

PRELIMINARY PEACE TREATY WILL BE READY TO SIGN BY EASTER, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Paris, April 6.—The preliminary peace treaty will be ready by Easter and the German president asked Wilson to come and sign it at the end of April...

ILLNESS OF PRESIDENT MAKES HIM STOP WORK.

But For Having Been Under Great Strain Sickness Would Cause Little Worry

Paris April 4.—Until late today no specific bulletin was issued concerning the condition of President Wilson...

Since his return the President's work has been enormous and he has been unable to secure more than an occasional walk at odd intervals either with Mrs. Wilson or Rear-Admiral Grayson...

The President's appetite today was good, but at luncheon he was limited to oyster soup and a light entree...

Reassuring news from President Wilson's bedside was sent to the peace delegates this evening...

Study of the case has caused Rear Admiral Grayson, the President's physician, to reach the conclusion that the President is not suffering from influenza...

MORE CAROLINA MEN DUE AT CHARLESTON APRIL 23

Washington, April 3.—The war department announced today the sailing of the transport Martha Washington due at Charleston S. C. about April 12...

THE PRESIDENT MUCH IMPROVED IS REPORT

Paris, April 6.—President Wilson remained in bed today, although an official bulletin said that he was much improved this morning...

Rutherfordton will soon have Main street paved and a new water supply. Bonds for the improvements will be sold soon and the work begun at once...

Congressman E. Y. Webb leaves Monday for Washington, D. C. where he joins a delegation from Congress to go on a visit to Porto Rico...

As to what the Germans will pay, you can wager safely on this. They will not pay any more than they're asked to pay.—Chicago Tribune.

CITIZENS OF TOWN AND COUNTY CALLED TO MEET

The citizens of Lincolnton and Lincoln county are requested to meet in the court house in Lincolnton next Saturday, April 12, at 3 p. m. for the purpose of formulating plans for a welcome celebration for Lincoln county soldiers...

PRESIDENT TO RESCUE

Financial stringency of the war risk insurance bureau has been relieved by a message from President Wilson to Secretary Glass saying the President had made an allotment from his emergency war fund to pay expenses of the bureau until Congress appropriates a sum at the next session...

EXECUTION OF RUSSIAN CZAR

Confirmation of the execution of the Russian emperor of Russia and his daughters, under particularly revolting conditions by bolshevik troops, was given at San Francisco, Cal., this week, by General Robert C. Paris...

HELD FOR VIOLATING LAW

G. A. McAndrews, of Cincinnati, Ohio, president of the International Tobacco Workers' Union, of Louisville, Ky., was arrested at Winston-Salem, where he has been perfecting an organization of the tobacco workers...

SENATOR KNOX IS REPORTED CONFINED TO A DARK ROOM IN FLORIDA TO GET OVER "EYE-STRAIN"

The number of United States soldiers who are willing to re-enlist even though they have to stop off at Brest must be disconcerting to some of the army critics.—New York World.

Notice of Town Election

Appointment of Registrar, and Judges of Election. Notice is hereby given to the voters of the Town of Lincolnton, N. C., that there will be an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, it being the 6th day of May, 1918...

Registration Books To Be Open For City Election. The registration books for the town election will be open for registration of voters for 7 days only, from April 19th to 26th, inclusive, Sunday excepted.

It is reported that the owners of the California-Mexico Land and Cattle Company's property will not under any circumstances lease any land to the Japanese, where colonization is probable unless it would be entirely agreeable to the government of the United States.

MANY CAROLINA SOLDIERS LANDED AT CHARLESTON

Charleston S. C., April 3.—Lacking the many spectacular features that accompanied the docking of the Madawaska yesterday, the transport Huron one of the largest in the service, crept quietly along the dock at the North Charleston terminals early this morning...

Cheering and shouting welcomes to all in sight, the men marched down the gang plank, straight through the big sheds and to the trains which were awaiting them.

Perhaps the most distinctively North Carolina unit arriving today was the third battalion, 119th infantry, commanded by Major Robert J. Lamb, of Fayetteville, with Lieut. J. A. Clifton, of Maxton, as adjutant.

The men of the 119th infantry are full of praise for their allies, comrades. They were brigaded with the British forces and fought beside English, Scotch, Irish and Australian troops.

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A DECISIVE ADVANCE

The Legislature of 1918 will have its work, and probably few things will have a more lasting influence in the State than the creation of the juvenile courts.

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APPREHENSION SPREADS AT PARIS—ALL CONFEREES ARE BUSY

Paris, April 3.—President Wilson and Premiers Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando continued their discussion at President Wilson's residence today. Other peace conference organizations also met.

The meeting proceeded amid another wave of apprehension spreading through the conference over lack of any tangible results after the council of four had labored continuously for 10 days.

"The situation is extremely difficult, particularly as regards the western frontier of Germany," President Wilson, in a conciliatory spirit, has been willing to do most anything to assure French security short of the actual cessation of engagements made at the time of the armistice.

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SALEM SCHOOL CLOSING

There will be a free entertainment given at Salem school house, Friday night, April 11th; opens 7:30 o'clock last time and a play given Saturday night, April 12th, opening at 8:00 o'clock last time.

CHARACTERS

Matt Wheeler, Karl Garrison. Pete, a colored servant, Lee Harrill. George Gray, Lee Hovis. Dandy Dean, servant, Eva Clanton. Read, Black Clanton. Deacon Thornton, Frank Clanton. Billy, the Deacon's boy, Lester Self. Miss America, an old maid, Audrey Clanton. Helen Thornton, Alda Self. Pedro, Blair Clanton. Dandy Dean, servant, Eva Clanton. Mrs. Dora, Matt Wheeler's wife, Eunice Harrill. Nellie Dorrath, Ocie McGinnis. Parson Brownlow, Harvey Cloninger. Admission 15 and 20 cents for Saturday night.

BIG CIVIL SUIT

The Charlotte Observer learns that suit has been started by the Hardaway Contracting Company against the Western Carolina Power Company, of which James B. Duke is president, for damages for an alleged breach of contract.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

The Atlantic fleet has sailed from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, having completed its annual winter maneuvers for New York, and it will remain in the North River from April 15 to 30 in order to give the men shore leave. The fleet will then proceed to Hampton Roads for gunnery and other exercises. Battle inspection will be held while the fleet is proceeding to Hampton Roads. The entire fleet will assemble at Newport, R. I., some time after July 4.

American army strength on March 25 totaled 2,131,503, a net decrease of 42 per cent since November 11, 1918. A table compiled by the General Staff gave the locations of the forces as follows: In Europe, 1,409,789 officers and men; in Siberia, 8,893; at 63,760; in the United States, 605,178; in insular possessions, 45,883. Not included in the total are 23,700 Marines remaining with the Expeditionary Force.

Labor conditions in the Southern States from an unemployment standpoint are excellent, although a slight increase in employment throughout the country is shown in reports for the past week received by the Federal employment service from 60 cities. A surplus of labor was reported by 36 cities; a shortage of labor by seven cities; and a balance by the remainder. The number of unemployed in the cities reporting increased by two thousand during the week. The number of unemployed in the cities reporting increased by two thousand during the week. The number of unemployed in the cities reporting increased by two thousand during the week.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR THE DISCHARGED SOLDIERS

The war department is sending out to its officers the following circular relating to hospital treatment for discharged soldiers:

"1. Discharged soldiers are civil-ian under the act in the matter of hospital treatment come under the provisions of paragraph 1459, army regulations. However, any soldier who has been honorably discharged since October 6, 1917, for disability incurred in line of duty, and whose present condition is a result of that disability or as consequent upon it is entitled to hospital or sanatorium care under the provisions of the war risk insurance act, either in military hospital, if there be room for him, or in local civilian institution.

"3. If the case is not one of emergency, the information called for in paragraph 2 should be furnished by letter to the chief medical adviser of the bureau of war risk insurance."

DIGGING IN

Everyone has heard about the wonderful buildings in our great cities. Air hammers, power drills, steam shovels, electric blasters, suction pumps and the like are used in the construction of these tremendous structures.

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Like the ground-hog, our boys at home "dig in." They dug deep into their pockets; they cut the purse strings. They bought Liberty Bonds, bought government bonds, bought stamps. They did it that the night might awaken from the night-mare of war. Had our fighting army not "dug in" victory would have been postponed; peace would now be a probability, not a fact.

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SOLDIER'S LETTER

From Soldier Ellis Houser, to his Mother, Mrs. W. F. Houser: Dear Mother: I will answer your much appreciated letter I received last week. Today is Sunday and I am sitting in one of the largest Y. M. C. A. buildings I ever saw. It was one American soldiers have taken it in charge.

I cannot express in words the pleasure I have over here in this country. These buildings are very magnificent. It is awe inspiring to stand in these fine constructed buildings and look at their fine art pictures of ancient times.

This country is richly settled and ever body lives in towns. There is no country people, all town people. Being over here is a great education to me. It has made me wiser and has broadened my mind from a historical vision.

I received a letter from Russell and he said he was tired of this army life and that he wanted to get home. He does not really realize why he is over here. Of course I want to come home too, but remember I am not coming until everything is settled for good.

I have been in England, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany and have never seen anything that beats old U. S. of America. The United States is the most civilized country in the world. It is the most religious country on the face of the earth.

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RESUMPTION OF TRADE AND COMMUNICATION WITH GERMANY

Resumption of trade and communication with Germany, effective last Wednesday, was authorized in an order issued by the war trade board acting in accordance with an agreement reached by the associated nations. The only restriction upon imports into Germany will be on all commodities of a military nature.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COSTA RICA

Representatives of Costa Rica have protested to the European powers because, although Costa Rica declared war on Germany, it was not invited to the peace conference to participate in the league of nations.

TUESDAY MAYOR WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON

Tuesday Mayor William Hale Thompson, of Chicago, Republican, was re-elected by a plurality of nearly 15,000. His opponent was Robert M. Sweitzer, Democrat, who was defeated four years ago by Mayor Thompson by a plurality of 137,000.

It is reported that Hickory's municipal primary passed off without excitement, as there was no contest. J. D. Elliot, former senator and many times mayor, was nominated for mayor. The election will be held Monday, but will only be a matter of form.

Tuesday, Gus Chandler, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chandler, of Yancey county, was burned to death. The boy was sleeping in a small room of a livery stable with Wesley Ekins when the barn and stable caught fire. Ekins was aroused and rushed down to call the fire department, forgetting the lad who was left asleep. When he remembered his companion it was impossible to reach him.

Monday, at Pensacola, Fla., three aviators met death and another was seriously injured when two machines came together in mid-air. Those killed are, Ensign Carl Wirel, of Baltimore, and L. A. Robinson, of Coldwater, Mich. and Student Officer E. L. D. Trux of St. Louis. Ensign Jesse Simpson of Anderson S. C., was seriously injured.

SHORT NEWS ITEMS

It is announced that a de Havilland airplane last Friday flew from London to Paris, 250 miles, in 80 minutes, establishing a new air record.

Secretary Baker will sail from New York today on the transport Levathan for France to attend meetings of the American liquidation commission, and to direct winding up of affairs of the American army in France.

At a meeting, Monday, of the commissioners of Mt. Airy, the police force resigned. They seemed to be of the opinion that they could get along better at something else. Chief Tom Hatcher said that he wished to turn his attention to farming.

In session at Raleigh, Tuesday, two sites for a state prison were considered, one at Durham and the other on the Camp Polk property at Raleigh. A definite announcement was not made but it is thought that the site at Raleigh will be selected.

Governor Pleasant, of Louisiana, has called another conference of representatives of cotton interests to meet in Memphis, April 10. The question of organizing banks in the South for the purpose of financing cotton will be taken up, the Governor said.

Mrs. Miguel Ampare, wife of Captain Ampare, and her three children ranging in age from seven months to five years, were among the 11 who perished when the Cuban schooner Lucia, run by Aden, this week foundered 400 miles off the North Carolina coast.

MONDAY NIGHT AT CHARLESTON

Monday night at Charleston, W. Va., prisoners escaped from the city prison for the twenty-third time within the past year. Those who escaped were Joe McCrea, charged with grand larceny, and James Stally with burglary. Ten other prisoners refused to leave.

TROOPS ARRIVING OVERSEAS

Troops arriving overseas during the week ending March 25 the war department announces totaled 59,395, the largest number to arrive during any one week since the armistice was signed. To March 25, a total of 502,830 officers and enlisted men and nurses landed from overseas.

UNDER THE NEW METHOD

Under the new method only the names of those killed in action and whose deaths have just been verified and whose death occurred from other causes will be announced by the war department for immediate publication. Announcement of the casualties will be sent by mail to the newspapers of the country.

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