

French Ports Returned To France

All American Units Being Withdrawn and Peace Activities Resumed

Paris, March 15.—The American activity which during the past few months has characterized the life of several French ports has ceased with the withdrawal of large American units. The ports are being handed back to the French and are resuming their peace activities.

Rouen is already on a peace basis and wholly controlled by the French. Havre, Marseilles, Tonny-Charence, Rochefort, Marans, La Rochelle and Les Sables d'Olonne soon will be deserted by American soldiers.

The ports mentioned have handled 2,586,634 tons of American army material. At Havre 648, troops were disembarked.

Cotton Exports in March

Shipments Abroad Amounted to 504,239 Bales

Washington, April 22.—A large increase in the March exports of cotton was reported today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Shipments abroad amounted to 504,239 bales, as compared with 311,681 bales in March last year. For the first nine months of the fiscal year exports of cotton were 3,307,082 bales, about 62,000 bales more than the same period last year.

Exports of cotton seed oil in nine months have been 121,488,926 pounds, nearly three times the amount shipped in 1918.

Trade in breadstuffs has amounted thus far this year to \$645,962,493; meat and dairy products, \$753,594,433; and mineral oils, 1,899,113,304 gallons.

Murder or Suicide

Killing of Laurens Woman Causes Sensation

Laurens, April 21.—Mrs. Mary Owens Hill, wife of Irvin Golden Hill, was found in a dying condition with a bullet wound in temple at her home at Cross Hill, Laurens County, at an early hour this morning. Mrs. Hill, it was said, was discovered by her husband, who missed her from the house and at once gave the alarm, but his wife died before medical attention could be given, it was stated.

Coroner R. R. Owings held the inquest this afternoon and the jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Hill came to her death by gunshot wounds inflicted by parties unknown to the jury.

According to evidence given at the inquest, it appears that Mrs. Hill left her room before her husband awoke this morning and when he found her she had been fatally shot. Hill stated on the witness stand that a pistol lay at her side when he found her. Other witnesses testified that they saw no pistol, whereupon Hill went back on the stand and stated that he put the revolver in his pocket. He identified the pistol as his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are members of prominent families of the Cross Hill section and were married about two years ago. One child six months old, survives Mrs. Hill. Hill is a salesman at Mountville.

Will Protect Americans

Italian Government Finds it Necessary to Guard All Consulates

Paris, April 24.—Reuters learns that the Italian government has taken measures to protect the American embassy at Rome and American consulates in all Italian cities in the event of demonstrations.

Traveling Man Says "Thought My Time Had Come"

"Had Given up Hope of Ever Being Well Again. It is Awful To Feel That You Have no Chance. But Dreco Changed It All."

"I cannot fully express my appreciation of what Dreco has done and is still doing for me," declared Mr. Jas. T. Crocker, the well known traveling salesman who "covers" Georgia, but whose home is in Greenwood, S. C. He gave this statement at Palmer & Sons Drug Store in Athens a few days ago.

"It is no wonder to me the enormous sale Dreco has, since I know some of its powers," he continued. "For I feel that it has actually saved my life, and it deserves the highest praise any one can give it."

"I have spent thousands of dollars in search of health. Every stomach remedy I heard of, I bought. I had catarrh of the stomach and nothing ever did me any good but this Dreco. My kidneys were weak and my liver inactive, but the great Dreco has remedied all the ills. Nothing is too good for me to say—in fact, I don't know how to make it strong enough."

To keep the health up to the highest standard, one must keep his stomach in perfect order so that he can digest and assimilate the food properly, thereby eliminating dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, gas on the stomach, backache, sallow complexion, dark rings under the eyes; in fact, all the symptoms that follow stomach disorders. Dreco, the herbal tonic, gives the desired results in these distressing symptoms.

Dreco is now sold by all good druggists throughout the country and is highly recommended in Sumter by Silbert's Drug Store.—Advt.

Peace By May Fifteenth

Paris Newspaper Declares That Germans Will Be Required To Sign Treaty By That Date

Paris, April 22.—The discussion of the peace terms by the Versailles congress after the Germans are called in will not be continued longer than May 15th, the Echo de Paris declares today. The Germans will be required to sign the peace conditions, subject only to ratification by their government. The allies have not consented that these conditions shall be submitted to a plebiscite, it adds.

President Wilson and the two premiers went again into the Japanese question presented by Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda, which were taken up when the deadlock over the Adriatic question was reached yesterday.

"Finish The Job"

By Waldo Newcomer, President National Exchange Bank, Baltimore, Md.

In the previous Liberty Loan issues the need for the money was perfectly evident to everyone, and it was a simple matter for orators to discuss the need for backing up the men at the front and for showing Germany that the entire American people were back of the war and prepared to give their last cent to carry it through.

Now that peace has come and the glamour has died out of the sky, one is apt to think that the troubles are all over. It is just as necessary, however, to bring the boys home as it was to take them over, and they must all be fed and clothed until demobilization is complete; and it is also just as necessary for the honor of the country to pay the bills that have been incurred as it would be to live up to any other contract or agreement and not attempt to make such a contract "a scrap of paper."

Many of the munitions workers and other laboring classes who were getting very large wages during the previous loans and who felt that the money provided by these loans was being used to perpetuate their own employment to some extent, are now no longer available as customers, and, it therefore, becomes necessary for those who can afford to buy the bonds and for those who have enough intelligence to appreciate true patriotism to do their best to fill the diminished ranks.

Booze in Anderson

Officers Take Much Liquor From Drug Store

Anderson, April 23.—Sheriff Sanders and his deputies, with the assistance of city policemen, raided Lyles Pharmacy, a drug store located in West Anderson, yesterday and found 22 gallons of corn whiskey. Lyles was placed under arrest and furnished bond. Three five gallon kegs of whiskey were found with four gallon jugs and three gallons of grain alcohol stored in different parts of the place was sprinkled with a powder which served to annual the odor, said the officers. The officers are determined to put a stop to selling or storing whiskey and are on the alert for any kind of blind tiger.

German Samoa

Future of Colony Bright—Self-Supporting for Years

Auckland, New Zealand, Feb. 15.—Colonel Robert Logan, the New Zealand Administrator of former German Samoa, says the future of the colony is very bright. Cattle-raising and coconut growing are two important industries.

Colonel Logan said that former German Samoa had been self-supporting since New Zealand military occupation. In 1917 trade increased over that of 1916 by over \$1,000,000; and the figures for 1918 would have been a record but for the epidemic of influenza. The increase in trade is now nearly all with the United States. Apia, said Colonel Logan, needs a basin and wharf where vessels may discharge cargo in any weather instead of having to discharge in the open roadstead.

Miss Carnegie Married

Millionaire's Daughter Becomes Wife of Ensign Miller

New York, April 22.—In the presence of only a few friends and relatives, Miss Margaret Carnegie, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, and Ensign Roswell Miller, United States navy, were married at noon today in the Carnegie home here. The bride, who was without attendants, was given away by her father.

The couple probably will spend their honeymoon at Shadow Brook, the Carnegie summer home in Lenox, Mass. They will make their home in Princeton, N. J., where the bridegroom is to take a two-year course in Princeton University.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the regular spring Teachers' Examination, which will be held Saturday, May 3, at the Court House, in Sumter. The examination will begin at 9 o'clock. Applicants must bring writing material. The questions will be taken from the text-books adopted by the State Board of Education, and used in the public schools.

By order of the State Board of Education, J. H. HAYNSWORTH, County Superintendent of Education, Sumter County.

Supervisors Form Association

Clearing House For Road Building Information. Gov. Cooper Speaks

Columbia, April 24.—Addressing the Association of County Supervisors of South Carolina yesterday at the Jefferson Hotel, Governor Cooper outlined a program of good roads legislation that promises much for the future growth and development of the State. "Had I suggested two years ago that the State appropriate \$20,000,000 a year for a period of six years for the construction of permanent highways, the people would have thought me crazy," said Governor Cooper. "Yet today we know that this State has appropriated approximately \$100,000,000 for war work of various kinds in two years and no one has been impoverished." While he made no further mention of definite amounts for expenditure on good roads there was an opinion that his remarks were indicative of his sentiments as regards appropriations.

Continuing, he said, "I have asked the State highway engineer to prepare three good roads bills. One will outline a State system of highways, built, maintained and controlled by the State. I have also asked him to prepare a bill outlining a county system of good roads for the various counties of the State. And I have also asked him to prepare a bill outlining a system of county roads under control of the county built with the aid of State funds somewhat on the plan by which States build roads with federal aid. When these three bills are prepared, I will send copies of them to the county supervisors and to the members of the legislature so that some definite plan may be agreed upon before the general assembly convenes next year.

"It is time for the county supervisors to perfect an organization of some sort, so that we can get to work at once. The people will object to paying for roads if they get the worth of their money. By organizing, you will be able to present a solid front when the legislature meets, and will be in a position to plan for Statewide improvement.

"There is about \$7,000,000 available this year for road building. I stand ready to do what I can for this cause. I want to see South Carolina take a forward step in road construction. We now have an opportunity before us; the people are dissatisfied with their roads. We do not want conditions to remain as they are now. Farmers will not be satisfied and very likely the more progressive farmers will consider seriously the question of moving to other States where transportation is easier if we do not improve conditions.

"We want settlers from the West and Northwest to come into the State. We have a majority of negro population, and the cure for it is to have a steady stream of good white farmers to move in and occupy lands now idle. Good roads will offer an inducement to settlers who have been accustomed to the highways of the Northwest."

Governor Cooper in the course of his remarks told why he did not call an extra session of the legislature, saying that the legislature had considered several good roads measures and had adjourned without passing them, and that as there was no extraordinary emergency he did not feel that he had the right to call an extraordinary session as no condition existed that had not existed previous to the adjournment of the legislature.

After having heard remarks from Governor Cooper and L. C. Hawkins, secretary of the State automobile association and Mr. Wooten representing the State highway committee, the supervisors organized with D. M. Miles of Spartanburg as president and L. P. McMillan of Bamberg as vice president.

The association is to serve as a clearing house for information with regard to road building. Supervisors will exchange views as to the best method of treatment of roads in different localities and will point out mistakes made so that other supervisors may avoid them. Information gained by experience will be passed on to other supervisors, and in this way money will be expended with better returns. Plans were also discussed yesterday for organizing good roads associations in each county, so that the supervisors may have the backing of the people in the execution of their plans.

After various motions and suggestions had been made it was decided to appoint a committee on legislation which committee is composed of W. A. Stevenson of Abbeville, T. W. Boyd of York and Mr. Wooten of the State highway committee.

A committee on by-laws was appointed as follows: M. C. West of Kershaw, E. R. Knight of Chesterfield and A. L. Ervin of Florence.

The second meeting of the association will be held at Greenville in July when a good roads convention will be held in that city, at which time various types of good roads machinery will be on exhibit. After this year, the association will meet annually in January at a date to be fixed by the president.

All county supervisors and county commissioners are to be members of the association.

Cotton Market

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	27.80	28.15	27.70	27.75
July	26.10	26.69	26.11	26.28
Oct.	24.75	25.15	24.50	24.87

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Bishop E. E. Hoss Dead

Methodist Prelate Passes Away Following Paralytic Stroke

Muskogee, Okla., April 23.—Bishop E. E. Hoss, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home here at 9:30 o'clock tonight following a paralytic stroke two months ago. He was born in Johnson, Tenn., April 14, 1849.

Advices Italy to Recede

London, April 23.—(By the Associated Press).—Great Britain has advised Italy in her own interests to forego some of her claims, but if the Italians insist on their rights under the treaty, Great Britain and France are prepared to honor their signatures, in which case, as pointed out to Italy, Fiume must go to Croatia.

It is understood that President Wilson issued his statement on his sole responsibility, and that Premier Lloyd George and Premier Clemenceau are still actively seeking to bring about an arrangement.

The Music for Sunday Afternoon

In harmony with the request of the general committee the music committee for next Sunday has arranged a very simple program. Two simple old hymns, two stanzas of America, and one of the National Anthem will be sung by the whole assembly. The committee has requested Miss Truitt to lead with the assistance of the High School orchestra and she requests that the violinists of the city and some of the gentlemen who play other instruments shall cooperate on that day. She especially requests that all the members of the various church choirs and the boys and girls of the High School shall come to the piano in front of the Girls' High School building without further notice. This feature of the program is entirely informal and it is believed that every one will respond at once to this call.

Good Weather For Cotton

Work Makes Good Progress During Week

Washington, April 23.—Weather conditions were favorable for cotton planting in nearly all sections of the belt and the work made good progress, according to the national weather and crop bulletin reporting on conditions during the week ending yesterday. The temperature was slightly below normal in much of the cotton area, however, and germination of seed and growth of cotton already up was retarded in nearly all sections. More favorable temperatures prevailed the latter part of the week.

Planting was begun during the week as far north as northern North Carolina and in Southern Oklahoma. The week was very favorable for planting in Arkansas, but little of this work has been done in Tennessee.

Cotton is coming up to a satisfactory stand in South Carolina and good stands have been secured in Southern Georgia while chopping out has been begun in the southern portion of the State. Planting made good progress in Texas, but more moisture and warmer weather are needed for satisfactory germination in that State. The growth of cotton which is up was retarded by cool nights.

Under orders from headquarters, the Southern Cotton Oil Co.'s mill here will resume operations next week to crush the seed now on hand. No announcement has been made as to whether or not the mill will resume buying seed this season, but there is a rumor current that the mills will all begin buying seed soon. The Camden mill advertised this week that the mill was in the market to buy all seed offered at the stabilized price—\$68 per ton.

The annual fish fry of Post G. T. P. A. will be held tomorrow evening.

Governor Cooper Asks For Ships

Requests Allocation Be Made Maritime Corporation

Columbia, April 23.—Governor Cooper, in a wire this afternoon to Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, urged that fourteen ships, petitioned for by the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation, representing the five ports of Charleston, Savannah, Wilmington, Brunswick and Jacksonville, for trade between these South Atlantic ports and South America, be allotted to the organization. A hearing with the shipping board and representatives of the corporation is scheduled for tomorrow at 10 o'clock in Washington.

"Urge that the petition of South Atlantic Maritime Corporation for fourteen ships be granted," reads the telegram of the governor. "Building up of trade between the ports in Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Latin American countries will be sound economy. Important that trade be distributed. South Atlantic ports have neutral claim to direct trade with Central and South America, and with islands off these coasts."

S. H. S. Win

Yesterday afternoon, on the Bishopville diamond the Sumter High School won over Bishopville, scoring nine runs to their opponent's five. The wet field made the game more comical than fast. Sumter's battery was good, also their erroring, as is shown by the scorer's tabulation below. Denniston's hitting a home-run in the ninth inning was the only feature of the game. Such batting practice bids fair to make the game Friday with Darlington an interesting scrap.

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Sumter	9 11 11

All places of business are to be closed on Monday. Drug stores will observe Sunday hours. The day has been set aside as a Holiday.