

Huns Sign Treaty To-day

GREAT WORLD WAR IS FORMALLY ENDED

AMERICA FIRST TO SIGN TREATY, FOLLOWED BY BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND JAPAN

GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT VERSAILLES

Crowds Madly Cheering Break Through Cordon of Troops as Wilson and Allied Premiers Emerge From Conference Versailles, June 28.—The World War was formally ended today by the signing of the Peace Treaty with Germany.

The epochal meeting that marked the final act in the great drama of bloodshed began at ten minutes past three, and the German delegates were first to sign.

The German delegates were followed by the American delegates, headed by President Wilson and by the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

Representatives of minor states signed in their alphabetical order.

As Clemenceau, Ju, President Wilson and Lloyd George emerged from the palace the great crowd gathered outside swept aside the cordon of troops, cheering madly.

Many soldiers broke ranks, joining the demonstration while guns boomed and low flying airplanes filled the air.

AMERICANS SIGNED AT 3:14 P. M.

Washington, June 28.—The official report of the signing of the Peace Treaty transmitted to the State Department said that the President and the American delegation completed the signing of the treaty at 3:14 o'clock, Paris time.

It was signed by Dr. Mueller at 3:12 and by Johannes Bell at 3:13 for the Germans.

News of the signing of the peace treaty was received at Washington over a special Government circuit between Versailles and Washington.

Instantaneous transmission came to the Department, with London, New Foundland and New York the only relay points on the long stretch.

BRITISH SIGNED AFTER AMERICANS

Versailles, June 28.—The other delegations headed by the British signed after the American plenipotentiaries in the order set forth in the treaty.

General Smuts, one of the delegates representing the Union of South Africa signed under protest. He objected to certain territorial settlements.

PRESIDENT WILSON LEAVES PARIS

Washington, June 28.—President Wilson and his party leave Paris tonight for Brest to sail for home, Secretary Tumulty has been notified. The President has consented to an unofficial reception on his arrival at New York. A committee of citizens through Secretary Tumulty had asked to be allowed to prepare an unofficial greeting.

PRESIDENT ASKS FOR RATIFICATION

Washington, June 28.—President Wilson in an address to the American people, made public today by Secretary Tumulty, makes a plea for the acceptance of the Peace Treaty and the covenant of the League of Nation without change or reservation.

CHINA'S DELEGATES DID NOT SIGN

Versailles, June 28.—China's delegates did not attend the session of the Peace Conference today, declining to sign the treaty because they were not permitted to make reservations.

SAW SEASHORE HOTEL GO UP IN FLAMES

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Etheridge have returned from Wrightsville Beach where Mr. Etheridge attended the Pharmaceutical Association and witnessed the burning of the Seashore Hotel. Everybody was at Lumina when the fire started, said Mr. Etheridge, from an electric iron which had been left with the current on. Women had left children asleep in some of the rooms and were frantic when the alarm was given. It was a tremendous fire and if the wind had been blowing right the entire resort would have been swept away. Many of the ladies were in evening dress and lost all of their clothes save those they had on. The hotel contained over three hundred rooms and the cost of replacing it is estimated at about \$300,000. It was insured for \$60,000.

EX-EMPEROR IS FULLY CONFIDENT

(By Associated Press) Amersongen, June 28.—Former emperor Wilhelm and his advisors are apparently fully confident that the Netherlands government will be unable to consent to the Entente's forthcoming demand for his extradition.

COAL CO. INCORPORATED

(By Associated Press) Danville, Va., June 28.—Local capitalists have formed the Merrill Coal Mines Co. Inc. to operate at Henlawson, W. Va. in the bituminous field. The company will be incorporated in Virginia, headed by L. B. Conway of this city as President. The capital stock of \$600,000 has been subscribed.

TEXAS RATIFIES SUFFRAGE

(By Associated Press) Austin, June 28.—Texas today became the ninth state to ratify the Suffrage Amendment.

SIBERIANS RETIRE

Omsk, June 28.—During the last fortnight the Siberian western army has retired from the Viatka River to the Kama, approximately 100 miles before superior forces of Bolsheviks. Ufa is under bombardment from Bolshevik guns.

GERMAN MUSIC IN ROME

Rome, May 28. (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Italians have not for many months boycotted German music. Works of Wagner, Beethoven and other celebrated German composers are constantly the attractions in Rome music halls. A recent program consisted of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Wagner's "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg" and his Tannhauser overture.

LOCAL NOTICE

The advertisement of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering appears in this issue of The Advance. Young men who contemplate fitting themselves for efficiency and success in Agriculture, or in Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical, or Textile Engineering should investigate the advantages which are offered at this well known technical College. Full information may be had by writing Registrar E. B. Owen at West Raleigh.

GETTING READY FOR BIG FIGHT

Elaborate Preparations Being Made For Staging of Willard Dempsey Contest

(By Associated Press) Toledo, O., June 28.—Thrusting its raw, yellow skeleton skyward, the huge bowl-shaped arena, costing \$150,000 and originally planned to seat 50,000 persons, is rapidly nearing completion for the heavyweight championship contest between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey here on July 4th.

The arena is located in Bay View Park, a municipally owned plot of ground sixty acres in extent and directly north four miles from the heart of the city. Before being turned over to Tex Rickard, promoter of the championship contest, the park had been used as a recreation center and the arena rests on the site of two baseball diamonds. On the north side of the park is Maume Bay and to the east is Maume River. Encircling the plot is a road of crushed stone. The park is of artificial construction, most of it being filled in land, but it is ideally situated in every respect. It is perfectly flat and treeless, making the work of the engineers constructing the arena easier than it otherwise would have been.

Some idea of the immensity of the arena may be obtained from the fact that it is four times as large as the arena in which Jack Johnson battered Jim Jefferies to defeat in Reno, Nev., and capable of seating four times as many persons. Approximately 1,750,000 feet of lumber has been used in the structure. Not a bolt has been used, the entire building being held together by nails of which two carloads or 50,000 pounds have been driven. All new lumber has entered into the construction and this will be sold after the contest.

Precautions for safety have been taken in the construction. Careful tests were made of the ground to find out whether it could carry the great human weight which would rest upon it. The carrying capacity of the lumber and the tensile strength of the nails were determined and a margin allowed for safety.

Although the structure was originally planned for 50,000 persons, a load of 80,000 persons was taken as the basis of the estimate and, instead of allowing 175 pounds per person, as is done in ordinary construction for "live loads" an average of 200 pounds was taken. This gave a total "live load" of 8,000 tons, but to allow even a further amount of safety margin, construction was based upon a load of 10,000 tons.

As an insurance against any settling should rainy weather on the day of the match, or even a few days before, cause the structure to settle slightly, heavier footings were used. This entailed an additional expense of about \$3,500 but Promoter Rickard decided it would be cheaper for the greater safety afforded.

Nor is the actual safety of the spectators the only thing which has been considered. Every effort has been made to make it certain every ticket holder will get the seat to which his ticket entitles him. To take care of the big crowd, there will be four grand entrances, one each at the north, south, east and west side of the arena. At each of these will be four runways, one each for the \$10, \$15 and \$25 seats, while the fourth will take care of the \$30, \$40, \$50 and \$60 ticket holders. In order to obtain entrance it will be necessary to pass muster of three separate ticket takers to guard against anyone not holding a ticket slipping by. Several hundred discharged soldiers, all having seen service in France, will act as ushers and guards at the arena. They will be

REID-STANTON

Mr. Horace Gates Reid and Miss Maud Stanton, both of this County, were married Thursday by Rev. Rufus Bradley at his home on Ehringhaus street. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Addison Stanton and the groom is the son of Mrs. G. L. Reid.

armed. Bank clerks have been engaged by Promoter Rickard in handling the ticket sales at the arena and at the downtown headquarters on the day of the contest.

Precautions against "rushing" of the gates also have been taken. Outside the arena eighty feet distant will be a barbed wire fence, or entanglement, eight feet high and a half mile long to keep the crowd away from the entrances. Closer to the arena will be a board fence twelve feet high, surmounted by barbed wire, while at the top of the arena itself will be a five foot fence of barbed wire with armed guards stationed every twenty-five feet. The \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$30 and \$40 seats also will be separated from each other by barbed wire to prevent occupants of one section moving into better seats.

There will not be a stairway in the entire arena, which is 600 feet across. Entrance to the various sections will be along inclined runways, with a grade of one foot to every six feet, making the climb scarcely noticeable. The runways to the \$10 seats, which will be thirty-four feet from the ground, will be 180 feet in length.

An allowance of eighteen inches seatway has been made for each ticket holder. The rows will be two feet apart for all seats cheaper than \$50 and eight inches more for the \$50 and \$60 seats. The seats themselves will be ten inches in width, giving fourteen inches leg room between rows. The only difference between the cheapest seat and the top-priced rows will allow slightly more leg room.

The \$60 tickets, entitles holders to seats about fifteen feet from the ring, 176 press seats for newspaper writers taking up the actual ring-side. There will be forty-two seats in the first row of the reserved seat sections, while the last row of the \$10 seats will accommodate 1,800 persons. The first row of \$10 seats will be about 276 feet from the middle of the ring.

James McLaughlin, an industrial engineer of San Francisco, is the builder of the arena. McLaughlin is known to fight followers from coast to coast as the arenas of some of the most important battles of pugilism have been constructed by him.

When the Jeffries-Johnson fight was switched to Reno, Rickard commissioned McLaughlin to build the arena there. McLaughlin completed the structure, with a seating capacity of 20,000 in seven days.

"My experience at Reno taught me a lesson," McLaughlin said. "We neglected to put up a barbed wire fence in addition to a wood fence. The result was that about 2,000 men climbed over the top and saw the fight without paying a cent. We'll fool them this time."

Work was started on the Bay View park arena on May 17. Two hundred men were employed in the construction. McLaughlin expects to have it completed the day before the contest.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

There will be Catholic services in the Catholic Chapel Sunday morning at 10:30, Room 338 Hinton Bldg.

GOOD CROWD HEARD ODD FELLOWS CONCERT

A good crowd heard the Odd Fellows Singing Class at the High School auditorium Friday night.

Mrs. May Guirkin leaves Sunday for Nags Head.

PLANNING FOR GREAT PARADE

And Signs Will Be Posted Showing Way To Headquarters For Soldiers And Sailors On Glorious Fourth

Plans are now being matured for the big street parade on July 4th. The relative position of the different units has not been determined as yet, but the line of march has been mapped out as follows:

The procession will start at Pennsylvania Avenue, march to Burgess, from Burgess to Road, from Road to Church, from Church to Poindexter, from Poindexter to Main, and then march down Main and disband.

Preparations are being gotten under way to make the headquarters for the soldiers, sailors and marines at 8 South Water Street attractive. Signs are being painted which will be posted conspicuously so that the veterans in town on that day will know where to go. The ladies in charge of the headquarters are planning to give the boys a royal welcome.

PLENTY MELONS FOR THE FOURTH

J. E. Cooke of Indiantown Breaks Record For Early Home Grown Product

Mr. J. E. Cooke of Indiantown, Camden County, was in the city Saturday morning with a load of watermelons, the first seen on the local market here this year. Mr. Cooke says that it is the first time he has ever seen home grown melons in Elizabeth City before the first of July.

"I'll have plenty of them by July Fourth, says Mr. Cooke, and I am going to have 'em here in Elizabeth City on that day."

One of the hardest showers of the summer fell Saturday morning and it rained off and on all day Friday but Mr. Cooke was here before eight o'clock with his auto truck well loaded with the ripe and juicy melons. Auto-trucks are coming into pretty general use on the farms in this section, especially among potato growers.

NO FIGHTING IN HAMBURG

(By Associated Press) Berlin, June 28.—It is officially announced that the government is in complete control of Hamburg.

No fighting is reported in the city and it is said that sufficient troops are arriving to insure the restoration of normal conditions.

CANADA DEFEATS UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press) Pershing Stadium, France, June 28.—Canada defeated America at baseball 2 to 1 today. The contest was the only event at the stadium. It was a well played game and heartily cheered by the American section.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. M. Ormond, the pastor will fill the pulpit at both the morning and evening services on Sunday. The public is cordially invited.

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