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## EYES OF WORLD ARE DIRECTED ON VERSAILLES

German Peace Delegation Will Hand Over Their Reply to the Allied Peace Terms.

## BLOCKADE CLUB IS HELD OVER GERMANS

Berlin Reports Say Germany is Willing to Reduce Armaments Even More Than is Demanded.

Thursday at Versailles will witness the ceremony of the German peace delegation handing their reply to the allied peace terms. The reply will consist of a volume of counter proposals and acceptances aggregating one hundred and eight pages. It will run the gamut from financial inability to meet the terms through the long series of protestations of unfair treatment to a declaration that it would be an injustice for the allies to demand the right to try German culprits charged with committing excesses during the war.

Great stress will be laid in the German document on the assertion that the allies are virtually abandoning the President's 14 points for peace which the Germans declare they accepted as a basis for signing the armistice. It is reported the Germans, in an endeavor to offset the entente claims for reparation will counterclaim nearly thirteen billion marks for alleged damages suffered because of the blockade laid by the allies against Germany.

London, Tuesday, May 27.—British wireless service. The Allied blockade council at Paris has completed arrangements for again blockading Germany should the Germans refuse to sign the peace treaty. Complete plans have been worked out for fullest cooperation between military and economic forces which will be employed if necessary.

London, May 28.—The German counter-proposals to the allied peace terms were published in Berlin today and exchanged telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen says: The reply asserts the willingness of Germany to reduce armaments to a greater extent than demanded by the allies.

Paris, May 28.—The question of France and the southern territorial boundaries of Austria have been settled by the allied council, according to the best information here this evening. Agreement also is reached, it is said on general Adriatic questions except economic arrangements. Thus all territorial questions will be presented to the Austrians Friday in the proposed terms.

## FIRST MOVE TO PROBE IS MADE BY REPUBLICANS

Washington, May 28.—The republicans made their first move in congress today toward beginning the proposed investigations of war expenditures when a resolution approved by party leaders was introduced by Representative Graham, calling for the appointment of a special committee of fifteen members to conduct investigations. Party action on the measure is planned by the republicans.

Party leaders intimated the investigations might include expenditure of \$100,000,000 war fund given the president for discretionary disposal and also of the war risk insurance fund. After three hours of sharp partisan conflict with the democrats, the republicans completed organization of the senate today by electing chairman minorities of all important committees, including Senators Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Warren, of Wyoming, as heads of the finance and appropriations committees, respectively. Republican congressives, who have opposed the selection of Penrose and Warren, voted solidly against a demonstration designed to oust Penrose as chairman of the finance committee.

## GRAVE DANGER RACE RIOTING IS FORECAST

Concerning Guard Equipment and Other Measures Special Message Sent Legislature.

## ROAD AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED IN HOUSE

Resolution Endorsing Proposal of Centennial Exposition in 1921 is Also Passed By House.

BY HERBERT FELKEL. Tallahassee, May 28.—Governor Catts today sent to the legislature a special message again urging the creation of two assistant state auditors to the end that the heavy work of the department may not lag behind two years as at present, and urging the passage of laws that will give the governor power to meet and cope with internal disorders within the state which may develop. In the message he states: "The termination of the world-wide war has thrust upon the southern states and especially Florida, social conditions which we have never known before and which was almost undreamed of. It may be absolutely necessary, he says, "to meet this condition with a sufficient force of national guard troops to hold in abeyance and check any manner of disorder which might arise between races on account of this changed relationship.

"This with other conditions of unrest and discontent, may sweep away the civilization of a hundred years," and he urges consideration of measures for equipment of the national guard to take the place of the fast disappearing home guards. He announces the appointment as adjutant general a man who has taken part in the late war and is acquainted with military tactics and asks the removal of military headquarters from St. Augustine to Tallahassee.

He again urges the enactment of income, franchise and inheritance tax laws and reapportionment of the state, or calling a constitutional convention to reapportion the state.

Governor Exercises Veto. The governor today vetoed an act to amend section 1131 of the general statutes of the state of Florida, providing for the state board of health tax.

The governor's objections to the bill are stated as follows: "The bill as passed does not provide sufficient revenue to meet the regular expenses of the board; also the language of the act is such in the opinion of the governor that it might limit the use of the funds derived so as to embarrass the work of the board.

House Adopts Wilder-Scruggs Amendment. After debate lasting half of yesterday and practically the entire day today, the house adopted the Wilder-Scruggs amendment to the Igo-Carlton bill and passed that measure by a vote of 42 to 20. The vote on adoption of the amendment which was reached late this afternoon at the close of a stormy debate, was 39 for adoption and 22 against. The bill passed under waiver of the rules without a trace of the original matter in the title, being amended after the house had struck out all after the enacting clause and substituted an entirely new bill.

The bill embraces the best features of all road measures before the house and certain new features. The Igo-Carlton bill had passed the senate without a dissenting vote and there is considerable discussion as to the probable action of that body when the measure goes back for concurrence in the house resolution.

The bill was offered as a compromise measure and it was understood that former Governor Jennings assisted in preparing it. Frequent reference was made to outside influence and debate was at times almost sensational.

The charge that the bill was amended so it would build up a powerful political machine was hotly resented by Wilson, of Pasco, who declared his belief in the integrity of the manhood of the state and said the present governor is as good an official as the state has ever had. Edge, of Lake, made a strong argument against the amendment and denounced the alleged "black horse caucus in the bottom of a Tallahassee church" when the amendment was first discussed. Lewis, of Jackson, spoke against it, and Glazier for its adoption. Marshall, of Broward, a member of the special committee, who has opposed the bill since it was first offered, spoke for the Wilder-Scruggs amendment, and Mr. Waybright, colleague of Mr. Miller, of Duval, who introduced the companion house bill and is a member of the state road reparation and had charge of the senate bill, made the closing argument for adoption of the amendment, making a strong speech in its support.



This map which anticipates the action of the peace congress on boundaries in eastern and southern Europe, leaves unsettled the Polish-Lithuanian boundary and that between Austria and Hungary and shows the treaty of London line on the Dalmatian coast. It creates a Constantinople state and throws a bit of Rumania back into Bulgaria, a bit of European Turkey and Bulgaria and a corner of Albania into Greece extending the Albanian frontier a little to the north and east. Greece is also given a bit of the coast of Anatolia.

## OFF YEAR FOR NEW MEMBERS IN CONGRESS

Situation Particularly Affects Congressmen Smithwick and McDuffie, the Later of Mobile.

BY GEORGE H. MANNING. Washington, D. C., May 28.—This is a very unfortunate year for new members to come to congress so far as obtaining worth while committee places is concerned, because owing to the peculiar circumstances existing they will be unable to get places on committees in any way component with their ability. In the last congress when the democrats had control there were 13 democrats and 8 republicans on each of the important committees. In this congress with control in the hands of the republicans the democratic representation will be reduced to eight, the minority representation.

This means that five of the democrats who served in the last session will have to get off the old committees unless some of the old members were defeated for reelection. The number of members who will have to get off the old committees is, of course, reduced by the number who failed of re-election.

Where vacancies occur on committees the older members, those who served in the last congress, will under the old established rules of seniority get the preference. The new members will get what committee places are left after the old members have been taken care of, and there will be very little left. This is, of course, not the fault of the new members. Congressman Smithwick and McDuffie, both having important posts in their districts naturally wanted to get on the rivers and harbors committee, as their first choice. As a second choice they would have preferred the agricultural committee, but both these committees had no vacancies and there is no chance of any of the hundred or more members, among them Smithwick and McDuffie, getting on these committees. Neither Smithwick nor McDuffie is hopeful any longer of getting an important committee place and both are taking a philosophical view of the situation. They happened to come to congress for their first time in a republican year. Had they come up first four or two years ago, it would have been easy to get good committee places, because then new members of not unusual ability got places on such important committees as ways and means, judiciary, rivers and harbors, banking and currency, and appropriations. But not this year, it is an off year, and good committee places are very scarce and go only to the chosen few.

## NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE

Washington, May 28.—Read advised the Navy department tonight he had postponed his flight from Lisbon tomorrow. Reasons not given.

Chicago, May 28.—Ruth Law, aviator, before leaving for New York today announced she plans to attempt a trans-Atlantic flight within six months.

New York, May 28.—The newspapers report the death of a negro boxer known as "Dixie Kid" from the effects of a blow received outside a Paris cafe Sunday evening. The pugilist, who is said to have been drinking, bumped into an American officer.

New York, May 28.—President Carranza will present to the Mexican congress no general amnesty bill, whose passage might open the doors for extensive anti-government agitation through return of exiles, according to an announcement here today by the National Association for the Protection of American Rights in Mexico.

Archangel, Monday, May 26.—The American cruiser Des Moines arrived here today simultaneously with transports bringing British volunteer units to relieve American and other troops who have been fighting since last August. The first unit of Americans will be homeward bound within a week, it is reported.

Paris, May 28.—Henri Landru, who was arrested in April in connection with disappearance of twelve women, whom he had either married or promised to marry, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday. He said he did not know anything about the whereabouts of the women and declared it was up to the authorities to prove he had any connections with their disappearance.

## WOMEN LOOK ON AS PRISONER IS LYNCHED BY MOB

Lamar, Mo., May 28.—Shortly after Jay Lynch had pleaded guilty to murder of Sheriff John Harlow and his son and had been sentenced to life imprisonment here late today, twenty-four men entered the court room, took Lynch from the hands of the officers and hanged him in the yard before a crowd of 500 persons. The spectators included many women and children, who cheered as the body was swung into the air. Immediately after Judge Thurman passed sentence he ordered Lynch taken to his office under guard of seven deputies, here he was allowed to greet his wife, baby and mother and sister. His handcuffs had been removed so he might hold his baby and Lynch had just given the child back to its mother when the men entered and seized him. Capital punishment is impossible under law enacted by the legislature of 1917.

## NEW SOLICITOR STANDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Thompson Positively Asserts He Will Prosecute On Affidavits of Citizens That Law is Violated.

The policies to be followed by Harry Thompson, newly appointed solicitor of the Escambia county court of record, are clearly set forth in the following statement, issued by him last night: "I have been asked a number of times by the newspapers of the city, and others, for a statement of my policy as county solicitor for Escambia county, and from the statements of numerous persons and from the insinuation cast by the resignation of the so-called 'vigilance committee,' which resignation was announced on the front page of the Pensacola Journal of recent date, I gather that a great many people of Pensacola are under the impression that I expect to let the city 'run wide open.'

I want the general public to know that I do not intend to allow any such thing. And I want them to know that I believe in enforcing the law, and certainly expect to enforce it to the best of my ability. I have tried most earnestly to ascertain the will of the people in regard to the Sunday closing law, and I think the majority of the people interpret our present law to be broad enough to allow them, under that phrase which reads, 'comforts and necessities of life,' to buy soft drinks, (ice cream, soda water, grape juice and coca cola, candy and fruits, tobacco and gasoline). And I am not going to make it my business to 'jump on the necks' of persons who sell these things on Sunday. However, I want it positively understood that I am not advising anyone to violate the law, and if any citizen goes before any one of our committing magistrates and makes affidavit that the law has been violated and the offender is arrested and cited or 'bound over' to this court, I will most assuredly do my full duty in prosecuting such offender.

I also wish to state that I think it unwise for anyone selling the above mentioned articles on Sunday to go further and sell groceries, kodaks, stationery, bathing suits, silk handkerchiefs, automobile accessories and the like. I say again, that I make the above statement because I believe it to be the will of the people, and I have talked with good people and had people, ministers and church people and people who do not go to church, all of whom I am endeavoring to represent, as a servant of the people, fairly and impartially.

## SHIP WORKERS GET HEARING IN WASHINGTON

Florida Delegation Hears Complaints and Recommends Through Investigation Here.

## COMPLAINANTS GO ON TO PHILADELPHIA

Delegation Contends Shipbuilding Here is Conducted in Manner to Give Pensacola Black Eye.

BY GEORGE H. MANNING. Washington, May 28.—A committee composed of James H. Johnson, Harry B. DeCampo, F. W. Penn, Edward J. McMinn and G. T. Baum, of Pensacola, employees of the Pensacola Shipbuilding company, held a lengthy conference today with the Florida senators and congressmen, with regard to the workings of the Pensacola Shipbuilding company. They left tonight for Philadelphia, to meet officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, for which the Pensacola yard is working on building contracts, with the recommendation of the entire Florida delegation that the government officials make a thorough investigation of the management and affairs of the Pensacola Shipbuilding company. From members of the delegation the impression was gained that the delegation believes the Pensacola Shipbuilding company is not being conducted in the best interests of the company or of Pensacola, but in a manner calculated to give the shipbuilding industry in Pensacola a black eye. Senator Fletcher talked with the Philadelphia officials on the long distance telephone and arranged for the Pensacola delegation to be received tomorrow morning. Voluminous documents accompanied by affidavits were presented to the Florida senators and congressmen and will be submitted to the Emergency Fleet Corporation officials in Philadelphia. From appearances the investigation will result in a great deal of benefit to Pensacola in establishing the fact that ships can be built there as well and as economically as anywhere else in the United States, even though the books and operations of the Pensacola Shipbuilding company do not demonstrate that fact. The Florida senators and congressmen warmly welcomed the delegation of employees and were keenly interested in the facts presented.

It will be recalled that the Pensacola delegation of ship workers was named to go to Washington at a mass meeting of the union ship workers of the local plant held last Friday night, the second of a series of meetings held following differences at the plant some two weeks ago, when several scores of carpenters walked out, though through no concerted union action, after Mr. DeCampo, a foreman of carpenters, had been dismissed from the service of the company.

Chairman Hervey is arranging to have Miss Rhea Crawford appear tonight in the various theatres. He earnestly asks for volunteers among the young ladies of Pensacola to come to the San Carlos hotel today at 11:15 and to go to the ship yards with the pa... and serve as collectors in the crowd there at noon. He also again urges merchants taking subscriptions among their employees to hasten reports to the headquarters at the San Carlos.

The southern states are leading the nation in percentage of collections, according to a telegram from Atlanta, district headquarters last night and every effort is being made to put over the quota. "We are counting strong on the Pensacola zone," said Staff Captain David Main, in Birmingham last night and I cannot believe that the people of the zone will fail to put the drive over the top in good shape."

## PECAN GROWERS ARE IN SESSION IN TALLAHASSEE

Tallahassee, Fla., May 28.—The thirtieth annual convention of the Georgia-Florida Pecan Growers' Association is in session here today and tomorrow, with a good attendance. Meetings are being held in the circuit room of the county court house, and are presided over by R. B. Small, president, a prominent grower of Columbus, Ga. The following program was carried out today: Address of welcome by Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. W. A. McRae; response to address by H. H. Stillmons of Jacksonville. Address by President R. B. Small. Address—"Is a Pecan Grove a Profitable Investment?"—B. W. Stone of Thomasville, Ga. Address—"Management of Bearing Pecan Groves for Best Results"—H. K. Miller of Monticello, Fla. At the afternoon session following was the program: "Observations on Rosette," S. M. McCurrin of Thomasville, Ga. "Nut and Leaf Case Bearer," by J. B. Gill of Monticello. "Spraying and Spraying Outfits," by J. B. Demaree of Thomasville. At the close of the afternoon session, the entire assemblage motored to Newport Springs, a resort eighteen miles south of Tallahassee, where they were guests of Mr. Nathaniel Brewer at a fish fry.

It is understood that an interesting program will also be carried out tomorrow, when the election of officers will be held.

## FINAL EFFORT GETS RESULTS IN ARMY DRIVE

Local Workers Will Be Busy in City and At Ship Yard Today—\$5,000 is Needed.

## HOLMES COUNTY IS OVER HER QUOTA

Gull Point and Molino Over—All Local Greeks Join in Drive and Come Across With Donations.

With a big day's work planned in the city and at the plant of the Pensacola Shipbuilding Co. today, in which the Fort Barrancas band and Miss Rhea Crawford, of Atlanta, will participate, it is expected by the directors of the Salvation Army Home Service drive that at least \$5,000 will be added to Pensacola's share of the quota for the West Florida zone. Thus again will Pensacola send out an eloquent appeal to the counties further east in the zone to keep in the fight till victory is won, this county having raised its quota in order that the drive might more easily go over. Returns from the counties east of Escambia come in slowly, and it is believed that some of the chairmen are withholding information until able to report going over the top. A telegram last night from Chairman Williams, of Holmes county, states that this county reached its quota during the day. This was encouraging to the workers at headquarters. While Escambia county expects to finish ahead of some of the other counties, its organization will be held in tact for factual reasons until the word is flashed that the last county in the zone has gotten its quota. Gull Point was the first Escambia town to go over, with an over-subscription of 3 to 1. Molino followed in quick succession at a clip of 2 to 1. At Century, according to a telegram received by the zone chairman, it is planned to conclude the drive Saturday night with a burst of enthusiasm centering in a big community dance. Muscogee will put the grand finale on Escambia's effort Monday. Both Century and Muscogee are to have the assistance of the Fort Barrancas band. Cash collections in Pensacola yesterday were notable; the most interesting feature being a donation in which every Greek in the city had a part. Chairman Hervey is arranging to have Miss Rhea Crawford appear tonight in the various theatres. He earnestly asks for volunteers among the young ladies of Pensacola to come to the San Carlos hotel today at 11:15 and to go to the ship yards with the pa... and serve as collectors in the crowd there at noon. He also again urges merchants taking subscriptions among their employees to hasten reports to the headquarters at the San Carlos.

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"I realize that the work has been carried on everywhere under a great handicap. There has been a lack of workers everywhere, but those who have been in the field have certainly been doing a wonderful work. More workers are needed, and I trust that more of the men and women everywhere will realize this and get out in the field and help to collect the necessary funds. One trouble has been that many of those who could well afford to contribute large sums have been content to donate small amounts. "I have noticed the large number of subscriptions coming in, and must say that I never knew so many people to be interested in a campaign before, but I wish that some of the larger corporations would become more interested. In any event, I believe that the quota will be reached, if everyone will start the new week determined to do their part, both in work and in subscriptions."

## CATTS REMOVES CHRISTIAN FROM ADJUTANT'S JOB

Tallahassee, May 28.—The governor today removed J. B. Christian from the office of adjutant general and appointed Major James E. McCants, of Tampa, in his place. This office is held during the pleasure of the governor and does not require confirmation by the senate. Major McCants, although a young man, in a Spanish War veteran, and during the last 19 months has been major of the coast artillery guard which he organized in this state. He was formerly a resident of Miami.