

PEACE TREATY FIGHT ENTERS MOST BITTERLY CONTESTED PHASE TODAY

Article Ten and the Reservations Thereto Furnish Basis For Bitter Fight in Senate - Text of Article Ten Which is Causing All the Trouble.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 10. - The peace treaty ratification fight in the senate entered its final and most bitterly contested phase today, with article 10 and the reservations thereto, the unfinished business until disposed of. While debate on the much disputed section of the league of nations covenant is in progress, negotiations looking to a compromise on the republican reservations will be continued, though both sides frankly are without much hope that an agreement will be effected. Several republican leaders drafted a substitute reservation yesterday for which they said they obtained the support of 28 democrats, but even that number is from two to six short of the minority votes needed by the majority to ratify the treaty carrying qualifications which President Wilson has declared cut the "very heart" from the pact. The reservation on voting power in the league, declaring that the United States declines to be bound by decisions to which congress has not assented until voting power is made equal, was re-adopted yesterday, 57 to 20. Some democrats favoring reservations arranged for a conference today in the office of Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, in an effort to expedite ratification.

GASTONIA IS MAKING A WIDE IMPRESSION

North Carolina cities in goodly number are taking off their hats to Gastonia for the new showing made in the figures compiled showing Gaston county's new rank as fourth in America in the textile industry. A letter received today by the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in one of North Carolina's largest cities says in part: "We thought we had building to do and when we got ready to start we found that Gastonia had a monopoly on all the building material in the world and the total of over \$10,000,000 in building contemplated is going some, but the big thing that has been done is in taking away the spindle supremacy from South Carolina and placing it in North Carolina, and ranking fourth with the New England states and it seems to me that every paper I pick up I find that another \$1,000,000 mill has been chartered for Gastonia, so I am not going to be a bit surprised soon to see your town and county stand first in the number of spindles in operation in this country."

BASEBALL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED AT LORAY

At a meeting of those interested in the national game held last Thursday night at the Loray Mill the Loray Baseball Association was organized for the season. Mr. D. F. Short was elected president and Mr. Grady Gilbert Secretary. It is expected that all the players who were in the Loray team last season will be back this year, and already several new players have been signed. It is evident that there will be unusual interest this season in the game here.

PARIS PAPERS GIVE LITTLE SPACE TO WILSON'S LETTER

Under Caption, "Warnings of Wilson," The Gaulois Comments on President's Messages to Senator - Says Daniels Is Only Minister in World to Announce Unlimited Armament.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, March 10. - President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock regarding reservations to the Versailles treaty was given little space and a minor position in most of this morning's newspapers. The Gaulois prints its comment on the first page under the caption "Warnings of Wilson." "Mr. Wilson," it says, "takes revenge for the silence imposed upon him by Illinois. In less than 24 hours he presents us with two documents in which he affirms in a singularly aggressive manner that he has recovered all possession of his mastery faculties. He finishes the weakening of governmental frame-works of order and discipline which he already has so thoroughly shaken. His 'anti-imperialist' formula will bring new encouragement to international bolshevism, under cover of which Germany prepares her future revenge, which Mr. Wilson denounces, but not with the clearness and energy we expected from his fairness, if not from his friendship."

STREET CAR STRIKE IN ATLANTA

(By The Associated Press.) ATLANTA, Ga., March 10. - Atlanta's street car system is indefinitely paralyzed this morning as a result of a strike vote of 498 to 149 taken by the conductors and motormen of the Georgia Railway & Power Company early this morning. The strike follows the decision of the arbitration board yesterday afternoon, which ruled that the men should be granted a wage increase of 15 per cent over the old scale. The carmen disagreed with the finding of the arbitration board, which was composed of a representative of the street car company, another representing the employees, and a neutral umpire, on the ground that the raise given does not yet bring their pay to a living wage. Hardy O. Teat, business agent for the street carmen's union, said that the reason for the decision of the men was that they could no longer bear the pressure of the high cost of living, and that they felt they had not been given a square deal.

CHICAGO DOCTORS GO UP ON THEIR PRICES

CHICAGO, March 10. - The Chicago medical society today announced fees charged by its 7,000 members would be increased from \$3 to \$5 for calls to \$5 and \$10 and from \$15 to \$20 and from \$25 to \$35 for appendicitis operations. Other fees would be increased proportionately, the announcement said. The society's executive council adopted resolutions urging "relentless warfare against quackery, impostors, charlatans and faddists" in the medical profession.

DURHAM-ARMSTRONG WEDDING A BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Miss Ethelda Armstrong Becomes Bride of Mr. Plato Durham - Ceremony Witnessed by Immense Crowd of Friends and Relatives - Reception at Home of Col. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong.

(Mrs. Zoe Kincaid Brockman.) The First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening was the scene of one of the most brilliant and beautiful weddings ever solemnized here when Miss Mary Ethelda Armstrong and Mr. Plato Durham were united in marriage, the ceremony taking place at eight o'clock. The bride's pastor, Dr. J. H. Henderlite, and Dr. Plato F. Durham of Atlanta, an uncle of the groom, were the officiating ministers. The church was lovely in a setting of rainbow-shaded lights with a decorative background of southern smilax starred with pink roses. The altar rail was twined with white satin ribbon, smilax and pink roses and on either side of the steps leading to the pulpit were white columns twined with smilax and topped with graceful ferns. At either side and in the center of the pulpit were white arches twined with smilax and showered with sweet peas and rosebuds. Around the altar rail were tall ivory floor vases filled with pink roses and drooping smilax and closing the center aisle was a double gate fashioned of white satin ribbon, smilax and roses. Above the altar arched a rainbow fashioned of tiny electric lights shaded with rainbow tinted tulle. Prior to the ceremony Miss Mary Ramsey rendered a program of bridal music and Miss Ruth Mason, gowned in peach colored brocade and wearing a colonial corsage, very beautifully sang "Bid Me To Love". The bridal party then entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. First came the gate girl, Miss Mildred Armstrong, wearing a lovely colonial frock of pink tulle, and carrying a lace frilled colonial bouquet. The ushers, Messrs. Lawrence Rankin, Lewis Moore and W. L. Wetzel, then entered down separate aisles. These were followed by the bridesmaids, who entered two and two down the center aisle, and the groomsmen, who entered down the left and right aisles. The bridesmaids wore wonderful colonial gowns of taffeta and lace, made noop effect, with tight bodices and lace fichus, and carried ivory colonial staffs studded with colonial bouquets. Their hats were of tulle with ribbon streamers, and were made in bonnet shape. First came Miss Fay Lampton, of Jackson, Miss., in blue taffeta with clusters of yellow forget-me-nots, and Mrs. Raleigh Armstrong in yellow taffeta with touches of blue with Mr. Lee Nelson and Mr. Raleigh Armstrong, then came Miss Margaret Durham, of Buena Vista, Va., in blue taffeta with pink rosebuds and Miss Barney Boyce in pink taffeta with touches of blue, with Messrs. Clinton and Watson Smoot; Miss Lois Torrence in orchid taffeta with blue forget-me-nots and Miss Mary LaFar in green taffeta with pink rosebuds, with Mr. Burton Mitchell and Mr. William Julian. The dame of honor, Mrs. Lawrence Rankin, in pink taffeta and lace carrying a colonial bouquet, entered down the center aisle, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. W. L. Wetzel, in blue taffeta and silver lace with colonial bouquet. The maid of honor, Miss Faith Price, of Charlotte, in green satin and Venise lace with trimmings of rosebud showers, followed by the flower girls, little Misses Elizabeth Odell, of Concord, in white net and lace over pink satin with colonial corsage of pink gerberes, and Mary Glenn in net and lace over blue satin with charming blue bonnet, then entered. After these came the ring bearer, Master Arthur Odell, of Concord, in a white satin suit carrying the ring on a white satin pillow. The bride then entered down the center aisle with her father, Col. C. B. Armstrong and was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Mr. John Durham. Her gown was an exquisite creation of white Duchesse satin made with hoop effect and embroidered in gold and silver. A court train was held in silver with silver roses and her tulle veil was becomingly arranged under a coronet of orange blossoms. Her ornament was a handsome string of pearls, the groom's bridal gift, and she carried a bouquet of white roses and orchids showered with valley lilies. The marriage service was impressively spoken by Rev. Dr. Henderlite using the ring ceremony, and prayer was offered by Dr. Plato Durham. The bride is the second daughter of Col. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong and possesses unusual beauty and charm. She was educated at Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., and is especially talented musically. She is socially prominent and the announcement of her engagement was the occasion of many brilliant social affairs. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Durham, formerly of Gastonia but now Resemmer City. He was educated at

DR. JAMES I. VANCE TO PREACH HERE TONIGHT

Noted Divine of Nashville, Tenn., Will Preach at First Presbyterian Church Tonight at Union Service.

There will be a union service at the First Presbyterian church tonight at which the Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., will preach. Dr. Vance will come from Charlotte, where he has been in attendance upon the Inter-Church conference this week, at which he is one of the leading speakers. He has kindly consented to stop over here tonight on his way to Atlanta and preach. This is a rare opportunity for the people of Gastonia to hear one of the most brilliant and popular preachers of the south, and the mid-week prayer-meetings at the various up-town churches will be dispensed with in order that all our people may hear Dr. Vance, who has never visited Gastonia before. He does not come in the interests of any special cause but simply in response to an earnest request that he give our people this opportunity to hear him. It was only last night that it was found that Dr. Vance would be able to stop over here and preach. Despite the fact that his coming is unexpected and there has been little opportunity to advertise it, there will no doubt be a very large congregation out to hear this distinguished preacher, whose visit to Gastonia is an event of unusual interest. Dr. Vance is pastor of the largest Presbyterian church in the south and an author and public speaker of note. He is in great demand at the famous summer conferences at Northfield, Mass., and similar religious gatherings. He rendered very influential service in behalf of the soldiers during the war and spent some time working among them in France; proving a prime favorite with the doughboys as a preacher and lecturer. The various churches unite in this service and the general public is most cordially invited to come out and hear Dr. Vance. The hour will be 7:30.

COMES 3,000 MILES TO BREAK DEADLOCK

(By The Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 10. - State Senator Jesse A. Bloch, of Wheeling, completed his 3,000 mile hurried trip across the continent from California to Charleston early this morning in order to vote on the federal suffrage amendment in the senate of the West Virginia legislature. Senate forces favoring ratification anticipated immediate action upon the amendment when it convened this afternoon and with Senator Bloch's vote ready to break the deadlock which has existed between pro- and anti-suffrage forces since the special session of the legislature was called. Anti-suffragists, according to their leaders' declarations last night, were still fighting to defeat ratification and there was some talk among them of contesting the seat of Senator Raymond Dodson, who is listed on the side of the suffragists. Opponents of ratification claim that Senator Dodson, while representing Spencer, Roane county, has his residence and business in Charleston. His supporters assert that his official residence is at Spencer. If Senator Dodson's opponents are successful in contesting the seat, it is pointed out the deadlock would continue, Senator Bloch's vote failing to make the necessary majority.

SAYS FRED A LESSER KILLED HERSELF

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, CALIF., March 10. - Freda Lesser, for whose murder Harry New is serving a prison sentence of from ten years to life, killed herself, said in affidavit by Miss Edna Clancy, New's half sister, made public today. The document set forth what Miss Clancy termed the truth told by New for the first time. Its appearance followed by a few hours the filing in appellate court of a petition to obtain a new trial for New. "The truth," according to the affidavit, that Miss Lesser shot and killed herself because New told her he was not going to have anything more to do with her after she had told him she had been unfaithful as his affianced wife. Miss Clancy declared New asserted he made a statement because he believed he would die within a month in the San Quentin prison juve mill, where he was assigned to work and he wanted the truth known before he died. "The Lesser was shot to death while automobile riding with New. He drove or body to the police station and said he had killed her."

WAR MIGHT HAVE ENDED SIX MONTHS SOONER SAYS SIMS

If Navy Had Co-operated in the War During First Six Months - Prevented Victory Over Germany by July, 1918 and Cost United States Millions of Dollars.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 10. - Failure of the navy department to give prompt and full co-operation in the war during the first six months after the United States entered the struggle, prevented a victory over Germany by July, 1918, Rear Admiral William S. Sims told the senate investigating committee today in supporting his charges of delay against the department. "It is no light matter that cost the cause with which we were allied half a million lives, 15,000,000,000 of dollars and 2,500,000 tons of shipping," he said. "The officer first read to the committee recommendations he had made to the department immediately upon his arrival in London in 1917. They were long and full of technicalities, but sharply brought out his conclusion that victory or defeat was to be determined by the German submarine campaign which was concentrated in the eastern Atlantic where all shipping routes to England and France converged. Failure of the navy department to throw the full force of the navy into the struggle at that point, he said, resulted in the unnecessary loss of 1,500,000 tons of shipping by submarine attack in 1917 and 1,000,000 tons in 1918. "If the tonnage lost in 1917 had been saved by the prompt co-operation of the navy," he said, "America could have had a million men in France at the beginning of 1918 instead of 300,000." Admiral Sims said that the German offensive of 1918 was due to the failure of the German submarine campaign and that in all probability it never would have been undertaken and the morale of the German people would have broken if the American troops had been more promptly dispatched to France. He estimated on the basis of what happened when the American forces did arrive that victory could have been achieved by July, 1918, if the tonnage had been preserved. Cross-examination of Rear Admiral William S. Sims by members of the senate investigating committee was expected to be completed today after the witness finishes his direct statement dealing with charges that the navy department during the first months of the United States' participation in the war had failed to co-operate fully with the allies.

MR. JOE HOLLAND GOES TO CHATTANOOGA

Will Open Tennessee Storage Battery Company - Exclusive Agency for Chattanooga and 22 Counties - J. Mack Holland Severs Connection With Standard and Ruby Mills.

Mr. Joe I. Holland, who, since the death of his father, Mr. B. M. Holland, has been in active charge of the local Willard service station, has gone to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he and his brother, Mr. J. Mack Holland have organized the Tennessee Storage Battery Company. Mr. Joe Holland will have active management of the enterprise which has the exclusive contract for the sale of Willard Storage batteries in Chattanooga and 22 adjacent counties in Tennessee, North Georgia and Alabama. Mr. J. Mack Holland has severed his connection with the Standard Knitting Mills and the Ruby Cotton mills in Gastonia and will, in the future, devote his time to his real estate holdings in Gastonia and to the Willard service business. The Tennessee Storage Battery Co. will open a large service station in Chattanooga. They will cater to the automobile public of Chattanooga, a city of 100,000 people. They will also handle batteries for dealers. They are taking over the Willard business already established in Chattanooga, and have leased a most desirable location on Market street in Chattanooga between the retail section and the automobile district of Chattanooga. Mr. J. Mack Holland returned Monday from Chattanooga where he has been for the past few days helping to perfect preliminary details. Mr. Joe Holland leaves in a few days for Cleveland, Ohio, to take a practical course for service station men, after which he returns to Chattanooga. It is expected that the new business will be open by May 1.

WILL OPPOSE ALL FOES OF ORGANIZED LABOR

(By The Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, March 10. - Decision of American Federation of Labor officials, reached in Washington two weeks ago, to oppose all candidates for public office who are regarded as foes of organized labor, bore fruit here today in the opening of a campaign against 25 Pennsylvania and seven New Jersey members of the house of representatives. "A bulletin issued by the Philadelphia-Camden Advisory Board of the Federation, attention is called to the railroad bill recently passed by congress and approved by the president, and the defeat of all congressmen voting for it urged. "The advisory board," says the bulletin, "feels it is its duty to name those who voted to 'slap labor in the face,' and also those who voted to grant labor a hearing. Now, therefore, see that neither of your friends and acquaintances again vote for those who gave labor a 'slap in the face.'"

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Additional committee appointments made by President Fred L. Smyre, of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce today, with the approval of the board of directors are as follows: Civic Beautification Committee: Lander Gray, chairman, W. D. Anderson, Dr. D. A. Garrison, J. M. Holland, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, A. C. Jones, Henry Groves. Special committee to report on constitutional amendment on income tax: A. G. Mangrum, chairman, Jao. G. Carpenter, S. B. Dolley. Special committee to cooperate with Boy Scouts Committee: Rev. A. L. Stanford, chairman, W. P. Grier, E. Mazyk. Special committee to report on effect of proposed state bond issue for good roads on Gaston county: B. Grady Rankin, chairman, B. T. Morris and F. W. Garland.

NO REPORTS CONCERNING CONFINEMENT OF ARTHUR

(By The Associated Press.) NOGALES, ARIZ., March 10. - Nothing concerning reports that James M. Arthur, manager of the Mexican Consolidated Mining Company, is held by Mexican bandits for ransom, had been made public here today by military or civil authorities. First information that the widely known mining man and former United States army officer was a prisoner below the border came in news despatches from Columbus, O. Mrs. Arthur could not be found here early today. The reports said she had notified her father, F. E. Avery, of Columbus, O., that Mr. Arthur was held for ransom and asked that \$2,000 be sent immediately. EL PASO, TEX., March 10. - Joseph Williams, former United States soldier, reported held by Francisco Villa for \$50,000 ransom, had been taken to the Durango mountains, according to information reaching here today. Williams, an employe of the American Smelting & Refining Company, was taken from a Mexican Central Railroad train last Thursday when it was wrecked, looted and burned by bandits under Villa's personal direction, persons arriving at the border stated. He was returning to the United States for further treatment for German gas poisoning.

FORMER CROWN PRINCE IS GOOD SCRAPPER

WIERINGEN, March 10. - Friedrich Wilhelm, former German crown prince, is now a "pretty good scrapper," says W. Le Croix, a Dutch lightweight, who for the past four months has been coming here twice each week from Amsterdam to give Wilhelm lessons. They box in a room of the parsonage where Wilhelm lives. "The former crown prince's favorite now is an upper cut," Le Croix told an Associated Press correspondent, "and is learning how to use it."