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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET AGREE

Note to Germany Reiterates Principles But Contains No Threat.

Washington, July 20.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided today on the general principles of the note to be sent to Germany within a few days renewing the efforts to secure for American citizens protection in their rights on the high seas.

The President read to his official family, assembled for the first time in a month, a draft of a communication answering the German government's note of July 8, which failed to grant the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania. The draft was incomplete in form. On its character and purposes, however, there was unanimous agreement, and Secretary Lansing was at work tonight putting in more precise language the ideas set forth.

Members of the cabinet generally preserved secrecy regarding the probable contents of the communication and the President cautioned against detailed speculation in advance of the publication of the document, lest mistaken impressions be created abroad before the actual text is received in Berlin.

Today's conference was devoted to an extent to a discussion of what the American people really wanted the Washington government to do in the present crisis. So far as the cabinet officers could judge by the examination of public expressions, the nation had voiced an insistent desire that the honor and dignity of the United States be upheld, but that a course should be followed which would maintain peace.

On Germany's next reply and the crystallization of public opinion thereafter will depend to a large extent, according to intimations from officials, what the actions of the United States will be concerning future violations of American rights.

Secretary Lansing stated today that he expects a report of what had occurred in the encounter between the British liner *Orduna* and a German submarine, and expects the report to be made to the State Department.

THE COTTON MARKET

When any commodity has experienced the decline that cotton did last week a reaction is naturally to be expected. Hence, the rally that set in this week was not in the least surprising. On the sharp break that developed immediately after the recent holiday the market appeared to have become pretty thoroughly liquidated and many of the bearish features discounted, so that traders on the short side were not disposed to press their advantage further. Moreover, covering on the part of these interests was prompted in no small degree by the rather surprising statement issued on Wednesday by the Census Bureau, which reported that American manufacturers had consumed 514,800 bales of cotton, exclusive of linters, during June. This is a record for the period and compares with 493,697 bales in the preceding month and 446,145 bales in June a year ago. It was the largest aggregate of the present season, with the single exception of March, when 523,959 bales were taken. Not a little encouragement was derived from these statistics, yet their influence was to some extent offset by consideration of the very heavy stocks held by domestic manufacturers and in independent warehouses throughout the South. The latter amounted to 2,085,347 bales, against only 630,487 at the end of June, last year, while manufacturer's stocks were officially placed at 1,822,499 bales, as compared with 1,150,599 in 1914. The figures on the consumption of linters were highly interesting, inasmuch as these showed 546,933 bales last month, or fully double those of the same period a year ago. Since last August the domestic consumption of cotton has increased almost without interruption. On the other hand, if the home consumption is large the export situation presents many drawbacks and the South is confronted with the problem of finding a market for the millions of bales that are not used annually in this country. Foreign shipments have lately dwindled to comparatively insignificant totals and with the handicap of high ocean freight rates, the derangements of foreign exchange, etc., to say nothing of the attitude of Great Britain toward clearances from this side, the outlook is not exactly reassuring. Large supplies are being carried over and a new crop will soon be available, so that there are many people who are skeptical of any substantial and permanent advance in prices under existing conditions.—*Dun's Review*, 17th.

Rev. J. A. Campbell, principal of Bale's Creek Academy, was in town Monday.

ANOTHER GIFT FOR TRINITY COLLEGE

Granite Wall Around Campus and Complete Driveway.

Durham, July 19.—Through Bishop John C. Kilgo, J. R. and B. N. Duke have donated enough money to pay for the building of a granite wall around the campus. This donation also includes enough money to pay for completing the macadamizing of the circle that has become a well-known driveway. The work is expected to cost about \$15,000.

Bishop Kilgo spent a few days in Durham on his return from New York, following the donation by the Messrs. Duke, and while here he spoke of the interest the tobacco magnates have in Trinity College. According to the bishop, the Messrs. Duke said to him a few days ago: "What we want to see Trinity College do is to make young men of high character and true worth. We have little concern about the number of students at Trinity, sometimes we fear you have too many, but we want Trinity to send out men of force. Better to make great men than to make many mediocre men. Don't let Trinity get a craze for numbers. Be careful to do sound and good work. Our interest is in doing the best, not doing the most, unless it is first the best."

The new wall is to be made of the finest granite obtainable, and will be thirty inches high. It will circle the entire college campus and will, it is confidently believed, be the means of making the campus much prettier.

Simmons and Godwin Against Extra Session.

Washington, July 19.—United States Senator Simmons and Representative Godwin who are here on departmental business told officials of the administration that North Carolinians, irrespective of political affiliations, have great faith in the ability of President Wilson to handle the delicate foreign situation and approve of his policy so far.

Neither Senator Simmons nor Representative Godwin believe that an extra session before December 1. They are not among those senators and congressmen who are urging the President to have Congress meet before the regular term to take action to prevent the shipment from this country of arms and ammunition to the warring nations.

A movement was started some days ago by the New York American and a few senators to urge the President to take this course. Senator Simmons and Representative Godwin will call at the White House tomorrow.

Senator Hoke Smith and a few of his following want an extra session, but there is no one here who believes it will be called unless it is to authorize the President to declare war. This is not anticipated now.—*Greensboro News*.

FROM CHAPEL HILL

High School Conference Devotes Much Time to Discussion of Moonlight Schools and Farm Life Schools.

Chapel Hill, July 19.—Schools and their improvement have been the subject which has engaged the attention of the teachers for the past week. The High School Conference which was in session at the Summer School last week, discussed thoroughly every question dealing with the work of our schools.

One outstanding feature of the conference was the great interest manifested in moonlight schools and in farm life schools. Thursday morning Dr. J. Y. Joyner spoke in chapel on the great work which the moonlight schools are doing and as a result over 150 teachers of the state offered their services free obligating to teach at least one month in some moonlight school.

Farm life schools also received attention at the meetings of the conference. On Friday representatives from every farm life school in the state were here and told the teachers how they had succeeded in building up their schools. Dr. Joyner also outlined the contemplated requirements for farm life schools. Briefly these were: There should be a farm of 25 acres, 2 teams, a barn and 4 cows; that there should be a dormitory with a minimum capacity of 25 boys and 25 girls; a school building to cost, at the lowest, \$1,000; and a trained man for farm demonstrator and a trained woman for home economics work. Funds for the establishment and maintenance of the school may be secured from three sources: \$2,500 from the state; the same amount from the county, and in addition an appropriation as a county high school. The meetings of the conference were well attended and of unusual value to the teachers of the state.—*Arnold A. McKay*.

SAFER THAN MOTORING

One Fatal Accident to Southern Railway Passenger.

Atlanta, Ga., July 17.—More than 16,500,000 passengers—a number greater than the combined population of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky—were transported by Southern Railway during the year ended June 30 with only one fatal injury to a passenger while on a train and that one was standing on a car platform in direct violation of the company's rules.

Of this great number of passengers, not one was killed in a train accident. This excellent record was shown in the official figures given out today indicating the high degree of safety that has been attained in the handling of Southern Railway passenger trains.

In marked contrast are figures recently given out by President Fairfax Harrison of Southern Railway, showing that during the same period 12 persons riding in automobiles were killed in accidents at public highway crossings, every one of which accidents could have been prevented had the driver of the car observed the familiar warning, "Stop, Look, and Listen."

COTTON FERTILIZER SALES ARE DECREASED

More Than Fifty Per cent. Under Last Year.

Washington, July 17.—Use of commercial fertilizer for cotton as reflected in the sales of inspection tags to June 25, compared with sales to that date last year in the South, showed a decrease of 50 per cent. The Department of Agriculture announced today that the tonnage to June 25 this year was 2,436,000 against 4,431,000 last year.

"The reduction in the absolute quantity of commercial fertilizer used," says the department, "does not measure the full extent of the loss in the productive powers of the plant. The quality of the fertilizer sold is much inferior to last year's supply because of the lack of the available supplies of potash. This is reflected in the lower price of the fertilizer this year which is due in large part to its inferior composition. While the tonnage sold in South Carolina, for instance, has dropped to 35 per cent. of last year, the value is said to have fallen less than 30 per cent."

"On the other hand, Southern farmers appear this year to have exerted themselves to a hitherto unknown extent in the utilization of home-produced composts and natural manures.

"The use of commercial fertilizers is practically unknown in the great Texas and Oklahoma cotton areas, and in the rich delta sections along the Mississippi river, and a reduction in sales of this commodity in those districts would have no appreciable influence on the cotton crop there."

BIG REFUND TO OWNERS OF FORD AUTOMOBILES

\$15,900,000 Distributed Among Purchasers Since August 1, 1914

Detroit, Mich., July 16.—The Ford Automobile Company this afternoon announced a refund of approximately \$15,900,000 to owners of Ford automobiles who have purchased their machines since August 1, 1914. On August 1, 1914, the company announced that if 300,000 machines were sold during the ensuing year, each purchaser would receive a refund of from \$40 to \$60. The 300,000 mark was reached today. The company says the refund is strictly in the nature of the profit distribution policy of the company.

Afraid of Banks, Kept Money at Home and Now It Is Gone.

Newbern, July 16.—Just because they were afraid of banks, Lathel and Ben Leary, two residents of the Goose Creek Island section, are "short" several thousand dollars, the saving of a life-time which they had locked in a safe in their home and which was stolen by some unknown thief or thieves. News of the robbery reached Newbern yesterday and was to the effect that the money was purloined from its hiding place while the men were away from home attending to some business matters. Upon returning they discovered that some one had ransacked the house and upon investigating found that their safe had been opened and the last dollar had been taken therefrom. The exact amount stolen is not known but all their life the men have been saving whatever cash they could and it is supposed that the amount was at least \$10,000. Efforts are being made to trace the thief but so far these have proven of no avail.

KNOWING THE STATE

The Local Men Who Know What Other Parts of the State Are Doing—The Editors of the State Fair Show the Best Picture of the State's Progress and Activities.

Every day while somebody asks me what I know of Gaston county, or what is going on in a place over in Wilkes, or whether or not Lexington is as promising a place to locate. This thing with various questions is applied to every section of the state. It is surprising how many people want to know about different parts of North Carolina. The State Bureau, organized recently at Raleigh, will undertake to answer just such questions, but to get the answer along every county fair town ought to take advantage of the opportunity offered at the fair to show what it is and what it makes out of its own county.

What do you know of your county? What do you know of the farm? What do you know of the health, in location, in any way? I know you have a good deal better county than you think you have. A lot of people do not know.

New at the fair this fall will be the showing of the best agricultural products. Your county should have a prominent place in the exhibit that will be shown at the fair.

It is getting publicity for every county and town. My county (Moore) is on hand at Raleigh. You will be interested to know what folks who live in Moore county believe. Do you believe in better than you are? Do you believe in making a better county?

I am doing a little better than I was, and it is the best. Moore county is doing well. The Sena's hill section is a most conspicuous section of the county today, and just because the hills are constantly making a name about their county.

I came to North Carolina because it is the best state in the union. I came from Chicago not because I had to. But lots of people do not know much about our state. Let us get up the biggest display of everything we can and show them. Get your commissioners and your farm demonstrators and your chambers of commerce and everything to arrange something that will rank with what the penitentiaries will have to offer. Don't let the fair look as if North Carolina has nothing to offer except what comes from the bad lands of Moore county.

MORE THAN 80,000 LOST IN FLOODS IN CHINA

Consul General Cheshire Appeals For Assistance By Navy Department

Washington, July 20.—From eighty to one hundred thousand lives have been lost in the floods in the vicinity of Canton, China, according to a cablegram to the State Department today from Peking. Consul General Cheshire has appealed for all the assistance that can be rendered by the Navy Department.

BENSON REVIVAL CONTINUES

Benson, N. C., July 21.—The Tillman-Browning Revival which has been in progress here for more than two weeks, and which it was announced would close last night, still continues. The conductors have decided to extend the services until next Sunday night. The public will please take cognizance of the fact of the change in intentions and continue to be present at every possible service.

The Tighman Lumber Company has purchased for its railroad which leads from Dunn about 20 miles down into Sampson, two new locomotives to be delivered early in August. This fact brings relief to the minds of local business men who were afraid a recent decline in lumber prices would force a temporary cessation of the industry's activities in this locality. It is probable that the company will be petitioned by the Chamber of Commerce to inaugurate passenger service over its road when the new engines are placed in service.

Restoration of its resources and products. Let us show the Publicity Bureau that we have something to make public. As old Spartacus said, let us "make Rome h-o-o-w-w-l-l." Get busy. Let me hear from you. BION H. BUTLER, Southern Place, N. C.

CONCERNING CITY POINT

17,000 People Discharged Each Day and Re-employed the Next.

From waste fields to a thriving community of 50,000 inhabitants in a few weeks is the transformation which has taken place just across the Virginia State line from here, on a spot which will soon be listed on the map as City Point.

Immense powder mills, the largest and most modern in the world, now nearing completion and belonging to the du Pont de Nemours Powder Company, are the magnet that has drawn 17,000 workmen to this new metropolis of the Old Dominion State in this city of uncompleted homes and thousands of tents, which stretch in every direction, liquor has been employed. Although the workmen employed in the departments already completed and the mechanics and laborers working on the uncompleted buildings are for the most part drawn from all parts of both states, the absence of liquor has resulted in an orderly community, though the town is yet in its inception.

One of the novel features of the big powder plant is the fact that while 17,000 men are employed there, the only regular pay roll maintained by the company is for the managers of the different departments. Each of the 17,000 employees is hired and discharged each day. Every night each employee is paid for the day and his employment, in so far as the company is concerned is ended. If he shows up in the morning he is again hired and put to work. This method of handling a force of 17,000, while a novel one, has been found to give the best results at City Point.

For the most part the town looks like a big camp. Special officers are provided by the powder company to enforce the law and maintain order. Offenders are punished promptly, and while some liquor has been confiscated in the town it is impossible for a man to drink it and obtain employment with the powder company the next day if he is found out.

High explosives for the European Governments are already being transported to the coast by rail and shipped daily to seaports, where it is loaded for European ports. Tri-nitro-toluene, one of the most powerful explosive known, and in the last few years used in the British army and navy, being produced in large quantities.—*Bluefield, W. Va., Dispatch*.

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The Navy Department had no advice as to the flood situation today from Admiral Winterhalter, commanding the Asiatic fleet, or from gunboats Wilmington and Callao which went to the aid of the flood victims several days ago. Secretary Daniels said Admiral Winterhalter had full authority to send any or all of his ships to assist in relief work without consulting the department.

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FARMERS' MEETINGS

Campaign for Winter Growing Crops in Harnett.—Seven Meetings to be Held.

To The Editor:—Meetings for farmers will be held at the following times and places in Harnett county: Tuesday, July 27th, 9 a. m., Pleasant Union.

Tuesday, July 27th, 2:30 p. m., Coats.

Wednesday, July 28th, 9 a. m., Kipling.

Wednesday, July 28th, 2:30 p. m., Chalybeate Springs.

Thursday, July 29th, 9 a. m., Duke.

Thursday, July 29th, 2:30 p. m., Dunn.

Friday, July 30th, 9 a. m., Sorrell's School House.

I will be accompanied on this trip by R. C. Barrett, of Moore county, and by Congressman Godwin, of Dunn.

Seven meetings will be conducted over the county and at one of these we want to see every farmer who is interested in better farming. The questions of cover crops, winter legumes and lime only will be discussed. We hope to be able to tell you anything you may wish to know concerning this phase of farming, the crops to plant, how to prepare the soil, where to get the best seed at the lowest price, the need and value of liming, the kind of lime to use, where to get it and the delivered price.

W. H. TURLINGTON, Demonstrator.

ILLITERACY TO BE WIPED OUT

First Bulletin Issued On Moonlight School Campaign.

A sweeping call to wipe out adult illiteracy in North Carolina was sent out from the State Department of Education yesterday in the form of the first bulletin on Moonlight Schools. The bulletin sets out the problem of illiteracy in North Carolina, its causes and ways and means to solve it. It is a call to action and is a plan, briefly, is to call for volunteer teachers who will conduct school at least for one month during the year. The forces of the State will be organized in committees similar to that which generalized the community service movement last year.

The county and local committees formed last year will be asked to serve again and will be commensated with through the county superintendent of schools. In counties where committees did not serve last fall the following committee will consist of the county superintendent, the farm demonstration agent, the secretary or president of the county Farmers' Union, editors of the county papers, mayor of the county seat, member representing the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and one representing the Women's Clubs. Pledge cards for teachers will be distributed through the Teachers' Institutes during the summer.

Calls to the service by Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union; President A. W. McAllister, North Carolina Conference for Social Service; J. Walter Long, General Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association; Miss Mary O. Graham, President of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly; Paul Jones, State Councillor Junior Order United American Mechanics; Mrs. T. W. Lingle, president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

The problem briefly presented, is to wipe out the stain of a 14 per cent. illiterate voting population in the State against a United States' average of 3.5 per cent. According to the section in which the illiterates are located, seventeen per cent. are in the mountain section, twelve per cent. in the Piedmont section, and thirty per cent. in the eastern section. It is further estimated that if all the white population were removed from the counties of Wake, Franklin, Wilkes, Nash, Edgecombe, Johnston and Wayne, and if all the illiterate whites ten years old and over in the state, were segregated in those seven counties, the white population of the counties would not be changed in number. In other words, there are as many illiterate whites in North Carolina as there are whites in those seven counties.

That illiteracy can be wiped out by moonlight schools is shown in the bulletin by experiences from Kentucky and by experiences in North Carolina as well. Letters are reproduced in fac-simile showing a letter written by a man twenty-four years old who did not know a letter in the alphabet the first night but wrote the letter after the fourth lesson. There is another reproduction of a letter after after the thirteenth lesson by a man of middle age, and another after lessons.—*News and Observer*.

SELMA'S BIG SHOW COMES SATURDAY

Johnston County's Annual Tomato, Melon and Better Baby Show.

Selma, July 19.—On July 24th annually all Johnston county convenes at Selma to see the melon, tomato, and better baby show. Many in the adjoining counties come also. This year's is the fourth fair and on such occasion visitors have said, "Well, I had no idea Selma had grown to be such an important town."

The exhibits this year will be large and attractive, and there will be many outside amusements for young and old. Sixty or seventy-five babies will be on the stage called to the waist in mothers arms to have the verdict of the judges as to which is the best developed baby girl and boy in the county—and receive the prizes. Only two can get the first prize a bronze medal offered by the Woman's Home Companion and ten dollars each by the local banks. Five dollars each to the second prize won will be given by the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association and \$2.50 each for third prize winners. All will get a certificate of entry from the Woman's Home Companion.

Fifteen dollars will be paid to the six heaviest watermelons exhibited. \$5 for the two single heaviest and liberal offers are made for the second and third winners. To the winner of the first prize goes the championship banner for one year. Selma has always held this banner. This year Smithfield is after it. So is Clayton and Micro. Liberal prizes are also offered for best display of cantaloupes large musk melons, and bananae musk melons. The prize winners in their department will belong to the fair and be sold at auction that the seed may get scattered over the county.

The girls tomato clubs of the county are much interested this year and Mrs. D. J. Welles the county organizer, says they will be well represented.

Liberal premiums are offered in this department and many prizes are offered. The display in this department will be in the fair and will be sold to advertise the girls work. Mrs. Boyne the State instructor from the U. S. agricultural department will address the girls and this will be one of the main features of the day.

The Masonic fraternity will be out in full force and will take for discussion the possibility of building the Johnston county Masonic sanitarium here. The town will be beautifully decorated and the parade be the longest and most impressive ever seen in the county. The town limits will be extended for the day that all who come can say they got to town.

KEEPING COOL

How to Keep Cool in Summer.

The gentle art of keeping cool is not to be despised these days. Here are just a few little hints which, while they won't make the thermometer register 65 or 70 instead of 95 or 100, will go a long way towards mitigating one's personal suffering.

First of all keep the organs of elimination, especially the bowels, working easily and frequently. Do this by eating fruits and vegetables, leaving off meats and pastries, and by drinking lots of cool (not ice cold) water and buttermilk instead of coffee.

Dress right. Wear palm beach clothes if possible, and wear as little as the law of the land will allow. That's mighty little these days—equal rights for men. In the words of the wag, we are "nearly for some of the ladies in summer, for a few of them don't have much left to talk of."

Build that sleeping porch now that you have been thinking about so long. You'll enjoy it so much that you will want to use it the year round. In the old fashioned closed in houses, our electric fan on low speed is a delight these hot nights in the bed room.

Last of all don't worry, fret, or get cross and vexed. Keep sweet. Don't try to do as much physical work as at other times. Manage to do as much of your work in the shade as possible. Keep on very intimate terms with the bath tub and forget the weather. Don't talk about it. Give that subject a rest. The other fellow will thank you for it.—*State Board of Health*.

Dunn-Goods.

We suppose it is a fact that at Beever Hills, Pa., last week Miss Emeline Prudence Gonds and George E. Dunn were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, the Rev. G. E. Heller officiating.—*Greensboro News*.

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