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## INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAYS STARS OF THE TRANSATLANTIC RACE

**Aviators Hawker and Raynham Have Not Yet Been Able to Get Underway—A Beam Wind Prevented a Start From Being Made Yesterday—Aviators Have Been Deluged With Sufficient Mail Matter to Sink a Dreadnought.**

St. Johns, Nfld., May 3.—Local weather conditions today are similar to those prevailing for the past two days. The air-men will start if it is possible to ascend this afternoon and mid-ocean reports are favorable.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 3.—Wind and weather conditions over the Atlantic were reported today about as good as could be hoped for. To the north and south were reported snow and fog respectively, but with an afternoon start the flyers could slip between the areas, it was stated. Once more it was a local "beam wind" sweeping across their fields that prevented Hawker and Raynham from getting underway.

The mail which is scheduled to be carried by Hawker and Raynham was today declared "closed" because of the increasing proportions it is assuming. Post-Master Robinson refused more of it, for "enough letters have been sent here already to sink a dreadnought," he said.

Both aviators have protested at the size of mail they have been asked to carry. Only official letters which have the approval of the flyers themselves will be accepted for delivery, it was announced tonight.

### THE UNITED STATES NAVY NOW A REAL FACTOR

#### IN RACE FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT HONORS

The United States Navy became a real factor in the contest for trans-Atlantic flight honors when the mine layers Aroostook, flying the Stars and Stripes dropped anchor in British waters at Trepassy Bay. It has on board the crew of the naval air station which will be maintained as the base for the American flying boats. The arrival of the Aroostook with the hint it brought of the early arrival of the American naval seaplanes for their start on the Trans-Atlantic flight, caused no noticeable concern to Harry Hawker and Captain Frederick Raynham, who have been here nearly a month awaiting favorable weather for the trip in their land planes.

### THE NANCY BOATS OF THE UNITED STATES

#### NAVY WILL ATTEMPT TO FLY TO THE AZORES

"The Nancy Boats of the United States Navy must get here first," commented Baynham in speaking of the prospects for the navy's N. C. plans. "Then they must fly to the Azores. Whether we call Portugal or England their finish line the stops they make will involve time. I think either Hawker or I can give them three days and beat them to England if they followed announced plans.

"If we are held here until the Americans arrive at Trepassy Bay or even at the Azores, we should still be able to get across before them. As the honor of the first crossing overshadows the London Daily Mail prize for which Hawker and I are racing, I am sure neither of us will decline the issue if the Americans set out from here, whether stormy or fair."

## VON HINDENBURG WILL RETIRE TO PRIVATE LIFE

Berlin, May 2.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has written President Ebert announcing his intention to retire to private life.

"During the transitional period," says Von Hindenburg, "I considered it my duty to serve the Fatherland, but with the conclusion of a preliminary peace my task will be fulfilled and my desire to retire, in view of my advanced age, will be universally understood, the more so because it is known how hard it has become for men, in view of my opinions and my entire personality and the past, to continue to exercise my office."

Ferr Ebert replied, assenting to the request of the Field Marshal and expressing the "undying thanks" of the German people for Von Hindenburg's services and self-sacrifice.

## NOT IN FAVOR OF BIG UNION

Ottawa, May 2.—The Ottawa Trades and Labor Association tonight expressed its disapproval of the one big union idea only one member voting in favor of a resolution from the Vancouver Trades Council in regard to this question.

The Ottawa Building Trades strike situation remains unchanged.

## GOVERNMENT NOT WORRYING ABOUT SHIPS

Ottawa, May 2.—At a round table discussion today between members of the government and a delegation from Toronto, which sought a share of government shipbuilding orders, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, said that after yesterday's Unionist caucus he had received an offer for all the government owned ships at \$180 a ton. "That would give the government a profit," the Minister said, "but the offer was not accepted."

"The Dominion government is not worrying about its ships," Mr. Ballantyne added. "No country in the world which ordered as good ships, has so low a price as the Dominion government."

## CHOCOLATE GIRLS STRIKE

Toronto, May 2.—Girls from the Cowan Chocolate and Cocoa Company to the number of 400, went on strike today, much to the surprise of the local labor organizations. There had been no effort on the part of labor leaders to organize a union in the factory. The girls wanted an increase in wages and a reduction in the number of hours of work. The metal trades strike was unchanged today.

## SATISFACTION OVER TRADE PREFERENCE

London, May 2.—Reuter learns that there is a general feeling of satisfaction in Dominion circles in regard to the movement towards imperial preference.

Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner, said the government and people of Canada will be much pleased at Great Britain adopting the principle of Empire preference. He was of the opinion it would cause increased trade between the various parts of the Empire and afford Canada an opportunity of supplying goods to the British markets which formerly came from enemy countries.

Sir George said it was a step toward making the empire self-supporting.

## NEW SLEEPERS FOR THE C. N. R.

Montreal, May 3.—Sleeping cars of a new class and specially designed for troops and which will subsequently be used for immigrants, have just been constructed for the Canadian National Railways, and one of these was on view here yesterday.

It was stated that 150 of these cars were being constructed, and will be placed in commission shortly, running from Halifax across the continent. One hundred of these cars are being built by the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, Limited, and the remaining fifty are being built in the United States. Ten of them are now ready and the balance will be delivered at the rate of two cars per day.

## THREAT TO BLOW UP SIOUX CITY

Sioux City, Io., May 3.—"We will blow the whole town to hell if you put Mayor Short out of office."

This was the threat on a postcard addressed to E. J. Stanson, who is trying to secure the recall of Mayor Short.

The card was received yesterday. It was signed "I. W. W. Alliance for Short." The police are rounding up all suspicious characters and those known to have leaning toward the Bolshevik or the I. W. W.

Citizens are seeking to oust Short because he welcomed delegates to a recent "Wobblies" convention here.

### MAY FIGHT AT TOLEDO.

Cleveland, May 2.—Toledo, Ohio, is being considered as the possible site for the championship heavyweight boxing contest on July 4 between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey, according to Tex Rickard, promoter of the contest, who was here tonight conferring with Mathinkel and others regarding the selection of the Ohio city to stage the contest.

## TIME HANGING HEAVILY ON THE HANDS OF HUN PEACE DELEGATES

**Delegation at Versailles Now Number 218 With More Still to Come—Brisk Interchange of Telegrams With Berlin—Must Keep Within Bounds.**

Paris, May 2.—The German delegation to the peace conference is rapidly assuming a position of equality, in numbers at least, with the delegations of the various Allied and Associated Powers. Twenty more subordinates of the delegation arrived in Versailles last evening and this morning, travelling on regular trains under escort. Their arrival brings the ranks of the delegation to a total of 218, while still more arrivals are expected.

A brisk interchange of telegrams is in progress with Berlin, a courier also leaving for the German capital today with official and press despatches. Time is hanging rather heavily on the hands of the greater part of the delegation, however owing to the delay in the opening of the actual peace negotiations. The billiard tables in the hotel occupied by the Germans are in constant use, and card games are frequently in progress in the newspapermen's club-rooms and in a dozen other places.

### POLICE ON THE ALERT.

So far as is known the only thing in the schedule for the enemy plenipotentiaries until next week's session, at which the peace terms will be handed over, is a further meeting of the delegates with the credential committee of the peace conference Sunday morning.

The tendency of the German delegations subordinates, particularly the girl stenographers, to break bounds, has led police commissioner Oudaille to instruct the police posted at the three hotels to turn back any Teutons found wandering off the reservation and to form a flying squad of detectives to round up any of them discovered in unauthorized parts of Versailles. The commissioner has also issued a warning that any attempt on their part to go to Paris to see the sights will lead to their instant banishment to Germany.

## Huns to Get Peace Terms Wednesday of Next Week

## CAMBRIDGE WOMAN WAS STRANGLED

Cambridge, Mass., May 3.—Mrs. Annie Wilson was strangled in her home on Marcella street last night.

James Lydon, a boarder at the house, was arrested, and according to the police confessed that he had committed the crime. He was held on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Mary Roberts, formerly a boarder at the Wilson home, told the police that she went to the house in answer to a telephone call. She said she was attacked by Lydon and struggled with him and that he became frightened by her shrieks and ran. Mrs. Roberts said that before Lydon attacked her she had discovered Mrs. Wilson's body and accused Lydon of murdering her and that he said "Yes, I killed her."

Mrs. Wilson was 50 years old. Lydon is 22 years old.

## INDEPENDENCE OF IRELAND

New York, May 3.—A copy of the text of the declaration of independence adopted by the Irish Republic parliament was received here yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Coholan, from Zan O'Kelly, the representative of the Irish Republic in Paris. It is said to be the first copy to reach this country.

## U. S. AIRPLANES TO START SOON

New York, May 2.—At 11 o'clock (some morning in Newfoundland) the U. S. Navy's transatlantic seaplanes will "hop off" on their flight of not less than eighteen and a half hours to the Azores, it was learned at the Rockaway Point naval air station today.

This means that the three planes, the N. C. 1, 3 and 4, will travel all of one night and will not alight before 5 or 6 o'clock the morning after they depart from Newfoundland.

**This is the Announcement Made by Paris Newspapers Today—Important Progress Has Been Made in Solving Problems Which Have Presented Themselves—Section of the Treaty Dealing With Alsace and Lorraine Has Been Adopted.**

Paris, May 3.—The presentation of the peace terms to the Germans will not take place before Wednesday, May 7, according to the present indications this morning's Paris newspapers said. Important progress has been made, however, in solving problems remaining before the final shaping of the treaty. The Echo de Paris says that the Council of Three yesterday adopted the section of the treaty dealing with Alsace and Lorraine, which are given to France, the ownership of the railways included.

The council also fixed the status of Luxemburg, this newspaper adds, completely severing the grand Duchy from Germany. Now that the peace treaties are to be handed over to the Germans the newspapers point out that the summoning of the Austro-Hungarian delegates seems probable and they voice the expectation that an invitation of an amicable sort will be sent to Italy requesting the presence of her delegates.

### AMERICAN DELEGATES DISAPPROVE OF PLAN

#### TO REHABILITATE EUROPE'S FINANCIAL CREDIT

Paris, May 3.—Authoritative disapproval of a plan that has been advanced for rehabilitation of European financial credit was expressed today by the Financial members of the American delegation. It was made known definitely that the United States would not be a party to any joint action having for its purpose the restoration of German business.

It has been proposed by the British that a German bond issue of \$5,000,000,000 be arranged with Great Britain. France the United States and the other Allied and Associated Powers as guarantors. The American delegates took the position that such a plan would not only be impracticable but contrary to American President.

It was explained that the British proposal included the apportionment of the issue among all the powers, including even the small newly created governments.

### GERMAN PRESS DESPATCH DESCRIBES ATTITUDE OF FRENCH OFFICIALS AND COLD BUT CORRECT

... In a German wireless despatch picked up in Paris the first meeting of the German delegates with representatives of the Allies is described at length. The attitude of the French officials is characterized as "cold but correct."

The message declares that the French and British press treat the arrival of the Germans as a matter of minor importance and adds that according to the duties papers the American press has displayed a similar indifference.

June 1 is given as the probable date for signing of the treaty.

## LARGE SUM FOR BELGIUM

Brussels, May 2.—The Soir says that Paul Hymen, of the Belgian peace delegation in Paris, received on Thursday an official communication that Belgium will obtain immediately 2,500,000,000 francs indemnity and all material and financial assets the Germans left in Belgium, and that Malmédy and Eupen, Rhenish Prussia, will be attached to Belgium.

## MILITARISM IS BROKEN

Coblentz, May 2.—"German militarism has been broken forever," is a statement attributed to Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, reports of whose resignation have been received here.

General Groener, former head of the department of munitions, and who has been the Field Marshal's chief of staff, is mentioned as his chief successor.

## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

New Port R. I., May 3.—Cyril Du For a professional dancer was instantly killed and his wife and three other members of the "Head over Heels" Musical Company were injured in an automobile accident here early today.

Chief machinists mate, Francis Finn of this city owner and driver of the machine escaped unhurt. The theatrical party were Finn's guests in a ride along Ocean Drive. An accident to steering gear caused the machine to leave the road and go over a fifteen foot embankment on to the beach.

## BOYS PILFER EXPLOSIVES

New York, May 2.—Warning that many boys in this city are in danger from hand grenades stolen by boys from the supplies stored at Van Cortlandt Park for the victory loan sham battle, was issued today by Lieutenant Colonel E. J. W. Ragsdale, chief of the trench warfare division. Under cover of darkness and rain last night, hundreds of boys seeking souvenirs raided munition boxes at the Park, he said, and took away white phosphorus and highly explosive hand grenades.

### PETROGRAD TAKEN.

Paris, May 2.—Petrograd has probably been taken by the Finns, according to information believed to be trustworthy which has reached Paris.

### Celestials Won Game

Only one match game was played last evening at the Palace Bowling Alleys when the Celestials won from the Civil Service by a score of three points to one.

### Meeting of Finance Committee

A meeting of the Methodist Improvement Finance Committee was held last evening at the Methodist Church with Mr. Alonzo Staples in the chair. Those present were C. D. Richards, Secretary, J. M. Lemont and Miss Ada Schleyer. It was found by the committee that enough money had been subscribed and was in sight to start the improvements on the church. The matter of improvements has been left to the building committee. The amount raised will be given out at tomorrow's service by Rev. G. M. Young.