

## WINTHROP CLASS

## GIVEN DIPLOMAS

Rock Hill, June 4.—The 24th session of Winthrop College at Rock Hill came to a close Tuesday night when graduating exercises were held in the college auditorium. Diplomas and certificates were presented to 258 graduates and students pursuing special courses. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the college.

The address before the graduating class was delivered by P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, of Washington, D. C. Mr. Claxton, who is an eloquent speaker, holding the close attention of his audience throughout his address, set forth a few of the present-day needs in education. He declared that the body should be trained as well as the mind and quoted statistics showing how the failure of such a large number of men under draft age to qualify physically for military service might have meant the downfall of this nation had the enemy outnumbered the American soldiers to a greater extent. While the body should be built up, the muscles developed and a high physical standard maintained in order to successfully cope with the tasks of life, the careful cultivation of the mind should not be neglected, the speaker stated. Physical training and mental training should go hand in hand. Each is handicapped without the other.

#### THE PEACE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPEAL OF GERMAN DELEGATES

There is a probability that Germany may secure as a result of her strong counterproposals some lessening in the severity of the peace terms of the allied and associated powers. Germany's pleas that it will be impossible to fulfill the financial requirements of the allies and her protests against certain territorial relinquishments have been heeded and are being discussed by the Council of four. Paris reports have it that in certain quarters of the peace conference the German viewpoint is receiving strong support.

A full discussion of the German counterproposals especially concerning reparations and other economic features of the peace treaty has been held by President Wilson and the staff of American experts of the American peace delegation. Great Britain is said to favor a number of concessions to Germany, but France continues firm in her stand not to waver from the original terms. On the other hand, the Americans are declared not to be averse to minor concessions, but are not in favor of going to the extent that the British propose.

The German government is incensed over the formation of a Rhenish republic. It has ordered the arrest of Dr. Dorden, the president of the republic, and also protested to the peace conference and the armistice commission at Spa against the behaviour of the French authorities in

the occupied Rhineland.

The supreme council has been requested by the Lithuanian delegation to the peace conference to have an allied commission investigate alleged pogroms and other illegal acts by the Poles in occupied Lithuania.

An unconfirmed report has reached Copenhagen that Petrograd has been captured by Finnish and Estonian troops.

The head of the Austrian peace delegation has departed from St. Germain for Innsbruck, carrying with him the allied peace treaty.

Counter revolutions are reported from numerous towns in Western Hungary. Hundreds of refugees are arriving at the Austrian frontier seeking safety.

Sweden and Denmark have come into line with Switzerland and Norway in declining to join a blockade against Germany in case Germany refuses to sign the treaty. Like Switzerland and Norway, the plea is made that such action would be violation of their neutrality.

Big strikes have begun in Paris, Lille and other cities in France.

Berlin, June 3.—The German armistice commission has handed Marshal Foch a note for the allied powers protesting against French support of the proclamation of a Rhenish republic as high treason against the empire and complaining of Colonel Hinot's threats and action at Wiesbaden. The note concludes this action on the part of the French occupation authorities is in sharpest protest against this behavior.

In response to Dr. Dorden's notification of the proclamation of a republic, the German chancellor, Philip Scheidemann, has ordered the prosecution of Dorden and the other members of his government for high treason and declared all the official acts of the new government void.

## RUSSIAN REDS IN

## LATEST BOMB PLOT

Pittsburg, June 4.—Evidence that anarchists responsible for bomb explosions at the homes of Judge W. H. S. Thompson, of the United States district court, and W. W. Sibray, chief inspector of the bureau of immigration, Monday night, were operating under orders from Russian radicals' headquarters in New York was in the hands of the police here today.

According to Superintendent R. J. Alderdice, of the bureau of police, John Johnson, president of the local I. W. W. organization, who was arrested yesterday, came to Pittsburg from New York two weeks ago at the instance of "Number 1001," William Haygood, president of the national I. W. W. according to Mr. Alderdice, bears the pass number 1001.

Johnson was held in jail today with a score of other alleged anarchists who were arrested yesterday and last night. In a partial confession, Johnson is said to have named a Cleveland man as the maker of the bombs, exploded here and his arrest is expected within twenty-four hours.

Among the important suspects arrested last night was Mike Bielesta, said by the police to be a delegate from the Petrograd council of workmen and peasants, sent to this country to spread Bolshevik propaganda.

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