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## PROGRESS IS MADE TOWARD ADJOURNMENT

Conference Held For Two Hours Today Between Lloyd George and Delegation of Alliance Officials.

## URGENT NOT TO PRECIPITATE CRISIS

Plea, However, Does Not Seem to Have Had Any Effect—No Prospect for Re-opening Negotiations.

## GERMAN INDEMNITY 150 BILLION MARKS

About This Sum Will Probably Be Fixed by the Allied Reparations Commission, Says Echo de Paris.

## WILL DEPEND UPON CERTAIN SOLUTIONS

If Germany Refuses, France Will Recall to Colors Two Classes and Proceed to Occupy Ruhr Basin.

Paris, April 14.—Germany's indemnity to the allies will be fixed at between 130 billion and 150 billion gold marks, says the allied reparations commission, says the Echo de Paris. The newspaper adds the exact figures will depend upon the solution of certain questions being considered.

In case Germany resists settlement, the newspaper declares, it is accepted by the allies that France will recall two classes of recruits to the colors and proceed to occupy the Ruhr basin district. This district includes the most important coal mines and industrial plants in western Germany.

## REDUCTION ANNOUNCED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO.

Will Make a Straight Ten Per Cent. Cut on Products Next Year.

Chicago, April 14.—Basing its action upon recent reductions in steel prices announced by the United States Steel Corporation, the International Harvester Co. today announced a straight 10 per cent. reduction effective 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 of a price to which our customers are entitled and which we are willing to accept."

The reduction applies chiefly to harvesting machines.

The company announced reductions of from 10 to 15 per cent. in machines made principally of wood and iron on March 7th.

## THE COTTON MARKET.

Weaker Liverpool Cables at Opening.—May Off 16 Points.

New York, April 14.—The cotton market here made a comparatively steady showing during today's early trading. The unfavorable British labor situation was reflected in weaker Liverpool cables, but the local market opened at a decline of only 1 to 8 points under Southern selling and liquidation. The latter was prompted by weakness in the stock market and there was some Wall Street selling after the call with May easing off to 11-12 and July to 12-17, or about 16 points net lower.

Cotton futures opened steady. May 11-14; July 12-14; Oct. 13-13; Dec. 13-13; Jan. 13-13.

## JUSSERAND CRITICISED

For Failure to Keep French Government Informed as to Doings in Washington.

Paris, April 14.—Criticism of Jules Jusserand, French Ambassador to the United States, for his 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.

## Thief Steals Head of Rabid Dog at Wingate.

Monroe, April 13.—A man living near Wingate, who had killed a dog he thought to be mad, the head was packed in a metal bucket, and this container was placed in a wooden box with ice packed around it, and consigned to a train for examination for rabies. Arriving at Wingate too late to catch the afternoon train, the man left the box outside the station. Next morning when he came back to the train he found the box had been stolen, and he was now wondering what kind of an expression appeared on the thief's face when he opened the box and found a dog's head.

## \$75,000 For University of Virginia.

Charlottesville, Va., April 14.—President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, announced today that two founders of gifts totalling \$75,000 had been received from the institution's central endowment fund. One was a \$50,000 gift from Thomas F. Ryan, of New York; and the other a \$25,000 donation from Mrs. Chas. H. Sent, also of New York.

## Physician Dies While Waking Up Hotel Guests.

Southern Pines, April 13.—Dr. W. P. Sweet, well-known local physician, died of heart failure while arousing guests of the Southland Hotel early this morning when fire broke out in a business block, causing a loss of approximately \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

Four speeders were fined \$10 each and the fifth \$12.50 in recorder's court yesterday. John Duffin, colored, plead guilty to receiving liquor and was fined \$50. The court ordered the whiskey found at his home confiscated. It will be poured out later by police officers.

## Again in the Lime Light



## FINAL REPORT FROM 'Y' CAMPAIGN THIS EVENING.

Result of Membership Drive Will Be Made Known at Luncheon at Association Building.

No report on the work of the various teams which are canvassing the city for membership in the Y. M. C. A. will be made during the day, though many of the team captains when questioned during the day, reported that they had made good progress.

The final reports of the campaign will be made at a luncheon to be given to the teams at the Y. M. C. A. building this evening at 6 o'clock, and until that time nothing definite will be known.

The various teams continued their canvassing work during yesterday afternoon and today, and unofficial reports state that much more satisfactory progress was made during the afternoon than during the morning.

More than one hundred new members were added to the association yesterday morning, the new members pledging more than twenty-three hundred dollars. The goal is 500 new members and \$14,000 additional.

Mr. Wilson, one of the State Y officials, in a short talk at the luncheon yesterday praised the local association, stating that it had made an enviable record with the money already raised, and expressing belief that the campaign would be a success. All of the various team members were also confident that the campaign would succeed, each reporting but few persons in the city who had no use for the association, and who showed no interest in the work it is doing.

## ROSS WILL TRIAL IS TO END ON SATURDAY

If Not Through Then the Judge Says He Will Declare a Mistrial.

Monroe, April 13.—Judge Bis Ray served notice on attorneys in the trial of Ross today that the trial would end Saturday night, Saturday, or if it was over then he would declare it a mistrial.

This notice on part of the court served to speed up action and several witnesses were disposed of.

R. A. Hudson, for years confidential business agent for Maggie Ross and legate of \$1,000 under the will of her husband, who has been under fire of creators all through the trial, being charged with exerting undue influence over Maggie Ross, made a good witness for the propounders and for himself. He told of many business dealings with her on which he based his opinion, that she was of sound mind.

A number of witnesses testified to Hudson's good character. Mrs. Hudson was put on to corroborate her husband and also testified that Maggie Ross was of sound mind. She had known her practically all of her life.

Dr. W. R. McCain, of Waxhaw, told about making professional visits to the house and he thought Maggie Ross capable of making a will. The testimony of other witnesses was about the same.

## DEATH OF DR. A. B. HAWKINS

Was the Oldest Living Alumnus of the University of North Carolina.

Raleigh, April 14.—Dr. A. B. Hawkins, aged 96, for years the oldest living alumnus of the University of North Carolina, and probably the oldest active bank director in the United States, died at his home here early today following an illness of 6 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 for about 30 years and took an active interest in the direction of the policies of this institution till he was taken ill.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Unsettled weather tonight and Friday, probably showers; not much of a change in temperature. Increasing south and southwest winds.

## FORD IS STILL DOING BUSINESS AT OLD STAND

Returns to Rate of 1,000,000 Cars a Year. Employs 32,000 With 'Position Never Better.'

Detroit, Mich., April 14.—Steady gains, both in sales and production, are reported by the Ford Motor Company. "We were never in better position than we are right now," Henry Ford said today.

Actual sales in the domestic market for January were 57,208 automobiles and 1,138 tractors, for February 63,067 cars and 1,322 tractors, for March 87,221 cars and 4,708 tractors. At present the company has 162,000 unfilled orders for automobiles, and production of the present working force is at the rate of 1,000,000 cars a year.

The company's normal production before the plant was closed for inventory on December 23 was about 100,000 cars a month. This required, at that time a working force of about 52,000 men. At the present time a little more than 32,000 men are employed. The report says that the difference between this figure and the full working force is largely represented by the increase in help taken on due to expansion of activities during the war and for which there now is no further need.

"In the present situation, in building the present forces up to meet the production, an effort is being made to take on only employees who display an intention of remaining with the Ford Company," says the report. "By this means the company sees a way to reduce its 'turnover' of help to a minimum, greatly stabilizing production, and thus reducing productive costs."

## SIR ARTHUR VICKERS IS SHOT AND KILLED

And His House in Dublin Burned This Morning.

Dublin, April 14.—Sir Arthur Edward Vickers, former Ulster king of arms, was shot dead this morning and his residence was burned.

A tag was attached to the body reading: "Traitors beware. We never forget. I. R. A."

Sir Arthur Vickers was Ulster's king of arms at Dublin castle at the time of the famous robbery there in 1907 when the Irish crown jewels valued at \$250,000 were stolen from the castle. He afterwards won a \$25,000 libel suit against a London newspaper which had made reflection on him in connection with the case.

## Texas League to Open

Fourth North, Texas, April 14.—The championship season of the Texas baseball league will get under way tomorrow with games in four of the eight cities of the circuit. For the initial contest Houston is scheduled to play at Galveston, Dallas at Wichita Falls, Beaumont at San Antonio, and Shreveport at Fort Worth. The League officials and club owners predict one of the most successful years in the history of the organization. The schedule provides for a season of 158 games, with Sept. 18 as the closing date.

## Congressional Investigations Go on Forever.

Washington, April 14.—Demand for a Congressional investigation to disclose the interests trying to put through a sales tax was made in the House today by Representative Egan, republican, of Wisconsin, of the ways and means committee. He mentioned Jules Baehre and Meyer Rothchild, of New York, as prime movers in the campaign and charged that a huge fund had been raised "to shove the big man's taxes on the poor man."

It makes no difference of you have been voting in this city for 25 years, you have to register again if you want to vote in the municipal election. This applies to everyone.

The Elks will install new officers at the meeting tonight at the Home at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## THE SERVICE AT THE LOCAL M. E. CHURCH

The Meeting Last Night Was the Best One Held in the Series.

The meeting at the Methodist Protestant church last night was the best held yet, both in point of attendance and interest, several were reclaimed and one profession was made after Rev. Moton preached a powerful sermon from the text, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go see it; I pray thee, have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yokes of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee, have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore cannot come."

The text was divided into three divisions, and lessons were drawn from each division showing the unreasonableness of these excuses. And comparing them to the ways of the world today, in that some people have time for everything except the work of the Master. The word pictures of the speaker were fine, and he took each division and told just how worldly the people were today over perishable things; at times he was dramatic, each time illustrating a truth.

The speaker said that of all these excuses the man who asked to be excused on account of having married a wife was the most foolish, while the others were about as bad, to his mind. This man would have taken his wife and gone to the feast. No man today would consider buying a yoke of oxen or a piece of ground without first seeing it or at least sending some one to make the proper investigation of the intended purchase. He spoke at length of the little cares and troubles that come along in every-day life that people would accept as excuses from attending the services of the Church, and also urged his hearers to bestir themselves for the welfare of others. It was a splendid effort, and was well received.

## MOB VIOLENCE FEARED

Jesse Nines Removed to Some Unknown Place For Safe Keeping.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 14.—Because of high feeling and fearing mob violence, Jesse Nines, a white farm hand about 55 years of age, was rushed from Spring Hope to the county jail at Nashville last night and later removed to some unknown destination for safe keeping, according to officers who late yesterday arrested Nines near Webb's Mills in Nash county upon a charge of having attacked the five-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer.

## Nominations of Harvey and Herrick Confirmed.

Washington, April 14.—The nominations of George Harvey, of New York, to be ambassador to Great Britain, and Myron 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 20 names of men he had given temporary appointments while Congress was in recess. The list included the name of John J. Esch, of Wisconsin, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, whose confirmation was held up by opposition of the last session.

## Another Big Sale at the Parks-Bell Company's.

A big sale of men's and boys' clothing and shoes will begin at the Parks-Bell Co.'s April 15 and continue through April 25. This will be their biggest sale of these goods, and prices will be offered during these ten days that will surprise you.

They will also have a clean sweep sale of women's coat suits, wraps and dresses. All this stock must go, once to make room for summer goods. Read the two big half page ads. in today's Tribune and Times.

Everyone has to register for the municipal election. This includes even the oldest voter, for a new registration has been called.

## TEXT OF FRENCH NOTE MADE PUBLIC TODAY

Accepts Principle Laid Down By U. S. That We Have Surrendered No Rights in Overseas Possessions.

## NOTE SIGNED BY PREMIER BRIAND

Note Is in Reply to Communication of Secretary Hughes Regarding Japanese Mandate Over Yap.

Washington, April 14.—France's reply to Secretary Hughes' note of April 6th, regarding the Japanese mandate over the Pacific Island of Yap, is set forth in official circles here as tantamount to acceptance of the principle laid down by the American government that the United States has surrendered none of its rights in the former overseas possessions.

The text of the French note, which is in the form of a preliminary reply, was made public today both in Washington and Paris. It is signed by Premier Briand, who gives assurance that a representative of the French government will place before the supreme council at the next meeting the question of Yap, with the "great desire to find a solution which will give every satisfaction to the United States."

Premier Briand declares that his government has 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 in which pointed out that while the decision of the Supreme Council of May 7th, 1919, made no reservations concerning the mandates attributed to Japan over the islands of the Northern Pacific, President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had formulated in the course of a former meeting in the presence of representatives of Japan "categorical reservations concerning the Island of Yap" and the Japanese representative had not objected.

The full text of the French reply is made public by the State Department does not differ materially from that given out in Paris.

## MORE COTTON WAS USED DURING MONTH OF MARCH

Than in Any Month Since Last September.—Total of 437,933 Bales Used in That Month.

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 in the month than in February, the largest reduction being shown by mills in the cotton growing States. The month's total 32,194, was 533,528 less than in February, with the mills of the cotton growing States showing 217,794 of the reduction. Cotton consumed was 20,225 bales more than in February.

## PLAN SUGGESTED TO PRESIDENT HARDING

To Provide Means to Dispose of the Southern Cotton Crops.

Washington, April 14.—A plan to take advantage of the allied debt to the United States in providing means to dispose of the Southern cotton crops was suggested by President Harding today by Governor E. H. Hardy, of Georgia. He proposed that the United States ask the allied governments to underwrite German bonds, which would be accepted in payment of cotton exports from this country and would be held as securities against the war debt.

It was understood that the President expressed deep interest in the plan but withheld judgment concerning it.

## Junior Contest Scotia Women's College, April 15th, 1921.

The Junior contest of Scotia Women's College will be held Friday, April 15th. The following is the program: Class March—Alley Mae Young, Margaret Watkins. Chorus—Over the Waves—O'Hare. Invocation. Chorus—Barcarole—O'Hare. Essay—What It Means to Be an American—Zelma Belton.

Essay—The Value of Education—Elsie Cleland. Instrumental Solo—Papilla Rose. Frances Marie Davis. Essay—Life Is Duty—Daisy Cotte. Essay—They Shall Not Pass—Allie Ford. Solo—Rose of Memory—Jennie Yoting.

Essay—Will We Take the Opportunity to be Educated?—Elsie Howell. Essay—Press On—Virginia Patterson. Instrumental Solo—Cordelia Russell. Decision of Judges. Class Song. Ushers—Margaret Watkins, Annie Humphrey, Frances Adams, Mildred North.

There seems to be a general misunderstanding here in regard to registration for the municipal election, and many persons who have been voting here for years, and who have never failed to participate in an election have the impression that they do not have to register again for the coming election. This is wrong. Everyone is to register, and there are but two more Saturdays before the books close.

## DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES TO SHOW CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

will be held here Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. All persons who intend to support the Democratic candidates in the municipal election are expected to take part in the primaries Saturday. So far the following men have announced themselves as candidates: J. R. Womble, for Mayor; Charles Loom, W. A. Wilkinson and J. F. Dayman for Aldermen.

## EIGHT PERSONS DEAD RESULT OF TORNADO

Probably and Fifty Others Were Hurt More or Less Seriously.

## TORNADO STRUCK MELISSA, TEXAS

A Score of Buildings Were Demolished, Including All the Churches and Stores, School Buildings, Etc.

Melissa, Texas, April 14.—Eight persons are dead, five probably fatally injured, and approximately 50 others more or less seriously injured as a result of the tornado which struck here at 2:30 p. m. yesterday. Five of the eight killed were negroes.

The storm swept through the town from the southwest to the northeast, demolishing most of the houses, buildings, including all the churches and stores, the school building, three cotton gins, the post office, international station, and part of the railroad station.

## RED CROSS DIRECTOR TO SPEAK HERE ON SATURDAY

C. C. Thurber to Tell of the Needs of the Wounded Soldiers at Camp Sevier.

The Calverton Chapter of American War Mothers has secured Mr. C. C. Thurber, Hospital Director of American Red Cross, P. O. Box 11, Sevier Hospital at Camp Sevier, S. C., to address the people of Concord Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the court house. Mr. Thurber will talk on "The Needs of the Sick Soldiers."

In securing the head of the Red Cross work in Camp Sevier, the local War Mothers have been fortunate, for Mr. Thurber is an interesting speaker and is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the sick soldiers. He has spoken in several cities in this State in the interest of soldier relief, and the local War Mothers hope Concord citizens will take advantage of this occasion and hear this address.

"There is unquestionably a great work for some one to do to keep the sick soldiers from being abandoned, and if everyone will lend the address by Mr. Thurber they will undoubtedly fully just what is needed at Camp Sevier. Calverton county has several men in the hospital there, and we should make every possible effort to administer to their needs. The best way to learn what the men need is to hear Mr. Thurber Saturday. The public is invited to hear the address."

## WANTS STRICTER CENSORSHIP OF THE MOVING PICTURES.

Miss Belle Bennett's Speech Before Women's Council at Richmond.

Richmond, Va., April 14.—Urging stricter censorship of moving pictures, asserting that increase in crime is traceable to certain kinds of film shown, and giving statistics on the director of film, Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered her annual address today as President of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at its convention in Centenary Church here.

In discussing the divorce evil, which she said, was on the increase in the country, Miss Bennett commented on the fact that it was on the increase in Japan.

She said, if the Inter Church World Movement does nothing else, it is worth all it costs by showing the religious needs of the world today.

## BURIAL OF THE FORMER EMPRESS IS DELAYED.

Body Will Not Leave Down for Potsdam Till Next Monday.

Doson, Va., April 14.—German government authorities have insisted that the taking of the body of the late former Empress Augusta Victoria (now Dowager) to Potsdam for burial be delayed until Monday morning. It is announced.

Former Emperor William frequently visits the room where reposes the coffin of the late Empress. Heaps of flowers have been piled about the casket. The entire German Staff was admitted to the room last evening to see the beloved mistress of the house of Dowager for the last time.

In a one-sided game, played at the Gibson Hill park here yesterday, the baseball team from the M. P. C. I. defeated the local high school team 25 to 5. McEachern, substitute teacher for the high school team, pitched part of the game, and the catchers scored the greater part of their runs from his delivery. Leslie Bell, coach of the high school boys pitched part of the game, and showed that he still has the good right arm that made him famous in college baseball circles. Errors of every kind were made by the locals, and the game soon developed into a walk-off for the visitors. Apperfield, the first strong pitcher of the high school, was being saved for the game with the Charlotte high tomorrow.

Democratic primaries to choose a candidate for Mayor and Aldermen, will be held here Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. All persons who intend to support the Democratic candidates in the municipal election are expected to take part in the primaries Saturday. So far the following men have announced themselves as candidates: J. R. Womble, for Mayor; Charles Loom, W. A. Wilkinson and J. F. Dayman for Aldermen.