

OFFENSIVE GERMAN TACTICS RESULT IN PEREMPTORY DEMAND FOR NAMING OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES WHO'LL SIGN

Weimar's Action Belittling Ceremony Gets Attention From Big Four—Treaty Will Be Signed Between 11 A. M. and 2 P. M. Friday—Mueller and Party at Ver- sailles by Thursday Night or Friday Morning—Cere- mony Will Take Three Hours—Final Curtain Upon Greatest War in History Will Be Lowered Slowly— Wilson to Leave for America Saturday Morning

(By the United Press)

Paris, June 25.—The big four are reported to have dispatched to Germany a peremptory demand for her to name the delegation which will sign the peace treaty. Dispatches from Versailles yesterday said Foreign Minister Mueller had been appointed head of the German delegation but did not disclose the remainder of the commissioner's personnel.

Everything Ready.

Paris, June 25.—The peace treaty will be signed by Germany between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Friday, the ceremony lasting three hours, according to authoritative information.

The new German delegation, headed by Hermann Mueller, foreign minister, is expected to arrive at Versailles either Thursday night or Friday morning.

President Wilson plans to leave for Brest immediately after the ceremony, sailing from that port for New York Saturday morning.

The Allied peace commission met today and discussed the formal signing of the peace treaty in the hall of Mirrors of the palace completed.

The big four discussed the sinking of the interned German fleet at Scapa Flow but reached no conclusions in the absence of full official reports.

Little Colored Boy Burned to Death; a Sad Farm Tragedy

A 5-year-old colored boy, son of Jack Coward, a farm tenant, was burned to death on the farm of John Scarper, near Grifton, Monday morning. Coward and his wife were in a field when the fire started in their home. They arrived too late to save the child or anything else in the house. The woman frenziedly rushed into the house and had to be dragged out. She was burned, but not seriously, it is understood. The house. The woman frenziedly rushed into the house and had to be dragged out. She was burned, but not seriously, it is understood. The house. The woman frenziedly rushed into the house and had to be dragged out. She was burned, but not seriously, it is understood.

"BLIND PETE" MARRIES.

"Blind Pete" Sugg, a well-known colored character at Snow Hill, took a bride Tuesday. A dusky damsel who secured a divorce in court there became Mrs. Sugg immediately. The decree had hardly been granted before the ceremony was underway. Pete Sugg's affliction is a small handicap in his case. He knows Snow Hill like a book, having learned every nook and turn in the town before losing his sight, and he gets around as easily as any resident.

POTATO MARKET.

Washington, N. C., June 25.—The June forecast of early Irish potatoes in 16 states is 35,905 cars, against 48,934 last year. North Carolina prices last week ranged from \$3 to \$5.50. Olney, Va., where there is the greatest organization of growers in the United States, paid \$5.25 to \$5.50 yesterday for cobbles, branded.

WINNIPEG'S STRIKE WILL END THURSDAY

(By the United Press)
Winnipeg, June 25.—The general strike here, lasting over 40 days, will end Thursday at 11 a. m. The announcement was made early today following an all-night session of the general strike committee. The sympathetic strike in other cities will end at the same hour. The strike will have lasted six weeks to the hour of 11 a. m.

CLAIMS OF RIVAL LEADERS IN SENATE GET WIDER APART

Opponents of League Badly Divided, Says Hitchcock—Demand for Amendment is Stronger Than Ever, Says Senator Lodge

(By the United Press)

Washington, June 25.—Opponents of the League of Nations in the Senate are badly divided and split into factions. Its friends are united as one man. Sentiment for ratification of the treaty unamended is stronger than ever, according to Senator Hitchcock.

The demand for amendment of the treaty is stronger in the Senate than ever and is continuing to grow stronger, says Senator Lodge.

These statements were made today by the leader of the forces supporting the League of Nations in the Senate and the leader of those opposing it.

HUNGARIANS HAVE 4 DAYS TO EVACUATE

(By the United Press)

Basle, June 25.—General Pelle, French commander-in-chief of the Czech army, acting with authority from the Entente has issued an ultimatum to the Hungarian army, commanding it to evacuate all occupied territory before midnight June 28, dispatches received here report.

FLAGS OF REGIMENTS IN HALL OF HISTORY.

Colors and standards of North Carolina troops in the world war are now grouped in the Hall of History at Raleigh. The regimental flag of the 119th Infantry, decorated by order of Pershing for the regiment's gallantry in the Canal Sector, Ypres-Lys and Somme fighting, is that of the old Second North Carolina Infantry, parent of the 119th, and bears the inscription, "Second N. C. Infantry." The flag is of the regulation design, with the coat of arms in colors on a field of blue. One line company and, on paper, the headquarters company of the regiment were from this city. Many Kinston men were in the various platoons of the headquarters company, and some served in other companies.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

PLOT AGAINST SCHEIDEMANN.

London, June 25.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen reports a number of arrests were made at Weimar following discovery of a plot among government troops to kidnap and kill Philip Scheidemann, former chancellor.

VICE-PRESIDENT DIES.

Buenos Aires, June 25.—Vice-President Luna of Argentina died this morning. Benito Villanueva succeeds him.

Hookerton Union to Convene at Pitt Co. Church Friday P. M.

The Hookerton Union of the Disciples of Christ will open a convention at Grimesland Friday evening. The final session will be held Sunday forenoon. The president, Rev. B. P. Smith of this city, will preside.

Friday evening devotional exercises will be held, addresses of welcome heard, the president's address delivered and committees announced. Mr. Smith will speak on "Our Obligations to Evangelize the Hookerton District."

Rev. Perry Case of Wilson, Rev. S. L. Sadler of Greenville, Rev. J. E. Atkins of Ayden, Rev. Richard Bagby of Washington, D. C., and others will discuss evangelization and other subjects Saturday, and union business will be transacted. A Christian Woman's Board of Missions session will be held Saturday evening. Sunday morning will be given over to devotional and Sunday school activities. Several hundred delegates are expected to attend.



CAPTAIN ELSIE JANIS.

Affectionately known to the A. E. E. as "That Regular Feller," home again after a year and three months of almost continuous performances for the entertainment of American soldiers in France. (Copyrighted).

INDEPENDENCE DAY IS ONLY A WEEK OFF NOW

More Cause for Celebration This Year—Kinston Prepares for Observance on Big Scale—Demonstration of Gratitude.

(By D. T. EDWARDS)

A little over a week and the 4th of July will be upon us.

This year's celebration of the day will mean more to us than ever before. Indeed it will carry a different meaning, in many respects.

It has meant Independence Day for us as a nation. This year to us locally it will, in addition, furnish an occasion for extending a hearty welcome to those young men and women who have done so much for us and for the cause of righteousness and justice in the earth.

Program Worked Out.

Chairman E. V. Webb, Secretary Lewis and the several committees have been hard at work on the program; and it may now be confidently asserted that Kinston and Lenoir County will welcome the returned men and women—because there are four brave nurses among the returning ones—in an entirely worthy manner.

The program has been subject to several revisions; but it is now about complete, and will within a day or so be published in its final form.

Everybody Get Ready. Meanwhile let everybody get ready for a big time in Kinston on "Independence Day."

It would be most unfortunate for anybody to refuse to enter into the spirit of the occasion. "Business as usual" will have to give way to pleasure and to a duty that we as a community owe to ourselves and to our returning heroes.

We owe it both to ourselves and to them that we extend "the glad hand" to them and make them aware of the fact that their home community deeply feels the honor that they have brought to us and to themselves and earnestly appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us and for the cause of righteousness and justice throughout the world.

The program has been formulated with this purpose in view. And this purpose will be worked out through the entertainment features that have been provided.

No Ordinary Celebration. So it is not an ordinary celebration that Kinston proposes for the 4th of July. It is to be this and more. It is to be a demonstration of the community's gratitude, its pride and its sense of obligation in these stirring times.

But the success of the occasion depends on the cooperation of the folks; and with such a manifestation it will be more than a success—it will be a triumph, and will leave a bright spot in many a memory.

CASUALTIES

Killed, 3; died of wounds, 1; of accident and other causes, 8; of disease, 4; wounded severely, 44; to degree undetermined, 9; slightly, 18; missing, 5; total, 92.

CORN MARKET.

At Chicago Tuesday September closed at 1.74 5-8, December at 1.52 1-2.

WILL BE END NEXT MONTH BEFORE WIRE LINES GIVEN BACK

Bill Can't Be Ratified By Last of June, While Agreement Has Been Reached for Return at End of a Month

(By the United Press)

Washington, June 25.—Telephone and telegraph lines will not be back in the hands of the owners before July 31, action of the House and Senate conferees on the wire control bill indicates.

An agreement reached in the House makes provision that the lines shall go back at the end of the calendar month in which the act is approved.

The conferees are certain to report the bill cannot be approved by both houses and reach the President in time for his signature before July 1.

Car Goes Over Bank, Two Hurt; Mrs. Bessie Fannie Under Machine

Two persons were injured Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock when an automobile driven by Nathan Pate went over an embankment on the Dam Road south of the city. Mrs. Bessie Fannie suffered several broken ribs and severe bruises. Miss Gertrude Howard, of Pink Hill, a visitor in the city, sustained slight bruises. Pate, badly shocked, was taken to the hospital with the others. Miss Howard did not remain at the hospital. Mrs. Fannie will probably leave the hospital Wednesday afternoon.

One of the young women, in the rear seat, asked Pate a question. When he turned his head to answer the car went over the steep embankment. Mrs. Fannie was caught under the machine. Pate was not speeding.

Passing autoists brought the party to the hospital.

TROUBLE IN THE LODGE; DEEK STARTED PROBE.

Deek Wilson, colored, kicked up in a Masonic lodge and took himself arraigned before the mayor of Goldsboro. Deek told his story in negro dialect. A "brother," it seems, had been sentenced to the roads in Lenoir County, and a fund to pay him out was raised. The "brother" paid himself out, however, and Deek Wilson called upon the treasurer of the lodge to account for the fund. Deek himself had paid \$1. Mayor Bain suspended the case, warned the lodge against taking up collections for members in trouble in the future and recommended the election of a new treasurer. Deek said he had come to Kinston to interview the Clerk of Superior Court about the matter.

Millions of Roses Mark Alexandra Day in British Isles

(By the United Press)

London, June 25.—"Alexandra Day," which was inaugurated in 1913 to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival in England of Queen-Mother Alexandra, is being celebrated today, and from an early hour this morning pedestrians were waylaid by white-robed women and girls, selling the little pink roses associated with the festival. The pink rose was the only badge that ensured immunity from the attacks of the flower-sellers, 10,000 of whom stormed London this morning. Over 14,000,000 imitation roses were made by crippled children and soldiers, the proceeds of the sales going to charities selected by the Queen-Mother.

The flower-sellers included most of the leaders of British aristocracy and society, duchesses, marchionesses, countesses, leading stage beauties and others raiding the city and fashionable West End districts. Huge collections were made round the "stock exchange," the financial magnates frequently paying \$50 and \$25 for a rose.

JURY CAN STAY OUT UNTIL END OF TERM BUT NOT 12 MONTHS

Twelve With Vagrancy Case Can't Agree—Judge Guion Leaves It Up to Them—Homicide Cases in Court

(By the United Press)

The jury in the case against Lillie Gulley, charged with vagrancy, brought in a verdict of not guilty Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Comprising the jury were R. T. Stroud, Z. V. Wallace, J. I. Baker, J. F. Holton, F. P. White, D. L. Dixon, S. L. Stough, D. W. Hamilton, Phil. Stroud, J. T. Skinner, J. W. Joyner and G. I. Stroud. They wrestled with the case nearly two days.

"Bing! Zip! Bang!" The justice mill in Superior Court began to grind vigorously Tuesday afternoon and Judge Guion kept the sheriff's forces busy filling the jury panels. Four juries were doing service at one time. Deputies and court criers used the telephones and went out in the streets to summon extra talemen.

Judge Guion let it be known that he was going to try to cut down Lenoir's record for mistrials and turned a deaf ear to all appeals from juries which claimed to be deadlocked. The jury in a vagrancy case, which went out Monday afternoon, sent the Judge word late Tuesday that it could not agree if kept together for a year, or some such message. "Tell them," Judge Guion replied, "I'm sorry I can't keep them that long but Saturday night at 12 o'clock is the limit with me." He then remarked to the court assembly that Lenoir County was the hardest county in the State to get convictions on vagrancy and liquor cases.

Robert Willis, negro truck driver, went on trial in Superior Court Wednesday for manslaughter. The case was called about 11 o'clock and will probably consume the greatest part of the day.

Willis drives for the Henry French Grocery Company. In February last he was driving a truck which ran down Mrs. Robert Nelson, an aged woman of the county, at the southwest corner of Gordon and Queen streets. Mrs. Nelson succumbed to the injuries sustained a short time after being carried to the hospital.

Other Cases. Dave Walker, a young negro, was convicted on the charge of manslaughter and recommended to the mercy of the court Tuesday afternoon. The homicide grew out of a gambling row. Another negro was the victim.

Lillian Grey, a woman of the tenderloin, was tried and convicted of statutory vagrancy. Sentence has not been passed.

Louise Chandler, another woman from the segregated district, was tried for vagrancy. The jury remained out all night and had not returned a verdict at noon Wednesday.

Wednesday morning Peal Grey, a negro man, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon but judgment was suspended until the August term of court.

G. E. Briggman, a white boy, was assessed costs and required to pay Mr. J. B. Leonard, prosecuting witness, \$50 for repairs to the latter's automobile which the boy is alleged to have stolen some time ago.

New York Report. New York, June 25.—The cotton market opened heavy, off 20 to 52 points. Traders ignored the poor weather map. It was apparent the market had been overbought recently when it was discovered that there were notices out that 25,000 bales on the market had been declined. There was a good demand for July and October, most of which came from spot houses.

The following have been chartered by the Secretary of State at Raleigh: Carolina Bank & Trust Co., Henderson, \$200,000; \$100,000. Pi Kappa Phi Alumni Building, Goldsboro (University of North Carolina chapter house), \$25,000; \$1,100.

NEW BUSINESSES

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

JESSE N. FUNK,
Private, First Class, Co. L, 354th
Infantry.

Private Funk received the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Bois de Bantheville, France, October 31, 1918. Learning that two daylight patrols had been caught out in No Man's Land and were unable to return, Private Funk and another stretcher bearer, upon their own initiative, made two trips five hundred yards beyond our lines, under constant machine gun fire and rescued two wounded officers. His father, Martin Funk, lives in Cathan, Colo.

PRESIDENT PESSOA LEAVES WASHINGTON

(By the United Press)
Washington, June 25.—Dr. Epitacio Pessoa, president-elect of Brazil, ended his visit to the capital today. His special train carried him to New York. A large group of distinguished officials, led by Acting Secretary of State Polk and Second Assistant Secretary of State Long, bade the Brazilian goodbye.

TREAT IT AS SCRAP OF PAPER, ADVICE FROM GERMAN PRESS

Signature Extorted by Force Must Stand for Naught

RIOTING AT CAPITAL

Finish of Germany Spoken of by One Pessimistic Journal—Strike of Postal and Wire Employees Seems Certain

(By the United Press)

Berlin, June 24. (Delayed).—The Berlin Vorwaerts, Majority Socialist organ, describes the peace treaty as a scrap of paper. "The extortionate pressure renders our signature to the peace treaty worthless," it says. "We must never forget that it is only a scrap of paper. Treaties based on violence keep their validity only as long as force exists. Do not lose hope. A resurrection day will come."

The Prussische Kreuz Zeitung in an editorial headed "Finis Germaniae" declares: "It is our duty not to permit the Prussian spirit to be crushed."

The National Volks Party announces sharpest opposition to the new Bauer government. General von Lutwitz has appealed to officers and soldiers to "continue to do their duty."

Several minor food riots occurred in Berlin yesterday and last night. It is feared they may grow in scope and violence today. A strike involving postal, telegraph and telephone employees seems certain. The governor of West Prussia has announced his resignation.

BACK WITH PRISONER; NEGRO ARRESTED IN NORTH.

Sheriff A. W. Taylor is back from Philadelphia, bringing with him Garfield Clark, colored, wanted here for alleged abduction of another negro's wife. A real southern sheriff, was something of a novelty to Quaker City officials; they dined and feted Taylor. The sheriff of the county and chief of detectives said they were coming here on a visit. Sheriff Taylor was urged to remain north another day in order that newspaper men might be given a chance for an interview with him. Taylor couldn't stay and the Philadelphia papers missed a feature story about some such subject as prohibition in North Carolina or the activities of the Ku Klux in 1919.

COTTON

Local receipts to 3 o'clock were estimated at 10 bales, prices ranging from 32 1-4 downward.

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