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PEACE TREATY SIGNED SATURDAY

SIGNING WAS DONE IN HISTORIC HALL OF MIRRORS AT VERSAILLES WHERE GERMANS IGNOMINIOUSLY HUMBLED THE FRENCH FORTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO.

The world war was formally ended last Saturday by the signing of the peace treaty with Germany.

The epochal meeting in the hall of mirrors began at 3:10 o'clock and the German delegates, the first to sign, affixed their signatures at 3:13 o'clock. They were followed by the American delegates, headed by President Wilson, and then by the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan. The representatives of the minor powers signed in alphabetical order.

China's delegates did not attend, declining to sign the treaty because they were not permitted to make reservations.

As Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George appeared outside the palace the crowd cheered madly. Many soldiers broke ranks and joined in the demonstration, while guns boomed and low flying airplanes seemed to fill the air. The German delegates left the hall first, the allied representatives remaining in their seats. Those who had assembled in the hall then went to the terrace to see the fountain playing.

Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd-George and President Wilson were photographed together on the terrace. After the demonstration the three allied leaders left Versailles in the same automobile, the crowd following and cheering.

The peace treaty was deposited on the table in the hall of mirrors at 2:10 o'clock by William Martin, of the French foreign office. It was enclosed in a stamped leather case.

Premier Clemenceau entered the palace at 2:20 o'clock. A few minutes before 3 o'clock the 15 enlisted men from the American, British and French armies entered the hall amid decorous cheers.

President Wilson entered the hall of mirrors at 2:50 o'clock. All the delegates then were seated except the Chinese, who did not attend.

The Germans entered the hall at exactly 3 o'clock.

Premier Clemenceau called the session to order at 3:10 o'clock.

The Germans, who were the first to sign, did so at 3:13. The American delegates came next, led by President Wilson. The British followed the Americans.

At 3:44 o'clock cannon began to boom announcing the completion of the ceremony of signing. The signatures had not, however, as a matter of fact, then been completed, for at that time the smaller nations were still signing in alphabetical order.

The proceedings were formally closed at 3:49.

The protocol was signed by all those who signed the treaty. The Rhine agreement was signed by American, German, British, Belgian and French delegates.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MR. AND MRS. CRANFORD

The most brilliant affair of the season in Asheboro society was the reception given Wednesday evening of last week by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford complimentary to their son, Mr. Edward Cranford, and Mrs. Edward Cranford.

The halls and living rooms were tastefully decorated with ferns and graceful flowers. There was music throughout the evening. Miss Lizzie Phillips and Mr. Britt Armfield welcomed the guests at the front door while Misses Vivian Cranford and Alberta Ingram conducted them to the cloak room. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Cranford and Mrs. B. F. Brittan led the way to the living room where the receiving line was drawn up as follows: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Free Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Hetman Cranford, Mr. and Mrs. Ike C. Moser, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Spanoe, Sulton Stedman, Basil Brittain, Mr. and Mrs. Dock McCrary, and Mr. and Mrs. Laurin Cranford.

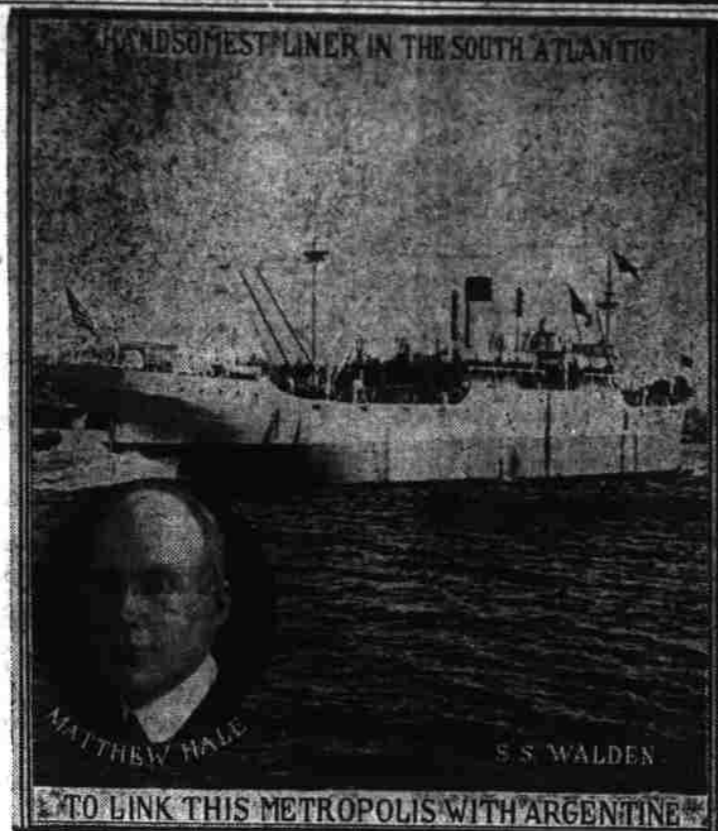
In the library punch was served by Misses Margaret Morris, Gertrude Ferree and Grady Miller and George Holloway. In the dining room the color scheme of pink and white was most minutely carried out. Pink and white sweetpeas were used profusely. Mrs. Eugene Morris and Mrs. Tom Lassiter cut cream, and Misses Grace Pressnell, Fay Ferree, Kate Brittan and Alice Birkhead served the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranford will make their home with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cranford for the present. Mr. Cranford is one of the town's rising young business men. Mrs. Cranford, who before marriage was Miss Hazel Maxwell, a daughter of Corporation Commissioner and Mrs. A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, is a cultured and charming young woman, who has already made many friends in town.

Children's Day Service

There will be Children's Day exercises held at Union Grove church the first Sunday in July. The public is cordially invited.

The Southern Furniture Exposition building at High Point is insured.



The "S. Walden" pictured above is a 9,000 ton freighter built by the United States Shipping Board for the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation and assigned to the export trade between the four South Atlantic States and the Argentine Republic. She will ply between the ports of Charleston, Jacksonville and Buenos Aires. The South Atlantic Maritime Corporation was formed by the five ports of Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Brunswick and Jacksonville for the development of trade with Latin America. Matthew Hale, of Boston, is president and the vice presidents are William H. Sprunt, of Wilmington; R. G. Rhett, of Charleston; George F. Armstrong, of Savannah; F. D. M. Strachan, of Brunswick and M. P. Coachman, of Jacksonville.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. John K. Wood was hostess to the Randolph Book Club last Friday afternoon. The Wood home on North Fayetteville street was tastefully decorated with cut flowers. Little Misses Etta Ried Wood and Henrietta Underwood entertained the ladies with several piano duets, after which the club had their study hour on a book they are reading. Later the hostess served apricot ice angel food, and pound cake. Misses Nannie Bulla and Julia Thorns and Mesdames Authur Ross, S. B. Steadman, and I. C. Moser were guests of the club.

Misses Fay Ferree and Grace Pressnell were hostesses at a linen shower given complimentary to Mrs. Edward Cranford, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Dermid and Miss Enolia Pressnell assisted in welcoming the guests and in serving iced tea and sandwiches. Rook and a "Cupid's bow" contest furnished amusement for the afternoon. Miss Margaret Morris won a box of stationery, while the honoree was the recipient of a handsome painting and a huge basket of household linen.

Death of Mrs. W. P. Fruit

Mrs. W. P. Fruit, formerly of Liberty Township, died June 24th, at her son's Monroe Fruit in Guilford county. She was buried at Melancthon Thursday June 26th, funeral service conducted by Rev. D. I. Offman. She has five sons living, John, Wesley, Monroe, Rev. Robert L. and Duffie Fruit. Mrs. Fruit belonged to an old Randolph family, and was a very highly respected woman.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT SUSPEND WAR-TIME PROHIBITION TILL DEMOBILIZATION IS COMPLETED.

President Wilson has decided that he cannot legally lift the war-time prohibition until demobilization of troops is completed, but says he will act at that time. The following cablegram was received at the White House last Saturday:

"I am convinced that the attorney general is right in advising me that I have no legal power at this time in the matter of the ban on liquor.

"Under the act of November, 1918, my power to take action is restricted. The act provides that after June 30, 1919, until the conclusion of the present war and thereafter until the termination of demobilization, the date of which shall be determined and proclaimed by the President, it shall be unlawful. This does not specify that the ban shall be lifted with the signing of peace but with the termination of demobilization of the troops, and I cannot say that has been accomplished. My information from the war department is that there are still a million in the service under the emergency act. It is clear, therefore, that the failure of Congress to act upon the suggestion contained in my message of the 20th of May, 1919, asking for a repeal of the act of November 21, 1918, so far as it applies to wines and beer, makes it impossible to act in this matter at this time.

"When demobilization is terminated, my power to act without congressional action will be exercised.

"WOODROW WILSON."

Seashore Hotel Burned

The Seashore hotel, one of the two big summer hotels at Wrightsville Beach, 10 miles east of Wilmington, was burned to the ground last Thursday night. More than 300 guests escaped unhurt with most of their belongings.

The hotel contained 250 rooms and had been in operation about 20 years. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

CROWDED COLUMNS

On account of unusually crowded columns, this week, we are compelled to leave out of the paper much county correspondence and other valuable matter. All that not out-of-date will be published next week.

Mr. Rollins Miller Died in High Point. Mr. Rollins Stokes Miller, formerly of Asheboro, died at his home in the Mechanicsville district of High Point, last Monday, of tuberculosis. He deceased was only 21 years of age. He survived by his young wife; his father, Mr. Enoch J. Miller, of Asheboro; also, five brothers James, Warner, John Sam and Wester Miller, and one sister, Miss Mary Miller, all of Asheboro.

The funeral service was conducted at the High Point home, Tuesday morning, by Rev. Frank Fiddler, after which the body was brought to Asheboro and taken down to Shiloh, the old home church of the Miller family, for burial Tuesday afternoon.

Sunday School Notes

Township conventions will be held next Sunday in Coleridge and Columbia Townships. The Coleridge convention will be held at Deep River Baptist church at Coleridge. The program will open at 10:00 o'clock and continue throughout the day. Every Sunday school in the township should have a large representation at this meeting. The Columbia Township convention will be held at Staley. The program will open at two o'clock in the afternoon, there being no morning session. Columbia is a large township and it is hoped that all schools will be represented. Teachers and officers are especially requested to be present.

The convention which was to have been held in Back Creek Township at Neighbors Grove has been postponed to a later date.

The conventions held last Sunday in New Hope, Liberty and Richland townships were well attended and splendid interest shown.

Rev. J. Clyde Auman of Whitakers, N. C. is spending a few days with his parents near Why Not, Rev. Auman was very active in Sunday school Association work when he was in Randolph and his interest continues with us. He spoke at the Convention in Richland Township Sunday.

Randeman and Trinity Townships will hold their conventions on the second Sunday in July. Fuller announcements will be made next week.

COUNTY FAIR FOR RAMSEUR THIS FALL

Mass Meeting Called Saturday, July 12th

County agricultural agent D. S. Coltrane called a meeting of some of the leading men and women of Ramseur Tuesday night July 1 for the purpose of considering the holding of a county fair at Ramseur this year. It was decided best to call a mass meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of this fair Saturday July 12, four o'clock standard time at the school building. Mr. J. O. Forrester is temporary chairman and he urges that everybody come, and don't forget the date—July 12.

MARRIED

Miss Mary Willard F. x, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Fox, of Guilford College, was married to Mr. John Steels Downing last Tuesday.

Death of Nancy R. Craven. Nancy R. Craven died June 19, at her home near Gray's Chapel, aged 62 years. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Allred. An obituary will appear next week.

M. Rowan Morgan died at his home in Thomasville, June 19, aged 83 years. A wife and four children survive.

PRESIDENT WILSON URGES ACCEPTANCE

ASKS AMERICAN PEOPLE TO UP-HOLD LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND TREATY IN FULL.

President Wilson, in an address to the American people last Saturday, said:

"My Fellow-Countrymen: The treaty of peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in full and sincere execution of its terms it will furnish the charter for a new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany but it is severe only because great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do; and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms.

"And it is much more than a treaty of peace with Germany. It liberates great peoples who have never before been able to find the way to liberty. It is for once and for all an end to intolerable order under which all groups of selfish men could use the peoples of great empires for power and dominion. It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining justice. It makes an internationalized law supported by imperative sanctions. It does away with the right of conquest and rejects the policy of annexations and substitutes a new order under which backward nations—populations which have not yet come to political consciousness and peoples who are ready for independence but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance—shall no more be submitted to the domination and exploitation of a stronger nation but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the help and assistance of governments which undertake to be responsible to the opinion of mankind in the execution of their task by accepting the direction of the league of nations. It recognized the inalienable rights of nationality; the rights of minorities, and the sanctity of religious belief and justice. It lays basis for conventions which shall free the commercial intercourse of the world from unjust and vexatious restrictions and for every sort of international co-operation that will serve to cleanse the life of the world and facilitate its common action in beneficent service of every kind. It furnishes guarantees such as were never given or even contemplated for the fair treatment of all who labor at the daily task of the world.

"It is for this reason that I have spoken of it as a great charter for a new order of affairs. There is ground for deep satisfaction, universal assurance and confident hopes.

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON"

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FIRST MONDAY IN JULY

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CIVIL SERVICE JOBS DISCHARGED YANKS

Washington, D. C., July 2.—Although there is a desire on the part of the Congress, the heads of executive departments, and the Civil Service Commission to recognize in all proper ways the claims of returning soldiers, sailors, and marines to employment in the classified civil service, the Civil Service Commission feels that in order to avoid misapprehension certain facts should be brought to the attention of the men.

The law provides for certain preferences in appointment in favor of discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines. It should be understood, however, that preference claimants must qualify in open competitive examinations unless they left the classified civil service to enter the military or naval service.

These examinations are announced from time to time to meet the needs of the service. They must be advertised for a sufficient time to give them due publicity; the papers must be dated, registers established, and claims of preference passed upon.

An act of Congress of February 25, 1919, makes mandatory the re-statement to their former positions of all former Government employees who were drafted or enlisted in the military service of the United States in the war with Germany upon their application and if they have received an honorable discharge and are qualified for the work.

Deaths

Mrs. Crissie Spencer, widow of the late Felix Spencer, died at her home in Trinity township, June 21, aged almost eighty years. Interment was in the cemetery at Gilead church, the following day, funeral services conducted by Rev. Mr. Robbins, of High Point.

Silas Elwood Farlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Farlow, died June 12, from tuberculosis, aged about forty years.

Obituary of both Mrs. Spencer and Mr. Farlow will be published in The Courier next week.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

The series of meetings in progress at the M. E. church, last week, closed Sunday night. The minister Rev. H. S. Sprinkle, of Reidsville, was eloquent, impressive, and consecrated in his manner. He was heard by good-sized audiences, who felt that such preaching could not fail to do good.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Underwood and Mrs. J. O. Redding enjoyed an outing at Wrightsville Beach, last week.

Asheboro has had some unusually cool weather for the time of year this week. The temperature registered on Tuesday morning, was as low as 50 fahrenheit, or only 18 degrees above the freezing point.

Mrs. B. Frank Page and children, of Raleigh, arrived in Asheboro last Friday, for a visit to the families of Mrs. Page's brother, Mr. W. A. Coffin, and other relatives.

Dr. C. C. Poindexter, of Randeman, was in town on business last Monday. Dr. Poindexter attended the meeting of the State Dental Society in Asheville, last week.

Mrs. W. D. Steadman was in High Point last Saturday, the guest of her sister, Miss Blanche Freeman.

Miss Gienna Hicks, of Pleasant Garden, has been the guest of Miss Hazel Ferree, several days this week.

Mrs. Fess Newsome, Mrs. C. G. Frazier Jr. and Miss Mary McCain were in High Point a few hours last Saturday.

Mr. Everett Kendall, of Thomasville, is the guest of friends in town for a few days.

Mr. Wade H. Jones has gone to New York to take up his position as chief cashier at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

Misses Lollie and Sarah Jones and Messrs Henry and Wade Jones visited relatives at Sanford last week.

Lieutenant Grady Miller, of the Wild Cat Division recently returned home, was assistant band-master in the 32nd Infantry, 81st Division, when he went to France last August. Later he was promoted to band leader and attended a band leader's school at Chaumont, France, after which he was commissioned a lieutenant. The training lasted two months and was excellent, being in the same line as that given in the army vocational schools. Lieutenant Miller says the course he took in two months was equal to a one-year course in the average conservatory. The teachers were the best in France. Lieutenant Miller had the honor of playing for the King and Queen of Belgium, General Pershing, and other notables while in Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Asbury went to Greensboro last Tuesday, to see their daughter, Mrs. Leo Barker, who is taking treatment in Dr. Long's hospital.

Mrs. H. L. Brower has returned to her home in Atlanta, after an extended visit to her sister, Miss Nannie Bulla, and brother, Mr. L. D. Eulla.

Mr. J. Elwood Stanton, a prominent farmer of Level Cross township, was in town on business yesterday.

The infant son of Lieut. and Mrs. E. J. Luck is right ill at the home on North Street.

Mr. D. S. Coltrane left yesterday for the High Point hospital, where he expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Alson Auman left Saturday for Worthville, where she will be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. I. N. Cox, for some time before returning to her home at Goldsboro. Mrs. Auman visited another daughter, Mrs. M. G. Lovett, in Asheboro.

Among the Randolph boys, members of the 81st Division, recently returned home are Messrs. Will Lowdermilk, of Asheboro; Fred Kearns, Farmer; and Thomas Rush, Asheboro.

Mrs. L. F. Ross and Misses Beatrice and Eva Lewallen were in Greensboro a few hours last Friday.

Mr. Herbert Cox, of High Point, was in town last Tuesday, the guest of Messrs. Grady Miller and Herndon Moffitt. Mr. Cox was a member of the 81st division and was a band corporal in the same band of which Mr. Miller was leader.

Mr. D. S. Coltrane went to Oxford last week to attend the meeting of the county agricultural agent's conference, in session there for two days.

Mr. T. C. Arnold, of Worthville, was in town yesterday afternoon and called at the office to renew his subscription to The Courier.

Mr. Colon Richardson has accepted a position with the Acme Hosiery Mills.

Mr. Hal Phillips left last Tuesday, for Greensboro, where he has a position as junior clerk with the Greensboro Drug Company.

Mr. C. C. Ridge, of Meckanic, was in town on business last Tuesday.

Lieutenant Grady Miller, who was an assistant band master in the 81st Division while in France, arrived in Asheboro, one day last week, and is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Miller.

Mrs. Walter Prks, of Pisgah, was in Asheboro on business last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Jones, of Kenansville, has been the guest of Miss Lucile Rush several days recently.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION

An examination for the Randolph County teachers will be held July 8th, and 9th, in the office of the County Superintendent. This examination will be for those teachers who want to renew their first grade certificates, and those who hold second grade and those who are to be employed in the first grade.

YOUNG PEOPLES' CONFERENCE JULY 19-20

The Young Peoples' Division of the county Sunday school association is preparing for the first county conference of young people to be held at Trinity on the 19th and 20th of July.

The program of this conference will deal with the immediate needs of the young people in the local communities. Such subjects as organization, courses of study, community service and recreation will be studied. An especially strong and interesting feature of the program will be the demonstration of class and community recreation for both boys and girls. Competent leaders are being engaged for this part of the work and those who come will have an opportunity to see the big field of service open to the young peoples' class. There will be two or three special addresses delivered by educational and religious leaders of the state.

Every class of young people in every Sunday school in the county will have an opportunity to have its representatives at this conference. Literature and information is being mailed from the county association office this week to all schools and as nearly as possible to all classes and the matter of electing delegates should receive immediate attention. The names of all delegates should be sent to the director of religious education, R. W. Prevost, at Asheboro.

Ramseur News

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cox of Greensboro, visited Mr. D. H. Holt last week. Mrs. Holt and little sons and Mr. Clyde Holt returned with them to Greensboro where they spent a few days.

Mrs. C. G. Whitehead and Frances spent a few days with relatives at Durham returning last Thursday. They were accompanied home by Miss Clara Whitehead who has a position at Durham.

Mr. Fred Leonard, of High Point, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Minor Marsh, of Greensboro, spent a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson last week.

Mr. Geo. Allred and family, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. J. W. Allred.

Miss Madge Moffitt left for Chapel Hill University last week where she is taking a summer course.

E. H. Marley and W. C. Craven, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mrs. Clyde Allred, of Mehane, spent some time with Mr. E. M. Hurley and others here last week.

Several of our boys returned from overseas last week, John Leonard, Claude Brady, Dean Staley, Roy Staley, Tom Black, Joe Vickory, Will McBride. We are indeed glad to welcome them back.

Mr. J. S. Wylie and his mother, of Charlotte, and her little grandson spent a day or two here this week.

Miss Maude Lee Spoon visited her sister, Mrs. Cochran at Charlotte, last week.

Mr. Roy Pell, of Philadelphia, was a visitor here a few days ago.

Mrs. John T. Stout and son, Tom, and daughter, Ella, accompanied by Miss Magie Finnucc, all of Summerville, S. C., spent some time with Mrs. Stout's brother and sisters, A. H. Thomas, Mrs. J. E. Brady and Mrs. C. B. Smith and others of this place.

TREATY BUT A "SCRAP OF PAPER": GERMAN PRESS PREDICTS VENGEANCE

The pan-German Deutsche Zeitung printed the following across its front page last Saturday:

"German honor today will be carried to its grave in the hall of mirrors, in which in the glorious year of '71 the German empire was resurrected in all its former splendor. Let us forget, in restless labor the German people will again strive to attain that place among the nations of the world to which it entitled. Then vengeance for the disgrace of 1919."

The Tag-blatt says:

"The German people reject the treaty which its delegates are signing today, and it does not believe for a single moment that it will endure. Despite the fact that it is written on parchment, it remains a scrap of paper, because it is a mockery of all the laws of reason and morals and the most disgraceful exhibit in the museum of civilization."

ARMY GRAVES REGISTRATION

In connection with the action of the Senate in passing the bill supporting the acquisition of an American cemetery in France as the last resting place of American soldiers who fell in the war, it is announced today that the American Red Cross activities of the Army Graves Registration Service will be increased.

American Red Cross girls have, for a long time, rendered valuable service in maintaining the morale of the soldiers of the Graves Registration Service. It is not an easy task, cheering up the men who have the difficult task of burial and re-burial, but the girls are brave and are maintaining at Amelia, Solons and Tours recreation rooms bright with the usual Red Cross cheer and are continuing to work faithfully and well in the face of odds. So effective have they become that General Pershing has personally reported that this work and their services be continued at the rate of