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LAST OFFER OF ALLIES TO BE MADE TO BERLIN

London, May 4.—The allies are preparing to submit a final proposal to Germany for the settlement of the world war reparations.

With the demand that Germany pay to the allies \$33,750,000,000 the supreme council notified Berlin that penalties will be exacted if the terms are not accepted by midnight of a certain day, believed to be May 12. The note of the supreme council, providing that the payment of the debt be by a bond issue, and exacting an export tax, was to be transmitted to Berlin by the reparations commission, which body conferred with the supreme council today.

A copy of the allied ultimatum will be sent to Washington, it was learned. The export tax of 25 to 30 per cent. is expected to yield \$500,000,000 annually.

In the note to the German government, the supreme council, it is understood, will give the Germans until May 12 in which to undertake to comply. It is understood that the allies will demand that Berlin recognize its liability for the full \$6,600,000,000 (132,000,000,000 marks) at which the reparations commission has assessed its indebtedness, and they will require an issue of bonds bearing 5 per cent. interest to cover this amount. They recognize, however, that it is impossible for Germany to pay at the present time \$330,000,000 per annum, which the interest would come to, and they reckon that all she can at the moment be expected to pay is \$100,000,000 and 25 per cent on the value of her exports.

HEARING ON THE BIGHAM CASE ON NEXT MONDAY

Columbia, May 4.—The supreme court has ordered Superintendent Sanders, of the state penitentiary, to bring before the court next Monday morning at 10 o'clock Edmund D. Bigham, the Florence county man held under sentence of death and charged with the murder of five members of his family, the hearing Monday being on habeas corpus proceedings. Bigham is endeavoring to secure his release from the penitentiary on the ground that his sentence is illegal, having been imposed by Judge Memminger at a time when he did not have jurisdiction over the court in Florence. Bigham alleges that he is held at the penitentiary illegally.

Bigham was sentenced on Monday, March 28th. The court was due to adjourn sine die Saturday night, and Judge Memminger was due to be in Georgetown Monday morning. However, the court held over in Florence until Monday, to allow completion of the Bigham case. Bigham now claims that as the statute fixes the time for the court sessions his sentence was illegal.

Bigham will appear in court himself when the hearing called Monday morning.

Bigham was to have been electrocuted on April 8, but his appeal to the supreme court automatically suspended it.

NO REPRESENTATIVE TO VATICAN IS CONTEMPLATED

Washington, May 3.—Appointment of an American diplomatic representative to the Vatican is not under contemplation, said a statement issued today at the white house.

"Many inquiries have come to the President relative to a contemplated nomination of a diplomatic representative to the Vatican," said the statement, "and the President has thought it best to answer all of them by the public statement that no consideration has been given to such a step, and there will be no occasion to consider it unless Congress by the enactment of law provides for such representation. The President does not understand that any such proposal has been made to Congress."

REDUCED RATES FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

A special reduced railroad rate of one and a half fare for the round trip has been granted to the South Carolina State Sunday School Convention which meets at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, June 8-9-10, and all prospective delegates are urged to avail themselves of it.

The reduced rate is given on the certificate plan, contingent upon at least 350 attending this convention and taking certificates. It is necessary to get certificates when buying ticket, paying full fare for the ticket going to the convention and getting the half fare rate upon presenting certificate for return trip.

Pink Boll Weevil Conference

Columbia, May 3.—Governor Cooper has been asked to announce for South Carolina a conference in Washington on the 16th on the subject of the pink boll weevil, its work on the cotton crop and methods of combating it. The conference is called by Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace, of the Harding administration. A number of South Carolina farmers will probably attend the confer-

TEXTILE WORKERS MAY SOON GO ON STRIKE

Knoxville, Tenn., May 2.—A general strike of textile mill workers involving approximately 150,000 employees of textile plants in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and elsewhere, may be called tying up the textile industry of the Southeast provided mill owners insist on making effective wage reductions varying from 20 to 60 per cent., it was announced here today by officials of the International Textile Workers' Union of America.

John Golden, president, and Frank McKosky, vice president of the International union are in Knoxville endeavoring to settle the wage controversy between the employees and officials of the Brookside mills, where 1,500 employees quit work three weeks ago rather than accept a 22 1/2 per cent. wage reduction.

During a conference between the union officials and representatives of the mills this afternoon both sides remained firm and when the conference was concluded the controversy was reported far from settlement.

The union officials say the workers will not resume their posts unless the management of the mills rescind the orders for the last 22 1/2 per cent. reduction. Representatives of the mills say the plant cannot operate and pay the wages that have been paid previous to this announcement of the reduction.

Vice President McMahon is now at Charlotte and he has advised the local officials that a meeting of representatives of 45 local unions was held in North Carolina. The workers voted unanimously to strike rather than accept wage reductions. It was stated tonight that the strike may be called tomorrow or Wednesday at Charlotte, also at mills in other sections. A strike has already been called at Columbus, Ga., where 1,500 employees are idle.

ADVANCES WILL BE MADE IN EXPORTING COTTON

Washington, May 2.—Adoption of the policy of making advances to American exporters of cotton or those financing such exporters where the cotton is under contract for sale abroad was announced tonight by the War Finance Corporation. Heretofore, the corporation has confirmed its advances to cotton already at seaboard.

The new policy, Managing Director Meyer explained, was adopted at the request of the recent conference of Southern bankers and cotton exporters at Atlanta who wished the corporation to make advances to finance the exportation of cotton which was under definite contract of sale, but which would not move forward immediately but within a reasonable time.

Another result of the conference, Mr. Meyer said, was the formation of a joint committee of bankers and exporters to work out practical methods of dealing with cotton exports, especially to those countries which could use substantially larger quantities, if credit were obtainable on a sound basis.

BI-STATE MEETING OF DRUGGISTS IN CHARLOTTE

Raleigh, May 3.—Charlotte was assured of another big convention today when the finance committee of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association completed plans for the bi-state meeting to be held in the Queen City June 21-23.

The South Carolina druggists will meet with the Tar Heel pill rollers in joint sessions, it was announced, after the committee meeting here today. Dr. Charles H. LaWall, dean of the Philadelphia college of pharmacy, will deliver the principal address.

The coming convention will be the 42nd in the history of the association. As a result of progressive legislation enacted here, this past legislature the convention expects to pave the way for big things in pharmaceutical circles. E. E. Missildine of Tryon, is president of the association.

ANDERSON FARMERS WILL PLANT CROPS OVER

Anderson, May 2.—Many farmers will have to replant their crops on account of the havoc of the hail storm last week. John C. Pruitt, who had more than a hundred acres damaged, is perhaps the largest loser in the county. Mr. Pruitt bought the large place of Quince Hammond a few months ago on the Williamson road, and this was in the direct path of the storm. Another farmer who had everything practically destroyed is Theo P. Watson. All the leaves were stripped at the place of Mr. Watson, and he will have to begin over again.

Other farmers who planted early cotton have been considerably hurt by cold weather and light frosts. One farmer who had plowed his crop twice had his cotton killed by frost.

Tanks for the storage of oils and gasoline are about to be erected near the Southern freight depot in Fort Mill by the Marshall Oil company of Rock Hill, whose commodities are handled locally by Culp Bros.

EMERGENCY IMMIGRATION BILL PASSED BY SENATE.

Washington, May 3.—The senate today passed the emergency immigration bill fixing admission of aliens to 3 per cent of each nationality resident in the United States in 1910.

The bill is effective for 14 months beginning 15 days after enactment. The vote on passage was 78 to 1. Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, opposing the measure.

The measure was sent to conference with the house to adjust differences made in it as passed by the house, Senators Colt, of Rhode Island, chairman of the senate immigration committee; Dillingham, republican, Vermont, and King, democrat, Utah, also committee members, were appointed as conferees on the part of the senate.

CATERPILLAR TRACTORS FOR THE HIGHWAY WORK

Columbia, May 4.—Highway department officials were advised yesterday by the federal government that 19 Holt caterpillar tractors had been shipped to South Carolina by the department of agriculture. The tractors are part of the allotment of South Carolina under the recent Reavis bill declaring a big surplus of war material.

The shipment was made from Erie proving grounds, Port Cleveland, according to a letter received by L. H. Thomas, secretary of the state highway commission, and the tractors should arrive in this state within a few days.

Eight of the 19 machines will be shipped direct to Spartanburg and the remaining 11 will come to Columbia to be distributed wherever the highway department sees fit. All these big machines are of ten ton capacity and will be used on state roads for state maintenance by the highway department.

The department is expecting a further shipment later and is also endeavoring to obtain a number of trucks from the war department surplus.

THE GOVERNMENT WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT GIVEN

Washington, April 4.—Weather and crop conditions in cotton region for week ending Tuesday, May 3: Temperatures generally below normal and frequent moderate to heavy rains in the central cotton states unfavorably affected cotton. Necessary re-planting progressed slowly and germination of late planted cotton was poor in most sections. Conditions were more favorable in northeastern districts where field work made fairly good progress and planting progressed well to the northern boundary but progress in planting was poor in north central and northwestern districts. Cool weather was decidedly unfavorable for corn in the southern states and truck crops need warmer weather. The weather was favorable for pastures and meadows in most southern districts except that it was dry in southwest and portions of southeast.

SAYS TIME HAS COME TO PRACTICE ECONOMY.

Washington, May 3.—The bill creating a federal budget, vetoed a year ago by former President Wilson and since passed at this session by the Senate, reached its final stage today before the House. It proceeded through a day's debate without even a show of opposition, and will come to concluding vote tomorrow, though a conference will be necessary with Senate representatives over minor changes.

"The time has come in the governmental affairs when we can no longer go on talking about economy and practicing extravagance," Chairman Good, of the appropriations committee, said in placing the measure before the House. "We have to face the fact that the federal government—the largest business enterprise in the world, utilizing more men and money than any business corporation or government on earth—has no business system or business principles in its operation."

NEW SET OFFICIALS ELECTED IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, May 3.—An entirely new city commission was chosen in the biennial municipal election today and three women were elected members of the city school board, composed of seven members, the first women to be elected to office in Charlotte.

James O. Walker, retired business man, was elected mayor over J. Frank Flowers, lawyer, by nearly a four to one vote, to succeed Mayor John M. Wilson, who was not a candidate. J. E. Huneycutt defeated George A. Page, incumbent, for commissioner of public safety, and W. S. Stanchill won over A. H. Wear, incumbent, for commissioner of public works.

Plummer Stuart, chairman of the school board for the last several years, was defeated for reelection as a member of the board by 22 votes, on the face of the unofficial returns. Mrs. Gordon Fieger, Mrs. J. R. Purser and Mrs. J. Warwick Wilkes were elected to membership on the board.

BENSON STANDS FIRM ON PROPOSED WAGE REDUCTION

Washington, May 2.—Announcing a policy of no compromise on the question of a 15 per cent. wage reduction in the settlement of the controversy between the shipping board, American ship owners and marine workers, Chairman Benson tonight called upon "all loyal citizens to rally to the support of their flag."

"Full protection," he said, "both now and after the controversy is settled, will be given by the shipping board to all those of whom come in to their assistance in keeping ships in operation."

Economic conditions fully justify, he said, the readjustment of wage scales and working conditions as made effective by the board on May 1 when the old agreements with the men expired. "The gratifying success" with which the board's efforts to keep its ships in operation are meeting, he added, indicates that the men aboard ship agree with the position taken by the board. The chairman said he was willing to meet and talk with the union heads here but not to negotiate on the question of wage reduction.

Chairman Benson's statement was made after a conference with Secretaries Davis and Hoover on the marine labor situation, although none of them would discuss the conference. In spite of the stand taken by Chairman Benson, Secretary Davis continued his efforts to settle the dispute by conciliation. Late today he called W. S. Brown, president of the marine engineers' beneficial association, into a conference at which present wage scales and working conditions were discussed in figures.

Length and compared with pre-war duce wages and establish the open shop, committee of the federation here today.

STEEL TRUST EARNINGS ARE STILL A BIG SUM

Pittsburgh, May 2.—The earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for the first quarter of the year were \$32,286,722, and the operations during those three months were at the rate of about 90 per cent in January, 75 per cent in February, and 51 per cent in March. As the operations of the Steel Corporation are forecast to be about 45 per cent, for the present quarter, it seems likely that the earnings will depreciate somewhat, and some steel men here believe that the earnings will drop to the neighborhood of \$25,000,000. The earnings of the fourth quarter of last year were \$43,390,634.

NEGRO GETS LIFE SENTENCE FOR KILLING WIFE

Spartanburg, May 2.—Lee Jones, negro, was convicted of murder with a recommendation to mercy in court of general sessions here today and given a life sentence. Jones shot and killed Alice McDaniel here last October, after she quit him and married another man.

Yank Anderson, Marvin Owens, Lewis Goodlett and Hob Thompson, negroes, were being tried in court of general sessions today for assault with intent to ravish, the victim being a white woman. All testimony was submitted before court adjourned this afternoon.

S. R. BRAME RESIGNS PROHIBITION OFFICE

Washington, May 3.—The resignation of S. R. Brame, supervising federal prohibition agent of the Southern department, with headquarters at Richmond, Va., was announced today by Acting Internal Revenue Commissioner West.

Mr. Brame's resignation is effective May 10. He was formerly supervising internal revenue agent at Richmond, and was appointed to his present post on November 1, 1919.

The Southern department includes the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

At a meeting Tuesday evening of the town council of Fort Mill an ordinance was passed providing for the sale of the \$30,000 bond issue voted by the municipality about a year ago for street improvements. The ordinance, which will be printed in The Times next week, makes no reference to the street commission of Fort Mill created by an act of the General Assembly in 1920 and charged with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The explanation given for this seeming conflict with the act of the General Assembly is that the town attorney expresses the opinion that the act is unconstitutional and that the only way open for the sale of the bonds is for the town to take entire charge of the matter.

The local Daughters of the Confederacy and the members of the Fort Mill Memorial association are anxious that every Confederate veteran of the community who is able to do so attend the Memorial day exercises to be held in the auditorium of the graded school next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. W. Banks Dove, secretary of state for South Carolina, will deliver the address of the occasion, after which the graves of the Confederate veterans and World war soldiers in the city cemetery will be decorated.

TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR SELECTED BY TRUSTEES

Apparently there will be only two or three changes in the teaching corps of the Fort Mill graded school for the year beginning September 1, next. At a meeting of the board of trustees last Thursday evening all the teachers who are now serving the school save Bruce H. Stribling, superintendent, who did not seek reelection, and Marion R. Smith, whose department was discontinued, and one or two others were re-elected. The teachers chosen by the board were requested to notify the secretary as soon as possible whether they would accept. Yesterday it was stated unofficially that practically all those elected had expressed themselves as pleased with their work and ready to return to the school for another year.

Misses Minnie Garrison, Marie Mauney and Ethel Loftis were elected to teach the first grade; Misses Julia Armstrong and Agnes Link the second grade; Misses Esther Meacham and Zelma Phillips the third grade; Misses Thelma Ott and Ethel Armstrong the fourth grade, and Miss Carrie Spencer the fifth grade. Misses Dorothy Bergstrom, Edna Tindal and Clarolene Carothers were elected to take charge of the junior and senior high school classes and Miss Emma Anderson will again teach the girls in the home economics department. As there was the prospect of only two pupils for the 11th grade during the next session, the trustees decided to discontinue the grade. The agricultural department also was discontinued, because of lack of interest in the work, it was stated.

The retiring superintendent of the school, Bruce H. Stribling, has many friends in the community who will regret to learn that he will not be connected with the school after the close of the present session. Mr. Stribling is an excellent teacher and a splendid citizen who has shown commendable interest in many movements for community betterment since he came to Fort Mill to make his home. Marion R. Smith also has many friends in Fort Mill and the announcement that he will not be connected with the school during the next session likewise will be received with regret.

STEEL TRUST WILL MAKE BIG CUT IN WAGES

New York, May 3.—A reduction of about twenty per cent in wages for day labor, effective May 16, and an equitable adjustment of other rates, including salaries, at the plants of the United States Steel Corporation, was announced today by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation's board of directors. It is estimated that between 150,000 and 175,000 employees of the corporation will be affected by the cut.

Mr. Gary also stated that the corporation had been unable to find a practical basis for the entire abandonment of the twelve-hour day, or turn, in the immediate future. He added that the twelve-hour shift already had been eliminated in certain departments and that efforts would be continued with the expectation of entirely eliminating this feature within the next year. Mr. Gary expressed the opinion that he did not believe the corporation could satisfy the employees with any shorter limit.

During 1920 the average daily wage of employees was \$6.96 as against \$6.12 in 1919, according to corporation figures. Total salaries and wages disbursed by the steel corporation in 1920, when the total number of employees was 267,000 aggregated \$581,556,925.

On the basis of the reduction announced today, corporation officials estimated the average cut in wages at approximately \$1.40 per man. Roughly, this will affect a reduction in the pay roll, calculated on the present number of employees, or not less than \$150,000,000 annually.

COURT TO HEAR CORBETT CASE.

Columbia, May 3.—The case against Carlos Corbett, who on March 27, 1920 killed Bryan Salley, Julian Cooper and Hugh Fanning and shot out the eyes of Jones Salley, near Salley, in Orangeburg county, will be argued before the supreme court. The argument in answer to an order of the court, for the defense to show cause why Corbett should not be tried for murder, in the case of Julian Cooper and Hugh Fanning. He has already been tried for the murder of Bryan Salley and acquitted and the prosecution proposes to bring cases for the other who were killed.

The state appealed to the supreme court to test the ruling of Judge Shipp that the killing of the three men constituted one offense and not separate offenses, as claimed by the state. The state contends that the killing of each man is a separate offense. The outcome of the case will test the recent ruling by Judge Shipp. Judge Shipp having ruled in favor of the contention of the defendant as to former jeopardy.

Berlin, May 4.—Germany will yield to the allied indemnity demands before submitting to a further invasion of her territory by the French forces, it was believed in well informed circles here today.

BIG POOL OF COTTON PLANNED IN COLUMBIA

Columbia, May 4.—A campaign to form a pool of 400,000 bales of cotton a year for five years in South Carolina to be sold through the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association was determined upon at a meeting of the organization committee of the association yesterday. Temporary officers of the association were named with the exception of the president. Full details of the plan will be made known today at the semi-annual meeting of the South Carolina division of the American Cotton association, which will be held in Craven hall, at noon.

The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association will be a non-profit cooperative association organized under a law passed at the recent session of the general assembly and its purpose will be to promote, foster and encourage the business of marketing cotton cooperatively; to reduce speculation; to stabilize the cotton market; to handle cooperatively, and collectively the problems of cotton growers and to otherwise safeguard the interests of the growers.

The contract to be signed by the growers will not become effective until signatures of cotton growers covering at least 400,000 bales of cotton have been secured to the agreement, which covers a period of five years.

The temporary president of the association was not named yesterday but authority was given the nominating committee to select that official. Harry G. Kammer of Gadsden was chosen first vice president; Senator Alan Johnstone of Newberry was chosen second vice president and Thomas G. McLeod of Bishopville was chosen third vice president. Harold C. Booker of Columbia was chosen secretary and Julian C. Rogers of Columbia treasurer. William Elliott of Columbia was named general counsel.

The following committees were named:

Contract: Wm. Elliott, chairman; B. D. Dargan, D. B. Anderson, A. Scarborough and J. C. Rivers.

Finance: A. M. Kennedy, chairman; John T. Mackey and R. B. Laney. Campaign: R. C. Hamer, chairman; B. R. Tillman, J. B. Johnson, T. G. McLeod, C. J. Hiller and Harry G. Kammer.

Legislation: P. L. Bethea, Niels Christensen; R. B. Belsor.

Publicity: A. Scarborough, H. C. Booker and B. R. Tillman.

Banking: J. Ross Hanahan, H. C. Watson, J. W. Gaston, C. L. Cobb, J. W. McCown and C. G. Rowland.

The meeting of the organization committee yesterday was called to order by W. W. Long of Clemson College who told of the preliminary work that has been done by the extension forces of Clemson college and the South Carolina division of the American Cotton association. Members of the organization committee had been selected at the regional meetings held over the state.

JOHNSON HOLDS UP THE BLAIR NOMINATION

Washington, May 3.—As a result of opposition led by Senator Johnson, Republican, California, the Senate late today voted to recommit the nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston Salem, N. C., for internal revenue commissioner in the Senate finance committee with instructions to investigate Mr. Blair's qualifications.

The fight against Mr. Blair developed considerable Republican opposition, principally over his course as a delegate at the Republican national convention at Chicago last June.

Violation of the North Carolina primary law by Mr. Blair was said to have been charged in executive session by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Blair was chosen as a delegate at a State convention. Later in a preferential primary Senator Johnson, one of the Republican Presidential candidates, received a large majority. In the convention, Mr. Blair voted for Mr. Harding despite Senator Johnson's claim that his support was pledged to the California until released by him. The North Carolina primary law, Senator Johnson was said to have declared specifically required delegates to vote for the primary choice.

Another objection to Mr. Blair, presented by Senator Johnson, concerned questions of income tax payments by corporations in which Mr. Blair's relatives were said to be interested.

Pinehurst, May 4.—The repeal of the excess profits tax law is favored by a group of one thousand leading American financiers and industrial men, according to the economic survey drawn by John S. Drum, president of the American Bankers' association, and presented to the executive council of the association here today.

A large majority of these men are favorable to a sales tax, while nearly all oppose the cancellation of the allied debts to the United States.

Berlin, May 3.—The answer of the United States government to Germany's last reparations proposals was delivered here today.