

AMERICAN DELEGATES TO OPPOSE POOLING OF DEBTS

Won't Let Former Allies Harness Their War Cost on United States—Labor Legislation Considered by the Committee—Other Matters Before Peace Conference.

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Feb. 12.—While President Wilson and the allied premiers and generals are deeply engrossed in details of the plan for the creation of a society of nations and arranging the new terms to be imposed upon Germany for the renewal of the armistice expiring next Monday, other matters are requiring their attention.

It is expected the conference will spend little time discussing them however, and not pass most of them on to the society of nations when the latter has been formed and begins to function.

Foremost on this secondary program are the recommendations of the international commission on labor legislation. Meetings are going on today as they have continuingly for the past few days among men who have been called to Paris by President Wilson to consider the question.

Already initial steps have been taken to commit the peace conference to a great international policy of debts, which will include all neutral nations, whether they wish to or not. They will meet with the most determined resistance from the American delegates who feel that America did her full share by the allies in furnishing troops and almost unlimited supplies and money.

They are ready to relieve France of her nightmare of German power in extending further credits to permit France to rehabilitate industries and to enable her and Belgium to hold their own in the world's market, but they feel that it is beyond their power to commit their country to any monetary system with European powers. They also feel that some of these countries have been derelict in not imposing, as the United States and Great Britain have done additional taxes on their people during the war to meet at least in part their obligations instead of calculating upon reimbursements in the form of indemnities from enemy countries.

OVER 300 CASUALTIES REPORTED IN SIBERIA

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 12.—A cablegram today from the headquarters of the American expeditionary forces in France gave the total casualties of the American Expeditionary force in Siberia up to February 9 as 10 officers and 314 men killed, died of wounds and disease, wounded and missing in action.

The total was divided as follows: Killed in action, two officers and 60 men; died of wounds, one officer and 14 men; died of disease, 54 men; died of accident, five men; wounded severely, two officers and 67 men; wounded slightly, three officers and 30 men; wounded degree undetermined, three officers and 53 men; missing in action 31 men.

These casualties are being published individually in the regular casualty lists issued daily.

WON'T LET CHINA MAKE PUBLIC TREATIES

By the Associated Press.
Tokyo, Monday, Feb. 10.—Kijuro Shidehara, vice foreign minister of Japan, speaking today regarding the publication of Chinese treaties with Japan, said the latter simply had called attention to China of the established condition, according to which neither has the right to publish secret correspondence without the consent of the other.

M. Shidehara spoke for Viscount Uchida, foreign minister, who is suffering from pneumonia. "Japan has no intention to interfere with any demands of or contentions which the Chinese prefer to present to the peace conference," he said. "Accordingly Peking and Paris reports to the contrary are absolutely untrue."

AMERICA-JAPAN SIBERIAN RAILROAD

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 12.—Acting Secretary Polk announced at the state department today that the United States now had accepted formally the proposal of the Japanese government in regard to plans for the restoration of railway traffic in Siberia.

The purpose of the agreement, Mr. Polk's statement adds, "is to assist the Russians in Siberia in regaining their normal condition of life and have been reached on a definite understanding that the railways are to be operated in the interest of the people of Siberia. The United States and Japan have voiced their disinterested purpose not to infringe on the rights of the people of Russia and where the Chinese Eastern is concerned of China.

Under the plan which is already being put into effect the Chinese system, which includes the Sib Chinese railway, is to be supervised by an inter-allied committee with a Russian as chairman. In addition to Japan and the United States, Great Britain and France and China have asked to be allowed to aid.

SOLDIERS' BUREAU IS FORMED IN HICKORY

Mr. Max T. Payne of Greensboro district organizer of the United States employment service, department of labor, was in Hickory yesterday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a local soldiers and sailors' bureau to attend to the matter of giving employment to soldiers and sailors from Hickory on their return from the service. Mr. Payne said it was especially desired that each community look after its own men first and giving work to others afterwards. If this is done the question of employment will not be acute and all persons are asked to report the return of soldiers to any of the following members of the local bureau:

A. K. Joy, secretary Chamber of Commerce.
Dr. W. H. Nicholson, president American Red Cross Association.
C. H. Geitner, chairman Red Cross home service committee.
C. W. Bagby, postmaster and member of home service committee.
E. W. Lentz, chief of police.
Rev. W. W. Rowe, pastor Reformed church.
W. J. Shuford, president Catawba Creamery Company.
H. E. Whitener, chief fire department.
Eubert Lyerly, chairman exemption board.
S. H. Farabee, editor Daily Record.

Mr. J. A. Sheets, new president of the Underwriters Association, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. J. Foster.

MINERS IN ENGLAND WON'T ACCEPT OFFER

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 12.—The conference of the miners' federation of Great Britain at a meeting at Southampton today decided against acceptance of the terms offered by the government for settling the labor dispute.

MR. CLICK'S SISTER DIES IN SALISBURY

Mr. J. F. Click received a message today stating that his sister, Mrs. J. E. Deadmon, had died at her home in Salisbury this morning. Mrs. Deadmon was aged 63 years. Her funeral will take place tomorrow.

She was the mother of fifteen children, ten of whom are living. Nine have families. She has forty grandchildren, twenty-six of whom are living. One great grand child is also living.

The death of Mrs. Deadmon leaves only two children of a family of twelve. They are her full brother, Mr. J. F. Click of this city, and her youngest half brother, Mr. H. W. Deadmon who lives at the old home-stead in Davie county.

Four of the twenty children died in infancy, sixteen of them lived to be grown and fifteen of them were members of the Baptist church. Ten of the nine families of children, two of them were in the civil war, one having died in the trenches.

In this family there were three marriages, two husbands and fathers, H. H. Click and Hailey Deadmon. There were three sets of children, six of the first set, three of the second, and eleven of the third. Mr. Click and sister were of the middle set. Their parents were married twice. The three children of the middle set were half brothers and sisters to all the other seventeen children.

The first set of six children and last set of eleven children, though half brothers and sisters by marriage and always lived as full brothers and sisters, yet they were no blood kin. Mr. Click leaves this evening to attend the funeral.

ALL THESE BOYS ARE RATED AS HEROES

By the Associated Press.
London, Feb. 12.—The entire crew of the transport Mount Vernon has been commended by Secretary Daniels for gallantry displayed when the ship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine September 5, it was announced today.

"The conduct of the entire personnel from the time the ship was struck until she arrived safely in port was such as to uphold the best traditions of the service, according to official reports," says a statement issued today by the navy department. "Even men singled out for special mention included Chief Water Tender Francis H. Griffin of Rural Hall, N. C."

BELLS PROCLAIM NEW GERMAN PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press.
Weimar, Tuesday, Feb. 11.—Pealing church bells announcing to the people of Weimar at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon that the German folk had for the first time in history chosen the head of their own state. Frederick Heideck, former saddler and Socialist, appeared before the German assembly, and stigmatized the party to which President Ebert formerly belonged as unworthy of confidence.

Despite the certainty of Herr Ebert's election, the theatre was crowded beyond anything since the convening of the assembly.

NEWTON PERSONAL NOTES

Newton, Feb. 11.—Gaither L. Bolick, who has been with the P. O. Carpenter store here for the past several years, has resigned his position and will move his family to High Point next week. Mr. Bolick has been made manager, as well as secretary and treasurer of the large dry goods store of Wood Bros., in High Point.

Mr. Monroe Coulter died at his home near Startown Saturday night of bright's disease. He was about 74 years old and one of the most highly respected citizens of that section.

Zebulon Bell arrived in the city yesterday from New York, where he landed on January 26, from France. Before entering the service Mr. Bell was manager of the local office of the Piedmont Telephone Company. He went to France last October, got run over by a truck and while in the hospital had the "flu." He arrived in New York with a bunch of casualties.

Mrs. E. T. Harwell has received a message stating that her brother James P. Harwell, had arrived at Camp Greene, Charlotte, from overseas. Mr. Harwell when last heard from was recovering from wounds received in battle.

Solicitor Johnson J. Hayes spent Sunday in Hickory. The solicitor went up to hear his old pastor Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, preach. He made a talk to the members of the Sunday school at the Sunday school hour.

Those attending the memorial exercises in honor of Theodore Roosevelt in Hickory Sunday afternoon from this place were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilfong, L. F. Klutz, H. H. Lowry and Solicitor J. J. Hayes.

FRIEDRICH EBERT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF GERMANY

Basle, Feb. 12.—The German national assembly has elected Friedrich Ebert president of the German state by a vote of 277 out of 379 votes—a majority of 102. Herr Ebert accepted the election. Count von Posadowsky-Wehner received 42 votes.

Mr. D. E. Peterson returned from Camp Sevier yesterday where he was mustered out of the quartermaster corps.

WEATHER FORECAST



For North Carolina: Fair in the east, cloudy in the west portion to night and warmer Thursday. Cloudy and probably rain except near the coast, warmer in the east portion, moderate south winds.

The young people are popular and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

COMMISSION TO SETTLE ARMY DEBTS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 12.—The appointment of the United States liquidation commission, war department, to liquidate the business and financial affairs of the army in England and France was announced today by Secretary Baker. Edward Parker of Houston, Texas, was appointed chairman of the commission.

The other members already appointed are Senator Frank Hollis of New Hampshire, whose term in the senate expires March 3; Homer H. Johnson of Cleveland, and Brigadier General Charles Dawes of Chicago, who is now serving with the American expeditionary forces. A fifth member may be named later.

In addition to settling all claims of and against associated governments, the commission will be empowered to dispose of movable and immovable property in France and generally to liquidate the debts of the United States in France and England.

Headquarters will be maintained in Paris.

Mr. George Hutton is a Morgan business visitor today.

HOME GUARDS OUT BUT HAVE NO DRILL

How many members of the Hickory home guards went out for drill last night may never be known. Capt. L. F. Abernethy attended a meeting of the Hickory commandery at 7 o'clock and expected to be at the armory at 7:30, but he was four minutes late and when he reached the street the members had demobilized for the evening. A fairly large number, all expressing individual opinion that the home guard might suspend operations during the snow, was found on the streets later, and most of them went home early.

Sergeant Kuhn, Corporals Bagby and Clark and a couple of buck privates, Jim Espey among them, invaded the city manager's office, where he was listening to the words of wisdom of the mayor and councilmen, and paced ye humble scribe under arrest for non-attendance. The outrage remains unavenged. The details marched around the building. The wind meanwhile affectionately caressing ye scribe's limbs through those cotton breeches.

Following the release of the prisoner, the sophistic words then located Sergeant Bob Martin behind the counter, but he yelled "Excused," and all the boys took a drink on Chief Bagby. Thus ended the evening's performance. It was planned to go fetch John Stephens and Sergeant Alex Shuford, but somebody said they had been down street and it was feared they might be to the game and the home guards did not want to take any trouble for nothing.

ASHEVILLE LIFTS QUARANTINE AGAIN

By the Associated Press.
Asheville, N. C., Feb. 12.—After being closed for more than a month owing to the influenza epidemic, the official quarantine in Asheville was lifted today. In the first eleven days of February there have been 88 new cases and 11 deaths in the city.

AT PASTIME TODAY

The program at the Pastime today will be Elsie Ferguson in "Song of Songs," an Artercraft picture. This play by Edward Sheldon from the novel of Suderman was one of the dramatic hits of the past season, and with Elsie Ferguson in the role of Lily Kardos it takes on new and more attractive life on the screen. Lily was a salesgirl in an Oriental store on the boardwalk at Atlantic City and because of her great beauty she attracted the attention of wealthy men. Her career is one series of dramatic incidents and she finally marries an ex-senator who had been repulsed in his wily advances. Then love came into her life in the shape of Stephen Bennett; how she makes the unexpected guest and wins makes one of the most dramatic stories and characterizations in which this talented star has appeared on the screen.

MARRIED AT CLAREMONT

Claremont, Feb. 12.—This afternoon at the Methodist parsonage at Catawba Mr. Rollin Murry will be married to Miss Floy Little of this place. Mr. Murry is a son of Mr. O. D. Murray of Claremont route 1 and Miss Little is the daughter of Mrs. H. J. Little of this place. Until recently Miss Little has been employed as telephone operator in the Claremont office.

The young people are popular and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

GRAY, STACY AND HOLDERNESS HAVE SUBSTITUTE FOR STEVENS-SCALES MRAASURE THAT MAY PASS SENATE, BUT MAY DIE IN HOUSE—OTHER LEGISLATION MOSTLY LOCAL IN NATURE.

(BY W. T. BOST)
Raleigh, Feb. 12.—The result of putting of hired heads together became apparent this morning in the senate when the opposition to the Stevens-Scales road bill showed up with a substitute for the re-written measure proposed to provide for a state highway system through bonds to meet the federal aid and to use an automobile tax—nothing like 75 cents a horsepower either—for payment on the bonds and the creation of a sinking fund.

SHORT HISTORY OF HICKORY COMPANY

The following information in regard to Co. A, 105th engineers, was prepared for the Record by First Lt. Frank Laurence Cline and First Sergeant James Homer Bowles and will be interesting to hundreds of the paper's readers.

Now that the war is over and we have a little time to think of something other than fighting and dodging shells and bullets, I will take this opportunity to write you a few lines and try to tell you something of our experiences since we came to France. No doubt you have heard and read quite a lot of the bull that some of the chaps have spread, either by letter or verbal, nevertheless I expect there are a few things that have been left unsaid and the following is a brief sketch of the doings of the boys of this organization.

The scene, a train leaving Camp Mills, N. Y., destination, somewhere, first stop, Montreal, Canada. Act One. Loading on transport Tallyhuss. Act Two, everybody on deck and make ready the life boats. There is not very much respect, however, as the majority of the boys are unable to get out of their hammocks, and as one private remarked, "had just as soon die by drowning as from seasickness." The submarine presented itself, but owing to the fact that the submarine chasers made it so hot for him that there was very little damage done, one boat was hit by a torpedo, but made port and everybody aboard O. K. The following day the sun shined and the sea as still as a mill pond, very few sick and everybody happy.

The balance of the journey is of little importance, as everything went well and the boat docked at Liverpool, England, P. M. June 12, 1918. Entrained in less time than nothing as all the officers that wear buzzards, and leaves were very much excited and wanted us to march a mile, get aboard the train and be ready to leave in two minutes, we finally succeeded in getting everybody on the train, after having had the good wishes and the assurance of our being welcome to the great country of England, and having heard a noted English band play a number of popular airs, such as the Double Eagle March, Dixie and a few others too numerous to mention, the train pulled out as the national anthem was being played and everybody in the car was standing at attention. Our journey through England was made at night, so naturally we can tell very little of the country through which we traveled.

The scene changes: We receive orders to detain. It is dark as a pocket and nobody can tell you a thing. The train stops, everybody is scrambling to get off as quickly as possible. Everybody off, the march commences; we are marched for about an hour up hill and a very steep one at that, and finally reach our place of abode, which is a castle situated in the suburbs of Dover, England; here we are served with beer—just think of it, an American soldier being served beer—and with the beer were served sandwiches, and with the sandwiches we were told what we might expect down the line. The next morning was a beautiful one and we were allowed to visit Dover for a certain number of hours. Everybody that had the pleasure of visiting this beautiful place, situated along the coast and overlooking the English channel, had quite a nice time, drinking Scotch high-balls and first.

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Sergeant Willie Fincher returned to Rock Hill today after visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. H. Elliott. Sergeant Fincher saw some of the hardest fighting in France, being in the battle that helped break the Hindenburg line.

JUDGE M. H. JUSTICE DIES AT ASHEVILLE

By the Associated Press.
Asheville, Feb. 12.—Following an acute attack of indigestion, Judge M. H. Justice, aged 75, for 16 years a leading member of the superior court bench of North Carolina, died at 8:45 o'clock this morning at a hotel here. He came here from his home at Rutherfordton and held court yesterday.

Justice Webb charged the jury shortly after 2 o'clock and the twelve men took the case.

Miss Louise Peeler entertained a few friends last night in honor of Sergeant Willie Fincher who is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Elliott. A number of musical selections were enjoyed. The hostess served dainty refreshments at the close of the evening.

Stacy of Roberson, Gray of Forsyth and Holderness of Edgecombe were advocates of the new measure. Substitute it may be, but it bids fair to involve the champions of good roads in one of the stiffest fights of their lives; it may and probably will pass the senate. But persuading the house to adopt a bond issue of \$2,500,000 for two years is admittedly a doubtful job.

Gray, who made the first set speech—in fact it was pursuant to his call that last night's meeting got together and rug up the present bone of contention—invighed against the injustice of taxing automobile owners and them only for the support of the roads. He thought contractors would accept the bonds in payment for constructing the highways. The fight in the early afternoon bade fair to go over into a late afternoon or night session, but the indications were that the Scales-Stevens bill, at least that part of it taxing automobiles 75 cents on the horse power—was lost.

Meanwhile the house was buying itself with local bonds providing for roads and school bonds, abolishing and creating county auditors, putting them on salary or taking them off and demanding that certain streams be kept free from carcasses of swine, cattle and poultry.

It also had a bill creating county boards of welfare.

In the senate Connor of Wilson offered another equal suffrage bill. It was announced that Secretary of the Navy Daniels had accepted with thanks an invitation to address the general assembly tomorrow and will speak at noon.

Y. W. C. A. DRIVER IN HICKORY THIS WEEK

The blue triangle drive will be put on in Hickory Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The national campaign calls for \$1,000,000 for home service extension work and Hickory's quota of this sum is \$100. A live team will begin canvassing for this sum tomorrow and the people are asked to give liberally.

The Y. W. C. A. needs this money to invest in the betterment of the lives of the young women of America. Put your dollar into this program of service for the betterment of the young womanhood of America. A member of the team will call on you to take your subscription this week.

Mrs. George White has as her guests at her home in Longview, her brother, Mr. Otto Tesh and her cousin, Mr. John Harper of Winston-Salem.

WARREN CASE IN HANDS OF JURY AT NEWTON

Newton, Feb. 12.—Solicitor Hayes concluded the argument for the state this afternoon in the case against Alvin Warren, Hickory jitney driver, on trial here for the murder of Sheep Shores, colored, in a restaurant several weeks ago.

Argument was begun yesterday afternoon. The state is represented by the solicitor and Messrs. W. A. Self and W. B. Council and the defense by Messrs. A. A. Whitener, C. L. Whitener and W. C. Feinster.

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