

LONDON PAPERS REGRET THAT THE U. S. DID NOT ALSO RATIFY TREATY

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, Jan. 12.—Regret that the United States did not participate in ratification of the treaty of Versailles is expressed by today's newspapers.

"The omission of America's signature to the ratifying document," says the Telegraph, "stands for the bitter disappointment of the hope that glowed with promise for humanity a year ago."

"There is not a nation which cannot, if it wishes, manufacture new grievances out of the settlement to trouble the peace of the world," it says.

"The news notes that America 'which did so much to make peace,' had no part in the final act."

"So far there is cause for rejoicing; the supreme and overwhelming need of Europe is for peace."

PLENTY OF MONEY TO HELP SEAT SOCIALISTS

Both Democrats and Republicans Send Money to Help Socialists Retain Seat—May Employ Hughes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Money to aid in the defense of five socialists suspended by the state assembly continued to flow into the socialist party headquarters today.

An inventor has patented a simple boiler and condenser to enable automobile owners to get their own distilled water at trifling cost.

BIG ROUND-UP OF CRIMINALS IN CHICAGO

More than 600 Yeggmen, Police Characters and Vagabonds in Toils — For First Time in Many Weeks Not a Hold-up Is Reported During Week-end.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—More than 600 alleged criminals, police characters and vagabonds today were in jails and crime in Chicago temporarily had been nullified by the police department's two day drive.

The police, dressed in civilian clothes, today continued the work of gathering in suspects and it was announced the wholesale arrests would continue indefinitely.

NOT MUCH INTEREST IN BIG BOXING MATCH

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 12.—Little promotion of the proposed Jack Dempsey-Carpentier boxing match for the world's heavyweight championship has been done in California.

Governor Stephens said that he would feel obliged, if necessary, to request the federal government through control of the international border to prevent the contest being held.

SENATE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES BOLSHIEV

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The senate foreign relations sub-committee named to inquire into bolshevik propaganda in this country met today to discuss a method of procedure.

Martens first was summoned to appear today but his request for delay in order that he might secure counsel was granted.

RANKIN MILL OFFICIALS BANQUET IN CHARLOTTE

Superintendent, Bosses and Overseers Enjoy Banquet and Minstrel Show — Ridge Mills Soon to Be Completed — Employees Share in Big Distribution of Profits.

The superintendent, bosses and overseers of the Pinkney Rankin and Ridge mills, were the guests Saturday night of President R. Grady Rankin at a banquet and theater party in Charlotte.

The party was composed as follows: R. G. Henry, L. S. and Pink Rankin, H. M. Childers, who has recently been promoted from overseer of spinning at the Pinkney Mill to the superintendency of the Ridge Mills, soon to be completed.

The party went to Charlotte in automobiles, returning to Gastonia at midnight Saturday. Mr. Rankin, speaking of the work on the Ridge Mill said that this week would see the work practically completed.

HOME IS ENGULFED IN CHASM IN EARTH

Earthquake Opens Up Big Hole In Which House of Mexican Family Is Engulfed.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12.—Unique in the annals of the earthquake is the experience of the family of Professor Francisco Riveros, of Barranca Nueva.

Reports from the San Miguel district indicate the eruption of the new crater which opened there as a result of the earthquake on the night of January 3 is decreasing in violence.

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES WITH GLASS HIS SUCCESSOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson today summoned Secretary Glass to the White House for a conference at which it was understood a successor to Mr. Glass was to be discussed.

ARMSTRONG MILL EMPLOYEES SHARE IN PROFITS

More Than \$40,000 Paid Out Saturday to Operatives of Seven Gaston County Mills in Armstrong Chain — Not a Bonus But Share of Profits.

Saturday was a busy day with many Gaston county banks. Every day, for that matter, is a busy one, but Saturday was unusually busy, because of the fact that every employee of the Armstrong chain of mills in Gaston county was cashing a check, a check which represented to him just so much "net" over and above his regular yearly earnings.

This policy on the part of the Armstrong mills is but in line with the far-reaching vision of the management in its efforts to have their employees share in the unusual prosperity enjoyed by the textile industry in this county.

AT PIEDMONT MILL.

The Piedmont Spinning Mill, situated at the northern extremity of Gastonia, numbering 25 families with its borders, was on Saturday morning paid a second visit by a very generous Santa Claus.

The event was celebrated Saturday night with an oyster supper served by the ladies of the village and the sum of \$23, to be used for community purposes, the result of the supper.

BIG PACKERS PREPARE TO GIVE UP SIDE LINES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Final details of the agreement by which five big Chicago packing firms will confine their business to that of meat packers and dealers in eggs, poultry and cheese were expected to be completed today at a conference here between representatives of the industries and Attorney General Palmer.

SECRETARY GLASS WANTS BIG CREDIT LOAN FOR EUROPEAN FOOD RELIEF

COAL MINERS WILL ACCEPT ANY DECISION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Bituminous coal miners will accept unreservedly any decision made by the president's coal commission in settlement of the coal strike.

PRESIDENT CALLS SECOND INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson's second industrial conference reassembled today after several weeks recess to consider the mass of suggestions and proposals for stabilization of the nation's industrial situation.

The plan for settling industrial disputes favored by the conference provided a national conciliation tribunal at Washington and regional boards of inquiry and adjustment.

—A one-week term of criminal court for Gaston county began this morning with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSS WANTS BIG APPROPRIATION FOR RECLAMATION OF SWAMP LANDS IN SOUTH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Legislation authorizing an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for use in reclaiming swamp, overflow and irrigable lands, was proposed today by D. W. Ross, of Louisiana, at a conference of representatives of southern governors, held here under the joint auspices of the Southern House of Governors and Southern Commercial Congress.

While the plan was designed to be national in its scope, Mr. Ross declared it to be of special interest to the south in that about 70,000,000 of the 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow land in the United States are located in southern states.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A request by Secretary of the Treasury Glass that congress grant authority for additional credit loans for European food relief, amounting to \$150,000, today was before the house ways and means committee.

Under Secretary Glass' plan, the loans would be advanced by the grain corporation out of the billion dollar wheat guaranty fund and would be used to establish credits in this country.

PLAN TO MEMORIALIZE ROOSEVELT'S BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A resolution urging that January 6, anniversary of the death of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, be observed nationally for emphasizing the need of forest conservation, will be introduced here tomorrow at the annual meeting of the American Forestry Association.

—An inventor has concentrated ink, packing it in tubes from which it is squeezed and mixed with water for use.

LAST OF A. E. F. AT BREST REACHES NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The last contingent of troops quartered at the military camp at Brest arrived here today on the transport George Washington.

HOLD REQUIEMS OVER BODY OF JOHN BARLEYCORN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—In double celebration of the approaching birth of America's first saloonless year and the quarter century anniversary of the international reform bureau, the annual convention of various national reform societies, which was inaugurated yesterday by special "requiems" over the body of "John Barleycorn", today formally convened in session.