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First of Seaplanes Reaches The Azores

SHOOTING AFFRAY TAKES PLACE ON PAINT CREEK

Foremost of Seaplanes Sighted Land at Flores, Westernmost of the Azores Group, at 8:30 This Morning

PONTA DELLAGA, Azores, May 17.—(By United Press.)—The seaplane NC-4, leading the trans-Atlantic flight, sighted land at Flores, the westernmost of the Azores group, at 8:30 this morning, New York time. The NC-1 was close behind. The NC-3 is lagging behind, but is going at a terrific speed, according to wireless messages, trying to catch up with her sister planes. If they maintain the present speed the flyers should reach Ponta Delgada by noon, New York time. The lights shined from every ship in the harbor throughout the night as men sat about thirsty for news. Half-hourly bulletins were issued. The flight is declared to be "the greatest sporting in history." Heavy betting on the result is going on here and the gambling houses are filled.

Lisbon Preparing For Grand Celebration On Arrival of Seaplanes

LISBON, Portugal, May 17.—(By United Press.)—Lisbon is greatly excited by the seaplane flight and is making preparations for a grand celebration in their honor upon their arrival here.

Reports of Planes' Progress Is Eagerly Awaited In London

LONDON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—News of the American trans-Atlantic flight was calmly received today. Reports of the planes' progress were eagerly awaited, however.

Seaplane Established World's Flying Record, Covering 2,200 Miles Successfully

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—The seaplane NC-4 established the world's flying record today in covering the twenty-two hundred mile flight successfully. The NC-1 and NC-3 were still rushing toward Azores at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

NC-4 Arrived at Horta, On Island Of Fayal At 9:25 This Morning

PONTA DELGADA, Azores, May 17.—(By United Press.)—The NC-4 arrived at Horta, on the island of Fayal, at 9:25 a. m. (New York time). Horta is one hundred and sixty miles from Ponta Delgada.

War Experience Has Shown That U. S. Need Not Fear Landing of a Large Enemy Force On Its Shores

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—War experience has shown that the United States need not fear landing of a large enemy force on its shores, General March said today. The American's feat in sending the expeditionary forces overseas was unprecedented, March stated. This was difficult, even though the Americans landed on friendly soil. So it would be impossible for such an army to land successfully on enemy shores.

New York City Troops Made Greatest Gains of Any American Division In Offensive In France, Disclosed Today

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—New York City troops made the greatest gains of any American division in the offensive in France, General March disclosed today. They gained seventy-one kilometers. The Rainbow division gained fifty-five kilometers, the Thirtieth division twenty-nine, and the Eighty-second division seventeen.

President's Message to Congress Received By Cable Today

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—President Wilson's message to Congress was received by cable at the White House today. There were approximately forty-five hundred words in the message, which will be read to Congress Tuesday, as Monday will be occupied with organization work.

Semi-Official Reports Say Huns Decline to Sign

BERLIN, May 17.—As a result of veiled insinuations in the Pan-German newspapers that the Ebert-Scheidemann government intends to sign the allied peace terms, notwithstanding their severe provisions, semi-official announcement was made yesterday that these insinuations strike a false note and that the government is fully united in its intentions to carry out its recently stated policy of declining to sign the compact.

Reports that lack of unity exists in the cabinet also are denied. The announcement declares that there is complete unity between the Versailles plenipotentiaries and Berlin, and that the government knows itself to be one with the overwhelming majority of the people.

Continuing, the announcement says the government will not be forced into a hasty "yes" or a hasty "no" and that it is determined to abide by its original stand on the unbearable and impossibility of fulfilling the present peace terms. The announcement concluded by saying that the government, however, would attempt to negotiate an understanding which would culminate in peace of justice. It is stated that Matthias Erzberger, who has been accused of differing with the cabinet is completely in accord with its views.

To Make Text Public By Installments

PARIS, May 17.—The German peace treaty, it developed yesterday, contains a clause which has not yet been made public, providing that ratification by Germany and three of the principal associated powers will bring the treaty into force between the ratifying parties, enabling the immediate resumption of trade.

As the result of conferences among the representatives of the powers, which were being continued yesterday, the text of the German treaty probably will be made public by installments. It is reported that the financial and boundaries sections of the documents would be released last night.

It was pointed out in connection with the stipulation as to the ratification of the German treaty that any nation which withheld ratification after three of the principal powers had ratified would be at a disadvantage in a commercial way. This would follow from the fact that the ratifying powers would be able to resume trade relations with Germany at once while the states that delayed would have no such privilege.

Bristol's Celebration For Soldier Boys

BRISTOL, Tenn., May 17.—The "Welcome Home" day celebration here in honor of the returned service men of Sullivan county, Tenn., and Washington county, Va., Thursday was witnessed by thousands of Bristolians and visitors from all sections of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia.

Led by Major Caleb Hathaway, of Elizabethton, Tenn., about 500 returned service men of this city and surrounding territory, marched from the Exposition building on Commonwealth avenue up State street, where they were halted in front of the reviewing stand at the corner of Moore and State streets.

General L. D. Tyson, Col. Cary F. Spence, of Knoxville, and Major Caleb Hathaway, of Elizabethton, addressed the service men and the large crowd.

TELEGRAPHIC TABLOIDS

CHICAGO.—A lady barber stuck her scissors half way through John Kitterman's wrist. "Honest, doctor, I'm glad she wasn't shaving me when I hugged her," he said.

ST. LOUIS.—"Cootie" came to St. Louis as a pet, not as a pest. "Cootie" is a "prisoner of war" and the German police dog captured by Lieutenant Stradel.

NEW YORK.—Twenty minutes after graduating from police school Patrolman Tennant was en route to the hospital. He saw a shadow and shot himself in the leg.

NEW YORK.—The sexton of St. Patrick's saw something white in a niche intended for a saint, and heard a faint wail. He investigated—found an abandoned baby.

RICHMOND, Va.—Officers of the law here are being annoyed considerably as a result of thieves making away with lizzies. Two hundred were stolen last year and of this number a hundred and fifty have been recovered.

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine.—Some one who didn't approve of the organ in the Methodist Episcopal church here placed a stick of dynamite in the instrument as a means silencing it. The scheme worked.

PHILADELPHIA.—The house of correction will have a supply of "meat" for three months. James Porkechops and John Mutton, negroes were sentenced for stealing milk from doorsteps.

CAMP MILLS, N. J.—Major A. C. Lemons stuffs his ears with cotton for seasickness and asserts the cure is positive. The catch in this is that the organ of equilibrium (if you get it) is in the ear.

NEW YORK.—Clarence Hemmingway, 16, joined the marines here and said his name was Burton. The name will be changed back to Clemenceau when they reach the woodshed, said his mother.

CHICAGO.—Othello is being rushed from Florida to assuage the grief of Desdemonda here. Des recently lost her husband. Another love was prescribed. Des is Chicago's favorite alligator.

DETROIT.—Too many coffee orders by patrons led inspectors to look into a big container in a restaurant. Liquor in abundance was found.

WEBSTER, Mass.—Whether he likes it or not, "like you" is the name given a dog whose owner registered his pet for a license. The owner says the name denoted the "non-snapping" species.

NEW YORK.—Does the dry law affect beverages only? Dr. John C. Olson has invented a cocktail made of paste, eaten with a knife and fork.

PARIS.—The Paris newspapers report that the German delegates have bought 1,600 francs (\$320) worth of champagne since their arrival in Versailles.

America's Actual War Expenditures Totaled \$23,363,000,000, Announced

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—America's actual war expenditures totaled \$23,363,000,000, General March announced today. Two billions of this amount represented normal government expenditure; the balance was extra war costs.

No Decision Has Yet Been Reached Regarding the Fiume Situation

PARIS, May 17.—(By United Press.)—Following Premier Orlando's conference with Colonel House today, it was learned that no decision had yet been reached regarding Fiume.

The big four held a brief meeting this morning. President Wilson is expected to spend the afternoon motoring and will attend the 88th division theatrical show tonight.

Macon Detective Force Arrested

MACON, Ga., May 17.—Macon's entire detective force, consisting of Chief L. S. McLendon and five men, was placed in jail here late yesterday on indictments charging murder or being accessories before the fact, in connection with an alleged "framed up" robbery of a store.

In a effort to break up a gang which had been holding up persons in stores and on the streets here, it was alleged that the detectives contracted with Emmett Finney, taxicab driver, to have the gang attempt to rob the store of H. Bobo, a Syrian, after detectives were hidden in the store. Finney for a while held out for \$200 for the job, it was said by the police but compromised on \$100.

On the night of April 30, Phillip Lamar and Abraham Kimbrell, shoe clerks, entered Bobo's store and ordered him to throw up his hands. The detectives hidden in the store opened fire with shot guns, killing Lamar and fatally wounding Kimbrell. In a dying statement Kimbrell is alleged to have revealed the plot for the robbery.

83rd Division Men Land In New York

NEW YORK, May 17.—The transport Plattsburg arrived from Brest yesterday with 1,899 troops, largely of the 83rd division.

Passengers included 477 convalescents, sixty wives of soldiers, thirteen sailors' wives, thirteen children and thirteen stranded American civilians. The Plattsburg also brought 601 naval men from American ships and stations in European waters.

The troops were in charge of Lieut. Col. S. R. Hopkins, of Warsaw, Va., Col. Hopkins wore the Croix de Guerre with star for gallantry under fire in the Meuse fighting.

Seven officers and 356 men of the 325th infantry, of the 82nd (all American) division, arrived here on the transport Hudson. The men include the headquarters company, a detachment of company M, and a sanitary detachment.

80th Division Is Embarking

BREST, May 17.—The troops of the 80th division, composed of the national army men from Western Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, began to embark today for home. The former German steamer Zepelin will sail tomorrow for Newport News with the 80th division headquarters and the 313th, 314th and 315th field artillery regiments. Major-General Adelbert Cronkhite, the commander of the division, yesterday received the insignia of the commander of the Legion of Honor from Admiral Moreau, the maritime prefect.

Carl West Shoots Van Coleman With Double-Barrel Shotgun—Trouble Said to Have Come Up Over West's Sister—Coleman's Body Was Found in Sink Hole, Covered With Brush—Man Who Did the Shooting Makes His Escape.

Another serious shooting affray took place near one of the mountain camps early Friday morning—about 3 o'clock, according to reports. This time the shooting took place near the lumber mill of Farnsworth & Holley, near the head of Paint Creek.

According to best information obtainable, Van Coleman, a man about forty years of age, who had been operating the mill for Farnsworth & Holley for some time past, was at the home of Carl West, about one mile from the sawmill, and at an early hour in the morning Coleman, West and the little sister of Carl West were all in the front yard around a fire that had been built a general custom around camps of this nature in the mountain section. According to reports the trouble arose between Coleman and West over the little West girl. The girl's statement is the only evidence now obtainable of the trouble, as the man who did the killing made good his escape soon after it was done. The girl states that Coleman caught hold of her and attempted to pull her down upon the pallet which had been pitched upon the ground around the fire. Just here her brother remonstrated with Coleman, asking him not to attempt to do it again. Coleman, according to the girl's statement, became offended and in language unmistakably gave West to understand that he did as he pleased, wherever he went. The double-barrel shotgun of Coleman was lying on the ground nearby at the time, and without any further argument West picked the gun up, firing the contents of one barrel directly in the face of Coleman. According to the statement of the West girl Coleman was killed instantly. The body was removed shortly afterward about forty feet from the house to a sinkhole and covered with brush. About 6 a. m. it was discovered by Mr. Ed Cutshall, and the alarm was given of the shooting and trouble. By this time West had made good his escape. The body of Coleman was taken to the home of Henry Gosnell, some distance from the scene of the shooting, Gosnell being a brother-in-law of Coleman. Officers in Greeneville were notified of the killing, warrants were issued for the arrest of Carl West, but up until the time we go to press this afternoon he had not been captured.

The remains of Coleman were brought to Greeneville this afternoon and taken to the Mitchell undertaking establishment, where preparations for burial were made. The body will be held there until the arrival of the dead man's mother from New Orleans, and she is expected to arrive Sunday morning. Mrs. Coleman, who was in Asheville at the time of the shooting, arrived in Greeneville this morning and is awaiting the arrival of the dead man's mother also, before any disposition is made of the body. Mrs. Coleman was Miss Dora Gosnell before she was married, and her people reside in the section of country where the trouble occurred.

Sheriff Renner states that a liberal reward will be offered at once for the arrest of Carl West, the man who killed Coleman.

Counter Proposals to Peace Treaty Will Probably Be Completed Sunday; Mass Meeting Called to Protest Signing

BERLIN, May 17.—(By United Press.)—Counter proposals to the peace treaty will probably be completed Sunday, it was learned from authoritative sources today. A mass meeting is called for Sunday to protest against signing the treaty.

Minor officials declared that the terms would not be accepted unless they are modified, as it would be impossible to carry them out.

German Press Continues to Blame Wilson For Severity of Peace Terms

BERNE, May 17.—(By United Press.)—The German press is continuing virulent attacks upon President Wilson, whom it blames for the severity of the peace terms.

Champ Clark, Retiring Speaker, Chosen Democratic Floor Leader

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(By United Press.)—Champ Clark, retiring speaker of the House, was unanimously chosen minority floor leader by the democratic caucus today.

Italy Has Consented to Establishment Of Fiume As a Free Port

PARIS, May 17.—(By United Press.)—Italy has consented to the establishment of Fiume as a free port, it was authoritatively related this afternoon.