

PRESIDENT'S SHIP TO SAIL ON NEXT FRIDAY

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PEACE CONFERENCE DELAYS MUST END

Officials Confidently Declare That President Wilson Has No Idea of Leaving Paris Prematurely.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, April 8.—The sailing date of President Wilson's steamer, the George Washington, has been advanced from April 14 to April 11, which is next Friday.

Why Change Was Made. Washington, D. C., April 8.—In announcing today that the President's transport, the George Washington, would sail from New York for Brest, Friday, instead of next Monday, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt stated that the change had been made as the result of a cablegram yesterday from Admiral Benson at Paris, inquiring when the ship could sail.

Yesterday when word came from Paris that the President had determined there must be an end to delays of the peace conference, and had ordered the transport to France, Navy Department officials said no new orders had been issued, and that the ship was preparing to sail according to schedule, on Monday, April 14. The Benson message changed this situation very quickly.

So far as could be learned today, no information has been received at the White House, or in official quarters about the situation which dispatches from France indicate have arisen there. Officials confidently declare their belief that the President has no idea of leaving Paris prematurely, and that the inquiry about the transport merely was a precaution merely to insure the presence of the ship when the President is ready to return home.

SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE WORK WILL BE COMPLETED

So That Peace May Be Made Simultaneously With Germany and Her Allies.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, April 8.—(Havas)—The views of President Wilson's attitude on French claims before the peace conference put forth by certain American circles are declared by the Matin to be "entirely fantastic." President Wilson, the Matin says, is conscientiously studying the final details of the preliminary peace. The Petit Parisien comments in much the same vein, emphatically declaring that there are differences between the French and American delegations, especially regarding financial questions as has been declared.

The Paris newspapers as a whole reiterate the view that it will be several days before the work of the conference will be completed in such a way that peace may be made simultaneously with Germany and her allies. They predict that the meetings in Versailles probably will take place within 15 or 20 days, however.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Reaction Today—News from Paris Disappointing—Prices Off 25 to 36 Points.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, April 8.—There were reactions in the cotton market during today's early trading. The news from Paris seemed to be rather disappointing, and the South was an active seller at the opening. First prices were barely steady at a decline of 5 to 25 points on new style contracts, and of 20 to 25 points on the old style months, in consequence, with new style May selling off to 26.00 and October to 22.35 shortly after the call, or about 28 to 30 points net lower on the general list. Cotton futures opened fairly steady. May old 24.75 new 26.10; July old 23.40, new 24.18; October 21.00, new 22.40; December new 21.08; January new 21.77.

Victory Liberty Loan Sunday—May 4. Richmond Va., April 7.—May 4 has been fixed as Victory Liberty Loan Sunday, officially announced by the War Loan Organization here. Lewis B. Franklin, Director of the War Loan Organization of the United States Treasury stated in a telegram received in Richmond that the above date had been set to avoid any conflict with the Easter services of Sunday, April 29.

Coming just after the middle of the Victory Liberty Loan Campaign it is hoped that this Sunday will be observed as a special day of thanksgiving for victory. Every minister in the Fifth Reserve District will be asked to cooperate to this end. Ministerial unions will also be expected to participate. Sunday schools and Bible classes will be requested to observe Victory Sunday, as the Easter season needs a fitting time for a day of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Normally there are 320 birds to every one death daily in London.

TENNESSEE COLONEL WHO IS SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO KIDNAP FORMER KAISER



Although Colonel Luke Lea, commander of the 114th Field Artillery and formerly United States Senator from Tennessee, refused to discuss the story, men of an artillery regiment which paraded recently in Knoxville, Tenn., declared that it was Colonel Lea who made the attempt to kidnap the former Kaiser from the castle of Count von Battenberg in January. According to the artillerymen four commission officers and three "non-coms" accompanied the colonel. They were preparing to make a search of the castle when a number of Dutch guards appeared and the party of Americans retired.

TAR HEELS AROUSED BY GOOD ROADS QUESTION

Will Take Advantage of Federal Aid Provided by Recent Legislation.

Washington, April 7.—North Carolina people are aroused on the good roads question. They will avail themselves of a large chunk of the federal funds provided by recent legislation. Of this sum \$274,400 came from the time the act appropriating \$2,000,000 for the purpose of 1918, had been approved, calling for the construction of 318.74 miles, at an estimated cost totaling \$1,500,373.74, of which \$428,100 came from federal funds.

On December 31, last, the total number of approved projects was 32 at a total estimated cost of \$1,112,150.05. Of this sum \$274,400 came from the federal aid fund. A new factor in road building is the coming motor truck freight service, already highly developed in some sections of the country. It is particularly useful in the marketing of farm products or in the transportation of articles to the farm doors from the cities. Road engineers say it is important to construct heavy roads, that is roads which are able to stand the traffic of the changing methods of transportation. April is expected to be the best indication of what this year's road building will be.

British Labor View 48-Hour Week and Other Reforms.

London, April 5.—An optimistic view of the work of the Industrial Conference, comprising representatives of the United Kingdom was expressed at a joint meeting of that body to discuss a secret report made by the committee of ten appointed to make recommendations for an adjustment of the outstanding difficulties. It is known that the forty-eight-hour week, the minimum wage and other reforms have practically been won.

Arthur Henderson, labor leader, in speaking of the result of the deliberations, said: "We got along well; we do not anticipate any disagreement," while Sir Allen Macgregor Smith, chairman of the managing committee of the Engineering Employers' Federation, said the employers were prepared to honor the report immediately if the trade unions accepted it.

Germans Grow Bolder Every Day at Coblenz.

Coblenz, April 6.—One finds here that the Germans grow bolder every day; their complaints concerning the necessary precautions and regulations adopted by the American army together with a number of minor incidents throughout the area, have served to confirm the impression that the Germans are returning to the arrogance and insolence familiar enough to us before the war, but hardly fitting to a people whose territory is occupied by the enemy.

Baptists Start \$6,000,000 Drive.

Twelve thousand Baptist communicants are asked to give from \$50 to \$25,000 each to the campaign started to raise a fund of \$6,000,000 for the relief of ministers and reconstruction work. Of this amount \$2,500,000 will be raised through church appointments, the rest to come from individual subscriptions.

Expects To Fly Across Atlantic in 20 Hours.

London, April 7.—The airplane of the Short brothers, one of the entries for the 10,000 pound race across the Atlantic, will start from Ireland for Newfoundland on April 16, weather permitting. The airplane is expected to make the journey in 20 hours.

Eleven women are to serve on the faculty of the University of California's summer session at Los Angeles.

THE COUNCIL OF FOUR MEETS IN PARIS TODAY

President Wilson Not Able to Attend Meeting This Morning, But Hopes To Be Present in Afternoon.

GENERAL SITUATION IS IMPROVED TODAY

Generally a More Hopeful Tone Prevalent in Conference Circles as the Day Wore on.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, April 8.—The council of four met this morning at the residence of Premier Lloyd George. President Wilson was not able to attend the forenoon session, but hoped to "be able to attend the meeting this afternoon at the Paris 'white house'."

The overnight tension in the peace conference circles has not been dispelled when the council of four met today. In conference circles however, it was said that the session today would serve to clear the atmosphere. The first question taken up at the forenoon session at which Colonel House represented President Wilson, was that of procedure. This was considered in an effort to accelerate the work of the council.

It was planned to debate the afternoon session to the subject of responsibility for the war, including the question of a tribunal to try the former German emperor, the former crown prince and others, on which divided reports have been presented. It was said by American members of the peace conference that the general situation was improved somewhat today, because of the agreement reached by the commission on reparations and the main features of the reparations question, leaving only a few unessential details for adjustment.

FRANK W. WOOLWORTH DEAD

Man Who Started 5 and 10 Cent Stores on a Capital of \$50.00.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, April 8.—Frank W. Woolworth, who started a 5 and 10 cent store at Troy, N. Y., 40 years ago, on a capital of \$50 and eventually became millionaire proprietor of a great chain of these stores in the United States, Canada and England, died suddenly today at his home at Glen Cove, Long Island.

MICHIGANDERS OPPOSED TO LIGHT WINES AND BEER

Majority Against Proposed Amendment To Allow Them Steadily Increases.

(By The Associated Press.) Detroit, April 8.—The majority against the proposed constitutional amendment to legalize the sale of light wine and beer in Michigan after a temporary setback steadily mounted, as additional returns became available today from yesterday's special biennial election. Reports from 55 of the 83 counties in the state, incomplete but representing approximately one-half of the total precincts, gave 160,242 for the amendment, and 265,635 against it.

TO FORCE RENEWAL OF THE COTTON EMBARGO

Movement Begun to Organize Southern Farmers to This End.

(By The Associated Press.) Dallas, April 8.—Supplementing resolutions adopted by the Texas cotton conference, declaring that the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States had assisted in forcing down the price of cotton and that the control of movement in marketing of cotton by Bernard Baruch was antagonistic to the interests of the cotton growers, N. A. Shaw, chairman of the conference, announced today that a movement had begun to organize Southern farmers to force the removal of the cotton embargo.

Mrs. Robert Furr Entertains Soldiers.

On Saturday, April 5th, Mrs. Robert Furr gave a dinner in honor of her son, Private Silas L. Furr, who returned from Camp Jackson last Thursday after having spent about 11 months in France. Between thirty-five and forty guests were invited, among them being Messrs. Chas. E. Nash, Andrew Messamer, Roland Haupt, Ross Plyler and Carl Honeguy, all of whom except one had been overseas for almost eleven months. It is quite a pleasure to have these brave heroes who fought so nobly for their country home again. All of them have endured many hardships and some have had narrow escapes. Surely they have been guided by an unseen hand.

Holy Communion at New Gilead Reformed Church.

The Holy Communion will be administered at the New Gilead Reformed Church Palm Sunday, April 13 at 12 noon. Every member should attend. The services preparatory to the Communion will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Quarterly meeting of the Consistory at 5 o'clock.

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SOVIET REPUBLIC IN HAMBURG REGION?

(By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, April 8.—A political movement of great importance is imminent in the region of Hamburg, reports from Berlin say. Dectors Herz and Haufenberg, Spartacan leaders, it is added, have almost succeeded in making themselves masters of the situation, and in converting Hamburg and the region between Hamburg and Bremen into a soviet republic.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE IS ARRESTED AT MADGEBURG

Members of the Regiments There Arrest Him and Also Gen. Von Kleist. (By The Associated Press.) Copenhagen, April 8.—Herr Landeberg, the minister of justice in the National German government, was arrested yesterday at Madgeburg, the capital of Prussian Saxony, by members of regiments stationed there, a Madgeburg dispatch reports. General von Kleist in command of the fourth army, and his staff, also were arrested. Two former deputies also were arrested. Other arrests of social democrats and members of the bourgeoisie are planned.

TEMPERANCE BAR ROOMS

Are Planned for the City of Boston by The Methodist Centenary.

Boston, Mass., April 8.—Temperance bar rooms furnishing all the good elements of the saloon minus intoxicating liquors are planned for this city by the Methodist Centenary, according to the Rev. Dr. J. I. Bartholomew executive secretary for the Boston area. In some cases liquor saloons would be purchased he said today. He believed that the original bars might even be retained, but only soft drinks and coffee would be handled. Community houses and "poor men's clubs" also are to be established in connection with Methodist churches in the principal New England cities.

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To Plant Memorial Trees on Commencement Day.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—Commencement Day at many colleges will have for part of the program this year the planting of Memorial trees in honor of former students who gave their lives or offered their lives to their country in the World War. Arbor Day will be more widely marked this year than ever before, because of memorial tree planting.

In Atlanta a memorial pool is being worked out at "Pershing Point" where memorial trees will be planted. Minneapolis will have a "Memorial Drive" three miles long which will be part of a park system. In St. Louis, the beautiful Lindell Boulevard is to be planted with memorial trees. Camp Bowie in Texas will be marked with a memorial boulevard planted with memorial trees. There will be much planting of trees by trees by schools, communities, women's clubs and motor highway associations to honor those who died in the war, says the American Forestry Association.

Wilmington Mayor Spilled His Candy.

Washington, D. C., April 7.—Mayor P. O. Moore of Wilmington, spilled his candy when he wired General March Saturday night that his town would have to decline the offer of a parade by the 119th. He has been denounced by the citizens of the town. General March acted promptly, as he always does, and the 119th was ordered demobilized.

Renewed requests for the parade came thick and fast to Senator Simpson's office today, but it was too late. Demobilization had already set in and some of the men were on their way home. The commander of the unit is Col. J. Van B. Metts, a Wilmington man.

Charlotte will have the 120th reformed of the action of the mayor of Wilmington. The war department is glad to let the fighting boys go to Charlotte.

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ENORMOUS YIELD OF 837,000,000 BUSHELS

At \$2.25 a Bushel This Puts Crop's Value at \$1,891,620,000.—152,000,000 Bushels Increase Over Last Year.

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This year's winter wheat crop, if no unfavorable conditions develop between now and the time of harvest, will be 152,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop produced in 1914; and 248,000,000 bushels more than was grown last year.

CABARRUS TO BUILD ROAD TO THE STANLY COUNTY LINE

Decided on at Meeting of Commissioners Monday.—Real Estate Appraisers and Tax Listers Appointed.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners held yesterday at the court house several matters out of the ordinary were considered by that body. Appraisers were appointed to assess the valuation of the real estate in this county, this being the regular time for a new appraisal of the property. Messrs. W. D. Harry and G. Ed. Kester were appointed to perform this work.

SEEK TO REMOVE THE VIRGINIA DRY OFFICERS

Governor Will Be Asked to Oust Rev. Sidney Peters and Anti-Saloon League Commission.

Washington, April 7.—Abolition of the Virginia anti-saloon league commission and a state referendum on the jurisdiction of prohibition is asked in a petition form, of which 125,000 copies will be distributed throughout the state for signature by the national anti-saloon league. It was announced at the headquarters of the league today that distribution of the forms will be begun tomorrow. The petition is addressed to Governor Westmoreland Davis and reads as follows:

"I, the undersigned a citizen of the state of Virginia, respectfully petition the governor, Hon. Westmoreland Davis, to abolish the anti-saloon league commission, headed by Rev. Sidney Peters, and transfer its duties to the proper county authorities, who are elected by the people. I am against search and seizure without warrant."

PEACE BY EASTER IMPOSSIBLE; SOME PARIS PAPERS FEAR

Matin, Very Pessimistic, Declares the League of Nations Lies in Pieces on the Floor.

Paris, April 5.—The possibility of peace by Easter is doubted by French newspapers.

The Journal points out that, even if the preliminaries are wholly agreed upon by Brest, there remain all the negotiations with Germany, which it believes will be at least as laborious as the negotiations between the Allied and associated powers.

The Matin declares there is a divergence of opinion in the Council of Four on the essential point of reparations, while territorial questions are in a fair way toward a satisfactory settlement. On the question of reparations, it says, there is still a gulf between what France is offered and what she claims is fairly due her. On that point, the newspaper adds, the French Government will be immovable, because it cannot sign a peace treaty which will make France bankrupt.

At the Theatres.

In the Triangle play, "The Lamb," which helped materially to make Douglas Fairbanks a film star, there is great use made of an aeroplane. Up to the time of the Fairbanks advent, it has been customary for stars fearful of risking their lives and limbs, to permit acrobats to double for them in daring situations. Fairbanks would have none of this. In all of the flying scenes that were taken in the course of "The Lamb," the daring aviator is Fairbanks himself, as a reference to the close-ups in the production will readily demonstrate. At the New Piedmont today.

J. Warren Kerrigan in "The Drifters" at the New Pastime today.

This is a great Pathe special feature. Tomorrow, Ethel Clayton in "A Son Without Windows."

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RETURNING SOLDIERS WELCOME AT THE Y. M. C. A.

A Three Months Membership Free to All Returning Soldiers and Sailors. To the Returning Soldier, Sailor and Marine: The people of Concord welcome you home. We have followed you in our thoughts and our prayers, and have long looked to the day when you shall once more take your place among us as a citizen. You have proved yourself a man and we are proud of you.

The Young Men's Christy and Association has followed you also, not alone in thoughtfulness and prayer for your safe return, but in very fact right up to the front line trenches. The Red Triangle is familiar to you. You have seen this sign gleam through the mist of the London fog, through the rain kissed nights in France and through the battle smoke near No Man's Land. You know what this meant to you while away from home. You cannot forget the "Y." Even though there may have been mistakes in its methods, there is no mistaking the desire to serve you. Being fair minded men, you know this.

As you don the army khaki and don the citizen's garb, you still find in your midst a Y. M. C. A. anxious to serve you in any possible way. The coats of the local Y. saving who to the knock of the man who was in the service of Our Country. We also welcome you. We want every man who has been in any department of the service to know that the Concord Y. M. C. A. is open to him—that a three months' membership including all privileges is his for the asking. We are anxious to serve you. Will you not make the local Association your very own?

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SOVIET REGIME

Complete Severance From Old German Imperialism as Manifest in Present Government of That Country.

"LONG LIVE THE WORLD REVOLUTION"

Calls for the Resumption of a "Brotherly Connection" With the Russian and Hungarian Peoples.

(By The Associated Press.) Munich, April 8.—Complete severance from the old German imperialism as declared to be manifest in the Ebert-Scheidemann government of Germany, and the resumption of a "brotherly connection" with the Russian and Hungarian peoples is announced in the proclamation of the new soviet government for Bavaria formed here. "Long live the world revolution," the proclamation concludes. The text of the document says in part:

"The decision arrived at for Bavaria is the formation of a council of the republic of revolutionary workers and peasants of Bavaria, including all our brothers now united separated by no party label. From now on, no exploitation or oppression will be tolerated. The dictatorship of the proletariat now has become a fact. The legalization of a genuine socialist community now is achieved, in which every workingman may participate in public life, and in a just socialist life."

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