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and Keep it Up!

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## FRANCE ACCEPTS U. S. PRINCIPLES ON MANDATES

Text of Note Made Public is Virtually the Same As That Given Out in Paris.

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note of April 4 regarding the Japanese mandate over the Pacific Island of Yap is interpreted in official circles as tantamount to an acceptance of the principles laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in her former overseas possession.  
The text of the French note, which is in the form of a preliminary reply, was made public in both Washington and Paris today. It is signed by Premier Briand who gives assurances that the representative of the French government will place before the supreme council next week the question of Yap with the "greatest desire to find a solution which will give every satisfaction to the United States."  
Premier Briand declared his government "has already done all in its power to lend its aid to the American government in this matter." Reference is made to the French note of last February 18, which pointed out that while the decision of the supreme council of May 7, 1919, made no reservation concerning the mandate attributed to Japan over the islands in the North Pacific President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had formulated in the course of a formal meeting in the presence of the representative of Japan "categorical reservations concerning the Island of Yap," and the Japanese representative had not objected.  
The full text of the French reply was made public by the state department today and does not differ materially from that given out in Paris.



WHAT'S THIS.—Oh, just Fashion's latest. Hat feathers that act as a veil as well. Snapped on Michigan boulevard, Chicago.

## DESTRUCTIVE FIRE SOUTHERN PINES

Dr. W. P. Sweet and Patient Die During Fire—Number of Business Houses Burned.

Southern Pines, April 14.—A fire originating about 2 o'clock this morning, supposedly from the heating plant of the Perkins hotel or Windham's land office, wiped out the major portion of the main business block of the town. Nine buildings, owned by R. E. Wiley, L. W. Perkins, H. A. Lewis and J. S. Reynolds, were completely destroyed. Buildings and property loss amounting to thousands of dollars, was partially covered by insurance. There was little saved. The telephone operator, Miss Eva Payne, stayed by the phone, sending out warnings, while the rear building burned. She was removed at last by force. The Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Carriage fire departments rendered heroic service.  
Dr. W. P. Sweet, a well-known physician, died of heart failure while arousing inmates of the Southland hotel. Mr. Ferguson, of Pinehurst, was injured while fighting the flames.  
Howe's jewelry store, Lewis' market, Home Furnishing company, Perkins hotel, Windham's land office, Eddy's art studio and Thomas Cameron's clothes shop were the principal business concerns destroyed.

## D. O. K. K. TAKEN SALISBURY TODAY

Blue Fez Boys Here in Large Numbers—Big Parade at 4:30—Ceremonial Tonight.

The blue fez boys, the D. O. K. K., have taken the city today, the occasion being a big ceremonial by Suez Temple No. 73, of Charlotte. The Dokies and their "fresh meat" began to come into the city last night but the majority of the visitors arrived on the morning and afternoon trains. The big parade begins promptly at 4:30 o'clock and will cover the principal business streets, to be followed by a banquet at the Empire hotel at 6 p. m. They come to the ceremonial at McCanless garage on East County street, this beginning at 8 o'clock this evening and continuing until all of the "fresh meat" has been devoured by the ferocious tiger. Between 50 and 75 candidates will cross the hot sands, these coming from numerous cities and towns, while a number are local men. Among those who are to meet Boliver is Mayor Strachan and ex-Mayor Walter H. Woodson has been in line for induction into the mysteries of the order for some time but some of the boys say he belongs to the feathered tribe, in other words is "feathered legged," but they are after him.  
Among some of the prominent Dokies present is Grand Vizier Kennedy of Charlotte; Secretary Marshall, "Uncle" Joe Williams, Maj. Baird, Nat. White, Maj. John Mertz, and others along with Boliver the Tiger and the camel. The local committees were expecting between 300 and 400 visitors for the occasion and this afternoon and tonight the town will belong to the Dokies. It promises to be one of the biggest ceremonials yet held by Suez Temple and all are anticipating a big time.

## MAYOR STRACHAN MAKES AN OFFICIAL CLEAN UP PROCLAMATION

Calls On the Citizens of the City to Make the City Clean and Sanitary and to Keep it There—Clean Up Day Next Week.

The season of the year it is as hand when we must direct our attention to practical measures for the protection of that richest asset of any community—the health of all its people. The Board of Aldermen of the City has recognized the effectiveness of setting a period in which concerted efforts of all the people may be engaged in CLEANING UP, a practice that proven its merit both state and national in scope. Therefore,  
I, W. B. Strachan, Mayor of the City of Salisbury proclaim the period of April 18th to April 23rd inclusive CLEAN UP WEEK and call upon all our people to lend their aid in making their premises clean and sanitary that no conditions may be left to offer breeding places for disease carrying germs during the approaching Summer. Let us do more and give attention to beautifying our premises that they may be both healthful and attractive.  
This April 13, 1921.  
W. B. STRACHAN, Mayor.

## BUILDING ACTIVITY ON IN SALISBURY

Between \$175,000 and \$200,000 Worth of Work Now Under Way—Other Building in View.

City Engineer J. W. Webb stated this morning to a representative of the Evening Post that there was now between \$175,000 and \$200,000 worth of construction work under way in Salisbury, the greater part of this being in residences, and that prospective builders are making inquiries almost daily regarding permits and plans for beginning buildings. He reported as having just issued two permits for handsome residences, one for Mr. G. C. Leazer, corner Fulton and Johnston streets, a six-room house to be built at a cost of \$4,500, and another residence on Ellis street opposite the school building, this to be erected by Mr. C. P. Foster and to cost about \$7,000. It will be two stories and hot air heat. A number of additions to residences as well as remodeling is also in progress.  
The city engineer as well as prospects, look for much construction work here during the spring and summer.  
The building program will be augmented by the biggest amount of street work ever undertaken at one time by the city of Salisbury, nearly half a million dollars, and already preparations are going on to begin this work. Surveyors were at work on West Liberty street, between Main and Jackson this morning getting ready for the contractors to begin work on this street, and other streets will be taken up as fast as possible and within a month or more the nearly six miles of new street paving will be well under way.  
Taking the outlook as a whole the prospects look bright for such work here this year and it is believed when the year has ended it will show one of the best building periods in the city's history.



O'NEIL COMING.—Reports say Laurence O'Neil, mayor of Dublin, Ireland, will arrive secretly in the U. S. soon.

## BRITISH STRIKE NOT CALLED OFF, OUTLOOK GLOOMY

1,500,000 Workers Not in the Triple Alliance Have Decided to Aid Alliance in Strike.

(By The Associated Press)  
London, April 14.—A conference held this morning between Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister, and delegates of the triple alliance, which called a strike for Friday night in support of the striking miners continued for nearly two hours without any progress apparently having been made toward an adjustment of the grave labor situation.  
It was reported from the conference that the prime minister had made a long statement appealing to the railway men and transport workers, who, with the miners, make up the triple alliance, asking them to exercise restriction and not precipitate a crisis. This plan, however, apparently had no effect.  
J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the national union of railwaymen, declared after the conference that he could see no prospect for the reopening of negotiations for an adjustment of the strike situation.  
Upon the government's side, it was declared the labor men were unable to present new arguments giving the government any different view of their case, while the government, it is understood, did not indicate it was prepared to make any further concessions.  
Thus the situation early this afternoon appeared unchanged and the outlook gloomy.  
To Aid Alliance  
London, April 14.—The federation of general workers representing 1,500,000 persons in more than 100 industries outside the triple alliance today decided to support the triple alliance in its strike in the interesting of striking miners.

## COMMISSIONERS MUST FIND FUNDS TO RUN COUNTIES

Tax Students Think That Some Will Fail to Show Expenses After Horizontal Tax Cuts.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)  
Raleigh, April 14.—Commissioners in more than a score of counties who "unjointed" Revaluation last week by reducing property values will be called upon to tell where revenue sufficient for running their government is to come from at the close of the present fiscal year.  
It is altogether possible that some of these commissioners will not be able to answer this question, so tax students hereabouts aver. The fact that property valuations in some counties have been reduced horizontally from 20 to 60 per cent means that the county budgets will not be met with taxes collected on the revised basis. And this situation will have to be met in one or two ways:  
First, there will be a special tax levied or a bond issue, or  
Second, the rate of taxation must be increased.  
This is the opinion of Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell of the State Tax Commission who has given the question considerable study since the counties began slashing Revaluation under an act of the 1921 General Assembly.  
Reductions in property value appear mighty good, Commissioner Maxwell admits, but he warns that when tax paying time comes around the folks are going to discover that somebody has handed them a gold brick. Whether the assessment is high and the rate of tax low, or the assessment low and the rate high, the final result remains unchanged. The commissioner is certain the taxpayers will understand that this is and must necessarily be true.  
The counties must raise a certain amount of money by levying taxes to finance the county government. If, under Revaluation, the rate was lowered and the valuations raised so as to provide the needs of the counties and no more then it is easily seen what is going to happen with the valuations reduced and the rate unchanged. It is useless to argue that the county commissioners are not going to have the time of their lives making buckle and tongue meet.  
Reverse Decision  
Chief Justice Walter Clark writing an opinion in the Tyree vs. George C. Tudor case of Forsyth county reverses Judge Finley and holds that the defendant, the father, is liable for the actions of his minor son, Bynum Tudor. This was the only case of importance handed down by the supreme court this week.  
The case in which L. P. Tyree, administrator, is seeking damages from George C. Tudor for the death of Ruth Tyree who was killed in June, 1918, when an automobile in which she was riding with the younger Tudor on the Country Club road near Winston-Salem overturned. The case was non-suited by Judge Finley in superior court and it came to the high court on appeal of the plaintiff. Chief Justice Clark holds that the case should have been tried before a jury.  
Since Bynum Tudor was a minor, the chief justice holds, it was the father's duty "not to entrust the safety of the young lady to his son unless he knew he was careful and prudent in the operation of the machine. To hold otherwise would be dangerous to the safety of life and limb." Bynum was operating the car as the servant of his father and for negligent injuries inflicted by him his father was responsible, the opinion reads.  
Evidence before the court here is that young Tudor with a brother and Miss Tyree had attended a dance at the Country Club near Winston-Salem and with Bynum at the wheel the car was traveling at around 50 miles an hour when it sideswiped a car driven by Martin Goodman. The Tudor car somersaulted, the young lady's body being frightfully mangled. The young men were not seriously injured.  
James R. Collier, superintendent of the State prison during the Bickett administration, will be Col. A. D. Watts' chief deputy tax collector, it is learned from a reliable source. Mr. Collier is the first appointment that has been made by the new commissioner of revenue and taxation and is understood to have the hearty endorsement of Governor Morrison who previously announced that he intended to offer the retiring prison head a position with the state. Mr. Collier will assume his duties on May 1 along with Colonel Watts.  
With the argument on the petition of the Southern Power company for an increase in its hydroelectric power rates completed, members of the State Corporation Commission are expected to hand down a decision soon in the telephone and gas companies' case.  
Misses Sarah and Ora Marx of Charlotte, who spent several days here this week with Misses Margaret and Grace Ritch, have gone to Concord to spend several days with relatives before returning.

## GIRL FIGHTS GAMELY AGAINST 4 BANDITS

Chicago, April 14.—Miss Gertrude McCuddy, an 18-year-old cashier, was unable to get action with her hatpin, but she put up a plucky fight against four bandits, all armed with automatic pistols, before they had robbed her of \$15,392—\$3,430 of it in cash—in broad daylight, directly in front of the Consumers' Sanitary Coffee and Butter Company, by which she is employed.  
Shortly before noon she started as usual, to the bank to deposit the money and checks. As she stepped to the street, a battered "flivver" dashed up and four bandits, evidently boys of the "corner loafer" variety, attacked her. She fought bravely, but they beat her cruelly in the face and on the head with the butts of their pistols, wrenched the packages of money and checks from her and fled in the machine.

## 8 KILLED; MANY ARE HURT IN TORNADO

(By The Associated Press)  
Melissa, Texas, April 14.—Eight persons are dead, five are probably fatally injured and approximately 50 more or less seriously injured as a result of a tornado which struck here five 20-year-old afternoon. Five of those killed were negroes.  
The storm swept thru the town from the southwest to the northeast demolishing nearly a score of buildings including all the churches, school building, three cotton gins, postoffice and interurban station and partly wrecked the railway station.

## GERMAN REPARATIONS OVER 130 BILLION

(By The Associated Press)  
Paris, April 14.—Germany's obligation to the allies will be fixed at between 130 and 160 billion gold marks by the allied reparations commission, says the Echo of Paris. The newspaper adds that the exact figures depend upon certain questions being considered.  
In case of her resistance to the settlement then, the paper declares, it is acceptable to the allies, that France will recall two embassies to the colors and proceed to occupy the Ruhr basin. This district includes the more important coal mines and industrial plants in West Germany.

## DRINK CHURCH WINE; STEAL ALTAR SILVER

Buffalo, N. Y., April 14.—Thieves drank wine stored for sacramental purposes in two churches at Welland, Ont., last night. The churches entered were the Russian Catholic, where the thieves pried off a basement window and the Anglican, whose front door was left hospitably open.  
In both places the thieves drank the wine on the premises, in the Anglican church carrying off the silver communion service, which was used in their orgy. Various sacred articles were also taken from the altar in the Catholic church.

## BUSINESS BOOM FOR UNION LABOR

St. Paul, Minn., April 14.—Organized labor, which has gone to business itself rather than work for building contractors who wanted the men to accept a wage reduction, is finding plenty of contracts.  
The first day offices opened there were 150 requests for estimates. One hundred requests were made for plans and estimates of building costs of homes.  
The first work undertaken was the remodeling of a duplex into a three-flat building.  
Three organizations have been formed, The Ramsey County Board of Trade, The Peoples' Construction Co., and The St. Paul Building & Loan Association.  
The Board of Trade is the promotional organization for the construction company and loan association. It already has sold 20 memberships at \$500 each, thus having a capital of \$10,000 to start with. Anyone may join. Several present members are architects and supply and material dealers. The rest are union men.  
Part of the \$10,000 will be loaned to the construction company so it can begin business. Some will be turned over to the loan association.

## CRITICISM FRENCH AMBASSADOR

(By The Associated Press)  
Paris, April 14.—Criticisms of Jules J. Jesserand, French ambassador to the United States for alleged failure to keep the French public informed as to the state of affairs in Washington appeared in editorials published here today relative to the message of President Harding to congress.

## JOHN SMITH DEAD

(By The Associated Press)  
Goldsboro, April 14.—John R. Smith, aged 84, who was superintendent of the state prison under the administration of Governor Russell, died here last night.

## COTTON MARKET

New York April 14.—The cotton market here made a comparatively strong showing during today's early trading. The unfavorable British labor situation was reflected in weak Liverpool opened but the local market opened at a decline of only one to eight points under Southern sowing and liquidation. The latter was promoted by the weakness in the stock market and there was some Wall street selling after the call with May selling off to 11.92 and July to 12.47 or about 16 points net lower.  
New York, April 14.—Cotton futures opened steady.  
May ..... 11.99  
July ..... 12.54  
October ..... 13.13  
December ..... 13.51  
January ..... 13.63  
Concord Market  
Concord, April 14.—Cotton sold for 11 cents on the local market today.

## WEATHER UNSETTLED TONIGHT AND FRIDAY; PROBABLY SHOWERS

## POLICE SOLDIERS DETECTERS GUARD CHEERERS FOR DEBS

(By The Associated Press)  
Duluth, April 14.—While 50 police and detectives and a detachment from the tank corp of the Minnesota national guard stood guard, 500 persons gathered at a local ball last night and cheered speakers who pleaded for the release of Eugene V. Debs and William D. Haywood and others whom they termed "political prisoners."  
Rumors that efforts would be made to break up the meeting prompted authorities to take precautionary measures but there was no disturbance.

## GERMAN STAFF SEES BODY EX-EMPRESS

(By The Associated Press)  
Doorn, Holland, April 14.—German government authorities have insisted that the taking of the body of the late former Empress Augusta Victoria from Doorn to Potsdam for burial be delayed and the remains will not leave until Sunday. Former Emperor William makes frequent visits to the room where the body of the ex-empress lies. The entire German staff was admitted to the room last evening to see the beloved form of mistress of the House of Doorn for the last time.

## OLDEST UNIVERSITY N. C. ALUMNI DEAD

(By The Associated Press)  
Raleigh, April 14.—Dr. A. B. Hawkins, 96 years old, the oldest living alumni of the University of North Carolina and probably the oldest acting bank director in the United States, died at his home here early today following an illness of six weeks.  
Dr. Hawkins graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1845. He had been a member of the board of directors of the Citizens National Bank here about 30 years and took an active interest in directing the policies of the institution until taken ill.

## PLAN PROPOSED TO SELL COTTON CROP

Washington, April 14.—A plan to take advantage of the allied debt to the United States by providing means to dispose of the Southern cotton crop was suggested to President Harding today by Governor-elect Hardwick of Georgia.  
It is proposed that the United States ask the allied governments to underwrite the German bonds which will be accepted in payment for cotton exports from this country and will be held as securities against the war debt.  
It was understood the President expressed deep interest in the plan but withheld judgment regarding it.

## CLAYTON TRIAL ON AT FAYETTEVILLE

(By The Associated Press)  
Fayetteville, April 14.—It was expected the entire session of Cumberland county superior court would be taken up today in the selection of a jury in the trial of Tom R. Clayton, New York youth charged with the murder in this city in January of Deputy Sheriff M. N. Blue.  
Blue was shot to death and Deputy Sheriff W. O. Patrick was seriously injured when the officers went to serve a warrant on Clayton charging him with assault with a deadly weapon. In the exchange of shots Clayton suffered a dangerous wound in the chest.

## DOGS TAKES REVENGE.

(By The Associated Press)  
Duluth, Minn., April 14.—Since its canine pal was killed recently by a street car, a Scotch collie dog stands guard at a certain corner here each day and leaps high as cars speed by and often manages to grab the trolley pole rope, pulling the trolley off the wire and stopping the car. The animal will probably be shot, it was said.

## MORE COTTON USED IN MARCH THAN ANY MONTH SINCE SEPT.

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—Cotton manufacturers utilized more raw cotton during March than in any month since last September a total of 437,933 bales having been consumed during the month, according to the census bureau's monthly report issued today. There were fewer cotton spindles in operation the month than in February the largest reduction having been shown in cotton growing states.  
The month's total 32,104,946 was 363,582 less than February with mills of the cotton growing states showing 217,749 of the reduction cotton consumed was 20,325 bales more than in February.

## HARVEY HERRICK NOMINATIONS IN

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—The nomination of George Harvey of New York to be Ambassador to Great Britain and Ignace T. Herrick of Ohio, to be Ambassador to France were sent to the Senate today by President Harding.  
At the same time the president transmitted more than 30 names of men whom he gave temporary appointments while congress was in recess. The list included the showing of John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission whose confirmation was held up by opponents at the last session.

## PRISONERS RUSHED FROM N. C. TOWN

(By The Associated Press)  
Rocky Mt., April 14.—Because of high feeling and fear of violence Jesse Nines, a white farm hand about 35 years of age, was rushed to the Spring Hope county jail last night and later removed to some unknown destination for safe keeping, according to officers who late yesterday arrested Nines near Webb's Mill in Nash county on a charge of having attacked the 17-year old daughter of a prominent farmer.

## C. A. HESS DIES AT AGE OF 85 YEARS

Mr. C. A. Hess, familiarly known as "Uncle Billy," died this morning at 1:15 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. J. A. Hess, 410 West cemetery street, at the age of 85 years. The funeral took place this afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. Dr. R. L. Lemons of the First Baptist church of this city and Rev. C. P. Fisher of the China Grove Lutheran church, and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery. The sons and daughters surviving are J. A. and W. F. Hess of Salisbury, Thomas Hess of Concord, Luther Hess, of Rockwell, Mrs. Agnes Riddin of China Grove, and Mrs. Allie Winecoff of near Summer, also a half brother and half sister, Mr. Gus Hess of Concord and Mrs. Sarah Caster of Faith. Death was due to paralysis. Mr. Hess having been stricken last Tuesday.  
The decedent was a native of Rowan county and served four years in the Confederate army. He was well known and had a host of friends in this community.

## GIFT TO UNIVERSITY VIRGINIA \$75,000

(By The Associated Press)  
Charlottesville, Va., April 14.—President Aldermen of the University of Virginia announced today two founders day gifts totaling \$75,000 had been received for the institution's centenary endowment fund. One gift of \$60,000 came from Thos. F. Ryan of New York and the other of \$15,000 from Mrs. Chas. H. Sells also of New York.  
A starch molecule, one of the largest known, contains about 25,000 atoms.

## URGE CENSORSHIP MOTION PICTURES

(By The Associated Press)  
Richmond, Va., April 14.—Urging a stricter censorship of moving pictures and asserting that there is an increase in crime traceable to certain kinds of film shows, and giving statistics of the divorce evils Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered her annual address today as president of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, at its convention in Wootenbury church here.  
In discussing the divorce evil Miss Bennett said there was an increase of divorces in this country and commented on the fact that it was on the decrease in Japan. She said if the inter-church world movement does nothing else it is worth all it cost by showing the religious needs of the world today.

## REDUCTION MADE FARM MACHINERY

(By The Associated Press)  
Chicago, April 14.—Basing its action on the recent reduction in steel prices announced by the United States Steel Corporation the International Harvester Company today announced a straight ten per cent reduction in price next year on products in which steel is the principal raw material.  
"The reduction on steel came after our year's products had been provided for and will have no bearing on the cost of machines we sell this year," the announcement explained. "It does establish a lower replacement cost, however, and serves as a basis price to which our consumers are entitled, and which we are willing to accept."  
The reduction applies chiefly to harvesting machinery. The company announced a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent in machines made principally of wood and iron on March 7.

## ATTEMPT TO ROB A CHINA GROVE STORE

An unsuccessful attempt was made last night to rob the store of A. T. Bost at China Grove. The would be robbers broke a glass out of a window and the noise made attracted the attention of nearby people and an alarm was given and the attempted robbery foiled, the participants making a hasty escape in an automobile. Officers were summoned but no trace of the store was entered several months ago and a quantity of goods carried off.

## WANT SALE TAX MOVE PROBED BY CONGRESS

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, April 14.—Demand for a congressional investigation to disclose interests trying to put through a sales tax was made in the house today by Representative Frear, Republican, of Wisconsin, of the ways and means committee. He mentioned Jules Bache and Meyer Rothchilds of New York as the prime movers in the campaign and charged that huge funds had been raised "to shove the big man's taxes on the poor man."

## Protest Negro Appointment.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—William D. Uphaw, congressman from the Fifth District, who left for Washington last night after a two days' visit to the city, telegraphed President Harding protesting against the proposed appointment of a negro to the office of register of the treasury.  
Congressman Uphaw pointed out the best results always could be gotten with Anglo-Saxon leadership and suggested if the President felt under obligations to give the negro an appointment, it should be made so as not to throw him in a superior position to white women, as the treasury position would do.

## An electric lamp attached to the color helps the hunting dog pursue his game into their burrows.



## IT LISTENS WELL!

Don't forget the play "The Old Peabody Pew" to be given Friday night April 15th, at 7:45 at First Reformed church. Come and bring a friend. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

## BY GOLLY THAT SOUNDS GOOD ANYHOW

