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FORMER EMPEROR TO FACE ACCUSERS

Council of Four Leclides on Trial of Hohenzollern—Huge Sum From Huns—Germans Allowed Thirty Years to Pay Indemnity With Cost of Commission.

Paris, April 9.—The responsibility of the German emperor for the war and the means of bringing him to trial by one of the allied governments, probably Belgium, have been definitely determined upon by the council of four. This follows the definite decision on the terms of reparation for war damages, whereby \$5,000,000,000 must be paid within the next two years, and an interallied commission assess the remaining damage for a period of 30 years, beginning May 1, 1921.

Thus two of the great obstacles which stood in the path of the rapid attainment of peace have been removed within the last 24 hours, and the period of extreme tension over the inaction and the failure to secure tangible results is succeeded by revived confidence over the great advance made towards a permanent settlement. How far these results are due to the intimations conveyed in the summoning to France of the United States transport George Washington by President Wilson is only conjectural, but it is at least a coincidence that the main difficulties began to dissolve from the time that this decision became known.

The exact nature of these difficulties is not disclosed. Friends of the president maintain that they were largely of a minor character, not involving large principles, though the president's adherence to his "14 points" as the rigid limitation of the scope of action appears to have run all through the deliberations during the tense period of the last few days.

While the tension has been greatly reduced, it is not entirely removed, as much depends on the continuation of progress with respect to the remaining obstacles, notably the Sarre Valley, the Rhine frontier, the Adriatic issue and a number of lesser issues which are still short of final agreement.

The agreement on responsibilities for the war is understood to have been a compromise between divided reports presented by the commission, of which Secretary Lansing is chairman. There was a practical agreement on the general responsibility of the German emperor for bringing on the war, but division occurred on whether it was feasible to bring him to justice before an international tribunal.

The French and British view favored a tribunal, but the American view, it is understood, favored moral indictment without recourse to prosecution, owing to the lack of an international law as a basis for trial before an international court.

Belgium, on which the war fell first and heaviest, is reported to have taken a view much similar to that of the United States, while Japan and Italy were partially in accord with the American view.

GOES TO ABBEVILLE.

Miss Julia Mabry left yesterday for Abbeville, her old home. Miss Mabry has resided in Columbia for several years and was an efficient clerk in the office of the Carolina Insurance Company. She has many friends in Columbia who will regret she has left the city.—The State.

COTTON MARKET.

Good cotton on the Abbeville market brought 28 cents yesterday. May futures closed in New York at 26.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY ROLL OF PENSIONS

Given in Classes Showing Amount Each Class Will Draw—Total Amount Received for the County is \$4,488.00—List Same as for 1918.

Clerk of Court J. L. Perrin now has the pension money for Abbeville county. Below is given a list of the pensioners. The total amount received for the county is \$4,488.00. This is the same list as for 1918. The law passed by the recent legislature does not effect the old pensioners this year.

Class A—\$96.00.

E. W. Ashley, O. L. Cann, R. A. Clem, J. S. Williams, Sr., C. S. Young.

Class C-1—\$48.00.

J. S. Bosdell, W. T. Broadwell, L. B. Ramey.

Class C-2—\$36.00.

W. E. Algary, M. W. Barnes, J. J. Blanchett, C. A. Botts, T. J. Bowen, D. S. Branyon, J. H. Burdett, R. Davis, N. P. DeVore, D. B. Dunlap, J. J. Edwards, U. J. Elgin, John Evans, G. W. Fields, F. H. Gerke, P. Gray, J. B. Hampton, D. H. Howard, J. M. Knight, R. O. McAdams, J. W. McCurry, J. Q. McDavid, G. W. Milford, J. W. Rikard, J. L. Scott, T. C. Seal, W. C. Shaw, J. T. Stuckey, Stephen Walters, George White, M. M. Ellis.

Class C-3—\$48.00.

Melinda Ann Bratcher, Mary F. Cooley, Mrs. H. L. Flinn, Mrs. M. J. Patterson, Mrs. Martha Southerland, Mrs. Sallie Watkins, Mrs. Sarah A. Wilson.

Class C-4—\$36.00.

Mattie Adams, H. P. Baker, Frances Bigby, M. J. Bowie, Martha J. Bowie, S. M. Bradley, Alice E. Campbell, Sallie Campbell, Martha S. Cann, R. W. Cannon, Mary L. Carlisle, O. C. Carpenter, R. H. Cochran, Mrs. A. E. Cox, Jane E. Drake, W. T. Ellis, S. M. Fortescue, Jane C. Gaston, E. R. Hamilton, Carrie Hampton, Minnie W. Hardin, Callie C. Hester, Mattie E. Hill, D. E. Hodge, G. F. Holcomb, E. V. Hughes, Jane Hughes, Etta Hughey, E. E. Kay, Maggie Kinard, W. F. Livingston, Louise B. Loper, Emma McAdams, Mary C. McAlister, W. P. McCarter, Jane McCord, Lizzie McCord, Leila B. McDonald, Mary McKinney, Catherine McNair, M. J. Martin, Sallie M. Nance, Ella Partridge, L. R. Patterson, W. T. C. Pettigrew, India Saxon, A. W. Seawright, Effie Seawright, S. E. Seawright, Elizabeth Sharp, Elizabeth Shillito, P. S. Simmons, Fannie Smith, Nancy E. Sprouse, Mattie F. Stewart, J. H. Stokes, Nancy L. Stone, E. A. Suber, Margaret Syfan, Martha Taylor, Lucy C. Thomson, M. M. Thornton, P. A. Tribble, Rosa Tucker, James W. Wideman, M. E. Wilson, D. A. Winn, Margaret L. Wright.

SIDNEY DREW, NOTED COMEDIAN, DEAD

New York, April 9.—Sidney Drew, actor on the stage and for the motion picture screen, died today at his home here.

Mr. Drew was appearing with his wife in the play "Keep Her Smiling," in Detroit last week, when he became ill. Mr. Drew, who was a native of New York, was 54 years old.

MRS. WHITE GOES TO YORK.

Mrs. Nelle W. White leaves today for York, where she has taken a position as matron of one of the cottages at the Episcopal Orphanage. Mrs. White is admirably fitted for this position, and her friends will be glad to know that she has secured it. The Orphanage is a delightful place for one to live. It is located in the fine old town of York, and all the surroundings are most attractive.

DRY LAW WILL BE ENFORCED AFTER JULY 1

Washington, April 9.—Three thousand internal revenue agents working in specially arranged zones throughout the United States will enforce prohibition after July 1, according to plans announced today by the revenue bureau. Nearly 800 inspectors will be trained for the work, to be added to the force of 2,287 revenue agents already available for police regulations and the machinery for enforcement will be in working order before the date when absolute prohibition becomes effective.

This force of special agents will be distributed among the districts where law violation is threatened to the largest extent, and special attention will be paid to cities where revenue officials look for most persistent efforts to make whiskey illegally. In addition the revenue authorities plan to co-operate with local police, and to leave the greater part of the enforcement work to these authorities in localities where the police appear efficient. Without such a plan, the force of even 3,000 federal agents would be insufficient to police the entire country.

Although manufacture of liquor for personal use will be equally illegal with the production for sale, revenue agents are expected to de-

vote most of their time to the commercial traffic, and leave the enforcement of the law against personal manufacture to local police.

To Establish Zones.

Internal revenue bureau agents under the direction of B. C. Keith, deputy commissioner now are working on a plan to divide the country into zones already established. One chief inspector will be assigned to each zone, with as many assistants as the character of the territory indicates necessary. The men will be especially trained in detection work, most having served in that capacity for many years.

Although heretofore liquor violations have been found by revenue agents mainly among moonshiners of southern mountains, however, prohibition is expected to stimulate illicit distillation enormously in cities, where the demand will be most constant and consequently where greater profits from the occupation can be reaped.

Great care is to be observed by revenue officials to prevent unnecessary interference with production and distribution of alcohol for industrial and commercial purposes under the prohibition act. Regulations governing production of this non-beverage alcohol will be issued soon.

AUTOMOBILE THIEVES ARRESTED IN ABBEVILLE

Three White Men Hailing From Augusta Arrested by Abbeville Policemen—Officers to Carry Them Back to Georgia Today.

Sheriff Burts, Chief of Police Johnson and Policeman McLane captured three automobile thieves on Wednesday afternoon at Darraugh's. The men captured are: J. B. Campbell, of Youngstown, Ohio; Fuller, of Aiken, S. C.; and Will Wingard, of Augusta.

According to the story told by the men they sand-bagged a negro chauffeur in Augusta two or three days ago, took his car and started for parts unknown. They broke down near town on Wednesday afternoon and telephoned to a local garage for assistance. Before any help could be sent they had sold the car in which they were traveling at a figure which at once excited suspicion. Upon being asked for some references before the money was passed they gave the name of some person in Augusta.

The party who was about to buy the car paid a small amount on it, and agreed to pay the balance on Thursday morning. In the meantime the officers learned of the men, and they went after them, and landed them in jail, where they now are awaiting the arrival of Augusta officers, who will take them back to that place for trial.

The car stolen was an Oldsmobile.

VERDICT FOR THE STATE.

Columbia, April 9.—The jury in the suit by O'Neal Sandel against the State of South Carolina for \$100,000 damages for the deaths of Thelma and Minnie Sandel, two young girls of Calhoun County, which has been tried in the Richland County court here for the past two days, brought in a sealed verdict at 1 o'clock this morning in favor of the State, after being out seven hours and forty-five minutes. The verdict was opened in the court this morning by Judge Thomas S. Sease, the presiding judge. Attorneys for the plaintiff gave notice of an appeal.

The plaintiff alleged that the deaths of the two girls were caused by contaminated anti-typhoid vaccine points, due to improper packing at and the unsanitary condition of the State laboratory.

SEVENTY-NINE DIE IN STORM IN TEXAS

Worst Equinoctial Gale in Years Sweeps Wide Area—Storm From Rio Grande Valley With High Wind and Heavy Rain Great Property Damage.

Dallas, Texas, April 9.—The worst equinoctial storm for many years swept over North Texas and Southern Oklahoma last night leaving in its wake seventy-nine deaths, hundreds of injured persons and property damage which will amount to many thousands of dollars, according to incomplete reports received here.

Twenty-eight of the known dead were white persons.

The storm came up from the Rio Grande valley with a high wind and heavy rain, gaining force until it tore through the northern tier of the Texas counties with the destructiveness of a tornado. In the Texas Panhandle there was heavy snow that stopped trains.

The course of the storm was erratic. At times it leaped a mile or more, before striking the ground and doing damage, and left one farm house unharmed only to demolish the next one. No cities of any size were in its path. Most of those killed were caught under their falling buildings. The heavy rainfall extinguished the numerous fires that started when houses were overturned.

The little cotton town of Canaan was wiped out.

SUTHERLAND SELLS SOIL.

John F. Sutherland, who deals in real estate, seed cotton, stocks and bonds, and who advertises in The Press and Banner, is making things lively in the real estate market. He has recently sold the following pieces of property:

The house and lot on Henry Street belonging to J. E. Sutherland has been sold to John McMahan, the price being \$2,000.

The Putman lands consisting of 120 acres, 11 miles south of the city have been sold to J. M. King for \$3,000.

The lot with six room dwelling on South Main Street belonging to P. L. Blanchett has been disposed of to J. S. Hunter at the price of \$2100.

Mr. Sutherland is advertising other bargains in real estate and if you are looking for a home, or have a place which you desire to sell, he is able to be of service to you.

VETERANS PLAN AMERICAN LEGION

Call Issued for St. Louis Caucus—Will Be Held in May—Major Workman of Greenville, Expected to Be One of Officers Attending.

New York, April 8.—A committee whose officers declared it represented every State in the Union, every rank in the army and navy and every shade of political belief, issued here tonight a call for a caucus in St. Louis next month to elect preliminary organizations of the American legion to be composed of American veterans of the world war.

The caucus, to be held May 8, 9, and 10, will pave the way for a national convention set tentatively for November 11, when the organization, intended to offer membership to all officers and enlisted men in the United States military or naval service between the date of America's declaration of war and the cessation of hostilities, will be made permanent.

The caucus call was signed by Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt of New York, chairman; Lieut. Col. Bennett Clark of Missouri, vice chairman, and Lieut. Col. Eric Fisher Wood of Pennsylvania, secretary, together with upwards of 200 committeemen drawn from the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the army, navy and marine corps and representing the 48 States and the District of Columbia.

"The legion will not interest itself in politics but will make its influence felt in regard to the policies," Colonel Roosevelt said in discussing the embryo organization. It will be strictly non-partisan, he added, its objects being to perpetuate comradeships formed during the war, to preserve the history of the conflict and to maintain the principles for which American soldiers and sailors trained, fought and died.

In addition to the delegates and their alternates, the committee said, representatives of veterans and patriotic organizations already formed would be invited to attend together with governors and adjutants general of all States as honorary delegates. Among them are expected to be Brig. Gen. H. A. Blanding, Barlow, Fla.; and Col. Alexander R. Lawton, Jr., Savannah, Ga.; Maj. W. D. Workman, Greenville, S. C.; Col. Luke Lea, Nashville.

FRENCH PRESS IS BITTER.

Harsh Denunciation of American Peace Delegates.

Paris, April 9.—The harsh denunciation of the American peace delegation by the French press and charges that the ordering of the transport George Washington to come to Brest before its regular time is nothing short of blackmail have not affected the American delegates who apparently are not surprised at the newspaper criticism. While the Americans repeatedly reaffirm their belief that considerable progress has been made in the last three days, one member remarked today:

"It is not a bad idea to have the ship at Brest ready for the return." The Matin's article pungently criticises the peace conference under large captions, reading: "Disquieting mysteries in council of four. In five months Allied governments have not solved single problem. Odessa in power of Bolsheviks."

The newspaper declares it has been the method of the conference to put the concerns of France last. England and America having gotten all they required, says The Matin, "now we come, we with our bothersome demands, and if we do not get satisfaction our country will be financially dead. Such will be fruit of our sacrifices."

FORECAST MADE OF WHEAT CROP

Government Expects Largest Ever Grown—Big Sum Involved—Speculation as to Amount of Federal Money to Be Paid For Grain.

Washington, April 8.—Forecast by the department of agriculture today that the nation's winter wheat crop would total 837,000,000 bushels, the largest crop ever grown, aroused immediate speculation as to the cost to the government of such an enormous yield. Under the bill passed by congress the government is obligated to pay the difference between the guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel and the world market price for every bushel not only of winter but of spring wheat produced.

The total value of the winter wheat crop on the basis of an 837,000,000 bushel crop forecast would be \$1,891,620,000. The spring wheat crop, soon to be planted, can not be estimated at this time, but department of agriculture officials today predicted it would range between 225,000,000 and 300,000,000 bushels which would increase the total value of the nation's wheat crop to approximately \$2,500,000,000.

The part of this \$2,500,000,000 that the government must pay to maintain the guaranteed price is a matter on which officials here declined to comment. It is said the factors influencing the world market price, such as production in Argentina, Australia, and other countries and the European demand, were too numerous to make any prediction at this time. The department of agriculture has no information as to estimated wheat production in the other wheat growing countries of the world.

Officials expressed the belief today that there would be a good foreign demand for American wheat which would take care of the nation's surplus and while the loss to the government through its price guarantee may amount far into the millions of dollars, so far as the actual wealth of the country is concerned it simply will be taking money from one pocket and putting it into another. The money, it was said, will go into the pockets of the farmers and officials believe the forecast indicates farmers will be more prosperous and possess greater potential buying power than ever before. The enormous sums farmers will receive for their wheat, it was said, should find its way back quickly into circulation thus adding to the nation's general prosperity.

J. E. JONES, TREASURER.

Joseph E. Jones has been appointed Treasurer of Abbeville County to serve out the unexpired term of the late Jas. F. Bradley. It will be remembered that Mr. Bradley died just after having been elected for a term of four years. Mr. Chalmers was appointed to serve out this unexpired term which ends on July 1st, of this year.

Mr. Chalmers was elected last summer for a full term commencing on July 1st of this year. No appointment has been made for this full term, the governor and Senator Moore rightfully leaving it to the people to select a treasurer for this term.

A meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee will be called at once by County Chairman, Wm. P. Greene, and a primary will likely be ordered for the purpose of suggesting a man for this place.

Mrs. T. M. Marchant and her two handsome boys are here from Greenville on a visit of two weeks to Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Speed.