

WEATHER FORECAST, North and South Carolina--Local thunder showers Sunday. Monday, probably cloudy; probable showers on coast.

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AMERICA SOUNDS A CLARION CALL TO RUSSIA TO RALLY

President in Note to Russia Declares United States In to the Finish.

NO PEACE WITH RULE OF AUTOCRACY

Clearly Points to the Object of This Country and Sets Forth That Justice to All Must Prevail--Germany's Peace Overtures Shams at Present

(By United Press.) Washington, June 9.--America will not be content with a peace with Germany which merely restores the status of Europe before the war.

The United States will demand that the "net of intrigue" by which Germany seeks to link together a central European empire "be broken" beyond all possibility of it ever being "re-woven or repaired."

President Wilson so declared in a communication to the Russian provisional government, made public tonight, urging the new government to stand firm in union with the world forces of democracy against autocracy.

"The day has come," he declares, "to conquer or submit."

The note clearly and emphatically sets forth America's determination to go through "in the war until Germany's great Mittel-Europa dream of empire is shattered beyond all prospect of re-assembly."

On the much discussed German phrase "no annexations and no indemnities" in peace aims, the President gave America's interpretation as follows: "No people must be forced under sovereignty, under which it does not wish to live. No territory must change hands except for the purpose of securing those who inhabit it a fair chance of life and liberty. No indemnities must be insisted on except those that constitute payment for manifest wrongs done."

LITTLE PRINCESS TOES THE SCRATCH

Answers Complaining Neighbor in Way That Shut Off Further Wailing.

(By United Press.) Florence, June 30 (By Mail).--"You have lost one brother. How lucky you are. I have lost thousands." With these sharp words the 10-year-old Princess Marie today shut up her complaining neighbor.

Belgium's little royal lady, like her world-popular father, is a fiery and a fervent patriot. Others besides the school girl chum who was lamenting the war, have made this discovery.

Several months have passed since Queen Elizabeth enrolled her daughter in the Academy of the Annunciation here. The pretty bushy-haired princess cried hard at her mother's leave-taking and for some few nights after. Her eyes, however, have long been dry and she is now the trial of the teachers and the joy of the pupils.

Her only distinctions are two sleeping rooms and a small "study" which, however, is used for about every other purpose. An English governess and a Belgian nurse, who has tended her since birth, live with her.

Otherwise King Albert's daughter is just an ordinary pupil. She wears the plain school uniform of grey cloth, set off by simple white cuffs and a collar. Her belt is green and her hat, an ugly black straw with a wide brim. She dines in the common refectory, eating the common but wholesome dishes as the rest. The wriggly macaroni is as much an eating puzzle for her as for the average foreigner.

The little royal lady speaks no Italian and in spite of her strong will often fires of the meaningless Italian instructions of the class room. Recently she distracted a lesson in history by making a series of comic drawings of the instructor save the teacher's. The instructor could speak no French and so called upon her charges to advise the prince to "be in order."

But these secretly delighted refused and hypocritically replied, "why, we would not think of calling down her 'Royal Highness'."

To be sure, the Princess has no monopoly of spirit in King Albert's family. Her older brother, Prince Leopold, showed his "family stuff" at Eton and Prince Henry, King George's third son felt it, the story goes. The Belgian and the English princes were in the same class, pursuing the same studies. One day in the very early period of the war, little Prince Henry, it is said, made some "the-Germans-aren't-as-they're-painted" remark. Hearing the words, Prince Leopold mad with rage leaped to his feet and shot a well-aimed uppercut toward the Prince's chin. A hot cry of "how dare you say such a thing about those who have destroyed my country!" accompanied the blow. England's royal son received the full force of the club-swing by first and was "counted out," as he pitched over a desk into the next aisle.

INFURIATED MEN ATTEMPT LYNCHING

Crazed By Finding Body of Baby Keet Missourians Go On Warpath.

(By United Press.) Springfield, Mo., June 10.--(Sunday)--The alleged Keet baby by kidnapers have been taken from the sheriff by the "motor mob" and are now being held under guard at Stockton, Mo., according to telephone reports from that city early today.

The report asserted it was believed that it is not the intention of the mob to lynch the prisoners, but to force a confession from them, if possible, that will lead to the arrest of their ring leaders.

Springfield, Mo., June 9.--Three hundred revenge seeking Missourians, lacking nothing but gasoline for a time tonight tried to accomplish a lynching of seven suspects in the abduction and murder of baby Lloyd Keet. Infuriated by news that the body of the tiny 14-month-old millionaire baby had been found dead in an abandoned well, the townspeople planned a storming party on the jail. The city authorities spirited the prisoners away toward Sedalia, but the crowd pursued. Sheriff Webb eluded pursuit by skirting the city and pressing onward at top speed toward Kansas City. At a late hour tonight Missourians bent on lynching the seven had been unable to locate them.

On Thursday the police made their first arrests, taking seven men charged with plotting a wholesale abduction plot--Baby Keet being only the first of a series. J. C. Piersol and Taylor Adams, both of Springfield, were alleged by the police to have confessed to planning the abduction of C. A. Clement, millionaire jeweler. It was their confession, the police asserted, that led to the search of the well.

All the saloons have been closed in Springfield by special order of the Mayor. Large crowds are gathering on the streets at a late hour. Rumors that the Keet kidnaping suspects will be brought back here, if captured, are rife, and constant reports that they have been overtaken is adding to the excitement.

CHARGES TREASON AND MURDER ACTS OF FOOD PIRATES

Vrooman Assails These Human Sharks With Gloves Off in Statement.

SUFFERING FOUND IN MANY PLACES

Four Classes of Men Trying to Postpone Day of Reckoning, He Asserts--Cautically Defines Them.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 9.--"Food gambling is today 'both treason and murder,'" Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Vrooman declared today, after a long tour over several States investigating food conditions. The food control bill, Mr. Vrooman said, must be passed quickly.

"I have found hardship and suffering--in many places tragically acute among the poor--and I have a growing sense of the enormity of the crime that is being perpetrated against the American people by the control of food prices by disloyal food pirates," Vrooman said.

"Everywhere I have found a growing feeling that there must soon come a reckoning with these manipulators of the nation's food supply. Four classes of men are vainly trying to postpone that day of reckoning. They are:

"The impractical theorists, who are opposed to any increase in the authority of the Federal government, thinking they would rather risk the safety of the nation than sacrifice their theory.

"The fanatical pacifists, who are unwilling to take any steps that will make this government into an efficient war machine.

"Those sordid, unscrupulous--demons of the business jungle who are intent only upon filling their own pockets with blood money of hungry men, women and children; and,

"The enemy within our gates, disloyal American citizens who, with treason in their hearts and a lying pretense of loyalty, are seizing on every trifling detail of proposed defensive legislation as a pretext for bitter opposition to everything that will help us to a quick and decisive victory.

"Out of a confidence that Congress is going to give the President power to protect the people from spoliation by food sharks, is born a calm tolerance under injury such as none but a lenient people would ever evince.

"This is the sort of tolerance that led Germany to believe that it had no limits. Woe to the food gamblers if they make the same mistake."

NAVAL AEROPLANES MAKE BIG RAIDS

(By United Press.) London, June 9.--Naval aeroplanes again successfully bombed the German airbase at St. Dennis wstren today, according to admiralty statement tonight. All the British sea-planes returned safely.

TAR HEELS ARE GIVEN COMMISSIONS.

(By Geo. H. Manning.) Washington, D. C., June 9.--James E. Stokes, of Salisbury, has been commissioned as captain in the Medical Corps of the Officers' Reserve Corps, and Joseph Caldwell, of Charlotte, and Thomas J. Summey, of Brevard, as first lieutenants in the Medical Reserve Corps.

MORE GAINS BELOW ARRAS REPORTED

British Keep Up Attack on the Germans--Counter Attacks Repulsed.

(By United Press.) London, June 9.--No major fighting in the Ypres sector, but gains registered on the front below Arras through consolidation of positions, was the sum total official information from the British front tonight. The French war office reported lively artillery and repulse of an attempted German surprise attack.

"In the neighborhood of Greenland hill we improved our position during the day," Field Marshal Haig reported. "Since Thursday we have captured more than 7,000 prisoners.

"Southeast of St. Quentin there was lively artillery firing," the French official report asserted. Northwest of Braye-En-Laonnois a surprise attack was easily repulsed.

"On the battlefield south of Ypres, the day was quiet except for artillery fire on both sides," Haig's report continued. "We gained ground slightly on the right flank in a new position. A great number of guns, machine guns and trench mortars are still buried under the debris.

"In the course of bombing raids on the enemy's railway stations Thursday night a large accumulation of rolling stock, containing ammunition, was detonated. The fire and explosions continuing until dawn.

"Three hostile aeroplanes were brought down yesterday and others driven down out of control. Six of ours are missing, two of these being lost as a result of a collision during a fight with hostile machines over the enemy's lines."

LEADING PLAYERS IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Chicago, June 9.--Records of leading players in the major baseball leagues who have taken part in twenty or more games, including those played last Wednesday, follow:

Leading batsmen: American League--Speaker, of Cleveland, 365; National, Burns, of New York, 347.

Leading home run hitters: American--Fitz, of New York, 3; National--Cravath, of Philadelphia, 6.

Leaders in runs scored: American--Weaver, of Chicago, 31; National--Burns, of New York, 29.

Leaders in stolen bases: American--Chapman, of Cleveland, 15; National--Zeider, of Chicago, 11.

Leading pitchers who have participated in ten or more games, rated according to earned runs per game: American--Cicotte, of Chicago; National--Anderson, of New York.

Boston leads the American league in club batting, with an average of .341, while Philadelphia leads the Nationals with .276.

PUTS ON MUZZLE TO PREVENT LEAK ON ACTION OF NAVY

Plot of Disloyalty Afoot in Nation Calls For Stringent Rules.

SECRETARY DANIELS ISSUES PLAIN DECREE

False Stories of Disaster Have Been Spread by Spies--Men of the Navy Forbidden to Discuss Naval and Military Matters With Members of Their Families.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 9.--Secretary of the Navy Daniels late today tightened the screws on enemy spies, when he promulgated stringent regulations, which will prevent persons in the navy from discussing naval and military matters, even with members of their own immediate family.

His order followed a statement earlier in the day, saying that a plot of disloyalty was afoot in the nation, to spread stories of disaster involving the American navy. He cited instances of battle reports, including sinking of the Pennsylvania and Texas, and killing and wounding of many American sailors.

None of the stories is true, he added, and promised that if disaster comes the Navy Department will not attempt to hide or minimize.

The gag order is a direct result of apparent leaks to Germany on such information as destroyer movements.

"Officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employes are directed not to discuss any question relating to the disposition, movements or proposed movements of naval or military forces at any time, except officially, either among themselves or with any person outside the naval service," the order says. "It should be clearly understood that families and relatives are to be considered as outside the naval service."

Any one trying to obtain prohibited information "should be regarded with suspicion and reported without delay to the proper authorities," the order says.

LUTHERAN CHURCHES RATIFY THE UNION

St. Paul, Minn., June 9.--The new Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, which combines into one church organization 500,000 Norwegian Lutherans in America who for a generation have struggled along as three separate bodies, was given birth today at a great meeting held in the St. Paul auditorium. The amalgamation is the result of negotiations extending over a period of several years and which were brought to a successful conclusion at a convention held here this week.

The uniting organizations are the Hagv Norwegian Lutheran synod, which dates back to 1846; the Norwegian Lutheran synod, formed in 1853, and the United Norwegian Lutheran church, established in 1890 by union of three independent bodies. Numerous educational institutions and publishing houses in Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas and other States are brought under the control of the new organization.

NO NEW ATTACK BY BRITISH, SAYS BERLIN

(By United Press.) Berlin (Via London), June 9.--"Since yesterday evening there have been no attacks by the British," declared an official statement tonight.

RED CROSS HEADS ON WAY TO EUROPE

Commissioners Go to Prepare The Field For Biggest Work Yet.

(By United Press.) Washington, June 9.--A Red Cross executive commission, to guide America's great relief machine during the war, is on the way to Europe, Henry Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, announced today.

The commission sailed ahead of the first American troops to make advance relief preparations and to study relief needs abroad, preparatory to performance of the biggest work in the history of the American Red Cross.

The foreign organization will be represented in every district in France and other countries where need is immediate. To avoid duplication of efforts as well as the piling up of excess supplies of one kind, the commission will be directly allied with American organizations engaged in producing relief supplies.

NEW CHAMPION SUBSCRIBES TO WAR LOAN.



LEONARD DOING HIS BIT. Benny Leonard, the champion lightweight of the world, is an adept with his right hand. He used it with such telling effect that in his encounter with Welsh he wrested the title from the former owner.

CLARK ROAD LAW UP FOR DISCUSSION

Light Sought From Supreme Court Before State Treasurer Makes Move.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, June 9.--The Clark road law called the Supreme Court together today to hear argument in Johnston county commissioners vs. Treasurer Lacy, involving the validity of the act.

Three questions, all knotty, are in debate. The first refers to the amendments passed without "aye" and "nay" readings, separately, and the court must determine whether these are valid.

The second is as to whether the commissioners should execute a bond to the State Treasurer for the entire amount voted, or only for the amount to be immediately used by the counties. The third issue is around the tax levy and whether it applies only to property or to both property and poll.