

PARADE FRENCH VETANS HAD A DOUBLE MEANING

Timed on Eve of Cailaux Departure for London and Also to Impress United State Congress

ATTEMPT FAILURE

United States Government Not Impressed With Necessity of Revising War Debt Agreement Terms

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Washington, July 13.—If it was intended by the demonstration of French war veterans to impress the United States Government with the necessity of revising the terms of the Mellon-Berenger agreement on the war debt, then it may be said now that the attempt was a failure.

Parades in which 20,000 maimed veterans participate are not spontaneous affairs but are the result of direct organization. For that reason officials here are inclined to look for the motives of the organizers rather than to take into account the surface aspects of the movement.

The real belief here is that the parade had a double meaning. First it was timed on the eve of the departure of the finance minister Cailaux for London where the French government hopes to obtain much better terms than were accorded France by the United States. Second, the French know there is opposition in the United States Senate to the Mellon-Berenger agreement on the ground that it is too lenient and they hope that the parade of the veterans will assist the Senate in making up its mind that a better settlement is impossible. About the only comment that was forthcoming here today was that the French parade illustrated more forcibly than anything else the effect of the deception practiced by the French politicians in withholding the truth about government finances from the French people ever since the war.

Instead of telling the French people that the opportunity of collecting large reparations from Germany was economically impossible, Ministry after ministry held high the hope of substantial payment by Germany. Millions of dollars were spent by France in the Ruhr as well as in Morocco and in Syria which might have been diverted to the peace time needs of an unbalanced budget. Again, by various statements of officials and by a persistent campaign in the press, the French people were led to believe that cancellation of war debts was coming. They were not permitted to know that the United States from the start has regarded the fulfillment of France's financial obligations as essential to her own credit position. The drop in the franc is regarded as irrefutable evidence of what the French politicians have done since the war in the management of government finances. So far as the United States is concerned, the government here would probably be willing not to press the question of a settlement at this time believing that when France's internal situation has improved the Paris administration would be able to make better settlement of external debts than is possible in 1926.

It is precisely because the political situation in the United States permits a lenient settlement today that the administration has been willing to grant what amounts to a fifty per cent cancellation of the French war debt. It is not pointed out nowadays in France that a large part of the money which the United States is asking France to repay was spent after the armistice and is in a sense a commercial debt. Great Britain lent similar sums and actually received as high as five per cent interest since the war, but these facts probably are unknown to the great majority of the French people because of the direct control exercised by the French politician over public opinion through the press.

Another large sum—about \$249,000,000—was spent by the United States after the armistice to maintain an American Army on the left bank of the Rhine. This was done at the direct request of the French ministry who thought the presence of the American troops would have a salutary effect on the Germans and compel payment of reparations. Although it was specifically agreed by the Allies that the United States was to be reimbursed out of the first money received from Germany the fact was that the Allies including the French, spent what they received and did not pay the United States. Indeed, America was compelled to send a special mission to Paris to secure a settlement of this question. And the net result was that the payment of the \$249,000,000 was deferred along with the

PASQUOTANK IS TOP COUNTY AT STATE COLLEGE

Sends Largest Delegation to Short Course Held for North Carolina's Boy and Girl Club Members

BACK AFTER TRIP

Youthful Visitors Shook Hands With Governor McLean and Enjoyed Reception Given by Him

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The largest from any of the hundred counties in the State, Pasquotank's delegation of boys and girls who attended the special short course at State College in Raleigh last week have returned home, delighted with their trip. They were accompanied by Miss Marcella Alberson, home demonstration agent, and G. W. Falls, county farm agent.

Fifteen boys and sixteen girls took the trip, leaving Monday morning in two school trucks loaned by the County Board of Education. One of the trucks was driven the 400 miles to Raleigh and back by a girl—Miss Jelmina James, of Weeeksville. In all, some 400 girls and boys from all parts of the State attended the short course. The group from here returned Saturday night.

At State College, the boys took courses in poultry, dairying, sowing, growing, mechanics and the culture of field crops, and the girls studied arts and crafts, various types of handwork, room arrangements of handwork, sewing and cooking room arrangement, home furnishing, and rugs and draperies. Lectures were given them by various widely known men and women, including Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy.

The mornings were devoted to class work, and the afternoons and evenings were given over to recreation, including a memorable visit to Governor McLean. The governor shook hands with all, and entertained them at an informal reception. Also they went on sightseeing trips to various points of interest in Raleigh and vicinity, including the museum, penitentiary, and other State buildings. These trips were arranged by Col. Fred A. Olds, State Historian.

The boys attending were Henry Keaton, Vernon Rodgerson, Harold Prichard, Clarence Long, Marvin Parker, Ralph Parker, Elwood Stevenson, Marshall Stevenson, Harris Cooper, Vernon Jennings, Conder Granger, Henry Brothers, Willard Hewitt, Reginald Gregory and Lemuel Bray. The girls were: Misses Doris Morgan, Hilda Pritchard and Virginia Jennings, of the Pork community; Misses Agnes, Ralph and Minnie Ferrell, of Providence; Misses Elizabeth Temple, Ruth Sawyer, Mary Collet Jones, Fannie Brothers and Isabel Harris, of Newland; Misses Allie Palmer, Elizabeth Cartwright and Alice Elister, of Dry Ridge; Miss Jelmina James, of Weeeksville; Miss Naomi Jackson, of Riverside, Sarah Elizabeth James of Salem and Miss Lula Benton, of Bayside.

FINE OF \$50 IMPOSED ON DRINKING CHARGES

Submitting to charges of operating a car while under the influence of liquor, and of having had liquor in his possession, L. S. Knight, of this city, was fined \$50 and costs on the first count and was let off under a suspended judgment on the second count, in recorder's court today.

Knight was arrested last night by Officer Twiddy in the downtown district, after having attracted some attention by reason of his behavior.

A sentence of four months in jail, suspended for two years upon condition that he behave himself and support his wife, was imposed upon James Holly, colored, charged with assault on his spouse. He was required also to pay the court costs.

L. W. Smith, colored, was put under \$20 bond for his appearance in recorder's court tomorrow morning on a charge of assaulting Willie Spruill, also colored, employed in a downtown restaurant.

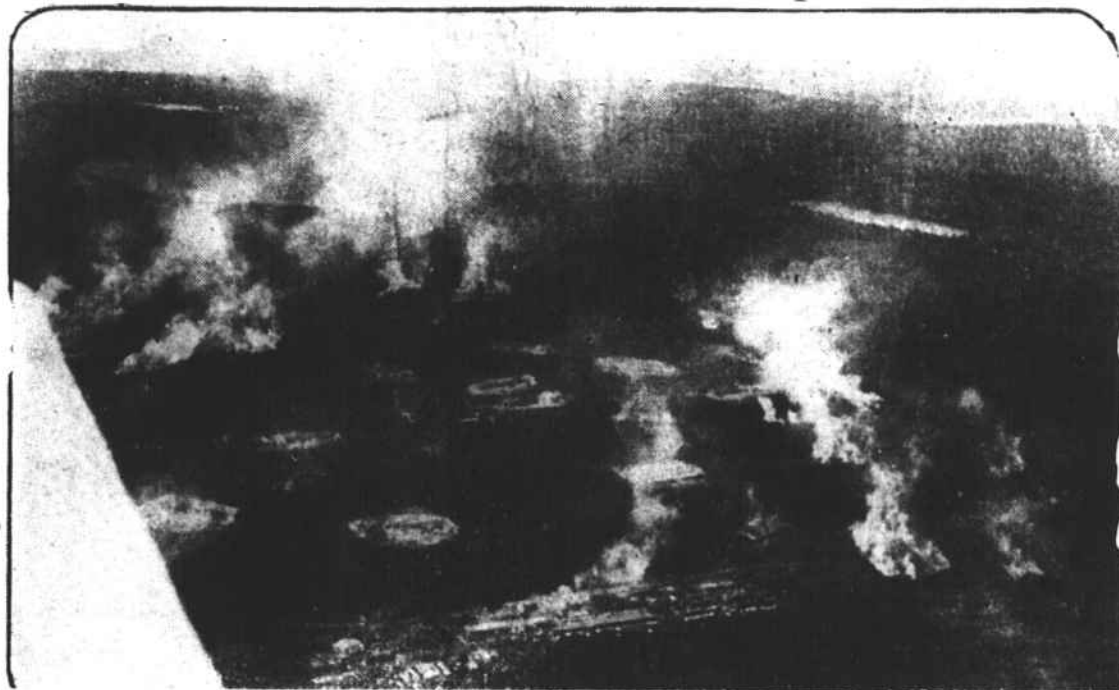
DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN CITY OF WILMINGTON

Wilmington, July 13.—Police today were investigating the double tragedy which occurred late yesterday and in which Raymond Reinhart shot to death his daughter-in-law and was in turn fatally wounded by police.

Mrs. Reinhart died en route to the hospital and the elder Reinhart died there later.

Ten minutes after the shooting Raymond Reinhart, Jr., husband of the woman, was injured when the automobile in which he was rushing to the hospital overturned. In spite of his injuries he continued to the hospital bursting into his father's room and attempting to shoot him. He was placed in jail on charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Airplane View of Smoke-Veiled Explosion Scene



The vast acreage of the Navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, New Jersey, here is seen as one smoking field of destruction as viewed from an airplane at daybreak, the morning after lightning touched off its tons of explosives. This remarkable photograph was taken by Bob Dorman, NEA cameraman, who sped to the scene by airplane from New York and rushed the picture back for distribution to NEA client papers. Smoke is rising from every building in the arsenal area, while here and there may be picked out small distinct smoke flashes of individual shells still detonating.

BASEBALL CLUB SHORT OF CASH

Board of Directors to Seek Added Subscriptions from Fans

Elizabeth City baseball fans who are encouraged by the improved showing made by the team during the past week, and who are hopeful of seeing it win the pennant in the second half of the Carolina League season, must go into their pockets again and help to finance the team. If Elizabeth City is to remain in the league. The club is just about \$450 in the hole at present, according to M. G. Morrisette, president of the local association, who declares that that deficit must be wiped out if Elizabeth City is to have several weeks more of baseball. The \$450 deficit is represented in part by subscriptions which have not been paid in. Members of the board of directors state that, while the majority of the signers have paid up their pledges, a considerable number have not. The money is badly needed now.

Aside from the entertainment made available by the baseball league, it is pointed out that Elizabeth City has profited from it by the large amount of valuable publicity the games have received, through the fact that account of them have been published in all newspapers of the section, as well as in others outside with a total combined circulation of close to 100,000. On the usual basis of five readers to each paper, it is seen that half a million people have been reading about the Carolina league games.

In this connection, the Suffolk News carried an article a few days ago, expressing regret over that city's failure to enter the league when the invitation was tendered, and offering strong assurance that Suffolk would come in next year, if opportunity offered. The article stated that the communities in the league had received publicity worth thousands of dollars by reason of the baseball, in which Suffolk would have shared.

The board of directors of the baseball association here will go out Wednesday to solicit additional funds to tide the club over its present temporary straits. They point out that the Edenton association went out Saturday and raised an additional \$600 in cash in order to keep the team going, and declare Elizabeth City should certainly do as well, if not better. As matters stand, the response of the public will determine whether Elizabeth City shall remain in the league after the present week, according to Mr. Morrisette. Coleman is sticking with a line that has been a consistent loser, and with a population that could be dropped into the First Ward here, without crowding matters. Hertford is holding on, too. There is every indication that those communities will play on, even though Elizabeth City quits.

DIRECTORS TO MEET

Plans for an early membership drive and other matters will be taken up at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, to be held Wednesday at 12:30 o'clock at the Woman's Club Tea Room. The meeting was to have been held Tuesday but was postponed on account of the absence from the city of several members of the board.

GEN. WALLER DIES AT ATLANTIC CITY

Atlantic City, July 13.—Major General Littleton T. Waller, United States Marine Corps, retired, died at Hotel Creston here early today.

The general was stricken with pneumonia ten days ago while visiting at the shore with Mrs. Waller and was in a state of coma since noon Tuesday.

FUNERAL JUDGE HORTON

Farmville, July 13.—Funeral services for Judge J. Lloyd Horton, who died of heart trouble Sunday, were held in the Methodist Church here at 11 o'clock this morning.

Interment was in Farmville Cemetery.

Culpepper House Is Moved Nearer Sound

Naas Heads, July 13.—After standing for several years in the spot on which it was built, it has finally been necessary to move the house of John Culpepper closer to the sound because of the encroachment of the sand upon the northeast corner of the building. The house now stands considerably closer to the water than formerly and directly in front of its former position.

FRANCO-SPANISH AGREEMENT SIGNED

Paris, July 13.—The Franco-Spanish accord governing Moroccan affairs was signed at the foreign office at noon today.

MEETS WEDNESDAY

The Mothers' Clubs will meet at the club house on Fleetwood street Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and all members are asked to be present and make plans for the club picnic to be given next week.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE GIRLS CLUB ASKED TO MEET AGENT

All members of the girls club are asked to meet the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Marcella Alberson, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rest rooms to make arrangements for the nutrition contest.

Mystery Of Petty Thievery Solved, Police State

Police at last have solved the mystery of a long series of petty thefts last winter and spring, which in the aggregate accounted for merchandise worth only a few hundred dollars, but caused much annoyance to Elizabeth City merchants. It was announced today that the police had arrested a white youth under 16 years of age, and that he had made a confession implicating five others, all youngsters.

The boy arrested will be given a hearing before Clerk of the Court Ernest L. Sawyer, presiding over Juvenile Court here. Police say they desire to proceed against the others, on account of their youth, but in the event of a second outbreak, they declare they will be less inclined to be merciful.

The merchandise stolen consisted mainly of cigarettes, candy, and other articles of relatively small value. Many stores were broken into, including one wholesale grocery, while the "crime wave" was on. Police say they have approached several of the accused youngsters, and have received emphatic assurance from them that they will give no further trouble along that line.

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All Is In Readiness Radio Program On This Section

Final preparations are complete for literally telling the world about Northeastern North Carolina in Richmond Thursday night. A party from this city, Hertford and Edenton will journey to the Virginia capital by chartered bus to broadcast that night in a three-hour program from Station WRWA. The bus will leave here at 8 o'clock in the morning, arriving in Richmond at about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The party will return next day.

J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City attorney, and former solicitor for the First North Carolina District, will lecture on the resources, advantages and possibilities of this part of the State, and an extensive musical program will be given, the participants including the Chamber of Commerce Quartet, of this city, comprising Harold C. Foreman, Evans Blades, W. W. Woodley, Jr., and Harry G. Kramer; a male quartet from Edenton, comprising George Goodwin, Jr., W. J. Daniels, Dr. H. A. Thorson and Charles H. Wood; and Waldorf's Orchestra, of this city.

The soloists will include Mrs. J. Wesley Foreman, Harold C. Foreman and Arthur Padgett, of this city; L. W. Anderson, of Hertford, and Mrs. H. A. Thorson, of Edenton, all vocalists. Bobbie Pearing, aged 16, of this city, will give two violin numbers.

Station WRWA has a wave length of 256 meters, and is of 1,000 watts. The program will begin at 8:45 o'clock, and will be concluded at 11:45.

The Elizabeth City members of the party held a rehearsal Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Foreman, in preparation for the event. A large crowd attended.

PRESIDENT DENIES HAS AUTUMN PLANS

Paul Smiths, New York, July 13.—President Coolidge has no plan at the present for participation in the Congressional campaign this fall and in the absence of any announcement by him any references to the subject that may appear in print should be regarded as mere suppositions.

The position of the president in the face of various published reports as to his political plans since he came to the Adirondacks was made clear at the executive offices today.

FALLS COMPLIMENTED

Decidedly complimentary comment upon the work of County Agent G. W. Falls, of Pasquotank, in budding pecan trees to replace unprofitable varieties with better ones, is contained in the Progressive Farmer, issue of July 19. A picture of Mr. Falls demonstrating budding for Agriculture Editor Frank Jeter, of the Progressive Farmer, accompanies the article.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 13.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 16.99, Oct. 16.98, Dec. 17.19, Jan. 17.23, March 17.46.

New York, July 13.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 18.55, an advance of 70 points. Futures closing bid: July 17.25, October 17.29, December 17.34, January 17.55, March 17.65.

EVIL SPIRITS ON HEELS OF UNCLE SAM'S SEA FORCES

One Disaster Has Followed Another in Past Three Years Bringing Total Casualties Into High Figures

BIRD OF ILL OMEN

Sailors Tell Strange Tales of Jinx; Statistics Show 433 Accidents With 222 Lives Lost

By HARVEY ANDERSON (Copyright 1926 by The Advance)

New York, July 13.—Late last Saturday afternoon, wind and salt-laden clouds were pouring into the salvaged U. S. submarine 8-51 the tomb of 33 American sailors. As they looked, there was a blast from the sea that drove away, and death and ruin had again visited the navy with the destruction of the naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, near Dover, N. J. Jersey, and another row of still unaccounted dead.

With scarcely a pause, malevolent powers still dog Uncle Sam's son forces. The sinking of the 8-51 was the culmination of an appalling series of disasters in the navy. During the preceding three years, surface vessels, air craft and submarines had suffered 433 accidents, costing 222 lives. Strange stories of a "jinx" a "bird" of ill omen perching on every fighting top—have been whispered in the forecastle in officers' quarters.

Exclusive of Saturday's holocaust, and a series of similar explosions which have rocked the state of New Jersey since the war, the navy's record of the last three years is as follows:

Branch	Accidents	Lives Lost
Surface	13	93
Submarine	12	29
Aircraft	463	90
Totals	488	222

While the United States Navy always has been known as a hard luck sea force, the story of cumulative ill-fortune reached its climax in the years following the world war. It reached its climax with the series of disasters beginning with the loss of the rigid airship Shenandoah. The commander and 13 of the crew perished in the wreck of the ship over Avon, Ohio, September of last year.

On September 7, an explosion in the boiler room of the destroyer NOA took four lives. The 8-51 went down on September 25. On October 25, six airplanes were lost at Baltimore and 11 more partially wrecked. The evil forces waited until the dead of the 8-51 were taken from their tomb. Then they struck again.

These are recent and climatic horrors in an appalling calendar of misfortune.

Nineteen twenty three was an ill-fated year. An avalanche of trouble started with the ramming of the destroyer Zellan by the transport Henderson in a thick fog in Admiralty Inlet of July 27. No lives were lost but from then on there was "jinx" in the crew's nest. The years 1923 and 1924 and 1925 were regarded as the red letter years for accidents in the navy. Nineteen twenty six has now challenged this record with the most appalling disaster of all.

On August 29, 1925, the submarines R-8 and R-11 collided at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii as the result of confusion in signals. There was rejoicing over the fact that no lives were lost but this rejoicing was dissipated on September 8 by the news that 23 officers and men had been killed and that seven destroyers were a total loss near Point Arguello, California. They grounded while maneuvering in a heavy fog off a rocky and dangerous coast. A naval court martial found the disaster was due to bad navigation.

Eleven days later, on September 19, the destroyer McFarland was rammed by the Battleship Arkansas during night maneuvers of the fleet. Good seamanship prevented loss of life and saved the McFarland. While this news was still fresh, came word of the sinking of the submarine O-5 in Limon Bay, Panama. She was run down by the freighter Abangaree. Five lives were lost.

During the remainder of the year, the evil fates of the Navy turned their attention to aircraft. The annual report of the chief of the bureau of aeronautics lists the number of aircraft crashes for that year at 112, with a loss of 24 lives, four serious injuries and 25 minor injuries to flying personnel.

Textile Organization South-wide In Scope

Charlotte, July 13.—An organization for the purpose of conducting textile tests to assist the mills in solving producing problems was organized here Monday.

Articles of incorporation naming the organization Arkwrights, incorporated, were filed. The nature of the organization will be South-wide. F. Gordon Cobb of Lancaster, South Carolina, was chosen president.

HIGH POWER LINE COURSE CHANGED TO HIT WINFALL

Branches to Run Westward to Hertford and Edenton, and Eastward to This City, by Present Plan

HERE BY NOVEMBER

Tentative Proposal to Build Gigantic Loop Linking Three Northeastern Carolina Cities Dropped

Virtually a direct line from Suffolk into the heart of Northeastern Carolina will be followed by the Virginia Electric & Power Company in building its high tension transmission line into this section, to supply Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton with current in enormous quantities, R. J. Throckmorton, general superintendent of light and power for the company, announced Tuesday.

The power company's original intention had been to build a single line to Sunbury, in Gates County, or a point near there, and thence to run a gigantic loop linking the three Northeastern Carolina cities, building from Sunbury southward to Edenton, and also from Sunbury southwestwardly to Edenton, and also from Sunbury southwardly to Elizabeth City, and linking this city and Edenton to complete the circuit.

This plan has been abandoned, Mr. Throckmorton stated. Instead, a single line will be built in a straightaway southward course from Suffolk to Winfall, near Hertford, and a substation erected there, whence lines will be run westwardly through Hertford to Edenton, and eastwardly to this city. Where business justifies, branch lines will be run to smaller communities in the territory, he explained.

"We are driving like the devil to get into Elizabeth City by November," Mr. Throckmorton stated, in response to a question as to when super power would be available. He added that engineers of the company were busily at work making the necessary surveys and obtaining a right of way for the line, declaring that little or no difficulty had been encountered in getting the right of way thus far.

The principal obstacle which has confronted the engineers is in crossing Perquimans River, near Winfall, the power superintendent stated, explaining that a considerable area of deep swamp was encountered, necessitating difficult and expensive construction. The line will cross the river at an elevation of 60 feet, believed sufficient not to impede navigation, he added.

The power company has succeeded in sidestepping one mighty barrier in building the line, according to Mr. Throckmorton, by skirting the edge of the Great Dismal Swamp near Sunbury. At that point, a little ridge was discovered, along which the line would be built. If it had been necessary to run the line through the depths of the morass, installation and upkeep costs would have been increased heavily.

The line is to be of "H-frame" construction, or a type generally followed throughout the United States. Mr. Throckmorton declared. It is expected to cost between a quarter and a half million dollars.

TWO MORE BODIES TODAY IDENTIFIED

New York, July 13.—Identification of two more bodies taken from the devastated area of Lake Denmark, New Jersey, were reported at Brookline Naval Hospital today.

These were Lieutenant Herman Schrader, United States Navy, Long Beach, California, and Frank Carl Weber, private, United States Marine Corps, Cleveland, Ohio.

Washington, July 13.—Assistant Secretary Robinson of the Navy Department left here by airplane at 11:25 a. m. for an inspection trip to the disaster area in New Jersey.

IS ELECTED GRAND EXALTED RULER ELKS

Chicago, July 13.—Charles H. Grankelov, of Philadelphia, was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler of the Elks by the grand lodge today. He succeeds Judge William Hawley Atwell of Dallas, Texas.

IN PRIZE BATTERY

The only North Carolina boy in the prize Battery A, in the Children's Military Training Camp now being held at Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, is Richard Job, son of Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, the youngster advised in a letter to his parents today. Some half a dozen Elizabeth City boys are in training in the camp, which will close at the end of the present month.