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## NC-4 FLIES ACROSS ATLANTIC.

### Manned by Americans, American Built Plane First to Fly Across Atlantic.

Washington, May 27.—Blazing the way of the first air trail from the western to the eastern hemisphere, the United States navy seaplane NC-4, under Lieut.-Commander Albert Cushing Read, swept into the harbor at Lisbon, Portugal, today, the first airship of any kind to have crossed the Atlantic ocean under its own power and through its natural element.

Taking the air at Ponta Delgada, Azores, at 6:18 a. m. Washington time, on the last leg of the trans-oceanic portion of the voyage from Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to Plymouth, England, the NC-4 covered the 3600 miles in nine hours and 45 minutes, maintaining an average speed of better than 80 knots an hour. The total elapsed flying time from Newfoundland to Lisbon was 26 hours and 41 minutes.

At the first opportunity the big plane will continue to Plymouth, 775 nautical miles to the north. Possibly Commander Read can start tomorrow. To the navy department, however, it makes little difference when he completes the journey. The great object of all the effort lavished on the undertaking, navigation of a seaplane across the Atlantic through the air, has been accomplished. Twentieth century transportation has reached a new pinnacle and the United States navy has led the way.

Navy officials emphasized that the long delay at the Azores was due to the weather and to no weakness of the machine or its daring crew, nor to any failure of the carefully laid plans of the department to guide the fliers to destination. The 14 destroyers strung from Ponta Delgada to Lisbon reported with machine-like precision today as the flight progressed. The plane was never off its course, and there was no moment when officials in Washington did not know within a few miles where it was in the air.

## Dr. Ware Makes Fine Report for North Wilkesboro District.

Dr. W. R. Ware, district director of the Centenary drive for North Wilkesboro District, makes the following report: North Wilkesboro, \$15,210, full quota; Wilkesboro, \$2,112, full quota; Moravian Falls, \$378, North Wilkes Mission, \$800.00; Jefferson Circuit, \$4,600.00, full quota; Sparta, \$700.00; Watauga Circuit, \$2,764.00; Bethel church, \$100.00, a total of \$26,364 for the churches named.

## Salvation Army Drive Extended Another Week.

Owing to the bad weather last week, the drive for the Salvation Army Home Fund has been extended to June 3rd. This will enable the Township Chairmen and Captains to get in some good work next Sunday. We lack several hundred dollars of having our quota raised. Some townships have done themselves proud while others have done nothing. You cannot afford to let your township report nothing in as worthy a cause as this. Suppose you put your returned soldier boys out next Sunday; they will make things hum because every one of them appreciates the fine work of the Salvation Army during the war.

## Alleghany Votes Bonds For Roads.

A letter received today from Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Sparta, states that Alleghany county voted road bonds Monday in the sum of \$125,000 by a majority of 600 votes. The county is expecting to receive aid from the state highway commission amounting to \$125,000 and \$250,000 from the federal road building fund. Alleghany county is expecting to construct improved highways thru every township in the county. The fine showing made for roads in Alleghany is largely due to the effort of Mr. Doughton, commented one of his friends today.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.

## SENATOR REED ASSAILS TREATY.

### Democratic Senator Bitterly Denounces it as a Monstrous and Cruel Thing.

Washington, May 26.—The league of nations was debated in the senate again today with an increasing show of bitterness.

Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri attacked the proposal in such vigorous terms that he aroused repeated objections from senators supporting it and developed a running debate colored by dramatic accusations and heated reports. The Missouri senator declared the league would place the destinies of the white race in the hands of ignorant and superstitious nations of black and yellow population, and charged that many Democrats were supporting it for partisan reasons.

In frequent interruptions of the Missouri senator's speech, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking Democrat of the foreign relations committee, insisted that the premises for these charges were false and that the inferences drawn were unfair and dangerous. He drew in turn a reply from Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, who suggested that supporters of the league covenant should read it before they discuss it.

So heated did the exchange become at one point that the chair rapped for order and Senator Reed declared that Senator Hitchcock had "lost his temper."

The measure which brought the league issue before the senate was the resolution of Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, requesting from the state department the full text of the peace treaty. There was no attempt to reach a vote on the resolution, on which debate began last Friday, and the measure went over again as unfinished business to come up when the senate reconvenes Wednesday.

Without speaking directly on the Johnson resolution, Senator Reed made a general attack upon the league covenant itself as a proposal to hand over control of the white race and the civilized world to an assembly of the nations where a majority always could be brought together on any race question in opposition to white supremacy. He declared support of the league plan never could be explained at home by senators from the south with its negro problem, or from the west, with its Chinese and Japanese problems. Turning dramatically to his Democratic colleagues, he continued:

"If a Republican President had brought it here—if Roosevelt had brought it here—there isn't a Democrat that wouldn't have been standing by my side fighting to the last ditch to rescue the country from so monstrous and so cruel a thing."

Southern Democrats particularly were chided for refusing to recognize the negro as an equal at the ballot box, but at the same time accepting South Africa and other nations where the black race predominates as members of the league assembly on an equality with the United States.

"You think you can control the vote of the black race," he asserted, "but on any question of race equality you will never be able to do it."

To support his prediction that the black, yellow, brown and red races would combine to embarrass the white race, Senator Reed cited the amendment offered by Japanese delegates at Paris to the league covenant guaranteeing race equality. Although the amendment failed, he said, the Japanese delegates reserved the right to bring it later before the league for determination.

He also quoted from a periodical published by negroes in this country a passage declaring a league of nations or some other "international power" to be "absolutely necessary for the salvation of the negro race" in view of treatment of the negroes in the United States and South Africa.

In his speech of nearly three hours, Senator Reed presented a mass of statistics and other information regarding the smaller members of the league. The member nations in which the white race was predominant, he said, totalled in population only 293,488,800, while those where other races are in the majority had a population of 811,425,000. He said white nations would have 15 votes in the league and

## Germany Still Refuses to Sign Peace Treaty as Prepared by Allies

### Answer of Germany to Peace Proposals Delivered Today. Peace Terms to be Given Austria Monday.

Versailles, May 29.—Baron von Lersner, of the German delegation, informally delivered the complete counter proposals to Col. Henry, the French liaison officer, at 12:20 o'clock today. The Germans explained that there had been no time instructions, which would be sent later.

The volume containing the proposals is not bound, corner fasteners holding together the 146 pages. The reply is written in German and bears the caption: "Observations of the German delegation on the conditions of peace."

Berlin, Wednesday, May 28.—The conservative press of Berlin condemns the counter proposals to the peace terms submitted by Germany, especially the financial and military con-

## President Wilson May Run Again.

Chicago, May 28.—President Wilson's candidacy for a third term will be determined largely by the fate of the league of nations, in the opinion of Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who came to Chicago today to preside at a two-days' session of that body.

"While I have no information regarding President Wilson's intentions about becoming a candidate for a third term I believe the question largely rests upon the fate of the league of nations," said Chairman Cummings.

"If the league of nations should by any chance be defeated, and this to my mind is unthinkable, the pressure brought to bear upon the president to run again would be very great, and I feel certain he would be re-elected. If the league of nations is successful I do not think the pressure would be nearly as great."

In the absence of definite word from President Wilson on the subject, there was little gossip of candidates among the party leaders. The names most frequently mentioned were William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, and A. Mitchell Palmer, United States attorney general, who will address the committee tomorrow night.

Every state was represented by a committeeman or by a proxy when Chairman Cummings called the body to order in a session which formally marks the opening of the presidential campaign of 1920.

## Wilkesboro High School Commencement Now in Progress.

The closing exercises of the Wilkesboro High School begins tonight with a music recital by the pupils of Mrs. R. E. Prevette's class, which will be held at the school auditorium, and tomorrow morning in the same hall the graduating exercises will be held at ten-thirty. The annual literary address will be delivered at this hour by Rev. J. B. Craven. On tomorrow night the program will consist of a comedy in four acts, and this also will occur in the school auditorium.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these exercises and the patrons of the school are especially urged to be present.

Dr. W. D. Spinx, pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist church, Winston-Salem, delivered the annual sermon this morning.

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As the nations where white blood does not predominate, the senator named Liberia, Haiti, Hedjaz, Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Ecuador, Cuba, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, South Africa, Siam, India, China and Japan. In these countries, he asserted, the average of illiteracy was 85 per cent., and he quoted extensively from reference works to show that many of them were overrun with superstition.

## IMPORTANT THINGS OF THE HOUR

### As Seen by the Business Men of North Wilkesboro—Better Days Ahead.

Written for The Wilkes Patriot.

The Wilkes Commercial Club, the T. P. A. Association and the Merchant's Association are strongly behind the movement to build a hundred thousand dollar hotel at once. This can be accomplished of \$25,000 of stock is raised within the next two weeks. This stock is expected to pay a dividend of from eight to ten per cent from the start and every person who is in business or has property in this section or expects to have is vitally interested in this movement.

It means bringing thousands of people to this section, for the new roads are radiating over it and adjoining counties, and investing their money in farms, stores and factories and other business enterprises. Until more houses can be completed, every space possible should be converted into rooms or apartment houses in order to take care of as many families as possible who now want to move here and cannot get room.

There is also on foot a plan to purchase two large tents from the government to be used as exhibit halls for the fair this fall, by repairing the fence destroyed by the flood, and touching up the Grand Stand, the Fair Company at a reasonable cost can have a fair this fall. The County District Fairs, Corn Club boys and the Tomato Club girls together with the farmers should be preparing for the exhibits.

The seven hundred or more of returned soldiers from Wilkes County will have a celebration and organization on the 4th of July and why not invite them to the fair? The body as the guests of the company and give exhibition drill every day from half past one o'clock until two o'clock, just before the fast races begin. Nine-tenths of us have never seen as many as seven hundred soldiers drill at one time and it will be a very attractive feature in the coming fair. With the good roads partially completed and at least connecting us with the lower counties and come with the upper counties the automobiles from without the county together with our own citizens will make this the greatest fair ever held in this section.

There is also a move on foot to rehabilitate and start up the Chair Company, provided arrangements can be made to get enough house room to accommodate the operatives. The new Hosley mill is running at full time and the Underwear factory is getting thoroughly established and producing a large out-put. The new factory just completed by the E. V. Williams Mill Company will be ready to start in a short while. The cotton mill is starting up, the machinery is nearly all placed and it will be working in regular order in a few days. In addition to these new factories, the Brame Drug Company has purchased the block of buildings between its former double front on B Street and the Southern Depot and is enlarging these buildings, placing machinery and manufacturing Brame's Vapo-Mentha Salve and other medicines to supply the growing demand for this product from the retail and wholesale trade of this progressive company.

The New Williams Mill Company has moved into their splendid new brick factory on B and 5th Streets and it is running smoothly by the electric power from the city's power plant.

To take care of the new demands, the Boone Trail Motor Company is erecting a large brick building on 9th Street just South of the one occupied by the Yadkin Valley Motor Company which is also a large new brick building.

Outlook for business was never better and this community is on the eve of the greatest progress it has ever known. These four new manufacturing plants have been organized and put into operation within the last twelve months thus giving us twenty factories small and large thus assuring a large growth for our town and section in the near future. There are eight corn mill-factories in Wilkes County manufacturing and shipping portable corn mills through various agencies to several continents.

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## HAWKER AND GRIEVE RESCUED

### Daring Aviators Failed to Cross Atlantic.—Thought to Have Been Lost Six Days.

The following story, which was given to the world by Harry Hawker concerning the effort he made to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a heavier than air machine, will be read with interest by readers of The Wilkes Patriot. The story was cabled to the Greensboro Daily News by the London Times.

London, May 26.—By special courtesy of Lord Northcliffe's Daily Mail the London Times-Public Ledger news service herewith is permitted to give Hawker's own story: "We had very difficult ground to rise from on the other side. To get in the air at all we had to run diagonally across the course."

"Once we got away we climbed very well but when about 10 minutes up we passed from fair clear weather into the fog off the Newfoundland banks. We got well over this, however, and of course, at once lost sight of the sea.

"The sky was quite clear for the first four hours when the visibility became very bad. Heavy cloud banks were encountered and eventually we flew into a heavy storm with rain squalls. At this time we were flying well above the clouds at a height of about 15,000 feet.

"After 5 1-2 hours, owing to the choking of the filter, the temperature of the water cooling our engines started to rise, but after coming down several thousand feet we overcame this difficulty. Everything went well for another few hours, when once again the circulation system became clogged.

"When we were about 12 1-2 hours on our way the circulation system was still giving us trouble and we realized we could not go on using up our motor power. Then it was that we reached the fateful decision to play for safety. We changed course and began to fly diagonally across the main shipping route for about two and a half hours, when, to our great relief, we sighted the Danish steamship which proved to be the tramp Mary.

"We at once sent up our very light distress signals. These were answered promptly and then we flew on about two miles and landed in the water ahead of the steamship.

"The sea was exceedingly rough and despite the utmost efforts of the Danish crew it was one and a half hours before they succeeded in taking us off. It was only at great risk to themselves, in fact, that they eventually succeeded in launching a small boat owing to the heavy gale from the north-east, which was raging."

"It was found impossible to salvage the machine, which, however, is most probably still afloat somewhere in mid-Atlantic. Altogether, before being picked up, we had been 14 1-2 hours out from Newfoundland. We were picked up at 8:30 a. m. on Monday, Greenwich time.

"From Captain Duhn, of the Mary, and his Danish crew we received the greatest kindness on our journey home. The ship carried no wireless and it was not until we arrived off the coast of Lewis that we were able to communicate with the authorities.

"Off Loch Erribol we were met by the destroyer Woolston and conveyed to Scapa Flow, where we had a splendid welcome home from Admiral Freemantle and the men of the grand fleet."

Lieut.-Comdr. MacKenzie Grieve said: "When a few hundred miles out a strong northerly gale drove us steadily out of our course. It was not always possible owing to the pressure of the dense masses of cloud, to take our bearings, and I calculated that at the time we determined to cut across the shipping route we were about 200 miles out of our course. Up to this change of direction we had covered about 1,000 miles of the journey to the Irish coast."

Commencement exercises of North Wilkesboro Graded and High School will be held next Thursday and Friday.