

PRESIDENT COMES HOME ON MAY 15

CONGRESSIONAL SESSION EXPECTED BEFORE THE FIRST OF JUNE.

TREATY WILL BE SIGNED UP

Gen. Foch Charged With Duty of Providing For Exigencies in Case Germany Should Refuse to Sign the Document.

Paris.—It was stated in well-informed quarters that the situation of the peace negotiations was such that President Wilson probably would be able to sail homeward May 20, and possibly a little earlier, by May 15. The belief was expressed that the president would call an extra session of Congress to convene between May 15 and June 1. Present indications are that the peace treaty will be signed before the president's departure. Information reaching the delegates tends to show that the Germans are not planning to take up time and delay the signing of the treaty, as they desire a settlement at the earliest possible moment.

Military experts under the direction of Marshal Foch have been charged with the drafting of a report on what should be done in the event that Germany refuses to sign the treaty of peace.

Leads Juniors of Southland



MISS VERNA PURSELL

Miss Verna Pursell, of New Orleans, director of the Department of Junior Activities, will lead the 48,269 Junior Red Cross members of the Gulf Division in carrying out the new Peace Program of the Junior Red Cross. Until recently the Junior work had been conducted as a Bureau under the direction of the Department of Development, but since the expansion of the Juniors into so many new phases of work, National headquarters recently passed a ruling making the Junior activities a separate department in the Gulf Division as well as all other divisions in the United States, and Miss Pursell, who has been head of the Junior Bureau, was appointed director of the department.

Miss Pursell has been active in Junior Red Cross work since last November when she accepted a position in the Junior Bureau under Mrs. A. L. Gladden, Jr. Upon Mrs. Gladden's resignation in February, Miss Pursell was appointed director. Previous to her work in the Junior Department, she has been an active volunteer worker with the New Orleans chapter in the Surgical dressings department.

She has recently returned from Washington, where she attended a conference of the Junior Directors of the various divisions with the new leader, W. J. Studebaker, of Des Moines, Iowa, national director of Junior activities. Plans were perfected for carrying out the new Peace Program and the progress of Junior work in each division was discussed.

In the new plans for the Juniors of the Gulf Division and of America it has been decided that the Juniors earn and give at least one-half million dollars a year so long as it may be necessary, to support projects for carrying relief to the suffering children of foreign lands. This is an appreciable sum and within the scope of their willingness. The system for the collection and distribution of these funds is now being perfected.

Lyman Bryson, a noted writer, who has contributed numerous articles to a great many magazines and newspapers of the United States, and who during the past year, has been doing special types of publicity work for the American Red Cross, has called for Europe as a special representative of the Junior Red Cross abroad investigating and writing reports pertaining to the conditions. He will spend several months among the children in various countries, and the accomplishments of the Junior Red Cross of America in carrying on special forms of relief work among the children in Europe. He will also write an article each month for the Red Cross magazine.

Mr. Bryson has a master's degree from the University of Michigan, studied law in Georgetown and Columbia Universities, and for four years taught rhetoric and journalism in the University of Michigan. He is admirably fitted for the work abroad for the Junior Red Cross.

Miss Blanche Greer, an artist, will accompany Mr. Bryson to illustrate his various articles.

CHILDREN OF RED CROSS HELP BABES OVERSEAS

Peace Program Outlined for Almost 50,000 Juniors in the Gulf Division



Entertainments have proved a popular medium through which to raise Junior Red Cross funds. And here we have a "close-up" of Betsy Ross and her flag, proudly displayed to youthful Colonial cavaliers.



Comfort pillows are filled with bits of waste cloth "snipped" by the tots of the receiving classes—this is the way it is done. All kindergartens in the Gulf Division have been active workers in Junior work.

FIVE distinct purposes are given in the new Peace Program of the Junior Red Cross outlined by the officials at National headquarters and affecting the 48,269 Junior Red Cross members in the Gulf Division, comprising Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The purposes are given as follows: To furnish relief to suffering children throughout the world. To stimulate community activities appropriate to the spirit of the American Red Cross. To develop an international understanding and good will made necessary by the new world conditions resulting from the war. To provide motives for the purposeful and useful school activities. To inculcate ideals and habits of service.

There is a great need for relief among the millions of children in foreign lands who are suffering and will continue to suffer for a long period because of the deprivations forced upon them during the war. Through the new plan of the Junior Red Cross the children of the Gulf Division, as well as thousands of other Juniors throughout America, will be given an opportunity to help these children across the sea.

The questions arising are: Are we not vitally bound to help the children of those countries? What can we do for them? Are we not even serving our own best interests in following to the letter the creed of unselfishness?

National Children's Fund. In future years, as the children of America take out Red Cross memberships through the schools, a part of the membership fee (60%), will be sent through the proper channels to National Headquarters, to form a "National Children's Fund" for the purpose of carrying on relief work among children in various countries. If the school or school committee desires to remit an amount larger than 60% of the membership fee it may do so, and credit will be given accordingly. No part of this money will be used for any other purpose.

In addition to the relief work carried on abroad through the use of the money contributed by the Junior Red Cross, the production of the new refugee garments, reconstructed garments for use among the refugees, refugee furniture, and a large number of articles for use in camps, cantonments and hospitals as well as for local institutions, will be continued for some time to come.

An illustration of the extent to which these articles are required at the present time is presented in the following statements:

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STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Spright Dowell, Superintendent.
Montgomery, April 1, 1919.

Miss Verna M. Pursell,
Director, Department of Junior Membership,
The American Red Cross,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Miss Pursell:

I am very much interested in the Peace Program which is being prepared for the Junior Department of the Red Cross. Perhaps the greatest opportunity for giving practical application to lessons in patriotism, in the teaching of our national and international responsibilities, will be through the work suggested in this bulletin.

I feel sure that the teachers of our State will be glad to have this very practical plan of continuing a work during peace times which gave motive to nearly every task during the period our Nation was in war.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) Spright Dowell,
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Divisions and will soon be made to the chapter school committees for the production of 30,000 chairs and 10,000 tables to be used in the reconstructed homes in the devastated areas of France.

In the camps and hospitals both in this country and abroad many articles, such as canes, crutches and bed tables are needed and will continue to be produced.

Will Learn of Work. At the opening of each school year, starting September, 1919, a comprehensive and detailed report of the conditions among children abroad and the projects for relief already undertaken and contemplated will be sent to each teacher in the American schools. This report will be prepared in the form of a manual for the teacher's use. It will contain interesting stories to be retold to children in the primary grades, illustrations picturing various typical situations in Europe, outlines and lesson plans with references to be used by the teacher in making clear to the children in the upper grades and in high school what the needs are abroad; what the Junior Red Cross has already accomplished and the necessity for future development in the countries under consideration.

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LABOR CONDITION BETTER

UNEMPLOYMENT DISAPPEARING IN 59 CITIES

Seven Report Shortage of Labor and Conditions Balance in Sixteen Others.

Washington.—A marked improvement in unemployment conditions is shown in the reports received by the United States employment service from 59 cities, for the week ending April 12, made public. Thirty-six of these cities reported a surplus of labor in representative industries aggregating 97,900, as compared to a surplus over the previous week of 122,605.

Seven of the cities reported a shortage of labor aggregating 3,750, or 800 fewer than the preceding week, while 16 reported labor supply and demand to be equal. The principal decreases in labor surplus were at Oakland, San Francisco, Butte, Portland, Oregon, and Rochester.

Illinois reported conditions good with the exception of Rockport, where there is a surplus, with industrial relations acute. While there is a considerable number of unemployed in Chicago, a large part was said to be transitory and no accurate figures were obtainable. Kansas City reported 2,400 surplus. Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri and Nebraska report conditions good, with labor supply and demand virtually equal.

BERNSTEIN WARNS GERMANY

No Chance to Save Anything From Wreck by Threatening the Allies, He Says.

Berlin.—In a strikingly sober article written by Eduard Bernstein, the Vorwaerts warns the German nation of the dangers attendant upon a refusal to sign the terms of peace and declares the world will not absolve former Emperor William and his advisers from responsibility for all the misery of the war.

The article points out the enormous damage done to French territory and says:

"Everyone acquainted with the facts knows that the allied demand for the delivery of coal for a specified time is based upon economic necessities, although a legitimate objection can be made to the demand for pledging the output of the entire Saar district. In any case, we cannot save the Saar district for Germany by threats."

BODY OF MISS CAVELL HOME

Ceremonies Will Be Held in Westminster Abbey—Military Escort.

London.—The body of Edith Cavell, the English nurse who was executed by the Germans in 1915 at Brussels, will be brought to England from Belgium May 15, and taken to Westminster Abbey. Interment will be at Norwich, the home-town of the Cavells.

To Storm Parliament.

Vienna.—Bolshevik sympathizers attempted to storm the Austrian parliament building but were soon dispersed with a few wounded. The city is generally in quiet.

14 Soldiers Killed.

Paris.—Fourteen American and six French soldiers were killed when an express train carrying American troops crashed into a stationary train with French soldiers on turlough near Le Mans. Others were hurt.

Sebastopol Is Occupied.

Paris.—A dispatch to the Matin reported that Bolshevik forces have occupied Sebastopol. This would indicate the Bolsheviks virtually have cleared the Crimean peninsula of allied troops.

Nervous fluttering or palpitation of the heart does not indicate heart disease, generally it means disorder in the stomach and digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters is a man's remedy for such ailments. It cleanses, strengthens and regulates the stomach, liver and bowels, removes the cause of the heart symptoms and builds up a strong and vigorous body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. City Drug Co., Special Agents.

Chief of Red Cross Kiddies



W. J. STUDEBAKER

Ten million children rushed to enroll in the Junior Red Cross in the fall of 1917, when it was decided to organize them for work. They seized the opportunity to release their energies and demonstrate their belief in the outcome of the war against autocracy.

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The children all over the nation realizing that they must work together, were asking what they could do. It was in this spirit that the Red Cross was organized, and having proven itself of so much value and so vital to the social accomplishments of the school, teachers throughout the country have learned that this spirit of service that the children have developed during the period of war must not be allowed to die.

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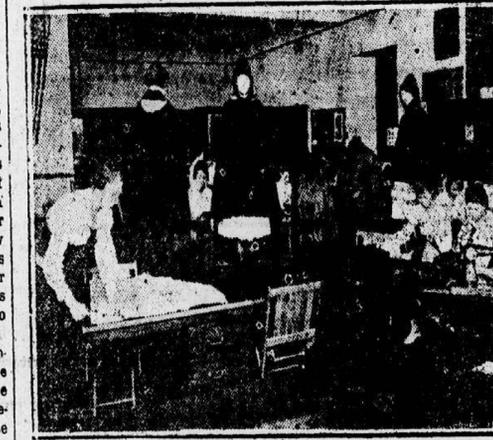
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OIL DEVELOPMENT DRAWING NEARER TO ARCADIA

Present indications point to early development of the oil possibilities of the territory surrounding Arcadia. At present the trend of development in the new Claiborne field is in this direction, and numerous locations are being made in the near vicinity, especially around Athens.

Mr. Millard Atkins of Athens, who was in the Democrat office last Saturday stated that actual drilling was begun on Thursday on the test well to be drilled at McBride, six miles east of that town. This well is being drilled by Conohan & Miller.

He also stated that the Atlas Oil Co. has a derrick up on the location on W. A. Atkins' place 1 1/2 miles south of Athens, and that the drilling rig was at Athens ready to be hauled to the location.

A derrick has been erected on the John Neal place two miles north of

Athens, and Lee Kennebrew will begin drilling at an early date.

On the Ballock place seven miles north of Athens, a derrick and rig has been set and drilling operations begun. A depth of something over 500 feet has been reached to date. This well is being drilled by the Progressive Consolidated Oil Co. of New York.

According to reports there are still a few more tracts that not been leased in the neighborhood of the operations described above, and that much trading is being done.

In the opinion of geologists and experts, and according to the survey recently made, it seems that the trend of the oil is in a southeasterly direction from Homer, toward Athens and Arcadia. Special interest is being taken in the country between Arcadia and Gibsland, and we understand that one or more locations have been made somewhere in that district, but we are unable to state the exact location.

PROPOSALS WANTED FOR WATERWORKS, AND ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS, ARCADIA, LOUISIANA.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Arcadia, Louisiana, on or before 8:00 p. m. on Wednesday the 14th of May, 1919, and then publicly opened, for furnishing materials, equipment and supplies for constructing certain Waterworks and Electric Light Plant Improvements for the said town in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Board of Aldermen of Arcadia, Louisiana. The Waterworks improvements include furnishings building, cast and galvanized iron pipe and fittings, valves and hydrants, oil engine pumps, deep well, and air lift system, reservoir elevated tank and oil storage facilities. The Electric Light Improvements include furnishing alternators, switch boards, street light regulator, and miscellaneous line materials.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check for three per cent of the amount of bid, made payable to the Hon. B. F. Barnette, Mayor of Arcadia, Louisiana, as evidence of good faith.

Specifications, form of proposal, contract and plans may be seen at the office of the Mayor, Arcadia, Louisiana, or specifications will be mailed upon application to the engineer, Xavier A. Kramer, Magnolia, Miss.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

B. F. BARNETTE, Mayor.
FRED W. PENTECOST, Sec.
XAVIER A. KRAMER,
Consulting Engineer,
Magnolia, Miss.

LET YOUR INTEREST KEEP ON MAKING INTEREST

Uncle Sam paid out more than \$3,000,000 in interest on Fourth Liberty Loan bonds, Tuesday, April 15, to persons residing in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, which consists of Texas, the Northern half of Louisiana, the Southern half of New Mexico and eight counties in Oklahoma. The Treasury Department has asked that as much of this as possible be re-invested in War Savings Stamps, so that the interest will keep on making interest.

Arrangements have been made so that Liberty Bond coupons may be exchanged for Thrift or War Savings Stamps at any postoffice in the United States. The total amount paid out by the Government in this interest payment is \$150,000,000 which is a visible proof of the value of Liberty Loan Bonds. The whole resources of the Government are back of War Savings Stamps, just the same as Liberty bonds.

Are you interested in what is going on in your own parish? Then subscribe for the DEMOCRAT.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
BOUGE, LA.