

AUSTRIA IS STANDING SOLIDLY BY GERMANY

Emperor Charles Tells the Kaiser, Clemenceau's Statement Is False

Vienna, via Amsterdam, April 13.—Complete solidarity exists between Austria and Germany and "we shall jointly enforce an honorable peace," says Emperor Charles, in a telegram to Emperor William denying the truth of the declaration made early in the week by Premier Clemenceau of France, that the Austrian Emperor recognizes France's claim to Alsace-Lorraine.

It is added that the fact that Austro-Hungarian troops are fighting for Alsace-Lorraine on the Western front demonstrates the Emperor's faithfulness to his ally. The message to Emperor William reads:

"The French Premier, driven into a corner, is endeavoring to escape from the net in which he has entangled himself by piling up more and more untruths, and he does not hesitate to make the completely false statement that I recognized that France had a just claim to the re-acquisition of Alsace-Lorraine. I disavow this assertion with indignation. At the moment when Austro-Hungarian cannon are thundering jointly with German cannon on the Western front it hardly needs proof that I am fighting for these provinces, and I am ready to continue fighting exactly as if it were a question of defending my own land.

"Although in face of this eloquent proof and the full community of aims for which for almost four years we have been waging war, I consider it superfluous to waste even a word on Premier Clemenceau's false assertion, I desire, nevertheless, to take this opportunity of expressing my assurance of the complete solidarity which exists between you and me, and your empire and mine.

"No intrigues, no attempts from whomsoever they may proceed, will impel our loyal comradeship of arms and we shall jointly enforce an honorable peace."

To Re-Sentence Mooney.—San Francisco, Cal., April 13.—Thomas J. Mooney, convicted on a charge of murder growing out of the San Francisco explosion in 1916, will be arraigned in court today to be resentenced to death. The fate of Mooney will rest with Gov. Stephens, who has received many communications asking that pardon be extended to Mooney in order that he might be tried on one of the eight murder charges remaining against him. Chief among these communications were two from President Wilson and one from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Simon Battif, an 18-year-old colored man of Gullede township, was killed Friday in an unusual manner. He started to ride his mule home and in mounting got his foot caught in the trace chains. The mule ran for more than a mile before it was stopped by Mr. E. L. Huntley and others. Simon was dragged, head downward, and died in two hours.—Wadesboro Ansonian.



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LEADERS WHO FAILED TO GET A HEARING

Aftermath of the Two Political Conventions Held This Week

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, April 13.—Equal suffragists have been extending to Governor Bickett, hypothetically and telepathically, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy on having gone unsuccessfully against the platform at the Democratic State convention.

It is true that Governor Bickett got more than they, but in the ratio of expectancy to acquisition the Governor has but little on them. The women hardly hoped for a hearing. They looked over platform possibilities, "Senator So-and-So, why he does not even know how to be polite, we have tried him before, and then there is Senator Soft Soap, he will at least know how to act." What the women hoped for was not a suffrage expression. They would have compromised on the privilege to speak. And they got it. Relatively, they and Bickett took the same.

For the ladies have been telling your correspondent today that they have heard some things, too, and these that their inter-convention champion, Josiah William Bailey, and Governor Bickett, were treated about as indifferently before that platform committee as the women were. Where in the thunder they heard these outrageous domestic troubles, nobody can guess, but these ladies Governor Bickett and Collector Bailey, with platforms as long as a candidate's tongue, went before that committee, something almost unprecedented, and asked for things that they did not get either in substance or shadow. It is very tantalizing to hear all this, for nobody can learn from the platform committee what prayers went up to it without answer.

It is probable that the women gathered wisdom from members of the delegations who happened to be on suffrage and other delegations. These quite Cameron Morrison as somewhat peeved that his cousin, Bickett, should have presumed on the relationship existing and handed Cam over a paper to be read without doctoring in that mellifluous voice of Mr. Morrison, aided and abetted by a hunk of Picnic Twist. The finished product of the platform does not stack up well with the rhythm and rhetoric of Bickett, and it is a stranger to the Macaulay-like writing of Bailey. This is just one of the several stories that these tattling women are telling today and there are others.

Why It Was Done. It is the positive opinion of leading Democrats here that Senator Simmons did not use either the telegraph or the long distance Wednesday. What inspires the popular opinion that he did was the lobby talk that went on all day.

The war is unpopular, everybody says. Woman suffrage is even more ill-favored. There is John Motley Morehead with a million dollar prestige, standing on a woman suffrage platform and the beneficiary of a discontent that his party in no wise brought on. The platform committee without any hesitation declared that it sought to offer Senator Simmons as much protection as the failure to offer an odious plank could give to him. In other words, it is going out to the State that equal suffrage is to get no boosting by the Democrats because it might hurt Mr. Simmons.

It is doubtless good strategy. There is but a medium of suffrage sentiment. The convention was dead against it, but the bourbon ruled the convention. Then there was a very respectable sentiment that would admit women as soon as Germany had been whipped to a finish and the world restored to normal condition. "Don't Like Republican Platform." The Democracy did not like the Republican platform. The general admission was that it is better done than most of them, tribute to Judge Bynum and Clarence Pugh. The one thing in that universally pleased was the whole-hearted pledge of loyalty to the government.

And here the Republicans tell a little story. They say Senator Butler had nothing to do with this convention and his hand is with great difficulty seen by Democracy's hunt hunters. But they say the Senator had a little strategy of his own and he suggested that in pledging loyal support to the government, the Republicans might be putting themselves in a hole; for "government" sometimes means the "administration." Mr. Butler is said to have remarked. But the platform does not show him the least in his calculations.

The Democrats feel better after reading their own and the platform of their opponents. The thought that directed the construction of the platform for the Democrats was more Cam Morrison's than anybody else's, and this makes something less than 50 State platforms written by the Charlotte candidate for Governor. Mr. Morrison could not go with his cousin, Bickett, under a flagless party, but he could promise to be Cam when he discusses the issues. That was the best thing in the whole platform.

An Expensive Draft Subject. Chicago, April 12.—The calling of Grover Alexander into the army will cost Charles H. Weegman, president of the Chicago Nationals, \$50,000. Weegman made this statement after being informed that Alexander had been drafted.

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STILL NO NEWS FROM CAPTAIN ALBERT BARR

Army Officer Seems to Have Completely Disappeared. New-Bern News

(Special to Dispatch.) New Bern, April 13.—There has been a rumor current in New Bern to the effect that the body of Captain Albert L. Barr, who mysteriously disappeared from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., several days ago, had been found at Greenville.

So far as is known there is no foundation to this rumor and it is believed to be idle gossip, in fact inquiry made of the officials at Greenville failed to bring to light any new facts in the case.

Captain Barr seems to have evaporated into thin air and all efforts of the army officials to locate him have proven of no avail whatever.

Impressive funeral services were Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock conducted over the body of the late Mr. Isaac A. Gray, who died at Norfolk several days ago. The service took place at the Tabernacle Baptist church and was conducted by Rev. H. L. Swain, the pastor.

The deceased, who had made his home in New Bern for more than four years. He fought through the War between the States and was in the 22nd Ohio and 14th Kentucky Regiments.

He had many friends here and was held in high esteem by all of these. Those who heard Hon. J. W. Bailey deliver an address at the Court House in this city last Monday night are still talking about the powerful and passionate plea which he made for the Third Liberty Loan and so last evening an impression did the speaker make that the committee in charge of the campaign in Craven county is planning to have another speaker of State-wide fame pay the city a visit within the course of the next week or two and make an address on this important subject.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction and one of the most noted educators in the South, will probably attend at the Craven county commencement, which is to be held in this city April 19, and will deliver the principal address for that occasion.

Governor T. W. Bickett had been invited to come to New Bern on this occasion but a previous engagement made this impossible. Dr. Joyner has been invited to attend the event and the school authorities believe that he will accept.

Mr. S. M. Brinson, superintendent of public instruction in Craven county and who has in charge the arrangement for the event, stated today that all had been completed and that when the visiting school children arrived in the city on the morning of April 19, they would find everything in readiness for the exercises which they intend to put on during the course of the day.

GERMAN STRATEGY STILL UNREVEALED

Amsterdam, April 13.—The strategy of the German army supreme command is still unrevealed, says The Koelnische Volks Zeitung, and will be recognizable only in the course of further operations. The paper discounts the "extremely foolish idea" which it thinks may crop up, that the German thrust against the Anglo-Portuguese front indicates that the offensive in Picardy could not be carried to success, the German commanders wished to try an experiment else where.

The Frankfurter Zeitung regards the new thrust as a portion of a great plan of attack and dwells on the great strain put upon the enemy's nerves by the necessity of making dispositions in the greatest haste.

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SPECIAL TAX ELECTION. By virtue of the power and authority contained in Chapter 71 of the public laws of the County of New Hanover having duly petitioned the Board of Commissioners of said county, the undersigned, with said act, order an election to be held in said County of New Hanover to ascertain the will of the people "Whether they do hereby order an all taxable property and polls of said county a special tax, of ten cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property and ten cents on each poll to supplement the county school fund of said county." The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County do hereby order that an election be held in said county between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 8th day of May, 1918, to determine the will of people on the question whether there shall be levied on all taxable property and polls of said county a special tax of ten cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property and thirty cents on each poll to supplement the county school fund of said county.

SPECIAL BOND ELECTION. By virtue of the power and direction contained in Chapter 477 of the Public Local Laws of North Carolina, passed at its 1917 session, due and proper request having been made to the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover by the Board of Education of New Hanover County, as required by said act, the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County do hereby give notice that a special election is called and will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 8th day of May, 1918, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said county, the question, "Shall New Hanover County issue its coupon bonds, not to exceed the sum of \$250,000.00 and levy a special tax for public school improvements in said county in order to provide for the erection, construction and repair of suitable and permanent school houses in said County, necessary for the accommodation of the children of said county." At said election the ballots tendered and cast by said electors shall have written or printed on them "For public school bonds," or "Against public school bonds." All qualified electors who are in favor of said bonds shall vote "For public school bonds," and all qualified electors who are opposed to said bonds shall vote "Against public school bonds." For the purpose of this election as authorized by the said act, the said Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County do hereby order a new registration for said election and the following are designated as the polling places in said townships, precincts and wards, and the persons herein named are appointed registrars and judges of said election in said townships, precincts and wards, to-wit: Cape Fear Township, Johnston's Store, J. H. Johnston, registrar; W. W. Winders and D. J. Joyner, judges. Harnett (Seven Mile Post), Smith's Store, Geo. T. Smith, registrar; Geo. T. Sheppard and Wm. Canady, judges. Harnett (Seagate), Roger's Store, Larkin, registrar; G. H. Rogers and R. L. Holles, judges. Harnett (Wintler Park), Smith's Store, J. T. Smith, registrar; A. H. High and E. A. Montgomery, judges. Masonboro (Whiskey Creek), Lumsden Store, polling; Walter Horne, registrar; E. E. Southerland and R. E. Hollis, judges. Masoboro (Sunset Park), Baseball Park, J. C. Long, registrar; W. E. Price and J. H. LeGwin, judges. Federal Point, T. J. Burnett's Place, T. J. Burnett, registrar; S. T. Keyes, and J. A. Biddle, judges. Wilmington. First Ward, Engine House, Fourth and Campbell, G. H. Davis, registrar; W. K. Mintz and C. McD. Jones, judges. Second Ward, Court House, W. W. Galoway, registrar; T. A. Shepard and G. B. White, judges. Third Ward, Giblem Lodge, R. E. Blaky, registrar; L. B. Symmes and R. E. Williams, judges. Fourth Ward, McClellan's Stables, J. J. Furlong, registrar; W. M. Peck and E. L. Fox, judges. Fifth Ward, (Precinct 1) Engine House, Fifth and Castle streets, H. E. Foster, registrar; A. H. Ketchum and C. L. Barcus, judges. Fifth Ward (Precinct 2), Biddle Store, Fifth and Castle streets, J. W. Gafford, registrar; Sion J. King and Henry Hewlett, judges. Sixth Ward, Mann, Atkinson and Waters' Store, J. F. Mann, registrar; J. H. Womble and Van Woodcock, judges. The registration books of each township, precinct and ward shall be kept open for the registration of electors twenty days preceding the day of the close of the registration books heretofore provided, said day excepted, between the hours of nine o'clock A. M. and sunset on each day, beginning the 4th of April, 1918, and the said registration books shall be kept open on the second Saturday before the election, to-wit, on the 27th of April, 1918, and on Saturday the 27th day of April, 1918, and on Saturday the 27th day of April, 1918, the registrars shall attend with their respective townships, precincts and wards for the registration of electors. The registrars shall close the registration books at the polling places of their respective townships, precincts and wards on the Saturday preceding the election, to-wit, on the 4th of May, 1918, from the hour of nine A. M. until the hour of three P. M., when the said books shall be allowed to the inspection of the electors of said township, precinct or ward, and any of said electors shall be allowed to object to the names appearing on said books. By order of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County. April 4, 1918. W. A. MCGIRT, Chairman.

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