

GERMANY THINKS REPARATION TERMS ARE NOT SETTLED

Leaders Say That Question of Indemnity Will Be Basis of Future Negotiations - Present German Cabinet May Resign.

(By The Associated Press.) BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Germany does not consider the terms of reparation decided upon by the supreme allied council at Paris last week as being the final settlement of the indemnity question...

HARDING TALKS TO AMERICAN LEGION MEN

(By The Associated Press.) MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 2.—President-elect Harding turned northward today on his Florida vacation trip...

On the way up the coast the president-elect expects to stop for golf at Palm Beach, Ormond and possibly one or two other points.

Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico, and Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, O., who were among Mr. Harding's companions during his cruise to Miami...

Officers of the various Masonic fraternities in this city called on President-elect Harding at his cottage at Miami Beach early last evening...

To the former service men Mr. Harding said: "I share America's gratitude to the American Legion and offer my salutations to its membership and am heartened to have the assurance that America's defenders are loyal supporters in service to our common country."

GASOLINE PRICES DROP CENT A GALLON

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey today announced a reduction of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline and kerosene in the price of gasoline and kerosene in New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, and Louisiana.

HALF BILLION DOLLARS FOR NAVAL BUILDING PROGRAM

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Nearly half a billion dollars, in addition to funds already appropriated, will be required to complete the great naval building program, embarked upon in 1916...

The committee's report stated that while the total cost of completing the program was originally placed at \$441,700,000, increased cost of materials and labor would probably increase the cost to \$972,911,000...

The naval appropriation act approved in August, 1916, authorized the construction of 158 vessels, all of which, with the exception of 12 torpedo boat destroyers and one transport, are either built or building, according to the committee.

METHODISTS PLAN FOR BIG EDUCATION DRIVE

Map Campaign to Raise \$33,000,000 For Ninety Educational Institutions in United States.

(By The Associated Press.) MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 2.—Educational secretaries, financial directors and lay representatives from all 37 conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met here today with members of the educational commission of the church to map out plans for the proposed Christian education movement...

MANUFACTURERS AND DRUGGISTS ONLY MAY GET LIQUOR FROM BONDED WAREHOUSES.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The authority of the government to issue permits for the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses is limited to manufacturers and wholesale druggists...

STANDARD OIL COMPANY PLANS 10 PER CENT CUT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Employees of all the refineries of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey, have voluntarily accepted a reduction of one-half of their cost of living bonus effective February 15...

CLIMBED 90-FOOT FLAGPOLE; RESULT: 90-DAY FURLOUGH

CAMP DIX, N. J., Feb. 2.—Ex-prisoner gained in youth when he was the ham and sock of their prize in many county fair sponsored pole contests, today won for Private James Cunningham a ninety-day furlough.

FORDNEY TARIFF BILL MAY BREATHE ITS LAST GASP TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The emergency tariff bill today was in perilous position. A vote on the Senate cloture rule was set for one o'clock...

FIRST WOMAN LAWYER IN MURDER DEFENSE.

For the first time in the history of New Jersey and possibly in the history of the country, a woman lawyer is defending a man charged with murder.



Mrs. Augusta E. Maley, of Hackensack, N. J., is appearing as attorney for William Gleason, 25 year old N. Y. war veteran, who is accused of having killed Policeman John Ritter.

THIS MAN IS GOING TO SEE WHETHER GROUNDHOG KNOWS HIS BUSINESS

MONMOUTH, Kans., Feb. 2.—John Wilheimer, of this place, got up early today and went down to Lightning Creek for some first hand "info" or whether the groundhog knew how long winter is going to last.

Wilheimer declared he was frankly skeptical of the ancient belief that if the little brute sees his shadow when he comes out of his hole on February 2, he decides there is still a hard winter in sight and goes back for a six weeks' snooze.

Month's ago Wilheimer began preparation for today's experiment. For fear one groundhog might not act true to tradition and go back into his hole for a cat nap, thus neither proving nor disproving anything, Wilheimer had in a supply of five.

BETTER BISCUIT CAMPAIGN FOR GASTON COUNTY GIRLS

Community Workers Inaugurate Contest Among Girls—To Be Conducted by Townships.

The announcement of this better biscuit campaign for Gaston county will be made by the girls' contest by men and women alike, for whom one contest is but one thing, by weight, of all food eaten by the average person consists of biscuits and that the greater part of these cereals is consumed in the form of bread.

PRESIDENT SUFFERED NO ILL EFFECTS FROM VISIT TO THEATRE

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FACTS AND FIGURES OF INTEREST TO TAX-PAYERS OF GASTON COUNTY

BILL WOULD PLACE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BACK ON COMMISSION BASIS

Member Board of Commissioners Explains Proposed Salary Changes in County - To Increase Treasurer's and Auditor's Salaries - Sheriff to Collect Taxes in Gaston Township.

Speaking of the proposed changes in the salaries of the county officers, let me show you what we propose to do, let me show you the facts and figures which will be of interest to the people of the county generally.

The bill as being prepared by Mr. Mangum and which will be published as soon as available proposes to give the county commissioners authority to make such changes in salaries as may seem from time to time.

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ALLEGED 'PETTICOAT'



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All these officers pay only slightly more than the one office of county superintendent of education. I understand, however, that some of the above salaries are to be raised.

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