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GERMAN COLONIES BIG QUESTION FOR COUNCIL

President Wilson Insists That Division of These Possessions Among the Allies Would Make League of Nations an Empty Name Spoke Forcibly on the Subject.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 31.—The crisis in the negotiations over the disposition of Germany's colonies has been brought to a head by President Wilson's view that the League of Nations must be made a reality in its own right, and that in American quarters there must be a plan which has been accepted in principle by the powers will be put through. At the supreme council of the conference meets today it will be the very plain statement by President Wilson at the late session. So far as Mr. Wilson to have an exact record of what he said that soon after he had entered the meeting he had a personal stenographer and kept him at his side throughout the day. What he said did not appear in the communiqué nor has it been made public by any official authority. It may be stated that it was a reaffirmation of his position in the past. In the past, instead of diplomatic negotiations, it is understood Mr. Wilson would not be a party to the division of Germany's possessions to the powers which now hold them and would be a party to a league of nations which in effect would guarantee peace. There are inferences that the president referred to a peace of the past two days. In the opinion of many Americans it has been to clear the atmosphere generally and to result in clearing up many points.

WHAT WILSON SAID

By the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 31.—In the discussions concerning the former German colonies President Wilson contended in no uncertain terms to divide the colonies among the entente nations would be a direct contravention of the 14 points, which were accepted as a basis of peace. Such a division, he said, would add to the world's troubles the principles as laid down at the peace conference last year. The American attitude, it is declared, was very positive. What the United States would do in case the powers insisted on dividing the colonies among them has not been discussed. The American attitude, it is said, is in some quarters, might be such as it probably might affect the future of the peace conference. (Continued on page 4)

WILSON PLAN IS ATTACKED IN SENATE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 31.—Republicans of the senate today sharply attacked the plan for dealing with German colonies and occupied parts of Turkey which it was announced in Paris yesterday had been practically agreed upon. Senator Lodge, Republican leader, declared the report of the plan which he said would commit the United States to cooperation in maintaining order in the occupied territories was "absolutely unbelievable," and Senator Knox of Pennsylvania asserted the suggestions would involve a "stuporous and preposterous undertaking."

HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR NAVAL PROGRAM

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 31.—Unanimous approval of the administration's new naval program, with the number of capital ships reduced from 16 to 10 because of the differences of opinion over the value of battle cruisers, was voted today by the house naval committee.

CLAREMONT NEWS NOTES

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STRIKES SPREAD RAPIDLY IN BRITAIN

By the Associated Press. London, Jan. 31.—There still was no prospect early today in the betterment of the labor situation in the United Kingdom. If anything the situation on both in Glasgow and Belfast was worse, particularly in Belfast. The strike movement is spreading to the large establishments and here are signs of coming disorders which may entail the proclamation of martial law. The disorders were the subject of a special meeting of the cabinet yesterday and the board of trade has them under consideration. The view taken by the government is that any governmental interference now would be unwise and perhaps dangerous. The strikes are yet local in their extent.

THREE ARE MISSING RESULT OF EXPLOSION

By the Associated Press. Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Three persons were reported missing and 20 others had been removed to a hospital within a short time after explosions wrecked the plant of the Aniline Products Corporation here today. All the victims were employees. There were two explosions, the first so heavy that many buildings in the neighborhood were shaken and damaged. The plant was doomed by fire, it became evident immediately after the explosion. It was estimated the loss would be in excess of \$1,000,000.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES CUT DOWN TWO-THIRDS

Washington, Jan. 31.—Sweeping reductions in transatlantic freight rates on commodities carried from South Atlantic and gulf ports to the United Kingdom, France, Holland and Italy in American bottoms were announced last night by the shipping board. At the same time the board made it clear that the rate cuts announced last Monday night applied only to commodities loaded at North Atlantic ports. The new rates announced for South Atlantic ports are from 10 to 12 cents higher than those for North Atlantic ports, while the differential for gulf ports is from 15 to 25 cents. The new rates made public last night represent a cut of 66-2/3 cents and are as follows: From South Atlantic ports to United Kingdom, \$1.67 1-2 a hundred pounds, or 54 cents a cubic foot. Rotterdam, Antwerp, Havre and Bordeaux, \$1.35 or 7/10 cents. Marseilles, Genoa and Naples, \$1.72, or 91 cents.

MORGANTON RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY BLAZE

Morganton, Jan. 31.—Fire destroyed the beautiful Carter residence on Avery avenue here Wednesday night. It was the first serious blaze in Morganton in over two years. Although the Carter place is but five blocks from the fire station and the flames were discovered before they had gained much headway, the fact that the fire department horses were engaged in carting sand about a mile from the fire barn caused a delay in the arrival of the fire apparatus and the building was razed to the ground. When the absence of the fire horses was noted the State hospital authorities, a mile and a half away, were asked for aid, and arrived on the scene but a few minutes after the local apparatus appeared. It is rumored that the right of the town to use the fire team on work outside the town limits will be tested in lawsuits to be brought by a fire insurance company and the Carter sisters, whose home was burned last night.

HUB OPEN SATURDAY

The program at the Hub theatre tomorrow will be John Barrymore in the "Man from Mexico." A Paramount picture. If you failed to see this good picture at the Pastime Wednesday see it at the Hub Saturday. Admission 10 and 15 cents, war tax included.

BOLSHEVIKI ARE NOT LIKED BY NEIGHBORS

By the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 31.—The peace conference so far has had two replies to its invitation to the various Russian governments for a conference at the Princess Islands. In one of these, the government of North Russia formally refuses to meet the bolsheviks. The Omsk government under Admiral Kolshak, while less categorical in its reply, expresses strong reserve.

TO GIVE HOUSE NAMES OF ALL DESIRED IN PARTS OF TURKEY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 31.—Names of witnesses upon whose testimony charges of collusion among the five leading packers were based by the federal trade commission will be submitted voluntarily by the commission to the house interstate commerce committee. William B. Cover, chairman of the trade commission, so informed the committee today as a result of the demands made by committee members yesterday that all "names of witnesses be divulged so that the committee would have a basis for further action."

MISS EDWARDS NOT FOUND AT DREXEL

After following a clue to Drexel, Mr. Geo. R. Wooten and other friends, failed yesterday to locate Miss Edna Edwards, who disappeared from home on Tuesday afternoon. The young girl left the home of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Edwards, on Tuesday morning for school, but she did not attend that day nor did she show at a store in Hickory, as she had been instructed to do. Mr. Victor Martin, who lives in West Hickory, told Chief Lentz this morning that Miss Edwards stopped in front of his home Tuesday afternoon and talked a while with his wife. The girl apparently was on her way home from school. It was learned yesterday that the young woman who got on the train here and stopped at Drexel was another person, and last night Mr. Wooten telephoned and telegraphed descriptions of the young lady. Her whereabouts soon will be learned, it is hoped. The mother, nearly frantic with fear, would appreciate any information, and officers and friends will follow any clue in the hope of recovering the lost girl. Miss Edwards suffered from a severe case of influenza and she had been quite nervous. The missing girl is described as weighing about 120 pounds, about five feet five inches in height with dark brown hair and eyes. When she disappeared she wore a dark green dress with white stripes and a long dark coat. She has a mole near her left eye and is of a very nervous disposition.

NO AMERICAN TROOPS BE SENT TO TURKEY

By the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 31.—Whatever forces may be sent to Turkey for garrison purposes, there will be no American troops sent to that country. It is pointed out that their use for this purpose would be inappropriate, as the United States has never been at war with Turkey.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market showed a firmer tone this morning on reports of an improved export demand in the south. The opening was steady at a decline of 16 points to an advance of five, near months being easy under scattering liquidation, but these were quickly absorbed, with the market selling sharply after the first hour. There was buying on the advance, which carried March contracts up to 23.20, May to 22.10 and July to 21.10, or about 55 points to 72 points net high.

WEATHER FORECAST

Hickory cotton 22 1/2c
CLEAR
For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday, slightly lower temperature Saturday, gentle west winds.

MAINTAIN ORDER IN PARTS OF TURKEY

By the Associated Press. Paris, Jan. 31.—The military representatives of the supreme war council in connection with the instructions given them yesterday by the council are taking steps to arrange for the distribution of entente and American forces, if the latter are needed, in parts of Turkey. French reports of mal-administration of Armenians and other subject races by local Turkish governors and the refusal by the porte to supply the necessary corrective measures are understood to have been the reason for the action of the council yesterday in taking measures towards supplying military forces to maintain order in the Turkish area.

NAT GOODWIN DEAD AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

By the Associated Press. New York, Jan. 31.—Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, died at a hotel here today after a brief illness. Death was due to a general breakdown in health following an operation to remove an eye. Born at Boston July 25, 1857, Goodwin was a familiar figure on the American stages for many years. He made his first appearance in 1874 and subsequently played leading roles in very successful plays both in the United States and England.

GOVERNMENT WAR EXPENSES STILL LARGE

Washington, Jan. 31.—Although nearly three months have passed since the signing of the armistice, the American government's war expenses show no signs of decreasing materially, except in loans to allies. In January the treasury paid out about \$1,600,000,000 for ordinary war expenses, exclusive of allied loans, or only \$70,000,000 less than in November and considerably more than in any month heretofore. Officials explained this was not to be taken as indicating that production of war materials is continuing at the tremendous rate of several months ago. Manufacturers now are presenting their bills and receiving payment for materials delivered long ago, however, and this keeps up expenses. Payments to the allies fell to about \$10,000,000 in January. When these loans were first instituted, the government contemplated turning over about \$500,000,000 credits to the allies every month, but actual payments ordinarily ran around \$380,000,000 monthly. The treasury cited figures on the present government outlay to emphasize the necessity for another big war loan of five or six billion dollars in April. Current expenses now are paid largely out of borrowings from banks and other purchasers of the government's short term certificates of indebtedness.

ATLANTIC FLEET SAILS SOUTHWARD NEXT WEEK

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—The entire Atlantic fleet is expected to sail from Hampton Roads Monday or Tuesday of next week for Guantanamo, where the midwinter maneuvers and target practice will be held. These battle practices of the fleet, held four times each year, at Guantanamo in midwinter, off the Virginia capes each spring and fall and off the New England coast in mid summer, were interrupted by the entry of the United States into the European war. The fleet will begin to assemble in the roads tomorrow preparatory for the trip to Guantanamo. A number of the ships, including the Arizona, Arkansas and Florida, have been undergoing repairs at the navy yard in preparation for the maneuvers. The Arizona is still in dry dock.

SEVERAL ARE INURED IN GLASGOW RIOTS

By the Associated Press. Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 31.—Several persons were injured here today when the police charged a crowd of strikers with their batons. The mounted police were called out and dispersed the crowd.

W. M. S. HART AT PASTIME SATURDAY

The program at the Pastime tomorrow will be Wm. S. Hart in "The Two Gun Man," a great western feature. His best picture in six reels. No advance in admission, same price 10 and 15 cents, war tax included.

STATEWIDE DOG LAW NOW SEEMS SURE OF PASSING

Honse Passes Ray's Measure on Second Reading Without Exempting Single County—Democrats in House Rebuke Meddlers in Ashboro--Day in Senate Listless

DATES ARE SET FOR BIG FAIR IN FALL

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Debate exhaustive and exhausting by the house of a state wide dog law, fathered by the barbarous Frank Ray of Macon gave spice and weariness to the legislative day. Several amendments to exempt various counties were voted down and it early became apparent that a state law was coming. Hardly a dissenting vote was heard on second reading.

The house also rebuked sundry Democrats of Asheboro for opposing the removal of the Randolph poor house from out near John Jarrell's into the suburbs of the county seat. As Ray of Chatham said, "folks are tired of making laws for Democrats who let their country send a Republican to the legislature."

The vote was 100 to 1 in favor of the bill presented by the Republican representative. The senate was rather inclined to loiter. It passed a bill providing that alimony begin when a woman leaves her husband for just cause; also the house bill removing from the law governing secret assault the provision that the assaulted should be conscious of the assailant's presence. Good roads, the submission of a constitutional amendment raising the pay of assemblymen from \$4 to \$10 and a state dog law were deferred until later in the term.

NEWTON BOYS WITH FOURTH CORPS ABROAD
James Coley Mundy, formerly a pharmacist with the Freeze Drug Company of Newton, is at Mayen, Germany, with the fourth army corps, according to the "Fourth Corps Flare," published in good American at that place. The second number carried the announcement that the whole A. E. F. mourned the death of Teddy in its issue of January 11 and declared it was the first American newspaper to be published on German soil. It was about the size of Monday's Record. The weather forecast was unique: "Here probably drizzly weather—At home probably fine, clear sparkling."

O. C. GRANGER FOUND AT KNOXVILLE, ARM BROKEN
Chief Lentz received a telegram from Knoxville, Tenn., this morning announcing that a man giving his name as O. C. Granger and his address as Hickory and appearing unbalanced mentally had reached there with a fractured arm and unable to take care of himself. What to do with the case was a puzzle to the Hickory officer. Granger resided in Hickory and worked at Brookford. He and his wife lived with Mrs. Grady on Twelfth street, and Mrs. Granger is still here.

MAJOR LYERLY WRITES GOOD LETTER

Some indication of what the 105th engineers did in the big fighting in France is given in a letter from Maj. Geo. L. Lyerly. The 30th division to which the engineers were attached, smashed the Hindenburg line, and part of the time the engineers were repairing roads and bridges, and at other time were carrying riles and chasing the Hun. The losses of the second battalion, commanded by Major Lyerly, were quite heavy, and it is estimated the total casualties were 280. Major Lyerly has been decorated for his splendid conduct in the war—when he should have been in bed with the flu. His letter will be read with interest by hundreds of friends of the soldiers:

I have intended writing you a number of times and give you some dope, but have been so busy that I hardly found time to write to even my better half, so please don't feel slighted in the least, for I have thought of you lots since I arrived over here seven months ago. And besides we were not allowed to give out dope until here of late. I want to state that I have appreciated the Hickory Daily Record more than I can tell you and it sure has kept me posted regarding the home news. The first few months I was over here my wife sent me the papers every week by second class mail and sometimes I would not get the papers for months, but for the past few months she has been sending me the papers in an envelope as first class mail and I have been getting them promptly. Believe me, I always look for the paper when the mail comes in and after I finish the letters from my wife I always read the papers before I do another thing. I even did this while we were fighting at the front and this is saying a lot. Believe me, your papers were read with eagerness by me, and they did me lots of good; they made me think of home and feel a little as if I were there. Let the good work keep up and give us all the news, as you have always done. I believe the Record was carried farther to the front than any other paper because they were always sent up to me by my orders. So this is a good point and record for your paper. In one of the papers I got today I noticed an editorial relative to the deeds of the Old Hickory Division and the casualties the same had, and I notice you stated that you hoped some one who was over here in this (Continued on page three)

PLENTY OF ITCH REPORTED IN PARIS

By the Associated Press. Paris, Thursday, Jan. 30.—The newest irritation to arise at the peace conference is what the French call "igales" and what is known elsewhere as the "French itch." It is annoying, but not a dangerous ailment of the skin, and is something like the seven-year's itch and is indigenous in almost every country under different names. The itch was brought to Paris. If any of the American delegates to the peace conference have contracted it, diplomacy forbids betrayal of the fact, but the parasite is rampant at the headquarters of the American mission.

HALF MILLION MEN FAVORED FOR ARMY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 31.—An army of 500,000 men was unanimously decided on today by the house military committee as a basis for determining the appropriation for army pay for the year beginning next July. Committee members said the number probably would average 500,000 during the year.