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ARMISTICE FINDS GERMAN REPUBLIC IN NEW CRISIS

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Armistice week finds the five-year-old German republic in the throes of an nationwide political, economic, and social crisis, the outcome of which may be determined through such minor factors as the rising and falling prices of bread, potatoes, and coal.

It may also contribute to the sudden proclamation of a national dictatorship, the demand for which is gaining perceptible momentum among all classes of the people who apparently are willing to barter their political liberty for even a hazy prospect of amelioration of their social condition. Germany tonight outwardly suggests a loosely federated pseudo republic without such elementary prerequisites as a national currency or a safely anchored constitutional government supported by a representative parliament.

Into this situation President Ebert and Chancellor Stresemann tonight projected an appeal to the nation in which they affirm their determination to defend the republic and its constitution against all attacks from within and summons the citizens to come to their aid. In part the proclamation says:

"In this very serious time Germany is threatened with internal convulsions. Certain sections of the community, although numerically not strong, are relying on the distress of the people to attempt to exercise illegal pressure on the government and to throw the torch of international warfare among the people."

After declaring the government's determination to repeal such attempts, the proclamation continues: "The maintenance of the unity of the reich and law and order in the interior are necessary prerequisites for overcoming the present distress resulting from unemployment, serious economic conditions, and unparalleled political pressure."

In the way of warning the proclamation says: "Those nations and leading personages who are aware of Germany's intolerable distress and who desire to help Germany should not despair of the German people. The German government possesses the necessary strength to deal with and protect the constitution of the reich. The police loyal to their oath, will do their duty. The government firmly believes that if against its will, it is forced to fight the whole German people will stand behind it in defense of order and freedom."

The government's pronouncement finds the bake shops of greater Berlin shut down, market stalls locked up, and long rows of shops in the eastern section of the city disfigured by broken windows, with shelves and counters looted.

Berlin is virtually in the grip of a hunger blockade, as agrarian producers within a radius of 150 miles continue their refusal to deliver their products in exchange for paper marks. This is one aspect of the situation which suggests to the mass of the people a dictator that ruled with mailed fist would promptly coax forth flour, potatoes and such necessities through the preliminary punishment of food profiteers and agricultural magnates. Yet the growing clamor for a dictator has failed thus far to mention one man, whatever his political antecedents, who would fit into the situation and even the nationalists, who are loudest in their demands for an iron rule, advocate a government composed of a limited directorate.

The chancellor tonight received a telegraphic appeal from the executive committee of the national league of front soldiers, popularly known as the "Steel Helmets" requesting the immediate installing of dictatorship free of partisan parliamentary influence and suggesting that he make immediate use of the prerogative recorded him, before other elements assume the leadership.

The chancellor informed the conference of the German people's party today that he did not propose to retire from his spot in the present internal and foreign situation but he intended to fill the gaps in his rump parliament with men possessed of patriotic sentiment. He informed his party colleagues that he would not invite German nationalists into his cabinet. He also declared that he was opposed to calling up volunteers as a protection of the republic on the reichswehr, which alone would become masters of the situation.

WOODROW WILSON'S TALK WILL BE HEARD ALL OVER THE GREAT CONTINENT

Woodrow Wilson will address the American people on the night of November the 10th.

He will speak from his "S" street home in Washington and his message will be carried to every section of the country by radio. It will be the first time his voice was heard outside of Washington since he was stricken in the west in September 1919 while carrying to the country his fight for the league of nations.

The former president had promised to speak for 10 minutes and his friends believe he will devote much of his address to the subject closest to his heart—American participation in the establishment of the peace of the world. They would not be surprised if he should touch upon the present international situation.

Mr. Wilson's message probably will be heard by millions, not only by owners of home radio sets, but also by crowds at public gatherings expected to arrange. which his friends in many cities are Under present plans the former president will begin to speak at 8 o'clock, talking into a microphone. His message will be carried over a telephone wire to an input speech apparatus mounted on a truck stationed in the yard of the "S" street home. Amplified by this apparatus, it will be carried on telephone wire to the WCAP broadcasting station here, and on another set of wires to the WEAF station in New York, where it will be amplified again before being broadcast on a different wave length from that used by WCAP.

This message by Mr. Wilson will be quite apart from any he may deliver to the crowds that will make a third visit to his home on Armistice day. Arrangements for this demonstration are now being made by a committee headed by Huston Thompson, of the Federal trade commission.

ASHE COUNTY WILL HAVE A NEW NEWSPAPER

Mr. D. Clinton Nance, formerly of the Winston-Salem Journal has announced that he will start a weekly newspaper in the near future at Jefferson, Ashe County. A cylinder press and other equipment is now on the floor of his building, and it is the intention of the promoter to begin publication of the new journal just as soon as the remaining necessary equipment may be secured.

The paper will start out, we are told as a four page all "home print" sheet and will be essentially a local news and home development periodical, looking to the further development and improvement of Northwestern Carolina, and particularly the good neighbor county of Ashe.

Mr. Nance has had a good bit of newspaper experience and his venture will doubtless be crowned with success from the start.

LOCAL BASKET BALL GAME HAS AS BIG FEATURE THE TALLEST MAN IN SOUTH

The basket ball season at the A. T. S. opened last week. The boys have won two games and lost one. Last Friday afternoon they lost to the strong Mountain City team in Mountain City.

Next Friday afternoon at 3:30 the Tennessee boys will play the return game in Boone. The tallest man in the south playing basket ball plays center for Mountain City. He is seven feet, one-half inch, flat footed without shoes. He is still growing, being only eighteen years of age. This is expected to be one of the fastest games played here this season.

REALLY, ISN'T IT FUNNY?

That a Man who thinks he is a Business Man Will get up in the morning From an advertised mattress Shave with an advertised razor And put on advertised underwear Advertisd hose, collar, shirt and shoes. Seat himself at the table and Eat advertised breakfast food Drink advertised coffee or substitute Put on an advertised hat, Light an advertised cigar, Get in an advertised automobile, And go to his place of business And turn down advertising on the Ground that IT DOESN'T PAY. —Courtesy Greenville (Tex) Banner

LIEUT. BROW MAKES THE FASTEST SPEED ANY MAN HAS EVER YET ATTAINED

Navy Aviator Flies 259 Miles Per Hour Breaking All Records

Mitchell Field, N. Y.—The fastest speed ever attained by man was made today by Lieut. H. J. Brow, navy aviator who flew over a three kilometer straight away course at an average speed of 259.15 miles an hour. On one leg of the course he traveled at the phenomenal rate of 265.21 miles an hour.

Brow's record was attained in competition with Lieut. A. J. Williams former pitcher on the New York Giants baseball club and winner of the Pulitzer race, both men flying Navy-Curtiss planes. Brow was second in the Pulitzer contest.

Brow went up first and set a pace of 257 miles an hour and Williams was soon in the air intent on beating that record. When his plane reached ground he found that he had flown 258.4 miles an hour. As he was being congratulated by army officers and others who watched the speed trials Brow ran to his plane.

"Watch the propeller, boys," he shouted to his mechanics, "I'm going after it." The spectators held their breath as his plane shot through the air and the thrill of the day came on the second leg, when flying with the light wind that wafted over the army post, he sent his machine at the breath-taking clip of nearly five miles a minute.

"It was almost unbelievable," said Major William N. Hensley, commanding officer at Mitchell field, was in direct charge of the contests.

"Pretty good, Brow," said Williams, as he congratulated his competitor, "but I am going to beat it tomorrow."

Brow only smiled. Today's contest was viewed by officials of the National Aeronautic Association and American representatives of the International Aeronautic federation. It was declared the record would have official recognition.

The contestants were prohibited from starting their speed trial with a dive increased speed on the take off. They were required to fly not higher than approximately 154 feet.

The speed tests had been postponed several times because of unfavorable weather. The wind declined to about three miles an hour early this afternoon and there was a slight breeze thus cutting off the glaring sun which has often bothered the aviators.

Brow's first trial, in which he flew at the rate of 257 miles an hour was approximately 21 miles an hour faster for three kilometers than the speed of 236.87 miles an hour which Lieut. Russell L. Maughan, of the army air service, made in an army Curtiss races at Dayton Ohio on March last.

Statisticians figured out after the trials that on Brow's fastest leg his engine was turning over at the rate of 2800 revolutions a minute. The propeller hub, going at this speed sent the propeller through the air so fast that it was describing a seven foot circle at the rate of 1100 feet a second. These were declared the fastest times either a motor or propeller ever had turned without flying to pieces.

Both machines, Brow's and Williams' are biplanes with wing spans of 22 feet. The over-all length is 18 feet and the total height three inches less than six feet. Fully loaded each weighs 2100 pounds.

ONE DOLLAR REFUND DUE CAROLINA AUTO OWNERS

Raleigh Dispatch.—Secretary of state W. N. Everett must return \$1 to each of the 73,000 or more persons who have applied for automobile certificates of title under the new North Carolina Automobile Title Registration Act, according to a ruling made today by Attorney General J. S. Manning holding that a fee of \$1 charged for affixing the seal of state is voided by a clause in the new statute. The statute, the attorney general held, provides that the seal fee is included in the 50 cents prescribed as a certification fee.

Secretary of State Everett, notified of the attorney general's ruling today, although he had not been presented with an official copy, said he would make arrangements to refund the seal fees of \$1 charged persons already granted automobile titles.

TWO AND HALF YEARS TAKEN FROM SPAN OF LIFE COST OF T. B. IN THE STATE AND NATION

Something of the cost of tuberculosis, both in time and money, has been determined by Louis D. Dublin, Statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He has made an extensive study of facts and figures pertaining to the thousands of policy holders in the industrial department of the company, and gathered over a period of five years.

An interesting fact revealed by the study is that tuberculosis is cutting short the life span of individuals two and one half years. In other words if tuberculosis were entirely eliminated and if other causes of death continued at the rate then prevailing, the result would be that two and one-half years could be added to the life span of individuals.

That number of lost years, according to Mr. Dublin, when translated into money value means a loss to the individual of two hundred and fifty dollars, or twenty six and one half billion dollars to the nation. To put in a different phrase, the present generation would add that much more net wealth if tuberculosis were entirely eliminated.

But for each death from tuberculosis, the writer, there are probably five or six other persons who are degenerately ill from the disease. The ages of these were found to be between twenty and forty five years. For a large number work must be suspended entirely for a time and probably for all their working capacity is more or less impaired over a considerable length of time. This reveals a serious picture of economic loss at an age when men and women should be at the height of their earning capacity and when deprivation of earnings places a heavy burden upon individual and family standards.

It is estimated that tuberculosis is costing North Carolina every year fifty million dollars. This is ten times the amount of the deficit said recently to exist in the state treasury which caused the public not only so great concern but also an expensive investigation. It is four times as much as is spent to conduct the public schools of the state and twice as much as the public school property is valued. It is one eighth as much as all the crops in North Carolina were valued in 1920. But thanks to the forces at work in the state to eliminate tuberculosis, not only the number of deaths from this disease but the cost of it as well has been cut in half.

COVE CREEK NEWS

Dr. Holden spent three days last week at the Cove Creek High School doing dental work for children under fourteen years of age. Mr. J. F. Wilson brought the children down from school Thursday for work also.

Rev. W. E. Wilson supplied for the Cove Creek Baptist Church on last Sunday, with a very interesting and able sermon.

The protracted meeting is to begin Monday Nov. 5. Rev. W. R. Davis will be in charge of the services. The Cove Creek High School Basket ball team went down a second time to defeat to the A. T. S. boys on the local court Tuesday of last week. The score was 23-13.

The Halloween party on Wednesday night was much enjoyed. Hot chocolate, candies, and cakes were served for refreshments. Of special interest were the fortune-telling and pumpkin pie contest.

LOCAL PHYSICIAN WAS CALLED TO BOSTON TO VISIT SICK LADY

Dr. W. Roy Butler returned to his home in Boone Monday from Boston, Massachusetts, having been called there by wire to the sick bed of Mrs. S. B. Horton of that city, who he had previously known. While there the doctor incidentally did some sight-seeing, and speaks interestingly of his visit to Bunker Hill Monument, Harvard College, Hospital, etc., and the famous elm tree, now fallen to the ground that once provided restful shade for Washington. The doctor says the fallen giant was carefully guarded, and a look was all that was free.

We feel that in being called to the far-away city, the Doctor was singularly honored. Such a compliment has seldom, if ever been paid to local men. Mrs. Horton was improving when Dr. Butler left the city.

NEWS FROM THE APPALACHIAN SCHOOL

It is reported that Boone is preparing to issue bonds to make asphalt streets in the town. This will mean much for the place.

The students of the Appalachian Training School were given the pleasure of a social evening at Lovell Home on Saturday evening. They invited Professors Downum and Rankin to make short talks on some vital questions of student life and young people and the faculty quartet to sing some selections. It was an enjoyable occasion for the young people.

Dr. Lyerly professor of French at Davidson College, Mr. Abbott the noted actor of New York City, and Dr. Anderson Editor of the New York World were at the Training School last week. The School is glad to welcome these distinguished men.

Miss Lily Richardson of Limestone, Tenn. has been appointed as Assistant director of Music at the Training School, as Miss Coffey, the Director was not able to meet all the classes in the department.

The new Methodist pastor and his family came in the latter part of the week and the people of the town gave him a generous pounding on Friday night. At his first service on Sunday morning he preached a most thoughtful and very timely sermon with which all were pleased. The Methodists and all the people of Boone give him a hearty welcome.

The newest Women's club of the town the Worth White Club has joined the State Federation of Women's Clubs. The past week seven of them went as delegates to the State Federation at Mount Airy. The Director of the club to do something that is really worth while and they seem to be living up to their name and purpose.

J. M. DOWNUM.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON BUDGET

The Commission on Budget recommended to the Annual Methodist Conference the following assessments together with the distribution of the same to the districts.

The assessments for the general work are the same as for last year nevertheless there will be some changes in the amounts distributed to the different districts.

For our Conference Word we recommend an increase of \$7500 which is about two and one half per cent more than last year. We also recommend a special assessment of three thousand dollars to provide an all time pastor for the sick soldiers at Oteen Hospital. We have distributed this amount to the districts and we suggest that this collection be taken as near the first of December as practicable and that the money be forwarded to Rev. R. M. Courtney, Conference Missionary Secretary as soon as collected.

For the Children's Home we recommend an amount on each charge equal to ten per cent of the preachers' salary for the current year. GENERAL CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS.

Foreign Missions	\$28,279.00
Home Missions	11,007.00
Negro Work	2,808.00
Church Extension	8,986.00
Education	5,216.00
Biological Schools	2,740.00
Superannuate Funds	9,265.00
Epworth League	2,205.00
Sunday Schools	9,268.00
Bishops Fund	8,238.00
Amer. Bible Society	2,390.00
General Con. Expenses	2,574.00
Temperance and social serv.	563.00
Hospitals	185.09
Lay Activities	1,729.00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSESSMENTS

Church Extension	\$10,000.00
Conference Claimants	35,500.00
Conference Expense	6,000.00
Conference Missions	36,000.00
Education	30,000.00
Epworth Leagues	3,500.00
Lay Activities	1,000.00
Sunday Schools	13,000.00
	\$135,000.00

A good newspaper helps to make a good community, but the editor needs the cooperation of the community to make a good newspaper.

OUTSTANDING HERO OF THE WORLD WAR WILL BE HIGHLY HONORED

The Remains of Private Dilbooy Will be Buried at Arlington.

With full military honors the body of Private George Dilbooy of Massachusetts, who has been recognized by the war department as "one of the outstanding heroes of the world war will be buried November 12 at Arlington cemetery. Army officers and former comrades of the lad who was awarded the congressional medal of honor will join in paying tribute to his memory.

Dilbooy lost his life at Belleau Wood. His body was sent to the home of his parents at Alachata, Turkey, where it has been charged, Turkish soldiers broke open the casket, stripped it of the American flag and desecrated the body, the incident resulting diplomatic exchanges between the United States and Turkey. Dilbooy's body has been sent to the United States for burial at his parents' request.

An announcement of plans of the funeral ceremony made public by the war department, said:

"The story of the heroism of this young soldier of Greek extraction is a glorious one. His platoon badly punished by German machine gun fire, the Lieutenant started to go out to the front to see how this nest could be flanked. A young man with an automatic rifle jumped up and said: 'Lieutenant, I can wipe out these men' and the lieutenant answered, 'go ahead!'

"The lad, who was Dilbooy, threw himself flat and wriggled forth, killing several of the machine gunners with bursts from his automatic rifle. In his progress he was hit twice by a German sniper, but he never stopped to think about himself and kept on. When he reached the place to charge the two remaining Germans, he stood up and received a burst from the machine guns which literally cut off his right leg. He dropped on his back and with his left heel pushed himself forward. There he turned his head, aimed his last shot and killed the two men. Lying on his back with his right hand uppermost the lad motioned to his platoon to go forward and died with a smile on his face."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. E. S. Coffey on November the second. The sitting room in halloween array with festoons of crepe paper, black cats, witches and skulls. The program also carried out the halloween idea. Mrs. O. L. Hardin rendered a solo which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Roy Johnson read a paper on the origin of halloween. Mrs. A. E. South gave several selections on the piano. Mrs. I. G. Greer read "Cats" by John C. McNeil. The rest of the hour was spent in a discussion of the departmental work as laid out by the State Federation of Women's Clubs, with which this club has recently become affiliated. The condition of the town cemetery was discussed and a movement was started to put some one in charge of the work of putting the cemetery in better condition. The color scheme of yellow and black was carried out in the refreshments the plates being decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and halloween favors. A delicious salad course was served followed by cream and cake.

RECITAL MONDAY NIGHT AT TRAINING SCHOOL

The music pupils of the Appalachian Training School will give a recital in the auditorium Monday evening at seven o'clock, under the supervision of Miss Ruth Coffey, Director of Music at that institution. The public is invited.

Ott Hughes of Craven county won first prize for the best judge of livestock among the club boys at the State Fair. William Cape of Montgomery County won second place. Among the teams one from Montgomery county won first place.

The Alamance creamery made 67,149 pounds of butter, paying out \$22,993.96 for butter fat to the farmers of the county during its first year of operation ending September 30th.

Glad to learn that Mr. H. H. Green whose illness has been mentioned before, is now somewhat improved and hopes for his permanent recovery are now entertained.