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GREAT POWERS ARE IN COMPLETE ACCORD

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, April 16.—Premier Lloyd George defended his course at the peace conference in the House of Commons this afternoon, declaring that "we are justified in taking time for setting up the machinery for the expeditious readjusting and correcting of all blunders. We are fully aware of the impatience throughout the world regarding peace. The indemnities question is a difficult one and cannot be settled by telegram," said Lloyd George. Lloyd George also said: "Representatives of the great powers have arrived at a complete understanding on the fundamental questions of peace and by the end of next week we hope the treaty will be presented to Germany."

THE VICTORY LOAN MUST BE A SUCCESS.

Undoubtedly the war has made a very deep impression on the minds and hearts of the men and women throughout the nation. They did not see the nearly four million men go into uniform, all of them ready to sacrifice their lives if need be, without feeling that there was some very good cause for it, and I do not believe they thought that cause was simply a great military spectacle in the arena of France and Flanders. They know there was an idea behind it all, and that idea involves the opportunity and happiness and liberty of the nations of the world—both large and small. Sixty thousand of our men lie on the fields of France, and I believe we can make it clear to the American people, if they do not already realize it better than we think they do, that they are being asked to help in this final or Victory Loan to pay for the same cause for which they subscribed to the first four Liberty Loans. There is the same great appeal behind it—the same American fight for it and the same American ideal for it. It is no new thing. It is the same great cause which this nation armed itself to defend. The only difference between this campaign and the other campaigns is that now our cause has been crowned with victory. Certainly that does not nullify the virtue of the ideal for which we were fighting, nor justify us in saying that we ought not to go on working for this ideal not only now, when our bills remain unpaid, but even afterwards when as a nation we must continue to stand before the world for the same things we have fought for and died for during the past year and a half.

Col. C. B. Armstrong is on a business trip to Raleigh.

Mrs. W. T. Storey has returned from Tigerville, S. C., where she visited her father, Mr. A. B. Poole.

Mr. J. P. Legare, of Charleston, S. C., was the guest here Saturday and Sunday of his son, Capt. H. S. Legare.

On account of the inclement weather not many Gastonians went to Charlotte today to witness the parade.

Mrs. J. M. Hampton and daughter, Mrs. W. D. Byrd, who have been spending the winter with Mrs. Hampton's daughter at Matthews Mill, Va., were the guests last night of Mr. W. T. Storey's family. They were en route to Spartanburg, S. C., to visit relatives and friends.

IS THE WAR OVER?

From a technical standpoint you might argue that the war is over because the armistice has been signed. To make you a technical answer, the war is not over until the peace terms are concluded, and of course you realize that the Germans are now living under a purely temporary agreement which is very much more akin to war than it is to peace. Broadly speaking, however, it is true that the war is over in the sense that we are no longer killing millions of men and starving women and children. From this standpoint, thank God, the war is at an end. But I think you will be the first to realize that the killing of men on the field of battle is the heroic and dramatic evidence of the fact that a nation of people are aroused to a great purpose. It was the American people as a whole—men, women and children, who went into this war because they believed it was right and because they were determined to win it. They gladly and willingly put the whole strength of the country behind the struggle and they rolled up enormous bills in connection with it.

The war in its larger sense will not be over until this deep purpose which was in the hearts of the American people is accomplished and the honorable debts incurred in connection with it honorably discharged. We have bought a Victory—we should certainly be willing to pay for it.

GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369
A. F. & A. M.
Called Meeting
Friday, Apr. 18,
8:00 p. m.
Work in the 1st
Degree

REIGN OF ANARCHY PREVAILS AT MUNICH

(By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, April 16.—Governmentals at Munich are bombarding the railway station where armed Spartacists are barricaded. There is a reign of anarchy. Much looting and street fighting continues and many citizens have been killed.

SOVIET ORDERED ASSASSINATIONS.

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, April 16.—An unconfirmed report from Zurich today says that Arch Duke Joseph and former Premier Wekerle were assassinated by Hungarian communists on orders from the Soviet government at Budapest.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. E. C. Abernethy is confined to his home by illness.

Mr. John L. Wood is able to be out again after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Utley, of Apex, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. B. H. Parker, and son, Dr. H. G. Utley.

Mrs. C. D. Barnes and children, of Rutherfordton, are the guests of Mrs. E. L. Quinn.

Mrs. Hannah Wood, of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting her son, Mr. E. M. Wood, and Mrs. Wood in West Gastonia.

Mr. Robert Sem, after spending several months here with his aunts, Messdames D. R. LaFar and A. A. McLean, has returned to his home in Dallas, Tex.

Special attraction at Ideal today and Thursday William Farnum in "Les Miserables."

The Adoration of the Holy Cross with the Stations of the Cross will begin at 4 p. m. at St. Michael's Catholic church on Good Friday.

owing to the special services at the Associate Reformed church this week, there will be no prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church tonight.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, will preach for the congregation of Friendship Baptist church, colored, next Sunday afternoon, April 20th, at 4 o'clock.

Mr. John E. Sarvey, whose serious illness has been mentioned in The Gazette recently, is reported today as being very much improved and well on the road to recovery.

Among those attending the Kings Mountain Presbytery in Lincolnton are Messrs. J. E. Ratchford, of New Hope congregation, R. M. Wilson, of Union, and Ed Huffstetler, of Olney.

There will be services on Good Friday at 11 a. m. in Christ's church, Stanley, and also communion services on Easter Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Boleik. Subject for Good Friday, "The Death of Christ" and for Sunday, "The Risen Lord."

Mrs. M. B. Peterson and daughter, Miss Lillian Peterson, of Stanley, left Monday for Chattanooga, Tenn., for an extended visit to their son and brother, Mr. Robert Peterson, who is in the employ of the government.

Among the Gastonia physicians who are attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society at Pinehurst this week are Doctors Me. G. Anders, T. C. Quickel, D. A. Garrison, H. F. Glenn, H. M. Ebbelman and E. G. Wilson.

Rev. J. M. McLain, of Clover, S. C., passed through the city yesterday afternoon en route to Charlotte to spend a few days with his son, Mr. Howard McLain, of the Charlotte bar, and attend the big celebration today.

Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Falls, of Kings Mountain, were in the city shopping yesterday afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Falls will leave Sunday night for New Orleans to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Railway Surgeons, of which Dr. Falls is a member.

Miss Estes Smith, of Holly Hill, S. C., is the guest for a few days of her sister, Miss Edmee Smith, teacher of music in the city schools. Miss Smith delighted the congregation of Main Street Methodist church Sunday night with the splendid rendition of a solo.

Miss Ruth Sealock, who underwent a serious operation a month ago in the Columbia Hospital at Columbia, S. C., is spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Estridge. The latter went to Columbia and accompanied her here Monday.

There will be no prayer service at the First Baptist church tonight on account of the meeting at the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. The B. Y. P. U. study class will meet at the parsonage at 7:45, but will be dismissed in time for the members to attend the preaching service.

GASTONIA BEHIND ON FUND FOR SUFFERERS

To the People of Gastonia:

The campaign to raise Gaston county's quota of \$7,500 in the national fund of \$40,000,000 for the relief of the war sufferers in the Near East is progressing slowly. A number of places have sent in their allotments to the treasurer, Mr. S. N. Boyce. The quota for Gastonia township is \$4,500, and unless we do better than we have thus far the money will not be raised.

Many do not seem to realize that there are more than 4,000,000 of these people, mainly Christian Armenians, but including also thousands of Syrians, Greeks and Persians, who are literally starving for food. Among them are 400,000 Armenian orphan children. These people are all at the extreme point of destitution. They have been despoiled by the Turks of everything. They lack food, clothes and homes. Starvation and the diseases that accompany it are carrying them off by thousands. The papers this week carried news of many Greeks perishing of hunger.

Our people do not seem to understand this situation. This fund will take care of them for the next six months, until they are in position to help themselves. Without this help now, according to those who have personally investigated the facts hundreds of thousands of women and children, our friends and allies in the war, our fellow Christians, living where the Christian religion was eradicated, are surely doomed to perish of starvation.

East Gastonia, West Gastonia and South Gastonia have made a thorough canvass and have sent in liberal contributions. Of course, it will fall on the center of the town to raise the bulk of the money. Our people can hardly afford to let this cause go by. It is the neediest of all that have been presented. We have not failed to go over the top on every other. President Wilson has given it his most earnest endorsement and called from France urging that it be heartily subscribed.

Next Friday a thorough canvass of the business section of the town will be made and every one will be given a chance to help. Those who have already given something may wish to increase their offering.

Any persons not reached by the canvassers and who wish to help can give their contributions to Mr. S. N. Boyce, at the First National Bank, or hand it to any one of the undersigned. Let us get together and put this over with a will. Yours, to help the starving,

- W. L. BALTHIS,
- J. LEE ROBINSON,
- E. B. BRITAIN,
- H. BEELER MOORE,
- S. N. BOYCE,
- R. G. RANKIN,
- J. C. GALLOWAY,
- A. L. STANFORD,
- W. C. BARRETT,
- J. C. DIETZ,
- J. H. HENDERLITE.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

In the write-up of last Thursday's game between the Detroit Tigers and the Boston Braves, sent in to The Detroit News by its special writer, M. F. Drukenburg, occurs the following paragraph:

"Gastonia may sound like a mineral well, but it's not; it's the cotton mill and sporting center of this district. It turned out the largest paid attendance so far."

Other comment on the game is as follows:

"Facing odds when would have his heartened most clubs, Boston kept coming along until the club entered the ninth, four runs behind. They made a desperate try for those four and came so close that the Tigers heaved sighs of relief when Holke popped out with the tying run within scoring distance."

"It was a Detroit victory because the hitting fever becomes epidemic among the Tigers. Any time they have a break out like that nothing can stop them, just as has been the case with them for years. They massed singles, doubles and home runs almost at will and except for careless play near the close, would have increased their total. Rudolph was lucky to stick three innings, while two was enough for Keating. Northrop was not scored upon because the Tigers did not regard more runs necessary."

"At a great disadvantage because of the hard diamond, which made fielding of ground balls almost impossible and because of short fences, which account for the home runs and most of the doubles, George Cunningham did well. As long as he got the balls over he kept the Braves in check, practically all of his worries being due to occasional wild spells."

Erickson went the last four innings, when the Braves did most of their scoring. He complained of an injured knee, but was kept in to the end. He had a close call because of the determined efforts of his opponents."

Cobb survived his first game and made no complaint of soreness. He refused to do much throwing here, making the infielders come out to reach his returns. The first three times up he failed to get the ball out of the infield, but the next time he hit the centerfield fence on the fly for a double."

INTEREST IN ELECTION SEEMS TO BE SMALL

Interest in the election being held to-day on the proposition of a city manager form of government for Gastonia is unusually small and unless this afternoon tells a tale different from that of the forenoon the vote cast will be light. Up to noon less than a hundred votes had been cast. These, however, so far as it is known were all in favor of the proposition. Unlike the usual election there are no candidates and consequently nobody is "bearing his shirt" to see that a large vote is polled. Sentiment, however, is strongly favorable to the adoption of the city manager form as against the old aldermanic form now in vogue and there is hardly a possibility that it will not fail to carry.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN CITY SCHOOLS

A thorough medical inspection of Gastonia's city school children has been inaugurated under the auspices of and at the expense of the Red Cross Seal Committee of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association. Dr. L. N. Patrick has been assigned to make this inspection and began the work Monday morning at the Central school. He will devote two hours daily, on school days, to this work, as long as the city schools are in session. When he has finished at Central school he will continue the inspection through the other three city schools.

Monday and yesterday Dr. Patrick examined about 60 children in the first, second and third grades. Particular attention is being given to eye, ear, nose and throat inspection, though a general inspection is also given.

Some of the results of the inspection so far made are interesting. It was found that 75 per cent of those examined had had teeth which needed the attention of a dentist. Forty per cent had either adenoids or diseased tonsils or both. Fifteen to 20 per cent had defective hearing while 10 to 12 per cent had defective eyesight.

A complete card index system, showing the result of these examinations in the case of each individual pupil will be kept in the office of Principal W. P. Greer. A duplicate of the report, together with the physician's recommendation will be sent to the parent of each pupil examined. It is the hope of the school management that parents will cooperate in this important work by following the suggestions made and in this way insure better health among the pupils of the city schools.

OPERETTA AT CENTRAL SCHOOL TONIGHT.

"Mother Goose's Garden," an operetta, will be presented by pupils of the Central graded school from the first to the fifth grades, inclusive, tonight beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Central school. No admission fee will be charged and the public is cordially invited to attend.

This operetta consists of fourteen main characters and about 175 little children representing various flowers such as lilies, roses, tulips, violets, daisies, daffodils, arbutus, buttercups, grasses, Johnny Jumpups, and bluebirds, bees, butterfly, flies, raindrops, sunbeams, etc. Miss Edna Smith, supervisor of music in the city school, is in charge of the entertainment.

Mr. E. N. Pagan returned Monday from Philadelphia, where he was a patient for three weeks following an operation for kidney trouble. His many friends will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation and expects to entirely regain his strength in a short while.

Mr. W. V. Warren recently received a letter from Sergeant W. A. Fenton, of Battery F, 14th Field Artillery, who is stationed with the Third Army at Aif, Germany, giving some interesting facts in regard to his experiences since entering Germany. He is with the forces which are keeping a "watch on the Rhine."

Committees to Meet.

The canvassing committees of the Centenary Drive for Main Street Methodist church will meet at the church at eight o'clock tonight to compare notes and report on the result of their campaign to raise the remaining \$90,000 of the \$200,000 building fund. If there still remains a deficit the canvass will be continued during the remainder of the week.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, April 16.—The cotton market opened with contracts for May selling at 26.90, July at 25.40, October at 23.60, December at 23.27, January at 23.15.

PRESIDENT EBERT'S ATTITUDE IS DEFIANT

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, April 16.—There was a defiant tone in the message of President Ebert just sent to the National Assembly at Weimar, according to extracts received today from Berlin. He approved the pronouncement of assemblymen for a "peace of reconciliation," and the rejection of any treaty sacrificing German interests. He considers such pronouncements as the "will of the German people" and will obey it. He pointed out, however, that his task is a difficult one in view of the "avengeful attitude" of the Allies. The blockade, Ebert claimed, is threatening Germany with annihilation. He declared that a Bolshevik dictatorship would ruin German industries within a few months.

GAVE RECEPTION TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

A most enjoyable event took place Saturday night in the Modena Betterment Association's hall in East Gastonia when that organization gave a reception complimentary to the boys in the community who have recently returned home from service in the army. There were several young men from that community in Co. A, 115th Machine Gun Battalion, which returned home recently and others which were with other units in the army.

Old Chevy was much in evidence in the decorations of the hall, many flags, both large and small, being used throughout the building. Punch was served and music was dispersed by a new Edison phonograph loaned for the occasion by Mr. W. T. Storey. There were present many people from the Modena section and the evening was a most delightful one.

BELMONT BUDGET.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, April 15.—As a result of disengaging employees who joined the United Textile Workers' Union, the Chronicle and Imperial mills have been closed at night, and a part of the machinery standing idle in daylight, for the past several days on account of the shortage of labor. There is also a shortage of workers in the other mills and a part of the machinery in them is not running.

This disturbance first began here a bout three weeks ago when a representative of this union called a gathering of the mill employees for the purpose of enlisting them in the union and quite a number joined. These were informed that they must either give up their jobs or their membership in the union, and a large number who have joined since have been discharged, and the number of members here still increases. Mr. R. L. Stowe, secretary and treasurer of the Chronicle, Imperial and National mills spoke to an assemblage of employees Saturday afternoon, stating the mill officials' point of view and offering to let any of the employees who are out of work resume their work provided they give up their membership in the union.

Miss Nettie Keller celebrated her sixteenth birthday last evening, entertaining a number of the younger set at a delightful party at her home. The home had been tastefully decorated to the occasion in pink and white and in the dining room, which was especially beautiful, the table was adorned with a large white birthday cake with 16 pink and white candles. After a pleasant social period had been enjoyed with games and contests the guests were invited to the dining room where ice-cream and cake were served.

Mr. J. G. McAdams, who has just been released from service in the navy, has been spending some time with his brother, Dr. C. R. McAdams, here.

Mr. Torrence Stowe has returned from overseas and has received his honorable discharge.

Mr. J. Conder Armstrong, of the 81st Division, has returned from France, honorably discharged. He states that he was with the many other Belmont boys in his division, until a few months ago, when he left them in central France, and has not been able to keep trace of them since.

There will be an election May 5 for the purpose of electing a mayor and three commissioners for the town to serve for a term of one year. Registration books are now in the hands of Mr. J. R. Ratchford.

Miss Lena Garrison has accepted a position as stenographer with Belk Bros. at Charlotte.

Mrs. W. F. Sisk has returned to Waco after spending a week with Supt. and Mrs. H. C. Sisk.

Mr. W. D. Crawford, of the Marines, has returned from New Brunswick, N. J., on an indefinite furlough. He expects to receive a discharge in a short time.

Mr. Ned Leeper, of Gastonia, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Rev. J. T. Dendy is attending a meeting of the Kings Mountain Presbytery at Lincolnton.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, April 15.—Archduke Joseph, of Hungary, former premier Alexander Wekerle, and Baron Sztterni, former minister of commerce in the Hungarian cabinet, have been assassinated by communists at Budapest, according to advices printed in the newspaper Aechter Abendblatt, quoting a traveler who recently left Budapest.

PARIS, April 15.—The fate of the former Kaiser is in the hands of President Wilson today. The President is to determine whether he will stay in Holland or be sent to another St. Helena. The President is also now the practical arbiter in the Fiume dispute. It is understood that he favors making Fiume an outlet for Jugo Slavia. Premier Orlando is understood to hold a conciliatory attitude but an Italian outburst is feared at home if Fiume is not given to Italy.

GENEVA, April 15.—It is reported to-day that the Soviet government at Munich has again been overthrown and the moderate Socialist, Hoffmann, has proclaimed himself dictator.

BOSTON, MASS., April 15.—All New England except Connecticut is tied up today by the strike of 8,000 union telephoners. The strike began at seven this morning. Twelve thousand electrical workers threaten to join the strike if a settlement is not promptly reached on telephone, higher wages and the continuance of the collective bargaining system. Practically all the telephoners in Boston, Lynn, Lawrence, Worcester, North Adams, Springfield, Mass., Manchester, Concord and Nashua, N. H., are out. Other towns have not been heard from this morning.

AMSTERDAM, April 15.—The new Spartacist uprising in Dusseldorf has been crushed by government troops after bloody fighting. Fresh Hamburg soldiers at Stettin struck for the continuance of war pay.

PARIS, April 15.—President Wilson will probably leave France for the United States May 1st, says The Echo de Paris.

CHICAGO, April 15.—In a mud fury William Marvitt, for ten years assistant postmaster at Hinsdale, a suburb of Chicago, today shot and killed his wife and baby boy and mortally wounded his eight-year-old daughter. His motive is unknown. He was a prominent church worker.

LONDON, April 15.—Fifty were killed and 200 wounded in fighting which continues between governmentals and Spartacists at Dusseldorf, says a dispatch today from Weimar. Coincident with the formation of the "peace committee" by the national assembly, The Tage Zeitung today in an inspired editorial headed "Don't Sign," urges the government to accept the peace treaty ending a strip of land at Danzig to Poland. "We can't accept a peace making the independence or sovereignty of Germany doubtful. We can't guarantee to carry out the indemnity demands. If we persist our adversary will and must win."

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, April 15.—Major M. A. Aley, who established the American record by flying from San Diego, Cal., to Fort Worth yesterday, left at dawn this morning for a flight to Jacksonville, Fla. He expects to eat dinner in Jacksonville.

PARIS, April 15.—Secretary of War Baker, upon arriving today declared that the rumors that he might replace President Wilson following the initial session of the peace conference were unwarranted. Nevertheless rumors to that effect persisted in official quarters this afternoon. The Big Four resumed consideration of the Italian and Jugo Slav claims today, Mr. Balfour replacing Lloyd George. It is officially confirmed that the Germans have been called to come to Paris on April 25. This is indicative of haste to clear up everything. President Wilson will probably return to the United States early in May.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Japanese ambassador, Ishibey, to the United States has been directed to sail for Japan to attend an important conference. It was officially announced by the Japanese embassy this afternoon. He will probably sail early in May. Acting Secretary of State Polk declared: "There is positively no international significance in the situation."

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The Geo. Washington is due at Brest Saturday and will be held there until the President returns to America, the navy department announced this afternoon. Four destroyers will act as a convoy.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—No Americans were killed in the Teisten disturbances Sunday, therefore no claims could have been submitted by the United States, the State Department announced today, denying the reports printed this morning.