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Fair tonight and Sunday, cooler strong north winds.

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CONGRESS CALLED PROBABLY IN MAY

Senate May Be Called Before That Time to Consider Peace Treaty. Wilson May Tour America on Return

(By Associated Press) Paris, March 22.—A special session of both houses of the American Congress will probably be called about the middle of May, the date when President Wilson hopes to return to Washington.

It is possible, if the peace treaty advances sufficiently to warrant it, that a special session of the Senate may be called even earlier to consider the treaty.

The President is keeping touch with the development of sentiment in America toward the League of Nations.

If the situation appears to demand such action, it is not unlikely that shortly after his return to Washington he will make an extended speaking tour in states whose senators are opposed to the League.

SWISS A BIT SCARY Berlin, March 22.—Several Swiss newspapers are urging a plebiscite on Switzerland's entry into the League of Nations, expressing the fear that Swiss neutrality may be endangered.

CONSIDERING AMENDMENTS President Wilson is expected to attend the sessions of both the council of ten and the League of Nations Commission today.

At the latter consideration was to be given to the various amendments to the League covenant, including one by Switzerland providing that the covenant shall not be interpreted as containing anything contrary to the sovereignty of the states except in so far as the state shall consent, and the covenant shall not interfere with internal affairs of any of its members.

While the amendment does not mention the Monroe Doctrine, it is tacitly understood to apply to it and some American delegates are inclined to accept it as an amendment along such lines.

THE BRITISH VIEW

London, March 22.—British dominions do not feel that they should take the responsibility of entering into deciding of differences of European nations where the British Empire is not directly involved, according to the memorandum of Premier Borden of Canada, submitted to the British delegation of the Peace Conference, says the Morning Post. The American delegation supports the memorandum, according to the correspondent.

WRECK DELAYS MAIL

Elizabeth City, with already the worst mail service of any town of its size in the State, got no mail whatever Saturday morning until after nine o'clock.

The trouble was a freight wreck between here and Norfolk, somewhere in the neighborhood of Petersburg, it is reported. The night express from Norfolk went to Edenton by way of Suffolk, leaving Elizabeth City out altogether.

All mail was brought in this morning on the train from Raleigh, which was several hours late.

LeRoy Brothers of the American Expeditionary Forces arrived at Newport News Friday, the message came to his sister, Mrs. Maurice Pappendick today.

NEW Y. DIRECTORS ELECTED

Ballots were counted Friday night and the following directors elected on the new Y. M. C. A. board. W. G. Gaither, Joe Greenleaf, Roscoe Foreman, Harry G. Kramer, J. G. Gregory, W. T. Culpepper, Dr. L. S. Blades, A. B. Houtz, C. R. Pugh, G. F. Seyffert, Dr. R. L. Kendrick, L. E. Skinner, J. T. Wilkins, E. B. Griffin.

The new directors will meet Monday night at eight o'clock in the Y. to elect a director at large from the city.

BRITISH ADOPT STEAM HEAT

London, Feb. 26. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—The government plan to build 300,000 houses for workmen within the next few years apparently has aroused the British public to demand abolition of the archaic English fireplace, and substitution of the American steam heating system for homes. The demand is voiced by numerous contributors to the London newspapers.

"If I had my way I would at once send out a commission of British architects to America and Canada to learn there the elements of the business of building houses and equipping them," declares one writer. "One fundamental defect runs through practically all British houses of whatever grade," he continues. "They depend for their heating on fires. Now the English fire is an admirable invention from every aspect except that of utility and cleanliness. It is cheerful, companionable, soporific sentimental—an altogether delightful thing to have in a room. It has, however, two vital drawbacks, it does not heat and it is abominably dirty."

"I mean that it does not heat properly. Its radius is so limited that over half an average English drawing-room is not used in winter time; to move twelve feet away from the fireplace and enter the Arctic Circle, while as for sitting comfortably near the window, the thing is inconceivable.

"In the second place, even within its meager radius, a fire never does its work thoroughly. It never warms you all over. One side is grilled, the other is underdone. Your face is aglow, your back a ripple of icicles."

The writer called attention to the acknowledged fact that in spite of the labor of carrying coal for grate fires, fully 80 percent of the heat is wasted, going up the chimney.

Could anything be more barbarous, more expensive or more inefficient?" asks the writer. "We shall never have either sanity or comfort in our homes until we adopt the central heating system (steam or hot air furnaces) spread warmth throughout the house, not in patches, and burn wood on the hearth to supply an element of cheerfulness with a minimum of trouble and dust."

RED CROSS NEWS

The Red Cross wants scraps of silk, velvet, kid, leather, and similar articles to send to the Sanatorium at Asheville for tubercular soldiers. These are used in the arts and crafts department and gives great pleasure to the convalescent men.

It only means a little thought and trouble to send these. Send them to Mrs. Mary Miller Lamb or phone 790 and she will call for them.

YANK MUST HAVE CORNERED MARKET

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 22.—The troops overseas since the fighting ceased have turned to letter writing and sending souvenirs home.

Half a million captured German helmets have come thru the mails since the war began. During November 13,000,000 letters came from the front, and many more millions from Brest. In February nearly 22,000,000 came from Bordeaux alone.

Mrs. J. G. Fearing has returned from a trip to Edenton and other points in the interest of safety League work.

TEAM NO. 3 WINS FROM TEAM NO. 2

The first game of the High School series was played by Teams No. 2 and 3, Friday afternoon on the High School grounds.

Line Up. Team No. 2: Seyffert, P., Stowe, Trueblood, C., Jones, Jennings, S., S., Lowry, Gregson, 1st. B., Sherlock, Ballard, 2nd. B., Lamb, A. Jones, 3rd. B., Modlin, McMullan, R. F., Skinner, Clifford, L. F., Kramer. Team No. 3: Seyffert, P., Stowe, Trueblood, C., Jones, Jennings, S., S., Lowry, Gregson, 1st. B., Sherlock, Ballard, 2nd. B., Lamb, A. Jones, 3rd. B., Modlin, McMullan, R. F., Skinner, Clifford, L. F., Kramer.

The first part of the game was most successful for team No. 3 but in the last 3 innings team No. 2 scored most of their runs.

Both teams played rapidly, especially team No. 3 which showed the most team work.

Gregson, Jennings, Jones and Seyffert scored most for team No. 2, while Jones, Sherlock and Stowe won the game for team No. 3.

McMullan, of team No. 2, made the only home run of the game.

The next game of the series will be played next Monday by teams No. 2 and 4.

PREPARE TO FLY ACROSS THE SEA

(By Associated Press) St. Johns, Newfoundland, March 22.—The steamer Digby left Liverpool yesterday with two airplanes and airmen for the proposed trans-Atlantic flight. They are expected here in ten days.

WHAT INCOME TAX HAS DONE ALREADY

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 22.—Collections of the first quarterly installment of the income tax amounted to \$1,001,244,000.00 with one district missing.

BRITISH GOVT PAYS HUGE LOSSES

London, Feb. 25. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—While the monetary loss from the sinking of British ships during the war will never be accurately known, the government up to this time has paid to British ship-owners approximately \$527,000,000. A few cases remain to be settled.

PROHIBIT IMPORTATION DYES

London, March 1. (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—King George has signed a proclamation which prohibits the importation of dyes and dyestuffs after the declaration of peace, except under license granted by the Board of Trade.

BLUE TRIANGLE MAKES APPEAL

Envelopes have been placed in all the churches to be used tomorrow for a collection for the Young Woman's Christian Association. The money will be used in America to help the young women of the cities.

Elizabeth City people are only asked for \$101, and it is hoped that they will respond cheerfully to the appeal.

Those who wish to contribute and fail to do so thru the churches should see or phone Miss Eloise Robinson, Chairman of the committee for raising this fund.

EMPEROR CHARLES IS NOT WANTED

(By Associated Press) Vienna government has again notified former Emperor Charles that it is desirable that he quit the country, but no progress has been brought to bear to force him to leave.

GENERAL PERSHING MET THEIR HOPES

(By Associated Press) Greensburg, Pa., March 21.—General John J. Pershing fulfilled the wish of an ancestor that a member of the Pershing family should save Alsace-Lorraine, when he led the victorious American armies against the Germans. This was made public in a letter written in Alsace-Lorraine more than 200 years ago by Frederick Pershing, General Pershing's great-great grandfather. In this letter the General's ancestor expressed the hope that his son, Frederick Pershing, Jr., or his descendants would come back some day and redeem the fair lands of Alsace-Lorraine from oppression.

According to the letter, the Pershings lived in the village of Kehe, in Alsace-Lorraine in 1744 and fought under Emperor Charles against the Magyars. Soon after that, when a law was passed that all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 50 must join the landwehr to protect their country from ravages by the Austrians, Frederick Pershing, Sr., sent his son to America. Frederick Pershing, Jr., reached this country in 1749 and after marrying a Miss Wyant in Baltimore, settled in Westmoreland country, Pennsylvania, where General Pershing's grandparents were born.

A WORD FROM ROLAND GARRETT

Writes To Say That Conditions At Brest Are All Right And Reports to Contrary Were Exaggerated.

Camp Pontanezen, Brest, Finlisterre, France, February 28th.

To The Advance. Thinking that it might be of interest to the people of Elizabeth City who have kinpeople or friends passing through the Embarkation port at Brest, after hearing so much talk of the unbearable conditions which exist at Brest, I am sending you a copy of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, which explains the facts as they really are. While conditions at the first might not have been the best, the improvement of the camp has reached a stage that no soldier can have any substantial facts to kick about, and this has all been accomplished in an inconceivably short time, which speaks highly of the A. E. F.'s way of doing things.

I have been here at Brest in this Prisoner of War Escort Co. since February 1st. I have been traveling over France in "side door pullman cars," sleeping on the floor in "shot up" billets on the front, and back from the front, too. In this outfit we have it pretty soft, our prisoners don't give us any trouble, the only trouble is the men have to be out in the weather, about eight or nine hours a day, and it rains about eight days a week (last year it rained 330 days out of 365 here), we have beef steak, and French fried spuds quite often, and biscuits too, in this Company. Guess we will be here, or somewhere in France, until peace is signed.

I would certainly like to get back to Elizabeth City and see my old friends, I received a letter from Mr. M. P. Gallop this week, I trust you will be able to give me a space for these few words, that my friends may know where I am, also if you can reprint the article on the Camp it may relieve the minds of quite a number of people who have friends or loved ones coming thru here on the way home.

Trusting that this will not be too much trouble for you, and that I will soon be home so I can see you all, I am, Yours very truly, Roland F. Garrett

The article referred to is too long to be used in The Advance, but as Garrett says, refutes all reports that conditions at Brest were unbearable and brands them as political propaganda.

Misses Mary Cornot and Lucille Pass are spending the week end in Norfolk.

T. S. Burrus of Fairfield was in the city Saturday.

GHOST GETS BIGGER AS THE TALE IS TOLD

Vieing with Kinston and Little Washington in the unusual, Elizabeth City now has a ghost, and its presence here is causing no little commotion and excitement, particularly among the youth of the land.

It is impossible, of course, to get tangible facts about a ghost, and the various thrilling accounts vary widely, but the best that a mere reporter can get at the ghost story, it was first seen to hop on the running board of the auto of Edgar Williams, a jitney driver. The ghost, is headless and white and waves itself wildly in the air before doing its other ghostly stunts, finishing up with the disappearing act, of course.

Friday night the excitement ran high and about 75 young folks gathered at the high school building to catch the ghost. It had seemed to make this building its headquarters. It is said that a policeman was on hand to arrest the creature, if necessary. Some of the boys had their pistols and shotguns. It looked as tho the ghost hadn't a ghost of a chance.

But for some strange reason, the ghost was not caught. He is still at large.

The high school building, however, is considered the worse for the adventure. In the chase for the ghost desks were overturned and window lights were broken out, and, well, nobody knows just what did happen, except, perhaps the ghost himself, and he still holds himself aloof from the mortals with shotguns and handcuffs.

This is a true story, sans moral. Elizabeth City wonders if Kinston and Little Washington can match it.

DR. CARY GRAYSON HAS ANOTHER SON

Washington, March 22.—A son was born here today to Mrs. C. Cary T. Grayson, wife of Admiral Grayson of Virginia, personal physician of President Wilson, who is now in Paris with Wilson.

This is the second son.

PRESENT ARMS TO PORTUGAL

Washington, March 22.—The American naval ordnance used in fortifying a temporary base in the Azores will be presented to Portugal as Congress authorizes.

FORTY THOUSAND BIBLES GIVEN OUT

New York, March 22.—More than forty thousand Bibles were distributed during the past week by the New York Bible society, a remarkable record for so short a time. Most of the Bibles went to soldiers and hospitals.

TAXED WITH COSTS

In Superior Court this week Enoch Williams, colored, charged with selling vinegar for whiskey, was taxed with the costs in the case and ordered to present himself before the presiding judge of the superior court for the next three years to show himself blameless in the matter selling whiskey or anything purporting to be whiskey. Williams sold G. L. Litchfield, white, a quart of vinegar in a whiskey bottle at a fancy figure some months ago. Other victims of Williams' trick cared too little for notoriety to try anything when they discovered they had been duped; but Litchfield squealed.

BIGAMISTS SENTENCED

Romaine Brace was sentenced to ten years in the State prison for bigamy this week in Superior Court. Henry Lefferts Eichler was sentenced to an eight year term for the same offense, but was given thirty days in which to substantiate his testimony to the effect that a Norfolk lawyer had promised to get him a divorce and had not played fair in the matter.

If his testimony is substantiated the government will be asked to commute the sentence.

Both men were in the service of Uncle Sam and were married here, coming out from Norfolk with their wives.

SITE PURCHASED FOR MEMORIAL

J. C. B. Ehringhaus One of Nine Members Commission to Plan Commemoration Services N. C. Soldiers

J. C. B. Ehringhaus has returned from Raleigh where he attended the first meeting of the State Memorial Building Commission.

Negotiations were closed Thursday for the purchase by the State of a piece of land owned by Mr. J. B. Pearce, on Salisbury street, facing the State Capitol and adjacent to the corner lot already owned by the State, and upon the two lots will be erected the North Carolina Memorial building to commemorate the services of North Carolinians in the war. The figures agreed upon was \$15,000.

This was the outstanding feature of the first meeting of the State Memorial Building Commission in the office of Governor Bickett when the commission organized. Under the resolution passed by the General Assembly at its last session, Governor Bickett is made ex-officio chairman. Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner and Speaker of the House D. G. Brummitt, named with the Governor as ex-officio members of the commission, were elected first vice-chairman and second vice-chairman respectively. The secretary will be Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

To Name Executive Committee. The executive committee of the association has not yet been selected but will be appointed by the Governor soon, and will be composed of two women and three men. Present for the meeting yesterday were besides Governor Bickett, Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Felix Harvey, of Kinston; Mr. D. E. Henderson, of Charlotte, and Mr. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City.

The commission met first at noon but contended itself with the choice of the Governor as temporary chairman and Mrs. Felix Harvey as temporary secretary, and a general discussion of the purposes of the commission. Mr. D. E. Henderson submitted a number of suggestions in writing concerning the building and these were considered then and later at the afternoon meeting when plans were gone into more thoroughly.

Will Cost Over \$250,000. If the present intention of the building will cost between \$250,000 and \$500,000 and will be paid for by popular subscription on the part of the people of North Carolina.

For this purpose, a campaign director will be named later by the committee or the executive committee, and he will devote his energies toward waging a week's campaign in every county in North Carolina for this purpose.

It was the sense of the commission that no campaign should be started until the Liberty Loan campaign approaching has closed. It was the consensus of opinion that the late summer or early fall would be the best time for such a campaign as will be needed to raise the money. Larger subscriptions will be solicited prior to the statewide canvass, which will be of one week's duration.

The commission is definitely committed not only to a building which will convey immediately the memorial idea, but one which will be of practical value to the State by housing the Historical Department of the State government together with the halls of history and such other departments as may be former later.

TROTSKY ORDERS MOBILIZATION

(By Associated Press) Paris, March 22.—The Lethish offensive against the Bolsheviks is menacing Petrograd so seriously that Trotsky, Bolshevik Minister of War, has ordered a general mobilization of all men to the age of 46, according to a dispatch to Le Matin.

MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

Griggs Commandery meets Monday night for work in the red cross degree.