

SWEDISH CABINET IS INVOLVED IN THE GERMAN DECEPTION

The Department Service at Mexico City Also Handled the Messages

WHOLESALE EXPOSURE BUT NOT ALL OUT YET

German Agents Sent Messages From Mexico City as Well as From Buenos Aires Proves the State Department.

Washington, Sept. 14.—How Germans secret practice of using Sweden's diplomatic service for transmitting forbidden communications between German agents and the Berlin foreign office prevailed in Mexico as well as in Argentina is revealed in a document published by the State Department which passed between the celebrated Herr Von Eckhardt, German minister in Mexico, and the Chancellor.

As an added chapter to the story of the recently revealed intrigue in Argentina the disclosure gives a hint of the nature of the evidence in this government's possession of Germany's illegitimate use of neutral diplomats.

The full extent of this evidence may never be published but it is known to be complete and this government's action in making some of its public is not felt to be directed so much at Sweden as to wards further informing the world at large of German practices.

FOREIGN MINISTER IS GIVEN LEAVE

London, Sept. 14.—An official statement issued by the Swedish government today says that O. A. H. Ewerth, of the Swedish ministry of foreign affairs, has been given leave of absence from the foreign office and has placed himself at the disposal of the minister of justice with the object of assisting in special investigation into the Swedish Argentine revelation.

HEAVIER SALES ON LOCAL MARKET

The last two days have witnessed heavy sales on the local tobacco market, with all warehouses having good breaks. The selling has been completed, however, each day, although the sales continued until late in the afternoon. The prices are about the same—fluctuating around twenty-eight and twenty-nine cents—and the tobacco is holding up in quality. The movement of the weed to the local market is increasing daily and the bulk of the crop of this section is beginning to be marketed.

On the floors of the different warehouses this week, there have also been seen several baskets of tobacco with big red crosses thereon, indicating that the farmers are helping the cause of the Red Cross. The ladies of the local chapter are now soliciting among the farmers who sell their tobacco here and the campaign has been gratifying so far. The offers of the aid are giving several bundles each and in the end a goodly quantity is realized from this method of soliciting. It is estimated that the Red Cross has realized a neat sum each day from the sale of tobacco donated by the farmers, and it is expected that the movement will be a great success on the local market.

SEASON'S FIRST BALES SOLD HERE TODAY

The first bale of cotton to be sold in Rocky Mount this season was bought today by Griffin and Company. The bale of fleecy fibre sold at twenty and a quarter cents a pound and weighed 474 pounds, bringing \$95.98. The cotton was grown by Mr. Joel Daughtry, of this city, on his farm in Edgescapes county, several miles from town. The cotton was very good in grade and is the first bale of the 1917 season to be offered for sale on the local cotton market.

TODAY'S SESSION OF MUNICIPAL COURT

The following cases were disposed of at this morning's session of municipal court: P. R. Sears was charged with being drunk and down and was fined \$5. Rufus Joyner was charged with being drunk and disorder and was given thirty days on the roads. An appeal Nash county Superior court was under a bond of \$75.

AMERICAN SHIP WILMORE SUNK

Boat Was Armed and Carried a Big Cargo of Railway Supplies

DETAILS ARE LACKING

All the Members of the Crew Were Saved. The Boat Sailed From Philadelphia August 26th for a French Port.

London, Sept. 14.—The American ship Wilmore was sunk by a German submarine on September 12, according to an announcement made today by the British admiralty. All the members of the crew of the vessel were saved. Further details have not been received.

CARRIED CARGO RAILWAY SUPPLIES

New York, Sept. 14.—The Wilmore was a steamship of 5,300 tons gross register built in 1914 in Quincy, Mass., and was formerly known as the Atlantic. She sailed from Philadelphia, August 26th, with a cargo of coal, locomotives and crane oil for a French port. She was owned by a coal company of New York.

FOREIGN VESSELS IN COASTWISE TRADE

Washington, Sept. 14.—William L. Clark, of Seattle, secretary of the Pacific Fisheries Association, testifying yesterday before the House merchant marine committee in opposition to the administration bill to enable foreign registered vessels to enter the American coastwise trade, gave a list of upwards of 100 vessels which, he said, had been allowed to take coast for the Pacific coast between 1907 and 1917 without the usual penalty. He contended that the law is mandatory against foreign ships entering coastwise business, the government had permitted it and could do so now.

Mr. Clark also contended that congestion of freight in the East could be relieved if the tonnage going to Vladivostok by the Panama Canal and the Pacific coast were shipped by rail to the Pacific coast in cars moving westward empty.

BEANS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT CROPS

Washington, Sept. 14.—Beans take their place this year as one of the country's most important and valuable crops. Forecast of production in the five important bean growing states—Michigan, California, New York, Colorado, and New Mexico—announced by the Department of Agriculture today in a special report, 49,969,000 bushels compared with 58,640,000 bushels last year and 10,221,000 in 1915.

More than 1,500,000 acres were planted to beans in those states and the average farm price paid for them August 15 was \$7.21 a bushel compared with \$4.69 on that date last year. At the August 15 price the prospective crop was worth about \$145,000,000.

SEIZE PAPERS IN DEPOSIT VAULT

New York and Chicago Attorneys Busy in the King Case.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—Acting on a request from District Attorney Swan of New York, States Attorney Hoyne today sent detectives to open a safety deposit box which belonged to Mrs. Maud A. King to look for certain papers wanted by Mr. Swan.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 14.—An active demand for stocks caused a sharp return today and the low level reached and the selling movement of the last few days brought in buying orders in considerable volume. The strength of the industrials resulted in urgent inquiry from the shorts and the opening gains were extended rapidly. United States Steel opened at 107.34 to 108.14 a maximum gain of a point. Advances of 1 to 2 points were made in steel, coppers, general motors, Reading, Delaware and Hudson and Tobacco products.

EVERYTHING READY FOR GREAT OPENING OF FAIR OCTOBER 2

Fair Will Be Formally Opened at 11 A. M. By President W. E. Fenner

LARGEST ATTENDANCE EVER IS IN PROSPECT

Horse Races, Exhibits, Midway, and All Promise to Be Best Ever. Especial Attention Being Paid to Agricultural Exhibits.

The great Rocky Mount Fair will open on Tuesday, October 2, at 11 a. m. A monstrous parade of decorated automobiles will leave the city at ten thirty o'clock, and wind its way, with colors flying, on its mission to open the greatest fair ever held in this city.

The procession, after its arrival at the fair grounds, will drive slowly around the race course, and be reviewed by special judges. The finest and most artistically decorated machines will be awarded liberal prizes and it is expected that over a hundred automobiles will participate in this stupendous pageant. Immediately after the awarding of the prizes, the fair will be formally opened by President W. E. Fenner, as a giant American flag will be unfurled to the breeze, amid the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

The revival of interest in horse racing, which was so marked last fall, over the Eastern Carolina Fair circuit, has been augmented by the summer matinee races held in Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Kinston, Tarboro and Battleboro and is now at high tide. The stake races to be held at the Rocky Mount Fair have failed beyond the expectation of the fair officials. These four races will bring to Rocky Mount about fifty horses. There are seven open class races, which have attracted considerable interest among the horsemen, especially in the Ohio and Metropolitan circuits, and many have requested that stalls be reserved during fair week. The race track is being worked regularly and will be in as good condition as it is possible to get it by the opening day of the fair.

A force of workmen has been on the grounds for the past two weeks, painting and repairing the buildings, which has greatly improved their appearance.

The live stock exhibits will be among the best ever shown in the State. One exhibitor now has fourteen exhibition animals on hand awaiting the opening of the fair.

The Metropolitan shows, considered to be among the best on the road, will arrive an October first, and occupy several hundred feet along the midway. This company is noted for its refined, moral and instructive entertainments.

All indications point to an exceptionally large and varied number of agricultural products, due to the campaign waged during the summer months by the officials of the government for more and better production and conservation of food.

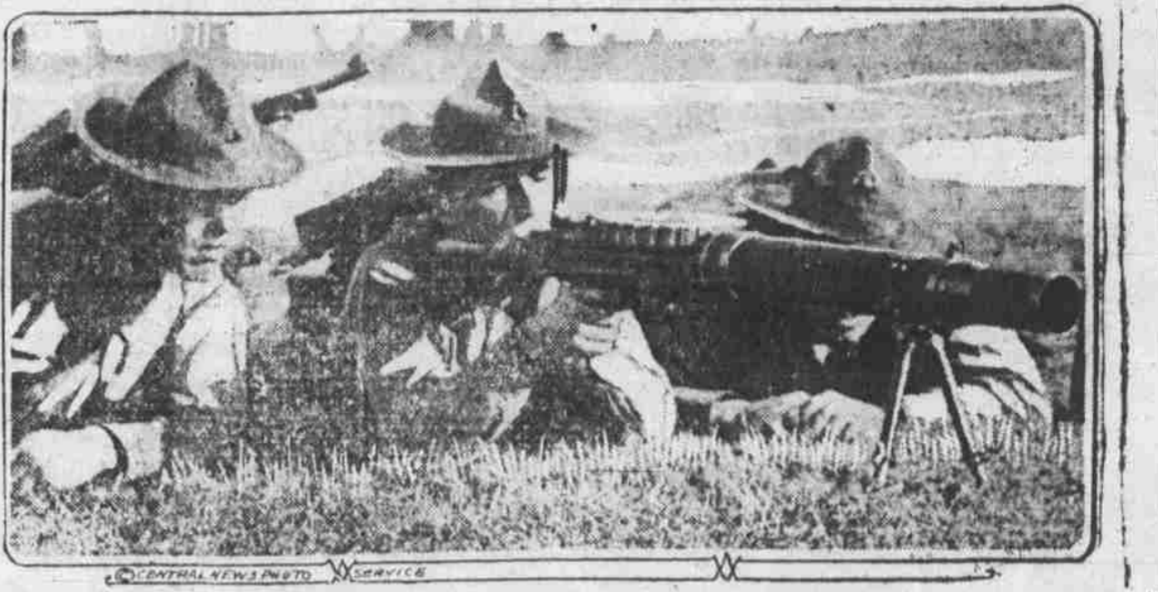
The canning exhibits will be especially interesting and instructive and will be in charge of persons familiar with every phase of this work, which has done so much toward conserving the food and assisting in winning the war for our country.

The agricultural fairs are receiving every encouragement from the various departments of the government, and it is hoped that the efforts being made by the management of the Rocky Mount fair to co-operate with and assist the government in production and conservation of our food supply will meet with hearty support of the citizens of Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax and Wilson counties.

Everything is now in readiness for the big opening, and great interest is being manifested throughout this section in the coming fair, which promises to be the most successful ever held here. Indications so far point to a record breaking attendance, and the fair officials have made arrangements to accommodate the largest crowds that ever attended a fair in this section of the State.

Besides the professional horse races, there will be two mule races, a running horse race, and a pony race for the children on "Children's Day," which is Friday. Prizes in the feature races, which are staged by local citizens, will be given by the Farmers Mutual Warehouse, Fenner's Warehouse, the Kentucky Horse and Mule Exchange and Mr. W. R. Griffin.

UNITED STATES NAVY ADOPTS THE LEWIS MACHINE GUN



Machine gun company "peppering the enemy" with Lewis gun. The Lewis machine gun, named by the allies the "Belgian rattler," has been adopted by the United States navy. The gun was subjected to exhaustive tests at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head, Md. It is an American invention; but was held to be of no use by the heads of the army ordnance department until after it had proved its worth on the battlefields of Europe.

ANONYMOUS WIRE TOLD OF DEATH

Sent From Asheville on Day That Mrs. King Was Killed

DAMAGING EVIDENCE

The District Attorney Is Seeking Details of Why Mrs. King Was Kept Out of Touch With Her Relatives.

New York, Sept. 14.—In the letter indicating futile efforts of Mrs. A. L. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Maud A. King mysteriously shot August 29th at Concord, N. C., to get into direct communication with her daughter about that time has been found here in the effects of Gaston B. Means, the dead woman's business agent it was announced today by District Attorney Swan, who is investigating the case here. The letter dates Asheville, N. C., August 28th, and apparently had been opened by Means he said, and never reached Mrs. King. It was registered and return receipt demanded having been addressed to Chicago and forwarded her, with reference in it to "Bud," a nick name for Means the letter read in part: "Why don't you write to mother direct and let me know where you are and who is with you? You surely must have some maid or woman companion. I know how timid you are and think and worry about your being alone. Ask Bud why he does not answer my wire! Destroy this and answer for yourself when you are alone."

This letter was regarded by district attorney as supporting other evidence that those about Mrs. King were keeping her carefully out of touch with her relatives. District Attorney Swan has in his possession it became known today a mysterious telegram received here today by a close friend of Mrs. King's, family from an unidentified person which started the investigation into the woman's death. It read: "Mrs. King, 1135 Park Avenue, died Concord, very peculiar circumstances, investigate." The prosecutor is now investigating to discover who was its author and what facts aroused the sender's suspicion. It was dated Asheville, the night of the shooting long before any suspicion as to the cause of the woman's death were publicly aroused. The district attorney has asked the authorities at Concord and Asheville to obtain handwriting samples of all persons who knew of Mrs. King's death at the time and to compare them with the original copy of the telegram. The original of the alleged second will of Mrs. King's husband James C. King millionaire lumberman has been found here, the district attorney announced. This is the document bequeathing \$2,000,000 additional to Mrs. King the authenticity of which is being investigated. Mr. Swan said that he will have been located in a safe deposit vault here and would be turned over to him.

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GIVES STRENGTH OF NATION'S FORCES

Washington, Sept. 14.—In the belief that he counts does not understand the strength of the American military and naval forces, Chairman Dent, of the House Military Committee, today submitted to the house for publication in the Congressional Record, a statement from the government records made at the request of the Committee on Public Information.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY REGAINING GROUND IN THE RIGA REGION

In the South the Italians Continue Their Efforts to Make Advance

GERMANS ATTACK IN THE AISNE REGION

The Russian Army in the Riga Region Regains a Part of the Ground Recently Yielded to the Germans in That Sector.

Convinced that General Korniloff's rebellion is definitely at an end, although the general himself has not formally surrendered the leaders at Petrograd are settling about the reconstruction of the government. Formation of a new cabinet is said to be well along towards completion.

The submission of so many of the leaders and troops who were following to General Korniloff apparently has left the leader of the revolt in a position of helplessness. He is said to have notified the government of his intentions of surrendering upon the arrival at his headquarters of General Alexioff who has become chief of staff under Premier Kerensky, now commander in chief of the Russian armies. One of Korniloff's chief supporters, General Kaladiev, chief of the Cossacks, is reported to have been arrested.

Meanwhile the Russian army at the front is active, particularly in the northern sector is displaying a fighting spirit and according to the official statement, is regaining some of the ground recently abandoned to the Germans in the Riga region. Several villages have been occupied probably in an effort to consolidate the Russian positions and organize a line that would be cohesive in the instance of an attack.

Activity on the other battle fronts except the Austrian, Italian fronts where Galicia is still fighting determination for Monte San Gabriele is not notable. The Germans are apparently more demonstrative in the Aisne front in the French front than elsewhere, and Paris today reports an attack last night on French positions on the Casemates plateau. This was repulsed in hand to hand fighting.

ACQUITTED TODAY CHARGE OF ABUSE

Durham, N. C., Sept. 14.—Edward Oldham, a white man of West Durham, was acquitted this morning of the charge of cursing the President of the United States and Federal government, and using words against the government that was intended to thwart the draft law. He was tried before United States Commissioner Hugh Searlette.

SIEZE SHIPS IN URUGUAY BAY

Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept. 14.—Uruguayan marines today boarded all the ships in the harbor here, the government having heard of plans to sink the vessels.

COTTON MARKET

There were overnight buying orders around the ring at the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were 8 points higher to 7 points lower, but the tone was barely steady and active months sold 17 to 20 points under last night's close shortly after the call.

NO ADVERTISING OF NEW LOAN

Sec. McAdoo Has No Plan for Paid Advertising, He Tells Committee.

Washington, Sept. 14.—Secretary McAdoo's statement to the Senate Finance committee on the war credit bills indicates that the paid newspaper advertising campaign for the next issue of Liberty Bonds advocated by publishers association will not be adopted. Limited newspaper advertising is possible Secretary McAdoo stated. He advises the committee that only one bond issue between now and the December session of congress is possible.

WANTED SWEDISH CHARGE DECORATED

Washington, Sept. 14.—Another chapter to the story of German intrigue in neutral countries and among neutral diplomats was revealed last night by Secretary Lansing in the form of a letter to the Imperial Chancellor from the notorious Von Eckhardt, the German minister at Mexico City, to whom the late Zimmermann note was addressed. It disclosed that Folke Cronholm, then Swedish charge in Mexico, was depended upon by the German diplomat to furnish information from the "hostile camp" and to transmit communications to Berlin, and that Von Eckhardt wanted him rewarded by a secret award from the Kaiser of the "order of the crown of the second class."

This letter was written on March 8, 1916, and apparently has been in the possession of the American government for a long time. It was made public without comment, shedding light upon the methods of another Swedish diplomatic representative in this hemisphere, at a time when the United States and her allies are awaiting with interest Sweden's explanation to Argentine of the conduct of her minister at Buenos Aires who transmitted the German "sink without leaving a trace" dispatches.

Baron Akerhelm, Swedish charge here, said last night, in response to a query that Cronholm was dismissed from the diplomatic service last January. He would not discuss the cause, but there was no intimation that it was in any way connected with Cronholm's relations with the Germans. Baron Akerhelm called at the State Department during yesterday to inform Secretary Lansing that he had received nothing from his government regarding the Argentine disclosures.

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Paris, Sept. 14.—Corporal Meeker, an American aviator was killed Tuesday in an airship accident due to his motor stalling, the Herald announces today.

Attached to the Lafayette flying squadron in France is William Henry Meeker, formerly of the Harvard-Crimson, who sailed from New York in France to join the aviation forces in May and whose arrival at Bordeaux was reported on May 31.

New York, Sept. 14.—Bar silver which to war conditions has been for several months advancing in price today sold at over \$1 an ounce.

RUSSIA REGAINS HER COMPOSURE AFTER THE REVOLUTION

Forces That Would Have Joined In the Revolt Now Condemn

BEGIN NOW THE NEW PROCESS COMPOSURE

Petrograd Has Entirely Recovered Its Calm and Railway Transportation is Resumed on Interrupted Lines.

Petrograd, Sept. 13.—(Delayed)—Although the revolt can be considered formally ended only after the announcement that General Korniloff, its leader, has actually surrendered the capital and country already shows signs of recovering their composure and attempting a new process of reconstruction. The provisional government actually is taking necessary measure to restore the interrupted economic and social life and although the fundamental difficulties inspired (by General Korniloff's venture remain, hopes are expressed that the cabinet which is now under reconstruction will in future show greater vigor and decision.

Last night the director of communications was able to announce that railroad communications had been restored on the Warsaw-Moscow-Windau and other interrupted lines and today resumed the transportation of freight.

Petrograd has entirely recovered its calm and a remarkable effect of the suppression of the revolt being that the panic rush from the capital caused by the fall of the Baltic port of Riga has ceased and the railroads have recovered their normal appearance. Elements in the provinces who certainly would have backed General Korniloff had he succeeded in his revolt are passing resolutions in support of the provisional government and in condemnation of the revolt.

RED CROSS IN NEED OF "HOME" NURSES

Washington, Sept. 14.—America's public health nurses have gone to war in such numbers that the Red Cross today announced a plan to recruit their ranks in this country to meet the urgent need for them in homes. A scholarship fund has been established through the Red Cross bureau of town and country nursing. Any graduate nurse who wishes to study for public health nursing work need only apply to the Red Cross.

The children's bureau of the department of labor has pointed out that unless the supply of public health nurses is kept up during the war the health of the country's children will be menaced. It recommended that public health nursing be officially recognized as war service.

That is virtually what the Red Cross has done. The public health nursing course for graduate nurses is one year. Several of the larger city chapters have volunteered to pay the expenses of graduate nurses who wish to take the one year course.

The special training required for this work includes the study of rural social problems, public health nursing, municipal health problems, foods and dietetics for social workers, sociology and work in connection with the care of dependent families. The work of the nurse includes not only bedside nursing at farm homes removed from the cities, but work in hygiene in connecting with country schools. Special attention is given also to the general welfare work among the farming communities and in towns under 25,000 population.

TARBORO SCHOOLS OPENED YESTERDAY

Tarboro Sept 14.—Yesterday was the day set for the opening of the public schools of Tarboro, and it is the duty of every parent who has children of the public school age, and children who have not completed the high school course, to have them enter the first day and remain until the school closes next spring. If you have not already had your children's eyes, throat, nose and ears inspected, then you should not postpone the matter another day, but look after that now. Every intelligent person knows that it is absolutely impossible for a child to do its best work if it has either of these organs impaired or in any way defective.