

GERMANS EXPECTED SIGN WELL WITHIN 15-DAY LIMIT SET BY ALLIES; REPORT GOES TO BERLIN BY SPECIAL COURIER

Tentons at Versailles Remain Up Nearly All Night to Analyze Voluminous Terms—Dare Not Refuse to Sign Treaty; Blockade Would Squeeze Defeated Nation to Industrial Impotence as Surely as Entente and America Wiped Out Her Armies—President, to Remain Abroad Until Treaty is Formally Subscribed To, to Make No Recommendation to Senate Regarding Defensive Alliance

(By the United Press)

Versailles, May 8.—The German delegates worked almost all night dissecting and analyzing the text of the peace treaty. Foreign Minister Brockdorff Rantzau is preparing a full report, which will be sent to Berlin tonight by special courier.

Leave Alliance to Senate

Paris, May 8.—President Wilson regarding the proposed defensive alliance among the United States, Great Britain and France when it is submitted to the Senate for ratification, it was learned today. The proposed alliance, it is understood, will be laid before the Senate simultaneously with the peace treaty at the special session of Congress called for May 19. It is learned authoritatively that the President will not return to Washington until the treaty is signed.

Won't Be Long About Signing

Paris, May 8.—The opinion prevails in Allied circles here that Germany will make known her decision regarding the peace treaty well within the 15-day limit for discussion.

Already reduced to virtual military and naval impotence the Germans additionally face the prospect of economic annihilation if they dare to refuse the terms presented them at Versailles yesterday.

The blockade division of the supreme economic council under direction of the big three has begun preparation of plans under which an even more rigorous blockade than obtained during the war will be clamped down upon Germany in the event of her defiance.

Dark Day for Germans

Versailles, May 7 (Delayed)—Humiliation, defeat, tragedy—all the darker emotions possible in human expressions—then to an obsequious admission of their wrong, and finally defiance and claim to a place as equals. That represents the range of the Germans' emotions at their first appearance at Versailles since 1871.

Conquerors' Peace

(By J. W. T. Mason) New York, May 8.—It is a conquerors' peace. Germany now knows what it meant when America entered the war demanding no peace before Germany's unconditional surrender. In the history of civilization no great nation ever before has been so terribly punished yet left alive to bear punishment for generations to come. Peace reduces Germany to the level of Spain. If the Germans ever again attain the rank of a first-class power it will be by dint of long years of heartbreaking effort. There can be no sincerity, only confessions of guilt made before the peace conference by the German delegations.

Say They Won't Sign

(By Lowell Mellett) Paris, May 8.—The Germans will never sign, is the expression heard from many lips at Paris following publication of the treaty draft and Brockdorff Rantzau's speech at Versailles. These are the same men attached to the American commission who a few days ago told the United Press there was a chance the Germans would accept the terms.

Lee County Makes a Good Start Poultry Work; Enlists Kids

West Raleigh, May 8.—Lee County is guaranteeing the future of its poultry supply by stimulating interest in boys' and girls' club work. A G. Oliver, extension specialist, reports that an intensive campaign recently conducted in this county was very successful. Meetings were held all over the county. There was excellent attendance and great interest.

SHRINERS GET KEYS TO WILSON AND ARE IN FULL CONTROL

City Capitulates to Hundreds of Pilgrims From All Parts of East Carolina—Something Doing Every Minute

(Special to The Free Press)

Wilson, May 8.—(Hundreds of Shriners gathered here today for Sudan Temple's big ceremonial. The fez-wearers are in complete charge of the town. At 9:30 a. m. the temple's drum corps gave a drill on Nash Street. At 10:30 the mayor presented the visitors the keys to the city. At 10:40 there were "stunts." At 12:30 a spectacular parade was staged. At 1 o'clock the Shriners were tendered a barbecue dinner. At 2:30 the ceremonial was started. From 2:30 to 4 a reception was tendered the Shriners' ladies. A marine band from Norfolk Navy Yard played for the reception. At 7:30 a banquet will be held, and at 9 a dance. William A. French of Wilmington is the tentative. Kinston is well represented.

TREASURY'S PICTURE IS BEING SHOWN HERE

"Price of Peace" to Be Repeated Tonight—Cyrus Thompson, Jr., Son of Well-Known East Carolinian, Lectures on Feature.

"The Price of Peace," the Treasury Department's big Victory Loan screen production, was presented to a large audience at the Grand Theatre Thursday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. There was no charge. About 3:30 school children were admitted.

Mr. Cyrus Thompson, Jr., son of a locally famous father, is in charge of the picture.

"The Price of Peace" will be repeated tonight in conjunction with the advertised bill at the Grand, consisting of a Douglas Fairbanks feature, etc. The night performances will start at 6:30. At 8:15 "The Price of Peace" will be started. The theatergoer will pay the usual admission charge with the understanding that the big government feature is extra and costs him nothing to see.

Chairman H. Galt Braxton of the Four Minute Men Committee announces that Mr. Thompson, a gifted young man who lectures on "The Price of Peace," will make a four minute address in behalf of the committee during the evening.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

RECOGNIZES OMSK GOVERNMENT.

Washington, May 8.—The provisional government at Archangel has recognized the Omsk government as non-bolshevist and as supreme authority in all Russia, the State Department is advised. The Archangel government nevertheless reserves the right to individual action between the governments.



ARTHUR L. WALTERS, Sergeant, Company B, 2nd Ammunition Train. Sergeant Walters risked his life to save others while on duty near Beaumont, France, November 9, 1918, thereby winning the Distinguished Service Cross. Sergeant Walters was in charge of a company of ammunition trucks which was halted in the town. An enemy shell struck the train and set one of the trucks on fire. Although knocked down by the explosion, Sergeant Walters quickly recovered himself and moved his convey to safety, after which he returned, and, jumping to the wheel of the blazing truck, drove to a place where it no longer endangered the lives of others. He then extinguished the fire, saving both truck and ammunition.

PRESIDENT'S FIRST MESSAGE INCOMING CONGRESS BY CABLE

Will Deal With State of Union, Appropriations, Etc.

TO BE A NEW WRINKLE

First Message of Sort to Cross Seas and First by Wilson Not Delivered in Person, Pointed Out

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 8.—President Wilson will write his message to the next Congress and cable it to the United States for reading before the joint session, it is announced here. This will be a message on the state of the Union. It will recommend early passage of the appropriation bills.

It is expected to contain the President's recommendations for proper remuneration for the telephone and telegraph companies taken over by the Government during the war emergency.

The forthcoming will be the first such message Mr. Wilson has failed to deliver himself personally before a joint session of Congress since he was elected.



NEW YORK OFFICER WINS FRENCH WAR CROSS.

Lieut. Alonzo M. Seymour of Peekskill, N. Y., who has been awarded the French War Cross with the star for his skill and bravery in directing from an airplane a heavy artillery fire while he himself was under fire. (Copyrighted).

BIG AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EAST CAROLINA WELL UNDER WAY NOW

A California, Dakota and Iowa combined is the opinion O. F. McCrary, federal agricultural expert in charge of the demonstration work in a score of East Carolina counties, holds as to the territory in which he works. "There are going to be a lot of wonderful stunts pulled off in this country," according to McCrary. "Capitalists are just beginning to do things on a big scale in the section. Northern men have been investing heavily in Florida lands. I believe a lot of them will be stopping off in East Carolina from now on. Great markets only a few hours from this territory are clamoring to be supplied with foodstuffs, and this is the country to fill the bill."

McCrary tells of Beaufort County's new hog ranch—a real ranch. There are 1,200 Duroc-Jerseys there. Arrangements have been made with the owners, he understands, by which they will swap registered animals for grade pigs, thereby improving the stock in the surrounding section. The stock in Delaware and some other sections of the country is being built up through similar exchanges. The 1,200 porkers at Terra Ceia are wallowing in richest pastures and fattening on the wonder corn grown in the black soil of the tidewater county. Beaufort County corn dwarfs most corn.

SATURDAY SPECIAL RALLY DAY FOR THE WOMEN LOAN FORGES

Mrs. Long Requests Extra Efforts in Every County—Gives Captured Helmet to Person Selling Most Notes Here

In compliance with a request from Carter Glass, secretary of the Treasury, urging a "final rush" for the Victory Loan, Mrs. John A. Long, State woman's chairman, has issued an appeal to every county chairman to make a special effort on Saturday toward swelling the State's total.

Mrs. Long wants the chairmen to "see that their counties go over the top to the end that the State may go over. They should bend every energy, even going over the ground again if necessary."

She has designated the last day of the campaign "Special Rally Day," and urges every Victory Loan worker to get in the game.

A German officer's helmet will be presented to the person selling the most notes on the streets here Saturday night.

Secretary Glass' telegram follows: "The women of the United States have made instant and magnificent response to every call which the Government has made to them. Through the five Liberty loans they have served with devotion, with zeal, and with self-sacrificing patriotism. They have bought bonds to the limit of their purchasing power, and sold bonds to the limit of human powers of endurance, of persuasion, and of steadfastness in purpose. Even with the armistice signed, they have never ceased in their devotion to duty. In this Victory Liberty Loan they have been pillars of power and towers of strength in the selling organization. Undaunted by obstacles and discouragements, they have held their posts. At this crisis of the loan the Government of the United States again sounds the bugle of further advance. In keen realization of what women have already done in this and other campaigns, the Treasury calls to them in these closing days of the loan for service in a final rush upon the field that will take the loan over the last trench."

C. F. HARVEY, JR., AT HEAD S. A. DRIVE HERE.

Zone Campaign Manager Lemuel B. Green was here from Goldsboro Wednesday, and secured the services of Messrs. C. Felix Harvey, Jr., and H. H. Taylor to act as chairman and treasurer respectively for the Salvation Army Home Fund Campaign in Lenoir County. Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Lenoir, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wayne are the counties in the zone.

Pastor Smith Leaves on Long Trip for His Church-Bible School

Pastor Bernard P. Smith of Gordon Street Christian Church left for Greensboro and Atlanta Thursday morning. He will stop off and preach at Selma Thursday night. Friday and Saturday he expects to attend the Barco-Philathea convention at Greensboro and on Sunday he and Mr. C. W. Howard will dedicate the Christian Church at Greensboro. Next week Mr. Smith will go to Atlanta to see the exhibit of Sunday school work at the Southern Baptist Church convention. An invitation to attend this exhibit was extended by Dr. B. W. Spilman and the officers and teachers of the Gordon Street Sunday School voted to send him as representative of the school.

Secretary O. A. Smith of Southeastern District Sunday School Work of the Disciples will occupy the pulpit of Gordon Street Church at both services Sunday. He will also conduct a conference with the officers and teachers Sunday afternoon.

THREE BIG NAVAL FLIERS START ON TRIP ACROSS ATLANTIC; HEAD FOR HALIFAX ON FIRST LEG OF HISTORY-MAKING FLIGHT

Pilots of Great Machines Plan to Be First Over by Taking Nova-Scotia-Newfoundland-Azores Route—Member Crew of N.-C. 4 Loses Hand at Last Moment and is Left Behind—Small Crowd to See Giants Take Air—Sag Harbor Sees Them at 10:30, Headed Northwest in Group—No Cheers for Aviators as They Get Away for Voyage That May Make Them Famous

Rockaway, N. Y., May 8.—Three United States Navy seaplanes today started for Halifax on the first leg of the journey across the Atlantic via Nova Scotia, New Foundland and the Azores. Last minute changes were made in the crew of the N. C. 4, Chief Special Mechanic E. H. Howard suffering the loss of a hand by a propeller blade. His place was taken by Chief Mechanic's Mate Rhodes.

VICTORY LOAN IS BEING BOOSTED IN ALL PARTS COUNTY

Scores of Canvassers Taking Farmers' and Country Merchants' Subscriptions—Thursday a Busy Holiday for Kinston

Forty or 50 or more Victory Loan workers drove to the rural districts of Lenoir County Thursday morning to scour the countryside for subscriptions to the fifth and last great war loan—rather, the peace loan.

Parties went to every township save Pink Hill, while at LaGrange the campaign was left up to local workers.

Lenoir County is away behind in its drive—hundreds of thousands of dollars behind. There is still a chance for it to redeem itself, and Chairman Robert H. Rouse calls upon every citizen to "take a couple of minutes off and think it over, because they are Lenoir countians and would not like to see the old county fail, and because they are Americans, and because they will by subscribing still be doing far less than five million other Americans, some tens of thousands of them in particular, did in the war to save women and children from the beast—save Lenoir County's own firesides!"

The investment is a superb one. Kinston practically suspended business for the day. It was County Victory Loan Day. Clerks pitched in and helped their employers in the drive. All the large stores were closed.

When the canvassing parties return at nightfall Chairman Rouse expects them to bring with them enough subscriptions to make up the rural districts' fair share of the county's quota. Friday and Saturday there will be a lot of real work done in Kinston to put the city over. It's just got to be done, fellows!

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Only a small crowd witnessed the start. A few relatives of the crews, naval officers and enlisted men and a group of newspaper correspondents saw the machines take the air. There was no cheering.

Maine Coast Glimpses Them.

Sag Harbor, May 8.—Three navy transatlantic planes passed over Coast Guard Station 11, near here, today at 10:30 a. m., flying in close formation at an altitude of about 500 feet and heading northeast.

1,000,000 Women in Fight on Bolshevism

(By the United Press) New York, May 8.—Over 1,000,000 women, scattered throughout the country, have enlisted in the National Security League's pro-American educational propaganda to combat bolshevism, according to an announcement by the league today.

The cooperation of this vast number of women in the campaign has been obtained through the enrolling, for active participation in the league's educational propaganda of the largest and most influential organizations of women in 32 states.

NEW ADMINISTRATION TO GO IN NEXT WEEK

Will Qualify Monday Night. Mayor Announced—Election Returns to Be Canvassed at Same Time—Caucus Wednesday Night.

The new city administration will qualify at a special meeting of the City Council next Monday night, when the returns from Tuesday's election will be canvassed.

Following a caucus of the officials-elect Wednesday night it was stated that they would take office Friday night.

Mayor Sutton Thursday announced that after a conference with the City Attorney he had decided that the canvass of returns should be made and the oaths administered to the new mayor, Joseph Dawson, and aldermen at the same time on Monday night, because of the illness or absence of three members of the present Board of Aldermen.

The new Municipal Finance Act, the mayor said, makes the fiscal year end June 1. The law requires the council to canvass election returns within six days. At the conference with the City Attorney it was decided best to get both jobs out of the way at the same time.

Victory Bonds Most Attractive Offering Made by Any Gov't

Mr. D. F. Wooten, cashier of the First National Bank, returned from Richmond a day or two ago and reports that the bankers with whom he conferred predict that the Victory Loan bonds will reach a premium within six months.

All bankers and financial men, Mr. Wooten says, realize that these bonds offer the most attractive investment that any government has ever afforded its people.

One of the good features of the offer is the fact that prospective purchasers who cannot make it convenient to pay more than the initial 10 per cent. now can arrange with their respective banks to carry them until the fall.