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## COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

The May-June term of the superior court for this county convened Monday with Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro, presiding. The present term is for the trial of civil cases, and will continue for two weeks.

There is a large number of cases on the calendar for trial at this term, but attorneys say that while good progress is being made with the business of the court, they do not hope to get the calendar anything like cleaned up at the present session of the court.

After the trial of a divorce case or two Monday morning, the case of Staton & Rector against Mrs. Olive Muir Fuller-Barber and husband was taken up, and lasted until late Wednesday afternoon. This was an action to recover for professional services rendered Mrs. Barber by the plaintiffs from June, 1914, to January 18, 1916. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$725.

What is known as the John A. Hooper will case is now being tried, and it is thought this case will consume the balance of the week, and perhaps longer.

## TRANSYLVANIA IS WAKING UP

The Transylvania road commissioners have requested state and federal aid for the purpose of building a new road from the Jackson county line to the Henderson county line. Work on the Jones gap road from Brevard to Cedar Mountain has recently been completed and this is now, it is stated, one of the best pieces of roadway in the South. The Bennett's gap road leading into the famous Pink Bed section is now being macadamized.

All indications point to the fact that our neighbor county is waking up to the idea that good roads are of paramount importance to continued progress.

### GERMAN FACTORIES READY

German factories are undamaged, the machinery is in perfect condition and operatives are ready to resume work when called upon, according to Maj. T. W. Still, of the United States chemical warfare service.

Major Still said that Germany, confident of its ability to win, had prepared during the war to resume the race for commercial supremacy and now has on hand great quantities of dyes and medicines.

### SCANDINAVIN DIPLOMATS WILL CONSIDER SITUATION

The premiers and foreign ministers of Denmark and Norway are expected at Stockholm, Sweden, this week to confer with the Swedish government concerning the situation in which the league of nations places the Scandinavian countries. It is held that the league would demand the breaking up of the Scandinavian league.

### TO SETTLE TESCHEN TROUBLE BY POLISH-CZECH COMMISSION

Copenhagen, May 27.—Premier Paderewski of Poland has arranged with President Masaryko of Czechoslovakia, according to a dispatch from Prague, that the Teschen question, which has caused much difficulty between Poland and Czechoslovakia, shall be settled by a Polish-Czech commission which will sit at Cracow.

### MAY RETURN WIRES SOON

Postmaster General Burleson will lose control of the telephone and telegraph systems of the United States on July 31, if the program agreed upon by Senators Cummins and Kellogg is carried out. It is believed by Republicans that the necessary legislation can be prepared and action assured in both branches of Congress in time to get the properties back into the hands of their former owners by the end of July.

House leaders, both Republicans and Democrats, have prepared to join in such an effort, it is said, and the only obstacle to immediate action is the period of time required to prepare the legislation.

## FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS

The 17th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs will be held in this city June 2-5 inclusive.

The Hendersonville Woman's Club is very busily engaged in putting the finishing touches to the preparations for this event. Accommodation has already been provided for nearly 200 guests, and arrangements are now being made to take care of the remainder.

The meetings will be held in the First Baptist church building. The address of welcome will be delivered by Mrs. L. M. Colt on behalf of the local club and that from the Board of Trade will be by E. W. Ewbank.

Some of the other interesting features of the convention will be a reception at Park Hill as compliment of the Daughters of the American Revolution; luncheon at the residence of Mrs. R. P. Freeze; automobile drive to Stony Mountain as guests of Stony Mountain Company; luncheon at Kentucky Home; afternoon tea at Fassifern as compliment of Miss Shipp. The program calls for quite a number of noted speakers of this and other states ranking high in civic and health work.

The committees of the local club having in hand the details include to this meeting are:

Program, Mrs. R. P. Freeze; luncheon, Mrs. E. A. McMillan; social, Mrs. R. M. Oates; reception, Mrs. Michael Schenck; decoration, Mrs. J. L. Egerton; automobile, Mrs. F. A. Ewbank; pages, Mrs. J. P. Brooks; music, Mrs. F. A. Ewbank; finance, Mrs. E. W. Ewbank; hospitality, Mrs. R. P. Freeze; badges, Mrs. W. R. Kirk; credential, Mrs. J. H. Brodie; Mrs. B. H. Griffin, Mrs. J. B. Goode, Mrs. W. R. Kirk.

### CABLES BADLY CONGESTED

A special dispatch by Clinton W. Gilbert to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, from Paris, dated Tuesday, says:

No copy of the peace treaty is available here to correspondents and the German notes are given out only after publication in Berlin.

There have been unexampled delays in the cable service to America. A recent government investigation showed 8,000 messages piled up in London for communication to America. A leading cable company has only half the facilities necessary for operations and the development of commercial business recently has produced 100 per cent more messages than the company formerly sent.

The full facilities of the other two companies are negligible for news purposes and are equally congested. Moreover, all the Pacific cable lines are completely broken down and all Pacific business is moving across the Atlantic.

The breakdown was due to war conditions, but now, more than six months since the armistice was signed, there is no improvement. This congestion of the cable service apparently is due either to governmental interference or to the carelessness of individual enterprise.

### WILSON NOT A CANDIDATE

President Wilson, according to reports in Washington, plans, upon his return to the United States, to make a definite announcement that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for re-election. He outlined this program to Democratic members of the foreign affairs committee at the dinner in Washington at which he answered questions concerning the league of nations, but is said to have requested that his statements be kept secret.

When the President has presented the treaty of peace to Congress and the fate of the league of nations is determined, the President, it is said, will make his announcement declaring that he will not stand for a third term. There is a chance, however, that he may change his mind should the Republicans decide to make the league of nations a party issue in 1920.

### AIRMAN REACHES STOCKHOLM ON TRIP FROM COPENHAGEN

Stockholm, May 26.—Captain Batt, an American naval aviator arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning on his flight from Copenhagen.

## TO WELCOME THE SOLDIERS

Friday of this week will be several kinds of holiday. Being the 30th day of May, it will be Memorial day, on which account the banks will be closed all day and the postoffice most of the day. Being the day designated for a fitting welcome to the returning soldiers, the stores will be closed from 10 to 4. There will be a parade of returned soldiers and the home guards at 11 o'clock. At 1 o'clock all men in uniform and Confederate veterans will be transported free to Laurel Park where a picnic dinner will be served. From 4 to 7 there will be concerts, one by an Asheville orchestra at the band stand, and one by the Hendersonville band on the court house lawn.

Everybody is requested, urged and commanded to have a good time.

### PUT BLOCKADE IN FORCE IF GERMANY DOESN'T SIGN

A Paris special to the Philadelphia Public Ledger, dated Tuesday, says:

The council has completed arrangements for putting again into force the blockade of Germany in case the German delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty. Complete plans have been worked out for the fullest cooperation between the military and economic forces which will be used to bring Germany to her knees. If refusal on the part of Germany places the allied and associated governments under the necessity of having recourse to this action Germany will get 72 hours notice of the termination of the armistice. On the expiration of that period American, British and French forces will advance beyond the Rhine into Germany. Simultaneously a blockade of the strictest nature will be clamped down. Special arrangements made during the war to protect as far as possible the interests of neutral nations will again be brought into play but the allies intend to prevent an ounce of food supplies of any kind reaching Germany. The blockade was strict during the war but it was nothing compared with what is facing the Germans now if they refuse to accept the terms. Germany will find that she is cut off absolutely from the outside world as a belligerent nation. The changes made in the map of Europe by the terms of the treaty make possible blockade which will simply starve the Germans into submission without much need of military action.

### PUTTING THE "MOCK" IN DEMOCRACY

Henry Ford's paper speaks of "a curious revival of the Wilson theory that the government and the people are distinct." It doesn't mean Virginia, whose green fields lie within sight of the White House windows, where, under a constitution Mr. Wilson's secretary of treasury and other political partners constructed, there are 150,000 eligible voters out of a population of two and a third millions, and five-sixths of the soldiers called to fight to save the world for democracy, are disfranchised, including, by the way, twice as many white men as black among the politically disinherited. When this is thought of there is a strong temptation to substitute "hypocrisy" for "democracy" in the bunk passed out by the administration press agents.

## NEWS OF THE CITY SCHOOL

At a meeting of the city school trustees, held Tuesday night of this week, plans for the school session of 1919-20 were discussed.

Prof. G. W. Bradshaw, who for the past two years has been superintendent of the schools, declined reelection. Prof. Huneycutt of DeLand, Fla., was elected to the position. He is a graduate of Wake Forest and was for a number of years a teacher in Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

It was recognized that the growth of the school will necessitate the use of an additional building, and a committee was appointed to find new quarters for the high school.

The Times, which for many years has tried to keep in close touch with the work of the city schools, takes this opportunity of testifying to the gratifying development of the school during the two years in which Prof. Bradshaw has been superintendent. He came here with very high recommendations and has discharged the duties of his position faithfully and efficiently. During his administration the high school has been placed on the accredited list, and work has progressed well and smoothly in every department of the school. He has made very many friends here who are sincerely sorry to see him go.

### SENTIMENTS AND SIGNATURES

Washington, May 27.—The enormous propaganda campaign for the league of nations that has been conducted at such tremendous expense has now focussed upon Congress, and the Senate in particular. Inspired petitions from all over the country are being received in great numbers. They are identical in language, and bear ample evidence of having been prepared and sent out from a central headquarters for signature and transmission to the Senate. Many of them bear the names of church pastors, who attest to the fact that the sentiments in the petitions represent the minds of their congregations.

Of course such a stereotyped attempt to influence the votes of Senators and bring strength to the league will accomplish nothing. It is convincing of only one thing, and that is that the propaganda is highly organized and liberally financed. It is openly hinted that one of the first subjects that will be investigated by the new Congress is the publicity campaign that has been conducted for Mr. Wilson's pet project. There should be little difficulty in uncovering the facts surrounding the methods and cost of the propaganda. Once that has been accomplished the people will be startled at the extent of the effect to create artificial sentiment in favor of the league and prevent the public from reaching independent conclusions regarding it.

### TO KILL 30,000 ALASKA SEALS

Thirty thousand fur seals will be killed at the St. Paul islands, Behring sea, this spring, under the supervision of the federal department of fisheries.

No part of the seals will be wasted. Furs will be tanned and sold in the Eastern markets. The new fertilizing plant on St. Paul island will be operated and is expected to furnish approximately 37,000 gallons of the finest grade oil and 550,000 pounds of fertilizer.

### LIST PROPERTY, POLL, INCOME

All persons are required to list property, poll and incomes during the month of May.

The law directs the County Commissioners to charge all persons 25 per cent additional tax, which they would otherwise be charged on all property discovered not listed, unless they can show a satisfactory excuse on or before the first Monday in October.

The listers for Hendersonville township can be found at the Court House. The listers of all other townships can be found at their appointments and at their homes.

You are requested to list your property as as soon as possible and not wait until the last day. It.

## "COSMOPOLITAN RESORT CITY"

The following interesting article, accompanied by some excellent photographic illustrations, appeared in last Sunday's issue of the Charlotte Observer:

Hendersonville, a cosmopolitan resort city, is situated on a plateau 2,250 feet above the sea in the heart of the southern Appalachian mountains of western North Carolina. In the nomenclature of the Cherokees this tableland was known as "Ottarary." Ease of accessibility by rail or motor characterizes Hendersonville.

The tentacles of the Southern railway, with its connecting lines, are everywhere at the public's service—23 hours from New York, 22 from New Orleans, 28 from Chicago, 8 from Atlanta, and 11 from Charleston and Memphis. The motor tourist likewise finds Hendersonville easily reached. From the national highway it is but two hours from Greenville, S. C., 2 1-2 hours from Spartanburg, S. C., one hour from Asheville, N. C., and but five hours distant by the Charlotte-Hendersonville highway. Charlotte, N. C. The Dixie highway connecting the great middle west with southeastern and Florida points actually passes through the city. Alike for the season tourist and the weekend visitor, ease of access is of fundamental importance.

How unconsciously, in these latter days, do we link the road with the motor car? Truly, like the Siamese twins, they are inseparable. Two hundred miles of perfectly maintained sand clay roads in Henderson county alone. They are, too, all scenic highways—because rugged mountains, placid valleys, beautiful lakes—in every combination possible, are spread before the motorist.

A day's outing, a good lunch beside a rocky trout stream, a trial with rod and fly—these are but a few of the blessings bestowed by our matchless motor roads.

### Climate and Scenery

It is granted that the subject of climate has, just a bit, been worked overtime! Hendersonville's climate is not perfect; but it is unquestionably one of the best all-year-round climates in America. Due to the altitude the air is most stimulating, the humidity is relatively low and the nights are invariably cool in the summer. The latitude insures reasonably mild winters with a large proportion of clear bracing days—all of which confers on the health-seeker invigoration of body and rejuvenation of spirit.

How indeed can one be brief in any attempt to adequately portray in words the exquisite and subtle charm which characterizes the scenery of the southern Appalachians. All attempts to measure the beauty of these eternal hills of Western North Carolina by the use of yard sticks either in miles or in heights is poor indeed in comparison to the real essence of their magnetic qualities. It matters after all very little as to just how high a mountain is—far more important is its capacity for giving the lasting pleasure which so peculiarly characterizes the mountains in this region. How great by contrast is the warmth and feeling given out by our mountains in comparison with the black and awe inspiring but forbidding mountains of the west. Nowhere on the continent has nature been so wondrous kind. The flora here is in greater variety than in any place in the United States. This is due to the very great variation in altitude, the higher mountains ranging nearly 7,000 feet in height on which are found the Canada species of balsam and in our lowest and protected valleys opening upon the piedmont, of some 1,000 feet above sea level, are found different varieties of orchids, figs and other delicate semi-tropical plants.

### The Hotels

Man by nature after all is a gregarious animal. He may enjoy to the fullest the quiet, peaceful, health-giving attributes of forest and stream and mountain—but for a steadier diet, he must have "life." The life of Hendersonville centers about, and radiates from, its hotels. They are our social centers. Tennis, golf, motor parties, dancing, dinners, a night at the "movies," or simply whiling away the hours on the broad piazzas which everywhere abound. Among the leading hotels near Hendersonville is Kanuga Lake hotel and

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## MEMORIAL EXERCISES

Members of the various W. O. W. camps in the 10th district will meet in Hendersonville, June 1, and hold special services in the city hall at 3 p. m. These services will be in the nature of a memorial to the soldiers who gave up their lives in the war and a welcome to those who have returned. Addresses from prominent speakers are promised. Lieut. Hubert M. Smith is the only member of the Hendersonville camp who made the supreme sacrifice. There are 47 camps in the district.

All Hendersonville Woodmen are urged to avail themselves of the privilege of attending these exercises.

### DEMOCRAT ADMITS WASTE

Representative B. F. Welty, of Ohio, a Democrat, seeing the Republicans all around him preparing to get after Democratic extravagance and waste in war expenditures, has decided to join them, and has, therefore, introduced a resolution for a sweeping investigation of "irregular and unlawful expenditures during the war."

"Whereas," his resolution reads, "Congress appropriated \$1,524,203,758 for aeronautical purposes. Whereas, serious charges were filed in the report made by Charles E. Hughes, after an investigation under the direction of the President of the United States. Whereas, Col. E. A. Deeds had charge of all matters pertaining to aircraft production, and on August 28, 1917, informed the secretary of war that he had made a bona fide transfer of all of his stock in certain corporations likely to receive large war contracts, when in truth and in fact the transfer was only made to his wife. Whereas, the report further shows that Col. Deeds' former business associates received large contracts for airplanes. And whereas, the report recommended that he be tried by courtmartial. Therefore, be it resolved, that a non-partisan committee of eight members be appointed by the speaker to investigate and report all irregularities in the War and Navy Departments in the prosecution of the war."

### REPEAL ICE CREAM SODA TAX

Washington, May 27.—Repeal of the ten per cent tax on ice cream soda and other soft concoctions is provided in a bill introduced in the House by Representative Longworth, of Ohio, a member of the ways and means committee, and in the Senate by Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, a member of the finance committee, and it is likely that the Republican majority in both bodies will see that the tax is removed before the summer is over.

"This tax," said Longworth, "imposes an unnecessary and obnoxious burden upon the people in their enjoyment of a harmless drink. The majority in Congress will easily find other means of getting sufficient revenue, especially by protection on imports, besides taking the extra penny or two from the young people of the country. And this, of course, also has reference to all of that section of the present law which has to do with taxation on ice cream and other sweet preparations. In addition to this imposition upon the public, the tax is bad because it is proving very difficult and unsatisfactory in its administration. It is pretty generally believed by the treasury experts that it costs more to collect it than it yields to the government."

### AUSTRIANS LIKELY TO GET THE PEACE TERMS FRIDAY

St. Germain, May 27.—The allied council's reply to the protest of Dr. Renner, head of the Austrian delegation, against the delay in the presentation of the peace terms has been received by the Austrian delegation. It is understood that the reply gives formal notice of the presentation of the peace terms on Friday.

### DISORDER MARKS OUTBREAK OF STRIKE AT LIMA, PERU

Disorder marked the outbreak of a general strike in Lima, Peru, Tuesday, mobs attacking the offices of several large firms with stones. Troops and gendarmes were called out and are now in control. At noon there was still some shooting in isolated parts of the city.