

FIVE HUNDRED A. C. L. MEN FIRED AT ROCKY MOUNT

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DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE ARE UNABLE TO ACT FURTHER

Conference Is Marking Time,
Waiting for Instructions
From Governments

FOUR-POWER TREATY IS
BEING MUCH DISCUSSED

Difference in Interpretation
With Regards to Japan
Is Causing Debate

BRITISH TO REMAIN
(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The British delegation today cancelled reservations it had made on a steamer sailing from New York December 31. It was stated members of the delegation think there is little chance of their being able to leave before the middle of January.

The British delegation was said to feel that the action of the Japanese delegates in calling upon Tokyo for further instructions in regard to Shanghai would involve considerable delay in the settlement of that question. In addition it was expected a number of minor matters would remain to be disposed of.

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The arms negotiations again stood in recess today while the French worked out their estimates for an adequate allotment of auxiliary craft, the Japanese waited for further advice from Tokyo regarding shipment of the British prepared for presentation to the conference of their case for the abolition of the submarine.

Meanwhile there was wide-spread speculation among the delegates as to what might be the next development in the negotiation of the four-power treaty to the major islands of the Japanese empire. The difference in interpretation revealed yesterday between Resident Harding and the American plenipotentiaries led to the suggestion in some quarters that action might be taken by the delegates to further progress of the language of the treaty, but there was no indication that such a move was in preparation.

MALLARD HEADS KINSTON POST

Popular Young Man of Kinston Is Elected Post Commander in That City

KINSTON, Dec. 21.—Liston L. Mallard was unanimously elected as the new post commander of the Joseph Dixon Rountree post of the American Legion, at an enthusiastic and well attended meeting last night in the American Legion room of the Hood building over the First National Bank and succeeds George T. Skinner, whose able efforts have led to the high standing and efficiency of the local post. Mr. Mallard, who has been notably identified with the life of the Legion here, since coming to Kinston, is an able speaker and one of the most interested workers for the progress of the organization, and was also one of the delegates along with Mr. Skinner to the national convention held recently at Kansas City.

"Dock" J. O. H. Taylor was elected as vice commander for the coming year, while Will Allen was re-elected as post adjutant for another term. This latter position has been most ably filled by Mr. Allen and his re-election was most heartily favored by the post. He was the only man to succeed himself in the Legion here. The executive committee was elected as follows:

Marvin Rochelle, George T. Skinner, Reynold T. Allen, John Roger Brooks, Dr. Robert S. McGeachy, Larry W. Smith and George B. Lay. The last member of the committee is to act as publicity man for the committee and Legion.

A chaplain is to be appointed by this committee, if the right man can be found to fill the position and will report their findings to the next meeting.

Cooper Intends To Run For Office of Governor

Much interest was displayed locally today in the story appearing in the state papers this morning with reference to W. B. Cooper's announcement that he would be a candidate for governor in 1924. Cooper's announcement came out last night and created state-wide interest. The article reads as follows:

RALEIGH, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, of Wilmington, hopped headforemost into the race for governor last night about 11:30 and if he can get out the way he got in he will be running some.

As the general assembly came to a close near midnight, politics may have thought it had adjourned, to use one of those expressive Wilsonisms which used to make the king's English crack like Gus Price's new saddle. But politics did not adjourn. It went into extraordinary session, as the legislature went out. And from now on W. B. Cooper will be heard from as often as any man in the race.

Mr. Cooper did not authorize any announcement of his purposes to race Angus Wilton McLean. But it takes no Sherlock Holmes, not even a William J. Burns, to detect the plot. The Wilmington banker is in the fight just as surely as his rival banker, Mr. McLean, is in and old guard don't own a whit pleased that his excellency, the lieutenant governor desires to be his excellency, the real governor.

The getting in was as easy as Guldstern would have covered the ventages of his pipe, which no small-

er authority than Shakespeare assures us was "as easy as lying." The president of the senate exercised a prerogative and lunged into the fight. He is there to stay, so they say hopefuls and he has many reasons for thinking he will stay. First of all, he beat a wonderfully popular and efficient senator who had nearly all his fellows with him when the race for the lieutenant governorship was run in 1920. With-out the support of his own body, Mr. Cooper swamped Mr. Harding, who had running qualities strange to Mr. McLean. Old guardmen is red hot about this business, for it had planned to repeal the primary, appoint Mr. McLean governor and adjourn politics again until another appointment of a gubernatorial successor was in order. Governor Morrison has not been heard from since yesterday. How well he likes the two appointees of Governor Cooper to sit (though traveling at high speed will be the real posture) on the educational-commission, his excellency does not announce even through his approved channels, the administrative megaphones. Certainly Governor Morrison could not think more than half well of the naming of W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte and D. V. Giles, of McDowell, for only half of the combination "went down the line for me." That half was W. C. Dowd, who could not have been more than half tickled to death, since Governor Morrison never went down the line for Dowd when there was a line and the going was good.

WOULD PREVENT FORMATION OF FURTHER BLOCS

New York Representative Introduces Bill to Prevent Combinations

SAYS PRESENT SYSTEM IS MENACE TO THE NATION

Terms Bloc Legislative Trust And Urges That Plan Be Done Away With

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A bill prohibiting the formation in congress of "blocs" based upon particular pursuits of geographical locations for the purpose of "fixing" any effecting legislation, was introduced today by Representative Ansoerge, republican, New York. Senators and representatives would be subject to a fine of \$5000 in case it was proved they belonged to a "bloc."

The bill, which would not interfere with legally convened caucuses of the majority and minority political parties, was framed along the lines of the Sherman act, prohibiting combinations in restraint of trade, Mr. Ansoerge said.

The bill was designed, he explained, to prohibit combinations in restraint of legislation "which are inherently more dangerous to the country than combinations in restraint of trade."

"If we are to have an agricultural 'bloc' who not a manufacturers' 'bloc' and consumers' 'bloc'?" Mr. Ansoerge asked. "Then, legislation will not follow platform pledges but will be the result of dickering and combinations between various 'blocks.'"

30,000 IN DEBS' HOME CITY
PETITION FOR HIS RELEASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A petition asking for the unconditional release of Eugene Debs, the Socialist leader, now in Atlanta penitentiary, signed by more than 30,000 citizens of Debs' home city, Terre Haute, Ind., was presented to Territorial Harding today by Mrs. Bertha Hale White, in behalf of the Mayor of Terre Haute.

"We want to welcome him home for Christmas," said the petition. Mrs. White was accompanied by the White House by Mrs. Robert H. La Follette, wife of the senator from Wisconsin, and Mrs. Charles E. Russell, wife of the well-known socialist writer.

Shop Employees Will Be Laid Off December 23rd

(By Associated Press)
ROCKY MOUNT, Dec. 21.—Approximately 500 men, employed in the mechanical department of the Atlantic Coast Line, will be indefinitely cut off on Friday, December 23, according to officials today. The cut, it was stated, affects 90 per cent of the workers in the locomotive department and 50 per cent in the car department. The belief is prevalent, however, that the reduction is only temporary and that the men will be returned to work after the first of the year.

SAW CORPORAL SHOOT PRIVATE, IS EVIDENCE GIVEN TODAY

Watson Brings up New Witnesses To Prove Charges Before Committee

SEVERAL MEN TELL OF INCIDENT REFERRED TO

One Says That Soldier Was Killed Because He Was Ill And Unable To Work

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Called today as the first in a second list of witnesses in the senate committee investigation of charges by Senator Watson, of Georgia, that American soldiers had been hanged without trial in France, Marion J. Wallace, of Athens, Ga., declared he saw a corporal shoot and kill a private soldier at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

The witness said he did not serve overseas and had no evidence bearing on executions on foreign soil. The corporal, he said, was named Crawford, and the man shot, he thought, was Private Halley, of Tampa, Fla.

Wallace read a letter from one of his comrades at Sandusky, Ohio, attacking officers of a Georgia regiment and indicating he would get even some day.

"Some of those Georgia officers were pretty bad from that!" Wallace was asked.

"Yes indeed," he replied.

"This seems to be a Georgia family row," said Senator Ernst, republican, Kentucky, and Senator Watson joined in the laughter.

At this point Senator Watson offered a telegram received today from James R. Milton, of Chattanooga, Tenn., saying he also had witnessed the killing of Halley by Crawford and would come to Washington to testify to that effect.

Another telegram from W. L. Brock, of Lydale, Ga., said the soldier was killed because he was ill and unable to work and that Crawford was not tried by court-martial. Wallace, however, had another version, saying that Crawford was tried by court martial, given a 30-day furlough and then made a sergeant. To the best of his recollection, he said, the killing was in May 1918.

BULLETTINS

HARVEY CONFERS WITH BRIAND

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—George Harvey, the American ambassador, again conferred with Premier Briand this afternoon when the latter illucidated the French viewpoint concerning submarines and other secondary war-craft. German reparations and general economic affairs also were discussed it was learned. After the conference it was announced they would meet again tomorrow.

GETS SENTENCE OF FIVE YEARS

(By Associated Press)
LEIPSI, Germany, Dec. 21.—Dr. Traugott von Jagow, former Berlin police commissioner, was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment today for the part he played in the Capp revolt of March, 1920, which temporarily overthrew the Ebert government.

BANDITS MAKE HAUL OF \$10,000

(By Associated Press)
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 21.—Five armed bandits held up the Steelton branch of the Citizens Trust and Savings Bank today and escaped with \$10,000.

VOICE OPPOSITION TO TREATY

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Opposition to referring the Anglo-Irish treaty to the Irish electorate was voiced by George Gavan Duffy, one of its negotiators in his argument for ratification of the pact delivered in this morning's session of the Dail Eireann.

CANNON FUNERAL HELD TODAY

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 21.—Prominent men and women from all parts of this and other states attended the funeral here this afternoon of James W. Cannon, prominent textile manufacturer, who died Monday evening.

Heated Clash In Dail Over The Peace Treaty

DUBLIN, Dec. 21.—Motions for and against ratification of the Irish peace treaty at an open session of Dail Eireann today brought on heated clashes among Eamon de Valera, Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith.

Volleys of cheers greeted utterances by each leader, those for supporters of the treaty being apparently the more enthusiastic.

At the outset a formal motion for the rejection of the treaty was made by de Valera. It was seconded by Austin Stack, a member of the Sinn Fein Cabinet. De Valera said:

"Rather than ask the people to accept such a document, I would ask them to continue in slavery. It is the principle that is objectionable."

In seconding the motion to reject Stack said:

"The treaty makes the Irish British subjects. It was not for this that our patriots died."

Refutation of the treaty was moved by Griffith, who made a strong plea in its defense. The motion was made by de Valera. It was seconded by Austin Stack, a member of the Sinn Fein Cabinet. De Valera said:

"The nation will not respect such an ignominious document."

Griffith made a fighting speech in favor of the past. He read a letter from Lloyd George, promising equality with Canada and Australia, and also a place in the League of Nations for Ireland.

Griffith warned the opposition members that they would lose the sympathy of the world if they rejected the treaty.

BIG DIRIGIBLE GIVEN A TRIAL

Roma Makes Successful Flight From Langley Field To Washington

(By Associated Press).
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The semi-rigid dirigible Roma, the largest American airship, arrived over Washington shortly before noon today on her first long-distance flight, after having been brought to the United States from Italy and re-assembled at Langley Field, Va.

STORES CLOSE NEXT MONDAY

No Business To Be Done In New Bern on the 26th It Has Been Announced

New Bern will observe Sunday and Monday as Christmas holidays. All of the stores will be closed on Monday. It has been announced and there will be absolutely no business done in the city on that day.

All of the mills and factories also will be closed.

COAST LINE CREATES NEW TRAFFIC OFFICE

(By Associated Press).
ROCKY MOUNT, Dec. 21.—An announcement from A. C. L. officials at Wilmington today, states the office of Assistant General Freight Agent will be created with headquarters in this city, effective January 1, and W. E. Renner, of Wilmington, will be placed in charge. Mr. Renner is ranking officer in freight and traffic matters in this territory.

Resolution, No. 1. We will swear off and on when needed.

Pity the poor locksmiths. Love laughs at locksmiths.

NEGRO IS SHOT BY AN OFFICER AT SPRING HOPE

(By Associated Press).
ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Dec. 21.—Late yesterday afternoon Police Chief Blair, of Spring Hope, shot and killed a negro whose name could not be learned but who is said to have resided in the Stanhope section. The negro had made much trouble at Spring Hope and it was when the officers went to make the arrest that the negro turned upon him with a knife. Blair fired and instantly killed the man.

Aviation has its ups and downs. Some people are dodging work, while work is dodging others.

Programs Are Issued For The Shrine Ceremonial

Shriners of New Bern are busily engaged in making preparations for the annual winter ceremonial, to be staged in this city next week.

Indications are that the event will be unusually well attended and that Shriners from all over the state will be here to take part in the festivities.

Programs have been sent out and sent forth the following order of events:

4:30 p. m., Business session, Masonic Temple.

1:00 p. m., Luncheon, Dill warehouse.

2:30 p. m., Ceremonial session, Banner warehouse.

5:00 p. m., Banquet, Shrine Home.

6:00 p. m., Exhibition drill, Arab Patrol, followed by the Shrine ball, Banner warehouse.

At the luncheon and banquet, each Noble may be accompanied by one lady.

New Bern Shriners are determined to make the entertainment of the visitor one which they will long remember. Everything possible will be done to give everyone a good time.

MORE TIME IS GRANTED IN SACCO-VANZETTI APPEAL

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The Norfolk county superior court granted an extension of time to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti in which to file an appeal from the verdict of guilty returned by a jury in connection with the murder of a South Braintree paymaster and his guard.

A hearing on the motion for a new trial will be held next Saturday. The appeal is being argued by attorneys which counsel claim took place in the jury room.

SOCIETY TO MEET

The Lizette Henderson Bright Jewel Society will hold its Christmas entertainment and music box opening in the social rooms of Century M. E. Church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Members are urged not to forget their music boxes.

Gifts to be placed on the tree must be left in the social rooms Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

HIGH OFFICIAL MAY BE IMPLICATED IN RAID

(By Associated Press).
BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Prohibition enforcement officers, under the lead of Harold D. Wilson, raided a room in the ninety House last night, discovered a "red" room where Governor Coy was being entertained at a dinner of Republican leaders and seized 20 bottles of cocktail and 4 bottles of whiskey. State Prohibition Director Elmore C. Potter, was present at the dinner.

Ernest J. Goldston, understood to be the host of the dinner; J. J. McCarthy, one of the proprietors of the hotel, and Harold E. Kern, who lives at the hotel and in whose room the liquor was seized, were summoned to appear in court today in connection with the seizure.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MOTOR CO.

New Building Has Been Erected by Service Motor Co. On Broad Street

Extensive improvements and alterations have been completed at the Service Motor Company's place on Broad street. A new garage building has recently been finished, and will greatly facilitate the operations of the staff of mechanics in working on machines.

John Parker, proprietor of the Service Motor Company, has established one of the most attractive service stations in this part of the state. The company is also local dealers for the popular Studebaker car, a new shipment of these machines having been received recently, including coupes and touring cars.

An attractive advertisement, suggestive of Christmas is inserted in today's Sun-Journal.

To keep your wife away from the office here an ugly scenogapher.