

PRESIDENT SAYS EUROPEAN FIGHT AT A STANDSTILL

Tells Charlotte Crowd Slow Progress of War Is Interesting Fact At This Time—Will Elaborate on Possibilities Early Peace in Speech At Washington

(By Associated Press.)
Charlotte, May 20.—President Wilson, speaking on world peace before a crowd of many thousands at the anniversary celebration of the signing of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence here today, intimated plainly that not much progress is being made by warring European nations and the objects being sought could be achieved better through peaceful means. He said "it is an interesting fact that the progress of the war is at a standstill." He added: "When you cannot overcome you must take counsel."

His utterances, though guarded, were given significance in view of the recent discussion of the possibility of ending the European war. President Wilson sketched briefly what was his idea of what will follow the European war. It is understood he will elaborate on this point in the speech he will deliver in Washington next week before the league to enforce peace. "I would like," he said, "to think that the spirit of this celebration could be expressed if we imagined ourselves lifting some sacred emblem of counsel of accommodation and righteous judgment before the world to remind them in words of scriptures that after fire comes the still small voice of humanity."

A SCHOOL AT CHICK SPRINGS NOW LIKELY

PRESIDENT OF RIVERSIDE MILITARY COMPANY VISITED THE SITE SATURDAY

IS WELL PLEASSED

Practically Certain That Military School Will Be Established On Hotel Site

Greenville, May 20.—The visit to Greenville of Dr. F. L. McCoy, Principal of the Riverside Military Academy, of Gainesville, Ga., this morning; his inspection of Chick Springs, and the conferences held Saturday between Prof. McCoy and citizens interested in the proposed establishment of a military school, render it practically certain that the military school will be established here, provided the comparatively small sum necessary to get the school started can be secured in this city.

Prof. McCoy arrived in this city about 9 o'clock this morning and in company with Major William F. Robertson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, went to Chick Springs, where they spent the morning, considering the possibilities of the property as a site for a military school. During the afternoon Prof. McCoy discussed the situation thoroughly with Capt. W. D. Workman.

"The Chick Springs property is an ideal place for a military school of the kind we propose to establish here," said Dr. McCoy, talking of the proposition after his return. It is Chick Springs, he stated, that is almost ready for occupation as a military school and all that would need would be the desks and other classroom equipment. The school could be started on with a very small initial outlay for equipment. There would be no trouble as to the military equipment, this can be secured through your congressman by showing that we have school facilities for 150 boys. The guns, etc., would be furnished by the government without cost, and the war department would send us an army of officers."

BY THE CENSOR

(By Associated Press.)
Infantry attacks by Germans in the Verdun region, French gains in Champagne, British success on Vinny Ridge and further successful attacks by Austrians against Italians in southern Tyrol, are chronicled in latest official communications. German infantry were hurled against the entire French line in Dead Man's hill region and they penetrated the first line of trenches, but were driven out by attacks and by a heavy French artillery fire. The French surprised the Germans in Champagne and took German first line trenches, killing or capturing all occupants.

GEORGE B. COX PASSES AT 53

Was Prominent Factor In Cincinnati's Rapid Development Into a Great City

Cincinnati, May 20.—George P. Cox, politician and theatrical manager, died early today. George Barnsdale Cox was one of the most widely known professional politicians in Ohio, a baseball magnate, a banker and partner of one of the largest theatrical syndicates in the country. Born in Cincinnati, April 29, 1863, he began his career as a newsboy, and later became a saloon-keeper at "Dead Man's Corner," as the locality at Carlisle and Central avenues, Cincinnati was known because of the numerous murders in the neighborhood. Cincinnati was "wide open" in those days and unbridled saloons and gambling flourished. Cox, however, kept his place orderly and established a reputation for physical courage that he maintained throughout his career.

EXPECT GOVERNOR HARRIS TO PARDON EDGAR STRIPLING

He Promised Little Girl To "Turn Her Daddy Loose," It Is Said

Atlanta, May 20.—Governor Nat E. Harris will act next week on the famous case of Thomas Edgar Stripling, now serving a life sentence for murder in the Georgia state prison farm; and it is confidently expected that the governor will grant the man a pardon.

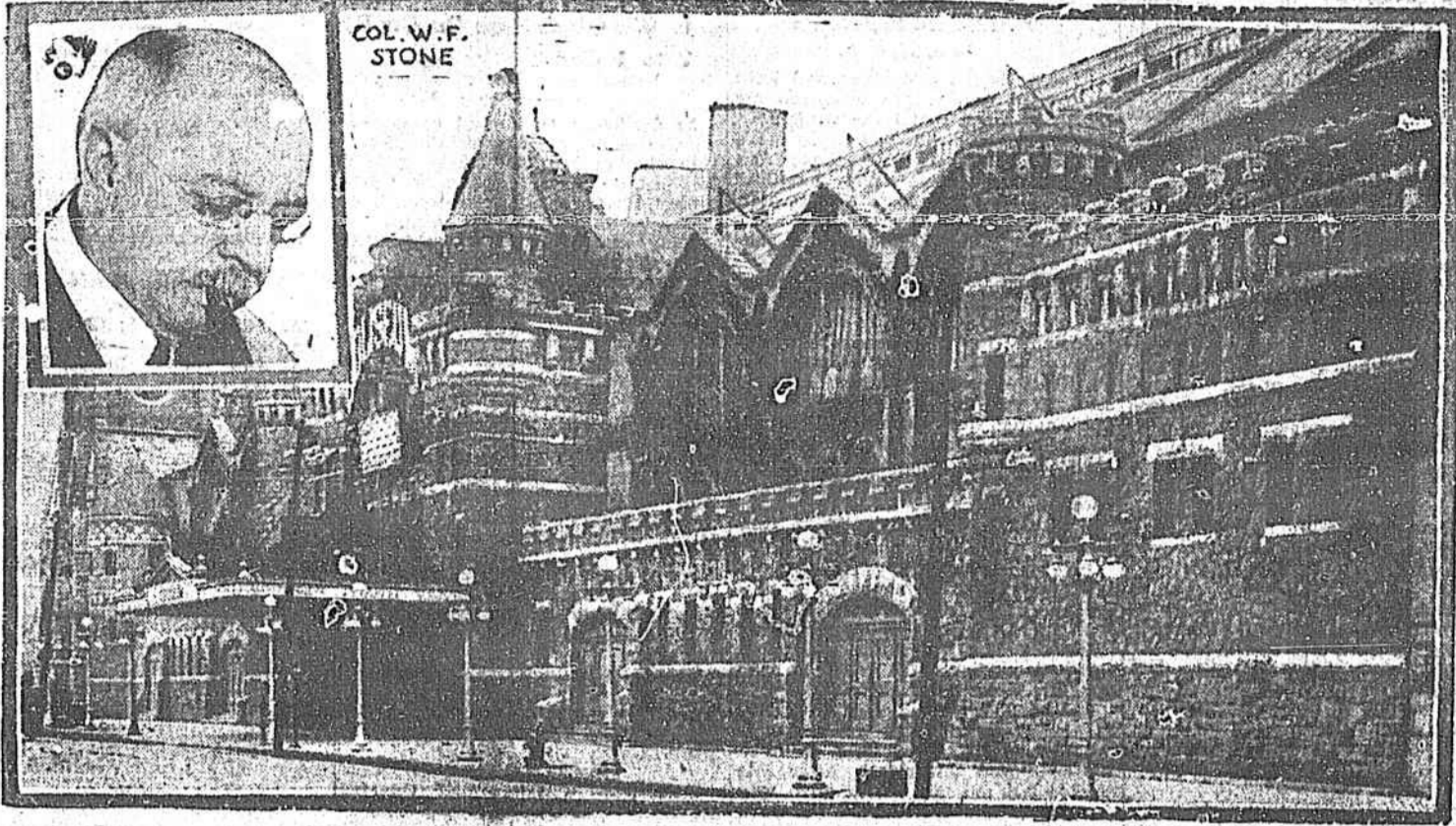
Last summer on a visit to the state farm Governor Harris gave his promise to Stripling's little daughter, aged six years, that he would turn her daddy loose sometime during his administration, and the governor's announcement yesterday that he would act on the case next week is generally construed to be an indication that the governor has no intention of changing his mind from the promise he made the little girl.

For killing a man in Columbus, Stripling was sentenced to a life term. Escaping from prison, he went to Danville, Va., and became chief of police and lived there fifteen years, until a Georgian passing through the city recognized him and reported him to the Georgia authorities. With the result that he was brought back to Georgia and committed again to the state farm to serve out his sentence.

The prison commission is divided on his application for pardon, two of them voting in favor of it. Those voting against a pardon are E. L. Ashley and T. E. Patterson and the member voting in favor of a pardon is H. E. Sawyer.

Forecasted Wipe
Orlando, Fla., May 20.—The committee appointed last year to study the problem as to where wipe used at the commission should be, has reported submitted two reports. The majority concluded the matter should be left as it is in that each church decide for itself. That report was adopted. The minority reported that Christ used fermented wine should be used now.

Where the Fight For War or Peace Begins in Chicago June 7th.



This photograph shows the Coliseum in Chicago where the Republican national convention will begin June 7. It may be as lively a show as the last national convention. Colonel W. F. Stone, the sergeant-at-arms, is now on the ground, very busy making arrangements.

With But 25 "No's" Army Bill Passes

Judge Holds Law Prohibiting "Superior Race" Instructing "Inferior" Invalid

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—Congress has completed the army bill, and it now goes to President Wilson for his signature with but twenty-five dissenting votes. The house today approved the conference report on the measure, which already had been approved by the senate.

The bill provides a regular army peace strength of more than two hundred thousand, backed by a federalized national guard of more than four hundred thousand. To complete the preparedness program congress still has to pass the naval bill, embodying navy increases and the fortifications bill.

CIGARETTE SMOKING CAUSE OF REJECTION

New York, N. Y., May 20.—Faulty respiration and tachycardia, or rapid heart beat, due to excessive cigarette smoking, caused fifty per cent of rejections at the United States marine corps recruiting station in this city, since the first of May, according to Captain Frank E. Evans, recruiting officer.

Although many young men were influenced by the preparedness parade of last Saturday to seek out the recruiting officers for the marine corps, not a single applicant has been accepted of those who applied. The marine corps standard is very high, Captain Evans explains, and of the last 149 applicants examined, nearly half were found upon examination to have rapid pulse, shortness of breath, and other symptoms easily recognized in the applicant who smokes cigarettes excessively, or incessantly.

New York Cotton
New York, May 20.—Cotton opened steady two to five up and after fluctuating over a rather wide range closed eight to eleven down. Realizing over the week-end and caused a slight sag and the report that the French minister to Annam was recalled was followed by more liquidation sending prices sixteen to eighteen down.

New York Stocks
New York, May 20.—Wall Street closed strong after an early heavy loss imparted by profit taking and a sharp rally and the renewal of pressure against specialists. This was overcome when the rail and financial groups advanced. Moderate trading centered around Reading, Erie and Copper first but gradually broadened.

Allow Whites Teach Negroes In Fla. Schools

(By Associated Press.)
St. Augustine, Fla., May 20.—Circuit Judge Gibbs today declared unconstitutional the Florida law prohibiting white teachers from teaching in negro schools and negro teachers from teaching in white schools. He ordered discharged several sisters of charity who are under bond charged with violating the law; and Judge Gibbs ruled that the state had no power over private schools and could not prohibit a "superior race" from instructing an "inferior."

CRIMINAL WASTE STATES TILLMAN OF RIVERS BILL

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—Senator Tillman, of the senate naval committee, today attacked the forty-three million dollar rivers and harbors bill as a criminal waste and begged that this money be devoted to naval preparedness. He spoke for a navy second to none except Great Britain.

DEATH SENTENCE JEREMIAH LYNCH UP TO PREMIER

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—Ambassador Page at London has been notified by the British foreign office that the sentence of Jeremiah C. Lynch, naturalized American arrested for complicity in the Irish revolt, will not be confirmed until it is submitted to the premier. President Wilson had requested the execution of sentence be delayed until the American government could investigate.

POTTE TO MAKE RACE GOVERNOR IN GEORGIA

(By Associated Press.)
Milledgeville, Ga., May 20.—Joseph E. Pottle, solicitor general of the Georgia circuit of the superior court today announced his candidacy for governor of Georgia in the democratic primary September 12.

EIGHT KILLED

Dennison, Texas, May 20.—Eight were killed in a tornado which struck Kemp, a village near Dennison, tonight, according to a report here.

Fifty Million Shipping Bill Passes House

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—The administration's shipping bill appropriating fifty million dollars for the purchase of merchant ships by the federal government, with the view of providing an adequate merchant marine, passed the house today by a party vote.

The measure now goes to the senate where a combination of democrats and republicans defeated a similar measure last year. The bill also provides a shipping board to regulate shipping and rates much as the interstate commerce commission does railroads.

BIG FRAUDS AND EVASIONS INCOME TAX LAW FRUSTRATED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—Attempted frauds and evasions of the income tax law aggregating \$8,880,185 have been frustrated by the treasury department during the first nine months of the fiscal year. It was announced tonight. This amount has been assessed against delinquent corporations as greater offenders than individuals.

AMERICAN HELD AS A REBEL WILL BE FREED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—Ambassador Page today cabled that John Killgallon, a New Yorker, held in connection with the Irish rebellion probably will be given his freedom.

ALMSHOUSE INMATES LEARN TO MAKE MONEY

Atlanta, May 20.—Inmates of the Fulton county almshouse are making money. They were sent there because they were too poor to support themselves, but since then several of them have found ways to pick up change. Many of them are richer by a few dollars than they were when they entered the institution. If they had better opportunity to dispose of their goods they might become self-supporting. One old man over sixty years makes bird cages. Another has learned to be an expert gardener. A woman of eighty sews all day long on quilts. Another does beautiful tatting. Few of them are so aged and bedridden that they are not busy at something.

31 Cows Die Of Poisoning On A Georgia Farm

Hundreds of People Flock to East Side to View Remains of Prisoner

Savannah, Ga., May 20.—Tonight Savannah, thirty-one dead cows at the East Side farm as the result of accidental arsenic poisoning with many others showing symptoms. It is thought the total will run to forty or upwards. A fine brood mare has been added to the list. Hundreds of people from all sections of state motored to the dairy all day to view the remains of the once brag cows of this section. A large gang of laborers are working in relays in digging big ditches to receive the carcasses as they are hauled from the barns. The loss will run into the thousands of dollars. The government has several agents here endeavoring to cope with the situation, but no antidote has been found that would counteract the poison.

THEATRE BUILDING WILL BE BUILT IVA

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Amsterdam, May 20.—B. Loeb, Grand Rabbi of Belgium, was here today to six months imprisonment for preaching a sermon in which he invoked a blessing on the Belgian royal family and expressed a hope for their speedy return.
To Be Married
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CARRANZA MORE FRIENDLY SINCE A REPORT MADE OF CONFERENCE

NEW NOTE REGARDING BORDER SITUATION IS EXPECTED WASHINGTON

SITUATION CLEARS

Definite Underwriting Along Lines of Unwritten Agreement At El Paso Expected

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 20.—The state department was advised today that it might expect a new note from Carranza soon regarding the border situation. Intentions are that it will propose framing a definite understanding along the lines of the unwritten agreement reached at the El Paso conference.

Carranza is said to have changed his attitude to a more friendly one as the result of Obregon's report of the conference. The Mexican officials believe the critical situation caused by the Columbus raid has about passed.

If it is proved Carranza is ready to put the understanding reached in the border conference into a formal agreement, the United States will consider the delicate situation caused by Carranza's demand for the withdrawal of American troops as a closed incident.

RIGID CENSORSHIP IS PUT ON SUDDENLY AT EL PASO WITHOUT ANY EXPLANATION

(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, May 20.—The sixth cavalry, which arrived at Columbus, New Mexico, from General Pershing's headquarters yesterday started tonight for El Paso on route to the Big Bend section to reinforce the border guard there. The cavalrymen are expected to reach Marathon, Texas, Monday morning. From there they will make a ninety-five mile ride to Boquillas. This was learned here despite a rigid censorship put on suddenly by the army officials tonight, for which no explanation was given. Indications are, however, that all American troops in Mexico are moving northward and being concentrated as a precautionary measure.

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