

THE WEATHER
FOR FLORIDA—Showers Wed-
nesday except fair in northwest
portion. Thursday fair with
gentle to moderate west and
northwest winds.

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RETURN OF RAILROADS AND WIRE LINES TO OWNERS AND REPEAL OF PROHI LAWS URGED BY PRESIDENT

Woman Suffrage, Retalia-
tory Tariffs, and Labor
Laws Also Among Major
Recommendations.

REPUBLICANS FAVOR RETURN UTILITIES

Indications Are That Re-
publicans and Democrats
Dry Leaders Will Line Up
in Prohi Fight.

Washington, May 20.—The presi-
dent's cable message outlining legisla-
tion for the extra session of the new
congress was read separately in the
senate and house today. Arrange-
ments were made by congressional
leaders for immediate consideration of
the vast legislative program, with the
suffrage resolution to come before the
house tomorrow. The major recom-
mendations of the president were
return to private ownership of
railroads, telegraphs and telephones,
the repeal of war time prohibition ap-
plying to beer and wines, for woman
suffrage, retaliatory tariffs, protection
of the dyestuff industry, and labor
and employment measures. The presi-
dent announced his intention to turn
back the railroads at the end of the
calendar year.

Republican leaders met the presi-
dent's proposals for the early return
of public utilities by statements that
such legislation was already planned.
As to prohibition recommendation,
both republican and democratic dry
leaders joined in vigorous statements
dismissing from the president's sug-
gestions and predicting that no beer
and wine repeal will be passed.

Republican plans for many invest-
igations were launched in a resolution
by Chairman Green, of the house mer-
chant marine committee, proposing an
enquiry into the operations of the
shipping board and the emergency
ship corporation. Representative Wel-
by, of Ohio, asked an investigation
by a non-partisan committee of "ir-
regular and unlawful expenditures."

Work on appropriation bills left un-
touched by the last congress was begun
today by the house appropriation com-
mittee with consideration of the meas-
ure carry \$27,000,000 for deficiencies
in the various government depart-
ments.

The possibility that the progressive
group of republican senators might
take no part in the selection of senate
committees was removed today by the
appointment of Senator McNary, of
Oregon, and Senator Gronna, of North
Dakota, both allied with the progress-
ive wing, to places on party commit-
tees and acceptance of the former.

BY GEORGE H. MANNING.
Washington, May 20.—Senator Park
Tamm, of Florida, today introduced
a bill in the senate to pay \$140 addi-
tional to each person who served in
the military or naval forces of the
United States including female nurses
upon their discharge or termination of
enlistment, which, with the \$60 bonus
already granted, would bring the total
bonus to \$200.

Peace Conference.
Of the Paris peace conference and
the League of Nations, the president
today said it would be premature to
discuss them or express a judgment.
He also avoided discussion of domes-
tic legislation at length, because of his
absence from Washington.

Congress heard a unique document:
the only one of its kind ever trans-
mitted across the ocean from a presi-
dent in foreign shore. For the first
time in six years it heard a reading
of a memorial message read by a
representative of the people of the
United States instead of assembling
the president deliver an address in per-
son.

The recommendations for the repeal
of war time prohibition and for re-
turn of the rail and wire systems,
while not unexpected by some, con-
stituted the greatest element of sur-
prise and provoked the most wide-
spread comment of the many tasks
before congress by the president.

In his reference to prohibition, the
president did not enter extensively
into the considerations involved. De-
clarative he said merely "has pro-
posed to such a point that it seems
entirely safe now to remove the
ban upon the manufacture and sale
of wine and beer." This ban laid
down in 1918 could only be removed,
the president said, by congressional en-
actment.

The recommendation regarding re-
turn of the railroads and wire lines
to the first authoritative declara-
tion by the administration of its fu-
ture policy and greatly surprised many
observers who had interpreted the de-
clarations of the past few months to
mean that Mr. Wilson eventually
would propose some form of perma-
nent government operation. On the
contrary the directness of the presi-
dent's statement.

BAD WEATHER CAUSED DELAY LONG FLIGHT

NC-Four May Start for Lis-
bon This Morning—No
Word Yet Has Come
From Harry Hawker.

Ponta del Gada, Azores, May 20.—
Exceptionally bad weather totally un-
expected was the sole reason for the
failure of all three American seaplanes
to fly from Trepassey to Ponta del
Gada on schedule, said Commander
Towers to a correspondent of the As-
sociated Press tonight. Towers said
the NC-3 was damaged when she
reached the water and was unable to
again rise. Individually, he said, the
members of the crew virtually aban-
doned hope of being rescued Saturday
night but collectively they showed no
signs of fear and carried on until they
arrived here Monday.

While the NC-3 was drifting 205
miles in the heavy storm, Towers said,
the seas washed over or pounded the
plane and the boat began to leak so
fast that water entered the boat. Mem-
bers of the crew took turns bailing
the hull with a small hand pump while
others stood on the wings in order to
balance the plane.

Although none of the crew obtained
more than four hours sleep after leav-
ing Trepassey until they reached here,
Towers said there was no suffering
except swollen hands from working
the pump and a severe attack of sea
sickness by Pilot McCullough. Short-
age of fuel and heavy fog caused the
three to come down to obtain bear-
ings.

Lieut. Commander Read, command-
ing the American seaplane NC-4, ex-
pects to start for Lisbon at six o'clock
tomorrow morning.

London, May 20.—(10 p. m.)—Tues-
day passed without word of any kind
concerning Harry Hawker, and Lieut.
Commander Grieve and their Sopwith
biplane in which they left St. John's
Sunday afternoon.

Washington, May 20.—Tugging at
anchor in the harbor of Ponta del
Gada, Azores, the seaplane NC-4, lone
survivor of the American navy for
first trans-Atlantic flight honors,
awaits only favorable weather for the
start of the 800 mile dash to Lisbon.
The four flew from Horta to Ponta
del Gada this morning in an hour and
forty minutes, a distance of 150 miles.
The NC-1 has sunk in the sea. The
three is being dismantled for ship-
ment to the United States.

Rear Admiral Jackson, in reporting
the arrival of the four at Ponta del
Gada, said the plane was O. K. and
Flight Commander Towers reported
the four in excellent condition. Naval
officials said the four would get away
tomorrow unless weather conditions
are very bad. The flight to Lisbon
should require not more than ten
hours. After replenishing fuel sup-
plies and being overhauled in Portu-
gal, the four will undertake the last
leg of the voyage to Plymouth, Eng-
land.

NO ACTION YET ON APPOINTMENT OF WALTER KEHOE

Though it was stated positively in
some quarters in the city yesterday
that the name of J. Walter Kehoe,
former congressman from this district,
had been sent in to the senate by
Governor Catts asking that his ap-
pointment as solicitor of the Escambia
county court of record be confirmed,
no action had been taken on the mat-
ter last night.

Expressions indicate that the ap-
pointment of Mr. Kehoe to the solicitor-
ship would be generally satisfac-
tory, however, men who have been
watching recent Florida political de-
velopments and their application to
West Florida especially, would be
somewhat at a loss, at least for the
time being, to definitely forecast cer-
tain future alignments in view of such
action.

GULF YARDS TO REDUCE COSTS SHIPBUILDING

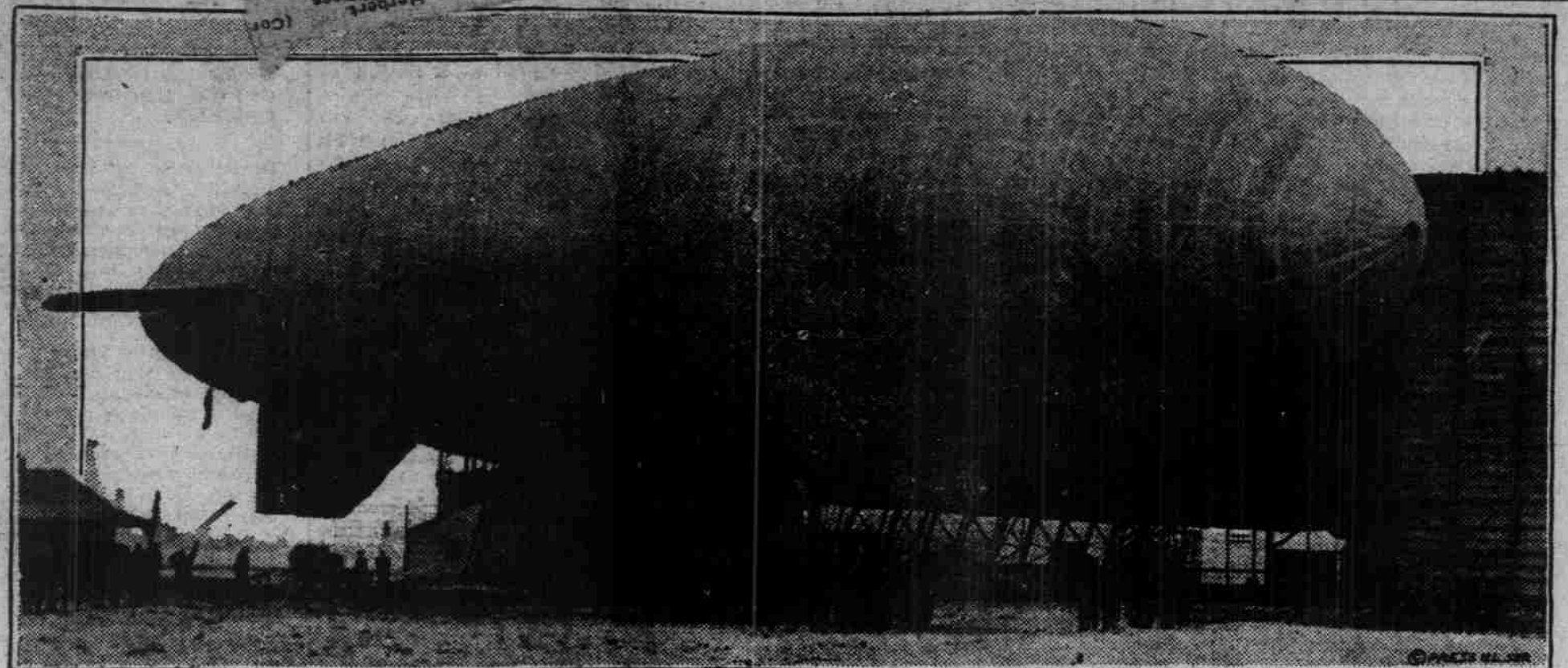
Washington, May 20.—Revision of
the shipbuilding program to a peace
time basis was put before Atlantic,
gulf and lake yards by the shipping
board at conferences concluding today.
Chairman Hurley told yard represen-
tatives that reduction in building costs
must be made to enable American
ships to compete with foreign market
products.

The Pensacola Journal.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 21, 1919.

The Pensacola Journal
Pensacola's Only Sunday
Newspaper

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This is the C-5 U. S. dirigible, secretly prepared for trans-Atlantic flight and silently started up the coast for Newfoundland before the word was given that it might cross the ocean, following in the wake of the three big NC planes. After having made a successful flight to Newfoundland, the big dirigible was carried away from her moorings a week ago in a gale, floating out to sea. The has never been found.

NUMBER THREE HITCHCOCK PREDICTS LEAGUE COVENANT WILL BE RATIFIED BY SENATE

Washington, May 20.—Senat-
or Hitchcock, of Nebraska,
ranking democrat of the senate
foreign relations committee,
predicted, in a statement to-
day, that the senate would ratify
the covenant of the league of
nations and that the necessary
majority vote to amend it or
separate it from the peace
treaty would not be obtained.

WORKMEN'S ACT IS PASSED BY SENATE 17 TO 12

Tallahassee, May 20.—By a vote of
17 to 12 the senate without debate
passed Huiley's workmen's compensa-
tion act and by a vote of 17 to 12
refused to pass a bill appropriating
\$200,000 for remodeling and enlarging
the capitol building.

The senate today adopted by the
necessary three-fifths majority, the
Carlton resolution submitting to the
people the constitutional amendment
to tax property according to its abil-
ity to pay. Fair and equitable as-
sessment are provided in the same
for taxing intangible property as well
as visible holdings.

The author stated that the amend-
ment was recommended by the special
commission to study taxation and re-
port to this legislature and that sub-
mission of this amendment is the first
step toward tax reform in line with
the suggestion by the commission
headed by W. A. Blount, of Pensa-
cola.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE

St. Louis, May 20.—The Northern
Presbyterian General Assembly adopted
a resolution today arraigning the
president for requesting congress to
repeal or amend the war time prohibi-
tion act.

Key West, Fla., May 20.—John Green,
of St. Petersburg, Florida, left here in a
seaplane this afternoon for Havana,
accompanied by Augustin Parla, a
Cuban pilot. The plane carried a small
cargo of freight.

ZONE SPEAKERS LEAVE ON TOUR TOMORROW A.M.

Zone Chairman Hancock to
Complete Plans for Relay-
ing Party Headed By Col.
Hughes and Band.

Final plans for the zone tour to be
made by Col. Hughes and speakers
together with a 25-piece band from
Fort Barrancas will be made by Post-
master B. S. Hancock, zone chairman
for the Salvation Army Home Service
Fund drive, who left last night for
Milton, which is to be the first stop
for the party as indicated in the itin-
erary which was already been an-
nounced in the Journal. The tour
party will leave Pensacola at 5 o'clock
tomorrow morning.

Mr. Hancock will spend two or three
days at points between Milton and
Marianna, where he will confer and
co-operate with the various county
organizations in putting the drive over.
Encouraging reports have been received
from all the counties and prospects for
the success of the drive are con-
sidered in every way assuring.

GAITOR HIDE TO COVER PART OF APPROPRIATIONS

(BY HERBERT FELKEL.)
Tallahassee, May 20.—A fourteen-
foot alligator lies dead in front of the
capitol. It is said to be the largest
ever killed in the woods in Florida.
None at the famous alligator farm in
St. Augustine is longer from nose to
tip of tail. Representative Amos
Lewis, of Jackson county, who hunts
every day of the winter, is the hero.
He borrowed the sheriff's rifle and
shot the 'gator in the eye this after-
noon after being notified that it was
in the vicinity of lake Hall where a
number of pigs had just been de-
stroyed by the monster. The hide is
worth six dollars and the teeth twice
that much. It is understood Mr. Lewis
will present the proceeds of his sport
to the appropriations committee.

PRESIDENT WOULD REPEAL ICE CREAM TAX

Washington, May 20.—Among the
special war taxes which the president
in his message to congress suggested
should be eliminated are those on soda
water and so-called luxuries, such as
expensive articles of clothing, on prop-
rietary medicinal and toilet prepara-
tions and on such manufactures and
products as automobile trucks and ac-
cessories, pianos, sporting goods, chew-
ing gum, candy, cameras and camera
supplies, fire arms, electric fans, ther-
mos bottles, and motor boats.

Taxes on most of these articles went
into effect May 1, and the collection of
them, involving innumerable cases of
making small change, has caused
much complaint from retailers and
purchasers.

30,000 MILL WORKERS ARE TO PROFIT BY RAISE

Lawrence, Mass., May 20.—A wage
increase affecting 30,000 operatives here
was announced in notices posted in the
textile mills today. Woolen as well as
cotton mills are concerned in the ad-
vance.

Officials of the American Woolen
Company said the increases granted in
their four mills in this city would be
operative also in the plants of the com-
pany in other places.

GERMANS MUST BEAR BLAME FOR THE WAR

Council of Four Answers
Reparations — Denmark
Discloses War Secret.

Paris, May 20.—The council of four,
in answer to the German notes regard-
ing reparations which will be handed
to the Germans tonight, replies to the
German refusal to admit responsibility
for the war that it is impossible to
disassociate responsibility from repa-
ration and the reply recalls that the
Germans raised no objection to Sec-
retary Lansing's note last November
regarding German aggression and also
refused to admit that the Ger-
man people may disclaim responsibil-
ity for the actions of the former Ger-
man government.

Paris, May 20.—Jonkheer Vankarne-
beek, Dutch minister of foreign affairs,
again appeared before the council of
foreign ministers today to discuss Bel-
gium's claims as they affect Holland.
The position of Holland in the com-
plexity appears to be absolutely op-
posed to any territorial concessions to
Belgium, but she is willing to admit
arrangements for the use of the Meuse
and Scheldt rivers by the Belgians.

Washington, May 20.—Foreign Min-
ister Scavenius of Denmark, in a speech
a copy of which was received by the
Danish legation here, discloses for the
first time so far as known here that
during the war Germany approached
Denmark with a proposal to return
the Danish portion of Schleswig, con-
templating at the same time the pos-
sibility of support from Norway and
Sweden. Denmark, the foreign min-
ister said, declined to have anything
to do with the proposals.

APPROVE SALE OF ALL SHIPS BRITISH OWNED

New York, May 20.—The proposed
sale to a British syndicate of British
owned ships and assets in the Inter-
national Mercantile Marine Company
was approved today by the board of
directors and finance committee of the
company. The transactions involved
730,000 tons of shipping, valued at
\$135,000,000. A stockholders meeting
to vote on the proposition is called for
June 15.

METHODISTS OF SOUTH SUBSCRIBE TWENTY MILLION

Nashville, Tenn., May 20.—Official
reports from thirty-five conferences of
the Methodist Episcopal church, south,
show subscriptions to the centenary
fund amounting to twenty and half
million dollars.

CARL VAN DYKE DIES SUDDENLY IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 20.—Representa-
tive Carl C. Van Dyke of St. Paul,
Minn., commander-in-chief of the
United Spanish War Veterans, died of
hemorrhage of the stomach early to-
day at a Washington hospital where
he had been under treatment since
Sunday. The illness was an outgrowth
of an affliction from which he had suf-
fered many months, but he had been
seriously ill only a few hours.

Mr. Van Dyke was a democrat and
was serving his third term in congress.
He was a native of Alexandria, Minn.,
and was 38 years old.

GERMAN CAPTAIN KILLS SELF TO ESCAPE FRENCH

Coblentz, Sunday.—Max Kaasch, a
former captain in the German army,
arrested several days ago by American
intelligence officers on the charge of
having in his possession property
stolen from France, committed suicide
today. Kaasch was arrested at the re-
quest of the French military authori-
ties.

LAUNCHING OF "ESCAMBIA" ON NEXT SATURDAY PUBLIC AFFAIR

This Will Be Second of Big
Steel Ships to Go Off the
Ways at Pensacola Ship
Plant.

KEEL FOR SEVENTH SHIP TO BE LAID

"Cushnoc" Launched During
March Will Be Ready for
Sea in About Two More
Weeks.

"The Escambia," the second of the
nine thousand ton fabricated steel
ships to go off the ways at the plant
of the Pensacola Shipbuilding com-
pany, will be launched next Saturday
afternoon, May 24, at 3 o'clock, it is
announced by the management.

The launching will be sponsored by
Miss Valerie Reese, daughter of J. S.
Reese, who was instrumental in bring-
ing the large modern plant and indus-
try of which Pensacolians feel proud,
to this city, the clearing in a dense
wood for which was made only about
18 months ago.

Miss Reese has selected for her
maids on the occasion the following
well known young ladies, daughters of
other public spirited men of the com-
munity who were also equally as in-
strumental in bringing the plant to
this city: Miss Elizabeth Merritt,
Miss Ruth McLane, Miss Katherine
Eitzen, Miss Bessie Milton, Miss Adalia
Rosasco and Miss Hilda Bear.

The young ladies were visitors at
the plant yesterday afternoon as hon-
ored guests of President Sweeney, and de-
tails for the launching were arranged.
Since the launching of the "Cushnoc,"
the first of the big steel hulls complet-
ed during the early part of March,
much interest has been manifested in
the launching of the second ship and
numerous queries have come to the
management from local people and
from others in the territory adjacent
to Pensacola as to whether it would
be public. In view of this interest the
management is arranging for the
launching to be a public affair and all
who come will be permitted to witness
the sliding of the big vessel off her
ways into the water, the dip into Bayou
Chico to be about seven feet. She will
be launched sidewise as was the
"Cushnoc."

The gates at the plant will be open
about 1 o'clock, it is asserted, and
people who come to witness the launch-
ing will be permitted to view the
plant, with of course, the observance
of such restrictions as are absolutely
necessary. To insure safety to vis-
itors and room for workmen, a space
around the large vessel will be roped
off and guides will be provided for
the purpose of directing the crowds
inside the grounds and in the vicinity
of the ways.

The "Escambia" was only a few days
ago given this local name, it will be
remembered, as a result of efforts of
the local Chamber of Commerce,
through which authority was secured
by Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, from
the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The
name "Welka" had been selected for
her until it was determined that she
should bear a local name. First the
name "Pensacola" was decided on, but
upon inquiry it was found that the U.
S. navy now operates a freighter by
that name. The name "Welka" is now
being painted out on the big hull and
the name "Escambia" will be inscribed
instead in ample time for the christ-
ening.

The "Escambia" is 410 feet on her
keel and is of 417 feet deck length.
Nine thousand tons is her carrying
capacity, dead weight. She is to be
equipped with all modern machinery
and for burning either coal or fuel oil.
Her boilers and much of the other ma-
chinery is already installed, and after
she goes into the water Saturday it
is expected that she will be made ready
for the sea in even less time than has
been required on the "Cushnoc," for
reason of the fact that more of her
machinery is installed and she is other-
wise nearer completed.

The "Cushnoc" is now being fitted
out and is expected to be ready for
sea in about two weeks. As soon as
the "Escambia" is off the ways the
keel for the seventh ship will be laid,
it is announced, it being the plan of
the management to keep five hulls in
course of construction all the time.
Four others are now well under way
and three of them will be ready for
launching, it is expected, soon.

The plant management reports that
since undergoing some reorganizing
policies which were inaugurated at the
instigation of the Emergency Fleet
Corporation some time ago, a great
deal more satisfactory results are be-
ing obtained and all considered, things
are reported as going well at the plant
now.