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## GERMANY RATIFIES TREATY WITH U. S.

### REICHSTAG PASSES BILL THAT COMPLETES LEGISLATIVE PROCESS NECESSARY TO MAKE PACT BINDING. SMALL VOTE AGAINST.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—The reichstag today passed the bill ratifying the peace treaty with the United States. Only the communists voted against the measure.

The passing of the German reichstag today of the bill ratifying the treaty of peace with the United States completes the legislative process necessary to ratification on the part of Germany. The reichstag, or upper chamber of the German parliament ratified the treaty on September 17.

The treaty is at present before the United States senate for debate with an effort in the making to expedite ratification through an agreement to take a vote on October 14.

The reichstag devoted less than ten minutes to the ratification formalities as all the parties, except the communist, agreed to dispense with debate. The bill approving the treaty was accepted in all three readings by an overwhelming majority, the nationalists also voting for its acceptance when Herr Loebe, president of the reichstag called for a rising vote.

### Washington Gratified.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Republican leaders of the senate expressed gratification by the German reichstag of the peace treaty with Germany.

"I am very glad that the German government has acted so promptly," said Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts republican floor leader.

## FRANK FLYNN DROPS DEAD WHILE BATHING IN SURF

### Abbeville Man Dies at Pablo Beach Near Jacksonville Saturday—Was Native of Australia.

In the Atlanta Journal of Sunday was a dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., telling of the death at Pablo Beach Saturday of Frank B. Flynn of Abbeville. The newspaper account was to the effect that he dropped dead while bathing in the surf. A telegram received this morning by J. A. Hill added no further information of the circumstance of his death than the mere supposition that he died of heart disease or apoplexy.

Mr. Flynn came to Abbeville about six years ago from Georgia where he is said to have been engaged in mining. He began the development near Abbeville on the Hill estate of a formula to use kaolin in the manufacture of paint. He had completed all preliminary work, even to the erection of a plant, and was ready to undertake the organization of a stock company to begin the manufacture of his product when he left last week for Jacksonville. Mr. Flynn is said to have had an interest in a raincoat manufacturing plant in Jacksonville.

Mr. Flynn was a native of Australia, having come to the United States from that province 25 or 30 years ago. He had one sister and several nephews in Montana. None of his relatives live in South Carolina, so far as could be learned this morning. He was very reticent about himself and no one of the men who have been associated with him in a business way ever learned much about him. He is thought to be about 55 years old.

It is not known where the funeral will be. Mr. Flynn's sister, according to the telegram received by Mr. Hill, left her home in Montana Sunday for Jacksonville and will come to Abbeville some time this week.

Superintendent of Education Mann will go to Columbia tomorrow to attend the meeting of the county superintendents of education.

## LONG CALLS MEETING TO CONSIDER PLANTING

### Session Held at Clemson College Wednesday to Discuss Plans For Next Year.

Acting upon the suggestion of George T. Barnes, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and others, Dr. W. W. Long, director of extension of Clemson College, has called a general meeting at Clemson College October 5 to take under consideration the problem of what to plant in South Carolina next spring. All the thinking people of the state, says Mr. Barnes, realize that it is entirely impractical under present conditions to continue the planting of cotton. It is up to the leading men, farmers and business men, in every section to inform themselves in a practical manner upon the possible substitute crops that may be grown in each section so that they may be more expertly advise the less informed men as to what to plant.

"For years and years," says Mr. Barnes, "cotton has been the chief crop in the South. By far the majority of the farmers have never paid the slightest attention to any other crop, either as a money source or as a food source. Consequently, the majority have only a vague knowledge of the possibilities that lie in many other products that grow as well in South Carolina as in the West or other portion of the country. The American Cotton Association is doing all in its power along this line, but with a large central organization and cramped resources it is unable to reach the individual.

"The purpose of the Clemson meeting is to bring together the leading men of this section to hear the best advice obtainable in regard to the crops that can be grown, and discuss marketing. Dr. Long is strongly in favor of this move, and says that his department will cooperate in any manner possible."

Mr. Barnes has already sent out letters to a number of men in this county and adjoining counties and he expects that a large number of representatives will attend the meeting. Mr. Barnes is not, himself, especially interested in any one crop to the neglect of another. He believes it lies within the power of the banker and other money lender as well as the merchant who "furnishes" the tenant farmer to dictate a saving policy in South Carolina. If they will make it a condition to lending money or furnishing provisions that only a certain portion of land shall be planted to cotton and that the balance shall be planted to various food crops, better conditions will prevail next fall.

So long as the renter of small education shall be content to barely live, always in debt, Mr. Barnes predicts that he will continue to plant cotton, even though the yield is further cut. So long as they can continue to procure provisions under the old lien arrangement, they will not see the necessity of attempting to grow other crops.

Mr. Barnes is intensely interested in present agricultural conditions. Constantly he is thinking of the farmers' problems and working for a solution. Hence it may be understood why he has undertaken to enlist general support in the meeting to be held at Clemson College next Wednesday, October 5.

## BRITT HOME BURNS

### Valuable Residence Destroyed Sunday in McCormick Fire.

News reached Abbeville his morning of the destruction by fire yesterday of the home of James E. Britt of McCormick. Mr. Britt, who is president of the Bank of McCormick, is a brother-in-law of Major R. B. Cheatham of Abbeville. Mr. Cheatham says the Britt home was one of unusual beauty, of the colonial type, the architecture and material being of the best. The house could probably not be replaced for less than \$40,000 to \$50,000, it is said.

## PETTY OFFICER HELD FOR MURDER

### WIFE FOUND MURDERED AT COLONIAL BEACH HOME, HER HUSBAND AND WOMAN NEXT DOOR ARE BEING HELD FOR INVESTIGATION.

Colonial Beach, Va., Oct. 1.—Mrs. Roger E. Eastlake, wife of a naval petty officer attached to the Dahlgren proving ground, was found murdered at her home here by a neighbor early today. Her head had been battered with a hatchet, her throat slashed with a razor and a bullet had been fired in her chest. A hatchet razor and pistol, all blood stained were found under the porch of a vacant house next door and a blood stained raincoat was found in the bushes nearby. The police were said to have established ownership of the coat.

The body was found by a neighbor, a Mrs. Knox, who visited the Eastlake home shortly after Eastlake left for his work. Two young children of the dead woman were in the house but could throw no light on the tragedy.

The coroner's jury, after a session of several hours, ordered Eastlake and Mrs. S. M. Knox held in connection with the case. It was said that soon after Eastlake came here fifteen months ago from Philadelphia and rented a cottage on the outskirts of Colonial Beach, Mrs. Knox also took a cottage nearby and she was said to have been very friendly with the Eastlakes.

## LEAVING GREENWOOD

Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Hemphill were over from Greenwood Sunday making a good-bye visit to their home people. Capt. Hemphill has a position with the city manager of Greensboro, N. C., and will be engaged in making a topographical map of the city.

## IN THE GAME

George Cann, Dick Swetenburg and Frank Thornton were the three Abbeville boys selected to go with the Clemson team to Center for the game Saturday. The Tigers went down in defeat but we know it was not the fault of the Abbeville boys.

## U. S. AGREEMENT DISPLEASES CHINA

### UNDERSTANDING WITH JAPAN RELATIVE TO ISLAND OF YAP HELD AS VIOLATION OF CHINA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND NATIONAL EQUALITY.

Peking, Oct. 1.—Agreements between the United States and Japan relative to the future status of the Island of Yap, as represented in press dispatches, constitute a violation of China's sovereignty and the principle of national equality, says an identical note transmitted to American and Japanese legations by the Chinese foreign office. The Chinese note maintains the American-Japanese agreements cannot authorize Japan to lay a cable between Shanghai and the Island of Yap unless she obtains the consent of China.

The Chinese government takes this stand on the ground that Germany's rights to this cable lapsed when China declared war, and that Germany has not been succeeded by any other power.

## COTTON MARKET.

The September condition report issued by the department of agriculture today indicates a crop 42.2 per cent of normal. The ten year average for this date is 62.4 per cent. Preceding the issuance of the report the futures market had opened strong, moving up from 20.48, Saturday's close for October, to 21.80. Immediately following the announcement October fell to 20.70 and closed at 20.85 a net gain over the week-end of 37 points.

The report this morning indicates a yield of only 6,537,000 bales, the yield per acre being only 118 pounds, as compared with a ten year average of 280.8 pounds per acre.

Cotton ginned to September 25 was given as 2,907,905 bales, as compared with 2,249,606 the same date last year.

Spot cotton was selling today at from 20.75 to 21 cents, with little being offered.

## MARKER UNVEILING COMES THURSDAY

### Appropriate Exercises Planned For Day—Ceremonies Held in Open Air at 4:30 O'clock. Mr. McKissick, Mrs. McLane and Mayor Mars Make Speeches

The unveiling of the Confederate Marker will take place on Thursday afternoon, October 6th at 4:30 o'clock. The exercises will be held in the open air and the speech will be made from the portico of the Baptist church.

Seats will be provided for the Confederate Veterans and for the "real daughters" of the Confederacy near the speakers stand.

The program in detail follows: Music—Hatch's Concert Band. Prayer—Rev. M. R. Plaxco. Introduction of speaker. Speech—Hon. J. Rion McKissick, of Greenville.

Unveiling—By Caroline McAllister, Rebecca Smith, Annie Rogers and Jane Harrison.

Dixie—By the Band. Presentation of Marker to the City—Mrs. F. B. McLane, President Civic Club.

Acceptance—Mayor J. Moore Mars. Music—By the Band.

Mayor Mars has decreed that no automobile, or vehicle of any kind shall pass through the plaza surrounding the Marker during the exercises and people are asked to take notice. Vehicles coming to Abbeville on the Due West road must detour

## ABBEVILLE TEAM WINS FROM BELTON SQUAD

### Whole of Local Bunch Show Plenty Of Speed—Visitors Need Training.

The Abbeville High football machine, engineered by Quarterback George Smith, Friday afternoon overwhelmed the Belton High aggregation by the score of 49 to 0. This is one of the highest scores the local team has ever piled up and on its face shows the faultless playing of the "Swetenburg Specials."

There was not a shadow of doubt of the locals superiority after the first two minutes of play when "Brother" Gambrell crossed the visitor's goal line for the first touchdown. Galloway followed with a perfect kick which he duplicated six more times with equal facility. Some say he even kicked the last goal with his left foot.

Of the seven touchdowns scored, "Bull" Nickles accounted for two, "Brother" Gambrell for two, while George and "Little Hutie" put across one each as did "Buster."

At no time was Abbeville's goal in danger and it was due only to the fact that Neil put in every sub on the field in the last half that prevented the score from mounting near the century mark.

For Abbeville, Galloway, Nickles, Smith, Starnes, Gambrell, and Klugh each played excellent ball, while "Pink" Bradley got away with some good end runs and Hutie completed a beautiful pass for a touchdown. All the Abbeville team played fairly steady ball, although several penalties should have been avoided.

The line-up: Abbeville (49) Belton (0). Barnwell LE Cox Klugh LT Mason Starnes LG McMahan Howie C Butler Leslie RG Cooper Galloway RT Haney Nickles RE Young Smith QB Brown Harris LH Atwell Gambrell RH Griffin Long, A. FB Tolison Referee, McMillan (Clemson); umpire, Morse (Davidson) headlinesman, McMillan.

The Abbeville team journeys to Laurens Friday of this week for a game with Laurens. These teams played a splendid game here last season, Abbeville winning by a few points. Quite a crowd of rooters are expected to accompany the team and the management wishes any who have seats in their cars to please inform them as conveyance for all the team has not yet been secured. Persons who can accommodate the team with two or three seats will please phone Mr. Fulp or Neil Swetenburg not later than Wednesday. It is planned to leave Abbeville not later than 12 o'clock Friday and return immediately after the game which will be called at 4 p. m.

## TRADERS CONVENTION ASKED TO MEET IN ABBEVILLE

### Chamber of Commerce Invites Piedmont Organization to Be Guest At "Home of History"

Through the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce the Piedmont Traders Convention has been invited to hold its next session in Abbeville. This organization has previously met always in Greenville but the members of the body have grown tired of the Mountain City and are seeking new scenery. Consequently the traders, through J. G. Wilson of Williamston, have been told of the attractions of the "Home of History," meaning Abbeville if anyone should fail to recognize the applicability of the sobriquet.

Mr. Barnes has not yet been informed when the next convention will be held. He has written Mr. Wilson asking for dates and other information that would be needed in preparing to entertain the meeting. It is anticipated, he says that, the

## DEMOCRATS CHARGE G. O. P. PARTIALITY

### SAY PROPOSED TAX REVISIONS ARE DESIGNED TO AID ONLY THOSE WITH NET INCOME ABOVE \$66,000 A YEAR. MORE AMENDMENTS.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Opening a general assault on the republican tax bill, Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat in the finance committee, charged today in the senate that the revisions proposed by that committee were solely in behalf of the corporations and those tax payers whose net incomes exceed \$66,000 a year.

Senator Simmons said that immediately after the armistice the tax laws were revised and reductions made on the corporation levies. Now he added, it was proposed to make a further cut of one half in the amounts paid by corporations while individuals of small means were paying taxes at the peak war time rates.

Before the North Carolina senator began his address, Senator Smoot, of Utah, a republican member of the finance committee, presented his plan for a manufacturers sales tax of 3 per cent explaining it in a prepared statement which he read to the senate.

In the course of his attack on the committee bill, Senator Simmons took a fling at Treasury Secretary Mellon for recommending repeal of the profits taxes and the high income surtaxes and at the same time suggesting new levies, such as increased rates on first class postage, a bank check stamp levy and a license tax on automobiles.

The ways and means committee, the senator said, accepted the secretary's proposal to reduce the levies on the wealthy, but had "too much political sagacity" to attempt to put on the new taxes proposed, Senator Watson, democrat of Georgia, interrupted to assail the suggestion for an increase in postage rates, declaring that it was the most revolutionary tax proposed in one hundred years except in time of war. After the Georgia senator had spoken several minutes, Senator Simmons interrupted and the former, breaking off in the middle of a sentence, hastily sat down. Senator Simmons started to make an explanation but remarking that he would not interrupt the speaker again, Senator Watson walked from the chamber.

Discussing the proposed repeal of the excess profits tax and the high surtax rates, Senator Simmons said the committee bill would lift more than one-half billion dollars from the shoulders of corporations and millionaires and would shift "this burden to the shoulders of less fortunate classes."

Declaring that the 32 per cent income surtax rate was the "dead line" in the bill, Senator Simmons said the committee plan would benefit 13,000 wealthy tax payers, whose income exceeded \$66,000 a year while it left the burden on the 600,000 tax payers whose incomes ranged from \$5,000 and \$66,000.

## APPOINTED DELEGATES.

Capt. G. N. Nickles of Due West and J. S. Stark of Abbeville have been appointed delegates from this county to attend the annual meeting of the American Cotton Association in Birmingham, which will be held October 26-29.

organization will accept the invitation and that there will be brought to Abbeville the greatest assortment of wares for trading that has ever been seen. Trading will be in things people have which are no longer useful to them, the idea being that so long as anything, from an automobile to a worn out plow, is usable somebody wants it. Therefore a big business ought to be done in phonographs and organs.