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## GOLD IS IDLE WHILE MANY SUFFER

**SENATOR SMITH LAYS BARE DISTRESSING CONDITIONS AND MAKES PLANS TO PUT WEALTH TO WORK TO RELIEVE CREDIT.**

Washington, July 5.—While millions are out of employment and business is languishing for want of financial assistance a cool billion dollars in surplus good which might be used to relieve the situation, is lying idle in the vaults of the treasury department, it developed today.

It also developed that within the next few days legislation will be introduced in congress for the purpose of utilizing this vast fund to ease the stringent credit conditions which are held mainly responsible for the present economic distress.

At the same time, it was disclosed that an investigation of the federal reserve board likewise will be sought to determine the reason for the prevailing high interest rates on loans and to ascertain the truth of reports that federal reserve banks are compelling manufacturers and farmers to throw their products on the market at sacrifice prices in order to liquidate their loans.

Senator Smith of South Carolina who revealed the situation and will sponsor the relief measures, described it today as "the most monstrous showing that was ever made in the midst of the most distressing such a contingency as this."

merce and production in this country." Continuing the senator declared: "We had thought that we had found a solution of at least the acute and terrific form of panics that in time past have stayed our progress and blasted the hopes of millions but here we are in the midst of one, the worst perhaps in our history, while we have an oversupply of money lying unused in the vaults of the federal reserve board which we created for the purpose of meeting just such a contingency as this."

According to Senator Smith, there is no excuse for the situation and to correct it he has in preparation a bill which will provide that whenever a surplus exists in excess of legal requirements the federal reserve banks shall lower their interest rate accordingly.

## BOYS IN COMPETITION IN POOL AND ON TRACK

**Galloway, Stalnaker, Glenn, Walker, Wilson, McNair and Ayer Show Class and Win.**

Yesterday afternoon at the pool near the Abbeville Cotton Mill a diving and swimming contest was held under the direction of Mr. Thomas, Mr. Roche and Mr. Reames. Later a track meet was run off on the ball field.

The winners in the swimming contest were:

40 yard dash—Bruce Galloway.

40 yard dash, for mill boys only—Peter Stalnaker.

20 yard dash, for boys under 15—Fancy diving—Francis Glenn.

Under water swimming for distance—Robert Walker.

The winners in the track events were:

100 yard dash, boys under 15—Thurman Ayers.

100 yard dash for boys over 15—Olin McNair.

Quarter mile race—Waldo Wilson.

Potato race—Olin McNair.

## AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. Y. Fair, D. D., will preach in the Presbyterian church Friday night at 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to be present. Dr. Fair will also preach on Sunday morning in the Presbyterian at which time the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed.

## FOURTH OF JULY PASSES QUIETLY

**FOLKS OF MILL VILLAGE CELEBRATE IN HOLIDAY SPENT WITH MORNING AND AFTERNOON BALL GAMES AND FIREWORKS AT NIGHT.**

The Fourth of July passed off in Abbeville, the holiday spirit being in evidence only in the mill village where two baseball games were run off in the morning and afternoon. A barbecue at noon and a fireworks display in the ball park at night.

The Abbeville hopes won both the ball games, sending Honea Path home with a lower season average than that with which the team met the home boys. The scores were 10 to 9 and 2 to 1.

After the ball games with Honea Path a large crowd of the operatives of the Abbeville Cotton Mills and their guests gathered in the grove opposite the Power House for their Fourth of July barbecue. The mill band played some of its best selections as the dinner of hash which had been prepared by Mr. Will Bowie, was arranged on an improvised table under the trees. The dinner began at 1 o'clock and was enjoyed by all who were present.

Lemonade was served throughout the day, and ice cream was sold by the Jolly Workers, who made \$40 for a camping trip which they are planning to take in August.

In the evening a large crowd of Abbevilleans and many from out of town were in the grand stand and all over the ball park to see the fireworks display, provided by the mill. For two hours the "bombs bursting in air and the rocket's red glare" provided amusement of a truly holiday character. There was much cheering and banter among the good natured spectators as pieces of particular beauty were set off, and some impatience when there was too long delay in repeating.

## CENSUS ANNOUNCES FARM FIGURES

The Director of the Census announces, subject to correction, the following preliminary figures from the 1920 Census of Agriculture, for Abbeville County:

Number of farms 4,469. Of these 1,685 are operated by white farmers and 2,784 by colored farmers. 1,028 are operated by owners and managers and 3,441 by tenants.

Land in farms—Total acres 260,265; improved acres 145,126.

Value of land and buildings \$17,846,180.

Farms reporting domestic animals 3,996; animals reported: horses, 1,314; mules, 4,947; cattle, 9,754; sheep, 156; swine, 8,860.

Principal Crops	Acres harvested	Quantity harvested
Corn	29,206	420,769 bu.
Oats	5,534	91,021 bu.
Hay	3,130	3,043 tons
Cotton	69,572	30,096 bales
Dry peas	1,086	8,601 bu.

It is not possible to give comparative figures for 1910 for this county, by reason of changes in county boundaries since that date, the census officials say.

## ON FISHING TRIP

Royal Rosberry, Jr., who has been visiting Louis Bristow, Jr., for the past two weeks will return to his home in Columbia Thursday morning. Louis will accompany him, and they will join a camping party Monday, which expects to do a two-weeks' fishing stunt on one of the big rivers in the lower part of the State.

## EVERYBODY EXPECTED HERE FOR DOLLAR DAY

**Abbeville Merchants and Citizens Generally Planning to Make Next Saturday A Day Long to Be Remembered as One of Value Giving and Pleasure**

Saturday morning when the merchants of Abbeville open their stores for the day's business they are expecting that all the folks from all the near and far corners of the county will be among those present to take advantage of the opportunity that will not be presented again for some time. These storekeepers are putting their best feet first in the matter of bargains, and they are taking no chances that the things offered may not be recognized as the genuine article that formerly sold at a much higher price. Most of them are advertising standard goods at below standard prices and many are actually taking a loss on some of the items offered.

Not only have the merchants entered into the plan with wholehearted enthusiasm—an enthusiasm that is bound to make the day a success—but all the people of the city have shown unusual interest in the event. There will probably be as many folks swarming the stores Saturday as out of town bargain seekers.

Free lemonade will be served from number of booths on the square, and all comers will find a hearty welcome and no limit to the amount of the delicious beverage that will be provided. It has been rumored that there was a dearth of the lemonade so loudly touted at certain other events of this kind recently, but the local committee have stated that there will be no similar state of affairs here, as the juice will be provided in such quantity as will make the water taste like the real article. Abbeville Welcomes You.

## AMERICAN FLAG FLIES OVER BERLIN

**FOREIGN OFFICES HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF DECLARATION OF PEACE BUT FLAG GOES UP FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WAR.**

Berlin, July 5.—American flags flew over Berlin today for the first time since the American declaration of war, but the American mission and the German foreign office have not as yet been formally notified that Congress has concluded peace. The newspapers, in the absence of the text of the peace resolution, confine their comment to the hope that "there will be a speedy resumption of peace-time commercial relations. German official circles are awaiting the text and developments. Mean while opinion in the German foreign office is unofficially summed up as follows:

"An international situation is ended, but we do not know what to expect or what the peace conditions will be—whether the United States will subscribe to the Versailles treaty in toto or at all. We are awaiting to be officially apprised of the terms of the compromise resolutions and what the next move will be."

Some of the newspapers express the hope that the United States will immediately take a hand in having the penalties lifted and the Upper Silesia question decided. Others view the situation a "formal state of peace, still without meaning."

The Stars and Stripes floated from the American Chamber of Commerce as well as from private dwellings.

## FROM ATLANTA.

Mrs. J. F. Kirby of Atlanta, has been visiting Mrs. Mary Taggart at the Eureka for a week after spending a month with her daughter in Spartanburg. Mrs. Kirby lived in Abbeville until about ten years ago when she moved to Atlanta following the death of Mr. Kirby. She is much impressed with the progress made in the city since she lived here. Mrs. Kirby left today for her home.

## MAY MAKE MOVE

London, July 5.—It is reported here that Eamonn De Valera, "president of the Irish Republic" will make a counter proposition to that made by David Lloyd George relative to a conference in London to bring about peace between Ireland and England.

## HARDING PRESIDES AS BOAT SAILS

**PRESIDENT HARDING BREAKS MINERAL WATER ON BOW AND CHRISTENS NINE YEAR OLD BOY'S CRAFT THE "RARITAN."**

Paritan, N. J., July 5.—Acting as sponsor here today of a rowboat made by a nine-year-old boy, President Harding delivered a Fourth of July oration of a single sentence in tribute to the ingenuity and aspirations of American boyhood.

The diminutive craft which inspired the President's toast was the "Raritan" nine feet over all, conceived and built by Joseph S. Frelinghuysen Jr., son of the senior Senator from New Jersey, at whose home President and Mrs. Harding are guests. The bank of an artificial lake forming a hazard across a golf course of the Raritan Valley Country Club was the scene of the launching and will be the home port of the "Raritan" as she sails a tramp cruise in search of misdirected golf balls.

Had it been the largest ocean liner the vessel could scarcely have taken the water with a greater show of ceremony. The American flag was in place above her stern and as she was loosed to begin her adventurous career, the President of the United States broke a bebboned bottle of mineral water across her bows, and said:

"As a tribute to American boyhood, who build castles in the air, who build boats, and whose achievements in the future will build this country, I christen this boat, the handwork of Joe Frelinghuysen, Jr., the Raritan."

## HOSPITAL GETS CHECK

Mr. Irvin Cleckley of Lowndesville gave the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, a good boost this morning when he handed Mrs. Frank Nickles a check for \$100.00 as his contribution to the hospital's birthday celebration this afternoon. Mr. Cleckley was not able to remain for the celebration, leaving today, with Mr. and Mrs. James F. Clinkscales of Monterey, for Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Cleckley takes with him good wishes and leaves enthusiasm for "the cause."

## BASEBALL SATURDAY

There will be a baseball game on the Abbeville diamond Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock between the Abbeville and Cokesbury Y. M. C. A. teams.

## WETS IN FORCE ON FIFTH AVENUE

**PARADERS MARCH IN NEW YORK TO PROTEST AGAINST PROHIBITION AND SIGNIFY HOPE FOR WETTER DAYS TO COME.**

New York, July 5.—"Wets" appeared in force on Fifth avenue today to march in protest against dry laws and to express their hope for a return to moister days. The organizer of the demonstration said that people of all ages and sexes who had signed cards pledging themselves to participate totalled in six figures, but the actual marchers were considerably short of that. The organizers blamed the heat and legal restrictions on certain methods of alleviating it that once were in vogue.

Denounced by reformers who tried to prevent a recent international event in Jersey City as "lawless" and "anarchists," the paraders told the world that they were "the cream and not the dregs."

The daisy was the official flower for the parade and there were all sorts of buttons and banners expressing hostility to the principle that the word Volstead has come to typify. One contingent announcing itself as composed of doctors had signs describing the medicinal virtues of alcohol and certain concoctions thereof.

A dry counter parade that was to have been organized by a Wall street evangelist failed to materialize, but handbills were distributed giving the "poor benighted wets" the ideas of one coterie of "drys" as to the meaning of personal liberty. And attention was called to the fact that there would be a prohibition enforcement parade on Fifth avenue next Saturday in connection with the world's convention of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

Mayor Hylan gave his indorsement to the "wet" demonstration by consenting to review it.

## ARMED FORCES BUT LITTLE KNOWN

Newport, R. I., July 5.—The attitude of the United States, which he said, not only had always neglected to provide for public criticism by officer of the armed forces but has actually forbidden it, was contrasted with that of some European powers by Rear Admiral William S. Sims in an address today before the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati in which he urged public discussion as a safeguard to public interests. In some continental countries, he declared, criticism was recognized as so vital to efficiency that it was awarded when it proves beneficial.

The American people, Admiral Sims said, knew less about the elements of warfare and less about the actual condition of their military forces than the people of any other great power, adding that "although this has militated against our preparedness for war in the past and although we have nevertheless attained our object in war without very serious loss, still it must be evident that a similar attitude cannot be maintained in the future without very serious risk. In a country governed as ours the efficiency of its various departments must necessarily depend very largely upon the interest the people take in this efficiency."

## DR. TAYLOR HERE

Dr. Julius H. Taylor, of Columbia is visiting Dr. G. A. Neuffer. Dr. Taylor is interested in the progress of the Abbeville hospital and attended the "birthday" celebration today.

## JAPAN PREPARED FOR DISARMAMENT

**OZAKI DECLARES THAT IF THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE FOR LIMITATION OF ARMAMENT HIS COUNTRY WOULD FOLLOW.**

Tokio, July 5.—Okio Ozaki, former minister of justice, on the conclusion of a 10,000-mile campaign of the empire in behalf of limitation of armaments, a campaign unparalleled in Japan's political history, declared his conviction today that if the United States government proposed a conference on limitation of armaments it would meet with an eager response throughout the length and breadth of Japan.

M. Ozaki, whose achievements have made him the foremost Japanese Liberal, added:

"I should like to convey this message to the people of the United States. If the American government proposes an international conference to discuss restriction of armaments it will surely be the beginning of a solution of all the diplomatic questions between Japan and the United States. If we are unable to prevent the clearly unnecessary wasteful naval competition, how can we expect to solve other irritable and more complicated questions between our two countries? The latter will easily adjust themselves when the former has been settled."

M. Ozaki explained that he spoke in almost all the important cities and towns from Kyushu, in the farthest south, to Hokkaido, in the farthest north, addressing more than a 100,000 persons at 100 meetings, large and small, at which post cards were distributed so that his hearers would vote freely on disarmament. The final result on the returns from these cards, M. Ozaki asserted, showed that 94 per cent favored limitation.

The intense endeavor of M. Ozaki appears to have awakened the nation to the fact that armament restriction is the supreme problem of the era of Japan. An investigation in the highest official quarters elicited confirmation of previous statements that the government would welcome a conference on limitation.

## GEORGE R. KOESTER CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY

**Greenville Newspaperman Takes Up Important Work for Sunday School Association**

York, July 5.—Announcement was made today of the election of George R. Koester of Greenville as chairman of the publicity division of the South Carolina Sunday School association. Mr. Koester who is publisher of the Greenville Daily Piedmont and a newspaper paragrapher of national fame needs no introduction to newspaper readers of South Carolina.

Mr. Koester has been for some years past a member of the executive committee of the South Carolina Sunday School Association and is generally regarded as one of the most active and influential workers in the association. Mr. Koester teaches a Sunday School class at Poe Mill at Greenville. This class composed largely of textile workers is not only one of the largest Sunday School classes of men in the State; but it is generally regarded as one of the best from a standpoint of interest taken and general progress being made.

## CHILD BREAKS ARM

The only accident reported in Abbeville in connection with the celebration of July 4th was that when little Miss Ruby Hughes, while at the mill barbecue, missed her footing in stepping over a rock and fell, breaking her arm. Dr. Gambrell bound up the arm and Miss Hughes is resting well.