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ACTION BY ALLIES ON GERMAN COUNTER PROPOSALS HAS NOT BEEN INDICATED YET IN PARIS

At Secret Plenary Session it Was Decided to Present Treaty to Austrians Monday.

NO MODIFICATION OF TERMS EXPECTED

Efforts Are Now Being Made to Reconcile Small Powers in Italian-Jugo-Slav Controversy.

Paris, May 31.—A secret plenary session of the peace conference this afternoon decided to present the peace treaty to the Austrians at noon Monday. The small powers made reservations on the financial and reparations clauses.

The rights of minorities on questions of race, language and religion were objected to by the small powers. Premier Clemenceau assured them that this will be considered by the council of four before the treaty is presented to the Austrians. Financial, reparations, and perhaps the military sections, may be revised further.

London, May 31.—The Pangerman Union proposes to introduce in the German national assembly a resolution inviting the former German emperor to return to Germany, according to an exchange telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

Agram, Croatia, May 31.—The Hungarian deputation has offered the Hungarian throne to the Serbian crown prince, Alexander.

Paris, May 31.—The greater part of the objections raised in the German counter proposals have, in the opinion of French diplomats and political circles, already been set forth in separate German notes, and duly answered by the allies. Consequently it is said there can be no modification of the peace terms and there is no necessity for verbal discussions in which Berlin government desires to involve the allied powers.

It is understood the council of four will agree in taking this view in discussing the Germans.

The German peace delegation has been notified that the period of delay for presenting observations having expired at 3 p. m. Thursday, no further notes will be accepted from the delegation.

It became known today that the German counter proposals were accompanied by a covering letter of ten typewritten pages. The letter apparently is the work of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau as it is more conciliatory and adroit than the counter proposals which were elaborated by the Berlin government.

The letter paints a most gloomy picture of the fate to which the peace terms condemn Germany. It refers to the sacred character of treaties, disavows the treaty made with Russia at Brest-Litovsk and concludes with the following phrase:

"We shall only undertake those obligations which we are sure of keeping, because it is the German people who in the last resort will give its assent to the treaty."

SOUTHERN A. A. U. FIELD MEET WON BY NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, May 31.—The Young Men's Gymnastic Club, of New Orleans, won the twelfth annual track and field championship of the Southern Amateur Athletic Association here today, without serious opposition, making 134 points. Tulane was second with 21; Baylor third, with 16.

GOMPERS WANTS INVESTIGATION LABOR TROUBLE

Washington, May 31.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, telegraphed Governor Dorsey, of Georgia, today asking an investigation of the shooting of members of the textile workers at Columbus recently, and that those responsible be brought before the bar of justice.

HE IS LEADING FOR PRESIDENT OF PERU



Leguis is leading in the count of the ballots for president of Peru. He has previously served in that office with success. His program is development of the natural resources of the country.

U. S. NOT TO RECOGNIZE VILLA REGIME

Recently Proclaimed Provisional President of Mexico Has Sent Communication to Washington.

Washington, May 31.—General Felipe Angeles, recently proclaimed by Villa forces as provisional president of Mexico, has sent a communication to Washington, it was learned today, for presentation to the state department, giving his objects in leading the revolution in progress in Northern Mexico. Acting Secretary Polk said no communication had been received and none would be received as Carranza is president of Mexico and Angeles a rebel against the constitutional authority. Angeles' communication says he desires to restore the constitution of 1857. He promises to protect legal interests of all foreigners and Mexicans and restore law and order.

Brownsville, Texas, May 31.—General Felipe Angeles, recently proclaimed provisional president of Mexico by the Villistas, plans simultaneous attacks on Torreón, Chihuahua City and Juarez, according to Mexican who have just arrived here from Torreón. They declare the Villista armed force totals 13,000 men and that it is being divided for use against the three cities.

LEON GAME BILL IS VETOED BY GOVERNOR CATTS

The governor today vetoed the act relating to the open and closed season for hunting game in Leon county and stated his objection thereto.

Evidence submitted satisfies him that no notice of intention to apply for the passage of the bill was published as required by the constitution for local or special bills.

The bill, though a local law, is a matter of state wide interest which should be dealt with by general rather than special laws. While the bill is a local bill it would effect not only Leon county but the whole state in deterring foreign capital from investing not only in the lands of Leon but the lands of the state at large. It would deprive citizens of adjoining counties of one month's hunting in Leon county while citizens of Leon would enjoy the right to hunt in adjoining counties for full time provided by the state general law.

"The bill would curtail the right of the poor man to hunt on his land or lands on which he had the privilege of hunting because not posted and I will never give my approval to a measure that curtails the lawful rights and privileges of the rich or poor."

NEAR END OF TERM HOUSE IS FAR BEHIND

With Only Five Working Days and Hundreds Bills Pending Hours Given Local Bill.

ROAD LEGISLATION STANDS DEADLOCKED

Senator Stokes' Bill Would End Fee Business As to Clerk of Court of Record in Criminal Cases.

(BY HERBERT FELKEL)
Tallahassee, May 31.—With only five more days remaining and several hundred bills yet pending, the house this afternoon devoted several hours in debate on the coats bill extending the territorial limits of Okeshobee county, and while it was understood the senate held sessions today instead of adjourning over until Monday to receive important house measures, the drawers of the clerk's desk were stuffed with senate messages which must go over until Monday.

Efforts of members anxious to hear the senate message on the Wilder-Scruggs amendment to the Igou-Carlton road bill which it was understood had been sent over to secure recognition and ask for senate messages to be taken up were unavailing, and the house adjourned until Monday after the senate had passed a banking bill relating to the sale of shares of stock when assessment is not paid which had failed to pass last night.

On the surface the sessions moved smoothly but in the corridors and committee rooms an element that took offense at the speaker's ruling Monday afternoon in connection with the appointment of a conference committee on the road bill, caucused and compared notes on their grievances.

The house and senate are now apparently deadlocked and road legislation for the present is blocked. The situation was further complicated by a rumor that the governor will veto any road measure that does not vest supervisory control of road building in the commissioners of state institutions.

The senate sent over a message again that the house recede from the Wilder-Scruggs amendment but the message was not read in the house.

Tonight members have figured up the situation and find that should the Igou-Carlton bill be finally passed and be vetoed it cannot be passed over the situation is beginning Monday morning will have ten days for considering bills before they can become laws without his approval or in which to veto them.

For the first time in the history of either branch the senate calendar tonight, a week before the sine die adjournment of the session, was cleared.

Record Clerk Goes on Salary.

Senator Stokes today introduced and passed a bill providing that the clerk of the court of record of Escambia county shall in the future receive \$100 a year for the criminal business he handles instead of fees that now approximate \$3,500 but he shall continue to receive fees for all civil business handled which amount to form \$2,700 to \$3,000 a year.

It was stated that the placing of the civil work on a salary was too complicated to work out equitable in a bill. These fees however, come out of the litigants and not the county. The passage of this measure will result in a saving of about twenty-five hundred dollars a year to the people of Escambia and its passage was a plank in the senators platform when he ran for the office he now occupies. He already has passed a bill placing the solicitor of that court on a salary.

SOUTH IS OVER ALLOTTED QUOTA SALVATION ARMY

Late Saturday night the director of the southern division announced the south "over the top" in the Salvation Army campaign. He said:

"Last minute returns from all parts of the south make it sure that the quota for the south has been raised and that as a section the south is 'over the top' in the Salvation Army campaign."

The department of the southeast has more than doubled its official quota. In view of the fact that many of the zones of the south have not gone over the top and that the over subscription in other zones cannot be used to take care of the shortage in the zones that have not gone over, it has been decided to make an earnest effort the coming week in the zones that have not gone over the top, to get the public spirited citizens of these zones to reach their full quota. If they do the southeast department will probably lead the nation in final percentage of actual amount raised. The total figures will be tabulated as rapidly as possibly early next week and formally announced to the south.

BIG STRIKE OF WIRE WORKERS IS THREATENED

Dispute Between Southern Bell Managers and Employees is Submitted to Operating Board.

MONDAY AT 3 P. M. IS TIME SET TO STRIKE

Presidents Brown of Southern Bell in Statement Denies Union Workers Are Discriminated Against.

Atlanta, Ga., May 31.—The dispute between the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company and certain of its employees which the latter assert may result in a nation-wide strike Monday of commercial telegraphers, telephone and electrical workers, has been referred to the government board, New York, which controls the wire companies. President Brown, of the Southern Bell, said today.

Asserting that fourteen local switchboard operators were discharged for joining the union, the union committee today presented an ultimatum to the company demanding reinstatement with the alternative of a nation-wide strike Monday at three o'clock. President Brown denied the assertions.

In a brief statement, President Brown said: "Six out of 550 telephone operators employed by us in Atlanta have been discharged since May 1, each one for inefficiency or infraction of rules without regard to whether or not they were members of the union."

"We don't know who are or who are not members of the union. We make no distinction between union and non-union employees."

Members of the committee which presented the ultimatum said the next step was to make a report at the union meeting tomorrow night. The strike, if called, would involve 90,000 commercial telegraphers and telephone workers throughout the United States, union leaders said, and later might involve 200,000 telegraphers.

Officials of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company and other wire companies at Atlanta denied this morning that any ultimatum had been presented to them by the representatives of the International Commercial Telegraphers' Union, which a nation-wide strike of union workers was threatened.

According to company officials none of their employees have been discharged from alleged union affiliations and so far as they are aware, they assert, there is no ground for such an ultimatum as was reported from Washington.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY BILL PASSES SENATE

Pending Measure is Aimed to Correct Faults of Installation and Insulation in Wiring.

A general bill in which there is more than usual local interest because of its origin in Pensacola with the Florida Electrical Safety League, passed the senate yesterday, according to a telegram received from Senator John P. Stokes by City Electrician Len LeBaron. It is believed the measure will be put through the house before the closing date on next Friday.

The pending bill empowers the county commissioners of any county in the state to form such rules and regulations with reference to installation and insulation of electrical wiring and electrical devices as will afford best protection possible to life and property. In the formation of such rules and regulations the bill also authorizes the board of commissioners at any time deemed expedient, to call into consultation any expert electricians desired.

The bill was prepared with much painstaking by representatives of the Florida Electrical Safety League, the home of which organization is in Pensacola, with a view to safeguarding not only the lives and physical welfare of electrical workers, but those of the general public as well.

The Caro bills, passed by the house some time ago, proposing to place the firemen, street employees and policemen of Pensacola on an eight-hour day basis, passed the Senate

MAP SHOWING WHERE U. S. MARINES LAND IN OLD TURKEY



"The eye of Asia Minor" they call Smyrna, where American Marines have been landed following disturbances when Greek soldiers were put ashore. The Greeks were landed in anticipation of the announcement of the peace congress that Greece is to rule this portion of former Turkish territory. Smyrna was founded by Greeks centuries ago and the region about it is occupied by Greeks. In the days of Roman conquest it was the center of art and learning. Its population is 250,000 and it has annual imports of \$15,000,000 and exports of \$20,000,000. It is 200 miles from Constantinople, connected by rail. It is the western terminus of the two chief railroads of Asia Minor.

GOVERNMENT FACES THREE BILLION NEED

Higher Taxation or Another Bond Issue Are Being Considered By Ways and Means Board.

BY GEORGE H. MANNING.

Washington, May 31.—It is going to be necessary to float another issue of Victory Bonds for about three billion dollars or increase the taxation by that amount to meet the ordinary expenses of the government for the next fiscal year the leaders of the house of representatives decided today.

The probable revenues and expenses of the government for the next fiscal year were gone over carefully today at a conference between the leading republicans and democrats of the ways and means committee, which considers the means of raising revenues and the appropriations committee which provides for its expenditure.

It was found that the probable expenses of the government for the next fiscal year will be approximately nine billion dollars, after allowing for reductions that will come when the various federal departments get nearer to a peace time status.

The present war revenue bill, after the luxury taxes and several other particularly onerous taxes have been repealed will bring in about four billion dollars, it was estimated.

The conferees estimated that import duties, sales of public lands and interest on the loans made to the allies will bring in about two billions more. This will leave a deficit of about three billion dollars and the house leaders began today looking about to see how it can be raised.

Treasury department officials are to be asked to come before the ways and means committee and the appropriations committee to present to congress their estimates of receipts and expenditures for next year.

The repeal of the luxury tax which puts a levy of 10 per cent on soda waters and ice cream, which if passed will take \$21,000,000 more from the revenues.

Mr. Kitchen, former minority leader, and now ranking democratic member of the ways and means committee, agreed that the prospective revenues for the next fiscal year will fall to meet the expenditures by three billion dollars, and said it must be raised by a bond issue or increased taxation.

Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee, reached the same conclusion.

"The survey we have made of the probable receipts and expenses of the government for the next fiscal year proves conclusively that the republicans in congress must cut the appropriation bill to actual necessities, slicing all extravagance," said Congressman Moore, of Pennsylvania, a member of the ways and means committee.

STORM BROKE ON DRIVE PARTY AT CENTURY

Notwithstanding Fury of Weather Several Large Donations Were Gathered in and Work Continues.

The Salvation Army drive party, led by Col. Hughes, Lt. Bricon, Chairman Hancock and Hervey, Manager Green and the Fort Barrancas band, returned from the automobile trip to Century at eleven o'clock last night "soaked to the skin," having encountered a violent rain storm, but delighted beyond the power of words to express the royalty of the reception accorded them by the people of Century, and declaring that if they could do as well every day they would visit States.

Apparently every resident of Century and vicinity was out to welcome the party; when forthwith the storm of the physical elements broke in fury and the crowd disappeared not to return, thus seriously disarranging the program to finish the drive during the visit. Several large subscriptions were made, however, and a large committee of leading citizens was formed to make a systematic canvass of the mill and the community Monday, and make a first class job of it.

The Alger-Sullivan Lumber Co. subscribed \$500, and Edw. A. Hauss and A. W. Ranney each gave \$50. The committee which will make the canvass Monday includes J. H. Jones, O. E. Smith, J. D. Alexander, C. H. Abbott, Mr. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Hamblin, Mr. Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCurdy, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Taylor, Miss Eva Vaughn, W. D. McDavid, Dr. J. S. Turberville, and Dr. J. A. McDaniel.

A most enjoyable tea was served to the visitors at the Century club and nothing was omitted to impress the hospitable nature and enthusiasm of the people of Century. Speeches were made by Lt. Bricon, Col. Hughes, Messrs. Perkins and Jones and Mrs. Stevens.

Reports from over the zone were of an encouraging nature. P. L. Rollo wired that Bay county had declared itself in need of no assistance. A new interest is reported as stimulated at Chipley which will take Washington county over. The ministers of Marianna have undertaken to put that city and county with its large quota over during Sunday.

The same party which visited Century yesterday will visit the plant of the Southern States Lumber company at Muscogee Monday.

NAVY WINS ALL BIG EVENTS IN ANNUAL REGATTA

Philadelphia, May 31.—The Annapolis navy crews proved superior to the collegiate rivals today in the feature races of the fifteenth annual regatta of the American Rowing Association on the Schuylkill river course. They won the varsity eight-oared race over Pennsylvania, outrowed Pennsylvania in a race for 150 pound crews, and captured the junior collegiate eight-oared event from Princeton.

ENGINEER IS EMPLOYED BY COMMISSIONERS

New County Officer A. R. Towse Will Begin Duties in Bridge and Road Work Monday.

REPORTS ON TICK ERADICATION HEARD

Health Work in Schools is Emphasized in Strong Talks By Drs. Cox and Harrington and Miss McKinna.

At the weekly meeting of the board of county commissioners yesterday, A. R. Towse was elected county engineer for roads and bridges at a salary of \$300 a month, and two notarial bonds were approved; after which the commissioners listened for nearly two hours to reports on tick eradication and health promotion projects, and an appeal for a contribution to the Salvation Army drive. From the atmosphere of the occasion one might have thought the assemblage was one for the promotion of moral and scientific reform, rather than for the transaction of cold-blooded business, and it was remarked after the adjournment that the devotion of so much time by a political unit to such considerations is a strong indication of the trend of the times.

On the election of Mr. Towse, it was explained that he has 18 years of all-round experience; that his salary will be paid out of the bridge time warrant money; and that he will be subject to call at all times for any kind of engineering work the commissioners may have for him. He will begin his duties Monday. Mr. Towse was unanimously chosen to the place.

Report on Cattle Dipping.

Mr. Brown, in charge of cattle dipping in Escambia county, reported that there are 1753 owners of cattle in the county; that 28,640 head of cattle were dipped during the past month; that there are now 70 dipping vats in the county, and that during the first month of dipping it was found that 88 per cent of the cattle had ticks; while during the last month 93 per cent were found free from ticks.

Both Dr. Brown and the commissioners deplored the failure of the legislature to pass the state-wide compulsion law, and Dr. Brown pointed out that an Escambia county farmer under the now existing conditions can go to Baldwin county, Ala., and purchase cattle cheaper than he can get them right across the river in Santa Rosa county, Florida, because Baldwin county is tick free, meeting the requirements of Escambia county, while before cattle can be brought across the Santa Rosa line the purchaser must build a dipping vat, dip the cattle twice and hold them in quarantine seven days, which is a process so expensive as to be prohibitive. The failure of the legislature, therefore, is indicated to be hostile to Florida's own interests and favorable to trade with other states.

Dr. Brown reminded the commissioners of the necessity of reviving local dipping legislation before the legislature, in view of the failure of state-wide legislation, and on his suggestion, a committee was instructed to wire the Escambia county delegation at Tallahassee urging them to press the measures of local interest regarding dipping, providing funds to continue the work begun.

Bond Interest Money Available for Payrolls.

Regarding the disputed matter of the application of bond interest money to the road payroll, County Attorney Reese presented a telegram from State Comptroller Ernest Amos, which read as follows:

"Position taken by you correct. All proceeds are to be applied to the purpose for which bonds were sold. See letter."

"This was interpreted by the commissioners as establishing their right to use the interest money in question on the road payroll, and it was determined to so apply it during the day.

Postmaster R. S. Hancock presented to the board and the latter made an earnest appeal for an appropriation of \$500 to the Salvation Army drive now in progress. Each of the commissioners expressed himself as favorable to the proposition of helping the army locate a \$25,000 home in Escambia county, but explained that under the budget system they were locally stopped from applying any funds in such manner sooner than the time when the new budget is made, which will be in October. The commissioners left the impression that they might undertake to allot \$500 in

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