

Some First Early Morning Flashes Which Gave Glad News

PEACE TO BE SIGNED BY 26th

Germany Agrees to Affix Her Signature to the Treaty

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AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

BERLIN, June 22--Special--By a vote of 238 to 137 the National Assembly of Germany has passed a measure authorizing the Government, through its accredited representatives, to sign the Peace Treaty.

HUMANITY CAN DRAW A DEEP BREATH

When plenipotentiaries, on behalf of Germany, affix their signatures to the Peace Treaty, following vote in the National Assembly authorizing the formal execution of the document, the suspense in which the world has been held for months following the armistice, will come to an end. A war, lasting between four and five years and being the most colossal struggle ever carried on, will be over and the back of humanity, bowed in anguish and sorrow, can straighten itself up again.

In fancy one can see the curtain rung down, shutting from view the great European battlefronts extending for hundreds of miles and upon whose stage the vast tragedy was enacted. The moving millions of uniformed men are gone, the belching of innumerable guns has ceased, the smoke has cleared and the dead have been interred. All that remains of the awful conflict are the tumbling ruins of once populous cities, towns and villages, the undulating earth ripped and torn by the constant explosion of powerful munitions, the splintered trunks of trees and the barren tracts in No Man's Land. In the quiet places where formerly the meadow was verdant and the poppies grew, little wooden crosses, row on row, mark the places where gallant men lie buried, men who faced the enemy and fell, a sacrifice for their country. The lark, of which the late Col. McCrea speaks in his immortal poem, may still soar overhead, singing as it flies, but the guns no longer silence its notes.

The last word of the last chapter is penned when the envoys put their signatures to the paper.

It sometimes seems hard to realize that the fighting nations, with bloody sword and lacerated limbs have emerged from the scenes of ruin and carnage in which humanity virtually wallowed for four years. From the flash that went around the earth on August 4th., 1914, announcing that the epochal ultimatum had been given which plunged races suddenly into arms, till the other brief message announcing the armistice last autumn, the hearts of many millions were heavy with fear and anxiety. It was as though the rivers of life were abruptly made to change their courses, over flow their banks and scatter devastation and death with a wanton and brutal hand. The whole trend of activity was changed. Domestic quiet was rudely disturbed and from office, factory, shop and farm the youth of the land went out to military centres and took up training for the grim job that was being started in Belgium.

With each succeeding day the tenacity of the situation became worse. The cable and telegraph wires electrified the globe were ceaselessly, night and day, carrying stories of the steady march, march, march of the grey German hordes into the little country which refused admittance. How long those days will linger in memory! How impossible it is to blot from the mind the picture of heavy headlines in the daily papers as they issued from the press in special editions, informing the assembled groups everywhere of the fall of first one place and then another till the fortified cities of Belgium were reached and then of the terrible slaughter of the defenders and of the helpless who huddled together before the rifles of the Huns.

From one besieged city to the other the victorious masses moved on smashing everything before them except the determined and valorous spirit of the little Belgian race which seemed unbreakable.

With what eagerness we read of the courage that unprepared people manifested in their fortified places and yet one by one the great walls fell before the battering guns of the invader.

And then Paris. What suspense associated itself with its trial for days, as the Germans pressed harder and harder upon it till each hour promised to see it fall. But it did not fall and from the day the enemy was defeated in that attempt his envious wish to strike at the heart of Britain was dimmed.

From Paris to the Marne and from the Marne to the Somme, from Festubert, Langemark, Ypres, St. Eloi and other early engagements to the last mighty drive of the Allied forces under the mystical skill of Marshal Foch the ebb and flow of the tide of battle was succeeded by hope and despair until the Huns were given a blow which sent them to their knees. There they have been up to today when the victors present to them a treaty with terms intended to preserve the peace of the nations and they are told to sign.

WELCOME NEWS SOON SPREAD THAT PEACE IS TO BE SIGNED

Arrangements Being Made by City Council to Hold Celebration Befitting Occasion--Parade From Market to Park Proposed.

The welcome news that Germany had decided to sign the Peace Treaty soon spread all over the city yesterday afternoon and evening. The telephone as a means of conveying the word, was used to good advantage. The Mayor directed communications to all the ministers, in order that they might make announcements, to public officials and to other persons who could be reached. He also sought to get the members of the City Council together for a few minutes late last night to informally discuss what should be done today, but was unable to reach some of them. It is expected, however, that everything will be completed in time to hold a suitable celebration to mark the occasion when definite news comes through that the signatures of the German plenipotentiaries are affixed to the notable document. The form that this will take is roughly given elsewhere in this issue.

PUBLIC NOTIFIED FROM PULPITS

Mayor Asked Clergymen to Spread the News of the Decision of Germany and Also That Half Holiday Will Follow News of Signing.

As soon as the telegraphic news was received yesterday that the German Assembly had agreed to sign the Peace Treaty, Mayor Elson telephoned to all the clergymen of the city that he could reach and asked them to make an announcement from their pulpits at the Sunday evening services. He requested that they inform the public of the decision of the Germans and that if word came through today (Monday) by noon or before that he, (the Mayor) would declare the afternoon a public holiday. If the word was not received till late in the afternoon he would declare Tuesday afternoon a half holiday. The big bell on top of the County Buildings would be rung to tell the citizens that the holiday was declared.

The ringing of the bell, perhaps special editions of the newspapers and telephone messages will be used as a means of conveying the news to the people. Look and listen today!

Members of the choir of St. Thomas Church along with members of their families held a picnic at Port Dalhousie park Saturday afternoon. They were joined by Rev. Mr. Howitt and Mrs. Howitt and by the Mayor, Mr. English, organist, and Mrs. English, did much to make the outing a pleasant success.

The weather was somewhat cooler yesterday in this city, the first relief from excessive heat in many days.

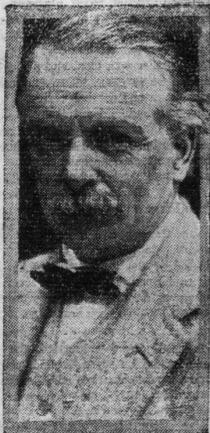
LET TILL THURSDAY, 26TH, TO FIX THEIR SIGNATURES

Early Morning Dispatch States That Extension of Time Has Been Allowed, Hence Treaty May Not Be Executed To-day.

London, June 23 (Flash)—The Germans have been given an extension of time in which to sign the Peace Treaty. They will have till Thursday, June 26th.

At 1 o'clock this (Monday) morning The Journal received a telegram that the Germans have been given until the 26th, which will be Thursday of this week, to place their signatures to the Peace Treaty. It is not probable, therefore, that any word of the signing will come through till to-morrow, at least. In fact it now seems as though it might be sometime on Wednesday or Thursday.

The receipt of this late news removes the expectation that word will be received that the great document has been executed to-day.



RT. HON. LLOYD GEORGE Premier of Great Britain and the one great guiding genius of the Allies during the war. He was also one of the greatest of minds at the Peace Conference.

NATIONAL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES HOLD ANNUAL PICNIC

Employees of the Canadian National Railways Toronto, with their wives and families to the number of over eight hundred came over in the Dalhousie City Saturday forenoon and spent a merry time at the Port Dalhousie park. It was the sixth annual picnic and during the afternoon quite a programme of sports was run off. One of the outstanding features of the good time spent was a baseball game between married men and single men's teams, the latter being worsted by three to one. Mayor Elson was asked to go down and pitch the first ball and present the prizes. After the sports and games the baskets were opened an dunch enjoyed. The visitors returned to Toronto in the evening.

The Provincial Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Woodworkers and Joiners in convention at Kitchener passed a resolution that all woodwork and trim must bear the union label. Carpenter members will refuse to erect anything unless it bears the union label.

TRY TO GET REPEAL OF LORD'S DAY ACT

WINDSOR, June 21.—With Mayor Charles S. King of Walkerville as acting President, a Liberty League has been formed here to fight the Lord's Day Alliance on the issue of Sunday aeroplane flights and sale of newspapers and ice cream. Frank Scarff, manager of the Windsor branch of the Merchants Bank of Canada, is Treasurer of the new organization and William A. Watts of Windsor, Secretary. The local branch

of the league will assist in a plan to force repeal of the Lord's Day act, enacted during the regime of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Oquitania docked at Halifax with 5,744 Canadian troops. The Moritagus docked at Vancouver with 147 soldiers of the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force.

A large wholesale produce firm in Quebec, one of the oldest in Eastern Canada, that of J. B. Renaud, is charged with conspiracy to restrain the trade.



MARSHAL FOCH

the brilliant French strategist, who after he was made generalissimo of all the Allied armies on the Western front, carried manoeuvres that gave the Huns a real knock-out blow.

The senior baseball league of this city opened its season yesterday afternoon at the Lacrosse grounds.



PREMIER CLEMENCEAU

The tiger of France, who was a pillar of power and encouragement during the dark and doubtful months through which his country passed. He presided at the Peace Conference.

The chairman and members of the Public School Board are receiving the delegates to the Urban School Trustees Association meeting here on Wednesday afternoon of this week at 4.30.

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