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## ALLIED COUNCIL PLANS ULTIMATUM

Reach Complete Agreement at Conference in London

LIMIT OF SIX DAYS  
BEGIN THIS MONTH

Drafting Committee Now Busy Completing Document to Be Finally Passed at Another Meeting of Council to Be Held Today—Total Sum Increased.

London, May 3 (By the Associated Press.)—The allied supreme council decided today to invite the United States to send a representative as a member of the supreme council and also to be represented on the reparations commission and the council of ambassadors.

London, May 3 (By the Associated Press.)—The supreme council reached a complete agreement this afternoon on the substance of the ultimatum to be sent to Germany by the reparations commission not later than May 6. The ultimatum expires six days later.

The drafting committee is busy tonight completing the document which will be finally passed at another meeting of the council tomorrow and then handed to the reparations commission, which has been called from Paris and which will forward the last word of the allies to the Berlin cabinet in accordance with the treaty of Versailles.

The total sum which Germany will be called upon to pay has been increased to 6,750,000,000 pounds sterling by the inclusion of the sum due Belgium on account of her debts to the allies.

Under the bonding scheme to guarantee the payment of 100,000,000 pounds annually, plus 25 per cent, tax on German exports, 600,000,000 pounds ultimatum expires or German accepts the terms. Bonds to the amount of 1,900,000,000 pounds will be issued in November. The balance, 4,250,000,000 pounds will be issued in accordance with Germany capacity to pay. That capacity will be gauged by the product of 25 per cent, on exports.

Besides the 5 per cent, interests on the bonds an additional 1 per cent, will be imposed on them to form a sinking fund. The amount required for service bonds will be thus 2,500,000,000 pounds.

London, May 4 (By the Associated Press.)—A new German offer to the allies was telegraphed Tuesday from Berlin to the German ambassador at Paris for communication to the reparations commission according to a statement ascribed by the London Times to "Good authority."

The terms of the offer are not known by The Times say it is believed they are approximate to acceptance of the allies decisions at Paris on January 23.

It is presumed the offer will be forwarded to London and placed before the supreme council today, Wednesday.

Washington, May 3.—In the absence of formal notifications, officials declined tonight to comment on the decision of the allied supreme council at London to invite the United States to send a representative as a member of the supreme council and also to be represented on the reparations commission and the council of ambassadors.

All questions as to what policy the American government would pursue in the matter of such representative have invariably been met with the statement that when such an invitation was received it would be soon enough for an answer.

The Harding administration has not hesitated to say that it will be interested in the economic adjustments growing out of the war but has not indicated a desire to become politically involved in the European settlements. Whether this would result in the definite refusal of such an invitation as was decided upon today, of the sending of representatives to sit in at sessions of the council and the commissions was not indicated tonight.

The United States has never had a representative on the supreme council but Ambassador Wallace at Paris was authorized to sit in at sessions of the council of ambassadors by the Wilson administration and Roland W. Boyden, now in Paris at the head of a commission of experts was for a time a duly accredited member of the reparations commission.

It is understood that the United States still is hopeful of a solution of the reparations controversy by discussions but whether it will consider that such a course would be furthered by American participation in the allied councils is problematical.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE

The community meeting which was held in the Pastime Theatre last Wednesday was excellent. There were about a hundred present to hear Dr. Cornell's lecture on "Summer diarrhoea in children." The Dr. gave us some splendid points on keeping the baby well in the hot weather as well as telling us what to do in case the baby should get sick. He said that "Summer complaint" is really "fly complaint" and if we want to keep the baby well we must kill the flies.

If you did not hear this lecture you missed something worth hearing and heading.

## TO REDUCE WAGES OF STEEL WORKERS

New York, May 3.—A reduction of about 20 per cent, in wages for day labor, effective May 16, and an equitable adjustment of other rates including salaries, at the plant of the United States Steel corporation was announced today by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation 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 practicable basis for the entire abandonment of the 12 hour day or turn, in the immediate future. He added that the 12 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 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.

Bishop Guerry will conduct services at the Episcopalian Chapel on Monday night, May 9th at 8:15 o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend.

## PROMINENT YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED LAST WEDNESDAY

At 6:30 o'clock Wednesday, April 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniels, their daughter, Ethel, was married to Authur Smith of Charleston, S. C.

The home was a veritable bower of flowers. The wedding arch was tastefully decorated with pink roses, smilax and ferns, from which a large wedding bell of which roses was suspended. Only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. J. M. Plowden of Timmonsville, S. C., an uncle of the bride. The bride wore a beautiful traveling suit and hat of navy blue with grey accessories, and carried a shower bouquet of roses. A reception followed immediately after the ceremony. Pound cake and old fashioned fruit cake were served with block cream, after which the lovely presents were displayed. After spending a few weeks touring the Southern States, the young couple will make their future home in Charleston. The popular bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniels and the bride groom is a rising young business man of Charleston.

## 'SHINERS HAVING HARD TIME NOW

Sheriff Gamble Now Hot on Trail of Violators of Liquor Laws

Moonshiners who are operating in Clarendon will have to "watch their step" in the future for Sheriff Gamble is determined to stamp out the violators of the liquor laws of this State and also the United States.

The total in the drag net last week was twelve stills and ten men. Beginning the early part of the week Sheriff Gamble assisted by Rural Policeman Peavy, Chief State Constable Eichelberger and Federal Officer Kelly got busy and up until Saturday night they had captured eleven stills and nine men charged with operating the same. The men arrested were Charley Bennet, Wes Edwards, Richard Roberson and John Bourrous, all of near Summertown; next came John Green and Willie Amos of near Silver; James Johnson and Buck Blackwell of near Jordan; the last of these being Warren Hicks, the said Warren invading the sanctity of the city of Manning.

Messrs. Eichelberger and Kelly left Saturday night for their homes in Florence. Messrs. Gamble and Peavy thought they ought to have at least one more, so early Sunday morning they journeyed over towards Alcolu. This little journey netted one Bill James, who thought he had a perfect right to manufacture 'shine.' This ended the week's work, and we believe it was a good week's work at that.

Sheriff Gamble is doing some excellent work as he had fourteen cases at the last term of court and already has fifteen cases listed for the June term.

## PINEWOOD NEWS

The Rt. Rev. W. A. Guery, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina will make his annual visitation to this Parish on Sunday afternoon, May 8th. Services will be held at 3:00 o'clock in the Methodist church. A cordial invitation is extended to all denominations to attend these services.

W. D. Epperson, Senior Warden St. Marks Episcopal Church.

## PAXVILLE NEWS

Baby Conference Paxville School, May 10th from 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. All children under seven years. Come and bring your children.

## NOTES BY COUNTY DEMONSTRATION AGENT

THE SWEET PTOATO CURING AND STORAGE HOUSE

The sweet potato is one of our surest crops and it is a crop that is very easily grown. Also it is one of our best and most palatable food crops, and yet it has never been grown and used to the extent that it should be. This is largely due to the fact that under the old plans it has been a very hard crop to keep during the winter months. This great obstacle has been overcome by means of the Sweet Potato Curing Houses which are now being used successfully in so many sections. With disease-free seed stock planted on land which has not been planted to potatoes in three years, and reasonable care in handling and curing the potatoes, these houses will keep the potatoes. As already mentioned, this fact has been demonstrated beyond question of a doubt.

I do not wish it understood that I am recommending the planting of sweet potatoes on a large scale as a commercial crop. We have no assurance that the sweet potato market next season will be a paying one. This question is like that of the cotton market; there are a great many factors influencing it, and no one can now predict the price of sweet potatoes next February with any degree of certainty. If any one does wish to grow this crop on a commercial scale, I will be glad to give him every assistance that I can.

But this phase of the sweet potato business I am particularly interested in. That is, that every farm produce and cure enough potatoes to last that farm next spring—landlord and tenants. This would help greatly toward making the farm self-supporting, and would I am sure be good, sound business. In most cases the 500 bushel house would be sufficiently large for this purpose. The house can be built for around \$150.00 where the lumber is bought and hired labor is used. Of course if a man has his own lumber and labor the cost will be much less. I want the farmers of Clarendon County to think seriously on this matter, and I hope that we will have a number of these houses going up before time to harvest the crop. Another plan that has worked successfully in some sections is the co-operative house. In this case a number of men go together and build one house large enough to meet their needs. Again we sometimes have individuals or corporations who build houses and store potatoes for the public, charging so much per crate for the storage. These plans are all good. The main thing is to cure and keep your potatoes.

Any one interested in this matter will please get in touch with me and I will be glad to give you all the information and help possible.

If you have an idea of building a sweet potato house, decide now and plant the potatoes to fill it. Plant only enough draws to get vine cuttings for your crop, as they are much better.

## FARMERS MEETING AT NEW ZION

On Saturday, May 7th, at 4 o'clock there will be a get-together and get-acquainted meeting at the New Zion school house. W. R. Gray, Clarendon County's Demonstration Agent, will be there to meet the folks in the New Zion section and will make a talk on some of the problems now confronting the farmers and on what he wants to accomplish in Clarendon this year. This meeting has been called at the suggestion of a number of men at New Zion so that all the folks may get acquainted with Mr. Gray as soon as possible and to co-operate with the County Agent as much as possible. This coming Saturday at the New Zion school house. Everyone who can do so make arrangements to attend this meeting.

## FEED FOR LIVESTOCK AND SOIL IMPROVEMENT

Feed and forage crops are the limiting factors in livestock farming. Soil fertility is the limiting factor in the production of feed and forage; therefore crops that will furnish an abundance of good feed and at the same time improve the soil are doubly profitable.

For wintering both dairy and beef cattle, feeding steers and hogs, and improving the soil, the velvet bean both as a pasture crop and as a grain feed is unsurpassed by any crop grown in the South. In combination with corn it is especially fine for hogs.

A growth of three tons per acre, dried crop, will contain as much nitrogen as five hundred pounds of nitrate of soda. If grazed by livestock practically there will be a profitable gain in the weight of the animals and an addition to the humus content of the soil.

Records show that eighty acres of velvet beans carried one hundred head of cattle four months.

Twenty tons of velvet beans with silage or other roughage will feed thirty head of eight hundred pound steers for one hundred and twenty days.

The early speckled beans seem to be the most valuable for feed on account of the high percentage of beans to the pod and the ease with which the cattle can masticate the thin hulls. While many like the bunch bean because of its habit of growth, I believe that more feed and more humus will

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 8, 1901

Mrs. J. E. Barnett of Mayesville, is on a visit to her father, Mr. A. Loryea.

The Manning Methodist Church will be dedicated next Sunday by Bishop Duncan. There will be no service in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning on account of the dedication.

In some parts of this County the hail did considerable damage. We are told that some of the cotton fields from Mr. H. B. Tindal's place to Mr. Gentry's will have to be planted over again.

The Associations of Sons of Confederate Veterans met in the Court House last Saturday with a fine attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. H. Lessee, Commander. W. M. Plowden, Vice Commander. J. M. Windham, Sec. and Treas. J. H. McKnight, Adjutant. Rev. P. B. Wells, Chaplain. Dr. C. B. Geiger, Surgeon.

Dr. A. Becker was granted a permit to erect poles and wires on the streets of Manning for the purpose of furnishing electric lights to the people.

Messrs. Harby & Co. announced their plans of opening a livery stable in Manning. This firm was composed of Mr. Horace Harby of Sumter, and Mr. M. F. Heller of Kingstree.

## SECRETARY HUGHES' NOTE DELIVERED IN BERLIN

Berlin, May 3.—The note of Secretary Hughes to the German government replying to counter proposals, was delivered to foreign minister Simons at eleven thirty this morning by American Commissioner Dressel.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Clark this morning a baby boy.

Mr. D. Hirschmann has returned home after spending several weeks in New York.

At a meeting of the William-Burgess Post, American Legion, the following officers were elected: Post Commander, Jno. G. Dinkins; Vice Commander, Chovine Spratt; Adjutant, Taylor Stukes; Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Ensley; Sergeant-at-Arms, Allen Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spott entertained last week at a delightful barbecue supper. The rooms were beautifully decorated with roses, ferns and sweet peas. A large crowd of guests were in attendance and entertained by music and progressive ruck.

"The Deacon" a comedy drama was played by local talent of Jordan at the school auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 26th. This play will be staged at Pinewood on Thursday evening, May 5th, at 8:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Jordan school. Admission 25c and 35c.

The Presbyterian Sunday School is planning to observe Mother's Day next Sunday. Every member of the congregation has been urged to attend Sunday School as an honor to their mothers. The Primary department has arranged a special program, and all babies on the cradle roll are to be present. It is hoped that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the church.

Miss Beadie Richman leaves with her uncle next Friday morning for New York City. Miss Richman is only sixteen years old and came to America recently from Russia to visit her brother. With practically no knowledge of English she entered the College Preparatory school and has made wonderful advancement in a speaking vocabulary, writing and mathematics.

As a great many of our people missed the performance of "The Microbe of Love" which was played by the American Legion post a short while ago, they will now have the opportunity to witness this fine little musical comedy. Tomorrow night (Thursday) our people will play at Summertown for the benefit of the local post of Summertown. Everyone who missed the play here should attend the Summertown performance. It is a fine show and well worth your money.

Records show that South Carolina spent \$50,000,000.00 for feeds in 1920. Had velvet beans been planted in all the corn and a yield of eight hundred pounds per acre gathered, the bean crop would now be worth something over \$16,000,000.00. This does not include the immense value of the humus and nitrogen that would have been added to the soil by the vines.

Grow velvet beans this year—make feed for livestock and improve your soil.

W. R. Gray, County Agent.

## MRS. RANKINE'S BODY FOUND IN HARBOR

New York, May 3.—The body of Mrs. Annette K. Rankine, wealthy widow, who disappeared here on April 1, tonight was found floating in New York harbor, near the South Brooklyn shore.

Identification of the body was made by Miss Spink, who was Mrs. Rankine's nurse and companion, and Frank Clouting, her chauffeur. Mrs. Rankine was the widow of William Birch Rankine, lawyer and founder of the Niagara Falls Power company. Following the death of her husband a few weeks after their marriage, Mrs. Rankine suffered from fainting spells and had since been in ill health.

On the afternoon of her disappearance Mrs. Rankine went out on an automobile ride unaccompanied by her nurse. She dismissed her chauffeur near the Manhattan end of the Queensboro bridge after having made inquiries of him concerning the location of pawnbrokers' shops and adding that she intended to walk home.

No further trace of her was found until the marine police tonight discovered her body, although a search was made for her by police and private detectives in several states.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY HAS GOOD PROGRAM

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet at the church Monday at 4 p. m.

Program—Nashville, the Historic Center of Methodism. Hymn 1. Business. Missionary News—Mrs. A. T. Helms. Bible Lesson—"The Vicarious Ministry of a Nation." (Isa. LII 13-53, 1-13. c. f. Mark X 35-45). Mrs. H. V. Bigby. Prayer. Hymn 143. Topics—1. Early Methodism in Nashville—Mrs. G. L. Dickson. 2. The Story of the First Christian Social Settlement. Mrs. J. A. Cole. Chain of Prayer. Dues.

## BAYWOOD NEWS

Married last Sunday at the home of Mr. S. C. Lee, Miss Maggie Kerby and Mr. Joe Mitchell.

On last Sunday while Mr. P. W. Stukes was at church one of his plow hands broke into his store and helped himself to everything he wanted emptied the money drawer armed himself with a Smith & Weston and escaped.

Preaching every Sunday at Baywood school house at 3:00 o'clock. Public invited.

## CHICKENS A MENACE TO BEAUTIFYING TOWN

Chickens are very annoying and destructive to the general public in Manning. The attention of Council has been called to this matter, but we are informed by one of our Aldermen that they are powerless to control the chicken situation as there is no State law against chickens running at large. In other words a citizen that pays a tax and who might pay a large taxpayer can get no protection from the city in the way of keeping other people's chickens from destroying and ruining everything he plants on his own premises. Now, we do not care to take issue with our city fathers, for we do believe they are in favor of putting a stop to this public nuisance, but so far they feel that they have no power in which to control the situation. It may be that it would be illegal to make a specific law against chickens running at large, as a chicken seems to be a privileged character, but we do know that where a chicken goes on another's property and causes damage that would be termed a nuisance, and for information to the public we give Webster's definition of a nuisance. "That which annoys or gives trouble and vexation, that which is offensive or noxious. Nuisances are public when they annoy citizens in general, private when they affect individuals only." All towns have laws against nuisances, and in our opinion the chickens can be controlled under the above definition. We respectfully ask Council to consider this matter carefully. This is not written altogether from a selfish standpoint, as we have been asked by several, if there was no law to protect one's property from being destroyed by other people's chickens. At the same time we are constantly annoyed with these nuisances, and thereby ask for relief.

Some people take the position that to protect your property you must keep the gates closed, and if the gates are left open a chicken has the right to walk in and destroy what you have planted. It's a poor rule which does not work two ways, then if this be correct, and a person should leave his front door open, a man would have the right to go in another's house, take an axe, and break up the furniture, just because the door was left open. The majority of our people like to see the town beautified, and unless something is done about the chickens, civic improvements will not amount to much. The greatest organization we have ever had in Manning in the way of beautifying the town is the Civic League, and we feel sure they voice our sentiments in this matter.

## SHORTAGE FOUND IN BANKER'S ACCOUNT

W. T. C. Bates, Jr., Tells of Hundred and Fifty Thousand Deficit

AMOUNT MADE GOOD;  
NO LOSS TO BANK

Directors and Examiner Issue Statements Saying That Amount Has Been Replaced. No Danger to Depositors.

A shortage of \$153,249.70 in the accounts of W. T. C. Bates, Jr., an assistant cashier of the Liberty National bank of South Carolina, was made public last night in a statement issued by the directors of the institution, who at the same time announced that the amount had been made good by the directors, the relatives of Mr. Bates and by Mr. Bates himself.

A. S. Manning, president of the bank, said last night that existence of the shortage became known to the bank officials several days ago when Mr. Bates went to Julien C. Rogers, the cashier, and told him of the matter.

Late last night Mr. Bates had not been arrested, but was at his home in Columbia.

## Fully Protected

The matter is being handled by O. L. LaRouge, national bank examiner, who when asked for a statement with reference to the shortage, said: "We are in the midst of our regular examination and our report will be forwarded to Washington as usual when completed. I prefer not to discuss the matter further than to state that in my opinion the bank is fully protected against loss by reason of the shortage disclosed. I will state further that the records of the treasury department show that no depositor has ever lost a dollar in or through a national bank in South Carolina."

The directors signed a statement last night assuring the depositors that there will be absolutely no loss to the bank and that the shortage has been made good.

The statement, which is signed by W. A. Coleman, J. E. Timberlake, Walter T. Love, T. D. Ruff, S. B. Fishburne, A. H. Kohn, W. J. Conway, S. K. Oliver, J. W. McCormick, R. Beverley Sloan, H. H. Hinant, M. B. DuPre, Carroll H. Jones, T. E. Pearce, R. L. Bryan, A. D. McFaddin, J. W. St. John, A. Coke, Summers, Allen L. Rogers, J. D. Miot, J. K. Crosswell, William H. Inglesby, R. C. Hamer, Charles H. Barron, Julien C. Rogers, C. L. Kibler, D. C. McAlister and A. S. Manning, the directors, follows:

## Shortage Made Good

"Learning that certain rumors exist regarding a shortage in the accounts of W. T. C. Bates, Jr., one of the assistant cashiers of our bank, the undersigned desire to make the following statement to the public, to wit:

"A shortage did exist in Mr. Bates' accounts amounting to \$153,249.70, but this shortage has been made good by the directors, the relatives of Mr. Bates and Mr. Bates.

"Mr. Bates also has assigned for the benefit of the directors and the bank all of his property, both real and personal, the major portion of the personal property being the assets of the Bates-Coleman Motor Car company, of which Mr. Bates is now sole owner, having bought the holdings of his former associate, Allen Coleman, some two years ago.

"There is now and will be absolutely no loss to the bank.

"The whole matter is being handled by the national bank examiner and the shortage has been adjusted and the bank's interests fully protected satisfactorily to him."

Mr. Bates has been in the employ of the Liberty National bank of South Carolina for several years. He told officials of the bank, they say, that the shortage extended over a period of a number of months.

## HOOVER WOULD SEE TRADE SAFEGUARDED

Washington, May 3.—Immediate congressional action to check the inroads of German foreign trade in the United States was urged by Secretary Hoover before the house ways and means committee. A revived German commerce, he said, was fast driving certain American lines out of business.

The commerce department head declared for a protective tariff "of a large order" and spoke favorably of the contemplated change in policy with respect to the basis of assessing import duties. The committee is considering the establishment of an American standard of valuation to supplant the present system of levying tariff on the value of imports in the land of production.

Such a plan, Mr. Hoover said, appeared to be the only solution to the problem of meeting sales by Germany and other foreign countries whose currency is badly depreciated. While declaring it to be necessary in normal times, he explained that the exigencies of present trade conditions warranted action of the sort proposed in the bills before the committee.

Germany continues the policy of indirectly subsidizing her industries. Mr. Hoover said, adding that on the basis of reports by federal agents the subsidy amounted to around 50 per cent. of the production cost.