

GERMANS WILL BE PRESENTED PEACE TREATY AT VERSAILLES BY BIG FOUR OF PARIS TODAY

Terms Will Admittedly Be Hard But It is Asserted There is one of Only Two Courses Open.

REFUSAL TO SIGN MEANS ISOLATION

There is Still Some Dissension On Part of Italy Though Her Credentials Are Handed to Germans.

All is ready for the presentation Wednesday afternoon of the peace treaty to Germany. The terms admittedly, will be hard for Germany but it is asserted there is but one road for her to follow if she is to obtain what her spokesmen have so frequently declared she ardently desires, the return of peace and a chance to rehabilitate herself economically. Acquiescence even of the trial of the former emperor is to be required. Reports have it that steps for the complete economic isolation of Germany are being considered should she decline to sign the treaty.

There is still dissent among the allied and associated powers over some provisions of the treaty. Chief among the objectors is Italy, with Fiume and the Dalmatian coast in dispute. Signor Crespi, Italy's representative at Tuesday's plenary session, made reservation concerning any treaty provisions unacceptable to Italy. The Chinese delegates reiterated a protest concerning the disposition of Kiaochow and Portugal has expressed dissatisfaction with the awards the council of four has made to that republic. Nevertheless the treaty as formulated will be placed in German hands according to a Paris report.

Paris, May 6.—Credentials of Italian delegates to the peace conference were handed this morning to the German plenipotentiaries at Versailles. This official announcement was made this evening.

It was decided late today that the following delegations which were to be excluded, will be admitted at the congress at Versailles tomorrow when the peace terms are handed to the Germans: China, Siam, Cuba, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, Panama, Liberia and Honduras.

The peace treaty was presented to the minor powers at a secret plenary session this afternoon which adjourned at 8:15. The draft is considered now as having passed the final stage after being presented to the Germans. Marshal Poch in a speech declared the security given France is inadequate from the military standpoint view and said it was his personal conviction that the treaty should not be signed.

Paris, May 6.—A clause regarding responsibilities which was not acted on previously by the plenary conference, it is understood has been incorporated in the final draft of the treaty. This provides for the trial of the former German Emperor for "Supreme offence against international morality and sanctity of treaties" by a tribunal composed of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

Versailles, May 6.—Peace. (By the Associated Press). When the German delegates enter the dining room of the hotel Trianon on Wednesday afternoon to receive the text of the treaty of peace they will find the representatives of the powers arrayed against Germany awaiting them at one of the greatest tables which have been placed in the room. Premier Clemenceau, President Wilson and Premier Lloyd-George will stand at the head of the table.

The Germans will not join the allied delegation at this time, but will be conducted to a smaller table standing by itself at the open end of the horse shoe formed by the green-covered tables arranged for the meeting. There they will listen to M. Clemenceau's opening address and receive the judgment of the allied and associated nations as formulated in the volume of resolutions drawn up during the four months of deliberation by the inter-allied conference.

On Clemenceau's right will be President Wilson and the other American delegates while on his left Premier Lloyd George and the British

(Continued on Page Eight)

RAILROADS DEFICIT HAS INCREASED

Reduction in Freight Traffic Charged With Responsibilities for Bad Showing.

Washington, May 6.—The government's deficit in operating the railroads for the first three months this year was about \$192,000,000 for all roads under federal management, director Hines disclosed today. The government's loss for 1918 was \$225,000,000, making a total loss incurred during the 15 months of federal operations \$418,000,000.

A marked reduction of freight traffic under the records of similar periods of the last two years is responsible for the bad financial showing and April conditions show no promise of improvement.

Despite the big deficits the director general does not contemplate any general increase in rates. The government also incurred a deficit of about \$14,500,000 in 8 months of operation of the American Railway Express company up to March 1.

NINE GENERAL BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Ex-President Taft Writes Legislators He Cannot Be In Tallahassee Before End of Session.

BY HERBERT FELKEL. Tallahassee, May 6.—After passing nine general bills and killing one, the senate yesterday voted to turn to the local bill calendar and worked on such measures till adjournment was taken at 6 o'clock. A number of important bills were introduced.

As a result of the Singletary resolution, the board of control submitted a detailed report of the expenditures of all the moneys appropriated by the last legislature for the state's institutions of higher education. The tabulation of figures itemized every item and the letter from Bryan Mack, secretary of the board, stated that if any further information were desired it would be cheerfully furnished. The communication was referred to the appropriations committee.

A telegram from former President W. H. Taft declined the invitation to address the legislature on the League of Nations, stating that he had too many engagements ahead of him to permit of his coming to Florida before the adjournment of the legislature. He said he had not answered before because he had been in the west and found the invitation upon his return. Mr. Taft appreciated the compliment, he said.

A letter from the Old Spanish Trail Association invited the legislature to attend a celebration on the west bank of the Apalachicola river on May 20, apropos of the bridge to connect Jackson and Gadsden counties.

Introduction of Bills. Senator Hulley introduced a bill to prevent drainage districts from extending their boundaries to include nearby lands that do not need drainage for the purpose of taxing them. He also introduced a new charter for Ormond.

Senator Oliver introduced a bill providing for a commission form of government for Apalachicola.

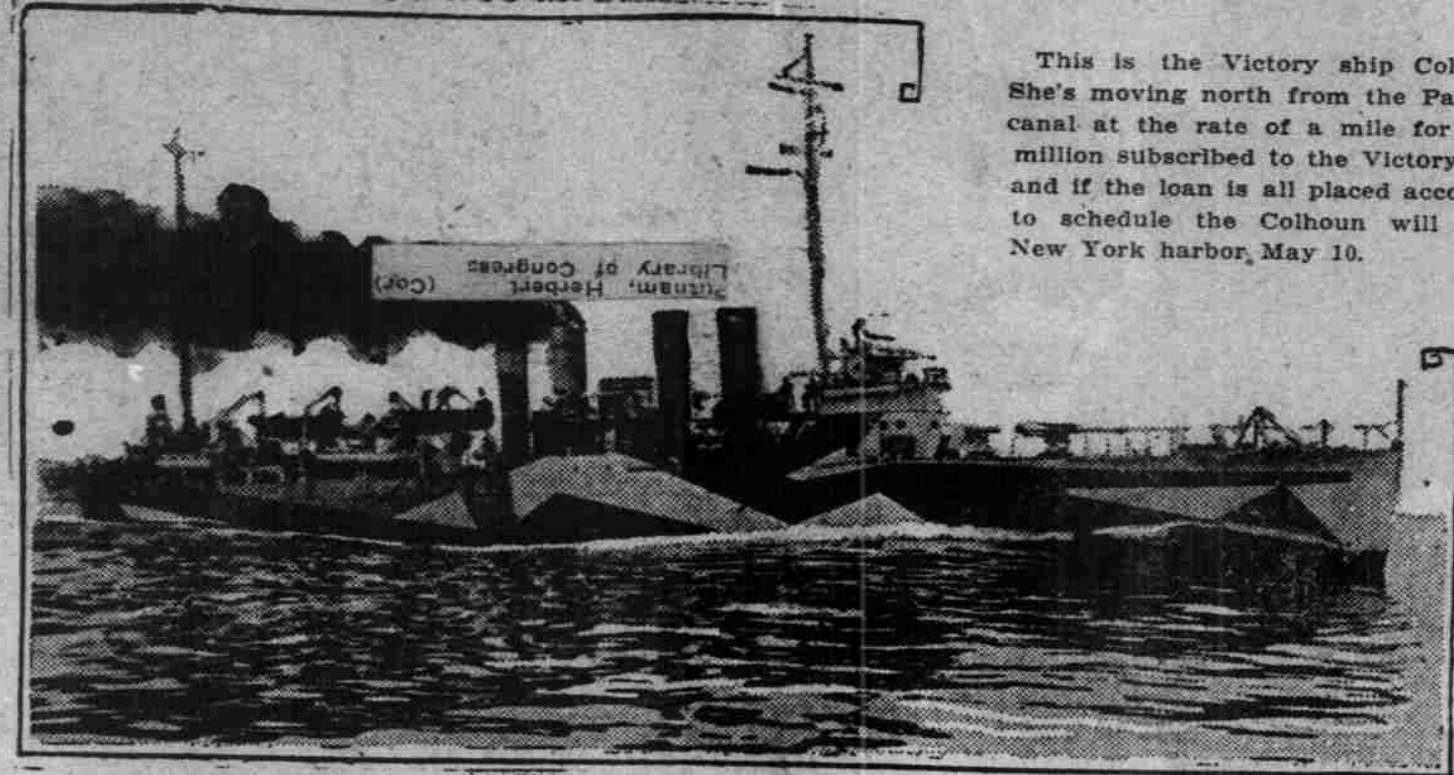
Senator Carlton introduced a bill to require a license before marriage. The present law authorizes the issuance of licenses but recognizes the common law marriage. This bill will make license necessary.

Senator Stokes introduced a bill relative to the safe installation and insulation of electrically operated or controlled devices.

A measure introduced by Senator Mac Williams provides for the employment of assistant state attorneys when and where needed, the same to be called in and paid by the state attorneys.

Building and loan associations may invest the funds deposited with them in Liberty Bonds under a bill proposed by Senator Stokes.

VICTORY SHIP WILL ENTER NEW YORK HARBOR WHEN LOAN IS COMPLETED



This is the Victory ship Colhoun. She's moving north from the Panama canal at the rate of a mile for each million subscribed to the Victory loan, and if the loan is all placed according to schedule the Colhoun will enter New York harbor, May 10.

SENATE KILLS CATTS SCHOOL PROBE BILL

Local Boards of Visitors Will Not Be Appointed By Governor to Inspect Institutions.

BY HERBERT FELKEL. Tallahassee, May 6.—By a tie vote the senate today failed to pass the bill by Senator MacWilliams providing for the appointment by the governor of local boards of visitors to inspect the state institutions of higher learning under the board of control, and the measure is dead, a majority of "ayes" being necessary to pass a bill.

The measure had been amended on several readings to eliminate the provision that members of the board of control might reside in the counties in which the educational institutions are located. Senator Cash spoke against the bill, declaring it to be an entering wedge for the destruction of the colleges.

Senator Cash said a principle was involved, that the schools to date had been exceptionally well managed and that the provision for keeping the colleges free of local influence was one of the best features of the Buckman bill.

Senator Mac Williams said too much publicity was impossible in the management of public affairs, and he never had been able to understand the theory of putting the manager of an institution as far from it as possible. The board of control ought to welcome the suggestions of people who are continuously on the ground, he said.

GLASS TO SPEAK BEFORE GROCERS IN CONVENTION

New Orleans, May 6.—Two thousand delegates are expected here tomorrow for the opening session of what has been termed the Victory Convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers association. According to an announcement tonight the 3-day program contains the names of many prominent speakers throughout the country headed by Secretary Glass who will address the convention Thursday on important subjects, including questions arising from the problems of the economic re-adjustment of the country's business reconstruction, labor conditions and food prices.

NEGRO KILLED AFTER SHOOTING THIRTEEN WHITES

Piano, Texas, May 6.—Thirteen persons are in hospitals suffering from wounds received in a gunfight here today between county officers and citizens and Tom Embrey, a negro, who was killed after barricading himself in a house and for four hours resisted with a shot gun all attempts to capture him. Most were wounded by shot in attempts to rush the house.

WAR CAMP SERVICE MAKES PLANS TO WELCOME MEN HOME

Newport News, Virginia, May 5.—Five hundred thousand veteran troops are due to arrive in this historic town from overseas in the next few months. Most of them will come in regimental units. They are the pick of the fighting men from every state in the union. They will be quartered in the adjacent camps from five to ten days before being ordered to their home camps. This means, that while they are in fact, back on American soil they are still far from home.

War Camp Community Service has realized the situation and in cooperation with the War Department and the commanding officers at the port, has taken steps to remedy it.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE

New York, May 6.—Approximately 2,700 drafted men of Georgia, Alabama and Florida, arrived here today on the steamship Huron, from Bordeaux.

Tokio, May 6.—The anti-American campaign in the Japanese press continues with renewed force. Up to the present no serious overt acts have been committed against Americans or American property.

London, May 6.—Allied troops advancing southward along the Murmansk railway Sunday captured Mesalskaya, twenty-five miles south of Urozero, says a war office announcement.

New York, May 6.—Flight Commander Towers announced tonight that no attempt would be made tomorrow by the navy's trans-Atlantic aviators to hop off on the first leg of their journey because of adverse weather.

Augusta, Ga., May 6.—Chief Naval Quartermaster D. J. Ritchie, of Kansas City, was killed and Pilot Ensign T. J. Wheelan and Chief Machinist Harry Rogers were painfully bruised and burned when a hydroplane nose dived into the Savannah river near here this afternoon.

Jamaica, May 6.—The British government having decided to give preferential treatment to West Indian sugar, a new tariff will be prepared by the legislative council of Jamaica, giving advantages of a substantial nature to manufactured goods from Great Britain.

Washington, May 6.—Orders were issued today by the war department for the recruiting of 8,000 men to serve as replacement troops for American soldiers now in Siberia. A replacement detachment will be organized at San Francisco and the troops will be sent forward in units of 500 each as they become available.

Washington, May 6.—The Pacific coast shipbuilders were asked today by Chairman Hurley to come to Washington at an early date and discuss with the shipping board the question of replacing canceled contracts and adjusting payments to be made in connection with the construction of ship yards as war emergency.

Washington, May 6.—The president in an executive order called from Paris has directed the civil service commission to exempt soldiers, sailors and marines from physical requirements for any civil service position upon certification by the federal board for vocational education that the applicant has been especially trained and qualified for the position.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 5.—Will Miller, special agent of the department of justice, and William Mays, inspector for the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, were killed in a fight with moonshiners in McCurtain county, Okla., according to a dispatch received here today which reported the finding of the bodies of two men.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 6.—All efforts to quench the raging fire in the Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia railway tunnel through Pigeon mountain, near Estelle, Ga., have so far failed, and officials report the fire still raging this morning.

Sheffield, Ala., May 6.—Miss Florence Hansborough, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Hansborough, of this city, was found floating in a bath tub at their home, last night. The cause of death is undetermined, but it is supposed she either fainted or was attacked by convulsions while in the bath.

Mr. Hansborough is publisher of the Tri-Cities Daily.

LOCATION FOR SALVATION A. HOME SELECTED

Location of Property is Considered Ideal—Home Service Drive Plans Are Completed.

A Salvation Army home that will serve the needs of this worthy organization for years to come, for the entire area of West Florida, will be erected on the southwest corner of Jefferson and Zarragossa streets, next to the city police department building and across the street from the county building and city hall, if the home service drive plans of the army, May 19-25, succeed as is expected.

This announcement was made by Capt. Bergren, local corps commander for the army, yesterday in speaking of the allotment made by the headquarters directorate of \$25,000 for Pensacola to be used for the purpose of building a home to serve all Florida west of the Apalachicola river. Announcement of the allotment was made several days ago.

Capt. Bergren said that Mr. H. L. Covington, part owner and custodian of the property designated, had consented to let the Salvation Army have the property at a stipulated price of \$6,350, which is \$400 less than what is considered the actual market value of the corner, with the understanding that the \$400 be construed as a donation to the home. The dimensions of the property are 68x115 feet.

The plans of the Salvationists are to erect a modern three story building, embracing about 50 rooms in the dormitory, with reading rooms for service men and the usual accommodations for the poor and destitute. The home would also very probably embrace a nursery where the children of working mothers would be cared for. Full details of the home have not been completed yet, but in view of the spaciousness of the lot, Capt. Bergren is sure that the home can be made to subserve the constantly increasing local demands made upon the Salvation Army not only from the city and suburbs, but the surrounding country districts as well.

Similar homes are to be provided for Montgomery, Mobile and other large cities throughout this section, following the putting over of the approaching drive.

Headquarters at San Carlos. Headquarters for the drive will be open this morning at the San Carlos Hotel, said Capt. Bergren yesterday, and all mail and applications should be addressed or should come to "Salvation Army Headquarters Home Service Fund Drive, San Carlos Hotel," Capt. Bergren or Director W. G. Green, one or the other or both will be at the headquarters regularly and they are to have the aid and assistance of a very able campaign committee, the names of whom have been announced.

Capt. Bergren states that already a great deal of interest is being manifested in the approaching drive and though it has not been formally opened and will not be until after the conclusion of the Victory Liberty Loan drive, he has already received some donations for the fund and that one or more rural church communities are arranging to take an active part in the campaign and others have signified their intention of doing so.

The outlook for the success of the drive locally and throughout the zone is said to be most encouraging.

ALLIED GUNBOATS ARE IN CONTACT WITH BOLSHEVIKI

Archangel, Monday, May 5.—First of the allied river flotilla reached the fighting front near the junction of the Vaga and Dvina rivers last night. The Bolsheviki shelled the allied positions on the Vaga yesterday afternoon. Other sections of the front are reported quiet.

SENATE ACTION ON PROH. BILL IS POSTPONED

Motion to Reconsider After Vote Was Taken Failed But Measure Will Come Up Again Today.

SHERIFF'S FEE BILL IS UP AGAIN

House Also Passes Bill to Compensate Sheriffs Who Were Suspended and Compulsory Dipping Bill.

By a vote of fifteen to fourteen the senate this morning indefinitely postponed the main prohibition bill offered by the joint temperance committee which sought to amend the act of the extraordinary session for enforcing the state-wide prohibition amendment to the constitution.

A motion to reconsider was made this afternoon and the bill will come up again tomorrow.

The senate today passed Hulley's bill defining, regulating and segregating general diseases.

In the House. After a lively skirmish over amendments to reduce increases of sheriff's fees, as provided in the committee substitute bill, the house this afternoon passed the measure by a vote of 65 to 5.

The bill was amended to exclude sheriffs of counties of more than forty thousand from its benefits. The bill will increase fees now allowed about fifty per cent.

The house also passed a bill for the relief of A. T. Coleman, sheriff of Sumpter county, for \$2,280 in fees collected during his suspension from office. Also a bill for the relief of Ernest P. Roberts, county solicitor of Monroe county, for fees during his suspension which amounted to \$1,909.

After adopting an amendment offered by Mr. Edge, of Lake county, to make private and denominational schools subject to the same rules and regulations that public schools are operated under and subject to the same laws, the house this morning passed the Williams compulsory tick eradication bill by a vote of 56 to 13. Mr. Stathis of Holmes, changing his vote to move for reconsideration of the bill.

GRAND JURY IN U. S. COURT STILL WORKING

After working diligently all day yesterday the U. S. grand jury recessed late in the afternoon until this morning at 10 o'clock, when that body will resume its labors with the assistance of District Attorney John L. Neeley. No report has yet been made though it is expected that some of its findings will be reported this morning.

The criminal docket of cases set for the term, indictments formerly found, was practically completed yesterday. The court will be convened for the hearing of the one or more remaining cases this morning, following which perhaps indictments found by the grand jury at its present session will be taken up.

Hiram J. Horn, former postmaster at Garden City, pleaded guilty before Judge Wm. B. Sheppard, to the charge of embezzlement of postoffice funds yesterday and was sentenced to pay a fine equal to the amount alleged to have been embezzled, \$200.59. He was also sentenced to serve a term of 60 days in the county jail here. It is reported that the former postmaster made good his shortage of government funds, however the law provides that in such cases defendant shall not be fined less than the amount of the shortage.

A. Roper, the negro who was arrested in Pensacola several weeks ago for "moonshining," was found guilty by jury and sentenced to serve six months in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta and pay a fine of \$100.

Upon arraignment of Arthur Barnes, Charley Baker and Joe Eaton, negroes, charged with violating the federal postal laws, the two former pleaded guilty. Judge Sheppard withholding sentence. Eaton will be tried this morning it is expected.

The three negroes are alleged to have been "operating a postoffice of their own in competition with Uncle Sam" at an isolated point over on the Marianna and Blountstown railroad.

NINE COUNTIES IN ZONE HAVE RAISED QUOTAS

Escambia County is Still Lagging With Nearly \$300,000 More to Be Subscribed.

DRIVE TO END IN ONLY FOUR DAYS

Victory Day Will Be Celebrated at Naval Air Station Today; W. H. Watson to Make Address.

With only \$445,900.00 of Escambia's quota of \$737,650. subscribed, there remains, \$291,750.00 yet to be raised in subscriptions to the Victory loan, before this county can go over the top, and the county committee urges every patriotic citizen to the realization of what it would mean to Escambia to be the last to subscribe its quota, or to fail to subscribe.

Already nine of the sixteen counties of the West Florida zone have made their subscriptions, and in several instances the quota has been doubled. The little town of Cottondale has established a record by more than doubling its quota. What the people of that little community have done should be an incentive to every citizen to do his part, and in the four days that remain Pensacola and Escambia county should go over with flying colors.

Victory Day at the Yard. A special Victory loan celebration will take place today at the Pensacola naval air station, W. H. Watson to deliver an address, and a patriotic rally to feature the day.

J. M. Muldon, chairman of the Escambia County Liberty loan committee, said yesterday that it is necessary for all workers to enter with renewed zeal into the drive during the next four days, if the loan is to go over the top.

The Boy Scout Brigade. The two troops of Boy Scouts are doing some splendid work, and are meeting with much encouragement. One of the boys said yesterday: "It certainly does help a lot, when they meet us with a smile. Somehow, it seems more patriotic to give with a smile than to be grouchy about it." That is the slogan of the hour: "Give with a smile." And it is a good slogan.

The woman's committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Hunter Brown, is doing some fine work. The women of Escambia county do not need any inspiration in their campaign, in which they are doing such splendid work, but the members may be interested in the following excerpt from a letter received by Paul Custer, of The Journal, from Miss Van Dorgan, of New York, sister of Taft, the famous cartoonist:

"I have been working on this Victory loan and as you know, we had some hopping to do. Our committee, which was on the allied Music Division, gave a rally at the Metropolitan Opera House and the tickets were allotted according to the amount of the subscription. The way they bought seats made my blood run cold. Boxes sold from \$50.00 to \$200.00, orchestra seats from \$1.00 and so on; up to the top balcony sold for \$50 to \$100 each. We raised over \$7,000,000 on it, which more than doubled our quota."

LESS THAN HALF OF VICTORY LOAN IS SUBSCRIBED

Washington, May 6.—Victory loan subscriptions reported to the treasury tonight totaled \$2,061,000,000 approximately 46 per cent. of the quota sought. Experts who have been associated with all loan campaigns and at absolute loss to explain the slowness of the subscriptions said the treasury's review tonight. The belief held by many at the outset of the loan that it's attractive features both as to interest and maturity would cause an early oversubscription have been rapidly dissipated and yet no one seems able to assign a cause for this situation.

Atlanta, May 6.—Actual subscription to the Victory Liberty loan tonight totaled \$56,536,000 in the Atlanta district according to reports to headquarters. This is 46 1/2 per cent. of the district's \$124,000,000 quota. Subscriptions by states show: Alabama, \$8,855,000; Florida, \$9,028,000; that of Mississippi is in district; \$2,788,000.

CHILD WELFARE BILL IS PASSED BY THE SENATE

The Mother's Pension bill passed the Senate yesterday, with only five opposing votes, according to a wire yesterday afternoon by Miss Agnes McKinnis, Welfare worker of Escambia county who has recently returned from Tallahassee, where she went in the interest of the bill, which was introduced by W. E. Parker, of Clay county.

The pension bill, popularly called the child welfare bill, was drafted by R. Pope Reese, of this city, and is said to be a model of its kind.