

PRESIDENT WARNS PEACE CONFERENCE OF UNDUE DELAY

WORLD ASKS RESULTS

The President's Appeal Follows Long Session Marked by More Than the Usual Flow of Oratory.

Paris, April 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—What is construed as a warning that the world could not long countenance further delay in the adjustment of peace was delivered to the Allied premiers and military representatives of the associated powers by President Wilson yesterday.

Urges Speeding Up.
It is learned that at a late hour on Monday he arose during the conference taking place in Premier Clemenceau's room at the French war office and solemnly assured the conferees of his belief that they should do all in their power to bring together the loose ends in the debate in an effort to unite on peace terms upon which a treaty might be presented to Germany.

World Wants Results.
It is understood that the President pointed out frankly the delays that have occurred in the work of peace-making. He declared that the world has been awaiting the conclusion of the task of the conferees and that it had a right to expect early results. The President's appeal for an expedited effort followed a long session in which there had been more than the usual oratory. It came at the close of a day when financial experts had been called before the President and the premiers. They had explained the different points of view that had arisen during the consideration of the question of reparation. Military experts likewise had been consulted at length regarding the reparation.

Experts Consulted.
Military experts likewise had been consulted at length regarding the disposition of the Saar valley, the left bank of the Rhine, the problem of Danzig and other questions in which strategic issues were involved.

President Wilson explained today that he was willing to accept his share of responsibility for the peace conference delays. He was careful to point out that the slowness of the negotiations was not due to any single country or its representatives. He declared emphatically, however, that the time for talk was virtually finished and that now was the time to show results.

Italy Insists On Settlement.
Settlement of Italy's frontier question contemporaneously with that of France was insisted upon today by Premier Orlando at a conference with President Wilson just before the council of four convened to discuss the Italian frontier question.

The Italian premier asked the President whether he did not think it advisable to have an informal exchange of views on the Italian problem, especially as regards the Adriatic, before it is presented to the council. The President replied that he shared this view, but owing to the pressure of work had been unable to personally study the Italian question. However, he promised to do so.

Premier Orlando's suggestion at a simultaneously at the frontier questions involves a joint peace with Austria a plan which is favored by the American delegation, provided it does not cause too much delay. In this connection the American boundaries commission expects this week to conclude all boundaries, including those of Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey.

BIG COTTON FIRE AT DARLINGTON MONDAY

More Than 1,000 Bales Destroyed; Loss is Over \$250,000.

Darlington, April 1.—Fire of unknown origin, discovered in the warehouses adjoining the Atlantic Coast Line Railway station early tonight destroyed over 1,000 bales of cotton in the warehouses and on the platform adjoining. Most of the cotton was the property of Vernon Company, of Darlington, but there were other losers also. The loss is estimated at more than \$250,000. In addition to the cotton large quantities of groceries and fertilizers, the property of the Cox-Vernon Company were stored in the warehouses and were lost. It was late in the night before the fire was under control after the warehouses and platform, 400 feet in length had been completely destroyed. The fire had gained a headway before it was discovered by citizens.

COUPLE ARRESTED

Discharged Soldier and Girl Said to be His Wife in Trouble.

Bennettsville, April 1.—It has been well said that truth is stranger than fiction. The case of George Taylor and a girl, said to be his wife, would make a fine plot for a movie picture. George Taylor was honorably discharged from the army a few days ago. He is typical of the dough-boys who broke the Hindenburg line and made the Argonne forest forever memorable. Twenty-two years old; 6 feet, 1 inch tall; broad shoulders; clean shaven and weighing 190 pounds he is a fine specimen of young manhood. The stripes of a sergeant decorating his sleeve shows that he rose as high as his limited education permitted.

Saturday night Sheriff Patterson, of Marlboro County, arrested Taylor and the eighteen-year-old girl at Murphy's boarding house. A telegram from Sheriff McCain stated that he had run off with another man's wife. The couple had been in Bennettsville only three days. They were from Fairfield County. The girl was working in the Sterling Hosiery Mill and Taylor was building a house for the mill. This is the story they tell. They were raised on a farm in Fairfield County, were sweethearts, promising to marry when Taylor was called under the draft. For a few months letters came to the soldier boy regularly and then suddenly ceased. He came back to Camp Jackson a few weeks ago, and went on a furlough to his home in Fairfield County. The girl said she lived with the man she married for about a month and heard that he had another living wife; that her alleged husband was very cruel to her, and one night gave her a severe beating. She left and went to her sister's. Several weeks after leaving her husband she saw Taylor and poured out her story to him, and begged him to take her away. Taylor had just gotten his discharge and the couple hastily boarded a train. They left with no particular destination in view. On the train they met a gentleman from Bennettsville who told them about the new hosiery mill. They got off and applied for work. The girl's people are seeking proof of the former marriage and they say that just as soon as they get it they are going to get married. These people are very primitive and the case is one that makes a strong appeal to humane instincts. Taylor's chief thought seems to be to protect the woman. He told some gentleman who went down to the jail that this was "a good girl" and that it did not matter what happened to him if no harm came to her. They were in separate cells and the girl said about the same thing of Taylor: "If anybody is to blame it is me. I begged George to let me come with him and I don't want anybody to hurt him."

April 7-8-9. Another Opportunity.

During three days in April there will be nation-wide drive for funds to aid the Jewish war sufferers. This will be the first appeal that the Jews have ever made to us for contributions for the destitute among their people.

In proportion to population, no class of our citizens sent more or better fighters to France than the Jews. The scourge of war has left millions of Jews in Eastern Europe in dire need.

Their homes and their business have been destroyed, and many thousands of them live in wagons under the open sky.

Tens of thousands of children, three and four years old, are not able to walk, because they have always been hungry.

Tens of thousands of widows and orphans, whose husbands and fathers died in defense of liberty and humanity, are in actual need of bread.

The money raised in this campaign will be converted into food, none of it will be used for expenses.

This appeal is to the spirit of humanity and the Christian charity of a prosperous community, whose children have comfortable homes and do not know what it is to go to bed hungry.

Chariton DuRant,
Chairman.

Soda water will no longer be served at Rhame's Drug Store. More time will be given to the prescription department.

Findings of Railroad Commission Against Northwestern Railroad

March 27th, 1919.
Mr. Thomas Wilson, Pres.,
N-W R.R. of S. C.,
Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir:—
After going into the complaints of the citizens of Summerton and other stations on your line on last Thursday, March 20th, at Summerton, and after full deliberation by this Commission concerning the things complained of, the Commission has reached the following decision:

1st. That it is absolutely necessary that all railroads maintain their schedules, except when conditions exist of a Providential nature over which the railroad company could have no control. This applies to your road most specifically, as you do not maintain regular passenger train service. The Commission requests that you do not overload your freight trains as long as they are to be mixed trains, and that when you find your trains are so overloaded or are unable to make schedule time then freight cars must be set off on side tracks and the remainder of the train carried through on time.

2nd. Much complaint from many sources has reached the Commission relative to the sanitary condition of your passenger coaches. The rules of the State Board of Health, which are the law so long as there is no statutory law to the contrary, are very specific, as are the rules of the Commission, in regard to this matter. Your passenger coaches, so long as they are to remain in service, must be immediately put in a sanitary condition and so kept.

3rd. As soon as there is sufficient traffic over your road to justify a regular passenger train service, this service must be instituted from Sumter to Wilson Mill and return.

4th. That your schedules be arranged so as to make connection with all trains of the A. C. L. R. R. at Wilson Mill that it is possible to make.

5th. That you maintain either a telephone or telegraph instrument at Wilson Mill so that your train dispatcher may be in direct communication with your train crews at Wilson Mill.

In this connection will state that we are enclosing herewith copy of letter the Commission has this day written to Supt. J. P. Walker, of A. C. L. R. R., requesting him to cooperate with you in regard to telegraph or telephone service at Wilson Mill. If the A. C. L. R. R. does not cooperate with you in this matter, then the Commission will be forced to issue peremptory orders against both railroad companies relative to this part of the service.

If the above provisions are carried out, the Commission is satisfied that less complaint will be lodged with this office against your road, as most assuredly you must realize that a train that is habitually off of schedule time, so far as the public is concerned, is equal to no train at all.

All the above requests the Commission expects to be put into effect within ten days from date of this letter.

Yours truly,
Frank W. Shealy,
Chairman.

March 27th, 1919.
Mr. J. P. Walker, Supt.,
A. C. L. R. R.,
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Sir:—
On Thursday, March 20th, 1919, the Commission held a hearing at Summerton, S. C., relative to train service of the N-W R. R. of S. C., and among other things considered the petition of citizens of Wilson Mill, Summerton, and other points in regard to telegraph or telephone service at your station at Wilson Mill.

As a matter of fact, at all junctional points it becomes a necessity that either telegraph or telephone communications be maintained. These people are very bitter in their complaints, and the Commission thinks justly so. This matter has taken on such proportions that a bill was introduced at the last session of the General Assembly and passed by the House, but on account of an overcrowded calendar, or some other obstacle, did not pass the Senate. However, this bill will be brought up again, and no doubt will be passed. The Commission, realizing the necessity for such convenience, requests that the A. C. L. R. R. and the N-W R. R. of S. C. reach some amicable understanding whereby telegraph or telephone ser-

vice can be maintained at Wilson Mill so as to better facilitate connection between your trains and trains of the N-W R. R. of S. C.

The Commission prefers not to issue a peremptory order in regard to this matter, because we take it that the companies interested must realize the necessity for such facilities at Wilson Mill, but unless some relief is given this Commission will be forced to exercise all the authority it may have relative to this matter.

An immediate reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,
Chairman.

Summerton, S. C., March 29, 1919.
Editor The Manning Times:
For the benefit of those who attended the meeting of the Railroad Commissioners at Summerton on the 20th day of March, I beg to request that you publish the enclosed order of the Commission.

This final order of the Commission amounts to absolutely nothing, for the following reasons, to wit:

1. Similar orders have been issued in the past, covering a period of twenty years, which amounted to absolutely nothing.

2. The authorities of the Northwestern Railroad Co. regard the railroad Commission as an immense joke and pay no attention to any order issued by the Commission and the Commission makes no effort to enforce any of its orders.

3. The Northwestern Railroad Co. has a number of friends in Summerton who are employed by the railroad and who have passes over the railroad, and these henchmen keep quiet at the public meetings and afterwards go around and see the Commissioners privately and thereby betray the people.

Your Summerton correspondent in this week's issue of your paper is mistaken in stating that I called the meeting for the 20th day of March. In fact, I did not call the meeting, and when the Commissioners wrote me that the meeting had been called, I advised the Commissioners not to waste the time of the people with the matter, that the Commission had all the facts for the past twenty years and had done nothing, but that if the Commission insisted on coming to Summerton, I would be pleased to present the question at issue.

Your Summerton correspondent also states that he knows nothing of the grievance that the railroad Commissioners have against Mr. Cantey personally, but if your correspondent had communicated with me upon the subject, he could have had the pleasure of reading all the correspondence with reference to the matter and possibly thereby become enlightened. The Commissioners became offended with me, because at the recent session of the Legislature, I ignored the Commission and took up with Messrs. Wideman and Sprott, the question of compelling common carriers to install telegraph instruments at all junctional points, in order that the traveling public may determine the whereabouts of trains, the object of course being to relieve the situation at Wilson Mill. The railroad Commissioners of South Carolina evidently at first opposed my bill, because when I first sent the bill to Mr. Sprott, he wrote me that the bill was useless because the Commissioners had promised him to take up the matter as soon as the Legislature adjourned, but when I replied to Mr. Sprott and sent him letters and orders from the Commission showing that the Commission had promised that very thing a year before and had done nothing, Mr. Sprott of course got busy and had my bill to pass the House.

Therefore, if the railroad Commissioners have any grievance against me personally, it is due to the fact that I "sought them with the goods" and in their own hand writing and under the official seal of the Commission.

Now, Mr. Editor, human nature is a very strange thing in this respect, to wit: If a safe cracker is actually caught in your bank with his hands on the money he becomes insensible because forsooth you have intruded on the special privilege of his Royal Highness.

Please publish in your next issue these several communications for the benefit of the public.

Yours very truly,
J. J. Cantey.

PAXVILLE NEWS NOTES

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 8th, at four-thirty o'clock in the home of Mrs. B. W. Cutter.

At the last meeting the president, Mrs. F. S. Geddings informed the Union that no refreshments were expected to be served at the meetings, except on Red Letter days, and only then when the person asked for the meetings to be held in their homes.

Mrs. K. Curtis returned to her home in Chesterfield on Monday after a week's visit to Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Miss C. E. McLaurn of Sumter was the week-end guest of friends here.

Mr. P. C. Bradham of Mullins was here for a short while last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Lou Weinberg.

in the vacant store building adjoining Mr. L. Weinberg.

Several from here are in Columbia to see their friends of the Thirtieth Division and witness the parade on Monday.

Soldier Earle Cutter has recently received his discharge and is now on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Cutter.

Mr. J. E. Scott and family from Wisacky, accompanied by Mrs. Lizzie Mulloy of Cheraw, spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. S. E. Curtis.

Miss Aileen Corbett, who is taking a business course in Greenwood is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Corbett near town.

Mrs. J. N. Brown, Jr., who has been on the sick list is able to be out again.

PROMINENT PINWOOD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

Special to The Manning Times.
Pinewood, March 31.—Mr. Samuel Graham Griffin, one of Pinewood's well known citizens, passed away Tuesday morning, March 25th, at 9 o'clock at his home here. He was in ill health for a long period but was seriously ill only about three weeks before death. He was a very successful and prominent merchant of this place for many years, retiring from the mercantile business about two years ago on account of bad health.

He was born November 4, 1861, at Pinewood, Clarendon County and lived here all of his life. He was a member of Pinewood Methodist Church South, which he joined in early manhood.

The funeral service was held at his home Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. Leslie and the interment took place immediately afterwards in the Pinewood cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, two daughters, Misses May and Bertha Griffin; one son, Samuel Fred Griffin; one sister, Mrs. E. P. Geddings; three brothers, Joe R., Ben D., A. Wigfall Griffin and a number of relatives and friends. The immense crowd at his funeral and the beautiful floral tributes attested the esteem in which he was held. His loss will be deeply felt in our midst and tender thoughts shall ever hover around the grave wherein his body was laid. May the beautiful life he led be a living example to those who are left to deplore his loss.

TAKE NOTICE!

Clarendon County Chapter has received a letter from the Columbia Chapter A. R. C. in regard to welcoming the returned soldiers. The following is an extract from the letter:

"The committee on welcoming returned soldiers has asked the Red Cross to take charge of booths on Main Street—twelve in number. At these booths home-made cakes, fudge, sandwiches, smokes and soft drinks will be distributed free of charge to the boys. It is the plan now to have these booths open one day for each contingent. Will you bring it to the attention of your Red Cross workers that donations of cakes, candies, hams, eggs, preserves and smokes will be needed in large quantities for our returning heroes.

We are very anxious that the Red Cross have a large share in this home coming jubilee and will publish daily, donations of eatables secured through the Red Cross Chapter in the State.

Since the celebration is to extend over several weeks it will be better to send perishables such as cakes each week, as long as needed.

Please extend the invitation to your members to be present at this celebration and to feel free to gather around the booths and help in the reception of the boys."

Anyone wishing to contribute to this cause may send their contributions to the Red Cross Room and where boxes will be sent to 1409 Gervais Street, Red Cross Headquarters, Columbia.

Virginia Wilson, Sec.

Town Against Reynolds Tobacco Co.

A few weeks ago Mr. Lee Bostwick, representing R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., of Winston-Salem, N. C., was arrested by the city authorities and made to put up a bond for doing business within the town without a license. Mr. Bostwick gave bond and yesterday the hearing was had before the mayor. The defendant asked for a jury trial and plead not guilty. Captain W. C. Davis represented the defendant and S. Oliver O'Bryan, Esq., the town. The defendant admitted selling tobacco in the town without a town license, but claimed this privilege under the federal and state laws. Policeman Flowers was the first witness called. He stated that he saw the defendant sell his goods from his automobile and collect for same. He then had him to put up a bond for doing business without a license and appear before court. Dr. Stalnaker, the next witness, said he bought the goods and paid for them. Jack Metropoul was called, said on that date he bought goods from the defendant, but it was to be shipped. Leon Weinberg testified that he had bought from the defendant, but not on that date. Mr. Borchert and Mr. Bostwick were each put on the stand to show the way they conduct their business and to prove the convenience and saving in drayage and freight for the merchant by buying from the automobile. After speeches by Messrs. O'Bryan for the town and Davis for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., the jury in a few minutes decided in favor of the defendant and acquitted him.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet Monday afternoon, April 7, at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Rigby. The following ladies will serve with Mrs. Rigby as hostesses: Mrs. Sistrunk, Mrs. A. S. Briggs and Mrs. Sue Rigby. A full attendance is requested. Jubilee plans are well under way. The Temperance Mission meeting on March 20th was a great success. Rev. J. B. McCord and Miss Cleo Ataway spoke at this meeting and generous contributions to the Jubilee Fund were pledged. One friend of the W. C. T. U. pledged \$100.00.

IMMENSE CROWDS WATCH PARADE IN COLUMBIA

Initial Appearance of 59th Brigade Brings Mighty Cheers From the People of Three States.

7,000 SOLDIERS IN LINE

After Parade Capital City Turned Over to Heroes, Who Are Handsomely Entertained.

Columbia, March 31.—Eyes shining with the joy of victory, faces sobered by the thoughts of the carnage through which they had passed and by realization of the successful termination of the high adventure upon which they embarked nearly twelve months ago, 7,000 virile, stalwart Americans, the choicest products of the South, paraded through the streets of Columbia this afternoon, between banks of massed humanity, from which mighty cheers arose, the plaudits or grateful South Carolinians, North Carolinians, Tennesseans and the folk of other States.

It was the initial appearance of the Fifty-ninth brigade of the fighting Thirtieth division, composed principally of men from North and South Carolina and Tennessee, with a sprinkling of soldiers from Western States, but Americans all, welded into blood-brothers by the fires of battle and by the trials and vicissitudes undergone by these greatest of modern crusaders.

The parade and subsequent entertainment and celebration were unparaded in the history of this city in the character of the event and the size of the crowd, which has been variously estimated at from 100,000 to 125,000 people.

The emotions of the crowd were complex. Roar after roar of cheers welled upward as the men of the Thirtieth marched in close formation, platoon front headed by their brigade-commander, Brig. Gen. L. D. Tyson, of Knoxville, Tenn., and his staff; but occasionally a sob could be heard from a black-veiled figure for one who now lies under the sod of France or in Flanders fields, democracy's contribution to humanity and freedom. The faces of parents, whose sons were in the parade, radiated with joy, pride and relief that they had escaped the supreme sacrifice, while others, their hero undetected in the sameness of the khaki-clad lines, gazed tensed in suspense, with heart-hunger in their eyes. Winsome matrons, with infants in their arms, looked for husbands, perhaps to introduce father and baby.

Bent men and aged women, their hair whitened by years and faces seamed from hardship, looked upon the martial spectacle and their youth, with its miraculous leavening almost seemed to return to them. Veterans of the War Between the States, thinking of the battles of the South they fought through four long years, became more erect and more soldierly in bearing and would liked to have joined with the warriors of this generation. Young girls would point with pride to their sweethearts or fiancés.

Along the whole line of march of over three miles, every conceivable vantage point was occupied by men, women and children. Along Main street the windows of every building were jammed and men and boys hung to hazardous perches aloft. The top of every building was fringed with humanity.

The city, in honor of the Thirtieth, had been extensively decorated, the buildings being festooned with red, white and blue bunting and hung with the National Emblem and the flags of the Allies.

Incandescent lights are arched across Main street.

After the parade the city was turned over to the soldiers and they were entertained by the people of the State. They thronged the streets in the afternoon and night and everything possible was done for their comfort and to add to the hilarity of the occasion. Booths had been erected along Main street and from these the men were supplied with various sorts of refreshments, the city of Columbia and other cities of the State.

Harmony Presbyterian Auxiliary.

Harmony Presbyterian Auxiliary will meet April 8th and 9th in the Indian town Church, Williamsburg County.

All societies and churches in the Presbytery are requested to send delegates. If possible please send names at once to Mrs. T. M. Cooper, Fowler, S. C.

The delegates will be met at Kintners, the morning of the 8th and carried to the church in automobiles.

Rev. S. D. Winn of Chertola, Korea, will be the speaker Tuesday.

On Wednesday Mrs. S. C. Hootes of Greenwood and Mrs. S. L. Lobby of Charleston will be the speakers. It is earnestly desired that every church will be represented.

(Signed) Miss Estie Avcock,
Rec. Sec.

The residents of the tobacco section of Salem are putting up some vigorous kicks against the condition of the road between Manning and there. Several of these people have been in our office lately and inform us that Manning is liable to lose the tobacco business this year if the roads are not put in condition, so that they can haul here. They claim they would sooner sell their tobacco here but they cannot wear their stock and wagons out trying to get over the roads. It looks as if it is up to the business people of Manning to do something towards getting the road in shape from the Clarendon line. Manning will have four warehouses this year and they are going to need all the business they can get.