

TREATY OF PEACE SIGNED AT VERSAILLES.

Signatories of Various Nations Affixed to Important Document on Saturday, June 28th.

Germany and the allied and associated powers signed the peace terms at Versailles on Saturday afternoon, June 28th, in the same imperial hall where the Germans humbled the French so ignominiously forty-eight years ago.

years ago. This formally ended the world war, which lasted just thirty-seven days less than five years. June 26th, 1919, the day of peace, is the fifth anniver-sary of the murder of Archduke Fran-cis Ferdinand at Serajavo.

The ceremony of signing the peace terms was brief. Premier Clemenceau called the session to order in the hall of mirrors of the chateau of Versailles at 3:10 o'clock. The signing began when Dr. Hermann Mueller and Johannes Bell, the German signatories, affixed their names. Herr Muel-ler signed at 3:12 o'clock and Herr Bell at 3:13 o'clock. President Wil-son, first of the allied delegates, signed a minute later. At 3:45 o'clock the momentous session was concluded, or just 199 days, 3 hours and 45 min-utes after the last gun was fired at

the signing of the armistice. All the diplomats and members of their parties wore conventionl civil-ian clothes. There was a marked lack of gold lace and pageantry. There were few of the fanciful uniforms of the middle ages, whose traditions and practices are so sternly condemned in the great, seal-covered document signed June 28th. As a contrast with the Franco-Ger-

man peace session of 1871, held in the same hall, there were present grizzled French veterans of the Franco-Prussian war. They replaced the Prussian guardsmen of the previous ceremony and the Frenchmen watched the ceremony with grim satisfac-

The conditions of 1871 were exact-ly reversed. The disciples of Bis-marck sat in the seats of the lowly, while the white marble statue of Minerva, goddess of war, looked on Overhead, on the frescoed ceiling, were scenes from France's ancient wars.

Three incidents were emphasized by the smoothness with which the cere-mony was conducted. The first of these was the failure of the Chinese delegation to sign. The second was the protest submitted by General Jan Christian Smuts, who declared the peace unsatisfactory. The third, unknown to the general public, came from the Germans.

When the program for the ceremo-ny was shown to the German delega-tion Herr von Haimhausen, of the German delegation, went to Colonel Henri, French liaison officer, and protested.

He said: "We cannot admit that the German delegates should enter the hall by a different door than the entente delegates; nor that military honors should be withheld. Had we

death. He bought it for \$100 an acre | changed ownership six times in two 12 years ago from the man who built | years, the first buyer paying \$190 an the main line of the Burlington and acre to the man who had owned it for who paid that road, which received the land as a part of a government grant, paying \$5 an acre for it. A tremendous land boom has struck a quarter of a century. It sold within a few months for \$210, and three months afterward went back into the hands of the first buyer, who paid Nebraska, the result of \$2 wheat and \$235. He held it for six months and \$1.75 corn, and thousands of acres got \$270 an acre, and it has just reare changing hands, each time at an are changing hands, each time at an advanced price. The most remarka-ble transaction covers the history of a farm in eastern Nebraska that has



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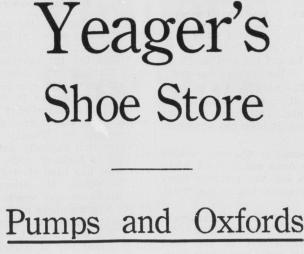
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known there would be such arrangements before the delegates would not have come."

After a conference with the French foreign ministry it was decided, as a compromise, to render military hon-ors as the Germans left. Otherwise the program was not changed.

Premier Clemenceau called the session to order at 3:10 o'clock, and put the direct question to the Germans whether they were willing to sign and execute loyally all the terms.

The Premier's formal remarks fol-

low: "The session is open. The allied and associated powers on one side and the German reich on the other side have come to an agreement on the conditions of peace. The text has been completed, drafted and the president of the conference has stated in writing that the text as about to be signed now is identical with the 200 copies that have been delivered to the German delegation.

'The signatures will be given now and they amount to a solemn under-taking faithfully and loyally to exe-cute the conditions embodied by this treaty of peace. I now invite the delegates of the German reich to sign the treaty."

The signing was begun promptly by the Germans, followed by the Americans and British.

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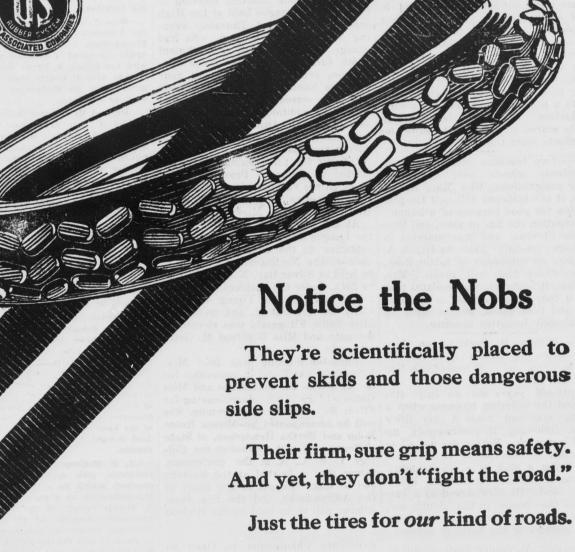
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