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# Farmville COMMUI

# Date Set at Recent Meeting Chamber

Farmville Community Fair.

At a recent enthusiastic meeting of the Farmville Community Chamber of Commerce it was unanimously decided to again hold the Farmville Community Fair, the date being fixed for this week and elected new Thursday, October 25th, which officers for the ensuing year, is now only four weeks off.

This year it is the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce to have a much larger and better fair than that of last year, however, the fair last year was a great success, to say the least.

The new officers elected for the Fair this year are as follows: Mrs. D. Horton, president. J. W. Holmes, vice-president.

W. G. Sheppard, sec-treas. At a meeting of the officers Wednesday night the following committees were appointed:

**Executive Committee:** 

T. C. Turnage, chairman; J. I. Morgan, R. H. Knott. R. L. Davis, C. R. Townsend, B. A. Joyner, J. Y. Monk, C. L. Hardy, R. A. Fountain, J. T. Dixon, J. M. Barfield and W. M. Smith. Farm Products

R. R. Cotton, chairman; Frank T. Carr, Alfred Moore, T. E. Barrow, J. T. Harris, A. J. Moye and J. T. Lewis,

Live Stock:

W. A. Pollard, chairman; G. T. Tyson, Jasper Dupree, O. L. Joyner, J. T. Parker and W. H.

edge, Mrs. W. J. Rasberry, Mrs. J. Y. Monk and Mrs. R. H. Knott.

Baby Contest:

Mrs. J. A. Harris, chairman; German embassy. Mrs. Myrtle Bynum, Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Mrs. C. R. Townsend and Mrs. S. T. Moyle.

Poultry: Richard Tugwell, chairman; Leun A. Joyner, A. A. May, Miss Addie Bynum, and Mrs. Jennis Morrill.

Culinary:

Mrs. Ed Warren, chairman; ment: Miss Blauche Lewis, Mrs. T. E. Barrow, Mrs. J. R. Lewis, Mrs. M. L. Moye, Mrs. S. W. Erwin, in any way reflects upon Congress or Mrs. H. F. Morton, Miss Beulah any member. Apparently it was the Flanagan, Miss Laura Wingfield purpose to employ agencies to influand Mrs. G. M. Shirley.

Educational:

Prof. E. C. Harris, chairman; S. B. Underwood, J. T. Thorne, Miss Annie Perkins and Mrs. Loyd Smith.

Arrangement-Decoration: O. C. Liles, chairman; J. L.

Shackleford, L. P. Thomas, C. M. Wade, J. M. Parker, J. E. Hughes, J. F. Carr, Ed Jones, I. L. Wrenn and J. Ed Warren.

Premium: J. W. Holmes, chairman; T. C. Turnage and T. E. Joyner, Chief Marshall-J. Y. Monk.

Publicity: Rasberry, J. B. Moore, Dr. Paul In the senate Senator King, of whos centerprise did not fall short of E. Jones, J. G. Smith, G. M. Dtab, read letters proving also the projected wholesale destruction of Holden, and Redain Fields.

Dr. Paul E. Jones, chairman; the letters, together with receipts, G. M. Shirley, J. Y. Monk, J. M. proving the payment of money by the Christman and G. M. Holden.

First Bale of Cotton.

and in Parmy lie was brought w lesse Taylor, on L. Y. Monk's

**Annual Meeting and Ellects** New Officers.

The Farmville Community Chamber of Commerce met in annual session Monday night of which are as follows:

T. C. Turnage, President. Dr. Paul E. Jones, Vice-Pres Jno. T. Thorne, Treasurer. W. G. Sheppard, Secretary.

The Directors are composed of the following: W. H. Moore, I. Y. Monk, B. A. Joyner, T. E. Barrow, R. L. Joyner, W. A. Lewis and G. M. Shirley.

The Secretary made his an nual report, reviewing the many things accomplished by the Chamber for the year just closed, and gave an outline of several things on foot that looked prom ising for the future.

## WASHINGTON DIZZ

Washington.-Astounding additional revelations of Count von Bernstorff's direction of German plots in the Unitad States made it certain Congress will undertake a thorough investigation. The investigation wwill be called as soon as the state department gives congressional leaders the word

The discleaures giving names

Chamber of Commerce Holds One the Attractions of Chautaugua Fogram Coming to Farmville Oct. 25-6-7 More German



The Cadman Concert Company. Is composed satility their programs are as varied as their engag grams, and when given with care and enthusiasm

setists whose individual successes are unquestioned. As a cupy a unique position. Because of their unusual ver-Only selections of sterling worth find place on their proaracteristic of these painstaking artists satisfaction is as-

in the house of the legation and that List," published in New York. The still worse things than this box of misecond letter, dated November 5, 1915, robes were contained in the legation was sent by the consulate to the em-

committee on public information. The facts and figures made official Wash- Senator King included a receipt for ington dizzy with amazement at the \$2,000 paid to the "Fair Play Pubboldness of the game played by the lishing Company," of New York; a

Investigation Demanded. Given out as an official document, the specific evidence linking Count yon Bernstorff with the ramifications of German intrigue and propaganda in the United States provoked congressmen to clamor for an investigation.

To clear Congress immediately of any suspecion of the state depart ment's revelation may have directed unwittingly at its members, Secretary Lansing dictated the following state-

"If there is any misunderstanding. wish to say very emphatically I do not see how the Bearnstorff message no knowledge and in case they were influences would be entirely innocent do not know what the organization was. This expose is apropos of German methods of peace propaganda and there is no intention of casting suspicion on members of Congress." The state department let it he

known, also, that a congressional in vestigation would receive its assistance. The state department, it was indicated, wants full publicity for German intrigue, propaganda and plotting in this country. Inquiry Virtually Assured.

A conference between Secretary Lansing and Congressman Flood. foreign affairs, virtually assured an

The revelations will be used by the senate lobby committee, according to Senator Overman, chairman, as a basis for a resolution calling for an in-

of the inquiry into the activities of the Austrian embassy. Senator King JACOBSTADT TAKEN BY showed photographic reproductions of German embassy to a New York publishing firm.

to the letters Senator King said he with positions on a front of bwentybelieved the time was not far off when six miles deep on the west bank of the it will be necessary for this country river, the German army hedaquarters of the expiditres and the box of mis-The first bale of cotion to be to cactare a state of war existing with announced. The letters, three in number, were the Republican troops on the Ries garden, the former confidential agent Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey. exchanged between the Austrian committee retired to the right bank of the German minister. Dr. Be n. Courier. This was sinned libura- beary in Washington and the con- of the libins River.

receipt for \$1,500 to the same publication, and two other receipts signed by Count von Bernstorff, admitting payment of \$2,000 and \$1,000, respect-

More Evidence Expected.

Department of Justice officials gathered the evidence of eGrman in the protection of the United States trigue. The investigations by the Se by secreting in the German legation back to the beginning of the war. Only filustrative exhibits from the department's storehouse of data appeared ital, quantities of powerful explosives in the expose. The congressional in for bomb plots and deadly microbes,

The nowing up of Count von vealed by Secretary Lansing. Bernstorff and his accomplices and It was another of Mr. Lansing's secidence, but the state department re- egrams which have brought Argentrained from admitting any motive tina on the verge of war with Gerfor the revelations other than the many the Von Eckhardt letter from necessity of exposing the German Mexico City, and the Von Berrstorn

Spy Activities Revealed. Hitherto untold chapters of German spying, plotting and more subtle forms of lawlessness in this country were revealed by the Committee on Public Information.

The announcement is characterized as "the most important revelation of its kind since the first declaration of war in August, 1914." The aunout.coment-which is really a narrative-is based in its entirety upon official session. Many of them are made pub-He now for the first time.

States and plotters against the laws

GERMANS, RUSSIANS PLEE

has been captured by the German garden of the German legation. in directing the senate's attention forces on the Russian front, together

tion a month for the Thursday and the for the structure of a w. Chorn. One sent town and the best burlet - seeds.

Powerful Explosives and Microbes Secreted on Legation at Bucharest for Destructive Use in United States of Lives and Property.

STATES DURING AUGUST.

Washington - How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" cret Service mer, it was said, dated at Bucharest, after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Rumanian capvestigation is expected to bring out with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was re-

associates simultaneously with the ries of disclosures of German intrigue, pope's peace proposals struck offi- made public without comment in the cial Washington as intentional coin- same manner as the von Luxburg teltelegram asking the German foreign office for authorization to spand \$50, 000 to influence Congress.

The latest story is told in a report to the state department from William Whiting Andrews, secretary of the legation at Buchare t, and a letter from Foreign Maister Parumbaru, of

Suspiciona Aroused Parcels and boxes taken into the the suspictons of the Rumanian government. On August 27, 1916, the declaration of war, some of the cases the consulate. Convinced that the boxes were not taken away from the ties of extremely powerful explosive struction to be had from "near accilegation by the German diplomatic and cultivations of microbes destined dents" as from actual accident. "Safety ordered the police tofind and examine their contents. The police communicated with American Minister Popicks, then in charge of German interests, who refuctantly assigned Secretary Andrews to observe the search. London.-Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, The boxes were found buried in the Mr. Andraws' report says:

man interests, which agreed with the country." statement of the servants. A similar confession was made to the min-

ister by this man. "The protection of the United States was in this manner shamefully abused and exploited. In this instance, at Mast, the German government cannot have recourse to its usual system of

Fifty-one boxes were taken from the ground in the garden. Fifty of with trinitrotolusne saturated with tions of the microbes of anthrax and glanders. It hore a seal showing if came from the German consulate at

For Horses and Cattle. Enclosed four phials for horses and mals' throats; if not, in their fodder, Please make a little report on the success obtained there; in case of good results the presence of Mr. Kostoff for one day here would be desir-

prove the origin of the boxes and "It has been possible to prove in an undisputed way," he said, "that tria-Hungary when observing strict practices. neutrality and keeping up normal re--population.

about the way by which these substances were introduced into Rumanlan territory, the very stringent police measures at all frontier stations taken | 17,500 fires in buildings equipped with with positions on a front of twenty, six miles deep on the west bank of the ration which required in the discovery announced.

The Russian war office admits that the Republican troops on the Ries of the German himster, Dr. Byn.

## Plots Exposed 5 SUCCEPTED BY

Washington-Further disclosures of far-reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic beak with Germany, were made by the committee on public information.

"In the form of letters, telegrams, notations, checks, receipts, ledgers, cachbooks, cipher cides, list of sples and other memoranda and records," the committee says, "were found indications—in some instances of the vaguest nature, in other of the most famuling conclusiveness—that the Geman Imperial government through its representatives in a then friendly nation was concerned with: "Violation of the laws of the United

in merchant vessels on the high seas. "Irish revolutionaly plots against eager to get to the firing line.

Great Britain. "Fomenting III feeling against the United States in Mexico.

"Subordination of American writers and lecturers. "Financing of propaganda.

the guise of a commercial investiga the American embassy in Berlin. He tion bureau. "Subsidizing of a bureau for the

purpose of stirring up labor troubles in munition plants. "The bomb industry and other re-

lated activities." The committee, of which Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels are mem bers and Geroge Greel, chairman, has this to say concerning Holland:

"It has long been an open secret that Holland is merely a way station for shipments of contraband into Gen many. Here is official confirmation from the Von Igel records which would seem to indicate a suspicious

Perils Which Cause "Near Accidents" Should Be Abolished With Proper Care to Prevent Reoccurence.

A "near socident" may be defined as a happening, the nature of which them contained each a cartridge filled is dangerous to persons, but which did not result in thjury owing to the formonomitroltoluence, among the most gunate absence of a man from a parpowerful explosives known, one fifth ticular spot, or to his quickness, or of each being sufficient to tear up a to the merest other chance, but the railroad tracil. In the other hox were recurrence of which is always a perilbottles of liquid found to be cultiva a peril which should be abolished by proper care.

A familiar illustration of a near acci-Kronstadt, Hungary, and inside were dent is the case of a person caught befound a typewritten note in German tween two trains traveling in oppowho escaped death or injury by lying down between the tracks. There are tour for cattle. To be employed as many other such instances of escaped formerly arranged. Each phial is sufed, if possible, directly into the ani flopping from scaffolds and roots, but striking no one. Ladders falling or ilipping with men who land unhurt, vehicles skidding and just habing padestrians or other vehicles—all

These are but few of the many instances that will suggest themselves named his letter with documents to to the average reader, but in every from which every one should profit "Near socidents" are a fruitful source of suggestion, for precautions to be observed, and for rules to be formulated for the avoidar ce of dangerous

Regrettable as it may be, however, lations with the German empire the the fact remains that too little attenpersonnel of the German legation, vio tion is paid to "near souldents." It lating all rules of neutrality and all seems to require actual accidents to duties of diplomatic russions, intro- startle us sufficiently. This should duced claudestinely considerable quan- not be so. There is just as much inrible epidemics also among the human | require the theft of a horse to make you realize the importance of locking desirable to relieve the army of men the barn. Good safety work is seeing that

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BE SENT TO FRANCE FOR

New Chief of Staff Will Be Retired In December and Will Ba Succeeded by Joseph E. Kuhn, Former Head of War College.

Washington.-Major-General Hugh L. Scott, who retired from his position as chief of staff, will be sent to France for active service. He will be followed there shortly by Major-General Tasker H. Bliss, who succeeded him as chief of staff. Both will serve under Major-General Pershing.

General Scott reached the age limit for retirement Saturday, September 22. General Blies will reach it in December. The war department, however, it was authoritatively stated, proposes to utilize their experience "Destruction of lives and property and ability by keeping them in active service indefinitely. Both men are

When Major-General Bliss retires in December he will be succeeded by Major-General Joseph E. Kuhn, former head of the war college, and now commanding officer of the national army cantonment at Camp Meade. During the first two years of the war "Maintenance of a spy system under General Kuhn was military attache at saw much of German warfare

> DECLARATION OF WAR BY ARGENTINA POSTPONED

Message Received From Germany Just in Time to Avert Break.

Buenoes Aires, Argentina.- Just as the Argentine chamber of deputies was preparing to vote on the question of breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, an official communication was received from the Berlin foreign office. The note disapproved of the idea expressed by Count von Luxburg, the German minister here, regarding Germany's "rruiser warfare." The word "cruiser" left some doubt the minds of government officials

ermany, however, was postponed by the receipt of the German note.

Note Gives Satisfaction. London .- A dispatch from Buenos Aires to Reuter's Limited, says that Argentina has received a note from Germany whwich has given complete. satisfaction to the Argentine govern-

NO REASON TO ALTER THE UNITED STATES' POSITION

Washington.-The complete texts of the German and Astrian replies to the papal peace note show that neither lays down any definite terms as a basis for peace. There was no official indication that such examination as had been made of the documents revealed no reason for elteration of the position of the United States, its aims or its intentions.

CONVINCED HE WAS TOOL OF GERMAN PLOTTERS

Chicago. Jasper T. Darling, ones time president of the American embargo conference, aroused by the revelations made by the state department regarding former Ambassador von Bernstorff, in a signed statement said he was convinced that he had been made the tool of German plot-

Mr. Darling, long prominent in German circles, said that he was convinced that he was selected and misled by the plotters because of his reputation for patriotism. He said that the source of money was alway? a mystery to him and that a great deal of it passed through his hands in opposing the export of munitions and other acts which he feared would draw the United States into the war.

HAS DECIDED TO REDUCE NUMBER OF MEN IN ARMY

Petrograd.—The provisional government has decided to reduce the number of men in the regular army. This decision was reached for two reasons, first, because it was thought who are too old to light or who have been wounded, and whose fighting capacity therefore is not great. It is believed the measure will have important financial results by reducing the amount required for dependents.

RELATIVES HAD GRAVE OF MRS. BINGHAM OPENED

Louisville, Ky2-The body of Mrs. Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Fingler, secretly was exhumed at Wilhradt, who had been left with the let "On the other hand, there can be graded at the German minister's remington, N. C., Sept. 10, at the inmington, N. C.,