

GERMANS VOTE TO SIGN THE TREATY

Request for More Time Refused

SIGNING MAY COME THURSDAY

Note of Acceptance Maintains That Peace Conditions Constitute a "Peace of Violence". Italian Delegates have been Authorized to Sign the Treaty, Removing Cause for Uncasiness.

Weimar, June 23.—The national assembly this afternoon voted to sign the peace terms unconditionally, the government having succeeded in overcoming the opposition of those who insisted on two conditions.

Will Sign Unconditionally.

Paris, June 23.—The German government at Weimar has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign office this afternoon.

The signing of the peace treaty is not likely to take place before Thursday, possibly not until Friday. This announcement was made tonight by Premier Clemenceau and Secretary Deusta.

The Italian delegates at present in Paris have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy. This announcement removed one question which it was feared might delay the signing.

The German note accepting the allied peace conditions without reservation made only one typewritten page. Paul Deusta, secretary general of the peace conference, had the note translated as soon as he received it and sent copies of the translation to Premier Clemenceau, Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson.

In declaring its intention to accept and sign the peace terms, the government of the German republic has sent the following note to M. Clemenceau, president of the peace conference, through Dr. Haniel von Haimhausen:

"The minister of foreign affairs has instructed me to communicate to your excellency the following:

"It appears to the government of the German republic, in consternation at the last communication of the allied and associated governments, that these governments have decided to wrest from Germany by force acceptance of the peace conditions, even those which, without presenting any material significance, aim at divesting the German people of their honor.

"No act of violence can touch the honor of the German people. The German people, after frightful suffering in these last years, have no means of defending themselves by external action.

"Yielding to superior force, and without renouncing in the meantime, its own view of the unheard of injustice of the peace conditions the government of the German republic declares that it is ready to accept and sign the peace conditions imposed.

"Please accept, Mr. President, assurances of my high consideration. (Signed) "Von Haeckel."

The request for additional time pleaded that the change in the government and the generally disturbed conditions made it difficult to complete the arrangements.

The communication from the Germans was received at 3 o'clock this morning. At 9 o'clock President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau with Premier Lloyd George at the latter's house met for consideration of the note. The character of this communication was not disclosed, however, until some time later in the morning when announcement was made that the German request had been rejected.

The decision to refuse the request was reached after a discussion lasting less than an hour.

Clinton Defeats Laurens Mill.

In a fast game of ball at Clinton Saturday afternoon the Clinton Mill team defeated the Laurens Mill team by a score of 7 to 5. Saturday afternoon the local aggregation will meet the Union nine when a fast game is expected.

AGRICULTURAL COURSE TO BE CONTINUED

Local Board of Trustees to Continue Appropriation for Teaching of Agriculture in City Schools.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city schools held last week, it was unanimously decided to continue the appropriation made for the teaching of agriculture in the local schools and approved the re-appointment of Prof. J. C. Foster as teacher of the course. It is expected that the other schools in the district, including the Copeland school, Prospect and Trinity-Ridge, will do likewise, guaranteeing the continuation of the course. The balance of the funds required to maintain the course is provided by the Extension Division of Clemson College.

The board expressed its approval of the work being done in this course in the city schools and expects to make it more valuable from year to year by the appropriation of additional funds and the addition of apparatus for experimental work. The course is open to all the boys of the county and makes possible a rudimentary education in agriculture which is particularly valuable to those boys who are unable to attend college. The board hopes that more boys of the county will take advantage of the opportunities offered in this course.

DIAL WELL POSTED ON WATERPOWER

S. C. Junior Senator Shows Thorough Knowledge on Development of Waterpower.

Washington, June 22.—Senator Dial has struck his trade. When the question of developing the waterpower of the Potomac river at Washington was being considered in the senate, Senator Dial took the floor and convinced other senators that he was thoroughly familiar with this matter and that he knew water power in all of its details.

The South Carolina senator is a member of the district committee now investigating this question with a view to utilization, and from the information which he gave the senate, it is evident that in the near future he will be of great benefit to water power interests in South Carolina by looking after the development of this matter.

Senator Dial wants first hand, correct information furnished the government so that it may be told just what our water power is, how it is being used and developed, and the possibilities in this line here in the various sections of the country. It is his opinion, based on years of careful study and from practical experience, that there is a great amount of horsepower undeveloped in the United States which may at small expense be put to practical use and it is along this line that he will soon devote much of his energy.

Nothing that could be done for upper South Carolina at this time could be of more importance—especially to Greenville, Spartanburg and other counties with much undeveloped horsepower than correct information as to what can be done and on undeveloped possibilities.

Successful Meeting Closed.

The revival services which have been in progress at the First Baptist church came to a close Sunday evening with an inspiring sermon by Dr. J. Marvin Dean, who has been conducting the series of services assisted by Miss Amy Stockton, of California. The services throughout the series were largely attended and proved of lasting benefit to the congregation and others who attended them. The work of the meeting was not confined to services in that church alone, but services were held each day at the mills and glass factory. At their close the leaders were made a substantial donation out of appreciation for their zealous and untiring efforts.

More Teachers Elected.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the city schools held last week four additional teachers were elected to fill the places still remaining open and made vacant by resignations of teachers already elected. Miss Sara Babb, of this city and Miss Kate Love, of Chester, were elected to teach in the high school and Mrs. B. L. Jones and Miss Edmonda Garrett, of this city, to teach in the primary grades. Misses Arper, Cockrell, McDaniel and Seawright, previously elected, have notified the board that they will not accept the places offered them.

MAY SIGN TREATY THURSDAY

Official Advices Received in Washington. Feeling of Relief at State Department When News of Germany's Position is Received.

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Washington, June 23.—Official information that the German delegates at Versailles had been instructed by their government to sign the peace treaty was received late today by the state and war departments. It was said none of the dispatches indicated the time at which the actual signing was expected to take place.

News that the German delegation had been instructed to sign was received by officials here with profound relief and satisfaction. Reports of violent dissensions among the various German elements and of powerful influences working to compass the rejection of the treaty, even at the cost of an entente military occupation of Germany has caused apprehension in some quarters that even at the last moment the negotiations might fail. However, the state department's advices from the American peace delegation in Paris consistently had indicated a final acceptance of the terms

by the defeated enemy, so when the first press reports came announcing the unqualified acceptance of the convention by the Weimar government the expressions of official opinion were rather of satisfaction than of surprise.

Berlin, June 23.—General Maereker, who commands the forces guarding Weimar, made a pessimistic statement at a meeting of various parties today regarding the signing of the treaty, according to a Weimar dispatch.

The assembly met at noon and Premier Bauer asked for confirmation of the assembly's decision as the allied and associated powers had rejected Germany's reservations. The assembly, declared, notwithstanding the opposition vote of the German national party, the People's party and a section of the Centrists that the government was still empowered to sign the treaty.

Brest, June 23.—The U. S. S. George Washington, which will carry President Wilson back to the United States, received orders today to be ready to sail Thursday morning. The work of loading the transport began this evening.

MANY STILLS ARE BEING DESTROYED

Revenue Officers Busy, Says Vandiver, Chief of U. S. Deputies, Visitor in Columbia.

T. H. Vandiver, of Greensboro, N. C., revenue agent in charge of the federal deputy collectors in North and South Carolina, was a visitor in Columbia Tuesday, for a conference with the deputy collector's office in this city, and where there he spoke of the work of the "still raiders". The revenue deputy collectors are busy. At present they are working in the eastern part of the state.

The revenue men of the two Carolinas have been very active during the past two months, according to a statement from Mr. Vandiver. During the month of April 220 illicit distilleries were destroyed in the two states, and during the month of May a total of 250 plants suffered a like fate at the hands of the revenue men. Mr. Vandiver did not have the detailed figures by states before him, but he declared laughingly that South Carolina had furnished "her full share" of these illicit distilling plants.

Mr. Vandiver has as yet received no instructions relative to the enforcement of the prohibition law which goes into effect on July 1, and so far as he is informed, it does not devolve upon the revenue men to enforce this law.

CAPT. GONZALES GETS PROMOTION

Well Known South Carolinian Nominated to be Ambassador to Peru.

Washington, June 23.—South Carolina will soon have a full fledged ambassador, the President today having nominated Captain William E. Gonzales, of Columbia, now minister to Cuba, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Peru. This change is a promotion for Captain Gonzales. He was made minister to Cuba at the beginning of the Wilson administration and has performed the duties of that position with honor to the United States.

Recently, by an act of congress, it was decided to place Peru in the ambassador class and today's nomination is another step in the matter.

As minister to Cuba Captain Gonzales' salary was \$12,000 a year; in his new position it will be \$17,000 with the added honor of being an ambassador instead of a minister.

There are hundreds of friends of the new ambassador and his family in South Carolina who will be glad to know that he is soon to represent the United States in this high official position, the duties of which he will assume immediately after being confirmed by the senate.

Since being appointed as minister to Cuba both Captain and Mrs. Gonzales have been visitors to Washington from time to time and have made many friends in the national capitol, official and otherwise.

PRINCETON ROAD CONTRACT LET

Work on Improved Road From Laurens to Princeton to Start July 1st, Top Soil Trackage.

The first contract for improved roads in the county under the direction of the highway commission working in connection with the board of county commissioners, has been awarded Gregory & Thomas, now completing some contracts in Cherokee county. The project let to this contracting company here constitutes what is known as the upper route from Laurens via the Shell place, Hickory Tavern and Tumbling Shoals, on to Princeton at the Greenville county line, a distance of about 20 miles. The surveys are being made as rapidly as possible for this work which is to begin July 1. The job is to be done at so much a cubic yard. The width of the road out to the Shell place is to be 32 feet, from there to Hickory Tavern 30, and from there to Princeton 28, with top soil trackage of 14 feet all the way.

The first project is being handled entirely by the State and county authorities without any assistance from the government. In the next few weeks it is proposed to let contracts that embrace several projects on which government aid has been secured. Over \$300,000 is to be expended by the county on the different roads of the county, and the improved road construction will be directed by N. C. Hughes, civil engineer, who has been employed by the local commission.

Makes Inspiring Address.

Mrs. D. W. Neville, of Clinton, attended the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxillary of the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon and made an inspiring address to the auxillary upon the subjects discussed at the joint meeting of the laymen and women of the church at Atlanta several weeks ago. Mrs. Neville recounted her impressions of the meeting and stirred her hearers to redoubled endeavors in their work.

Leonard C. Abercrombie.

Leonard C. Abercrombie, rural policeman for this county for the past several years, died at his home near Hickory Tavern Friday night at 2 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks from heart affection. He was formerly magistrate for Sullivan township and was a good citizen. He is survived by his wife and several children. Burial services were held Saturday afternoon at Friendship church.

On Sad Mission.

Messrs. Harvey and Ralph Terry left last week for Rockingham, N. C., where they went to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr. Ed. Terry, who died Friday. The deceased had visited Laurens on several occasions and was very pleasantly remembered by friends here.

ITALIAN CABINET RESIGNS POST

Cabinet Resigns When Chamber of Deputies Refuses to Pass a Vote of Confidence.

Rome, June 19.—The Italian government resigned this evening following an adverse vote against it in the chamber of deputies.

Premier Orlando in announcing his resignation and that of the cabinet said King Emanuel had reserved decision as to acceptance.

The chamber of deputies had, by a vote of 259 to 78, rejected Premier Orlando's motion in favor of discussing the question of confidence, which related to the foreign policy of the government, in secret session.

Prior to the vote Premier Orlando in addressing the chamber said:

"Italy's peace with Germany and Austria has been solved in a manner with which on the whole I feel satisfied."

Insisting on the necessity of a secret session, the premier declared that the government needed greater confidence and would treat his motion for a secret session as a question of confidence.

The socialists immediately opposed this.

Signor Orlando in his address said Italy's position had been considerably aggravated by international events during the second fortnight of April. He referred to President Wilson's message regarding the Adriatic question.

The Italian delegation at the peace conference, the premier added, had followed this policy:

"First—Maintain with firmness all the essential points of the Italian claims without which Italy is convinced peace will be neither just nor adequate to the immense sacrifices suffered.

"Second—remain faithful in your duties toward the allies.

"Third—Avoid any blind form of conciliate conciliatory suggestions preference over the problems concerning able of producing accord in the conciliate conciliatory suggestions cap Italian frontiers."

Signor Orlando urged parliament to separate the discussion of foreign affairs from the internal policy of the country, the latter being virtually absorbed, he said, that internal perturbations were transitory and that equilibrium soon would be regained.

The government, the premier continued, was determined to strengthen the defence of consumers against the cupidty of speculation, which had assumed almost the form of folly. The government intended to suppress to the utmost possible the machinations of the middle man and aid in bringing about cooperation among consumers. Having complete control of bread, of rice, cereals, sugar and petroleum, he added, the government would sell them at low fixed prices. Meat would be imported, he said, and distributed at cost without profit and without tax. In summing up the situation, Signor Orlando said:

"The deep unrest throughout the world leads to pessimism such as was never experienced during the war. Immediately after the armistice was signed, the people in general, Italian and particular, never went through such dark days as now. This is the most acute phase of the immense crisis arising from the war. Nevertheless I am not discouraged, believing as I do that the situation gradually will ameliorate."

Store Improvement Begun.

Ground was broken this week for the addition to the men's department of the Minter Company store. The work is being done by Mr. C. H. Rounds, who has done considerable work of a similar nature here before. The store will be extended back so as to be about a hundred feet in length and will have one floor and basement. Mr. Minter expects to have the work completed in time to take care of the fall trade.

First Cotton Bloom.

Honors for the first cotton blossom of the season go this year to F. H. Caine, of this city, who brought one to The Advertiser office Monday morning. The second one arrived the same day, having been sent from Cross Hill by William Mitchell, colored, and the third was sent in by R. G. Watson, of Enoree. The first two were white blossom and the last was a pink one and may have blossomed before the others.

LEAGUE OPPONENTS

ABANDON TEST VOTE

Republicans Postpone Fight on League

WILL COME UP AT RATIFICATION

Senator Lodge Gives Reason as a Desire to Give Undivided Attention to Appropriation Bills. To Get Behind Root's Proposal That Covenant be Ratified with Reservations.

Washington, June 22.—Senate leaders opposing the league of nations abandoned today their plan to try for a test vote in the immediate future on the Knox resolution, and turned their attention to crystallizing sentiment behind Elihu Root's proposal that the league covenant be ratified with reservations.

The decision was taken as a forecast that the league fight would remain in a quiescent state during the coming week and probably until the treaty is submitted for ratification about two weeks hence.

There may be some debate on the subject and possibly an attempt to get action on a substitute for the Knox measure, but in the main the opposition efforts seem certain from now on the final ratification fight itself.

Statement by Lodge.

Republican leader Lodge in a statement tonight announcing that the Knox resolution would not be called up tomorrow said that the decision had been prompted by a desire to give undivided senate attention to pressing appropriation bills. Other league opponents are known to feel also that action now would be inappropriate since the resolution, introduced two weeks ago by Senator Knox (Republican) of Pennsylvania was designed principally to request a provision in the peace treaty by which the senate could ratify the document and still reserve judgement on the league.

"I am very strongly in favor of the Knox resolution," said Senator Lodge in his statement. "I think the league and the peace with Germany ought not to be interlocked. We ought to be able to ratify the peace with Germany at once and then give the proper discussion to the covenant of the league of nations which involves the entire future of the country.

"I should like to bring the Knox resolution to a vote at once, but after consultation with Senator Knox this afternoon, I have come to the conclusion that in the present situation of the appropriation bills, and especially the army bill now before the senate, we ought not to press the Knox resolution at this moment because it will lead to debate and nothing should be allowed to interfere with the passage of the appropriation bills before July 1. We propose to pass them before that date and shall sit day and night if necessary to do it.

"I am more willing to accept this postponement because the resolution is growing stronger daily and the absolute necessity of amending the league if it is to be made safe for the United States and for the cause of peace has just been freshly demonstrated in Senator Root's letter with extraordinary force."

Presbyterian Church Notice.

A congregational meeting is called for next Sabbath morning to elect additional deacons. We urge a full attendance of our membership.

We shall worship in union with our Methodist brethren at 8:30 P. M. in the Methodist church.

C. T. SQUIRES, Pastor.

Do You Know Her?

The Home Service department of the Red Cross has a letter written to Mrs. or Miss Irene V. Gyory, from Geneva, Switzerland, which it would like to deliver to the proper person. It is possible that the letter is not addressed correctly, so suggestions as to possible names would be welcomed.

Services at A. R. P. Church.

Services will be held at the A. R. P. church next Sabbath at 4:30 p. m. Regular services will be held at the same hour on the Second and Fourth Sundays. The public is cordially invited.