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TROOPS ON RHINE TO RETURN TO U. S.

American Troops Will Begin Moving Out of Germany in Two Weeks

Washington, Oct. 22.—The formal terms of ratification of the peace treaties with Germany and Austria have been sent forward to Berlin and Vienna, it was announced today. As soon as these formal exchanges have been completed with the former enemy powers it is expected that immediate steps will be taken to set up diplomatic machinery and resume full normal relations with those governments.

American troops will begin moving out of Germany immediately upon the exchange of the ratifications of the German treaty, it was added. The movement, it was said, will be normal but slow, and will begin in approximately two weeks.

The withdrawal of the troops it was said, has been delayed because their presence in Germany had proven to be far from obnoxious and even desirable to the government and the people of Germany. There are now approximately 15,000 American forces on the Rhine.

A proclamation of peace will be issued upon completion of exchange of ratification, it was stated. It had been felt in some quarters that the formal proclamation would be unnecessary because of the peace resolution adopted by Congress but the President's thought, on the question, it was added was that by issuing a proclamation all legal technicalities would be complied with.

The announcement that the troops on the Rhine would be moving home in about two weeks was in line with the expressed belief that the ratification exchanges would be completed by that time. Meanwhile, army transports, some of which are already in contiguous water, will be placed in readiness to bear the American boys across the Atlantic.

Government officials plainly are proud of the record made by the American troops, one declaring that their "influence has been manifestly good." Praise also was given the commanders of the troops who were described as having handled admirably many situations of a potential controversial nature.

Parliamentary action is yet to be completed by Hungary on the peace treaty which was also ratified by the U. S. senate this week. When this is done, formal ratifications will also be exchanged with that government.

Development of Day in Strike Situation.

Following were Sunday's developments in the railroad strike situation:

San Antonio: Labor leaders claim strike of 600 trainmen on International and Great Northern which started Saturday is 100 per cent perfected but road says passenger service is unimpaired and resumption of freight service halted Saturday, has been started. Unions announce no attempt will be made to interfere with efforts to resume full service.

Cleveland: Big Four Brotherhood chiefs say that if strike materializes, the blame for it should be placed on the United States railroad labor board and on the railroads.

Chicago: Railroad heads say action of majority of the 11 "standard" unions in refusing to join a strike now has broken the backbone of the proposed walkout.

Strike ballot being taken among 14,000 organized signal men. Result expected to be known Wednesday.

United States district attorney, Clynne, summoned to Washington by Attorney General Daugherty, presumably to discuss the strike situation.

Sidney C. Pierce Dead.

Mr. Sidney C. Pierce of Smithfield died at his home at the old mill village early on Tuesday morning of this week. Mr. Pierce suffered a stroke of paralysis in May, 1917, from which he never recovered. On the morning of his death he arose feeling as well as usual, but soon after serious illness set in that brought the end by eight o'clock. Mr. Pierce is survived by a widow and three small children.

OXFORD DEFEATS SMITHFIELD BY CLOSE SCORE OF 7 TO 0.

Game Featured by Oxford and Runs and Interference; Fake End Run of Skinner; Ellington's Tackles.

Oxford defeated Smithfield in the first game on the local gridiron on Friday by a 7 to 0 score. The game was closely contested but Oxford succeeded in putting over a touchdown by end runs and fakes in the fourth quarter. E Mitchell kicked goal. In the first quarter Smithfield missed an excellent chance to make a touchdown when Brown collided with the right hand goal post after catching a forward pass from Holland. He was painfully hurt but refused to be removed and played a good game the remaining part of the game. The ball changed often thruout the game. The two teams were so evenly matched that it was feared that neither team would score. The Oxford team averaged 154 pounds while the Smithfield eleven averaged 150 pounds. Through fast laying in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter they brought the ball to our five yard line. Then they faked for a center rush but by a quick end run they took the ball over. Smithfield fought bitterly for the remaining 8 minutes but could not get anywhere. Smithfield pulled the most brilliant play of the game in the fourth quarter, when Holland signaled for a fake pass and Skinner made an end run for 30 yards. If he had had any interference it would have been a touchdown. Ellington made some pretty tackles thruout the game. The following is the lineup:

Smithfield	Oxford
Brown	Taylor
Pittman	left-end
Hamer	left tackle
Wharton	left guard
Beasley	center
Biggs	right guard
Honeycutt	right tackle
Holland	right end
Ellington	quarterback
Skinner	left halfback
Godwin	right halfback
	fullback
Substitutes for Smithfield: Boyett for Honeycutt; Honeycutt for Boyett. Referee Holding. Umpire Wellons. Touchdowns Mitchell, W.	

Recreation Club Meets.

Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. L. Ellis was hostess to the Recreation Club at her home on North Third street. The house was decorated with an autumn motif, autumn leaves and cut flowers being used effectively. The form of recreation for the afternoon was rook. After several enthusiastic games, delicious refreshments consisting of banana jello with whipped cream and cake were served. Those present on this occasion besides club members were: Mrs. C. A. Creech, Mrs. Roger Smith, Mrs. R. O. Cotter, Mrs. N. B. Grantham, Mrs. H. D. Ellington, Mrs. Arthur Narron, Mrs. Howard Gray, Miss Alice Grantham, Miss Ora Cansler, Miss Eula Parrish and Miss Laura Holt.



Dr. D. W. Sims, General Superintendent of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, who will conduct a County Convention here this week. A full program was in our last issue.

THE FAIR PREMIUM LIST IS NOW OUT

County Agent Tells of Value of Fairs in Agricultural Progress

Hundreds of copies of the catalog of the Johnston County Fair have gone out to every section and every school district of the county during the past few days announcing the liberal lists of premiums offered on exhibits in the several classes of the different departments of the 1921 Fair which will be held November 1-4, inclusive. In case anyone has been overlooked or fails to get a premium list they can secure one by return mail upon writing the county agent or by calling at the drug stores in the different towns in the county. We are anxious to get a catalogue into the hands of every interested person in our entire county.

Johnston County has a large number of things especially in products of the farm and home that should be brought to the attention of the large number of visitors which attend its progressive fair each year. The liberal cash premiums offered this year are well in keeping with those offered by the best county fairs in this section. However, cash premiums offered upon exhibits do not constitute the full reward for cooperation in making the fair representative of our great progressive county. The purpose of the fair, as set forth in the Introduction of the Catalogue is as follows:

"Johnston County Agricultural Society is interested primarily in the development of the great natural resources of the county, in stimulating progress by the use of improved varieties of crops and better breeds of livestock which produce the highest quality, the greatest value and the most profit.

Fairs have played an important role in the agricultural progress of the State. Not only has the quality of the products been greatly improved but the acre yields of crops have been considerably increased. For instance, during the last dozen years the acre yield of cotton has been increased by 40 per cent, the acre yield of corn by 50 per cent. Yields of other crops of which we have a large number that are of commercial importance have been greatly increased during the same period. The number of livestock in the state has not been so materially increased, if indeed the number has been increased at all, but the quality, value and profit from our livestock has been wonderfully enhanced during the last ten or twelve years. It will be recalled that this is the period in which Agricultural Fairs, Community, County, District, State and others have had their biggest day. No one is in position to say definitely what a great influence has been exercised during this period by the fair judge in placing the ribbon in the show ring or at the exhibit counter. Needless to say, it has been much greater than most of us comprehend.

The day of fairs and the value of fairs has not been spent. We have not reached the goal. We have only made a beginning which should lend a new stimulus to go forward. We appeal to every farmer and farm woman, boy and girl in the county to take an active interest in the development and extension of the county fair that its influence may be felt in every nook and corner of the entire county. . . ."

Due to a typographical error the premium offered for the best family cow might be overlooked. Nevertheless, the management is very anxious to make a speciality of this class of animals. Liberal premiums are offered not only for the breeds of pure-bred cattle of the dairy, beef and general purpose types, but also for family cows that are not pure-bred. We wish to make a speciality of the class of grade dairy cows and solicit your cooperation to this end. There is no doubt but that the other classes of farm products and livestock and livestock products will be well filled with worth while exhibition material. The club members will put on their usual exhibits this year and a number of special classes have been arranged for them with liberal premiums in each class.

Perhaps you have articles that are worthy of interest for which no class-

WILSON OPPOSED TO RATIFYING TREATY

Ex-President Quoted As Denouncing Action of Senate on German Treaty

Washington, Oct. 23.—Ending his silence which he has maintained since he left the White House on March 4, former President Wilson is quoted by both the Washington Post and Washington Times this morning with having denounced the action of the Senate in ratifying the separate peace treaty with Germany. That the Senate would ratify it in the face of its former attitude he is said not to have believed. The newspapers' stories are based upon statements said to have been made by Mr. Wilson to a former high official of the government who called on the former President about a week ago.

Mr. Wilson is said to have declared flatly that the separate peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary, are the crowning disgrace of the United States that those who think the League of Nations as an issue before the American people is dead are in error, that it is an issue that is full of life, a breathing, vital issue that is to be heard from again and again until the United States takes its place as a member of it, or until that time arrives when this country is part of some international organization whose mission will be to prevent wars.

The former President is described by his visitor to have been keenly alert upon current political matters, but his chief concern is said to be as to the League of Nations and the peace treaties that he deplored the action of the Senate in ratifying the treaty that it did, declaring its action a great disappointment to him, that he believed this action would prove to be the greatest misfortune that could befall this country. As to what he proposed to do himself to keep the issue of the League before the people there comes no statement, but the impression said to have been produced upon his visitor is that Mr. Wilson will continue in some way to keep before the country this matter which he holds to be vital.

From the two papers and from others who have seen Mr. Wilson the report is that Mr. Wilson is now in better health than at any time since he left the White House. His color is reported as being good, the sparkle of his eyes bright as he listens to a good story or tells one, showing the keenest interest in topics that are discussed. His appetite is pronounced to be excellent and that he is putting on flesh, in fact his condition is said to be such that if he so desires he will be fully able to go direct to the people in speeches and advocate the entrance of the United States in the League. While he is said to talk of the League, he declines to discuss any matters connected with the coming armament conference or matters pertaining to Far Eastern matters.

The picture that is drawn of the former President is that of a man who is keenly alive to the affairs of this country, deeply interested in public matters, which he keeps in close touch with, a reader of many newspapers, in good spirits and with health improving in a marked degree. And above all things the accounts given concerning him is that the necessity for this country entering the League of Nations he holds as the dominant matters affecting the interest of this country and its people.

FORMER EMPEROR CHARLES OF AUSTRIA ASSASSINATED

(By the Associated Press.) London, Oct. 24.—An unverified report that former Emperor Charles of Austria has been assassinated has been received by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

There have been made or premiums offered and you are urged to bring these along with the assurance that classes will be made for them and premiums paid in cases where they are meritorious. If you do not have a catalogue get one and read it. The prospects are that we will have a good fair and we urge you to have a part in it.

Very sincerely,
S. J. KIRBY, County Agt.

JAPAN SAYS SHE WANTS TO END SHANTUNG ROW

Latest Note To China Professes Willingness to Negotiate When China Gets Ready.

Washington, Oct. 23.—The text of the latest note of the Japanese government to China under date of October 19 relative to the proposed Shantung settlement was made public at the Japanese embassy today. It expressed a readiness to embark upon negotiations on the question at issue whenever the Chinese government "in full appreciation of the main purpose of the Japanese proposal and upon giving more deliberate consideration to the question now at issue, and in the interest of cordial relations between China and Japan, shall express their willingness to open negotiations."

The note reviewed the events involving the Shantung question over a period of several months and asserted that Japan hitherto had "spared no efforts to achieve . . . a speedy settlement of this question." "The Japanese government," it said, in discussing proposals put forward in diplomatic exchanges, "is unable to comprehend the Chinese assertion that the Japanese project, is entirely at variance with the principles underlying all treaties between China and foreign powers."

Priscella Club Entertained

Kenly, Oct. 21.—Mrs. K. D. Morgan delightfully entertained at her home on Maxwell Heights Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30. The house was artistically decorated with cut flowers and pot plants, the Halloween idea being carried out through, with the color scheme of old gold.

Mrs. A. J. Broughton received at the living room door and directed the guests to the dining room where Miss Inez Edgerton presided over the punch bowl. Later little Misses Virginia Kirby and Miriam Edgerton dressed in witch costumes served two delightful courses. The first being a dainty salad and sandwich course and last fruit gelatin with whipped cream. The favors were spooky black cats.

The guests besides the club members were Mesdames D. H. Gilbreath, Hal Gilbreath, Scott, of Wilson, Willard Griffin, of Spring Hope, Jack Stallings, of Wilson, Miss Beulah High, of Lucama and Miss Inez Edgerton.

Baptist Association To Meet.

Tomorrow Wednesday, Oct. 26th, The Johnston County Baptist Association opens in annual session at Blackman Grove Baptist church, 11 miles south of Smithfield. The association consists of 45 churches all of which are in Johnston except eight which are distributed one in Wayne county, one in Sampson, two in Wilson county, two in Nas and two in Wake. Mr. R. H. Gower, of Clayton is moderator and Rev. R. M. Von Miller, of Wilson is clerk. The services are scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock tomorrow and will continue through Wednesday night and Thursday.

Cleaning Up the Church Yards.

People passing Corinth M. E. Church on the highway between Smithfield and Four Oaks and Blackman's Grove Baptist church on the Benson-Bentonville road last week saw something very commendable and something worthy of the emulation of other country churches. Several men, women and children of these two communities were busily occupied in sweeping the church yards, burning leaves and giving them a neat and attractive appearance. Church yards are dedicated soil, and the condition in which they are kept clearly bespeaks the reverence the people have for them as the houses of God.

On the Northern Markets

The buyers for the Austin-Stephenson Company have made several trips this season to the Northern markets in search of bargains for their department store. By going in person they can pick up bargains here and there which help out their stock greatly. Their buyers are in the north now to get bargains for their sale to take place October 27, 28, and 29. Mr. Austin himself went this time to help out in the purchase of these goods.

JAP DELEGATES ARE NOW IN WASHINGTON

First of the Governments to Be In the Conference To Arrive

Washington, Oct. 24.—Preliminary to beginning actual preparations for participation in the forth coming armament conference, the members of the Japanese delegation, who arrived in Washington yesterday, planned to devote today to the exchange of courtesy calls with American officials and members of the diplomatic corps. The Japanese contingent, comprising the military and naval advisory delegates, headed respectively by Major General Tanaka and Vice Admiral Kato, is the first from the governments invited to participate in the conference to reach the capital. The principal group of Japanese delegates is now enroute to the United States.

Greeted at the station by officials of the government the delegates who arrived yesterday were greeted with a vociferous welcome by crowds along the streets as they proceeded to their hotel under cavalry escort.—Associated Press.

FAVORABLE PICKING WEATHER

Harvesting of Cotton Crop Continues To Make Rapid Progress in Belt

Washington, Oct. 19.—Ideal weather for picking and ginning cotton prevailed during the past week and very rapid progress was made in all sections where this work has not been completed, according to the National Weather and Crop Bulletin issued today. Killing frosts occurred in the northern sections of the cotton belt, but without material damage, the bulletin stated, and added:

"Picking has been completed in South Carolina, except in the northwestern portion, and the crop has been mostly gathered in Tennessee. This work is far advanced in Arkansas, is well along in Oklahoma and about completed in Texas, except in the northwest portion. Picking has been practically accomplished in Georgia, and has been finished in most sections of central and southern Alabama, while rapid progress was made in North Carolina and Mississippi and the crop has been mostly picked in Louisiana."

The seeding of small grains made rapid progress during the week in the southern portion of the winter wheat belt from the Mississippi Valley eastward, but the soil has become too dry for wheat in the Atlantic Coast States from Virginia southward and in Oklahoma. Rain is needed also for fruit and fall truck in all parts of the South.

Washes Hands With Gasoline And \$5,000 Fire is The Results.

Kinston, Oct. 20.—Because a colored employe of the West Construction Company washed his hands in gasoline with a lighted lantern over his arm, work on the Elm Grove road one of the principal projects of the big Lenoir county road program will be hindered for a time. The highway commission today gave the reason for a \$5,000 fire at a road construction station two and one-half miles south of here yesterday. The blaze that was started when gas fumes were ignited from the lantern quickly enveloped two small locomotives used in hauling materials and a section of a 200-foot tunnel of the station.

The locomotives, gasoline propelled engines, and 15 or 20 feet of the tunnel, which was partly of frame construction, were entirely destroyed. The value of the locomotives new, was greater than the loss the company is estimated to have sustained. City firemen hurried to the road station but were unable to save the blazing property. No employe was injured. The negro with the lantern made a hasty exit from the fire zone and escaped being burned.

Yes, Anything.

Sir: A friend of mine, who has been taking yeast, ate a quantity of raisins today. Do you think if I can induce him to stay in a cool, dry place anything may be expected to develop? Chicago Tribune.