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GERMANY'S PLEDGE TO UNITED STATES

Three days before the torpedoing, without warning, of the Allan line steamship Hesperian, off the coast of Ireland, Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, called upon Secretary Lansing and made, verbally, and later in writing, the following pledge to America regarding submarine warfare:

"Liner will not be sunk by our (German) submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

U-Boat's Attack Shocks Officials—Torpedoing of Liner Causes Unconcealed Surprise in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 5.—Official Washington received news of the torpedoing of the Allan liner Hesperian by a German submarine with unconcealed surprise, though there was none of the grave anxiety that followed the sinking of the Arabic.

While comment was withheld at both the White House and the State Department pending detailed reports, it was learned that high officials regarded it as almost inconceivable that, after the assurance given by the Germans last week, a German submarine commander had without warning launched a torpedo at a peaceful passenger vessel.

Eight Lives Lost. President Wilson and Secretary Lansing first heard of the incident

early today through Associated Press dispatches. Later cabled reports from Ambassador Page at London and Consul Frost at Queenstown announced the torpedoing of the Hesperian with a loss of about eight lives, none of them Americans.

The reports as made public by the State Department made no mention of whether the vessel was warned or attempted to escape, but other advices indicated that while the British admiralty believed there had been no warning, it would not announce it as a fact.

Carried 4.7 Gun.

Some significance was attached to Consul Frost's statement that the Hesperian carried mounted and visible on her stern a 4.7 rifle. While international law permits merchantmen to have guns for defensive purposes, particularly when they are of small calibre, and mounted after it was pointed out that if the Allan liner acted at all suspiciously after being approached the presence of this gun probably would figure prominently in the submarine commander's explanation of the torpedoing.

The President went for a long automobile ride this afternoon after reading the press dispatches. Tonight he studied the brief official reports, remaining in his study all evening and seeing no callers. Both he and Secretary Lansing took the position that there could be no comment until all details were known.

SLAYERS SAY WIFE PAID \$5,000 FOR MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Rhode Island Woman in \$10,000 Bail After Confession of Three Negroes Charged With Killing Wealthy Providence Physician; She Denies Accusation.

Providence, R. I., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Elizabeth T. B. Mohr, arrested today as a result of the confession by three negroes that she had hired them for \$5,000 to kill her husband, C. Franklin Mohr, a wealthy physician of this city and Newport, was released in \$10,000 bail tonight.

In view of the serious charge that she had "aided, counseled and hired" the three men to kill Dr. Mohr, who was shot down at the time his secretary, Miss Emily G. Burger, was seriously wounded sat in their stalled automobile in a dark spot on Nayatt road, Tuesday night, Assistant District Attorney Claude Beach asked that bail be fixed at \$25,000.

Judge Brown of Superior Court held, however, that \$10,000 was sufficient. The amount was furnished by Jas. M. Fnan, a retired business man; Robert Jones, an undertaker; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene F. Gifford, neighbors of Mrs. Mohr, and Arthur Cushing, one of Mrs. Mohr's counsel.

Mrs. Mohr, who maintained her

composure throughout the proceedings, was driven soon afterward to the house where she boarded with her three children, near the late home of her husband.

The only statement obtained from Mrs. Mohr during the day was a denial of the charges against her. When confronted with Cecil Brown, the former hater on the Mohr estate whose confession led to her arrest, she said: "It is not so. You know you came up to my house and said that you were going to get square with the doctor, because he did not pay you what he owed you, I told you not to be foolish."

Brown, with his two alleged accomplices, Henry Spellman, his half brother, and George W. Healls, the doctor's chauffeur, were locked up tonight in the Bristol county jail. All three are charged with murder.

At the Rhodes Island Hospital where Miss Burger is kept in seclusion, it was said she was recovering from her two wounds.

Cates served Punch. Here also the visitors were shown the original copy of the invitation to the sociable to be given at the home of the bride's father, B. B. May, 25 years ago, at the close of which William Kirkpatrick Holt and Maude Gertrude May took their friends completely by surprise and were married. On this sociable list, yellowed with age, were the name of the invited guests coupled off. It is a very much treasured relic in the home.

The visitors were shown next into the gift room, where Mr. and Mrs. W. E. May presided. There were more than 125 gifts of silver, all handsome and useful and very few duplicated. They made a most elaborate display.

From here the guests were escorted to the dining room, where Mrs. R. M. Morrow received. She was assisted by Misses Bertha Cates, Sadie Montgomery, Sallie Foster, Cecile Holt, Delores Morroy, Pauline Coble and Ruth Lea Holt. They served ice cream in the shape of full-blown brides' roses, white block cake and mints. They then made their exit by the side door and departed. About 125 called during the evening. On account of the inclement weather many were kept away.

In honor of her guests Misses Helen Brown and Hattie May Lasater, of Raleigh, Miss Blanche Storey gave a masquerade party at her home on Union street Monday evening, 8:30 to 11:30. The lawn was brightly illuminated with Japanese lanterns and furnished with tables and chairs and potted plants. The receiving line stood at the entrance to the work, Mr. and Mrs. Storey, Miss Storey, in egypt attire; Miss Brown and Walter Storey, in clown suits; Miss Lasater, Japanese costumes, and Max Albright, of Greensboro, and Ernest Holt as Gold Dust Twins. Red lemonade was served by Miss Mabel Ellis, in Spanish costume. After a while spent in singing and trying to recognize friends progressive hearts was played at 12 tables. During this time the Gold Dust Twins served popcorn and striped mints to the party. Then everyone unmasked, and much merriment and many surprises followed. Prom-

inent among the guests were clowns, convicts, soldiers, admirals, middies, generala, tramps, chauffeurs, dudes, Japanese ladies, Spanish, Grecian, gypsies, nuns, cow girls, colonials and others equally as good. Pink ice cream in cones was served by Misses Nettie Daily, Mary Holt and Storey. The out-of-town guests were Misses Brown, Lasater, Johnson, Cameron, Rockingham; Cora Donnell and Stuart Haydon, of Greensboro, and Orpheus O. F. Crowson, and William Wright, of Winston Salem, and W. I. Ward and R. N. Cook, of Graham.

Miss Sallie Foster gave a reception to the N. N. Club at her home on Davis street Monday evening at 8:30 in honor of the new members of the club, Misses Joliette and Lorraine Isley and Lucy Hatch. Ferns and roses were used to decorate the hall parlor and sitting room, where the party gathered. Progressive hearts was played at five tables. Hand-painted ice cream and cake and mints were served. Felix Smith of Mebane was present. There were 21 guests.

Miss Sadie Trollinger gave a hearts party at her home on Park Avenue Tuesday evening at 8:30 to 25 of her friends. White and gold was the color scheme, and the hall and parlor were thrown into one and decorated in yellow dahlias and potted plants. Miss Trollinger received the guests in the hall and directed them to the punch bowl, where Miss Violet Holt served punch. Progressive hearts was played at six tables and Miss Lorraine Isley won the prize, a box of candy, which Arnold Hall presented fittingly. Cream, cake and mints were served. Music was furnished by Miss Ruth Lea Holt on the piano and Miss Verdie Trollinger on the violin. The out-of-town guests were Miss Edna Taylor of Goldsboro and Mr. Mayes, of Durham.

Mrs. Chester A. Smith and Miss Bettie Vann Ward entertained the Embroidery club in regular meeting at the Ward Hotel Thursday afternoon at 4:30. Miss Elizabeth Warren, of Macon, Ga., who is visiting there, was the guest of honor. Decorations of

THREE MEXICANS KILLED IN CHASE AFTER BANDITS

Brownsville, Sept. 3.—Three of the Mexican bandits operating just north of Brownsville were killed last night by county officers fourteen miles north of Brownsville, according to information received here today. In addition to the Mexicans killed last night, it is said a Mexican woman who was deserted by her husband, was accidentally killed.

Spread out in a close cordon which left no foot of the international

boundary unpatrolled the border guards were ready to shoot on sight if the fifteen remaining members of the band made any attempt to get to safety.

In addition to the soldiers, there were hundreds of citizens who trailed the Mexican to avenge the death of cattle, burned barns, terrified women and the deaths of half a dozen United States citizens.

nasturtiums were used in the sitting room, where the club met. The time was spent in embroidering. Refreshments consisting of a sandwich course and cream and cake were served. The invited guests beside the members were Miss Warren, Miss Cameron, of Rockingham; Mrs. Sallie Pae of Marwell, S. C., and Mrs. F. L. Williamson and Mrs. D. E. Sellers.

BARACA AND PHILATHEA CLASSES MEET.

Regular Monthly Meeting of City Uniona Held in Front Street Methodist Church—Address by Mr. O. F. Crowson—To Meet in First Baptist Church Next Month.

The Baraca and Philathea classes of Burlington, organized under the head of Baraca-Philathea City Union, met in regular monthly business meeting last Sunday afternoon in Front Street Methodist Church.

Mr. J. G. Rogers, the President of the Union, was present and presided over the meeting. After devotional services conducted by Rev. Tuttle, Mr. Haydon, of Greensboro, and Orpheus O. F. Crowson was introduced and delivered a short address, using as his theme, "Personal Work in Christianity." Mr. W. E. Sharpe was called on later and responded in a brief but interesting talk on Sunday School work.

The routine business was transacted, consisting of roll call, reports of committees, and Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Glenn, who requested that all classes furnish him with the name of their Treasurer.

The attendance Banners were won by the Senior Philathea class of Front Street Methodist church and the Senior Baraca class of the M. P. church. The next meeting of the Union will be held in the First Baptist church on the first Sunday afternoon in October.

A MODERN CLEANING AND TAILORING HOUSE.

Mr. T. N. Bone has gone into business for himself in the Holt-Capps Building, over Ausley Brothers Barber Shop, and opened up the most modern cleaning and tailoring business in this section of the State.

Mr. Boone believes in giving the people the best that can be had, and has employed the most experienced workmen and installed the most modern equipment. The frequent appearance of his "Sanitary Wagon" on our streets is evidence of the large amount of business that is being done in his cleaning department.

"Boone's Tailoring Parlor" is an additional department, and is one of the most attractive tailoring houses in the city. It is filled with a large assortment of the latest patterns in woolsens for fall and winter suits.

Mr. Boone is a splendid young business man and an experienced

clothing salesman, having been associated with the leading business concerns of the county for several years.

We call the attention of our readers to the large display advertisement of this enterprise in this issue of the Dispatch. Mr. Boone has shown good judgment in selecting the columns of the Dispatch as the means of telling the people of the county about his new cleaning and tailoring establishment, and asking for their patronage.

BRITAIN EXPECTED TO CHANGE POLICY ON COUNCIL ORDER.

May Permit Shipment of Goods From Germany to United States—Neutral Trade Also is Being Discussed

Conferences Now in Progress Between England and France Expected to Result in Relaxing of Embargo on Goods Consigned to and From America.

DURHAM MAN IS KILLED BY NEGRO.

Sylvester Goodwin Slain by George Webb Who Effects an Escape—Bullet Wound in Side

Coroner's Jury Places Guilt on Black; Tragedy Occurred Close to Blind Tiger Joint, Though Goodwin Was Not a Habitual Visitor at Such Places, Said Friends.

U. S. TROOPS HELD READY TO DEFEND MEXICAN BORDER

War Department Takes Steps as Result of Invasion Talk on Rio Grande—Army to Pursue Organized Forces

American Commanders Would Follow Raiders Movement Become General; Slain Mexicans Declared to Have Worn Carranza Uniforms.

PEACE IN EUROPE RESTS ON WISHES OF BELLIGERENTS

America to Take no Action Until it is Known Both Side Favor Course Vatican is in Touch With Austria Now

Washington Believes Germanic Powers Might Accept Proposals to End War; Great Britain Denies Peace is Being Considered; Pope Looks to Wilson to Help Cause.

Germans Make Further Gains.

Berlin, by way of London, Sept. 3.—The German troops which are advancing on the important port of Riga on the Baltic, have made a further gain.

Official announcement was made here today that they had captured a position northwest of Friedrichstadt, which is about forty miles from Riga.

LUTSK FORTRESS FALLS TO GUNS TEUTON ARMIES

Austrian War Office Announces Capture of Russian Stronghold in Poland—German Forces Now Furthest Point East

Kaiser's Troops and Those of Dual Monarchy Are Reported Sixty Miles East of River Bug; Lusk is One of Czar's Great Triangle Forts Fifty Miles Apart.

POPE, IN MESSAGE TO WILSON, URGES EUROPEAN PEACE

Cardinal Gibbons Spends Hour With President After Delivering Note—German's Attitude Aids Cause Greatly

Details of Papal Communication Not Made Public, But it is Intimated Plans Will Embolden Neutral Powers Joining Vatican to End Great War of Nations.

DEFENSES OF RIGA TAKEN BY ASSAULT ON TEUTON DRIVE.

Most Critical Point on Russian Front is Smashed by Germans Guns—Petrograd Menaced if Port is Captured.

Czar's Capital in Peril, Military Critics Declare, if Kaiser's Fleet Should Gain Command of Gulf; Could Land Troops to March on Russia's Greatest City.

BURLINGTON SOCIETY.

(From Greensboro News.) Burlington, Sept. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holt celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage by having a silver wedding at their home on Webb avenue Friday evening, 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The handsome home and the lovely decorations made a scene of beauty so rare as to almost defy description. Everywhere trailing white clematis was used to make portieres, wrap columns, staircases and mantles and fill nooks. Potted palms and ferns were placed about to add dignity and stateliness to the scene, only the white and green being used. In the dining room streamers of tulle wrapped with clematis suspended from the chandelier to the four corners of the table. A handsome set of cuny doilies were used on the table, and in the center stood a tiny bride and groom in wedding array. Numerous candles in crystal candlesticks were placed thickly about and their twinkling added much to the fairy scene already created.

At the door the guests were received by Mrs. C. F. Williams of Greensboro and Mrs. O. F. Crowson. Miss Gladys Holt, Amy Perry, Thelma Stafford and Louise Murray showed them to the cloak room and dressing room.

Mrs. B. F. DuRant introduced them to the receiving line, which extended half around the parlor, composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Holt and their children, in the order of their ages, Vitus, Iris, Corrie, Violet, Glenn, Percy, Nellie May, Edith, Wilmer, W. K. Jr., George and Harry Richard in the nurse's arm. The sight of this comparatively young couple and their dozen children was one to make the heart glad.

Miss Bessie Holt directed next to the punch bowl in the hall, where Misses Florine Robertson and Verna