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Demonstration in Front of American Headquarters at Hamburg

ASSEMBLYMEN PROTEST

Charge Wilson With Bad Faith—Treaty a Travesty—Foreign Minister Says Terms Can't Be Fulfilled

(By the United Press) Berne, May 16.—"Only an idiot would sign such a peace," declared Herr Graff, majority socialist, addressing a session of the Prussian assembly, a Berlin dispatch reports.

American Hear Speeches. Basle, May 16.—A crowd staged a demonstration against the peace terms in front of the Atlantic Hotel at Hamburg, headquarters of the American mission there, according to a dispatch from that city.

Says Can't Carry Out Terms. London, May 16.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin reports that Foreign Minister Brockdorff-Rantzau following a conference with other German delegates announced he would not sign the peace treaty in its present form because the terms could not be fulfilled.

Day Health Nation is Threatened by Consumptive Vets.

(By the United Press) New York, May 16.—A situation seriously threatening the health of the Nation has arisen as a result of the insistence on the part of parents and friends for the discharge of soldiers suffering from tuberculosis, according to an announcement made today by the National Tuberculosis Association.

Under a special order issued by the War Department the first of the year, parents or friends of a consumptive soldier can obtain his discharge upon guaranteeing that he will continue to receive proper care and medical supervision. According to William H. Baldwin, treasurer of the National Tuberculosis Association, the order has been taken advantage of in a considerable number of instances, in which, through misunderstanding, or because of mistaken kindness, discharges have been obtained for patients who should have remained for treatment in the military tuberculosis hospitals.

The War Department has issued an order, instructing the commanding officer at each of the army tuberculosis hospitals to send as soon as a man is received to each soldier-patient's next of kin a letter giving full details of the case.

Eiffel Tower is a Soldier No Longer; Has Been Demobilized

Paris (By Mail).—Eiffel Tower has been "demobilized." With the outbreak of the war Eiffel Tower was closed to the public. It was even in times of peace a wireless station and now it became the wireless center of France. It was militarized. Soldiers in uniform manned the wireless plant, the elevators, the searchlight on top and civilian s were kept at a distance. Now the tower has returned to civil life.

MAY BE WORSE LATER; 19 STILL 48 HOURS. Sandersville, Ga., May 16.—These are unhappy days for Georgia moonshiners. What is believed to be a world's record was made by revenue agents who captured and destroyed 49 illicit stills within 48 hours.

TAXES WILL BE BIG ISSUE IN THE NEXT CAMPAIGN, CERTAIN

Progressives Demand That Republicans Revise Policy—Fighting to Keep Penrose and Warren Out of Berths

(By the United Press) Washington, May 16.—Taxes, say well-informed statesmen, will be a big issue in the 1920 campaign. This is one reason for the great interest displayed in congressional circles in efforts of the Senate Progressives to prevent Senators Penrose and Warren from heading the Finance and Appropriations committees respectively.

Must Order Nitrate Shipped Before 1st

Washington, May 16.—Farmers who have ordered nitrate of soda from the Department of Agriculture must have their orders for shipment reach Washington by June 1, it was announced today. All shipping orders received after this date will be canceled, according to the Department's Bureau of Markets, which states that it is necessary to conclude distribution of the nitrate of soda and close the arrangement with the War Department, through which the nitrate was secured.

BASEBALL

Thursday's games: National. New York, 6; Chicago, 2. Philadelphia, 0; Pittsburgh, 5. Brooklyn, 0; Cincinnati, 10. Boston-St. Louis, cold. American. Cleveland, 6; Washington, 3. St. Louis, 2; Philadelphia, 0. Detroit, 3; New York, 4. Chicago, 5; Boston, 6.

Page to Speak Queen Street Church Sunday

Ex-Congressman Robert N. Page of Briscoe will deliver a Centenary address at Queen Street Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He is one of the best known speakers in the State. Mr. Page was scheduled to speak at the church last Sunday, and to make the Memorial Day address on the 10th, but was prevented from coming here by the death in his wife's family.

London Air Raids Killed 473 People

London, May 16.—Final official reports issued by the London Fire Brigade show that 473 persons were killed outright and 1,105 injured, many of whom died subsequently, during the 25 air-raids London suffered in the war.

Victory Gardens in India Also, Appears

(By the United Press) Washington, May 16.—Victory gardens have carried their message to India, for today the National War Garden Commission received a letter from Mrs. H. de Clifford of Plains View, India, asking for garden and canning books.

NO SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE IN SIGHT

(By the United Press) Pittsburgh, May 16.—Both sides are standing firm and there is no change in the Pittsburgh street car strike situation. Neither union carmen nor receivers of the Pittsburgh Street Railways Company today made any move toward settlement.

BOOZE, AN OBIT; A HARD-DYING CRIMINAL

Once Temperance Ball Was Started Rolling It Couldn't Be Stopped—East Carolina Distillers Not First in Business.

(By the United Press) Washington, May 16.—Discontinuance of the liquor business in the United States, set for July 1, will mark the decision in America of one of the world's oldest issues.

Use of alcoholic beverages probably antedates all recorded history. And, although the first temperance society was not organized until 1789, advocacy of abstinence is little less ancient than use of intoxicants. Mahomed was among the original advocates of prohibition.

Use of distilled liquors did not become prevalent in Europe till toward the close of the seventeenth century. Inception of the temperance movement came 100 years later, but its development during nearly two centuries was very slow.

Liquors used in ancient times were fermented beverages. Discovery of the process of distillation is attributed to the Chinese, who imparted the knowledge to the Arabs.

Hard drinking in England came to be regarded as a grave national danger. In 1735 a London grand jury held the traffic responsible for a great crime wave, and regulation of the liquor business by law was instituted. Similar experiments were in the meantime being made in America.

The battle in the country against use and abuse of liquor began in a mild way as a protest in pulpits against drunkenness. A New England society went so far as to bind its members not to get drunk except on the Fourth of July and general training days.

Advocates of moderation gave way to those who felt that only total abstinence was the remedy. Then the battle began.

East Hampton, L. I., in 1851, forbade the sale of more than two drams of distilled liquor for immediate drinking.

The constitution of Virginia, 1676, prohibited sales of wines and ardent spirits, except in Jamestown.

In 1760, Quakers abolished the habit of drinking at funerals.

The first congress of 1777 recommended that laws be passed stopping the distilling of grain.

Churches took a definite stand against the use of intoxicants.

In 1789 the first temperance society was organized by 200 Connecticut farmers.

The first recorded demand for prohibition was made by John Chalmers of Nassau, N. H., in 1795. It attracted little attention.

Agricultural Meeting Be Held Wilmington

(Special to The Free Press) Raleigh, May 16.—The Extension Service is planning a meeting of county agents for the southeastern part of the State to be held at Wilmington May 27, 28 and 29. O. F. McCrary and N. B. Stevens, district demonstration agents in charge of the work in Eastern North Carolina have prepared an interesting program for the three-day session.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

ANDREW B. LYNCH, Second Lieutenant, 110th Infantry.

Lieutenant Lynch was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for unusual bravery in action near Apremont, France, September 20, 1918. Lieutenant Lynch while a sergeant on duty with a 37 mm. gun section of his company, was moving the guns to a more advantageous position when he learned that the officer in charge of the party had been captured by an enemy patrol. Organizing a group of five men, Lieutenant Lynch immediately attacked the Germans, killed 15 of them and liberated the officer. Immediately afterward Lieutenant Lynch took command of 75 men and launched a counter-attack on the enemy, driving him back for more than a kilometer. Lieutenant Lynch is married, his wife living at 248 Franklin street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BUY WAR-SAVINGS STAMPS.



ISHMAEL HAKI BEY, Turkish Official who drove 40,000 Armenians into the desert to perish, after having filled his harems with the most beautiful girls to be found among them. Now an Allied prisoner under double guard of Seaforth Highlanders. (Copyright.)

Everybody in Europe Is Ready to Fight All Over

(By Fred S. Ferguson) Paris, May 16.—Grave dangers are lurking beneath the surface of the peace settlement, in the opinion of many persons close in touch with the general situation. This rests in the fact that everybody is too ready to fight. Against the theory that European nations are too exhausted to fight further it is pointed out that history shows all countries in the past have been more wake at the end of a long struggle than after an era of peace.

WANTS BOTH SIDES TRIESTE BE MADE GET RID OF 'REDS' BIG COTTON CENTER

(By the United Press) Vienna, May 16.—A dispatch from Trieste reports that the Italian government is planning to make that city a cotton center, establishing a cotton exchange there for Middle Europe.

Coupon Money From Liberty Bonds Can Grow in W.-S. Stamps

(By the United Press) "Can your Liberty bond coupons and your thrift and war-savings stamps," was the advice given holders of Second Liberty Loan bonds today by Postmaster W. D. LaRoque. Thursday the Government began paying interest on the 4 per cent. bonds of the second loan and the 4 1-4 per cent. bonds into which second loan bonds were converted.

DANIELS HOME SATURDAY.

Washington, May 16.—The Mount Vernon, with Secretary Daniels aboard, advised the Navy Department today that she would arrive at Hoboken at 7:45 a. m. tomorrow.

C-5'S BEING TOWED BACK TO ST. JOHN'S

(By the United Press) St. John's, May 16.—The navy dirigible C-5 was picked up, deflated and taken aboard the British steamer Clan Davidson at a point 88 miles east of here today. The blimp, which broke away from its moorings late yesterday, is now being brought to this port. Only one officer was aboard the C-5 when she escaped. He leaped 25 feet to safety.

FINNS ONLY A FEW MILES RED CAPITAL

(By the United Press) Copenhagen, May 16.—The National Tidene reports it has learned from a reliable source that the Finnish army under General Mannerheim has arrived at Rjodostrov, only a few miles from Petrograd. Bolshevik officials are reported to be fleeing from Petrograd to Moscow.

A MAN MAY BE DOWN BUT HE'S NEVER OUT

Key to Salvation Army's Program—Financing Contest With Sin, Poverty and Degradation—Up to All Americans to Help.

(By D. T. Edwards) "A man may be down, but he's never out."

That's what the Salvation Army thinks about it, and that is the key to its program of action. Such a program means that it is the friend of man and is not a quitter in the stern contest with sin and poverty and degradation that today darkens the face of the earth. A Home Service Fund.

Having won new friends by the millions because of its faithfulness and serviceableness in behalf of the American Expeditionary Forces and the Allies in general it comes home to assume larger burdens and face the more insistent demands of the future.

This makes necessary the accumulation of a Home Service Fund of \$13,000,000. The drive for this fund takes place during the week May 19-25, and the money will be used in the United States only.

Kinston Has Been Selected. Except for a small percentage of the fund which will be devoted to national work the money raised in each community will be spent there.

The Salvationists expect to spend more than a million dollars in the South for buildings and property. Almost every large city or city centrally located will receive an appropriation for a permanent home for the Salvationists and larger equipment for the local corps of workers.

In making up their budget for this purpose they have selected Kinston as a "strategic" city; and an item of \$11,268.18 appears as the amount proposed for a building in our city. Thus more is set aside for us than for Asheville, Durham, High Point, Greensboro, New Bern, Wilmington or, in fact, most of the other North Carolina cities.

This is so while the quota for Kinston and Lenoir County is only \$3,000—a condition no doubt resulting from our favorable geographical location.

New Methods Adopted. The Salvation Army's former methods of raising money are to be modified or entirely discarded. The tambourine is to pass as the main reliance of the Army in collecting pennies, nickels and dimes on street cars, in saloons, in restaurants, office buildings and the like.

But the Army will still appeal for Christmas dinner money for the poor. And "Santa Claus will still stand beside his kettle at the street corner and jingle his ball."

But the tambourine is too closely identified with the Salvation Army work to be allowed to pass entirely; and for that reason will be trained for use at both indoor and outdoor meetings conducted by the Army.

But the Salvationists are to have a more certain and adequate method; hence the drive.

He Sho' Was Tired. Tambourine soliciting has not been altogether satisfactory to the entire public. For instance, not long ago a travelling man on a Southern Railway smoker in speaking of things he didn't like declared with some unwanted warmth that he especially objected to having a tambourine thrust under his nose upon various and sundry occasions. In fact the language that he used indicated that he sho' was tired.

But now he along with other well-wishers of human kind—if such he be—will be given an opportunity to relieve the Salvationists of the necessity of this method of collection on the streets. Workers will be released for other and more important work. And a great good will result.

COTTON.

Futures quotations Friday were: Open. 2.40. May 29.00 29.30 July 27.75 27.95 October 26.21 26.45 Local receipts to 3 o'clock were about 20 or 25 bales, prices ranging from 27.52 1/2 downward.

ASKS POPE TO HELP SAVE GERMAN FOLK

(By the United Press) Rome, May 16.—Cardinal Hartmann, according to a dispatch from Cologne, has sent a formal request to Pope Benedict to save the German people from threatening ruin.

AUTHORITIES WILL ASK PLAINTIFFS TO GUARANTEE NO LOSS

Want County Protected in Event Road-Building Cost Advances

SUIT IS UNFORTUNATE

And Bound to Be Public Detriment, Says Attorney For Commissioners—LaGrange Men Assured Fair Treatment

Mr. John G. Dawson of the local firm of Dawson, Manning & Wallace, retained by the Highway Commission in connection with the restraining order issued a few days ago to hold up work on Lenoir County's proposed \$2,000,000 road-building program, a hearing on which will be held here next Wednesday by Judge Frank Daniels of Goldsboro, when asked by The Free Press for his views regarding the action gave out the following:

"It is a thing of great regret to the people of the county that a number of LaGrange citizens are opposing the legality of the proposed bond issue, and it will undoubtedly prove to be an unfortunate public detriment. I have no word of censure for those who have instituted the suit, or for those who are counseling such action, for it is a right which they are entitled to pursue in that way if they desire, though I am very confident they will soon regret their course, whatever may be the result of the litigation. My position with reference to LaGrange having a man on the Highway Commission is well-known throughout the county and with many others, I was disappointed at the result, but I am prepared to believe that Moseley Hall Township will suffer on account of the failure to elect a LaGrange man to the commission, as I am firmly of the belief that the commission as constituted now will give Moseley Hall Township its proper and just recognition in road construction and, for that reason, it is plain, I feel, that the people of LaGrange should cooperate with the others of the county in this proposed magnificent public improvement.

County Stands to Lose.

"My firm has been requested to represent the Highway Commission in this litigation, and has agreed to do so. I do not feel that it is right that the operation should be retarded now as it will unquestionably result in great public loss. In the first place, Government aid to the extent of nearly \$250,000 apparently could soon be obtained. The Board of County Commissioners and the Highway Commission were recently given satisfactory assurance of this by the State Highway Commission. The delay of litigation, in all probability, will either make it impossible to obtain any governmental aid at all for the present, or will very appreciably decrease the amount, as the counties first putting themselves in position to comply with the law are the counties which will fare best, and Lenoir was in the forefront in preparing for any substantial aid. But there is another and very serious objection, financially speaking, to the course of the LaGrange citizens who have instituted this suit. I am told by those in position to know that now is an opportune time for the making of contracts for hard-surface road building. Never in the history of the Nation has the subject so claimed the public attention and North Carolina, with other states, will in a very short time do much of that character of work. Many contractors with forces now idle on account of suspension of activities in road building during the war are rapidly making engagements, and the delay incident to this litigation will cause Lenoir County to pay a much higher price for the construction for the good reason that with all the contractors holding sufficient contracts, very naturally, as a business proposition, their figures will be higher in any contract to be made with Lenoir. Furthermore, so favorable is the Government to this character of work that the Railroad Administration is giving a 10 per cent. decrease in all freight rates for the proposed road building material, and should this be withdrawn, (Continued on page six)