

REPUBLICAN SENATORS WHO CONFER WITH WILSON ARE MUCH ENLIGHTENED

Kansas and Oregon Senators Indicate Modification of Views Since Talking Over Things With President

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF SHANTUNG SETTLEMENT SOFTENED BY NEW FACTS

Report That Special Message On Shantung May Be Sent To Senate; President Has Much Information About Shantung That Senators Do Not Share At Present; Diverse Opinions As To Acceptance of 'Reservations'; Hitchcock Says Treaty Will Be Ratified Without Change

Washington, July 18.—President Wilson talked over the peace treaty with four more Republican Senators at the White House today and later he went to the Capitol and discussed the entire Senate situation with Senator Hitchcock, leader of the administration forces in the ratification fight.

The Republican Senators asked for information about many features of the treaty and Senator Hitchcock told the President of other points that have come into dispute during debate. At the end of the day of conferences Mr. Wilson told a group of correspondents he was satisfied that to reach a solution it was only necessary to "clarify counsel."

There had been many misunderstandings about the treaty the President said, adding that some of the constructions placed on it seemed to him evident misinterpretations.

Senator McNary, of Oregon, one of the Republicans who went to the White House, said first impressions about the Shantung settlement had been softened by his talk with the President, while Senator Capper, of Kansas, said Mr. Wilson had given him much new and pertinent information on that subject.

Senator McNary has been a supporter of the League of Nations while the other three never have taken a definite stand regarding it. "I found myself practically in accord with the President regarding the principles of the league," said Mr. McNary, "though I had and still have certain opinions regarding the effect of reservations. I shall announce these opinions in my address next week in the Senate regarding Shantung. The President possesses facts which soften first impressions of the provision."

The President was very ready to give information about the negotiations Mr. Capper said, "and he has a great deal of it, especially regarding Shantung, that is to the point. However, I have not changed my opinion that certain reservations are necessary in ratifying the treaty."

Senator Hitchcock described the President as feeling "very cheerful" over the Senate outlook, though he said Mr. Wilson did not discuss what the Republican Senators had said at the White House. The Nebraska Senator said he had told the President it was assured that the treaty could not be amended.

Special Message on Shantung? One result of the day's conferences was to strengthen the report that the President would send to the Senate a special message regarding Shantung. Some of the White House callers during the past two days have gained the impression that some sort of declaration on the subject certainly would be forthcoming, and opinion seemed general that it probably would take the form of a Senate message perhaps delivered by the President in person.

Reservations Or Not? Some of the Republican Senators have told Mr. Wilson interpretive reservations would have to be accepted to secure ratification of the treaty, but Mr. Hitchcock said tonight he did not believe reports that the President would be willing to accept such reservations, provided they did not vitiate the treaty provisions.

"We shall continue our fight," said the Administration leader, "for ratification of the treaty without a single change."

AIR MAIL POSTAGE TWO CENTS AN OUNCE. Washington, July 18.—Postmaster-General Burleson today reduced the postage rate on airmail mail to two cents an ounce, the regular rate for first-class mail matter, and placed the air mail service on the same footing with all other means of mail transportation.

NEW PACIFIC FLEET WILL SAIL TODAY

Forty Warships Assembled For Voyage Through The Panama Canal

SECRETARY TO RECEIVE THE FLEET AT SAN DIEGO

Compelled By Business Engagements To Defer Trip, Will Go By Rail; His Letter To Admiral Rodman, Which Indicates How U. S. Navy Has Grown In 10 Years

(By The Associated Press.) Old Point Comfort, Va., July 18.—Riding at anchor in barely visible lines off here tonight, more than two score ships of the Pacific fleet, Admiral Hugh Rodman commanding, awaited the signal that will set them moving tomorrow on the route to home waters in the Pacific Ocean.

Secretary of War To Be Invited To Deliver Address at Windsor August 5; Two Appointments Open To Naval and Military Academies For North Carolina Boys

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League Covenant Must Not Be Weakened If League Is To Accomplish Its Purpose; Other Republican Senators Expected To Consult With President Monday

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Another Conference Monday. Other Republican Senators are expected to be invited to the White House on Monday, but so far as could be learned tonight the invitations had not yet been issued.

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Food Minister Will Resign. Paris, July 18.—(By Havas.)—After the vote, announcement was made in the lobby of the Chamber of Deputies, by M. Boret, food minister, that he would resign his portfolio, but that he was the only member of the Cabinet affected by the vote. Premier Clemenceau, however, will decide what will be the attitude of the government.

TAR HEELS IN CAMP TO BE DISCHARGED

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MOVEMENTS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS AT CAPITAL

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Harry E. Willhoit, secretary-manager of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Willhoit, are visiting Mrs. Willhoit's mother in Washington.

Miss Nella Little, who has been here visiting her brother, W. B. Little, secretary to Congressman Robinson, is leaving tonight for her home, Wadesboro, N. C.

Troy O. Smathers, of Asheville, is here en route back to camp, having been home on a furlough.

Congressman Brinson introduced a bill in the House today for the relief of John Boone, of Sampson County, who lost his life in the service of the United States in the world war. The bill provides for the payment of his insurance to his foster-father, who is named as the beneficiary in the policy. The policy could not be paid to the foster-father under the legal restrictions placed upon

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DRY ENFORCEMENT BILL GETS SETBACK

House Adjourned "With a Whoop," Eager To Escape Threatened Night Session

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, July 19.—Prohibition attempts to call up the prohibition enforcement bill today after passage of the agricultural appropriation measure were cut short by Republican Leader Mondell with a motion to adjourn.

The House adopted the motion to adjourn with a whoop after word had been spread that it was the intention of the prohibition forces to resume consideration of the measure at an extended night session.

After the adjournment "dry" leaders seemed much incensed because the night session was not held and gathering about Representative Mondell remonstrated with him for his action. A hot exchange of words passed between the leader and the "drys," some of the latter asserting that they were being "ignored and would organize themselves."

The measure will come up again tomorrow but failure to get consideration of the bill today was regarded by the "drys" as certain to delay its passage until next week. Some predicted a final vote could not be obtained before Tuesday and it was suggested that agreement be made tomorrow to make the final vote in order then.

LIGGETT AND DICKMAN ASSIGNED TO COMMAND. Washington, July 19.—Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, former commander of the American army of occupation in Germany, and Major-General Joseph T. Dickman, former commander of the fourth army corps, have been ordered to assume command of the western and southern departments, respectively, upon their arrival from overseas.

WAR BRIDE OF TAR HEEL ARRIVES IN NEW YORK. New York, July 18.—One of the war brides arriving on the steamship Manhattan today, wife of Lieut. James L. Tilley, of Scotland Neck, N. C., is titled. She was Georgette Brand, daughter of Baroness Viccoia de Char-

SENATE ADJOURNS OVER TILL MONDAY

After Killing Fall's Amendment Referring To Peace With Germany

PRESIDENT'S POSITION AS TO ARTICLE TEN

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The flurry resulted in a quorum call, however, and helped break up a meeting at which the Foreign Relations Committee had planned to continue its preliminary reading of the treaty text. Despairing of concluding the reading this week, the committee decided to adjourn until Monday. The Senate also adjourned to Monday, when debate on the treaty will be resumed.

At his conferences with Republican Senators today President Wilson is understood to have taken a definite stand against entering the League of Nations with any idea of withdrawing as soon as the immediate issues of the war have been finally settled. He also is said to have re-emphasized his conviction that Article 10 of the league covenant must not be weakened if the league is to accomplish its purposes.

No Attempt to Unduly Influence. Senator Capper said he saw no attempt on Mr. Wilson's part to influence Senate opinion except as he might do so by presenting the facts back of the treaty provisions. The President's attitude was not a belligerent one, the Kansas Senator added, but rather reflected a desire to impart information and answer all questions that Senators might put to him.

Senator McNary described his talk with the President as "very pleasant" and very instructive in showing what diverse problems the peace conference had confronting it. The Oregon Senator said most of their talk concerned Shantung and reservations, the latter subject drawing from the President an expression that the adoption of any reservations whatever would open the door to a like course on the part of other nations and might in the end disrupt the whole league plan.

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Separate Bill May Be Passed. The Senate, regarded as heavily in favor of repeal, now has before it a House bill to repeal the daylight saving law. The Senate, it was said by Congressional leaders, may pass and send to the President the separate repeal measure.

Before the repeal came up in the House today two of the standing committees—Agriculture and Rules—considered the provision that the Democratic commitment of each declined to recommend passage of the repeal as a part of the appropriation bill. Later on the floor they were supported by their colleagues, but the Republicans then voted almost solidly in forcing consideration of the repeal.

Governor Speaks. Governor Bickett, who was introduced by Hon. W. L. Parsons, chairman of the county's emancipation bond, confessed his inability to speak to such an immense multitude of people except on the installment plan. The Governor paused to pay tribute to the score of Confederate veterans seated on the platform. He told the soldiers that they had brought back a rescued and revitalized self respect, both nationally and individually, and had redeemed the reputation of America, after the Germans had to their sorrow learned to treat this country with open contempt. He recounted the marvelous record made in getting a million soldiers to Europe in six months and told the story of America's rapid preparation to fight.

NEW POSTMASTERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Nominations Sent To Senate For Confirmation Includes Raleigh Incumbent

PROTEST AGAINST DUTY ON FOREIGN POTASH

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By FRANK W. LEWIS. (By Special Leased Wire.) Washington, July 18.—Executive nominations for postmasters in North Carolina have been sent to the Senate as follows: Wm. M. Henry, Brevard; Manly W. Cranford, Davidson; Samuel Y. Bryson, Hendersonville; T. C. Frisbie, Hot Springs; Ross E. D. Edgerton, Kraly; C. L. Linville, Kernersville; B. A. Smeelin, Mount Olive; J. P. Clark, Rutherford; B. M. Gatling, Raleigh; S. L. Ross, Robersonville; Jos. B. Cullipher, Saluda; Wm. J. Roberts, Shelby; Robert V. Brawley, Statesville; N. Henry Moore, Washington; D. T. Clark, Weidond; M. F. Hales, Wendell; J. Bridger, Windsor; C. F. Mitchell, Winton; Sophie H. Adams, Four Oaks; Lonnie E. Stevens, Benson; Wm. M. Goodson, Marion; T. J. Orr, Matthews; Walter S. Thomas, Rockingham; A. H. Boyden, Salisbury; St. Elmo Pearce, Youngville; T. L. Smith, Stoneville.

Representative Godwin has received several protests against the proposed legislation now pending before the Ways and Means Committee looking to imposing a duty on foreign potash for the purpose of protecting the home potash which is of less value and contains ingredients harmful to crop production. The following is a letter which he has just written to Mr. E. H. Freeman, manager of the Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' Association at Wilmington, N. C. This association represents something like 230 farmers in Mr. Godwin's district:

"I am in receipt of your favor of recent date in which you discuss at length the potash situation. In reply I beg to state that I fully understand the matter and you can rest assured that I shall do what I can do to prevent the passage of the proposed legislation which would put an import duty of \$250 per ton on foreign potash. This in my judgment, would be prohibitive, and the farmers of our State would be unable to use the potash which is so essential in growing crops in our section."

Prior to the war, the farmers were using foreign potash at about \$65 to \$75 per ton. This potash was of the highest grade and free of the ingredients which are harmful to crops. After the war started they were unable to get the

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RICHMOND GREET HER FIGHTING MEN

Monster Occasion at Rockingham On First Anniversary of 'Final Halt of Hun

CROWD ESTIMATED AT FIFTEEN THOUSAND

(Special To The News and Observer.) Rockingham, July 18.—On the first anniversary of the final turning back of the Hun at Chateau Thierry, fifteen thousand people from Richmond and adjoining counties, scoring threatening clouds and showers gathered here today to do honor to the returned soldiers who a year ago were battling on foreign soil. Fully a third of this throng gathered at 11 o'clock in a natural amphitheatre in Everett Park after a parade of unusual excellence to hear the Governor of the State who made an eloquent appeal for pure, undiluted Americanism and other speakers who paid tribute to the fighting men, several hundred of whom occupied places in front of the stand. Col. Sidney Miner, of Durham, and Col. Don Scott, of Graham, told the folks at home of the brave exploits of their boys overseas, each of them as well as Governor Bickett receiving a most cordial welcome.

Streets Lined With People. The prospects for a celebration this morning were not bright, but thousands of people were on hand early, ready for the exercises, if the rain should stop. Sure enough the clouds broke away at 10 o'clock and the parade was soon started through the principal streets of the town, all of which were flanked on either side by a solid mass of humanity of every age, condition, race and clime. Even Clong Lee, the Chinese laundry man, ceased his labors for a brief spell to have a look at the unusual spectacle, while all business places shut up house for the day.

Fighters Lined Procession. Not even the Governor of the State, who later dined with the soldiers at a sumptuous barbeque, was allowed to head the procession, the returned soldiers and sailors in uniform being given the place of honor; following the Governor, came the other guests of honor in automobiles and next the Confederate veterans, then fluffs and automobiles.

Uncle Eb Ingram, Anson county Confederate soldier, with his drum and fife corps, started rebel yells and competed for honors with the twenty-eight pieces Icmoorie brass band from Monroe and the big brass band from here. It was a right hefty step, the colored soldiers behind him had to keep moving in time with Uncle Eb and his three colored drummers.

Ike London promised a mass-of decorations and the procession of soldiers and sailors, both along the streets and in the score of pretty business floats in the parade attested the accuracy of his prophecy of a gala town the equal of any the State has seen since the soldiers began coming back from overseas.

"Disie" Brings Loudest Cheers. It was "Disie" that brought the loudest cheers from the crowds. The band broke into the strains of the melody as the crowd began to gather after the parade, and a mighty clapping of hands led by Governor Bickett, greeted the familiar air.

Gathering in the grove in a semicircle, the large audience listened to patriotic addresses with rapt attention after the invocation by Rev. Bruce Benson, recently back from overseas. On the national arch under which the parade passed on one of the main streets, appear the names of fourteen Richmond county boys who lie beneath the sod in France and tender tribute to their memory was paid by W. N. Everett, former county food administrator, who welcomed the soldiers back home in the name of the people of the county.

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