta country club this afternoon. Half a dozen other men were shocked but not fatally hurt. They had sought shelter from rain in a tool house.

AUSTRALIA WINS INTER-ALLIED TENNIS CONTEST

Paris, June 8.—The tennis championship is in doubt of the inter-allied nations was won today by Australia. O'Hara Wood and E. Lycett, who defeated the French pair, Andre Gobert and Max Deogis Thursday in the semi-finals today met and won from Captain Watson M. Washburn and Lieutenant Dean Mathey, Americans who on Thursday eliminated the Czechoslovak team and reached the final. Today's score was 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2.

STARTING INQUIRY INTO TREATY LEAK

Leaders in Congress on Both Sides Anxious To Begin The Investigation

SHARP DIFFERENCE AS TO SENATORIAL IMMUNITY

Hitchcock Claims Lodge And Borah Can Not Escape Investigation Behind That Plea; Busy Week Just Ahead For Congress Outlined

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, June 8.—Congress enters the fourth week's session with broadening activities and increased speed urged by leaders.

The so-called peace treaty "leak" investigation and the bill to end government control of telegraphs, telephones and cables constitute the Senate's work of principal interest this week while the House plans to engage in a clean-up of appropriation bills, starting tomorrow with the pared down \$800,000,000 army bill. Investigations of army and shipping affairs and also into election of Victor Berger, Socialist, of Wisconsin, also will be started by committees.

At its meeting tomorrow to make plans for the treaty inquiry the Foreign Relations committee may do little more than select a sub-committee to do the actual work of summoning and examining witnesses.

Leaders on both sides are anxious for the investigation to start, however, and before the end of the week it may be well under way.

One of the first difficulties to complicate the inquiry doubtless will be the question of a Senatorial immunity as it applies to Senators Lodge and Borah in connection with their statements of the existence of the treaty copies in New York. This subject is expected to reveal a sharp difference of opinion among committee members.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and other Democrats of the committee will oppose this view, holding that no such immunity can be invoked to hold back facts of material importance to the inquiry. They declare the charges made by the two senators are too serious to be dropped now.

Trend of Investigation.

In speculation over the possible trend of the investigation the names of many men prominent in national politics and in financial circles have been mentioned about the Capitol.

Senator Borah is known to favor calling officials of the League to Enforce Peace, headed by former President Taft, and it is taken for granted that State Department officials and attaches will be asked to testify.

Whether the trial will lead later to the Paris peace commission or to the great financial houses of New York remains to be seen. No committee member will make any prediction.

Reply to Request for Copy.

A full in the storm of Senate debate over the peace treaty is expected while the inquiry is started. A reply is expected this week to the Senate resolution requesting a copy of the treaty and with it a fresh outbreak of Senate discussion, but the remainder of this month is set aside by leaders largely for expediting appropriation bills needed July 1.

Repeal of Wire Control Law.

The bill by Senator Kellogg, Republican, of Minnesota, to repeal the law authorizing government control of telegraph, telephone and cable wires is to come up in the Senate tomorrow and expected to precipitate lively discussion of the telegraphers' strike situation and Postmaster General Burleson's order restoring private operation of the wires. Passage of the Kellogg bill, which has unanimous support of Democrats and Republicans of the Interstate Commerce committee will begin work tomorrow on wire repeal legislation.

Appropriation Bills.

Appropriation bills are to have right of way in the House. The reduced army bill, providing for maintenance of any number of 400,000 men and stripped of general legislation, is to be taken up tomorrow and will be followed Wednesday or Thursday by the \$600,000,000 naval bill. The House Appropriations committee tomorrow will endeavor to complete the railroad appropriation bill, for which \$1,200,000,000 has been requested by the railroad administration, and then take up the sundry civil supply measure, of which a request of about \$600,000,000 for the shipbuilding program is the largest item.

War Department Expenditures.

A start in the war department expenditures investigations by the House Committee on Expenditures in the department is planned this week, with Secretary Baker and Brigadier General Lord as the first witnesses.

Chairman Hurley and others of the Shipping Board and Emergency Fleet Corporation, are to appear Tuesday before the Senate Commerce Committee to begin hearings on shipping legislation.

Hearings of the election of Victor Berger will be begun Tuesday by the House elections committee.

Other hearings to start Tuesday are the House ways and means committee inquiry into dyestuffs tariff legislation; by the House immigration committee on bills to restrict immigration and deport undesirable, and by the Senate interstate commerce committee on the "long and short haul" rate bill of Senator Poindexter, Republican, of Washington.

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Military Cadet Is 100 Per Cent Perfect



George A. Sexton, West Point's perfect young man, is a marvelously formed physical and mental "giant," rated "100 per cent perfect." He is 6 feet 1 1/2 inches in height, weighs 210 pound and is "wonderfully proportioned—a physical wonder." Yet he is not an athlete. Young Sexton, who is 18 years old, hails from Dorchester, Mass.

UNION OPERATORS FIRED BY W. U. CO.

President of C. T. U. Makes the Statement; Tells Why Strike Was Ordered

Chicago, June 8.—Reports of discharge of union operators by the Western Union Telegraph Company, following the call issued last night for a nationwide strike on Wednesday of telegraph and telephone employees, had been received from all parts of the country, S. J. Koenekamp, international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, said today. He addressed a meeting of union men in the afternoon. He said he expected 70,000 workers would be affected by the strike.

"I have received reports that the Western Union has discharged 150 of our men in New York, a number in Chicago, Galveston, Denver and other cities," he said.

"To the men at the meeting I stated that we had to strike in self defense because of the tactics of Postmaster General Burleson in permitting our people to be discharged right and left without giving any protection and giving us no chance for a wage adjustment or arranging for collective bargaining. I told them my efforts in the East had been absolutely unproductive and there was nothing left to do but strike."

Mr. Koenekamp said everywhere the members are assuring him they will do all they can to make the strike effective.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STRIKE OF UNION WIRE WORKERS

Washington, June 8.—Responsibility for the impending nationwide strike of union wire workers rests with Congress and not with the owners of the wire systems or the employees, S. J. Small, a former International officer of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, told a meeting here tonight of members of the local union.

Mr. Small charged that since the transfer of political power in Congress from the Democrats to the Republicans, the question of government ownership of the wire systems has been thrown into the "political arena," activities of the various wage boards have ceased, and the interests of the employees have been given no consideration.

The government's guarantee of the interest on stocks and bonds of the Western Union Company, the speaker said, meant that the taxpayer must bear the burden of any losses sustained by the company as a result of the strike.

NOTORIOUS MURDER CASE STARTS TODAY

Trial of Dr. Wilkins, Aged Physician, Charged With Killing His Wife

(By The Associated Press.) Mineola, N. Y., June 8.—Trial of Dr. Walter Koen Wilkins, charged with murdering his wife at their home at Long Beach February 27, will begin here tomorrow in the courthouse, which has been the scene of many sensational murder trials.

District Attorney Charles R. Weeks, and former District Attorney Chas. N. Wyson, who is counsel for Dr. Wilkins, said today they expected it would take three days to select a jury. About fifty witnesses will be called and the trial probably will last at least two weeks.

The charge of murder was not preferred against the aged physician until some time after his wife had been slain. The police at first credited his story that she had been killed by robbers whom they had surprised on returning home.

Later the body of Mrs. Wilkins was exhumed after finger prints held by the police to resemble those of her husband had been found on a piece of lead pipe.

GREENSBORO GETS NEXT CONVENTION

State Christian Endeavor Union Closes With Consecration Service

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY MR. KARL LEHMANN

Rev. J. V. Knight, of Greensboro, Newly Elected President, Delivers Inspiring Address on Call To Christian Service; Juniors Present Interesting Program

Burlington, June 8.—With installation of officers and an impressive consecration service in which a number pledged their lives to Christian service, the annual convention of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union closed tonight. Greensboro was selected as the place for the next meeting.

Rev. C. D. Whitley of West Durham presided at the meeting tonight which was held in the Municipal theater and Dr. E. C. Caldwell of Graham conducted the devotional service. Resolutions of appreciation for the splendid hospitality of the people of Burlington and Graham were adopted upon motion of Mrs. MacFarland of High Point.

The Call to Service.

Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon college, presented the new president, Rev. J. V. Knight, of Greensboro, who made an inspiring address on the problems of the new day. He called upon the young people to consecrate their lives to Christian service and to take the life of Christ as their model. The address made a profound impression upon the large audience which packed the auditorium to its utmost capacity.

Following the installation ceremony which was conducted by Mr. Karl Lehmann there was the impressive consecration service which closed the convention. Mr. Lehmann, who has attended the annual meetings of the union for the last two years, declared that it was the best one yet. He paid high tribute to the people of Burlington and Graham.

The New Officers.

The new officers installed tonight to serve for the ensuing year are: Rev. J. V. Knight, president, Greensboro; Eli P. Barker, vice-president, Greensboro; Miss Eunice Long, secretary, Greensboro; W. P. Smith, treasurer, Graham; Rev. L. A. Peeler, vice-president and superintendent of western district, Newton; Eddie Shepherd, vice-president c. northwestern district, Winston-Salem; Rev. C. D. Whitley, superintendent central district, Durham; J. D. Foster, vice-president and superintendent northwestern district, Tarboro; Rev. Charles G. Lynch, vice-president and superintendent southern district, Charlotte; James Wells, vice-president and superintendent southeastern district, Wilmington; H. Gait Braxton, vice-president World's Christian Endeavor Union, Kinston; Rev. C. B. Riddle, superintendent tenth legion, Burlington; F. M. Harward, superintendent Quiet-Hour, Henderson; Mrs. W. H. Howell, superintendent junior work, Wilmington; Miss Ruth Vogler, C. E. World and Dixie Endeavor representative, Winston-Salem; C. B. Way, press superintendent, Burlington; Rev. Douglas Wright, missionary superintendent, Winston-Salem; T. B. Findley, superintendent floating work, Wilmington; Mrs. J. W. Bealy, superintendent intermediate work, Charlotte; Miss Annie Wilson, superintendent prison work, Greensboro.

Sunrise Prayer Meeting.

Beginning with a sunrise prayer meeting, which was somewhat delayed on account of an electrical storm and rain, the Endeavorers spent a busy and profitable day. The prayer meeting, conducted by Mr. Karl Lehmann, was held at Piedmont Park. The delegates attended services in the various churches this morning.

The Burlington and Graham Juniors presented an instructive play this afternoon under the direction of Miss Nellie Fleming, of Burlington. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. C. D. Whitley, of West Durham. Master Henry Nabers, of Greensboro, sang a solo and Master James F. Rhoe, Jr., of Winston-Salem, directed the song service.

Mr. Lehmann delivered a stirring address on "Our Campaign for \$15,000 for Denominational Missions." Endeavorers of different denominations separated to decide mission pledges and the combined reports for the year showed pledges amounting to \$2,500. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in organizing districts and in planning district rallies.

NICARAGUA ASKS AID OF THE UNITED STATES

Wants Force Landed To Cope With Threatened Invasion By Costa Rica

Washington, June 8.—Nicaragua has asked the United States to land forces there to cope with a threatened invasion from Costa Rica. The State department is investigating the situation.

The Nicaraguans' Legation here in a statement today declared that following the collapse of the revolution in Costa Rica, President Tinoco has massed large forces on the frontier.

Tinoco, whose brother as minister of war is at the head of the Costa Rican army in the field, has charged that the Nicaraguans aided the revolutionists. The Nicaraguans have denied the charge and cited that it was the Liberal party in Nicaragua, members of the old Selaya regime that went over to Tinoco.

OFFICERS ABLE TO GET GOOD PLACES

Training in Military Camps Proves To Be Highly Useful In Civilian Life

WAR DEPARTMENT SEEKS TO HELP THE SOLDIERS

Careful Study Conducted in New York Shows That Few Discharged Officers Are Without Jobs; Col. Arthur Woods Issues Statement on the Employment Situation

The News & Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Building. By S. R. WINTERS.

(By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, June 8.—"I know of a young man who was a waiter in a small town cafe in pre-war days for \$12 a week and tips," said Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War, yesterday. "He had been in the National Guard and managed to get an appointment at an officers' training school. They sent him to war as a second lieutenant. He came back a captain with a medal—and a citation."

"Nothin' doing," he laughed, when the boss offered him his old job back in restaurant with the promise of a head-waiter position in a few months. I am a \$5,000 a year man now, and so he was and is.

"The other day the young captain got his \$5,000 job—he is employed by a big concern who has a large number of men to handle and he fits in admirably. "See if you can get us a discharged army officer for the job." As industrial conditions improve this seems to be the general run of letters to the army employment centers from large employers who are looking for competent employees. The demand for technical and professional men or for individuals able to handle large groups seems to be getting keener day by day. Their replies have been most encouraging.

Better Fitted for Work.

"Mental tests made on their entrance into the service and at their discharge," said Col. Woods, "show that about two-thirds of all officers and men discharged from the army have been mentally improved by their service. As a very general rule they are more alert, their judgments are better and more rapidly formed, and their ability to handle subordinates more precise and orderly. In fact, it is hardly to be denied that the average army man is today more suited to better things than before the war."

"We are very gratified to find that 50 per cent of the officer applicants for employment soon secured satisfactory positions for themselves without our aid, as answers to my letter indicate. In addition, 35 per cent more write me that they are employed but wish better positions. The fact that a man is an honorably discharged soldier is apparently of great assistance to him and in my talks with employers they have assured me that such a man approaches very nearly their ideal for an employee.

"As demobilization continues we daily receive fresh addition to our lists. The positions that could be filled from these are numerous. A goodly number are officers of professional experience and technical training, for whom there should be no difficulty in finding employment. The student class, hitherto unemployed, also offers many recruits for positions of less importance where self-control and orderly habits of mind are nevertheless essential."

Some New York Statistics.

Some very interesting and remarkable facts regarding soldier unemployment have been disclosed in a report made public yesterday by Col. Arthur Woods, assistant to the Secretary of War. He is in charge of the work of securing employment for honorably discharged service men, and has had a force of soldiers interviewing army men found individually in the streets and elsewhere in New York City.

Out of 649 men taken at random and interviewed during the last three weeks in May, 38 men stated that they had obtained their former positions and 71 others said that they had found new positions. There were nine who had the promise of work and seven who said that they could obtain their former positions but were not satisfied with the salaries offered. Only 14 men said they were anxious to work but could not find any, while 25 others said they could get a job but wanted a better one. Two frankly admitted that they would not work because the wages offered were too low.

Some Taking Vacation.

There were 64 men who said they were taking a vacation before they proposed looking for anything to do, and 41 more who said they did not want work of any kind and were not trying to find a job. Just 14 men proposed to re-enlist. Of the others, 212 said they were only in town on pass and 85 more men were stopping over on the way to their homes. There were 67 men who had all sorts of answers.

From these figures it is seen that 19 per cent of the men are at work or have jobs in prospect, while 24 per cent are out of work and actually need assistance or guidance. "This apparently large number of men out of work and in need of everybody's help," said Colonel Woods, does not indicate that that number of discharged soldiers everywhere cannot find jobs.

It must be remembered that these men on the streets are only a small percentage of the honorably discharged service men. The average man is back at work and does not walk the streets or hang out in the various soldier resorts with nothing to do. He is, as a rule, back in civilian clothes and cannot be picked out in the rest of the crowd."