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Germans May Give Further Trouble.

N. Noble Hall, in a copyrighted article in the Charlotte Observer in speaking of the fast growing German sentiment, says:

The slowness of the peace conference in Paris in reaching a decision on the terms of peace with Germany is having a marked effect on the attitude of the population in the occupied area. Whereas, late as last January, when the elections for the assembly were held, the people of Coblenz and throughout the American sector were almost reconciled to the formation of a buffer state on the west bank of the Rhine and willing to accept any terms indicated by the allies, so long as they could get peace and food, yet the situation now is entirely different.

The stubborn unrepentance of the social rulers is reflected both in the German press in Coblenz and in the attitude of the population.

Interpreting the delay in Paris as a sign of weakness and indecision, the Germans have added an almost boastful tone here and lose no occasion of asserting their determination to remain German and hold the entente strictly to a German interpretation of President Wilson's 14 points. The movement for establishment of a Rhineland republic has lost all force and the leaders here are openly working to prepare the population for possible consequences of a refusal of the German government to sign the peace treaty.

There is general acceptance among professional men and the wealthier classes of the population that the treaty of peace must not only be approved by the Weimar assembly, but submitted to a national referendum. This opinion is so clearly the result of organized propaganda following inspiration that personally I am extremely doubtful whether a decision has not been already reached by Germany to refuse to sign the peace treaty outright, and seek to take advantage of what differences of opinion exist among the entente powers, seeking by every possible means to spread bolshevism and create industrial and social unrest in the entente countries.

Among the incidents which throw a significant light on the changed attitude of the Germans are the recent refusal to honor American army requisitions for labor, and other acts of insubordination which resulted in two high officials being summoned before a military commission. There also is a marked increase in the work of the provost marshal's office and military tribunals for infractions of army regulations.

This increase has been constant for several weeks and recently a fracas took place in which one American soldier was killed, four seriously injured and others slightly hurt as the result of a fight in which the Germans used knives freely. The American military police are fully alive to the necessity of exercising vigilance, and although the situation is well in hand and gives no cause for anxiety, it is mentioned as a reflection of the great change which has come over the population in the occupied territory during the past five months.

Women's War Work Wins Praise.

American women—many of them in the uniforms of their country's army and navy—played a bigger and more important part in the war which the Paris conference is about to end than the greatest feminist ever dreamed would be possible. In previous wars woman's activities were none the less heroic because almost exclusively humanitarian, but in the struggle drawing to a close she was conspicuous in every phase of the conflict save in actual battle—though the Russian army had its regiment of women in more than one engagement.

Every big American city has become familiar with pretty 'yeoladies' in the naval garb, and with the 'marinettes' in the khaki of the Marine corps. If these young women have not themselves carried arms and shared the fighting, they released men for these sterner duties—and that contributed to swell Uncle Sam's fighting forces overseas.

In France, on the edge of the fighting, American women did a noble and a dangerous work for their country. If they fired no shot at the enemy, there were nevertheless often exposed to his shells and poison gas in performing their errands of mercy for American doughboys. Nurses of the army and women of the Red Cross experienced the worst side of the war—the care of wounded, the comforting of the dying. Many of these brave women lost their lives in these heroic labors.

Hundreds of American young women faced the dangers of the submarine to go to the front. They served as clerks, as telephone operators and as comforters of the sick and wounded. It requires courage to make this journey of thousands of miles overseas where German submarines lurked always ready to kill man, woman or child.

In the rearmost lines of defense—in the shops and factories and fields—women did their share to win the war. No work was too hard to frighten them. They made shell, they built airplanes, they drove engines, they operated ponderous machinery, they tilled the fields. And in doing this they not only freed men of military service, but they took their places in the making of munitions and supplies for the army and navy.

Women wanted a chance to show that they were equal to the tasks the war imposed, and they received it. There were some who doubted the wisdom of reposing these heavy responsibilities on women, but the various departments of the government have not been disappointed. The administration afforded women opportunities to demonstrate their usefulness as units of the government and they met the test in every way.

In the big financial and industrial problems which the administration had to solve in conducting the war, women gave notable assistance. Much of the credit for the success of the Liberty loans goes to women.

THIS KIND OF SPIRIT WON THE WAR.

The following letter has been received by the War Loan Organization at Richmond, Va., from Mr. A. W. Hall, manager of the Sykesville (Md.) Herald. Who could ask more?

"The Herald will go to the War Loan Organization without charge. Moreover, we invite you to use its columns in any way you see fit for the Victory Loan. It has freely given service and space for all war activities and will not stop now. Please accept the free copy."

The Kaiser Wrong Again.

(By Rev. Charles Stelzle.)

The Kaiser, in solitude in Holland, said to an interviewer that he cared nothing whatever for the opinions of men—he was responsible to God alone.

This is a half-truth which is largely responsible for the Kaiser's downfall.

God Himself cares for the good opinions of men—if the Bible is true.

He sent Jesus into the world to win men to Himself. And this was the mission of many of the prophets of old.

It would be easy to quote the Scripture on this point. God yearns for His children even more tenderly than earthly parents do.

And if the Kaiser had the faintest glimmering of the spirit of the Almighty he would quietly think through the famous words found in both the old and the new testaments.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength, and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thy self."

And no man can say that he loves God with all his heart unless he also loves his neighbor.

The Kaiser can't afford to be indifferent to the opinions of men, because if he is, he deliberately makes himself superior to God.

Nor can any of the rest of us "shut ourselves up to God" and thereby shut ourselves out from our neighbor.

If any man does not love his neighbor whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he hasn't seen?

The Kaiser might better go back and study his lesson again. He hasn't even got it letter-perfect—to say nothing about its spirit.

DALE BLAIR.

Dale Blair, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blair, was born in Watauga County, North Carolina, April 4, 1901, and died at his home in Elizabethton, Tennessee, September 13, 1918. He professed faith in Christ at Willowdale Baptist Church in Watauga County, and joined the Church at that place, and was baptised September 20, 1916.

The writer knew this young man as he grew to manhood in the home, the Sunday School and the School, and states unhesitatingly that he never knew him to engage in anything low or debasing. He was open, frank, always meeting you with his face toward you and head up. I never could understand why a young man so full of promise and hope should be cut off just as he begins his useful career in the world. He often impressed me with having more discretion than ordinary boys do of his age. A splendid young man is gone from this earth, and the world will be poorer by it.

JOHN E. BROWN.

Watauga Falls Items.

Mr. Will Ward has been thinking about leaving us, but on account of not being able to find a suitable place, he has decided to remain with us. Sorry Mr. Ward could not find a place to his liking, but the community needs Mr. Ward, and if he should leave we would miss him very much.

Mr. W. M. James has moved to Shull's Mills, where he has accepted a job with Mr. G. W. Robbins. We hope Mr. James will be satisfied in his new home.

Mr. Omar Baird has received his discharge from the Navy and is now in the community. Mr. Baird's father died while he was away, and he is now making his home with his grandmother.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

1,000 cavalry horses have been purchased by the Mexican federal army, from the United States army post at Fort Bliss.

It has been announced from Paris that a De Havilland airplane recently flew from London to Paris, 250 miles, in 80 minutes, making a new air record.

Two hundred Germans have been arrested in Barcelona and Seville. They are charged with participating in the riots in those cities.

The Ukrainians continue to bombard the city of Lemburg with guns of heavy calibre, causing casualties and damage to property. Elsewhere on the front in eastern Galicia the situation is unchanged.

A dispatch of April 3, from Rome stated that the National Olympic committee has decided to accept the offer of the city of Antwerp, Belgium, and hold the Olympic games there in the year 1920.

According to a dispatch from Sofia, the Bulgarian communists are preparing for a revolt against the government. Hungarian communists agents are at work in Sofia, preparing for common action with the Bulgarians.

900 stevedores handling freight on the railway administration controlled wharves and ships, went on a strike last Thursday. Coastwise shipping is almost completely tied up, but bunkering and foreign shipping will not be interrupted.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Dickman, and Major John W. Butts, were killed last Thursday at Southern field, near Americus, Ga., when the aeroplane in which they were flying plunged 200 ft. to the ground. Lieut.-Col. Dickman was a son of Major General Dickman, commanding the third American army on the Rhine.

Major-General Charlet T. Menoher, who commanded the Rainbow division at the front, has been designated by the secretary of war as head of the army aerial activities of the United States his title being director of the air service.

The First National Bank of Ansted, W. Va., 70 miles east of Huntington, was robbed of \$50,000 in cash and war saving stamps early Thursday morning. The locks were blown from the doors of the vault and the loot taken from the outer chamber. The inner chamber contained \$250,000 in currency, but could not be penetrated.

Gus Chandler, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chandler, of Yancey, was burned to death in a livery stable in Asheville, N. C. last Thursday morning. The fire was caused by an employee of the stable who attempted to kindle a fire with gasoline in a small room in which he and the boy stayed. He ran down stairs to call the fire department and forgot the lad, who was asleep. The room was enveloped in flames before the lad could be rescued.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of J. H. F. Church, dec'd. late of Watauga County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at her home at Valls Crucis, N. C. on or before the 13th day of March 1920, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 13th day of March 1919.

M. A. CHURCH,
Adm'rx. of J. H. F. Church, dec'd.
J. H. BINGHAM, Attorney.

APRIL.

When April comes the welkin hums with cries of human gladness; the Winter's past and spring at last has come to can our sadness. The birds return with songs to burn, and frolic in the maples, the farmer sows his oats in rows, and hay and other staples. When blizzards whoop around the coop it's hard to keep on smiling; but April days soothe weary jays, with zephyrs most beguiling. We're tired and worn ere to his bourne old winter has departed; his snow and sleet have chilled our feet and left us broken hearted. Despair he springs but April brings a salve for all our bruises. The wintry blast is queered at last, and all the world enthuses. The ancient guy of bleary eye forgets his many winters, and hops along with laugh and song, a caution to all sprinters. The man of aches whose groaning makes a discord of existence, forgets disease and laps the breeze that comes from some blue distance. The chronic grouch forsakes his couch without a beef or bellow, and throws his hat and kicks the cat and seems as sprightly fellow. Oh, April ends our woe, my friends, the woe that winter bringeth; the smiling gent knows sweet content and like a dinger dingeth.—Walt Mason in News and Observer.

New Law Requires Examination of Men Wanting License.

A law enacted by the last general assembly makes it practically impossible for those affected with so-called social disease to secure marriage license in North Carolina. Every register of deeds in the State will be expected to demand that a physician's certificate as to the physical fitness of the man accompany every application for a license.

Before a man may obtain a license he must undergo a physical examination by a reputable physician. It will be a violation of the law for a register of deeds to grant a license to a man who does not present a physician's certificate.

Under the law such a requirement is not made of the women.

WHAT'S THE REASON?

MANY BOONE PEOPLE IN POOR HEALTH WITHOUT KNOWING THE CAUSE.

There are scores of people who drag out a miserable existence without realizing the cause of their suffering. Day after day they are racked with backache and headache; suffer from nervousness, dizziness, weakness, languor and depression. Perhaps the kidneys have fallen behind in their work of filtering the blood and that may be the root of the trouble. Look to your kidneys—assist them in their work—give them the help they need. You can use no more highly recommended remedy than Doan's Kidney Pills.

Below is a grateful testimony from a sufferer in this locality:

N. G. Deal, wood worker, Hickory, N. C., says: "I suffered a lot from kidney trouble. My back was lame and sore and I had to stop work. At night I was restless and sometimes had to walk the floor. Doan's Kidney Pills gave me prompt relief, removing the pain in my back and making me feel better in every way."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Deal had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs. Buffalo, N. Y.



Sale of Land for Taxes.

By virtue of the power vested in me as Ex-Sheriff of Watauga County, I will offer for sale at the court house door in Boone, N. C. on Monday, May 5, 1919, the following lands for taxes:

BOONE TOWNSHIP	
F M Blair, 4 acres	\$2.50
W L Boatright, 15 acres	1.90
T L Cook, 35 acres	2.92
E H Cook, 35 acres	3.10
J B Call, one town lot	1.05
Ben E Caudill, 31 acres	2.86
D L Greene, 30 acres, 1917 & 1918	10.50
J M Greene, 100 acres	5.50
W W Holsclaw, 42 acres	17.50
E C Hodges, 57 acres '16, '17 & '18	24.49
M P & N E Moretz, 2 town lots	1.19
Mary Miller heirs, mineral and timber	1.30
McCombs brothers, 100 acres	4.90
J Frank Norris, town lot	10.20
W C Norris, two town lots	.94
John Plitts, 51 acres	1.60
J R Ray, one town lot	1.40
Elijah Reed 35 acres	2.62
J F Roark, one town lot	2.62
Miles Winebarger, 2 acres	1.90
Joseph H Winkler, 130 acres	18.70
NORTH FORK TOWNSHIP	
J O J Potter, 58 acres	5.80
C S Potter, 251 acres	11.79
STONEY FORK TOWNSHIP	
Mrs Anna Ballou, 23 acres	2.60
J W Hendrix, 40 acres	4.53
W E Johnson, 40 acres	2.22
Wm A Watson, 109 acres	6.83
C H Watson, 25 acres	8.53
M L Younce, 35 acres	6.72
MEAT CAMP TOWNSHIP	
G W Adams, 11 3-4 acres	5.14
Sarah C Bryan, 25 acres	1.79
D M Coffey, 75 acres	2.63
Dugger & Proffitt heirs, mineral	1.41
R F Tate, 28 acres	1.76
L C Wilson, 78 1-2 acres	4.86
W L Woodring heirs, 39 acres	1.63
WATAUGA	
S C Aldridge, 215 acres	23.50
H A Dobbin, 80 acres	3.74
Eugene Eggers, 18 acres	7.80
G C Eggers, 20 acres	6.08
W A Greene, 18 acres	1.89
R R Jester, 32 acres	11.59
Mrs Mattie Phipps, 135 acres	14.37
Smith Proffitt, 10 acres	5.97
J C Seagle, 20 acres	1.74
Joe Townsend, 65 acres	7.83
W H Wagner, 94 acres	33.85
D H Wright, 38 acres	5.50
SHA WNEEHA W	
Mrs S E Townsend, 14 acres	2.50
Mrs S E Townsend, 10 acres	.94
Christina Ward, 45 acres	5.10
J W Ward, 86 acres	15.52
McKinley Ward, 11 acres	4.97
J B Baird, 30 acres	4.83
B H Brothill, 192 acres	14.98
Mrs R C Church, 43 acres	4.21
H A Dobbin, 170 acres	24.70
J L Davis 1 1-2 acres	4.11
J M McGuire, 5 acres	4.28
J T McGuire, 12 acres	4.77
John Seagle, 33 acres	2.14
J B Shook, 40 acres	4.75
J D Shook, 228 acres	25.50
Wilson Townsend, 17 acres	4.50
BALD MOUNTAIN	
H A Dobbin, 303 acres	21.60
Fred Parsons, 8 acres	1.05
Wade Parsons, 9 acres	1.05
Miles Winebarger, 20 acres	1.56
LAUREL CREEK	
Mrs E C Stansberry, 10 acres	5.93
W G Trivett, 182 acres	19.21
C D Ward, 20 acres	6.28
Roby L Ward, 31 acres	21.92
J C Baird, 166 acres	15.87
W M Harman, 52 acres	2.24
J W Harman, 146 acres	15.77
M F Keller, 25 acres	6.29
Miss Jane Keller, 50 acres	2.72
John Keller, 69 acres	6.65
Louisa Leventrop, 90 acres	9.87
Lydia McGuire, 17 acres	1.16
J C Mast, Jr, 123 acres	34.18
G H Rowe, 55 acres	8.30
W J Ray, 8 acres	7.43
COVE CREEK	
Mrs A E Church estate 1 1-4 acre	1.55
John F Grogan, 119 acres	28.29
Boone Isaacs, 25 1-2 acres	9.14
W G Johnson, 24 acres	9.54
Jeff & Frank Mathewson, 10 3-4 acres	5.93
G C Norris, 3 acres	7.00
Mrs M N Reese, 6 3-4 acres	1.65
Mrs D M Sherwood, 34 acres	4.79
W J Thomas, 13 acres	4.44
J P Wilkerson, 20 acres	9.78
BLOWING ROCK	
A S Abernethy, 35 acres	32.13
J T Ashley, 65 acres	5.49
Mrs B B Blackwelder, town lot	6.88
John Buff, one town lot	6.88
Thos Bryan, one town lot	1.18
Blowing Rock Hotel, town lot	34.90
Mrs J F Anderson, town lot	1.43
Mrs D M Ashley, one town lot	2.09
Mrs S M Clark, one town lot	6.35
taxes for '15, '16 and '17	4.03
B C Cannon, one town lot	14.95
Mrs J W Cannon, one town lot	3.55
Mrs J C Coulter, one town lot	3.55
Mrs M R Colt, one town lot	5.45
D J Craig, 7 town lots	12.10
N C Carden, one town lot	10.20
John F Cox, 4 town lots	10.58
J A Durham, one town lot	2.80
W S Edmisten, two town lots	7.65
Mrs C Emerson, one town lot	1.65
W H Edmisten, one town lot	1.65
J A Edmisten, one town lot	8.73
J M Foster, two town lots	3.75
Lucy Fitzhugh, one town lot	19.14
Mrs Minnie Foster, one town lot	2.07
Joe H Greene, one town lot	8.10
Mrs Lou Greene, 2 town lots	8.10
Lum Greene, one town lot	1.42
Mattie Gwyne, one town lot	10.70
R W Gibbs, one town lot	10.20
G W Gage, two town lots	3.55
W J Hartley, one town lot	14.8
J Wesley Hartley, 14 acres	5.0
Willey Hartley, one town lot	1.14
Hayes & Martin, one town lot	5.31
Leona Henly estate, 133 acres	8.54
Mrs Jacob Klutz, 25 acres	8.54

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MUST MEET EVERY DEBT

The war will not be over until the United States Government has honorably met every commitment made in order to win the war.

GARTER GLASS,
Secretary of the Treasury.