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"TREATY OF PEACE" IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK FOR COUNCIL

NATIONS DESIRE TO DISBAND ARMIES

FRENCH GOVERNMENT AWARE OF MOVE TO DISCHARGE SOLDIERS FEARS UNDUE HASTE WILL REACT DANGEROUSLY

NO SOLUTION FOR RUSSIAN QUESTIONS

(By The Associated Press)
Paris, Feb. 18.—Some of the entente powers are planning, as soon as the Russian problem is disposed of and a few more hearings accorded the smaller nations, to take up the Treaty of Peace. Public sentiment in America, England, Australia and Canada has impressed their representatives here of the necessity of taking steps for the return of the soldiers home which cannot be accomplished entirely in advance of the conclusion of the peace treaty. The French government is fully aware of this feeling and has expressed sympathy with the motives underlying it, but there are fears of dangerous complications. Failure to realize the necessary fruits of victory if undue haste is exercised in the conclusion of the peace treaty.

Paris, Feb. 18.—No feasible plan for settling the Russian question has developed during the two days hearings by the Supreme War Council.

An effort will be made to come to some conclusion today, but the opinion in the council seems opposed to any plan involving the use of force or extending the percentage of military activities even if the Principe conference fails.

Paris, Feb. 18.—Equal representation for labor and employer has been decided upon by the commission on international labor legislation, and at yesterday's meeting adopted plans for the meeting of the proposed international labor conference.

COLONEL YOUNG SOME BETTER

(By Associated Press)
Jacksonville, Feb. 18.—The condition of Col. Bennett H. Young, erstwhile commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, who is seriously ill here, is much improved today.

WILSON'S SHIP MADE 700 MILES

George Washington, Which Is Running Fast Will Reach Azores Today

PRES. TAKES REST CURE

(By The Associated Press)
On board the U. S. S. George Washington, Monday.—(By Special Associated Press Correspondent)—President Wilson's ship is seven hundred miles on homeward journey and running fast toward the Azores which will probably be passed tomorrow.

The president continues an enforced rest, prescribed by Dr. Grayson, his physician, and has taken little exercise so far on the trip.

SIR W. LAURIER DIED YESTERDAY

By Associated Press

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 18.—Sir Wilfred Laurier who died last night, was born at St. Lin, Quebec, in 1841. Sir Wilfrid was the only French Canadian who was ever premier of Canada, a portfolio he held from 1896 to 1911.

Sir Wilfrid's career in politics antedated the federation of the province into the Dominion of Canada, in 1867. After holding the position of minister of inland revenue for a brief period, Sir Wilfrid elected from the eastern division of Quebec City, was for sixteen years identified with the opposition, becoming the liberal leader in 1887 and leading his party to victory in 1896.

After holding the premiership for fifteen years, Sir Wilfrid's government suffered defeat at the polls with the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States as the paramount issue, Sir Wilfrid supporting this project.

COTTON GROWERS ARE TO REDUCE ACREAGE

FEBRUARY 26, IN EVERY CAPITAL TOWN IN COTTON GROWING DISTRICTS, GENERAL ORGANIZATION BE EFFECTED

GOOD ROADS BILL OF VITAL INTEREST

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The executive committee of the new State cotton association has requested its president, Governor Bickett, to issue a proclamation setting aside Wednesday of next week (Feb 26) as the day for general organization in every cotton growing community in the State, and it is understood here that it will be issued at once. The committee also adopted a plan to secure funds for propaganda and organization work. Headquarters have been established in Raleigh, with C. D. Orrell, chairman of the executive committee of the association, in charge.

An official call to action has been issued by the association, in which the announcement is made that a quick campaign is to be launched to secure from cotton growers a pledge to reduce by one third for 1919 the acreage planted in cotton last year. Every cotton grower in N. C., land owner or tenant, will be requested to sign this pledge—the same course to be pursued in all the other cotton states.

Tank Camp No More

After several orders, later revoked, the army tank camp at Raleigh is at last deserted, the tanks and tankers having left Monday and Tuesday of this week for Camp Meade, Maryland. Several hundred negro soldier workmen, from Northern and Western states, remain to clean up, and about \$100,000 of "camp material" will be sold to all who want to buy. The tank camp did not pan out very well, partly because of the armistice.

The big tanks left Sunday and

NEW ORLEANS COTTON MEETING

By Associated Press

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—Virtually all of yesterday's session of the conference called by Governor Pleasant of Louisiana, for the purpose of considering reduction of cotton acreage next year and

today the troops all leave, except the "army of occupation" detailed to close up affairs of the camp and "sell out." Raleigh has some disappointed real estate and other "promoters" who have not realized their early intentions in wishing the camp on Raleigh. There are also those who hope to see the cost of living reduced from the bound prices took on edibles, especially, when the camp came into being and while wishing the boys well, and treating them well while here, none of them will "go into mourning" over the "loss" of the camp.

Legislative Matters

Within the next three weeks the 60-day period of the present Legislative bill will expire and at last the law-makers realize the necessity of getting a move on themselves—for there is a lot of work that ought to be done yet unperformed.

One of the big jobs in the House this week is the whipping of a proper road bill into shape—the Stacy substitute for the Stevens-Seales bill being doomed to defeat. The special order in the House is the Revenue bill and work on it includes the probable redrafting of the Humphreys revaluation bill to be included in the machinery act that goes along on the same track and schedule as the Revenue measure.

All of the several "judicial reform" bills in committees or elsewhere are apparently dead to the world, including the one designed to create five circuits and redistrict the circuits, etc. The increase in judges' salaries deservedly fell upon better luck.

holding of the present crop for better prices, was taken up with addresses. Every state in the cotton growing group was represented by banks, merchants, planters and farmers. Governor Pleasant, in an address urged the growers to reduce cotton acreage next year at least one-third of the normal and hold the present crop for higher prices.

BORAH DECLINES SEAT AT WILSON DINNER

TRYING TO BE SPECTACULAR HE SLINGS A COURTESY BACK INTO THE TEETH OF PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY INVITATION

ADMITS HE'S ESTRANGED FROM WILSON

COUNT RANTZAU HAS RESIGNED

"French Aiming At Resumption Of Hostilities Soon," He Says

COULDN'T CONTINUE POLICY

Basle, Feb. 18.—Count Von Rantzau, German foreign minister, told the German cabinet on Sunday that he would resign if many's conditions in reference to the renewal of the armistice were rejected, according to a Weimar dispatch to the Frankfort Zeitung. He said it was impossible for him to continue his foreign policy while the French were "notoriously aiming at the resumption of hostilities." When the armistice was signed Rantzau resigned.

Weimar, Feb. 18.—Gustave Noske, German minister of defense, addressing the German National Assembly on the unrest in various districts, declared he would discard and put an end to the discontent by negotiation.

The minister added that he "would accept no responsibility if he was obliged to resort to force."

NARRAGANSETT IS REFLOATED

By Associated Press

London, Feb. 18.—The American steamer Narragansett ran on the rocks off Isle of Wight on February first was re-floated yesterday.

COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
March	23.50	23.50	23.75	23.75
May	22.90	22.90	22.77	22.77
July	22.42	22.42	22.22	22.22
October	20.75	20.75	20.52	20.52
December	20.66	20.66	20.20	20.20

Local Market NOMINAL

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, has asked to be excused from attending the White House dinner at which President Wilson will discuss with the members of the congressional foreign relation, committee the constitution proposed for the League of Nations.

In a letter to Secretary Tumulty Senator Borah said "it was the custom to hold in confidence information received at such gatherings and he was not willing to be bound to silence on such an important subject, about which he and the president disagreed fundamentally."

Borah added "that nothing would make him agree with the stands."

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Poindexter formally gave notice today he expected to speak tomorrow on the League of Nations.

Borah has planned to speak on Thursday.

Several republican members of this Senate committee stated privately today they would not regard themselves bound by confidences and would accept the president's invitation with reluctance.

FOOD HAS ARRIVED FOR THE PEOPLE OF POLAND

Basle, Feb. 18.—Three American steamers with food for Poland arrived in the Dantzig Gulf Monday according to Dantzig advices received here today.

LIQUOR MAKES ANOTHER BIG FIGHT

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Referendum and election will be sought in fourteen states on the federal prohibition amendment, according to an announcement made by the National Association of Distillers and Wholesale Liquor Dealers here today.

Arkansas is the only southern state named.

The distillers say they believe at least thirteen of these states will reject the amendment thus defeat national prohibition.

Hungary Now in Throes of Bolshevism

Vienna, Feb. 18.—The menace of Bolshevism has created a critical situation in Hungary whose general outlook is considered infinitely worse than German-Austria. Under the present government the condition of the country is described as chaotic and a serious Bolshevik outbreak is expected. With its army disbanded the govern-

ment is unable to offer resistance even if it had the courage and energy to do so.

Public moneys, it is asserted, are being "squandered" at an "appalling rate" and leading financiers express fear of bankruptcy of the state. The whole situation of the country is reported to be "inconceivably worse than it, any

time during the four years of war."

The government is preparing to hold general elections but under the present conditions this appears to be a physical impossibility. There are no lists of voters, and the franchise has been extended from 1,500,000 to 7,000,000 including women who have been

granted suffrage. With part of the country occupied by enemies, elections in these districts will be impossible, it is declared.

The fear of Bolshevism is growing daily and everywhere the people are urging that the Allies intervene. They express the fear that the conditions now existing in Russia will be repeated in Hun-

gary. Hungarian prisoners of war have returned from Russia imbued with Bolsheviki ideas and are spreading the propaganda. It is the general opinion of the people that the Karolyi Cabinet made a mistake in disbanding the army leaving the country at the mercy of the invaders.

While the greatest dissatisfaction is expressed in political circles and among the people generally, and ministerial crises are daily occurrences, no political party seems willing to assume the reins of government. Count Kardy appears to be the only leader available.