

GIANT DIRIGIBLE ZR2 EXPLODES IN MID-AIR PEACE TREATY WITH GERMANY BE SIGNED TODAY

MAMMOTH AIRSHIP BOUGHT BY U. S. DESTROYED OVER HULL, ENGLAND, WITH CRASH

THE AIRSHIP LIES A WRECK IN RIVER HULL, NEAR CITY

Thousands Watched the Wonder of the Air When it Blew Up and Flew Panic Stricken.

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Aug. 24.—The giant airship ZR2, purchased by the United States from Great Britain, exploded over the city of Hull today, according to advices reaching here shortly after 1 p. m. The immense dirigible was passing over the city of Hull in fine style when suddenly she was seen to break in two. Instantly there was a terrific explosion and the airship burst into flames and commenced to descend. Three parachutes were seen to leave the ZR2. The great airship lies a wreck in the river Humber and it is feared there was loss of life. Thousands of people of Hull watched the disaster, which occurred at 5:40 o'clock this morning. As the explosion occurred the people dashed in all directions for fear of being enveloped in the wreckage which fell over Victoria Pier. Two dead and a number of injured have been landed from the river and taken to the Hull hospital. Burned fragments from the airship, which belched dense columns of smoke and flames, extended for hundreds of feet along the surface of the waters of the river. Eyewitnesses saw four men descend from the burning airship by means of a parachute. Three men were seen hanging from one parachute. The explosion in the big dirigible was of such force as to knock many windows in store fronts in the center of Hull. Few Americans Believed Aboard.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Army department officials on being informed this afternoon of the explosion of the giant dirigible ZR2, through press dispatches, expressed the opinion that not more than seven or eight Americans were aboard the craft at the time of the disaster.

FERS BILL TO CURB PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE

Washington, Aug. 24.—The President would take over all the duties of the President when he is away from Washington more than 48 hours under a bill introduced today by Representative Kissel, Republican, New York. In event both the President and Vice-President were out of the Speaker of the House would assume powers of the President. The bill would make it unlawful for the President at any time to absent himself from the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

THOMASVILLE CHAIR PLANT IS DAMAGED

(By The Associated Press) High Point, Aug. 24.—The finish-plant of the Thomasville Chair Company, at Thomasville, was destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock this morning, according to a message received here. Several hundred chairs stored in the building, a wooden structure, are said to have been destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 partly covered by insurance. Members of the High Point fire department were called in to assist in fighting the fire originating in the glue room on the second part of the plant Monday night.

DISAPPROVES R. R. FUNDING BILL

Government is Not Morally and Legally Bound to Fund the More Than \$700,000,000.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 24.—Disapproval of the administration's railroad funding bill recently reported by the senate inter-state commerce committee, was expressed by William G. McAdoo, former director general of railroads, in a letter presented to the senate today by Senator Stanley, Democrat, of Kentucky, who requested Mr. McAdoo's views after the committee refused to hear him. The government is not "morally and legally bound," as stated by President Harding, to fund \$753,000,000 which the railroads owe the government for additions and betterments, Mr. McAdoo asserted. He declared "the president must have been misled into making such a statement," adding that the law provides for the funding only of "the remaining indebtedness of the railroads, which he calculated at \$263,000,000. Payment of this balance, Mr. McAdoo said, is deferred ten years by the roads, provided satisfactory security is given and six per cent interest paid.

GIGANTIC SWINDLE NOW BEING PROBED

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 24.—Federal investigation delving into the affairs of Chas. W. French, alleged head of a group of swindlers operating on a national scale, estimate that \$12,000,000 might be involved in the band's activities. Its manipulations, it is declared, were the most audacious ever uncovered by federal agents and included alleged banking schemes, bond manipulations and stock transactions, involving 17 companies and three banks. Three alleged confessions are in the possession of the authorities today. Government agents have also recovered a million and a half dollars worth of doubtful notes and made eight arrests.

KINCAID IS RELEASED ON A \$10,000 BOND

Morganton, Aug. 23.—Sidney Kincaid, who was held last week on the charge of wife murder attracted state wide attention, is now out on bond, having been released from the Burke jail late Monday afternoon. The bond for \$10,000 was signed, it is understood, by relatives and a few close friends. From the jail Mr. Kincaid went directly to the home of a cousin, A. C. Kerley. It is said for the present he will stay with a sister, Mrs. Ella Hood, near Chesterfield.

CONGRESS IS GETTING READY FOR RECESS

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 24.—Congress was expected, barring unforeseen developments, to recess tonight for 30 days. The senate and house when they met this morning were confronted with a number of miscellaneous matters which it was the aim of the leaders to dispose of before deciding to recess, but it was indicated that if these are not wiped clean the vacation will not be deferred. The senate upon reconvening resumed debate on the anti-beer bill, while the house awaited principally the reports from the conference on different bills.

REPLY TO BRITAIN'S IRISH PEACE PROPOSAL

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Dublin, Aug. 24.—The reply to Great Britain's terms for a settlement of the Irish question will be delivered at Premier Lloyd George's official residence Thursday night or Friday morning, it was reported here today. The delivery, it is thought, will precede the proposed public meeting if the daily eireann. In preparing the reply the cabinet has had the benefit of advice from members of the Sinn Fein executive council which is composed of older men than the average dial membership. These men were participants in the conference today over the terms of the reply now being framed.

JACKSON NAMED FOR U. S. MARSHAL W. N. C. DISTRICT

Senator Overman Will Offer No Objection to the Confirmation of Webb's Successor.

President Harding has sent to the senate the nomination of Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, to be United States Marshal. Senator Overman, who is on a brief visit home, sent a telegram today to the chairman of the senate judiciary committee saying he has no objection to the confirmation of Jackson. A telegram came to the Evening Post yesterday after going to press, stating that President Harding had sent the name of Jackson to the senate for confirmation. The nomination was expected and it is also expected that the confirmation will follow with out delay. It is not thought that the nomination will encounter any serious opposition. Senator Overman was seen this morning and he stated that he had no objection to the nomination and would support the name for confirmation. Mr. Overman sent such a message to the chairman of the judiciary committee and it is more than likely that the confirmation will follow very promptly. Senator Overman stated that the judiciary committee of the senate meets on Mondays and it may not get to the Jackson nomination at once, while on the other hand it may, and bring his confirmation to a quick conclusion. The nomination of Brownlow Jackson was expected. Marshal Webb sent in his resignation at once it was asked for, but also later through the senators from North Carolina asked for an explanation as to why his resignation was called for. The only reason being to clear the retiring marshal's skirts of any official blame or criticism. Jackson was agreed on for this place some time ago and there was no party objection to him. With no opposition his confirmation is only a matter of form.

CHIEF JUSTICE CLARK ADDRESSES VETERANS

Durham, Aug. 24.—In the absence of Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, who found at the last moment that it would be impossible for him to attend the annual reunion of North Carolina Confederate veterans, in progress here, his place on the program this morning was taken by Judge Walter Clark, chief justice of the North Carolina supreme court. Judge Clark's address was an eloquent tribute to the North Carolina soldiers at Gettysburg. The chief justice submitted figures purporting to show that North Carolina Confederate soldiers contributed more and received less recognition and were in more engagements than the soldiers of any other Southern state. It was announced this morning that more than 1,200 veterans had registered for the reunion. This is more than twice the number expected to attend.

FIREMEN ALL READY FOR THE TOURNAMENT

(By The Associated Press) Gastonia, Aug. 24.—Selection of next year's place of meeting and selection of officers were the chief matters of business before the final session of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association here today. This afternoon there will be an old fashioned barbecue for the visiting firemen, prepared by the citizens of Gastonia and also a watermelon feast. Indications are that the races and tournament Thursday will be attended by a mammoth crowd.

PLANS FOR RECESS MAY NOW BE UPSET

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 24.—After a two hour wrangle the senate today refused to set aside the anti-beer conference report for consideration of other legislation and gave every indication of heading toward a jam calculated to upset plans for a thirty day recess, beginning tonight.

SILVER DOLLARS ARE NOW BEING COINED IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEVEN YEARS.

At the present rate of exchange this is equivalent to about \$60 a month.

CANNON APPEAL BE HEARD AUG. 25

Appeal of the American Tobacco Company For a Ten Thousand Dollar Reduction Heard Also.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Aug. 24.—The State Board of Equalization will hear the appeal of the Cannon cotton mills Thursday for reduction in property values of their Cabarrus county holdings, valued by the county appraisers at 19 millions. Appeal of the American Tobacco company for a ten thousand dollar reduction in its tobacco in its Reidsville, Rockingham county, warehouses will also be heard Thursday but the cases are not similar and the Cannon complaint will push the tobacco men in the background. The history of the Cannon mills assessment which has been given front page many times recently is interesting. The old State Tax Commission fixed the valuation at around 19 millions, and then the Cabarrus county commissioners protested, questioning the right of the tax commission to lower the assessment, but lost. Cabarrus county officials have re-assessed and revalued the property at 19 millions less a reduction of 25 per cent. The Cannon interests are asking that the valuation be made 9 millions and from this a reduction of 25 per cent is sought. The battle before the state board of which Col. Watts as commissioner of revenue is chairman promises to be interesting. The State's law levying a tax on insurance companies which is being contested by attorneys for the Mutual Life insurance company of New York on the grounds of discrimination against foreign corporations in favor of Tar Heel concerns is the basis for the effort to collect over 14 thousand dollars paid in taxes. Attorney General Manning's department will defend the validity of the law and it is the belief that the State will emerge victorious. The law the insurance company is objecting to is in the revenue act. U. C. Chapters in North Carolina are not satisfied with the "explanation" from some school officials Muzzeys' American history, which the Daughters are objecting to, is not required in the state's schools. The fact that it has the recommendation of the high school text-book committee means that it may be used and this is what the Daughters are protesting against. They have no idea of relinquishing their fight on Professor Muzzeys' publication, it is stated.

FIRST NATIONAL GUARD AIR UNIT

New York, Aug. 24.—New York state has the first air squadron to be organized by the national guard of the country. The 102nd Observation Squadron of New York National Guard Air Service, with headquarters at Mitchell Field, L. I., was inspected recently by state and federal officers. The personnel comprises veteran aviators, many of whom are ace. It is expected that the government will furnish the squadron with standard De Havilland machines. Lieut. Col. Laurence La Tourette Driggs, who organized the squadron has been attached to the staff of Maj. Gen. Ryan, commanding the 27th Division. Maj. Kenneth P. Littaur, former commander of the 88th Squadron, is commanding officer of New York's squadron.

TOBACCO GROWERS OF VIRGINIA SIGNING UP

(By The Associated Press) Richmond, Va., Aug. 24.—Sixteen thousand tobacco growers have signed the marketing contract as a result of the statewide drive for 75 per cent of the membership of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association for marketing the 1922 crop, according to reports received here from the secretary of the association. The secretary estimates that more than half of the growers of Virginia have signed these contracts. Studies Cost Much Paris, Aug. 24.—The increased cost of student life in Paris is preventing families of moderate means from allowing their sons to take up a liberal career. The monthly budget of a student living in the Latin Quarter is given by an investigator in Excelsior as 740 francs. At the present rate of exchange this is equivalent to about \$60 a month.

BRITAIN WARNED OF BANKRUPTCY

Britain Groaning Under Taxes and the Burden Multiplies as War Fades in The Distance.

London, Aug. 24.—"Is Britain going bankrupt?" Today the question is being asked by seriously concerned Britishers, and eminent authorities like Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer and great British authority on finance, say it must be answered in the affirmative unless taxes are reduced. All available facts and figures support their contention. Today Britain is raising by taxation of her people nearly seven times as much as she did before the war. Though severe industrial depression has reduced the tax-bearing capacity of the nation, the burden tends to become heavier instead of lighter. How Bills Climb It is nearly three years since the war was won by the allies, but Britain's burden of taxation is higher today than it was at any stage of the war. Here are the figures showing the taxation levied for the last seven years:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Pounds. 1914: 198,243,000; 1915: 226,694,000; 1916: 336,767,000; 1917: 579,428,000; 1918: 707,235,000; 1919: 889,021,000; 1920: 1,339,571,000.

The figures for the present year are not yet available, but it is expected that they will be higher than those of last year. The central fact of an exasperating situation for the British taxpayer is that: WHEREAS, in pre-war days the state took one-tenth of the annual wealth production in taxes, today it takes one-third. WHEREAS, in former years it was recognized that taxes should be lightened as trade was depressed, the present tendency is to add heavier burdens with each decline in productivity. No One Escapes Before the war income tax ranged around ninepence to a shilling on the pound, and the exemption figure was so high that only comparatively prosperous persons paid. Now the tax is six shillings on the pound and not even the workman earning the equivalent of \$10 a week escapes, while such articles of general consumption as tea, sugar, beer, wines, spirits, tobacco, are taxed from five to twenty times higher than in pre-war days. During the war, when fortunes were being made right and left and a prosperity reigned, nobody complained much. But with the coming of the hard times, everyone feels the burden. Business men are finding it increasingly difficult to carry on. The weekly statistics of the government record the closing down of factories and plants and the increase in the unemployed army, which is now close to two millions. Bankruptcy and Death Not even bankruptcy and death bring to the overburdened taxpayer the relief that he might expect. If he chooses bankruptcy he finds that the government takes the lion's share of his estate in increased stamp duties and other charges. If he chooses death, duty is charged on the estate ranging from 2 per cent on property valued at 500 pounds to more than 40 per cent on capital in excess of two millions. Taxation at the rate of £22 1s. 6d. per head is levied on the British people, men, women, and children. With the prevailing depression thousands of workmen are unable to pay the income tax and all over the country their homes are being sold up to meet the taxpayer's demands. Discontent among the workers on this account has become so acute that London magistrates have warned the authorities against the folly of their action. Reginald McKenna has declared that the taxable capacity of Great Britain is being exceeded by nearly five hundred million pounds a year. In his latest reference to the subject he said: "We must reduce this burden, and reduce it at once to reasonable size. Otherwise I can see nothing but ruin and disaster ahead of us, and if the present rate of taxation and expenditure is maintained ruin will come to us sooner than we realize at present."

SIR SAM HUGHES DEAD.

Lindsay, Ontario, Aug. 24.—Sir Samuel Hughes, former Canadian minister of munitions and long a figure in the political life of the Dominion, died here early today from pernicious anaemia from which he had suffered since his return from Europe last winter.

LAWMAKING BY A SPECIAL SESSION MAY BE AVOIDED

Some Cities That Clamored For Special Session Are Cutting Because They Can't Borrow.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Lawmaking in North Carolina at a special session of the Legislature may yet be averted and Governor Morrison saved from issuing the call which he had planned for December 6 next. With the cities and towns which sent representatives here urging the governor to endorse their plan for an extra session reducing their budgets by one-third and more, reason for remedying the state municipal finance act fades away. And it was for some of these municipalities that were represented as being on the financial rocks that the council of state and the governor voted to call the legislators back here to mend the finance act and to authorize the payment of \$650,000 deficit in the public school fund. Raleigh starts the reduction, having looped off thirty percent from its budget of last year. This cut in contemplated expenses for the next 12 month period represents a decrease of approximately \$100,000. Other cities are doing likewise, the size of the reductions depending upon the size of the municipality and upon the tax rate. If the cities cannot, as has been claimed, borrow enough money to tide them over and in consequence of this have reduced their budgets the question is raised; Why call a special session to permit the levying of additional taxes? Now since the cities themselves have reduced their budgets and indicated that legislative aid is not wanted. Reduction in taxes at this time is what quite a small number of Tar Heels are looking for. Reducing the municipalities' budgets is one way of doing something for the city folks. The city fathers, however, particularly Raleigh's, are not going to be satisfied until the special session is called and defeats the 1921 municipal finance act remedied. The 106 applicants for law license which came before the Supreme Court this week are well nigh unanimous in their contention that the examination was the most difficult ever given. The class is the largest, 103 being the nearest approach to this year's.

ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF KILLING SHERIFF

(By The Associated Press) Blackshear, Ga., Aug. 24.—Maggie Carter, white, alleged moonshiner, was arrested here after midnight on a charge of killing Sheriff John W. Robertson late yesterday afternoon. Sheriff Robertson was shot from the bushes in a swamp while he and a posse were searching for an alleged horse thief. Carter was taken to Jessup and placed in jail there for safekeeping.

AMERICAN FLAG LEFT BEHIND BY RELIEF PARTY

Riga, Aug. 24.—The American Relief Administration will not carry the Stars and Stripes into Soviet Russia while relieving the suffering from the famine. Whereas, in most of the countries aided by the relief administration the American flag has appeared on posters and flown from warehouses and kitchens and on the automobile used, the Russo-American political situation is considered so delicate by the relief administration officials that even this official symbol of the United States will be missing, by orders of the relief administration headquarters in the United States.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton Futures Opened Firm New York, Aug. 24.—Cotton futures opened firm. October 13.92; December 14.26; January 14.32; March 14.48; May 14.59. Market Shows Firmness. New York, Aug. 24.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness at the opening today owing to Liverpool cables and a continuation of dry hot weather in the Southwest. First prices were 10 to 18 points higher with December selling at 14.32 and January at 14.33 on covering and fresh commission house buying. The man who thinks there isn't any hell never umpired a ball game.

TREATY OF PEACE BETWEEN U. S. AND GERMANY WILL BE OFFICIALLY SIGNED TODAY

WOMEN WORKERS ASK EQUAL RIGHTS

Appeal to Executive Council American Federation of Labor for Right to Join Unions.

(By The Associated Press) Atlantic City, Aug. 24.—Organized women workers of the country are pressing their demands for equal privileges with men in all unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Representatives of women wage earners appeared here today before the federation's executive council and urged that it take steps immediately to compel all unions to grant them membership with full privileges. After the discussion women delegates were informed by the executive council that it was powerless to compel unions to grant them membership as the constitution of the federation guarantees autonomy to each international organization. The council however, is understood to have promised to use its influence in every possible way to have the rights of the women workers recognized by all unions. Thousands of women workers, it is claimed by their representatives, are now barred from union membership by a number of international unions.

RALEIGH BOY BREAKS LEG IN A BALL GAME

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Carl Bishop 13, playing first base on the Thompson school team against the Centennial school, sustained a double fracture of the left leg yesterday morning, when a runner from the opposing team fell on him. The youngster was reaching far out to receive a ball thrown from second base and was caught by the runner with his left foot on the runner's feet across the boy's leg, breaking it just above the ankle. The bone protruded through the skin in two places. The boy was taken to Rex Hospital, where his injuries were treated.

MURDERED PRIEST HAD NO WEAPONS

(By The Associated Press) Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 24.—Rev. Edward R. Stephenson, who shot and killed Father James E. Coyle, on August 11th, was today bound over to await action of the Jefferson county grand jury, at the preliminary trial before Judge Abernathy of the Jefferson county court of misdemeanors. Bond was not allowed. The defense offered no testimony.

STAGE ALL SET IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Friendly relations between the governments of the United States and Germany, which were interrupted February 3, 1917, were to be restored by signatures to the treaty of peace between the two nations here today. Arrangements for the event were completed yesterday and it is declared the chief figures of today's ceremony will be Ellis Loring Drexel, United States commissioner here, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, German foreign minister, who will affix their signatures to the convention. Officials engaged in framing the treaty and those who have been taken into their confidence were recent as to the details of the document. Immediate resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany was to be provided for but it is understood matters pertaining to commercial, economic and financial affairs will be settled in a supplementary agreement.

NEW YORK LABOR IS FOR DISARMAMENT

Rochester, Aug. 24.—The State Federation of Labor, which opens its annual convention tomorrow, will go on record as favoring early and complete disarmament and will initiate a drive among the local unions of the state to enlist support for the Disarmament Conference. This was decided at a meeting of the Executive Board this afternoon at which William Collins of Yonkers, General Organizer for the A. F. of L., presented a rough draft of resolutions urging disarmament as imperatively necessary if taxes are to be reduced and the burdens of the producing classes lightened.

PRESID'T HARDING LAY PLANS BEFORE SEN. COMMITTEE

Stage All Set in Berlin for the Signing of the Peace—Diplomatic Relations Be Resumed.

(By The Associated Press) VIENNA, Aug. 25.—The Austrian treaty of peace with the United States was signed here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Washington, Aug. 24.—Details of the peace treaty between the United States and Germany were laid before the Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee by President Harding and secretary Hughes at a conference held today at the White House. Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the foreign relations committee, announced after the conference that he would call a meeting of the committee for 2 o'clock this afternoon at which time Secretary Hughes would give more detailed information as to the treaty. The terms of the treaty are said to have met no opposition from any of the majority members of the foreign relations committee and it is declared all of these gave their cordial approval. The president, it was stated, hopes for ratification of the pact at an early date. It was explained that he would not ask the senate to forego the 30 day recess set to begin tonight inasmuch as he desired the German reichstag and senate to consider the treaty at the same time and the German legislative body does not convene until September 20th. Republican members of the senate committee attending the conference refused to discuss the terms of the treaty but it is learned it is a comparatively short document. Official statement with respect to the conferences as made at the White House emphasized that the treaty was primarily a peace treaty and its ratification will be followed by a treaty of commerce and amity. An agreement, it is stated, had been entered into with the German government not to make the text of the peace treaty public until the signatures of Ellis Loring Drexel, American commissioner in Berlin, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, the German foreign minister, have been affixed. This, according to press dispatches from Berlin, will take place today. Stage All Set in Germany. Berlin, Aug. 24.—Friendly relations between the governments of the United States and Germany, which were interrupted February 3, 1917, were to be restored by signatures to the treaty of peace between the two nations here today. Arrangements for the event were completed yesterday and it is declared the chief figures of today's ceremony will be Ellis Loring Drexel, United States commissioner here, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, German foreign minister, who will affix their signatures to the convention. Officials engaged in framing the treaty and those who have been taken into their confidence were recent as to the details of the document. Immediate resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany was to be provided for but it is understood matters pertaining to commercial, economic and financial affairs will be settled in a supplementary agreement.

CHILDREN'S RELIEF SOCIETIES TO AID

Washington, Aug. 24.—Close co-operation of American child relief organizations was promised the American relief administration in its work of mitigating Russian famine, at a meeting here of the European relief council with Herbert Hoover. An agreement was reached, Mr. Hoover said, under which various organizations would co-ordinate their efforts to aid the children of Russia, through the relief administration, and a committee was appointed to draw up plans governing united effort.