

PEACE BY FIRST OF MAY LIKELY; HOPE FOR EASTER GONE

Big Four Has Agreed Upon All Important Points, It's Said

KAISER TO BE HANGED?

United States and Japan Oppose Personal Punishment—Other Three First-Class Powers Want Him to Suffer

(By the United Press) Paris, April 12.—Talk of an East-peace has given way to a promise of a May peace.

While the most chronic optimists today admitted that the last hope of peace by April 20 apparently had vanished, there was a general feeling that the treaty would be ready for presentation to the Germans by May 1. At least, persons close to the big four intimated that agreement had been virtually reached on all the important questions, including reparations, responsibility for the war, the disposition of Fiume and Danzig and the German boundaries, military, naval and aerial terms, etc. The revised league of nations covenant will be ready for submission at the plenary session.

What is to Be Done With Wilhelm?

Paris, April 12.—A roll call of the entire peace conference may be necessary to determine whether the former kaiser is to be hanged or otherwise corporally punished for his crimes. The committee on responsibility for the war is divided on the question of personal punishment for Wilhelm.

Great Britain, France and Italy favor it. The United States and Japan are opposed to it. The ultimate decision, it is said, may have to be rendered when the plenary session discusses the committee report. A point at issue is a paragraph in the committee's report providing for trial before an international court of national courts all persons deemed guilty of military crimes regardless of rank. The Japanese and American members have made reservation on this provision.

NORTH CAROLINIANS LECTURE AT EMORY.

Atlanta, Ga., April 12.—Two well-known North Carolina educators were announced today as lecturers in the Emory University summer school which opens June 25.—E. C. Brooks, Superintendent of public instruction for the State, and Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, acting president of the University of North Carolina.

LITTLE STORIES OF THE FIGHTING IN FLANDERS TOLD BY VETERANS OF 119TH

The British troops are all right, say homecoming members of the 119th Infantry. The Australians cannot be excelled; the Scotch are clever, not forgetting that they are dashing, and the English artillery is the "best in the world," in the joint opinion of Luby Hollingsworth and Roscoe Barrus, band and line sergeants respectively of the 119th. But the English infantry was "simply on the bum" when the Americans reached Haig's front.

Barrus and Hollingsworth tell of the English sergeant-major. "He is the ranking person of the whole British establishment. He draws about as much as an American private, wears a Sam Brown belt and has a profound contempt for everything below him. He is, decidedly, 'it'."

Sergt. Hollingsworth visited an English carnival in France. He was "going around" without chevrons. He went into a tent where "things appeared to be pretty lively" and joined in. A sergeant-major entered behind him and formed him that "Sammy couldn't stay there, you know; it was for sergeants." Hollingsworth proceeded to "get him told" in good old American language. On another occasion Hollingsworth saw a sergeant-major who claimed to be the "middleweight champion wrestler" of the British army thrown

TO INSPECT GRAIN MARKETS OF NATION

(By the United Press) Washington, April 12.—Greater uniformity in grain inspection and grading systems between various markets is the object of a conference to be held at Chicago April 14. Representatives of most of the important grain trade and milling organizations, the national council of the Farmers' Cooperative Associations, Bureau of Markets and the Railroad Administration will be present. The larger markets east of the Rockies will then be inspected.

LONDON TO NEW YORK BY RAIL BE NEXT.

London, Mar. 28 (By Mail).—After consistently opposing the scheme for many years on the ground that it cut into her "splendid isolation," all England is now mad over the proposed Channel tunnel, and the work of construction cannot be undertaken fast enough for its former opponents.

It will be, roughly, eight years before the under-channel service is running regularly. The tunnel will be from 30 to 35 miles in length, and an hourly electric service of trains to Paris is predicted. If a tunnel were constructed from the Asiatic side of the Behring Strait, where there is already a railway, to Cape Prince of Wales, near Dawson City, Alaska, it would be possible to travel by train from London to Canada and the United States.

COTTON

Futures quotations Saturday were: Open. 11:40. May ..... 26.25 26.34 July ..... 24.40 24.38 October ..... 22.20 22.59

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 35 bales, prices ranging from 25.60 downward. New York, April 12.—First call cotton prices were up 10 to 13 points, with traders selling on reports of clearer weather in the belt with predictions of warmer weather to come. There was scattered buying by Wall Street and scattered selling also came from the same source.

HAMILTON-SCARBOROUGH.

Miss Nannie Scarborough and Mr. Eugene F. Hamilton were married Friday night at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Hattie Scarborough, in the county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Howard and was witnessed by a number of persons. The bride is a well-known young woman. She has been teaching in the county schools for some time. Mr. Hamilton has numerous acquaintances here.

SOLDIERS BACK.

Mr. S. F. Linton, an Old Hickory veteran, has returned here. Mr. Snow Nunn has been discharged from the army and returned to his home here.

UNIVERSITY ALUMNI GIVE LIBERALLY TO THE GRAHAM FUND

Secretary Coates Addresses Sons of "The Hill" at Banquet Here—Memorial Building to House College Activities

Mr. Albert Coates, secretary of the Graham Memorial Fund, addressed a score of alumni of the University of North Carolina at a banquet at the Caswell grill room Friday night. Contributions ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 were made. Mr. Coates told of the proposed Graham memorial building at the university, of which Edward Kidder Graham was president when he died last year. He described the uses to which the building, for the erection of which alumni and other are contributing liberally, will be put. It will house a fine club room and the "homes of all the various college activities."

Others than alumni here are understood to be desirous of donating. Mr. C. Felix Harvey of the local association invites these persons to telephone him.

WILL SEEK TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE G. A. R.

Berlin, Wis., April 11.—Cast no aspersions on this town for its Teutonic cognomen, for it was here that one of the most notable movements, following in the wake of the world war, was born—the organization of the Liberty War Veterans of the World, 1914-18.

Official recognition of the birth of the organization here has been given by the Wisconsin legislature. This veteran body, whose membership is limited to soldiers, sailors and marines who participated in the recent war, plans to "carry on" when taps for the last member of the G. A. R. has been sounded.

BIOLOGISTS WILL RUN NEXT WAR, HE SAYS.

Philadelphia, April 12.—Instead of dynamite, poison gas and liquid fire, destruction will be wrought on armies and cities by pouring of deadly disease germs from the sky. This prediction was made for the next war by Dr. Isaac Sharpless, president emeritus of Haverford College, in speaking against compulsory military training in public schools. "The next conflict," Dr. Sharpless declared, "will be a war of biologists. While this may be too horrible even to contemplate now, nevertheless it is a probability to be reckoned with."

IT HAS A HISTORY.

The bass drum of the 119th Infantry is here. It has the war and border service record of the regiment painted on it in big letters and gaudy colors. Earl Brewer was the drummer. For the benefit of baggage men on the trains a note was attached to the drum. It conveyed the information that the old drum was dear to its "playmate," that it had been beaten in the Southwest States, in England, France, Belgium and elsewhere, and that it was practically priceless. It is understood that the drum is still Government property. The Government wants to understand, according to certain residents, that Kinston won't part with it, Government or no Government.

NOTHING AMERICAN TROOPS SCARED OF

(By the United Press) New York, April 12.—No present danger threatens the American troops along the Archangel front while they continue fighting on the defensive. The bolshevik army confronting the Americans is far from its base and is showing no eagerness to engage a persistent offensive. It is engaged in nothing more serious than harassing tactics not far removed from guerilla warfare. The bolsheviks are more intent upon destroying the morale of their enemies by political propaganda than by military strategy. If the bolsheviks had skillful military leadership at their disposal and they were seriously intent upon a rigorous campaign the situation facing the Americans might become alarming.

CAMPAIN FOR GOOD ROADS BE KEPT UP UNTIL LAST MINUTE

Optimism in Camp of Adherents of Bond Issue—Farmers Will Support Proposition Enthusiastically at Polls, Appears

Everywhere in Lenoir County the good roads spirit is paramount. An overwhelming majority may be cast for the cause at the polls Tuesday, when the \$2,000,000 bond issue authorized by the last legislature will be voted on. Saturday Chamber of Commerce workers and their co-laborers in every rural district "drove nails" for better highways. Optimism reigns supreme among the friends of the issue. Monday, eve of election day, will be a day of final rallies in some townships. The Chamber of Commerce, pledged "not to let up" until the polls close Tuesday evening, will put in its best efforts then.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) TO ALL MANKIND.

Copenhagen, April 12.—A dispatch from Weimar reports that the national assembly has adopted a resolution warning that if a violent peace is dictated Germany will address an 11th hour appeal to all mankind.

HALF THE ARMY DEMOBILIZED.

Washington, April 12.—Nearly half the American army has been demobilized to date. The total of discharges of officers and men announced by General March numbers 1,701,469. Forty-six per cent. of the men and over half of the officers demobilized.

MEN WHO MUTINIED WERE FROM DETROIT.

Washington, April 12.—Bolshevik propaganda is officially held responsible for the mutiny of an American infantry company in Northern Russia, Chief of Staff March says, announcing that Company I, 239th Infantry, comprised the offending troops. He read a message from the commanding officer at Archangel which stated questions put by the men to their officers were the same as the bolsheviks in propaganda leaflets advised them to ask. Company I consists almost entirely of Detroit men.

Crucifixion of Childhood Huns' Curse on World

Absence of Happy Youngsters and Lack of Merriment Among Naturally Vivacious People Marks Tragic Passing of the German From France.

(By W. W. Pinson) Our road lay through scenes that were constant and ghastly reminders of war, more numerous and more marked than we had seen before. There were vast networks of trenches and dug-outs and bomb-proofs and barbed-wire entanglements. That which brought the war and its cruelty home to us with greatest emphasis was the rows of new-made graves with their crude crosses standing as solemn sentinels above the soldier boys who had so recently paid the great price.

Once, just as the west was fading into the dull tints of twilight, we beheld a row of those black crosses silhouetted against the horizon, accentuating the loneliness with their mute but eloquent protest against the monstrous anachronism of war. Scarcely less solemn and impressive were the ruined and deserted villages through which we passed. Stark and motionless as a corpse they gave us no welcome nor farewell. It was easy to picture these streets full of happy children and these ruined homes resonant with the irrepressible merriment of this vivacious people. Where is all this life and color and happiness? It is dead—smitten by the shells, quenched by harsh thunder and frozen in the ar-

SCHOOL MEN MEET HERE TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT TOPICS

Retardation and the 6-Months Law Subjects Considered by State and Local Educators Friday Night and Saturday

School men to the number of more than a dozen discussed the new State law for a six-months term and "retardation" at a conference opened at Gordon Street Christian Church Friday night and resumed at the Grainger High School Saturday morning. They represented the State Department of Education, city schools and other institutions.

Friday night, following a supper served the educators by women of Gordon Street church, Dr. E. C. Brooks, State superintendent, described in detail the new State law. He was followed by President Robert Wright of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School, Greenville, who spoke on the law and paid a handsome compliment to former State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner.

Saturday forenoon "retardation" was taken up. It was shown at a round table discussion, led by Dr. L. A. Williams of the University of North Carolina, that retardation in the nation averages 33 per cent. Superintendents at the conference cited figures both below and above this average. Supt. K. R. Curtis gave Kinston's percentage as 34.

NO KID CAN GO HOMELESS IN CAROLINA.

A woman in a certain upstate town has asked Mrs. Thomas Conway to let her have a foundling girl whose care Mrs. Conway assumed a few days ago. The woman wanted her identity concealed even from her husband. She wanted to rear the infant as her own, and to have the impression that it was her child prevail even in the immediate neighborhood of her home. The baby was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph West, this city, shortly after being deserted in North Kinston and being taken to Mrs. Conway's home, however.

GOVERNOR TO HEAD A DRIVE IN SOUTHWEST.

Atlanta, April 12.—Governor R. A. Cooper of South Carolina today accepted the chairmanship for the Southeastern department for the coming drive for the Salvation Army Home Service Fund. Governor Cooper assumes the leadership in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

BURLESON DEFENDS INCREASE IN RATES

(By the United Press) Washington, April 12.—The recent 20 per cent. increase in telegraph rates was necessitated by the same reason that forced other industries to increase prices of products and service as much as 100 per cent. to obviate financial collapse, Postmaster-General Burleson claims in a lengthy statement setting forth his reasons that forced other industries. He declares that the time has now come when it is no longer possible to render telegraph service to the industries of the country at pre-war prices.

THIS JOB WANTS A SOLDIER; KNOW ONE?

Raleigh, April 12.—Sometime ago the Agricultural Extension Service published the names of several discharged soldiers who desired places on farms in North Carolina. Then letters began to come in from farmers all over the State saying they could use the services of any discharged soldier who might want to come to the farm. The State College claims first honor in this, however, as it is looking for a working foreman to handle the horticultural gardens and orchards, which are under the direction of Professor J. P. Pillsbury. Mr. Pillsbury needs a man who has had experience in fruit and truck growing. He would prefer to have a discharged soldier. The salary is above the average. Anyone desiring to take the matter up with Mr. Pillsbury can reach him at West Raleigh, N. C.

LAND SALES.

The Walter & Gurley Auction Co. conducted three successful realty sales Friday. The E. M. Hodges property on North Queen Street was purchased by Messrs. T. V. Moseley, Eugene Wood and J. C. Rasberry. The considerations totalled more than \$50,000. More than \$7,000 was paid by Messrs. John Whitfield, Thomas Wilson and H. B. Hill for lots owned by Mr. John G. Cox in North Kinston. Mr. W. A. Moore purchased a house and lot in Northwest Kinston owned by Mr. Thomas Sullivan. The consideration was not disclosed.

NOTABLE FACULTY AT STATE COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL.

West Raleigh, April 12.—Dr. W. A. Withers, director of the State College Summer School, to be held from June 10 through July 23, is enthusiastic over the faculty which has been selected. Many of the teachers are well-known throughout the State, and several have attained distinction in a wider field. Miss Maud Barnard will have charge of story-telling. Miss Annie Workman, a member of the faculty of Peabody, will have charge of the primary work at the summer school.

PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO SCHOOLS AND PUPILS COUNTY SYSTEM

Oakdale and Sharon schools tied for the Schaut cup Saturday. It will go to one of the two later. Pupils who were prize winners were Percy Bryan, \$5 for highest average in seventh grade exams; Crystal Davis, \$5 for best essay on agricultural subject; Etta Mae Howard, \$5 for best health essay, and four others for health papers. Seventh grade certificates, reading circle certificates, perfect attendance certificates and the W. J. Worthington loving cup were awarded in brief exercises at the Grainger High School Saturday which took the place of a more formal county commencement. The whole affair was businesslike and devoid of frills. Individual schools are holding separate commencements this year. Miss Mary G. Shotwell, assistant superintendent of schools, Saturday morning announced the following winners of perfect attendance certificates: Deep Run School, Eunice Cunningham, Azella Lambert and Eric Sparrow; Sharon, Dannie Mercer Wiggins and S. Elton Wiggins; Oakdale, Hannah Turnage, Harvey Turnage, Claire Worthington, Ruby Worthington, Jesse Worthington, Ernell Turnage; Grainger, Thelma Moore and Ruth Webber; Mill Branch, Joyce Gertrude Tilghman and Leo Boyd Tilghman; Farm Valley, Pervis Hodges; Sand Hill, William Harman Sutton, Caroline Sutton, Larry Benjamin Pate and Gladys Odell Pate; Bethel, Verna Smith;

MINCHER IS FOUND GUILTY RECEIVING LOOT OF BURGLAR

Convict Boss Remanded to Jail to Await Court's Sentence

WOMAN GUILTY VAGRANCY

Flonnie Gulley's Case Attracts Interest — James Underhill to Roads—Important Cases Last Day of Court

Judge Frank Daniels made a most forceful talk to those assembled at Superior Court Saturday morning on the evil tendencies and influences of the times.

He rapped current literature, vice and sin conditions depicted in the moving pictures, lack of parental discipline and other conditions existing now which he said did not tend to elevate the minds of the boys and girls.

He placed the responsibility of loose conditions upon like public consciences and comment upon the observation that many good men who were upright and moral in their private lives, felt little or no responsibility to safeguard the public welfare. Where public sentiment was not wholesome and vigorously opposed to evil, it generally resulted, he declared, in the election of loose officers and the law was not upheld. He urged that the crusade now in progress against vice in Kinston be made a continuous performance as the temporary spurts failed to produce any lasting results.

Mincher Guilty on Two Counts.

E. W. Mincher, convict boss, whose case went to the jury Friday afternoon, was found guilty on the two counts in the bill of indictment, charging larceny and receiving stolen property. The jury returned its verdict about 7 o'clock Friday night. Mincher was placed in jail to await sentence of the court Saturday. Gulley Woman Guilty.

Flonnie Gulley, a woman of the segregated district who resisted the recent order of the city authorities to vacate the section or turn to some legal pursuit, was found guilty of vagrancy as charged. The jury was out about an hour and a half Saturday morning. The case attracted considerable interest and was watched by the moral element which had engaged Messrs. N. J. Rouse and G. V. Cowper to assist Solicitor Powers in the prosecution. The evidence showed that the

(Continued on page four) Contentnea, Leola White and Willie Taylor. Reading circle certificates, various years: Bethel, Daisy Belle Braxton, Verna Smith, Mary Etta Rouse, Doris Johnson and Sudie Mae Summerville; Oakdale, Earl Whitley, Alice Whitley, Jesse Worthington, Ruby Worthington, Hazel Hazard, Harvey Turnage, Isaac Worthington, Pearl Elmore, Julia Whitley, Lillian Whitley, Claire Worthington and Gladys Worthington; White's, Lillian Johnson, Edward Johnson, Hubert Johnson, Ruby Taylor and A. Z. Edwards, Jr.; Sharon, Nannie Fields, Eunice Mercer, Herman White, Rubell Abbott, Florence Mercer, Mary Hill, Guy Skinner, Estelle Mercer, Jessie Langston, Irma Abbott, Walter Rhue, Alice Cameron, Dolly Mae Jones, Elton Wiggins, Lena Fields, Ida Cameron, Louise Wiggins, Ruby Wiggins, Cameron Langston, Percy Rhue, Ray Skinner, Lillie Langston, Martha Cameron, Dannie Wiggins, Robert Cameron and Rabie Wiggins; Contentnea, Newit Smith, Bettie Smith, Mary McCoy, Doris Taylor, Lee Thomas, John David Taylor, Lannie Murphy, Corinne Thomas and Leola White. The program follows: Awarding of seventh grade certificates; awarding of reading circle certificates; awarding of perfect attendance certificates; awarding of prizes by Mr. E. B. Lewis and Dr. T. F. Wickliffe and statement by Mrs. Jack Parrott for the Daughters of the Confederacy; presentation of Schaut cup.