

HEAVY DAMAGE DONE

Kanawha and Elk Rivers Overflow and Flood Lowlands. Charleston, W. Va., June 25.—As a result of three inches of rainfall over the Kanawha and Elk river watersheds during the last forty-eight hours, both streams were overflowing here yesterday and reports from the more mountainous regions indicate a heavy loss of property. Trains are not running at all on the Coal & Coke line. Railroad officials said they did not know how much damage had been done as all telegraph and telephone lines up the Elk valley were down. The sudden rise in the river did much damage to small craft. One houseboat was overturned, but heroic efforts by those on shore saved the occupants. The Kanawha river was about fifteen feet above normal and the Elk was on a rampage. It is estimated the damage in this neighborhood will reach \$50,000. Rumored loss of life could not be verified at an early hour today.

UNITS WITHDRAW

Washington, June 27.—More units of the 32nd infantry, withdrawn from the Archangel front, have arrived at Brest and will be re-embarked for the United States with the least possible delay. The war department was advised yesterday afternoon. Seventy officers and 1,314 men arrived aboard the Portuguese transport Porto on June 24, and forty-five officers and 313 men aboard the British transport Menominee, June 25. Among the units were Companies C, H and K, medical detachment, and detachment of the 310th sanitary train.

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WITHIN WALLS OF HISTORIC VERSAILLES PALACE, SYMBOL OF DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS, GERMAN DELEGATES SIGN PEACE TREATY

(By John T. Parkerson, International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

Versailles, France, June 28.—The German empire has ended where it was founded. The mightiest military power the world has ever known has been shattered and humbled almost to the point of impotency.

Within the magnificent palace which in itself was erected as a symbol of the divine right of kings, and which in the present century was rededicated to that conception by the war lords of Germany, the delegates of the earth have foregathered and pronounced the verdict.

During 250-odd years which have intervened since the erection of the famous palace of Versailles, civilization has traversed a long and uncertain route, but the scene itself, which has figured so conspicuously in history and which has such a deep impression on the heart of France, is little changed in outward appearance.

The fresh touch of springtime has brought out the lovely violet flowers, and a profusion of other flowers, while trestles are adorned with mimosas and the grounds round about strewn with ivy. Except for the occasional sign of a signpost there is no sign above the roof to indicate the world has moved from the sixteenth to the twentieth century.

The birds sing much as they must have sung in the days of old Louis XIV, himself, and one can almost feel the depression in the atmosphere which swept throughout France during the luxury and extravagance of kings and queens who in days long past, cared naught for the poverty and misery caused to their subjects by royal lives of revelry and shame.

It was into this relic-palace of the old world that the representatives of the new world met the German delegates. A long table placed in the hall of mirrors—Galerie des Glaces—around which sat the distinguished cohorts of the great nations, was the immediate setting upon which all mankind visualized its future hopes.

The actual signing of the treaty took place near the center of the great chamber, while, oddly enough, at the south end where, Jan. 18, 1871, stood the dias flanked by Prussian guards from which the creation of the German empire was proclaimed to the world, was reserved for the press. Thus from the exact spot where the light of '71 had burned so dimly for France, the stroke of the pen replaced the flash of the sword and heralded broadcast almost within the twinkling of an eye the dawn of the new day.

The delegates entered the Hall of Mirrors by the marble staircase which took them through the queen's apartments, wherein there is a striking picture which probably was not without its effect on the Germans—a portrait of the late Paul Doumergue, apostle of "La Revanche," just as one might have imagined him at the annual pilgrimages to the Strasbourg statue on the Place de la Concorde.

The apartments of King Louis XIV, including the bedroom where he died, the ante-chamber and the Salle de l'Œuf de Boeuf, were used as special rooms for the allied and associated delegations, while the Hotel des Reservoirs,

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UNCALLED-FOR LETTERS Overseas Mail Still Remains in Local Postoffice. The following un-called letters remain uncalled for in Chattanooga postoffice:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. In what states is marriage between cousins forbidden? Has such marriage been demonstrated as undesirable?—E. F.

A. Marriage between cousins is forbidden by law in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming. Experts on eugenics state that intermarriage of blood relatives is likely to intensify in the children any family traits that are common in both parents. Where there are family weaknesses intermarriage is undesirable. If there are no dangerous common weaknesses the offspring are likely to be normal, and if there are common traits of strength, these may be intensified in the offspring. Scientists generally are not as strongly opposed to marriage of cousins as is public opinion.

Q. What nationality is most inclined to insanity?—D. S. A.

A. The 1910 census showed that there were 12,517 Germans in the insane asylums of this country, and that this was the largest number of any nationality.

Q. Is the Fourth of July a national or state holiday?—F. J.

A. The Fourth of July has never been made a national holiday by act of congress. It has been made a legal holiday by every state in the Union, and its observance, therefore, is on state authority. John Adams probably originated the idea of its being a holiday when, on July 4, 1776, in a speech he prophesied that it would come to be celebrated by proper displays, shows, sports and fireworks. It was immediately after the signing of the Declaration of Independence that the ringing of old Liberty Bell, thus inaugurating the first celebration.

Q. Can cross eyes be made normal?—E. F.

A. It is usually possible by a comparatively simple operation of cutting the muscles which hold the eye crooked, thus allowing it to come back to normal.

Q. Who discovered radium?—N. J.

A. Radium was discovered in 1898 by Marie Curie, of Paris, and Monsieur Curie, her husband. The credit for the discovery is assigned chiefly to Madame Curie.

(Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing The News Information Bureau, Frederic J. Has- kin, director, Washington, D. C. Give full name and address and inclose 3-cent stamp for return postage. Be brief. All inquiries are confidential, the replies being sent direct to each individual.)

built by Louis XV, for Madame de Pompadour, housed the chief representatives of the Germans. In the Salle du Conseil, or council chamber, where virtually all the great decisions were taken governing the course of France under Louis XIV, XV, and XVII, President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando, and the Japanese representative, with the spokesmen of the Germans, met privately for a brief conference just before entering the Hall of Mirrors.

It was in this room, President Wilson was told, that the decision was taken to send Lafayette to the aid of the American revolution—the decision which happily resulted in laying a firm foundation for the great human force which, at the crucial moment of the world war, threw its lot with the French and the other self-governing people of Europe to "make the world safe for democracy."

An immense amount of work had to be done to adapt the ancient palace to the requirements of a twentieth century peace conference. For the first time in history the sound of the telephone bell and the typewriter heard in the intimate apartments of the kings and queens of France—indeed, in the very room where Marie Antoinette, in 1775, heard the king's tyrannical edicts without shrieking for her blood, and in the room also of the beautiful and artful Madame de Maintenon, who, earlier, was practically mistress of France.

These were symbols of mechanical changes brought about by time and the untrammelled opportunity of a people in another age to develop their mental, artistic and inclinations freely—the same people to whom Lafayette was sent, and by whose unselfish aid in the cause of human liberty the king who accursed in his going selfishly believed he might overturn the balance abroad and make himself absolute master of Europe.

But the seed Lafayette sowed was not the seed of empire, and today the newspaper correspondents of the various countries, and not the intriguers of royalty, are working against time in the great hall of the battle-Galerie des Glaces. It is in importance to the Hall of Mirrors itself, in their effort to acquaint the people of the world with the facts attending the deliberations of their chosen representatives.

One of the great paintings these men are looking upon above and over the frame of their typewriters is that commemorating the British surrender of Yorktown. Others are pictures of fetes of arms at Lille, Denain and Dunkirk, which recall names immortalized in the war just closed. Thus the work of the living is mingled with the work of the dead past, and thus, also is it impressed firmly upon the German delegates themselves that men's minds had changed long before the inception of the world war; that they no longer dwell in centuries forgotten, and that, possibly with the exception of the ex-kaiser and those who immediately surrounded him, no thought of erecting a statue, such as the subjects of old Louis once did, representing him enthroned with conquered nations in chains at his feet, would enter their seriously considered outside the royal realm of the movies.

APPOINTED CARRIER

Young Woman to Deliver Mail in Se- quatchie Valley. Jasper, June 25.—(Special.)—Miss Bonnie Hoge, who has been the supply rural carrier from the local office for several months, has received the appointment as carrier. The examination was taken last summer by five men and Miss Hoge. She beat the five men and got the plum. The new incumbent enjoys the work. She will make a ca-

BUYS A DWELLING

Jasper, June 27.—(Special.)—Byron L. Graham, county court clerk, has purchased the Brown Roberson dwelling for a home. John Hall, a railroad employe, of Jacksonville, Fla., will move his family in the house vacated. Jasper was Mr. Hall's birthplace.

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THE LITERARY DIGEST presents this week in its leading article a comprehensive survey of the elements affecting present living costs; comparative tables showing the difference in prices of many articles in 1914 and to-day, the opinions of bankers, merchants, and manufacturers as to the future outlook, and the observations of editorial writers throughout the country on the situation. This article should be of practical value to every DIGEST reader.

Other striking features in this week's DIGEST are:

- What the American Soldier Thinks of the French People This Article Reflects With Illuminating Detail the Opinion of the American Doughboy As Expressed in Talks With Returning Soldiers, in Soldiers' Letters, etc.
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