

## Reach an Agreement With The German Government Soldiers and Workmen's Council Reach Terms With the Government The Preliminary Peace Conference May Go to Paris, Not Versailles

### REACH AGREEMENT IN GERMAN GOV'T

Soldiers and Workmen's Council and Government Come to Understanding it is Announced.

### LONDON RECEIVES NEWS WITH MUCH INTEREST

Regarded as Tantamount to the Overthrow of the Ebert-Haase Combination in the Empire.

(By Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Nov. 25.—An agreement has been reached between the German Soldiers' and Workmen's Council and the government, it is officially announced in Berlin. The terms of the agreement are:

First—All political power is to be in the hands of the German Socialist Republic and Soldiers' and Workmen's Council.

Second—Their aim is to defend and develop what has been achieved by the revolutionists and suppress all counter-revolutionary activity.

Third—Pending the election of representatives of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council to the executive councils of the German Republic the executive council in Berlin is to exercise its functions.

Fourth—The appointment and dismissal of all members of the various legislative bodies of the republic until the final constitution established in Prussia are to be made by the Central executive council, which also has the right of control.

Fifth—Before the cabinet appoints assistant ministers the executive council must be consulted.

Sixth—A convention of deputies from the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council is to be summoned as soon as possible.

### News Interests London

London, Nov. 25.—This morning's London newspapers display prominently the German advance regarding the agreement between the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council and the government, which is regarded as a development of great importance and as tantamount to the overthrow of the Ebert-Haase combination and the adoption of least theoretically of the proletarian Russian system. It is admitted the German councils have not yet developed extravaganzas which led to the disintegration and anarchy in Prussia, the councils not being dominated by the Bolshevik element.

### International Situation at Crisis

London, Nov. 25.—(British Wireless Service.)—Latest reports received in London from Germany indicate that internal situation there has reached a critical stage. Although a proclamation has been issued declaring all political power is in the hands of the German Socialist Republic, Soldiers and Workmen's council, opposition is growing outside of Berlin and in the greater part of Southern Germany, including Wurtemberg and Bavaria and it is declared submission will not be made to terrorism of dictatorship in Berlin which has replaced the Kaiser and militarism.

An independent republic has also been formed in northwest Germany with Hamburg as the capital. Even in Prussia, according to reports, the feeling against the Berlin Soldiers and Workmen's council has gained ground.

W S S  
INDICTED, FARMER COMMITS SUICIDE.

Farmer of Scotland Neck Section Kills Wife When Facing Trial For Complicity in Robberies.

(By the Associated Press)

Scotland, Neck, Nov. 25.—Lewis Lucas, 40 years old, a well to do farmer, committed suicide early yesterday at his home near here. Found the top of his head off with a shot gun.

Thomas was under \$1,000 bail in connection with wholesale store and railroad car robberies at Hobgood and was to have been tried at Halifax this week. He leaves a wife and three children.

W S S  
Leading Republicans of Ohio Form Pershing Republican League and Will Push the Commander of Expeditionary Forces for President.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 25.—A campaign for the election of General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in France, to the presidency in 1920 was formally launched in Ohio today by application to the secretary of State for incorporation of the Pershing Republican League.

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### TRY TO INFLUENCE RETURNING TROOPS

Dr. Karl Leidnecht, Radical Socialist Leader in Germany, Is Scattering Propaganda to Spartacus Group of Extreme Radicals.

(By the Associated Press)

Berlin, Sunday, Nov. 24.—Dr. Karl Liednecht, the radical Socialist leader, is devoting himself primarily to present to effect to influence the men returning from the front. His henchmen comprise a small army of red soldiers who are accused of packing various meetings sufficiently to secure a majority necessary to push through resolutions and other measures calculated to embarrass the present government.

Dr. Leidnecht's agitation in its entirety is official propaganda to the Spartacus group of extreme radicals. He chiefly directs his attacks at the proposed national assembly.

The indications so far, however, are that his efforts to win over returning soldiers has failed absolutely and yesterday's meeting was marked by violent opposition of the soldiers who declared they had been attracted to the meeting under false pretense. The radical leader's oratory is forceful and vindictive. His principle appeal is to the proletariat.

### W S S WAS PRISONER ON A GERMAN U-BOAT

Lieut. Julius H. Fulcher, of Biscoe, North Carolina, Tells of His Twenty-Five Days Imprisonment Beneath the Sea.

(By the Associated Press)

London, Nov. 25.—Lieut. Julius H. Fulcher, of Biscoe, North Carolina, who with Frank L. Muler, of Oakland, California, was taken aboard the German submarine Deutschland from the torpedoed American cargo ship Ticonderoga September 30th and brought to Harwich yesterday by U-boat was wounded severely in the right thigh when the Ticonderoga went down, according to a Harwich correspondent of the Daily Express.

He escaped on a raft and was picked up by the U-boat. Lieut. Muler was taken aboard the same boat but Lieut. Fulcher did not learn of his presence until some days later. Fulcher was held a prisoner on the U-boat 25 days.

"The Germans treated me very well," said Lieut. Fulcher in an interview, "but I have come to the conclusion that if a man can stand 25 days imprisonment on a U-boat he can stand anything."

Lieut. Muler was brought back on the same boat with Lieut. Fulcher.

W S S  
NO POST THURSDAY.

Holiday Thanksgiving for the Print Shop as Usual and Patrons Take Notice.

Thursday is Thanksgiving day. There will be no issue of the Post on that day, the whole force will take holiday and observe Thanksgiving.

Those who have business with the office please take notice, that there will be no open house with the Evening Post Thursday.

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### ROLL CALL IS NATION WIDE

The Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross is to be a Gigantic Affair.

### CONFERENCE IN SALISBURY FRIDAY EVENING NEXT

Red Cross Workers Are to be Lined Up to Present the Cause To Whole County.

A State wide conference was held in Greensboro on Saturday last at which leading Red Cross workers from the Southeastern division at Atlanta were present to instruct county chairmen and their workers on the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, the week of December 16th-23rd.

This is a "universal" membership campaign and is designed to give every American at home and abroad the opportunity to join the Red Cross and help that great American organization to do the tremendous task that comes to it in the days and months to follow the declaration of peace. Reconstruction is a big task, a gigantic task, and there is no other organization that can or will take the place of the Red Cross in the great world wide task of reconstruction.

Upon the day that firing ceased the Red Cross took on a new phase and perhaps a great and more necessary phase, and the need of financial and moral support were never greater than today.

This roll call is designed to give every man, woman and child in America an opportunity to join the Red Cross for 1919.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock there is to be held a conference in the community building, the purpose of which is to begin the organization of a mighty force to sweep Rowan and get something like five or more thousand new members for the Rowan chapter.

The county chairmen spent the day Saturday in Greensboro and attended the conference and is working out plans for the fullest and most complete organization possible, that no one may be overlooked in this great nation wide roll call for the Red Cross.

Every man, every woman and every child shall and will have the opportunity presented during this week to join the organization and all loyal, working members of the Red Cross in Rowan will be called upon to work these five or six days in the interest of this great organization.

### W S S CLEARING PASSAGE TO ENTER KIEL

Fleet of Mine Sweepers Go to Make Way for Surrender of the Remnant of German Fleet.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Nov. 25.—A flotilla of mine sweepers left Firth of Forth this morning to clear passage to Kiel for the British squadron which, it is understood, will disarm and intern the remnant of the German navy.

Wilhelmshaven will also be visited by the squadron which, it is reported comprises one battleship and a flotilla of destroyers.

Allied Ships Go Through Black Sea.

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Nov. 25.—Havas Agency—Allied warships, the Bosporus having been cleared of mines, entered the Sea and visited various points from Varna around the southern coast of the Black Sea.

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TO FACE COURT MARTIAL.

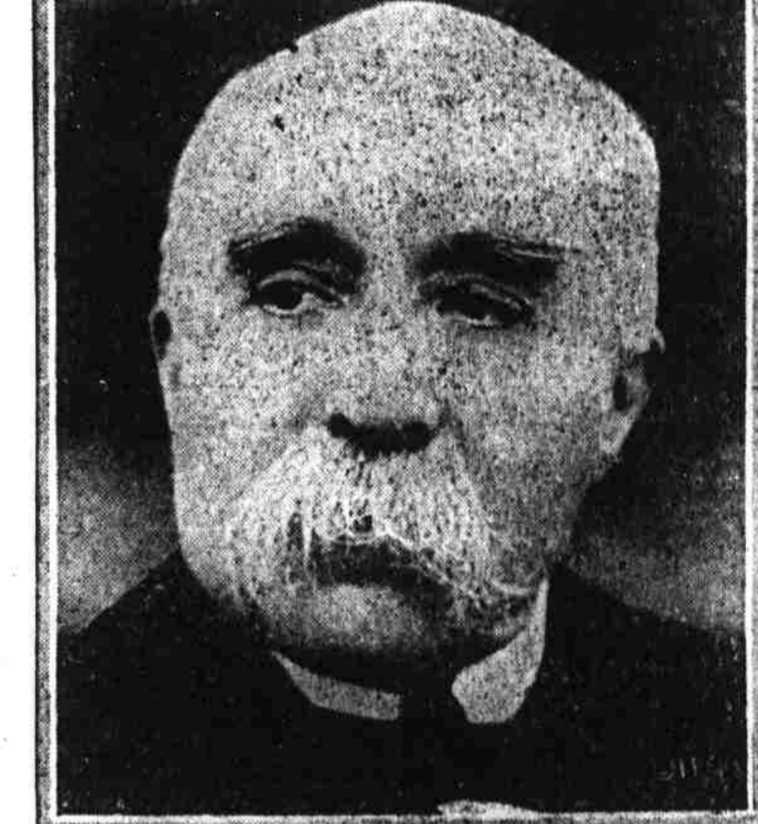
Three Cossack Officers Who Arrested Members of the All Russian Directorate to Be Given Trial.

(By Associated Press.)  
Moscow, Nov. 25.—The three Cossack officers who November 18 arrested two members of the All Russian Directorate and two prominent citizens of Omsk, precipitating a change in the All Russian government, which made Admiral Kolchak dictator, will be tried by court martial. It is charged the men attempted to prevent the supreme power in functioning and arresting the present Russian government. The court martial will be held in accord with procedure of the fighting front and the sentence will be confirmed by the supreme rulers.

W S S  
Furniture Restrictions Lifted.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Nov. 25.—Restrictions were to go into effect December 1 to on the manufacture of furniture which conserve material was abandoned today by the war industries board.

### The French "Tiger."



Premier Clemenceau, the French statesman who was one of the leading figures in the war and upon whom devolved a strong part in the play for victory. The French Premier is one of the strong men of all Europe and will have a large voice in the final terms of settlement.

### DISASTROUS FIRE VISITS STATESVILLE

Sunday Morning Blaze Wipes Out the Hotel Iredell and Other Business Houses are Burned—Salisbury Appealed to for Help.

Statesville, Nov. 24.—Fire of an unknown origin which originated in the basement of Hamoy's candy kitchen, entirely destroyed the Hotel Iredell building here at an early hour this morning. In addition to the hotel building which was completely destroyed, the stock of merchandise of the McLellan stores, the Iredell barber shop, Hamoy's candy kitchen and the Iredell Produce company, were completely burned up. The property loss based on a conservative estimate is above \$100,000, the losers being as follows: Hotel Iredell building, valued at \$40,000 with \$15,000 insurance; McLellan stores, \$17,000 with \$10,000 insurance; John H. Gray, proprietor Hotel Iredell, \$3,000, no insurance; J. G. Hamilton, owner Iredell barber shop, \$1,500 loss with \$600 insurance; Joseph Hamoy, loss \$23,000 with \$12,500 insurance, and J. E. Tharpe, owner Iredell Produce company, loss of \$9,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

The hotel building belonged to Stamey J. Holland, of Statesville, and was built about 25 years ago. The hotel furniture and fixtures was also the property of Mr. Holland.

The fire was first discovered by W. A. Thomas, a guest of the hotel who was awakened by the smoke coming in at his window. He at once awakened the proprietor, Mr. Gray, who turned on an alarm and then proceeded to awaken the guests, 10 in number, who were able to escape with their belongings.

Prompt response and heroic fire fighting by the local firemen is responsible for the fact that the whole block in which the hotel building is situated, was not completely wiped out. As it was, however, the fire was confined to the building, and although at one time it seemed as if the entire block would be swept away, the firemen were able to confine its activities to the one spot.

To the magnificent leadership of Col. L. B. Bristol, mayor of Statesville, is attributed the fact that considerable more damage was not done from the conflagration. The mayor was on the spot from the first and directed the work of the fire fighting in such a way as to cause the least damage possible, and to him is accredited the fact that the fire did not spread.

The local fire company of Mooresville was called upon for assistance and sent several fighters and their trucks to the service, the squad rendering valiant service in helping to conquer the flames. Most of those who were burned out have opened up temporary quarters, and will open for business tomorrow. The fire today is the most disastrous that has visited Statesville in 20 years, when an entire block was wiped out.

Salisbury Called Upon

When the fire at Statesville was at its height and it looked as though the whole business block along Depot street in which the Hotel Iredell was located would burn Salisbury was telephoned to for assistance, the call coming to the fire station at the city hall and Chief W. A. Brown was at once communicated with and he was getting ready to make preparation for the taking to Statesville of men and apparatus. However, before he had assembled the department word came that the fire was under control and it was thought it could be handled without the help of the Salisbury firemen. The Salisbury firemen were ready to plucky answer the call from Statesville but were glad the fire was gotten under control before further threatened destruction resulted.

### SHERIFF KRIDER KILLS NEGRO MAN

Charlie McKinley Had Gun Drawn on Sheriff Who Had Gone to Arrest Him—Sheriff Exonerated by Coroner's Jury.

Charlie McKinley, negro, was shot and instantly killed in a railroad shanty car on a siding near the old Surratt store in Spencer Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock by Sheriff J. H. Krider, who acted in self-defense.

McKinley a short time previous had trouble in East Spencer when he shot five times at Viola Davis, negroess, who had been hanging around the woman and she gave him no inducement to show that she cared for him. She is married and told McKinley to stay away from her. Sunday afternoon he attempted to see her but she eluded him and was going along Long street when he fired five times at her and chased her into the house of white residents. The officers were notified and Sheriff Krider, Deputy Nash, Officer Williams and others went out after him. It was learned that he was in a shanty car on the Spencer yards near the old Surratt store and when the officers went there they found a number of negro men gambling. Sheriff Krider entered the door of the car, which was poorly lighted, and he had hardly gotten inside until he was looking into the muzzle of a pistol in the hands of a negro who afterward proved to be McKinley. The sheriff was too quick for his man and quick as a flash raised his pistol and fired, the bullet taking effect near the heart and the negro drowned dead.

Sheriff Krider and the other officers then placed the other men under arrest and brought them to Salisbury and placed them in jail and notified Coroner D. L. Sides of the killing, and he at once summoned a jury and held an inquest. In the meantime the body of the dead negro was brought to Summersett's undertaking establishment where it was viewed by the jury and then this body remained to the coroner's room in the courthouse where the case was investigated.

The man who had been arrested was brought over from the jail and was examined one at a time, the other being kept out of the room during the examinations. Each of these men told the same story without variation. It was to the effect that McKinley came in the car and laid his pistol on the bunk beside him and when the sheriff entered the door he jumped on and drew his gun, pointing it directly at the sheriff at close range.

Viola Davis, the negro woman who had been shot at by McKinley testified as to that affair and said McKinley told her no white man would ever put his hands on him while he had his gun.

The coroner's jury then rendered the following verdict in substance: That Charlie McKinley came to his death by a shot from a pistol in the hands of Sheriff J. H. Krider while the latter was performing his duty and that he acted in self-defense.

The jury was composed of E. W. Brady, W. W. Peterson, F. C. Talbot, John Kennerly, D. W. Julian and T. W. Summersett.

Sheriff Krider has been an officer for 12 years and yesterday was the first time he had ever looked into the barrel of a gun in the hands of another man. There appears to be no doubt but that if it had not been for the quickness of the sheriff in getting his pistol into action he would have been shot by McKinley and probably killed. He regrets the affair but under the circumstances there was nothing else for him to do and he and all who know the circumstances in the case feel that he was fully justified in killing McKinley.

The dead negro was employed on one of the section crews or work trains and hailed from Alabama and was known as "Barn." Among the effects he carried in his pockets was a set of dice.

The remains of McKinley were buried today at the county home at the expense of the county.

The four negroes charged with gambling in the car when the sheriff entered were given a hearing in the county court this morning. Three were fined \$50 and costs and one was acquitted.

W S S  
Wounded in Civil War Dies.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Greenville, S. C., Nov. 25.—T. N. Griffith, aged 70 years, a Confederate veteran and court officer, died today of a wound received in his side during the battle around Annamattax in the war between the States. The bullet was never removed.

### JOINT ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEET

Conferences on Preliminaries of Peace Will Probably Go to Paris Instead of Versailles.

### GERMANS ENDEAVOR TO SECURE MODIFICATION

Some of Meetings Described as Animated But Marshal Foch Answered With Fiat Refusal.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Nov. 25.—Conferences on preliminaries of peace probably will be held in Paris instead of at Versailles, owing to the superior accommodations and conveniences in the capital.

Only the formal sessions and concluding stages will be held at Versailles.

The only active sitting now going on are those of the joint armistice commission which holds daily sessions at Spa, the former German headquarters but which are now held by the French. French, British and German delegates are attending the meeting. Some of the meetings are described as having been very animated over the effect of the Germans to obtain modification of the terms of the armistice. Marshal Foch's reply was a refusal to consider a change.

W S S  
RAILROADERS WILL HELP MR. M'ADOO

Employees of Roads Operating Out of St. Louis Anxious to Appropriate Money to Help Him Live

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 25.—A telegram signed by representatives of employees of the railroads operating out of St. Louis was received at Director General McAdoo's office today pledging employees to give \$2,000 a month as part of the director general's salary to keep him from retiring.

"We have opposed your resignation," the telegram said, "and heartily are in sympathy with your financial straits."

McAdoo Appreciates Offer.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 25.—"Well, I'm glad somebody appreciates my financial straits," was the only comment Secretary McAdoo would make today on being told the railway employees employed on roads running out of St. Louis offered to add \$2,000 a month to his salary as director general of the railroads if he would not resign. That he cannot accept the offer was made plain when Mr. McAdoo said he would return to his law practice after "one long and satisfying vacation."

### W S S TRIUMPHANT ENTRY INTO STRASSBURG

General Gouraud Marches Into the City and Is Acclaimed by More Than 300,000 People—Foch to Take Over City Today

(By the Associated Press)

Strasbourg, Sunday, Nov. 24.—General Gouraud entered this city today at the head of the 4th French army amid the tremendous enthusiasm of 300,000 people. Never did an army have such a triumphant greeting.

"Such a spectacle pays for all our suffering," said General Gouraud, who issued a proclamation to the city beginning with the words of the Marseillais, "the day of glory has arrived."

The ceremonial entry at which Marshal Foch will take possession of the city in the name of France and the allies is fixed at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

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