

Germans May Be Granted 4 Days More, Heard In Paris

Extension of Time in Which to Enter Counter Proposals Reported—Not a Single American Delegate Appears to Be in Love With Treaty Allies Are Imposing Upon Teutons—Most Optimistic of Them Say League of Nations Will Redeem Faults Admitted to Exist—Dutch Commissioners Arrive to Sit With Foreign Ministers in Discussion of Belgium's Claims

(By the United Press)

Paris, May 21.—A report circulated in French circles says the Germans may be granted an extension of four days to complete their counter proposals to the peace treaty. The time was to have expired tomorrow.

Dutch Delegates on Hand.

Paris, May 21.—The Dutch delegation invited by the peace conference to aid in revision of the Treaty of 1839 is in conference with the council of foreign ministers and Belgian representatives.

The following demands have been made by Belgium:

Annulment of the clause in the treaty binding the country to perpetual neutrality.

Revision of the clause which cuts off Antwerp from the sea.

Removal of the constant menace to the Belgian border created by the peninsula of Dutch Limburg, which runs down into Belgium crossing the Meuse near Naasticht.

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Paris, May 21.—The action of nine members of the American peace commission in tendering their resignations in expression of their disapproval of the German treaty brought to light the fact that their sentiments are shared by a great portion of the commission, if replies to inquiries made by the United Press can be taken as indications. Those disapproving the terms form a considerable majority of the commission, albeit they are the lesser members.

In fact, inquiries have not yet revealed any member giving unqualified approval of the treaty.

The nearest approach to approval is from those who say the treaty is bad but the League of Nations redeems its faults.

NEGRO PLEADS CASES IN COURT BUT LOSES

Will Barnes a Right Good Lawyer in Spite of Failure—Number Small Matters Disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Will Barnes, colored, was his own lawyer in Superior Court Wednesday forenoon. He lost his cases. Barnes, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault upon a female, drew three months in each case. He used a knife upon his wife and Shade Fields. Fields had a narrow escape from dying from his injuries. Barnes has a long jail record, it is said.

Barnes delighted the attorneys and spectators with his cross-examination of witnesses. He proved "a quick wit. One witness testified that Barnes had threatened to burn the homes of white persons who had accused his ire. "That nigger sho' did lie," said Barnes en route back to jail.

John Nobles was fined \$50 and costs for carrying a concealed weapon. Willie Tyndall was fined \$10 and costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

A decision as to the Robert Black murder case will be made Thursday. The defendant may be tried this week or in August.

The following were among cases disposed of in the court Tuesday: Lump White and Myrtle Whitfield, fornication and adultery, prayer for judgment continued, costs and bond to appear at subsequent criminal terms for two years to show they have remained apart. Mary Walker, larceny, nolo contendere, prayer for judgment continued, costs. Toonice Clark, violation of the prohibition law, \$75 and costs. Toonice Clark, violation of the prohibition law, prayer for judgment continued, costs and bond to appear at subsequent terms for two years. Leslie Dixon, abandonment, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. W. E. Forrest, assault and

ENGINE TROUBLE IS HOLDING NC-4; NOT PLAYING WITH FATE

No Word From Hawker—Navy Flyers Won't Run in Face of Providence With Only One Unit Left of Overseas Squadron

(By the United Press)

London, May 21.—No word has been had from Hawker and his transatlantic biplane. Hope that they escaped the sea is fast waning.

No Chances With NC-4.

Washington, May 21.—Due to engine trouble, the NC-4 was forced to postpone the hop-off from Ponta Delgada for Lisbon, an early dispatch to the Navy Department announced.

Admiral Jackson's radio was filed at 4:30 a. m. Washington time, reaching here at 7:25. It said the NC-4 would not leave today. One engine was not functioning properly.

With only one seaplane left, upon which the success of the transatlantic venture depends, navy officials said no chances would be taken with either the machine or the weather until both promised a near perfect functioning as possible.

Bradham Boosts S. A. Drive; He Hopes State Will Go Over

(Special to The Free Press)

New Bern, May 21.—That it is the duty of every North Carolinian to stand by the Salvation Army and give liberal support to that organization's campaign for funds, was the statement made today by C. D. Bradham, head of the Pepsi-Cola Company and who was chairman of the exemption board of the eastern district of North Carolina during the period of that body's existence.

President Bradham is one of the army's most ardent supporters in North Carolina and he is taking advantage of every opportunity to boost this organization and to give material aid in the big campaign which is about to be waged, and he is anxious to see this State go over the top in the approaching campaign.

"The Salvation Army was one of the greatest of the many great agencies which helped our boys win the war," said Mr. Bradham.

MR. ROUSE BETTER.

Mr. J. Rouse, indisposed a day or two, was out for a short time Wednesday.

SENATE PLANS ASK AMERICAN MISSION ABOUT ITS DOINGS

Leaders Want to Know How Certain Agreements Were Made

MAY CALL ON WILSON

If Information is Not Procurable Otherwise, Republicans Won't Hesitate to Ask President for It, They Say

By ROBERT J. BENDER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, May 21.—Inquiry into the methods by which the peace settlement with Germany was determined upon is planned by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, it is learned.

Republican leaders in this committee say they have known for some time that dissatisfaction existed among the American mission members at Paris. With portions of the treaty, they say, they will request a complete transcript of the peace conference proceedings, including conversations of the big four, if such records are available. They will ask experts attached to the mission to appear to explain how Saar Valley, Polish and Italian settlements were reached and what principles Wilson yielded to to obtain Allied sanction of the League of Nations.

They will ask members of the American mission and the President himself to furnish details not procurable from the above sources.

BULLETINS

WAR DEPARTMENT FOOD HOLDINGS.

Washington, May 21.—Markets will be found in the United States if possible for millions of pounds of meat and millions of cans of vegetables held by the War Department, it is learned. The department holds roughly 2,000,000 pounds of meat and 100,000,000 cans of vegetables.

SAYS CROWN PRINCE LIABLE TO TRIAL

(By the United Press)

London, May 21.—Andrew Bonar Law, Government spokesman, speaking in the House of Commons late yesterday, said the former German crown prince and certain prison camp commandants were liable to trial under the terms of the peace treaty.

battery, nol prossed. C. C. Gray, resisting an officer, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs. T. A. Cenway, assault and battery, not guilty. The grand jury entered 18 true bills and six not true bills.

TAX ELECTION JUNE 14; PROPOSED LEVY 30 CENTS ON \$100

Scores Note-Signers Stand to Lose if Issue Fails

STOOD BY IN A PINCH

Additional Funds Badly Needed—Majority Qualified Voters Necessary—Would Raise No Very Large Sum

On June 14 the Kinston School District will vote on the question of special tax to raise badly needed additional funds for the City Schools. It is proposed to levy not in excess of 30 cents on the \$100 of property and 90 cents on the poll.

A new registration is required, and it will take a majority of the qualified voters to put the proposition over the top.

Among other things the money would do would be to retire notes for \$15,000 signed by scores of public-spirited residents some months ago to keep the schools going. These persons came to the rescue of the district's children at a critical time.

The revenue from the special tax would total not more than \$15,000 per annum, it is estimated by one authority.

Boundaries of School District. Following are the boundaries of the Kinston School District:

Beginning on the northern bank of Neuse River at the corner between property of N. J. Rouse and J. E. Hood and running with said Rouse's western boundary line to the right-of-way of the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company, now operated by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company; thence running eastwardly with said railroad right-of-way to where said railroad crosses Hull Road; then with Hull Road in a northerly direction to the hickory tree near the Brown place; then in a direct line to a northeasterly direction to a point where the road leading from Frank Rouse's by W. P. Jones' crosses the Adkin; then down said Adkin to a point where the dividing line between George Rouse and P. A. Hooker intersects the Adkin; then with the dividing line to the road leading from "Worth place" to the Kinston and Snow Hill road; then with the Kinston and Snow Hill road towards Snow Hill to a road running by the Faulkner and Herring farms; then with said road to the Phillips (now Lang) corner; then with said Phillips or Lang line to the Herring farm; then to the right or south with the Herring line to Dunn Branch; then down said branch to the road; then with said road to the William Dunn house; then with the road running from the William Dunn house to the S. H. Rountree house, until it gets to the W. R. Rountree line; then with the line or lines on the north of his farm to Neuse River; then up Neuse River to a point opposite Mrs. E. G. Outlaw's east line across said river; then across said river and with Mrs. E. G. Outlaw's east line in a southerly direction around to a corner between the property of said Mrs. E. G. Outlaw, S. H. Loftin and Mrs. M. N. Loftin; then with Mrs. M. N. Loftin's south line or lines to J. N. Parker's line; then with said Parker's line or lines to Mrs. G. W. Sutton's south line; then with Mrs. G. W. Sutton's south line or lines to the Wilmington road; Mrs. R. I. Sutton's line; then in a southerly direction with said road and Mrs. R. I. Sutton's line or lines to Mrs. Mollie Waller's line; then with her line or lines on the west side of her farm to her northwest corner on the road, also a corner between the said Mrs. Mollie Waller and Mrs. J. F. Parrott; then in a northerly course to the Neuse River; then down the river to a point opposite the city limits; then across the river and with the city limits to a point where Manning Street extended would strike the river; then in a westerly direction up the said river to the beginning.

The following signed the notes for \$15,000 to finish the school year 1918-19:

F. C. Dunn, H. G. Braxton, C. A. Jeffers, S. T. Pate, T. B. Brown, W. (Continued on Page 4.)

FITZGERALD OPENS FIGHT ON H. C. OF L.; SHOT AT DEPT

Charges Baker's Outfit Aiding Packers in Gouge

HOUSEWIVES WITH HIM

Massachusetts Congressman's Action Indicates People Back Home Are Bringing Pressure Bear on Lawmakers

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 21.—Representative Fitzgerald's resolution to force foodstuffs out of storage is aimed principally at the War Department's announced plan of aiding packers in disposing of surplus meat stocks without turning them onto the domestic market, the Boston congressman states.

Fitzgerald's resolution is the first indication that Congress is hearing from home on the subject of high prices.

Women Back Him.

New York, May 21.—American housewives will back up Representative Fitzgerald's fight in Congress to bring down the high cost of living, according to Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives' League.

She urged him today pledging support to the Housewives' League, which has members all over the country.

TWO-THIRDS LENOIR COUNTY QUOTA RAISED

Salvation Army Drive Here Progresses Satisfactorily—Compliment From Headquarters—No Reports From Rural Parts.

Lenoir County is nearing its Salvation Army fund quota. The county Wednesday forenoon was two-thirds over the top. More than \$2,000 of the \$3,000 had been raised.

Chairman C. Felix Harvey, Jr., said no reports had come from the rural sections of LaGrange.

A bulletin from zone headquarters said the drive was progressing in Lenoir far more satisfactorily than any other.

Kinstonian Heads One of Shootingest of A. E. Force's Platoons

"The first platoon of Company D, 321st Infantry, won the musketry competition in the 81st Division and will represent the division at the rifle shoot at LeMans in May," said the Paris edition of the New York Herald some time ago. The company also won the regimental pistol competitions for officers and men and the regimental rifle competition for officers."

Lieut. Reynold Allen of Kinston commands the platoon. He left for LeMans April 28 to represent his regiment in the A. E. F. pistol contest. His platoon joined him there May 10 to compete for the championship of the A. E. F. in the platoon musketry contest. Lieutenant Allen's company claims the largest representation at the LeMans matches.

COTTON

Futures quotations Wednesday were:	Open.	Close.
May	30.75	30.60
July	29.62	29.36
October	27.85	27.79

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were 12 or 15 bales, prices ranging from 28 3-4 downward.

New York Report.

New York, May 21.—The cotton market opened easy on the first call. First prices were off over \$1 a bale, part of which was recovered before the end of the initial half hour. Yesterday's rise of \$5 a bale was partly the result of speculators who had money stocks rushing in to buy cotton.

Injunction Is Dissolved; Goes to Supreme Court

Judge Daniels Finds for Defendants in Restraining Order Case—LaGrange Plaintiffs Who Would Hold Up Work on \$2,000,000 Road Program Appeal—Special Order for August Term—Able Array of Counsel at Hearing Here—Commissioners Win First Round in Battle of Statewide Interest

Judge Daniels dissolved the injunction restraining the work on the roads of Lenoir County under provisions of the recent \$2,000,000 bond issue. Counsel for the plaintiffs gave notice of appeal and an agreement was had by the contending counsel that the question should be made a special order for the Supreme Court at the August term.

BEATEN GERMANY IS LOOKING EASTWARD FOR SECOND LEAGUE

Hopes to Smash Western Alliance With Aid Orientals

RUSSIA IS THE KEY

If Entente and America Can Influence Slav Nation Berlin's Plan Will Fail—Much Dissatisfaction Asia

By J. W. T. MASON (Written for the United Press)

New York, May 21.—Germany is preparing to turn to the East for revenge. German statesmen, crafty, unscrupulous, and full of resentment against the Western democracies, are laying plans to break the peace treaty after the signatures have been forced from the defeated plenipotentiaries at Versailles.

All Disappointed.

Germany is looking to Russia, China and Japan for eventual help in creating a new league to overthrow the Western nations; control of the world. Germany, Russia, China and Japan are all disappointed at the outcome of the peace negotiations. China believes she has been deserted by the Western powers; and the Japanese are resentful because they have not been recognized as the racial equals of the white people of America and Great Britain.

Germany's first step, therefore, in her search for means to break the peace treaty, is to form an intimate relationship with Russia. Already efforts are being made in Berlin to this end. German agents are in Russia advocating the mutual advantage of secret cooperation between the two nations.

Once this movement shows signs of progressing, its spread into China and Japan will be deftly sought by Germany's leaders. The situation is certain to develop into a serious menace unless the Western diplomats quickly begin to counteract the new German propaganda. Russia is the key. With Russia hostile to Germany's designs, the Germans will be impotent.

Free Treatment for Ex-Service Men, Announced

All sick and disabled soldiers, sailors, marines, army and navy nurses (male and female) who have received honorable discharges on or after October 6, 1917, are entitled to physical examination without cost and also to necessary treatment free of charge, by applying to the medical officer in charge, U. S. Public Health Service, St. Luke's Hospital, New Bern. This means that any soldier, sailor, or cetera, who is ill from any condition resulting while in the service or from disease contracted while in the service, is entitled to medical treatment, operation if necessary, without cost, by applying to the above-mentioned officer.

The hearing on the road building injunction instituted by some citizens of LaGrange before Judge Frank Daniels Wednesday attracted a goodly number of representative citizens from all parts of the county.

An able array of counsel represented the contending sides. For the plaintiffs, Messrs. J. H. Pou of Raleigh and J. L. Barham of Goldsboro appeared. For the Highway Commission and Board of County Commissioners, defendants in the proceedings, Judge J. S. Manning, attorney-general of North Carolina, and the firms of Dawson, Manning & Wallace and Cowper, Whitaker & Hamme appeared.

Attorney Barham opened with the complaint and argued the side of the plaintiffs, contending that the proposed expenditure of \$2,000,000 was not a necessary expense and that the act was invalid because it did not comply with the constitutional provision for levying the necessary tax against the poll as well as the property.

Judge Manning and Mr. G. V. Cowper spoke for the defense, arguing that the building of roads was a necessary expense, in the same class with the construction of court-houses and other needed public improvements. Judge Manning cited many decisions of the State Supreme Court to sustain his point. Mr. Cowper argued that it was not the court's place to determine what should be the material out of which the roads should be built, but that the matter was clearly for the legislature and the local authorities under its direction to determine.

Mr. Pou concluded the arguments following a recess for dinner, which was taken at 12:45 p. m.

Mr. Pou spoke for more than an hour, contending that the burden of the taxpayers in the State was becoming onerous, that bond issues were dangerous because none of them were ever paid. He argued that the act by which it was proposed to issue two million dollars was not for an emergency but the establishment of a regular road building policy. He asked that the injunction be continued so that the matter might go to the Supreme Court without new conditions which would arise if the Highway Commission was freed to pursue its work.

Mr. F. E. Wallace for the defense introduced affidavits from several contractors averring that this was an auspicious time to make contracts and cited the Government's interest as evidenced by the 10 per cent. reduction of freight rates on road building materials. He told of \$250,000 available by federal aid now, which would be lost later.

Judge Daniels commented on the able arguments and said that while there was much of interest in Mr. Pou's contentions, he would dissolve the injunction and let the Supreme Court pass upon the matter. He made it a rule, said Judge Daniels, to sustain the legislature, except in cases where there was flagrant violation of the constitution, and let the final authority, the Supreme Court overrule the law makers.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT WADE GRAND PATRIARCH

Asheville, May 21.—The grand encampment of I. O. O. F. elected John L. Wade of Fayetteville grand patriarch at its closing session. C. H. Meine of Raleigh was elected high priest, A. C. Melvin of Durham senior warden, J. C. Wright of Shiloh, junior warden, L. W. Jeannerette, Asheville, scribe and J. E. Wood of Wilmington treasurer. John D. Berry of Raleigh was elected representative to the sovereign grand encampment at Baltimore, to be held in September.