

DELEGATES HASTEN WORK TO FINISH DRAFT BEFORE WILSON LEAVES FOR U. S.

Most Difficult Questions to Be Decided Concerning the Boundaries of the Conquering Nations Whose Aspirations Have Been Aroused by the Golden Apples Before Them.

BELGIANS ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT SEE THEIR COUNTRY

Both the Belgians and the French Are Anxious That the President of the United States Should See the Terrible Ravages Committed on Their Countries by the Germans.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Feverish haste is marking the proceedings of the peace delegates in the few days remaining before the return of President Wilson to the United States. The most difficult problems relate to the new boundaries to be created, which have aroused the aspirations of many nations, especially the little ones, for the territory of their neighbors.

President Wilson has definitely postponed his visit to Belgium. It is regarded as necessary that the associated powers present a united front when the central powers' delegates are admitted to the conference, otherwise the latter might cause dissension by tempting trades or alliances.

The Belgians have been anxious for Wilson to inspect their ruined country and industries and be convinced of the justice of their claims for reparation. The French, too, would have been glad if the president had visited Belgium, and also continued his visits to the devastated regions of France, but the matter of reaching a common agreement of the peace conference is regarded as being important.

Paris, Feb. 8.—It was officially announced that the discussion of the terms of the armistice were continued today and the resolutions by President Wilson were approved, which provides that since many questions not of military nature are arising daily, which requires civilian experts on economics, finance, blockade control, shipping, and raw materials, there shall be constituted a supreme economic council to deal with such matters for the period of the armistice. The resolution also adds two civilian representatives of each government to the armistice commission.

Paris, Friday, Feb. 7.—Nicholas Tschakovsky, president of the provisional government of North Russia, arrived in Paris today to confer with delegates to the peace conference regarding the future of his country. He spent the day in conference with delegates and ambassador David R. Francis with whom he called on Colonel E. M. House.

M. Tschakovsky is the only head of any of the Russian governments now in Paris.

Paris, Friday, Feb. 7.—Many important matters were before the supreme war council comprising the council of the great powers and the military commanders on all fronts, when it met today to consider primarily the extension of the armistice with Germany which expires February 17. Although the final decision was not reached until tomorrow, the session was interesting from the number of subjects demanding attention that were presented by the naval and military chiefs.

Reports were made to the council by the military high command on the subjects of demobilization and the relative forces of the powers to be maintained in the occupied region. The Versailles military council also submitted a report as to the military forces available for the disturbed regions of Turkey.

The naval branch of the council presented recommendations formulated as the result of consultations among the British, French, Italian and American naval commanders bearing mainly on the turning over of the German submarines, blockade restrictions and the surrender of the German commercial fleet. This fleet, it is said, is ready to be turned over but the allies thus far have not agreed on the allotment of the steamers among the various allied nations nor on the compensation for the use of the vessels.

When an agreement is reached and the United States receives its share of the ships, they will be named by the American navy and fly the Stars and Stripes, the initials of the relief council being added to the flag.

The commission on blockade also presented a report favoring the lifting of the blockade restrictions in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic. A tendency was evident in some military quarters to impose further drastic terms upon Germany when the armistice was extended, but no decision was reached today as to what measure might be taken. After hearing the views of the military representatives, the council of the great powers decided to continue the discussion tomorrow when the decisions will be made without the presence of these representatives. This last move was regarded in some quarters as significant of the gradual change from

war conditions to those of normal peace times.

The following statement was issued:

"The president of the United States of America and the representatives of allied and associated powers will meet tomorrow at 3 p. m. to continue this discussion.

Paris, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Baron Makino, senior Japanese delegate to the peace conference, made public today a statement as to Japan's position at the conference. After outlining the main facts in the history of the past twenty years describing Germany's efforts to establish herself in the Far East and giving in some detail the claims of Japan to Pacific island groups located north of the equator, the statement says:

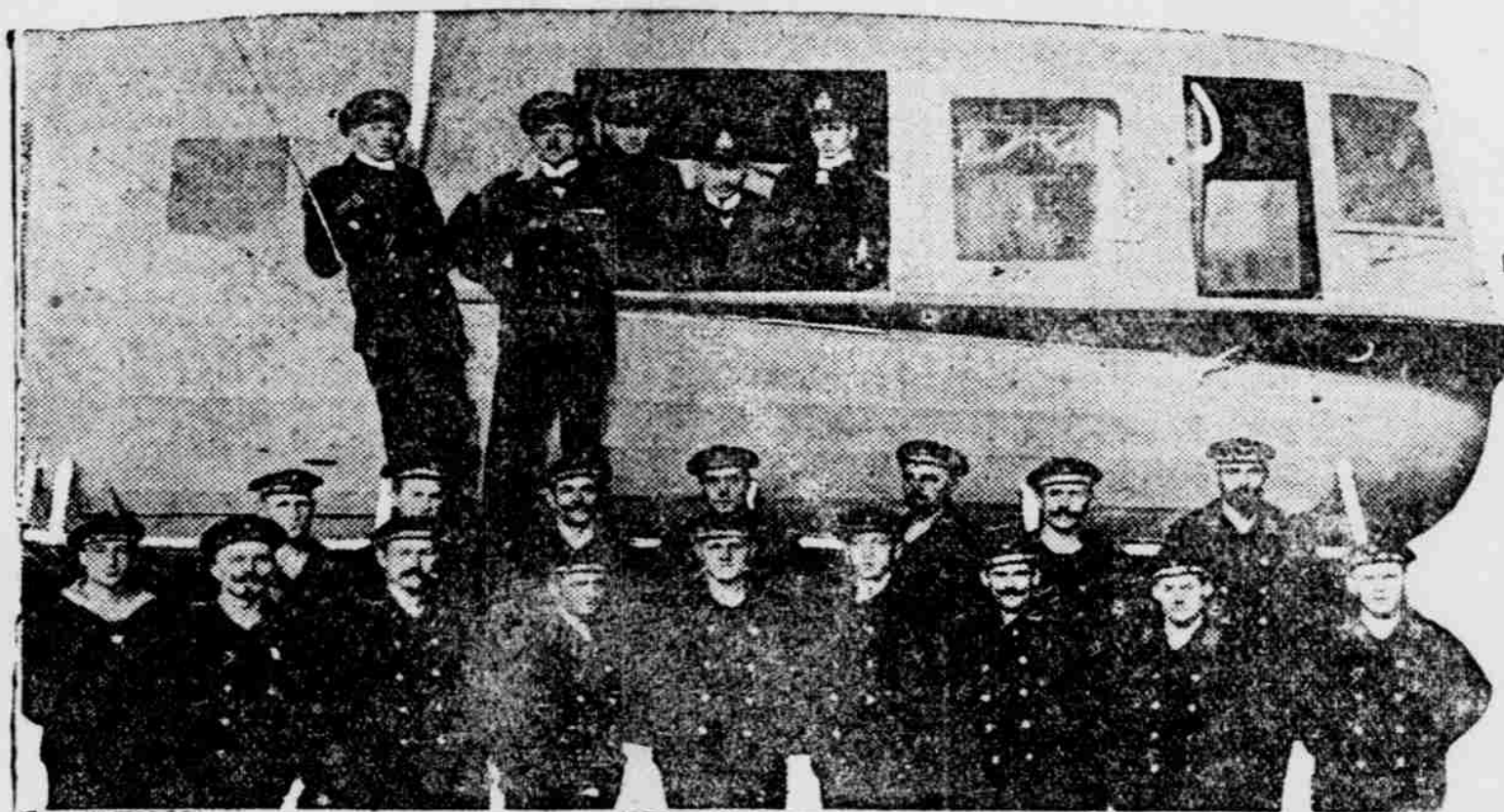
"Germany sought to stir up ill-will in the Far East after the penetration of Manchuria by the Japanese railway under the right granted by the Portsmouth treaty. She also made the most of the more or less serious mistakes made by both Japan and China in the course of their diplomatic and commercial relations."

After outlining the successive cessions by Japan in the interests of peace after the Chinese war and the waiving of all money indemnity following the war with Russia, the statement comes up to the taking of Tsing Tao, from Germany after Germany had refused to accept the ultimatum of August, 1914, under which Japan demanded that Germany vacate Tsing Tao.

"Japan is now pledged to return to China this harbor and port, built with German money, together with the territory of Kiao Chau, which China will receive eighty years sooner than she could possibly have received it," statement continues. "Otherwise the treaty of 1915, under which this restoration is to be made, contains no secret clauses and an agreement entered into in September, 1918, regarding future Chino-Japanese cooperation in Shantung contains no stipulation which is more or less than a just and mutually helpful settlement of outstanding questions."

"These documents, with all their clauses, have been laid before the powers, including America. Japan does not seek more than a fair division in this work of development. We realize that a great change has taken place in the dealings between the nations to be represented in the League of Nations. If that league is to be of any value, its rules must prohibit selfish aggression, exploitation and discrimination. We seek no territory in China and ask only for friendly cooperation and the maintenance of peaceful relations."

Crew of Zeppelin in 1030 Mile Non-Stop Flight



Here is the Luftschiff crew of the huge Zeppelin which made a 1030-mile flight from Jamboli, Bulgaria to Khartoum, Egypt, and return in the last days of the war. It carried 22 men and 25 tons of munitions and medicine for General Lettow VVorveck in Central Africa, but turned back when wireless that the general had surrendered. The men are all in uniform of the German air service, each cap bearing the word "Luftschiff"—airship. The picture is taken in front of the cabin of the big airship.

DEVELOPMENTS PROMISED IN RECORD COURT

EARL BRADSHAW IS ARRESTED
ON THE COMPLAINT OF ACTING
COUNTY ATTORNEY BEALL

Startling developments are promised in the case of several young men charged with gambling in the court of record, by the arrest of Earl Bradshaw, and his incarceration in the county jail on a serious charge, as the result of testimony introduced in the gambling case yesterday.

Bradshaw's arrest was caused by Attorney Phillip Beall, acting county solicitor, who served yesterday in place of County Solicitor H. J. Mackey, who was prevented from appearing in the case by serious illness. Investigation at the sheriff's office shows that Bradshaw faces a serious charge. Neither Mr. Beall nor Mr. Mackey would make any statement last night, in regard to Bradshaw's arrest, but promised interesting developments at once.

In the case of Robert Crum, colored, charged with gambling, failed of conviction because Earl Bradshaw, a state's witness, refused to testify against Crum and said that statements he had made to Mr. Mackey regarding the case had been a lie. Attorney Beall moved for a nolle prosequere, but the defense in the case insisted on a verdict of not guilty, which was allowed by Judge Moreno Jones, presiding.

Bradshaw further said on the witness stand that he had been paid money by Mr. Mackey, county solicitor, in the case and also said that, while he had told the county solicitor that the defendants were guilty, he had not been sworn. He also said, under questioning by his own attorney, that he was to be a witness against Judge Johnson, whose case on several counts, is slated to come up next week. He added that he knew nothing against Johnson.

Floyd White, white, about 20 years of age, gave similar testimony in the case. Fred Johnson, white, asserted that he had seen Mr. Mackey give Bradshaw money. Willie Kimmons, a white boy, gave similar testimony regarding the guilt of the defendants.

MARGARET WILSON RECOVERS FROM SERIOUS ILLNESS

Antwerp, Feb. 3.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, who has been seriously ill in the American legation in Brussels, has completely recovered.

BLACK PLAGUE APPEARS AMONG RUSSIAN PEOPLE

Warsaw, Feb. 8.—The black plague is raging in Kiev and Kovol and is also prevalent among the Ruthenian soldiers.

AMERICAN TROOPS START OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE BOLS

Archangel, Feb. 8.—(The Associated Press)—British and Russian troops, supported by American machine guns and trench mortar units, began an attack on the Bolsheviks this morning on the Petrograd road south of Kadish. There have been no final reports of results of the fighting, which started to protect Amn positions thirty miles eastward from the flank attack. The Bolsheviks are shelling the American positions in the Vaga sector continuously.

News In Brief From All Over The Universe

New York, Feb. 8.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and that they hold \$31,401,720 reserve in trust companies for the week shows excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$29,815,670 from last week.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 8.—It was reported here today that a train on the Piedmont and Northern, northbound to Spartanburg, had jumped the track on a high trestle near Chick Springs, and that a number of passengers were killed.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Frank Miller, secretary of the San Francisco Iron trades council said the strike at Seattle was unfair, that it was not sanctioned by an international union and charged the Seattle Metal Trades council with a breach of faith. "The rank and file of Seattle labor" he asserted, had been given no opportunity to be heard.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 8.—Following plans agreed to at a meeting last night at the call of the local I. W. W. hundreds of strikers, some of them armed, turned back men who started to work this morning with the result that mining in the district is practically suspended today.

Paris, Feb. 8.—The commission on a Society of Nations reached a substantial agreement on the chief points discussed last night, according to an official statement issued today.

Seattle, Wn., Feb. 8.—At 8 o'clock this morning no action had been taken by the strike committee representing 55,000 striking workmen on Mayor Hansen's declaration that unless the sympathetic strike was called off by 5 a. m. he would take steps to operate all essential industries under federal protection.

Tacoma, Wn., Feb. 8.—Street car service was resumed in Tacoma at the regular hour this morning. So far as reported there has been no interference with cars.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 8.—The Arlington mills were closed today and several other large textile plants operated only part of the day. The strike for fifty-four hours pay for 48 hours work was inaugurated last Monday.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 8.—Plans for a national meeting of live stock growers, to be held March 20 have been made and invitations will be sent by Governor James P. Goodrich to live stock associations in all parts of the country.

TWO AMERICANS ARE MURDERED AT MEXICAN LAKE

Washington, Feb. 8.—The recent murder of two Americans on an island in Tampico Lake was reported today in advices from Mexico through official channels. The names were not given. The advices also told of the robbery and death of two other Americans.

TYPHOID FEVER RAGES THROUGH RUSSIAN CITIES

Stockholm, Feb. 8.—An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging in Petrograd, Moscow and other Russian cities, according to Petrograd dispatches received here today.

FETE PLANNED HERE FEB. 12 FOR LINCOLN

THE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF
GREAT AMERICAN BE HIGHLY
FEATURED IN PENSACOLA

The birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated in Pensacola by members of the W. T. Sherman Post, G. A. R., by a parade, addresses by Mayor Sanders, Rev. Jesse Miller and Col. J. L. Hughes, of Fort Barrancas, and music by the Eighth Artillery Band, Wednesday, February 12.

The members of the post and all who wish to participate, will gather at the corner of Chase and Spring streets, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The parade will be led by the band, with a military escort from Fort Barrancas following. Patriotic societies and citizens will be included with members of the memorial association in the rear.

The route to be taken will be south on Spring street to Garden street, then east on Garden street to Palafox, south on Palafox street to Government, then east to Jefferson, south on Jefferson street to the city hall, where the ceremonies will be held at 3 o'clock.

Extensive Program.
The program will include music by the band, remarks by Mayor Frank Sanders, the song "America," prayer by Dr. S. Weeks, music by the band, the reading of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by Rev. Jesse Miller, Col. J. L. Hughes, of Fort Barrancas, will then deliver the address of the afternoon, which will be followed by the chaplain and five-minute speeches. Band music, the singing of the Doxology and benediction will wind up the services. V. P. Dillingham is post commander and W. Glendye is post adjutant.

NAVY AVIATION EXPERTS PLAN TO CROSS OCEAN

Washington, Feb. 8.—Navy aviation experts are planning a flight across the Atlantic. Commander John Towers was ordered today to take charge of the development of plans and assembly of material and personnel for the proposed trans-Atlantic flight.

LOCAL AVIATORS LEAVE TAMPA FOR MIAMI IN MORNING

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 8.—After circling about this city, the three hydroplanes from Pensacola on their way to the naval maneuvers at Guantanamo Cuba, left at 11 o'clock this morning for Miami. There are twelve men in the party. They stopped here Thursday night for supplies.

INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT AREA REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 8.—Much greater increases in the area of unemployment is shown in reports for the week made public today by the department of labor. The persons out of employment this week numbered 290,831. The unemployment last week of two hundred and sixty-five thousand, mentions Georgia and Florida, however, among the states having a shortage of common labor, especially farm labor. It says Florida has about a thousand surplus carpenters, and Florida shipyards have all the labor they need.

COMMISSION COUNTY ROAD BACKS PLAN OF URBAN ROAD WORK MAY BE STOPPED HERE

Road Endorsed by Commissioners Would Connect Pensacola With Flomaton, Ala.

Contractor Gerkins Gives Commission Three Days in Which to Pay Their Bill.

NORTHERN MEN TO BE HERE IN WEEK

PAYMENT WOULD
NET COMMISSION

Capitalists Are Expected in City Soon to Draw Final Plans and Arrangements for Line.

Clerk McGibbon Recently Refused to Sign Cheque to Contracting Firm.

Direct passenger and freight communication by urban railway between Pensacola and Flomaton became a possibility of the near future yesterday when the board of county commissioners endorsed the proposition of Herbert A. Smith, of Gonzalez, representing St. Louis and Detroit capital, to construct such a line, at an approximate expenditure of \$200,000.

Northern capitalists are expected next week in Pensacola to begin definite plans for the construction of the line, which will begin immediately after residents of the county have given their consent or sold the right of way to the promoters. After this is done the county will grant the franchise. Gasoline motors, successfully employed in Europe and in a number of the northern states, will be used on the road. Cars will be operated by one man and Packard twin six motors will be used to furnish the power. Backers of the new line will lay their plans before the Pensacola Electric Co. and ask for a franchise, which would give them the right of connecting with the city lines. If this is not granted the motor connection will be made to the city limits and hence by automobile.

May Take Year.
From six to eighteen months will be required to have the line in complete working order, but, according to Mr. Smith, it will be opened up a mile at a time, in order to accommodate the people of the outlying districts as quickly as possible. A survey of the road has already been made, and it has been found feasible to lay the tracks alongside the county highway.

Conservative estimates of the benefit which will accrue to this county from the construction of such a line, once it is in full operation, are \$100,000 for a year's time, in the amount saved for this section to merchants, farmers and others, who will use it. It will mean, according to prominent farmers of the section, that the fertile lands of the outlying districts will furnish almost entirely the produce used in the city, instead of having much of it shipped in, as is the case now. Mail order houses, which do a lucrative business with women of the county, who find it a tiresome journey to make connections with Pensacola by steam, are expected to shift their shopping to Pensacola, when the means of transportation becomes available. Five thousand dollars yearly is spent with mail order houses in Century alone, it is said, which might be spent for Pensacola.

Commissioners Favor It.
County commissioners viewed the

Work on the county road, connecting Bayous Chico and Grande, which has now proceeded as far as Seagrams will be tied up and entirely stopped within the next 30 days, if the bill for 2,000 lineal feet of rubber expansion joint, due the Standard Asphalt and Refining Co., is not paid within the next three days by County Clerk James Macgibbon.

This was the statement made yesterday morning by John Gerkins, contractor for the road, to the board of county commissioners in special session yesterday. Mr. Macgibbon was out of town and action on the matter deferred until the regular meeting, Tuesday. Mr. Macgibbon recently refused to sign a check for \$289 in favor of the contracting firm, which would guarantee Mr. Gerkins a commission, which he claimed as rightfully his, and the clerk contended was due the county.

The contractor stated that if he was not given assurance that the bill would be paid in three days, he would allow the county a 80 days' supply, box up the remaining joints and ship them back to the factory. This, it was contended, would seriously hamper operations on the road. Action of the board was asked but Assistant Clerk Bell requested that the matter be deferred until the clerk could himself be present.

Approved by Warfield.
The material used is said to have been personally approved by Lt. Commander R. M. Warfield, who has given his services to the county as engineer, and was contracted for at a saving of \$150 per foot.

Gerkins contends that his credit has been impaired, that he is personally responsible for the bill which, he says, he was told had been paid, that he is not drafting, and that he will be willing to donate the commission which he claims to the Pearl Egan Home, or to any other institution in the county, provided Mr. Macgibbon shall donate a like amount. "The money allowed me is too small," he said, "to employ an attorney and force collection. It's worth 100 per cent to do business with the county to get it out of them. The county represented it as having been paid, and if this had not been done it would have been paid." He gave Engineer Paine as his authority for the statement that he had been told that the bill was paid. Mr. Paine said that the clerk had told him that the check was made out, and that he took it for granted that the invoices had been paid.

CHARGE PACKER'S ATTORNEY TRIED TO BRIBE HENLEY

New York, Feb. 8.—Levy Mayer issued a statement tonight denying the charges that he had offered Francis J. Heney employment with the packers. He called it an infamous lie.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Francis J. Heney, who conducted the federal trade commission's meat packing investigation, today told the senate agricultural committee that Levy and Mayer, counsel for Armour and company, had offered him employment with the big packers during the present hearing on the meat industry, saying:

"We will give you more business than you can handle." Heney asked the committee to investigate the offer. Senator Kenyon said it would be next week.

MONTANA MINERS STRIKING, CAUSE CLOSING OF MINE

Butte, Mont., Feb. 8.—The strike called by the industrial workers of the world resulted today in the closing of the mines in the Butte field, on account of a reduction of a dollar a day in wages. Soldiers are guarding the streets, more are enroute. There is little disorder. Pickets, including a few women and several men in soldier's uniform turned back those who sought to enter the mines. Several shots were fired on Anaconda Hill, and several arrests have been made. None were injured. The leaders said that six thousand men were idle. There are ninety United States soldiers here and two hundred and fifty due here tomorrow.

BRICK LAYERS TO BE CALLED OUT ON SYMPATHY STRIKE

New York, Feb. 8.—All union brick layers and holting engineers employed in various cities throughout the country on contracts held by members of the Building Trades Employers' Association of this city, will be called out on a sympathetic strike Monday morning in an attempt to enforce the demands of carpenters employed by the association for a dollar a day increase in wages. William L. Hutcheson, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and joiners, announced shortly after noon today.

San Salvador, Feb. 8.—Serious rioting has occurred in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, and the minister of the Interior, Francisco J. Helia, was killed, according to a dispatch from Tegucigalpa.

HOUSE CONCLUDES WORK ON REVENUE MEASURE FOR U. S.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The house tonight concluded its work on the billion dollar war revenue bill by adopting, after six hours discussion, the conferees report on the measure. It now goes to the senate for final approval, which is expected next week. The house vote was 310 to 11. The adoption by the senate and approval by the president of the revenue bill is regarded as assured. During the debate, democrats and republicans joined in saying the tax levies were too low, and the next congress would have to increase them.