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MUCH OPTIMISM FELT PROSPECTS OVER PEACE

Most of world Will Soon Be Normal Again, It Is Believed—Many Disputes Settled by Council—Riots Are Reported at Various Places—Trouble in India

By the Associated Press.

Prospects of peace have suddenly become brighter as the result of agreements reached by the council of four at Paris, announcement of which seems to indicate that in a short time the war-worn world will begin to return to something like normal international conditions.

On April 25, which will be 165 days after the last gun of the great war was fired, allied and German delegates will gather at Versailles, the historic place where treaties which have remodeled empires and signalled the rise of new nations have been signed.

A statement given out by President Wilson at Paris last night indicated that the treaty with Germany would be completed in a very short time and that in the meanwhile the problems involved in the settling of the conflicting claims of Italy and of Jugo-Slavia to territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic would be given preferential consideration.

It is probable the allies of Germany will be called to Versailles immediately to receive the peace terms.

There seems to be an agreement on the vexing problems of the Franco-German front. It is said the Germans will be compelled to withdraw all troops from a zone 25 miles wide on the right bank of the Rhine, while the allies will hold the left bank of that river until the first installment of the indemnity is paid.

While the work of fixing the amount of money to be paid by Germany to the allied and associated powers has been completed, there remains a further task of apportioning the indemnity funds among the allied nations. It is indicated that France and Great Britain will receive a major portion, it being estimated that 85 per cent of the total will go to them. Out of the remainder the smaller powers will be given their shares and that there will be some dissatisfaction on their part is expected.

Riotous disorders continue in Germany. In Bavaria there are indications that the government, led by Premier Hoffman, successor to Kurt Eisner, is gaining ground and that the soviet regime, which threatened to take over complete control, may be ousted.

A rather disquieting situation has arisen in India, where there have been disorders of a serious character.

HICKORY MERCHANTS HOLD SHORT SESSION

A short session of the Merchant's Association was held last night, but little action was taken other than to confirm the decision of the directors to close on Easter Monday, as per custom. President Bisanar presided and a dozen members were on hand. The secretary reported some new members, good financial stading and other progress.

REDS GIVE GROUND

By the Associated Press.

London, April 15.—A retreat of ten miles in the Mumansk region is admitted by the Russian soviet government in a wireless message received here today.

TO ATTEND FEDERATION

The annual meeting of the Federation of Woman's clubs of the 11th district will be held at Statesville April 21 and those expecting to attend are asked to notify the presidents of the Community Club, Mrs. Webb Elliott.

AT PASTIME TODAY

"More Trouble" is the title of the new Pathe feature play in which Frank Keenan has scored the triumph of his long and distinguished career. It will be shown at the Pastime Theatre today.

MUNICH RADICALS HAVE REACHED LIMIT

By the Associated Press.

Berlin, Monday, April 14.—The communist government in Munich, apparently realizing that its days were numbered, issued a long list of orders more radical than any in the past. One order authorized the "communization of women," including wives. Another order displaced all managers in industrial plants, giving the positions to the workers.

Reports in Munich say there is much talk there of the advisability of moving the communist government from Munich to Ansbach.

COTTON CONSUMPTION IN MARCH 433,720

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—Consumption of cotton during March amounted to 433,720 bales of lint and 10,358 of linters, the census bureau today announced.

MURDERS REPORTED BY HUNGARIANS

By the Associated Press.

Londoa, April 15.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that two newspapers of Berlin pubish reports received from travelers to the effect that the communists at Budapest have executed Archduke Joseph, Dr. Alexander Wekerle, former premier, and Baron Joseph Szetrenyi, minister of commerce. The report, the dispatch says has n ot been confirmed.

MORE THAN 100 SHIPS IN NEW YORK HARBOR

New York, April 15.—More than 100 ships of America's "victory fleet" steamed proudly nto New York harbor yesterday beneath a great escort of air and seaplanes, bringing 30,000 officers and men to the first home shore leave many of them have enjoyed in more than a year.

The armada—greatest in point of numbers ever sen in an American port—rode through an enthusiastic welcome in the harbor to anchorages in the Hudson river, and within a few hours Admiral Henry T. Mayo, fleet commander, had released more than 10,000 of the men for 24-hour shore leave.

No parade or official receptions will be held, Admiral Mayo asserting that the men of the fleet were "here to review New York and not to have New York review us."

The fleet will remain here until April 30, when it will be split up and sections sent to the various Atlantic stations. In the meantime, Admiral Mayo said the men will be given as much shore leave as possible.

TELEPHONE STRIKE TIES UP TRAFFIC

By the Associated Press.

Boston, April 15.—Telephone communication throughout New England and most of Connecticutt was suspended by a strike today of telegraph and telephone operators. In Providence and other cities the operators quit work at 7 a. m. and the wires became dead. The union demands increased pay and the right of collecting bargaining.

THE CASE OF DEBS

Springfield Republican.

Attorney-General Palmer recalls that Eugene V. Debs before and after his speech of June 18, 1918, which led to his conviction under the espionage law, "on numerous occasions publicly urged wage earners to adhere to the so-called St. Louis program of the socialist party adopted in April 1917,'" which "asserted that participation of the United States in the war against Germany could not be justified." It is interesting to recall in this connection that in May, 1918, Debs in a communication addressed to the socialist party declared that "it would be rank folly, if not absolutely suicidal, to enter upon a national campaign, the most important in our history, in such an attitude and on such a platform."

His advice was not heeded. The platform stood, and Debs became its chief advocate, even going so far as to counsel in concrete terms the opposition to war which had been stated in general terms at St. Louis. Emotionalism has long been his chief characteristic as an agitator. His party has not taken him seriously as a leader, but has made a hero of him, and he has reciprocated. The three friends who have now petitioned for clemency for him have done so in spite of sharp disagreement with the views which got him into trouble. Debs, the reckless, definent and incoherent mouthpiece of social protest, eagerly seeking martyrdom in the cause of the proletariat, appeals to their imagination and sympathy. But he is either a lunatic or a responsible offender who has chosen his own course and the goal to which it leads.

AMERICAN FOOD SHIP PILLAGED BY GERMANS

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—An American steamship laden with food for Poland was pillaged at Hamburg by the Germans, according to a dispatch from Warsaw in Zurich and transmitted to the Echo de Paris.

REPORT UNTRUE

By the Associated Press.

London, April 14.—The report that an American food ship was attacked by Germans at Hamburg is not true, according to an official message received by American naval authorities,

GOOD REPORT ON ARCHANGEL FRONT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 15. — Brigadier General Wilds T. Richardson, the new commander of the American forces in north Russia, has reported the military situation satisfactory in his first official dispatch since landing on the Murmansk coast.

The message sent to General Pershing and relayed by him today to the war department was dated April 13 or about two weeks after the munitions conduct of Co. I, 339th infantry, whih refused to go to the front from Archangel.

It is assumed here that a satisfactory military situation means that proper discipline prevails among the American troops generally.

AN IRON PIPE CAN TAKE CARE OF ITSELF

When a fellow runs into an iron pipe an dit jars him over the right eye, everybody wants to know who has been fighting him. It seems a natural question, judging by the number of folks who ask it. The Record is informed of such a case. A fellow started under his porch the other morning and had forgot that the plumber, according to instructions, had run a pipe to carry off the water from the refrigerator. That pipe just came to the felliow's forehead and the fellow lammed it a good one, as he strode under the pporch to see how some baby chicks were getting along.

NEW REAL ESTATE DEALER

Mr. J. E. Bolich of Denver, Lincoln county, has opened up a real estate office in the Van Dyke Shop and will devote all his time this spring and summer to handling city and farm property. He already has listed several farms for sale and purposes to push the business here. Mr. Bolich comes well recommended and his friends expect him to succeed.

A. AND E. HEAD PETITIONED TO RESIGN

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, N. C., April 15.—Dr. W. C. Riddick, who was asked last night in a petition signed by several hundred agricultural students to resign his position as president of the A. and E. College here, is in Washington, D. C., and it is not known his attitude.

The action of the students is said to have been caused by a reported attitude of Mr. Riddick to weaken the agricultural course and strengthen the engineering course of the college. It is understood the petition requested the resignation of Mr. Rddick by noon Wednesday, but what the students will do was not learned.

College officials stated today that they were ignorant of any attitude of Mr. Riddick to weaken the agricultural course.

DEATH AT CATAWBA

Mrs. Sophronia E. Brown, an aged and respectable woman of Catawba, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and the funeral will be held this afternoon at Antioch Baptist church, Alexander county. She is survived by several children, including three in Highland.

RALEIGH IS TREATED TO AERIAL SPECTACLE

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, N. C., April 15.—Thousands of people were given a thrill here today when a sham battle in which ten British, French and American army aviators engaged, took place 5,000 feet above the city. The aviators composed what is known as the "aero circus" sent out by the treasury department as a feature of the Victory Liberty loan campaign.

SOME WATER PRESSURE

Messrs. T. S. Keever and Harrison Winkler were painfully injured last evening when a nozzle which they were holding kicked out of their hands and turned a stream of water on them of 300 pounds pressure. Mr. Winkler dropped the nozzle, and reached for it, sliding his hand over the water, which burned a blister on the member. The hose snaked around and landed a stream on Mr. Keever's side, tearing his overalls and blistering his leg. It was fierce but neither man was seriously hurt.

Mr. Robert Yount arrived home last night on 35 and today was busy shaking hands with friends. He enlisted with the Lincoln cavalry, was transferred to the hospital corps and was wounded in the leg on September 9, when a shell crushed it. The young man looks well and vigorous, and was glad to get home, but not half as glad as were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Yount, to see him.

Local and Personal

Mr. Geo. P. Hiss of Charlotte was in Hickory today.

Mr. Cedric Dellinger was a Statesville visitor today.

Mrs. H. E. Whitener and children are the guest of her mother at Burlington.

The Book Review Club will meet with Mrs. O. G. Henkel Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Mrs. M. C. Tropne of Gastonia arrived in the cty today to visit her sister, Mrs. W. B. Southerland.

The Killian Community Club will meet Saturday night, April 19. All members are requested to attend.

Rev. W. A. Deaton left this morning for Boone to spend several days.

Mr. C. H. Cline, who for the past year has held a position in Rock Hill, is spending some time in Hickory with relatives.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw conducted the funeral services of Mrs. C. C. Turner at Glen Alpine today.

Mr. Will White of Asheville is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White.

Mrs. Correll of Icard is doing well in a Statesville hospital following an operation to remove gallstones.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist church will have a cake, candy and doughnut sale next Saturday at Mr. J. A. Bowle's store.

Corporal Earl Sisk who landed with the 115th machine gun battalion some time ago, spent several hours in HHickory today.

Mrs. John Shuford left today for the Happy Valley to attend the funeral tomorrow of her cousin, Mr. Steve Frazier.

Corporal L. L. Propst of Camp Dix, N. J., has been honorably discharged and is at home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Propst.

Lt. E. L. Shuford, Jr., arrived home last afternoon to spend a week with home folks. He expects to be mustered out in a month or six weeks.

Misses Marie, Minnie and Annie Daugherty of Newton and Miss Azalie Chidodeau of France, who is lecturing on beautifying the complexion, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Propst in the country.

Mr. J. C. Martin has bought the resident property on the corner of Fifteenth street and Ninth avenue from Morgan and Wootten of eastern North Carolina. The price was not announced.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Letcalfe and daughters, Misses Rosa and Martha have arrived in the city from Charleston to spend the summer. They are stopping with Mrs. A. P. Whitener on Seventeenth street.

Mr. M. G. Forbham of Buncombe county has purchased the F. L. Reese farm five miles south of Hickory and has moved his family on the pplace. The deal was pulled off by Mr. J. C. Martin and involved a transfer of $4,000.

Mr. Guy Lackey of Edgewood, Md., and Miss Maye Lackey of Lincolnton are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lackey. Mr. Lackey is still in the service, but expects to be mustered out soon. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey also have as their guest Mr. Ernest Barlow of Creston, Iowa.

Mr. George Deitz, who was mustered out of service with the 119th field artillery at Camp Jackson last week and who has since been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Deitz, left Sunday for Clearfield, Pa., to visit his wife. Mrs. Deitz will meet him at Harrisburg, Pa.

Several Hickory people will leave tomorrow morning early for Charleston to greet the Hickory boys who are expecting to land Thursday on the transport Zeelandia. Among those going from here will be Mrs. Geo. L. Lyerly, Mr. Eubert Lyerly and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. P. Cilley. Messrs. J. W. Shuford and Walker Lyerly expect to leave Thursday or Friday for Camp Jackson.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—The cotton market showed renewed strength during today's early trading, with all the new style months making new high records on the prospects for an early peace, firm Liverpool cables and a renewed trade demand from both foreign and domestic sources. After opening steady at an advance of 10 to 24 points, the new style months sold 21 to 36 ppoints net higher.

	Open	2:40	Call
May	26.85		26.97
July	25.25		25.52
October	23.45		23.80
December	23.00		23.30
January	22.84		23.88

WEATHER FORECAST

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday except probably rain in the extreme west portion. Colder Wednesday in the extreme west portion, gentle to moderate south winds.

Liberty Loan Victory Weather

CRAZY MAN PAYS BOB GUTHRIE A VISIT

Newton, April 15.—Last night about 8 o'clock Bob Guthrie, colored, who lives on Walter Hoyle's place, near this city, had a white man call at his home and claimed that he was Christ. He asked Bob for his Bible and when the Bible was handed him, read from the scriptures for the edification of Bob. He read of Christ's second coming and told the colored man that he was Christ. He talked and parleyed with Bob and finally left and went off towards Newton.

This morning Bob was plowing in the field near his home when the stranger again put in his appearance. Upon approaching Bob he drew a big Colt's pistol and told Bob to follow him. He marched the negro up College street to the court house and into the sheriff's office and turned the negro over to the sheriff, saying "here's your prisoner." It is said the negro marched along like an obedient servant.

About that time Chief of Police Woodward, who had heard of the affair, appeared upon the scene and snatched the pistol from the crazy man's hand. He gave his name as Tom Ingland and his home as Bridgewater. He appeared to be about 40 years of age. He cried when talking to the sheriff about his wife and two children who are at DuPont, Va. The old negro told Register of Deeds Sigmon that he would have gone anywhere "wit dat" man. Ingland was placed in jail.

A series of revival meetings began at Middlebrook last night and will continue for ten days. Revs. D. E. Dellinger and Triplett of Rutherford College and Mr. Tom Setzer are conducting the meetings.

Dr. J. B. Little has moved his dental office from this city to Hickory. Dr. Little and his family have a large number of warm friends in Newton who have most deeply regretted their moving from among them. Dr. Little has been practcing dentistry here for more than thirty years.

E. A. Pound, supervisor of the home service department of the Southern Red Cross, gave a most interesting talk to the members of the executive board of the local chapter at the Virginia Shipp hotel.

HOLD JUBILEE ON THURSDAY MAY 22

At a general meeting of the celebration committees in the Chamber of Commerce last night, Thursday, May 22, was fixed as the date for holding the jubilee in honor of Catawba county soldiers and sailors. The action was unanimous after several other dates, suggested by Mr. J. D. Elliott in the hope of eliminating those that were not convenient, had been rejected. The day would have been selected earlier, but court will be in session two weeks at Newton and it was decided to have an open date for the occasion.

Dr. W. H. Nicholson presided and called on Mr. W. A. Self to start something. He suggested a date, but it was Saturday; Tuesday would not do, several of the ladies said, unless it was expected that they should cook all day Sunday, and so Thursday was decided on as the proper time.

Chairman Menzies of the central committee will see to the arrangement of tables and other details and everybody will set to work to make the day one enjoyable affair. In the meantime the arch is going up and everybody is thinking of the day.

MAY START ACROSS ATLANTIC TODAY

By the Associated Press.

St. Johns, N. F., April 15.—Weather conditions have improved sufficiently today to lead associates of Harry Hawker, Australian pilot of the Sopwith biplane team, to express the opinion that Hawker and Commander Griebe his navigator, might start their attempted transatlantic flight late this afternoon.

PHILATHEAS TO SEND FLOWERS TO AZALEA

The Philathea class of the Presbyterian church will send an Easter box of flowers to the hospital at Azalea next Friday evening. We will also send sixty Easter cards. We wish all members possble to respond Some of these soldiers are very low and weak and a little bit of cheer may mean much to them.

"Nobody ever measrued up
The value of a smile,
Just as we do our products
Or how long we find a mile;
But these messages of joy and cheer
Scattered over this broad earth,
Nobody here can tell us just
How much they may be worth."

The Junior Philatheas are all requested to bring any amount of flowers they can secure. Flowers are to be delivered at the home of Mrs. W. N. Martin where they will be packed and shipped,

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lawrence and Miss Louise Lawrence left today for Salisbury. Tomorrow they will go to Charlotte to attend the parade of the 120th infantry.

WILSON PLANS TO LEAVE PARIS ABOUT APRIL 27

Will Attend First Session of Peace Congress at Versailles and Then Leave Matters with Colonel House—Allies to Permit Germany to Obtain Raw Materials

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—(Havas Agency)—President Wilson intends to sail for the United States April 27 or 28 after being present at the opening meeting of the peace congress at Versailles, the Echo de Paris says today. After his departure Col. E. M. House will act for him, the newspaper adds.

BIG FOUR MEETS AGAIN

By the Associated Press.

Paris, April 15.—The council of four of the peace conference went into session again this morning with the question of the Adriatic again before it for consideration.

Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary for foreign affairs, took the place at the council session of Premier Lloyd George, who went to Lor.

The supreme economic council is considering the question of permitting Germany to have certain raw materials before the peace treaty becomes effective with a revision of the blockade requlations to that extent, and it is understood the prospects are good for favorable action.

The economic council members are also considering a plan for the conservation of Italy's coal supply.

Belgium has been asked to name a delegate to sit on the economic commission.

SPEND $400,000 FOR NEGRO EDUCATION

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—The Presbyterian church in the United States has appropriated $400,000 as a part of its new era program for the education and welfare of the negroes of the country, it was announced here today.

LENOIR BASEBALL TEAM MAKES GOOD

Undoubtedly a brief summary of the Lenoir baseball team's recent tour of western North Carolina will not only be interesting to the fans and people of Hickory, but plasing. The college team last week won five games out of five against teams and colleges a great deal larger in number of students, however, lower in caliber and standard. Last Tuesday they defeated the strong Kenilworth team at Biltmore, 6 to 3; Wednesday, Mars Hill 11 to 4; Thursday, first game, Bingham 11 to 6; Friday, Bingham, second game, 8 to 0;—a no-hit no-run game for Miller, and Saturday the Asheville school 8 to 0. Few teams anywhere in the whole country havemade such a record and the people of the town shopld be proud of this fact.

Also on Wednesday of this week Lenoir will meet Liberty-Piedmont on the local diamond. Another good game in view. Likewise on Easter Monday Lenoir will play on the local diamond another old rival, Spencer. Large crowds are expected to attend.

While on the western trip, both H. H. Fritz and R. L. Fritz, Jr., succeeded in knocking a home-run. Miller starred in both games he pitched. Jack Davis lead in batting, securing 10 hits Pete Deaton during the second game with Bingham was painfully injured, receiving a bad displacement of his fore-finger. Hahn then took his place behind the bat and did it remarkably well. Coach Yoder featured prominently throughout the entire trip as did Benfield, Sox and Barger.

BURLESON ORDERS OFFICES TO OPEN

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—Holding the New England telegraph strike without jurisdiction, the postoffice department today instructed the manager of the company at Boston to replace the strikers or to take other steps necessary to maintain service unimpared.

DECLARES TERMS OF LOAN ARE VERY LIBERAL

Richmond, Va., April 15.—Gov. George J. Seay, of the federal reserve bank of Richmond has issued the following statement regarding the outlook for the successful flotation of the Victory Liberty loan:

"It will be an agreeable surprise to the country that the government has to call upon the people for only four and one-half billions for the great Victory loan and growing financial undertaking of the great and terrible war.

"There has never been shown by the people of any nation either in this war or at any other time such exhaltation and unanimity of purpose, and now that the purpose which burned in our hearts has been accomplished there should and will be no faltering in finishing the work which was given us to do. The terms of the loan are liberal by comparison with any financing ever undertaken by our government and they are designed to appeal to the savers of the country, the people of small and moderate incomes. Never before was it so important to our national life and prosperity to save and the savings of the people during the war are now our shield against adversity. A wide distributon of the loan will greatly improve the banking situation and enable the banks to take better care of reviving business.

"All Liberty loan workers are called upon to make this loan the crowning success of their magnificent patriotic labors."

AMBASSADOR ISHII RETURNS TO JAPAN

By the Associated Press.

Washington, April 15.—The state department was advised nominally today of plans of Viscount Ishii, the Japanese ambassoder to the United States, to leave next month for Tokio. At the Japanese embassy it was stated that the Japanese ambassador was returning home for a conference.

The department attaches were informed recently of Viscount Ishii's plans and it was stated today that recent international developments had nothing to do with his return to Japan.

By the Associated Press.

Guy Young—the same little guy that has formed a habit of putting his hands on other folk's property, is in bad again—in spite of the efforts of Night Officer Pope to reform him. This time Guy has been interested in the poultry business and before the fever was removed he had acquired three of Mrs. J. L. Lyerly's fat hens—those hens, one would bet, that the good lady was saving for the celebration—and sold 'em to somebody who ought to know that Guy's interest in hens is only transitory. These hens were not recovered. Guy picked up a layer belonging to Mr. John Huffman, but she was returned to the owner.

Chief Lentz this morning had three automobile wrenches and a baby carriage robe which they found. The thief had no use for them, but the owners may recover if they desire.

MARY PICKFORD AT PASTIME THURSDAY

Mary Pickford in "How Could You Jean" an Arteraft production will be the program at the Pastime Thursday.

JUDGE DAVIS SPEAKS IN 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

Judge Hubert L. Davis of Washington City, a supreme court judge of the District of Columbia, has been in the city a few days on legal business. He is a deacon and Sunday school teacher of Cavalry Baptist church there of a class of over 200 boys. He was here Sunday and worshiped at the First Baptist church.

In the Sunday school he taught the old men's class. They liked him so well that Mr. Bradshaw prevailed on him to preach for him Sunday night. His subject was, "The saving power of love." The burden of his theme was that of lifting up the fallen, especially the boys. To save a boy means so much to him, the church and to the world. All enjoyed it, and especially the tender spiritedness of it.

JACK EDWARDS HOME

Private Earl Edwards, known to his friends as Jack, came in at noon today from Camp Jackson, where he was mustered out after soldiering in France for well nigh a year. Young Edwards had a difficult time enlisting, but he passed all right and went across, where he was made a military police.

MUSICAL COMDEY SHOW AT HUB WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Don't forget to come to see the "HHoity Toity" Girls Musical Comedy Co. at Hub Wednesday night.

GREAT CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF LEAGUE

By the Associated Press.

New York, April 15.—Twenty thousand picked men and women, all well known citizens in their own communities, have been mustered by the league to enforce peace to lead its campaign for ratification of the league of nation's treaty by the United States Senate.

These "shock troops," according to announcement today at the national headquarters of the league, are presidents and members of leagues organized throughout the country.