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## HUNDREDS KILLED WHEN WAR MATERIAL EXPLODES

### Eighteen Hundred Soldiers and Hundreds of Children Believed Killed Near Salonika, Greece—Details Lacking.

(By The Associated Press.)  
ATHENS, April 20.—Advices from Salonika today report great loss of life as a result of an explosion of war materials stored 200 metres from the Salonika railway station. Hundreds of children were buried in the ruins of a church on which shells fell and it was believed 1,800 soldiers were buried in the ruins of their barracks which were demolished, the advices state.

The similarity of the foregoing despatch to one from Belgrade yesterday which reported an explosion at Monastir in the southern part of Old Serbia, when an ammunition dump blew up, makes it seem possible that both relate to the same disaster. Monastir is about 80 miles northwest of Salonika.

The disaster occurred at noon yesterday. Details of the damage and the number of victims are lacking, but the despatch received here said it was known that the death toll was large.

The soldiers were having dinner when their barracks were destroyed, and a large number are known to have been killed. The railway station was demolished. Fires immediately broke out in several places, and the inhabitants fled in panic as the entire town was endangered.

## WOMEN FROM ALL THE AMERICAS IN CONVENTION

(By The Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, April 20.—Responding to the call of the National League of Women Voters, women from all the Americas assembled here today in conference on subjects of special concern to women—education, child welfare, women in industry, prevention of traffic in women, civil and political status of women and international trade unionism. The League believes that "friendliness with our neighbor countries, with its stimulated and strengthened when women from all parts of the western hemisphere come together for sympathetic study of their common problems."

It is the announced object of the conference to develop the closest possible cooperation between the women of these countries and it is hoped eventually to develop this cooperation throughout the world. The conference will continue through Saturday and will be followed on Monday by the regular annual convention of the National League of Women Voters, which will last all of next week.

## LAST NIGHT WAS WORST SINCE EASTER FOR DUBLIN

### Residents Were Kept Awake by Continuous Rifle and Machine Gun Fire—Many Buildings Are Attacked.

(By The Associated Press.)

DUBLIN, April 20.—Last night was the worst Dublin has experienced since Easter, so far as noise is concerned. The residents were kept awake by continuous rifle and machine gun fire and the noise of military forces rushing to the relief of places attacked, but thus far only one casualty has been reported.

Several buildings occupied by the provisional Free State Government, and guarded by official troops, were attacked according to the 1st edition of the morning newspapers.

The headquarters of the provisional Free State Government in the College of Science were attacked from front and rear, but, despite terrific firing, entry was not effected. The city hall and telephone exchange also were heavily assaulted.

## TO PARTICIPANTS IN MUSIC MEMORY CONTEST

Contestants in the Music Memory Contest to be held at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow night are urged to bring pencils or fountain pens. Contestants are to enter the church at the North Marietta street entrance at 7:45 o'clock here there will be a table at which contestants will receive blanks, each marked with the contestant's arial number, which will be the only mark of identification on the paper.

## DR. KREBS WILL TALK ON "ADVERTISING" TONIGHT

Merchants' Institute Is Proving One of Most Popular Features Ever Brought to City—Merchants Are Attending in Large Numbers.

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium Dr. Stanley L. Krebs will discuss "Advertising" before the Retail Merchants Institute. In this address he will discuss the second biggest secret of salaried men. It is expected that a record-sized crowd will be out as this is one of his best lectures.

Tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock at the chamber of commerce Dr. Krebs will address the executives again, his topic being "The Second and Third Laws of Management." Every executive in Gastonia should attend. Nearly 150 last night heard his discussion of the topic, "Doubling the Sales at the Counter." It was even better than the preceding addresses and was replete with valuable fundamentals applicable to the everyday work of those present. Dr. Krebs is deeply in sympathy in his addresses and has awakened a new line of thought and opinion in the minds of nearly all attending the institute. W. E. Haynes presided.

This morning he delivered a brief address before the Gastonia high school, inspirational in character.

## R. F. D. CARRIERS TO HELP IN GATHERING CROP DATA

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Utilization of the services of rural letter carriers for gathering crop data and other agricultural statistics was authorized today by Postmaster General Sull. "The Postoffice Department realizes," the Postmaster General said, "that the services of rural carriers could render a most valuable and important contribution to the agricultural interests of the country, and we should be heartily glad to have them cooperate with the department of agriculture by serving as crop reporters."

It is understood that the filling out of the report blanks requires but a few moments each month, so that work of great importance and interest could be performed with the expenditure of but few minutes and without interference with postal duties of the carriers.

## 24TH BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION

(By The Associated Press.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., April 20.—Women participating officially for the first time, the twenty-fourth biennial democratic state convention convened here at noon today. The adoption of a platform was the principal business to come before the meeting. Representative Edward W. Poy was to deliver the keynote speech.

Leaders say that an attempt will be made to include a plank in the platform favoring an amendment to the state constitution which would bring the salaries of judicial and other constitutional officers within the provisions of the state income law. The Supreme Court recently held that the State could not tax the salaries of these officials.

## DR. KREBS TO SPEAK TO CITY WIDE AUDIENCE

### Will Address Chamber of Commerce in Public Meeting at High School Friday Evening.

Members of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce and their wives will join the throng of merchants and salespeople for the last meeting of the Retail Merchants Institute tomorrow night when Dr. Stanley L. Krebs will discuss "Community Centralization and Solidarity." The Chamber of Commerce has also extended to the Gastonia Women's Club an invitation to be present.

This closing address of the series will be of greatest interest and it is expected that the High School Auditorium, selected for the purpose, will be crowded. Farmers and their wives are also invited to attend this meeting, part of Dr. Krebs' address being of special interest to them. At one meeting in Virginia over two hundred farmers were in attendance.

## LADY ASTOR URGES WOMEN TO BE UP AND DOING

### Blames Her Husband For Starting Her on Career From "Home to House."

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 20.—Lady Astor, who will attend the dinner of the English Speaking Union tonight, will not go to Baltimore immediately afterward as originally planned. She will spend the time until Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson.

Both her sister and her husband decided that the first woman member of the House of Commons should have a little rest before attending the international conference of the League of Women Voters in the Maryland city the last of the week after her strenuous first day here.

Town Hall was packed last night by men and women who cheered Lady Astor as she urged her feminine hearers to "be up and doing" in the world. Her husband was blamed for starting her on this "downward career from home to the house" but Lord Astor, a philanthropist, who had worked in Plymouth for 11 years to aid the people, finally decided changes in the laws were necessary to changed conditions.

A government by both sexes was the ideal all should strive for, said Lady Astor, who declared that only through such a government could children, the home and society get a better world in which to live.

The enthusiasm of her audience is so great that at her close, Lady Astor was forced to hold a reception for the hundreds who crowded forward to shake her hand.

## WHAT THE LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER DOES

### It Is the "Inasmuch" of the Church—It Reaches and Relieves Suffering and Destitution That Churches and Religious Organizations Do Not Reach.

The 500th anniversary of the local Gastonia County Red Cross Chapter has literally gone into "the highways, by ways and hedges" and compelled suffering and disease to vacate. She discovered and made known the fact of suffering in every part of the county. She was directly responsible for all of the splendid clinics for prevention and relief which have been held by State specialists.

She has organized and grouped in all sections of the county companies of boys and girls and given them thorough education in health, hygiene and sanitation, thus building around them a fence of protection instead of building hospitals for them when they are old. She has gone into every granary and barn and in every county with inspiring educational lectures that every boy and girl should know. She has returned to Gastonia, in human dividends, more than has been expended in dollars and cents.

The secretary of the home service department has accomplished constructive results to the benefit of the town and county and those directly connected with every other agency had failed. She has obtained help and health and hope for sick and helpless exiles who, when in your midst, could have been winning devotion and energy and enthusiasm to State and Government in situations for those men who gave their lives to their country when no one would.

The local Red Cross Chapter has been a refuge in the time of distress, an agency with a true missionary spirit, an uplift to the sick and distressed, a saving effort to Gastonia county. We cannot afford to have its work discontinued. Start the campaign now by sending in your advisory contributions to The Gazette or local headquarters.

## WILLIAM A. GASTON WHO WILL TRY FOR LODGE'S SENATE SEAT



Colonel William A. Gaston, of Boston, lawyer and banker, one of the leading financiers of New England and a prominent Democrat, announces that his bid is in the ring for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate to succeed Henry Cabot Lodge. He was the Democratic nominee for the Senate in 1905.

## TWELFTH DISTRICT CONVENTION OF ODD FELLOWS MEETS HERE MONDAY

Business Session in the Afternoon Will be Followed by Banquet and Degree Demonstration—Large Attendance of Odd Fellows Expected.

On next Monday afternoon and night the Odd Fellows of the Twelfth district will hold their regular district convention here, and in connection therewith will hold a big degree demonstration which is to be attended by members of lodges in the tenth and eleventh districts.

Capt. S. B. Dolley, president of the Twelfth District, will preside at the business meeting to be held in the afternoon, and the various degrees will be exemplified by teams from the Gastonia, Union, Kamoquois and Gastonia (of Odd Fellows).

The program is as follows:  
7:30 p. m.—Registration.  
8:00 p. m.—District Meeting called to order by Stephen B. Dolley, president. Business session.  
9:30 p. m.—Entertainment degree, Gastonia Lodge No. 188.  
10:30 p. m.—First Degree, Kamoquo Lodge, Charlotte.  
11:00 p. m.—Banquet at Armory, Stephen B. Dolley, President, Twelfth District, Gastonia.  
Invocation by Rev. H. H. Jordan.  
Address of Welcome by A. E. Wells, Grand Warden.  
Response by E. W. Moore, Grand Master.

## MANY EPWORTH LEAGUERS ARE ATTENDING INSTITUTE

### First Session at Franklin Avenue Church Last Night—Rev. Loy D. Thompson, of Charlotte, Principal Speaker of Tonight.

Despite the inclement weather 700 of this city Epworth leaguers of the Shelby district were present at the opening service last night at Franklin Avenue Methodist church. The devotional service was presided by Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of Franklin Avenue church.

At the closing service period, Miss Grace Bradley, head of the Epworth League for the Western North Carolina conference, discussed the credit system recognized by the general leaguers, expounding in detail the work required to obtain certificates and diplomas.

The third department of the local chapter then entertained the visiting leaguers with a special social in the large room, where refreshments were served and a number of interesting games and stunts were enjoyed by all.

## GERMANY MAKES NO REPLY TO ULTIMATUM GENOA, APRIL 20

The German delegation at Genoa has made no reply to Lloyd George's ultimatum that they either withdraw the Russo-German treaty or accept the penalty of disarmament from the conference's discussions of the Russian question. The Germans are divided on the issue and no reply is expected from them before tonight. The Russians say the treaty must stand.

# POINCARÉ INSISTS THAT PENALTIES MUST BE APPLIED TO GERMANY IF THE RUSSO-GERMANY TREATY IS HELD VALID

## ROLLER SKATING CONTEST AT 7 THIS EVENING

The Roller Skating Contest will be held at 7 o'clock this evening on Second avenue between Oakland and South streets. All contestants are expected to be on hand early so there may be no delay in starting the contest. Second avenue will be lighted especially for this event and music will be furnished by the Pythian Band. The public is cordially invited to attend and an interesting hour is promised. This contest is being held under the auspices of Community Service, Miss Blanche Heesman recreational director.

## MUSICAL EARS BENT FOR TEST OF MEMORIES

### Auditory and Appreciative Powers Incline En Masse Toward First Presbyterian Church Friday Night—Music Will be King in Gastonia at That Time.

At seven o'clock tomorrow night the Musical Memory Contest will come to a close at the First Presbyterian church when the contestants will try their memories those showing the greatest knowledge of the 12 numbers played winning the prizes offered.

The contest will culminate in a splendid concert at which the best numbers will be played. The prize is coveted by all who enter the contest and enjoy the music, the most complete affair of its kind ever given in Gastonia.

The Musical Memory Contest began four weeks ago when a list of 24 compositions was published. Many for solving these compositions have been worked during the intervening weeks. The 12 contest selections will be picked from this list but the only means of recognizing them will be the memories of the contestants, for no program will be published and no announcements will be made other than the displaying of the numbers played.

In judging the contest papers the jury system will be used. Five points will be given for giving the name of the composer correctly, five points for giving the name of the composer correctly, and one point for the spelling of the name. The 12 will be given to the contestants and general appearance of the papers.

## Premier's Position Is That There Can be no Hesitation in Execution of Treaty of Versailles—Has Held Numbers of Consultations With Allied Leaders in Last Few Days.

## WALLACE SAYS THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF NITRATES

### Secretary of Agriculture Does Not Understand Basis For Belief There Is Serious Shortage of Fertilizers.

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 20.—Citing statistics showing that there is "no shortage of nitrates," Secretary of Agriculture Wallace declares in a letter to Andrew L. Feltner, commissioner of Agriculture of New Hampshire, that he is "not able to understand the basis for the belief that there is a serious shortage of nitrates and that fertilizer companies are not able to supply fertilizer needs of farmers because of this shortage."

Mr. Wallace's letter is in reply to a telegram from Mr. Feltner, saying that fertilizer companies were unable to get nitrates to fill farmers' fertilizer orders and asking the secretary to urge the War Department to release its supply.

Normal importation of nitrate of soda before the war, Mr. Wallace says, was about 600,000 short tons, 250,000 of which were used for fertilizers, and this was increased in 1920 to 1,400,549 short tons. The 1920 imports, he pointed out, were sufficient to supply the demand for fertilizers for 1920 and 1921 and leave a surplus of 200,000 tons for 1922, and the actual surplus, he adds, probably was considerably more than this because of the small tonnage of fertilizer in 1921, during which year imports totalled 413,476 short tons and the War Department released 50,000 tons, while in January and February, this year, 32,065 short tons have been imported.

The secretary also says that at a public sale of War Department nitrates last week "evidently less than 2,000 tons were bought by fertilizer companies."

Article I of the Russo-German treaty, at the end of clause C, reads: "The Russian Government renounces payment of the sum Germany has derived from the sale of Russian army material transported into Germany."

Speculation is already rife here concerning the terms of penalties to be imposed upon Germany, as it is considered most probable that some action of this sort will be taken. The occupation of the Ruhr valley is the foremost suggestion, although there is authoritative opinion that the Allies are unlikely to adopt the severe penalty which the Germans most expect and are perhaps best prepared to meet. The financial and economic penalties provided for in the treaty, it is argued, would permit the Allies to bring pressure of the most effective sort at much less cost and trouble than an extension of the military occupation.

The cabinet today met with Premier Poincaré, who read the latest dispatches from the French delegation in Genoa. Messages also are read from the president of the inter-Allied commission in upper Silesia concerning the prosecution of those charged with complicity in the Petersdorf and Gleiwitz incidents, in which French soldiers lost their lives. The trials of these lost begin early in May.

## THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair tonight and Friday; frost in extreme west portion tonight.

# Republican Party Successful Only As It Followed The Lines Laid Down By Woodrow Wilson

### Declares Congressman E. W. Poy in Keynote Speech at Democratic State Convention—Says Republican Party Has Floundered in Confusion and Dawdled With Pitiful Incapacity—Sees Red When Wilson's Name Is Mentioned.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 20.—Representative E. W. Poy declared in the keynote speech at the Democratic State Convention here today that only when the Republican party had followed the lines laid down by the Wilson administration had it been able to approximate success in any endeavor.

"They have tacitly abandoned any hope of successfully appealing to the electorate at this year's election by reason of any achievement of a legislative character along domestic lines," Representative Poy said, "and are casting their hopes upon the results of the Limitation of Armament Conference and the treaties there reached."

Declaring the Republican party had "floundered in confusion and dawdled with pitiful incapacity," since their restoration to control of Congress, Mr. Poy said he believed it to be "generally true" that "even today certain Republican politicians will rather do some act that would in some way reflect upon the cause and fame of Woodrow Wilson than to pass the most beneficial legislation which the human mind can frame."

"But they hate," he added, "and may they have hated from the beginning of his career because of that transcendent ability and imposing character which have placed him in the foremost ranks of the world's immortals. Because of envy they hated him in the days of his activity and even now, as he sits in dignified retirement, their bitterness goes out towards him and their venom they continue to spread upon him."

Leaders say that an attempt will be made to include a plank in the platform favoring an amendment to the state constitution which would bring the salaries of judicial and other constitutional officers within the provisions of the state income law. The Supreme Court recently held that the State could not tax the salaries of these officials.

They failed to provide against the reactions that follow all wars. They held the United States aloof from the world, with the result that our foreign markets were destroyed, and as against prosperity of the Democratic days we witnessed, with the beginning of Harding's term, a continuation of that destruction already begun with the defeat of the treaty.

"We fell from our high estate as a leader of all nations to a point where, literally, we had no real friends among them, and that was perhaps our most tragic mark by the gentleman who said, 'but for the fact that our money was owed us many it was doubtful if our flag would be saluted upon the high seas of the world.'"

Representative Poy charged the administration with demoralizing the civil service system in "their longer for jobs. When they have desired jobs, instead of frankly saying so and taking them as spoils," he declared, "they have, by cunning orders, cast aspersions upon faithful employees discharged."

He charged "ambitious and flagrant" mismanagement of the Civil Service in respect to postmasters, asserting that "service men who stood at the top of the list of eligibles certified had been removed and 'partisan hand-picked' appointed. At Henderson, N. C., he said, three demerits were certified but no appointment had been made."

Representative Poy devoted a large part of his address to state issues and to the record of the Democratic party both in North Carolina and in the nation at large, asserting that "as against the federal reserve law, the farm loan act, the Underwood-Simmons tariff law and other measures enacted during Mr. Wilson's administration you have a do-nothing policy of the Republican administration up to this hour."

"You have, however," he said, "the promise of the President that he is going to build up a great merchant marine by means of a subsidy which he hopes will cover the loss of the ship owners if he fails to bring a full re-

## Premier's Position Is That There Can be no Hesitation in Execution of Treaty of Versailles—Has Held Numbers of Consultations With Allied Leaders in Last Few Days.

(By The Associated Press.)  
PARIS, April 20.—Instructions sent by Premier Poincaré to the French ambassadors in the capitals of the Allies and fully approved by the Cabinet, are to insist that energetic measures must be taken and penalties applied to Germany if the Russo-German treaty is not abandoned, regardless of what the Genoa conference may decide.

The premier's position is that there can be no hesitation in the execution of the treaty of Versailles, and that, unless its execution is insisted upon now with evidence of determination on the part of the Allies, the treaty may as well be abandoned altogether.

He holds that none of the concessions made to Germany has led in any respect to conciliation, but rather that they have been taken by Germany as evidence of the weakness of the Allies, and as encouragement for further resistance.

Premier Poincaré has held consultations with a number of the leaders of the different parties in the last two days, besides keeping the cabinet in close touch with the situation. The conservatives and the nationalists advised a firm attitude as was expected, while the more liberal elements in the parliament, represented by such leaders as Deputy Herriot, head of the radical group, would support the cabinet in demanding that a stop be put to violations of the Versailles treaty.

It was pointed out today that the Russo-German treaty had brought to light violations of the Versailles treaty by Germany in respect to military materiel, the Germans having, it appears, sold the arms which the Russian refugees had left in Germany instead of handing them over to the Allied commission for destruction, as provided by the peace treaty.

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## BIG NAVY FACTION WINS VICTORY IN THE HOUSE.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The House today passed its calendar today of the naval appropriation bill with a victory for the "big navy" faction which supported the amendment increasing the enlisted personnel from 67,000 as originally provided to 85,000. A record vote on the amendment preceding the final vote on the bill late yesterday showed a margin of 73 yeas—221 to 148, with two members answering present. Supported the bill was then the yeas were 279 to 78.

The final of \$252,268,000 carried in the bill as passed was an increase of about \$1,000,000 over the amount fixed by the appropriations committee which framed it. The measure now goes to the Senate, with the prediction by Chairman Kelley, of the naval appropriations subcommittee, in yesterday's debate that the many millions which he declared, the "big navy men would have asked the House to add would have changed front at the last," would be added there.

## \$200,000 WORTH OF OPIUM SEIZED ON LINER NANKING

(By The Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—A contraband shipment of 14,000 tins of opium and other drugs valued at \$200,000, was seized today on the China Mail Company liner Nanking.

The seizure was one of the biggest in the history of the port of San Francisco. Turn land because he knows he must scale that high tariff wall in order to get rid of the return load. The American people in November will decide whether they are willing to be taxed to provide the subsidy which the President has recommended. No more unjust or unscientific plan for maintaining a merchant marine could be devised.