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### SENDING MESSAGES THROUGH MEXICO DATED FROM 1918

Dispatches Were Not All Confined Those From Von Eckhardt

SENT VIA STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Messages From the Berlin Foreign Office Also Were Sent Through Stockholm and the Swedish Legation at Mexico City.

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 27.—It is stated on good authority that an investigation here shows that the passage of messages in German code between the German legation and Berlin, by the Swedish legation and Stockholm, as revealed recently by Secretary of State Lansing, extended as far back as the early part of 1916. It is also stated that these messages were not confined to dispatches from Heinrich von Eckhardt, German minister to Mexico, but that they consisted in part of messages from the Berlin foreign office, which were transmitted through the Swedish legation to von Eckhardt and were answered by the same route.

### OPEN NEW CHURCH AT GREENVILLE SUNDAY

Greenville, N. C., Sept. 27.—The church of Greenville and the general public are cordially invited to attend the opening services of the Immanuel Baptist Church on Eighth Street, September 30, at 10 o'clock, P. M. The pastor, Dr. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, has kindly consented to speak at the Sunday School hour. The services at eleven o'clock will be conducted by Dr. W. L. Pickett, president of Wake Forest College, and in the evening at seven-thirty o'clock by Mr. W. Marshall Craig of Kingston. Several other ministers of the denomination will also be present.

The music will be particularly interesting and satisfying part of the day's program. Musicians of an unusual class and ability among whom is Miss Charlotte Rueger, the well known Belgian violinist, will furnish the music for the occasion.

### CLEMENT EN ROUTE TO GASTONIA

Gastonia, N. C., Sept. 27.—John T. Deating, of the office of District Attorney Swann, of New York, because of interrupted railway schedules, were unable to appear this morning before Superior Court Judge Webb and tell why he and his associates should not be held in contempt of court. It was expected that hearing would be held this afternoon. Solicitor Clement is expected to accompany Deating as counsel.

### J. H. BOYETTE GETS EIGHTEEN MONTHS

J. H. Boyette, charged with abandonment of his wife and five children, and who was arrested in Waxahatchie, Texas, several days ago, was given eighteen months in jail this morning, when he was arraigned before Judge Fountain to answer to the charges preferred against him. The sentence imposed on Boyette specifies that he can be hired out to the Edenton or Nash or Rocky Mount road districts at a wage of not less than twenty-five cents a day, with the provision that the proceeds of his labors go to the support of his wife and family.

Boyette is said to have abandoned his wife and children last May and it was not until recently that a clue that would lead to his arrest was found, being the direct result of the good work of Officer Bartholomew. From information secured, Boyette was located at Waxahatchie, Texas, and on order from local authorities, he was placed under arrest there. Chief O. P. Helgeseth left for the Texas town about a week ago and returned with Boyette yesterday.

It is understood that the local lodge of Odd Fellows has defrayed the expenses of having Boyette apprehended, as they were anxious to have him brought to justice.

Jesse Vann, a negro, was charged with violation of the traffic ordinance and was fined \$1.

### TO REVISE ROOT TAKAHIRA PACT

Tokio, Sept. 27.—The Nichi Nichi claims that Viscount Ishii, now in the United States, will seek to effect a revision of the Root-Takahira agreement, and some new convention or understanding concerning the Far East new of preventing any misadventure in the future.

### CAMPAIGN FOR CHEAPER FOODS

Its Object Will Be to Increase Demand Without Increasing Prices.

#### APPEAL TO DEALERS

Food Administration and Department of Agriculture to cut Prices of Cheap Palatable and Nourishing Foods.

Washington, Sept. 27.—A nation wide campaign to increase the demand for cheap, palatable and nourishing foods without at the same time causing a general price advance will be soon undertaken by the department of Agriculture and the food administration it was announced today. The efforts have been made before but corresponding inflation of prices has diverted the project of its advantages. A patriotic appeal to producers, middlemen and retailers is hoped to bring about a concerted movement to maintain reasonable price levels.

### PARTY IN HONOR OF MISS HAMPTON

On Saturday afternoon from 4:30 to 7:30 Miss Frances Hampton entertained a number of her friends and school mates in honor of her tenth birthday. The house was beautifully decorated in red flowers and potted plants and the dining room was a scene of loveliness where pink roses were used in profusion. The entire scheme was carried out in the refreshments, which consisted of nuts, cakes and candies. The center piece was an elegant birthday cake decorated with ten pink candles. Each little guest was presented with a tiny box of pink candy.

Those present were Miss Florence Matthews, Misses Betsy and Annie Mersey, Mary Helen and Emma Lee Walker, Marie Knight, Edna Hicks, Virginia Thorpe, Venetia Dove, Pauline Coghill, Mary Brewer, Katherine Utley, Sarah Wilkinson, Esther Sullivan, Masters Walter Holt Snell, Walter McEachern, Eugene Utley and Hugh Gordon Finch, Mrs. W. H. Snell, Mrs. H. R. Kinlaw and Mrs. A. E. Bartlett.

After enjoying many games dear to the hearts of the young folks, the little guests hid their charming little hostess goodbye, wishing her many more happy birthdays.

### GOING AFTER MEXICAN REBELS

Mexico City, Sept. 27.—Word has been received here from General Salvador Alvarado, in charge of military operations throughout Chiapas, Campeche, Yucatan and the states of the south that he would draw a close cordon of troops along the border between Chiapas and Guatemala in order to prevent any supplies or munitions reaching the rebels in Chiapas from Guatemala.

The country along the border is wild and not densely populated and it is said munitions have been smuggled into Mexico without the knowledge of the Guatemalan authorities. The presence of the strong cordon along the border also has served to quiet apprehension of Guatemalan activities along the frontier, fostered by German coffee planters.

### TO PROBE THE HEFLIN CHARGES

#### The Rules Committee Must Either Act or Matter Goes to the Floor of the House.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Congressional investigation of the charges of Representative Hefflin in connection with the \$50,000 von Bernstorff "slush fund" seemed certain today after Hefflin had appeared before the House Rules committee considering demands for action. Democratic leaders said that if the committee did not act by tomorrow the situation would be taken up in the House. The leaders of both parties are receiving such instant demands for immediate action that it seems it cannot long be delayed. Hefflin pleaded with the committee today to turn its investigation to how the von Bernstorff fund was used rather than to his speech concerning that thirteen or fourteen members of the two Houses had acted "suspiciously."

### MARINES TAKEN FROM COMMAND

American Training Camp in France, Sept. 27.—The American marines who have been with Major General Siber's command have now been withdrawn from it.

### STORM WARNINGS OF A HURRICANE

Relief Forces Are Started From New Orleans to Outposts

#### TO STRIKE TONIGHT

A West Indian Hurricane Is Moving in From the Coast Along Gulf of Mexico, According to the Weather Bureau.

New Orleans, Sept. 27.—Indications, that the local weather bureau officials expected the center of the tropical hurricane to pass inland from the Gulf of Mexico through New Orleans and vicinity sometime tonight or tomorrow were given as the official forecast for this district for tonight and Friday and also in urgent hurricane warning sent out about 10 o'clock this morning to exposed sections nearby. Boats were ordered out to the lowland sections south of here to move to places of safety, the inhabitants warned. Warning was sent to small towns nearby to be prepared for dangerous winds and a number of residents of exposed communities near New Orleans were reported on their way to this city for greater safety.

#### NOW LOCATED OFF THE COAST

Washington, Sept. 27.—The West Indian hurricane sweeping across the Gulf of Mexico was 150 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi river this morning, the weather bureau announced and is moving in a north-northwesterly direction. It is expected the storm will strike the American mainland between Pensacola, Fla., and the eastern tip of Cuba near New Orleans. No information as to its intensity has come, but storm warnings have been ordered for the coast.

### Wendell, in Wake County, is Stirred by Threats of Negro

#### WAS ENTERING HOME

Will McLean, Negro, Killed as He Was Entering the Home of Well to Do Wendell Citizen Early This Morning.

Wendell, N. C., Sept. 27.—Will McLean, a negro, was shot and killed here early this morning when he is said to have attempted to enter the home of a prominent citizen of this place. The negro is alleged to have made statements of his intentions of going to the residence and making an attack on the wife of the occupant. The husband, hearing noises about the house secreted himself in the rear of the dwelling and when the negro tried to gain entrance through a window the negro was shot.

### BICKETT NAMES MEN TO HEAD THE MILITIA

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 27.—Governor Bickett directed Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young yesterday to proceed with the immediate appointment of three men in each county in the State whose duty it shall be to select the men who will be asked to serve as members of the State militia companies that are to be formed for each county.

The men to be chosen are to "represent the intelligence, character and courage of the communities," as the governor expresses it. They must be "God-fearing, who strive to keep his commandments; men of fortitude, willing to face danger without complaint, quiet and careful of human life; but willing, when necessity demands, to shoot straight to protect the helpless and preserve peace and order."

Every man selected declines the honor," the governor directs, "it will not be thrust upon him, but unwillingness to serve will indicate that the committee made a mistake in selecting that man."

The governor directs in selecting the special advisory committees to choose the militiamen, those appointed who are themselves patriotic, unselfish and unafraid.

### ONLY ONE ITALIAN STEAMSHIP SUNK

Rome, Sept. 26.—(Delayed.)—One steamship of more than 1,500 tons and six sailing ships of less than 100 tons each were sunk last week by mines or submarines, according to the weekly report from the Italian admiralty. The steamer sunk was outside Italian territorial waters.

One steamship and one sailing vessel were damaged but were able to reach port.

### ADJUSTMENT BOARD TO SETTLE STRIKE

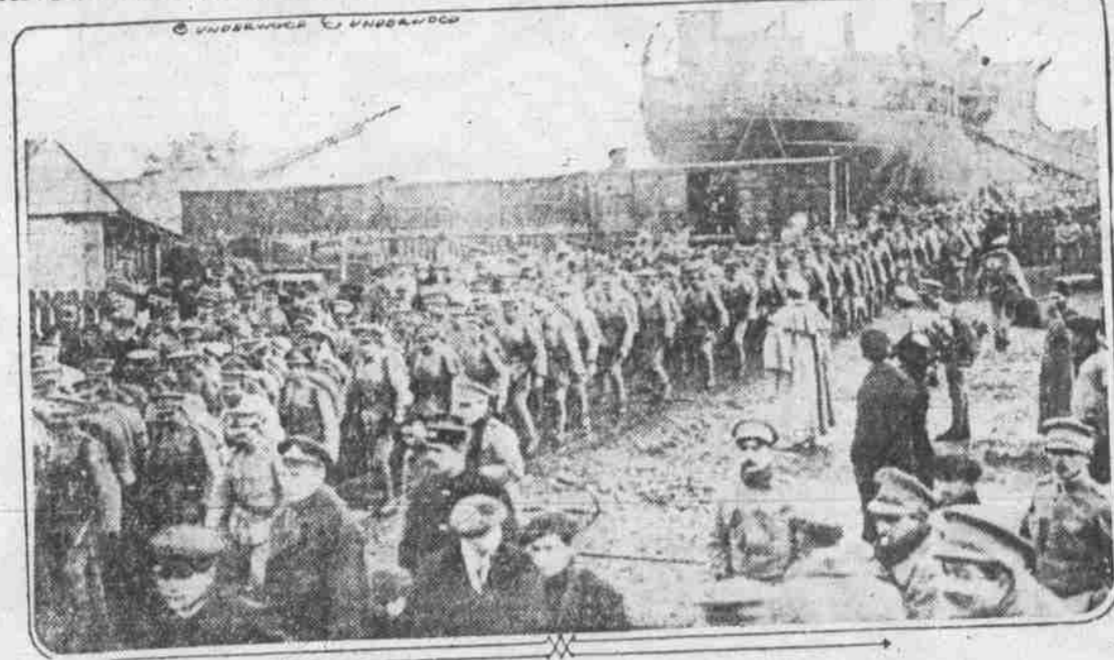
Washington, Sept. 27.—The Government shipbuilding labor adjustment board will leave next Wednesday for Seattle to take up at first hand the Pacific coast strike situation. The board will visit also Portland and San Francisco.

### STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 27.—Steels shippings and various equipments featured the initial dealings on the stock exchange today at average advances of a point, some of the more speculative war shares recording greater gains. These were counterbalanced by heaviness of General Electric, General Motors and Malting preferred. Trading was light but without any trace of yesterday's reactionary trend.

Mexico City, Sept. 27.—Bodies of "Home Guards" have been organized in Vera Cruz and other states to oppose bandit raids.

### ANOTHER POWER TAKES ACTIVE PART ON THE WESTERN FRONT



Portuguese expeditionary force arriving at Brest, France, to help fight the Germans. Eager to take part in banishing Prussian autocracy from the earth, Portugal has sent an expeditionary force into France, which has taken its place in the trenches. The Portuguese troops are here shown marching to their barracks after their arrival at Brest. This port has been offered to the United States for a naval base.

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### HAVE LEASED HOTEL AT GREENVILLE

Greenville, N. C., Sept. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hollingsworth, of Abbeville, S. C., have leased Hotel Bertha, of this city and will change the name to Princeton Hotel. They will run it on the European plan, and will open October 1st.

Mr. Hollingsworth has been connected with hotels in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida for the past 17 years, and it is predicted that he will make a success of his new enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth formerly conducted the Rocky Mount Hotel here. Their many friends in this city wish them success at Greenville.

### NEW YORK HONORS JAPANESE MISSION

New York, Sept. 27.—The flag of Japan took its place here today along side those of America's allies in the war in the already flag beset streets in honor of the visit to New York of the imperial mission from very busy days here.

### STRIKING MECHANICS RETURN TO WORK

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 27.—Industrial Manager Watts reports that all striking mechanics have returned to work in accordance with orders received this morning. Men automatically discharged by missing six months were allowed to go back.

### BENNETT LEADING MAYOR MITCHEL

Former Has a Lead of 94 Votes Over Gotham's Mayor in Republican Mayoralty Contest.

New York, Sept. 27.—William M. Bennett, gained sixty-five votes and Mayor Mitchell lost one, and the former took the lead in the contest for the Republican mayoralty nomination early today, when the investigation into the votes in the 17th assembly district were completed. Mr. Bennett is now 94 votes ahead.

### COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 27.—Reports of cold waves in the western belt and apprehension that the tropical storm might reach the middle gulf encouraged buyers in the cotton market today. The opening was steady at an advance of 13 to 33 points in consequence. October and January sold up about 21 to 30 points each higher.

New York, Sept. 27.—Cotton futures opened steady. October 24.27; December 23.65; January 23.65; March 23.75; May 23.82.

### PLAN TO FOSTER LABOR EMIGRANTS

England Plans to Encourage Labor From India to Other British Colonies.

London, Sept. 27.—A plan for encouraging the emigration of native laborers from India to British Guyana, Trinidad, Jamaica, and Fiji, announced by the British government, is expected to result in the permanent settlement of many thousand East Indians in each of these four colonies, three of which are close enough to the Atlantic seaboard of the United States to make the project of neighborly interest to the American people.

The object is to provide a fair substitute for the abolished system of indentured or contract East Indian labor. In some countries to which Indians used to go under the indenture system, their coming led, as it was bound to lead in the end, to serious trouble. They were white communities, which wanted the labor of the East Indian but did not want him as a settler.

It is claimed that there was and is no question of that kind in the case of the four Crown colonies selected as areas for the new settlement scheme. They each possess already large and prosperous Indian communities. Their industry is tropical and depends on Asiatic labor, which they have been accustomed to obtain from India without any sense of grievance on either side.

Laborers who enlist under the new plan will serve a probationary period of three years' employment in their new homeland, before being invited to become landowners. During this probationary period of employment under government supervision, they will be trained and fitted for the new conditions of life, at the same time affording the colony the benefit of their labor.

On first arrival the immigrant will undertake work for a period of six months under the selected employers. He will then be free to move from one employer to another at a month's notice, being encouraged to work for the ensuing two and a half years in agricultural industries by the offer of numerous benefits subsequently as a colonist. At no time will be the relation between him and his employer being exactly the same as that prevailing in the colony between any employer and employee.

For the protection of the immigrants, the government will decide who may or may not employ them.

A fair minimum wage will be fixed, and will be revised every five years on the basis of changes in the cost of living.

As soon as the worker has completed three years' employment, he will have the choice of returning to India or becoming a permanent settler. If he chooses the latter, land will be put at his disposal by the colonial government.

The emigration from India of whole families will be encouraged as far as possible, particularly families containing young, unmarried girls who may become in colonies, wives of other immigrants. Women unaccompanied by their families will not be assisted.

### URUGUAY HAS BIG DEMONSTRATION

The Greatest Demonstration Ever Seen is Spasmodic Outburst of Anti-German Feeling.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Ambassador Naon, of Argentina was an early caller at the State Department today but both he and officials there refused to discuss his visit. With the full revelation of German duplicity before it the next move of the Argentine government is being eagerly watched.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 25.—The greatest demonstration that Buenos Aires has ever seen took place today as the evidence of the almost unanimous feeling of the people against Germany. There were 200,000 marchers in line led by a commission of Uruguayan senators and representatives while thousands lined the thoroughfares as spectators. The populace threw flowers and tiny flags on the marchers and cheered the Uruguayan congressmen wildly for their presence gave evidence of the solidarity of Uruguay with the Argentine Republic.—All business was suspended. The demonstration was organized in twenty-four hours, indicating the unanimity of public opinion.

Mr. Orest G. Dnan, editor of the New Buenos Aires, was in the city.

### POU TO SPEAK AT BAILEY SUNDAY

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### FOUR I. W. W. TARRD AND FEATHERED

Stuttgart, Ark., Sept. 27.—Four white men, believed to be I. W. W. agents, were taken from the county jail yesterday by a mob of 150 farmers, who administered a whipping and applied tar and feather to each of the men. They were given their clothes and each started in a different direction with a warning not to return.

The men arrested yesterday on complaint of farmers that they were inciting laborers to cease work in the rice fields.

### FAMOUS CEMETERY GERMAN PROPERTY

Rome, Sept. 27.—War has drawn attention to the fact that the great Protestant Cemetery in Rome, where are buried many distinguished foreigners including the poets, Keats and Shelley, is the property of the German government, and the rentals for plots therein are still paid to German agents.

More than a century ago Prussia was the only non-Roman Catholic power represented at the Vatican. Therefore, it was Prussia which obtained the concession for a cemetery to be used for the bodies of those not of the Roman faith, and the property still remains in the hands of the German government.

Prominent foreigners here are now urging that the Italian government should take over the cemetery and place it under British protection.

### BIG ROUND UP OF ENEMY ALIENS

Plants at Enemy Direction Nipped in Bud

#### TROUBLE AT RICHMOND

The Germans and German Sympathizers Are Rounded up By Police and Secret Service Agents of the Government.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Alien enemies numbering approximately 200 rounded up in New York yesterday for violation of the President's proclamation requiring them to stay away from restricted areas probably will be turned over to the War Office for internment with other alien enemies in internment camps.

Each case, officials said, will be investigated and decided on its merits. Pending investigation of the individual cases, it was said today, the arrested men will be detained in jails or other institutions of detention in New York.

#### MANY GERMANS ARE DETAINED

New York, Sept. 27.—Plans to wreck machinery in munition working shops in America at the bidding of German agents in Europe, are believed by the police to have been defeated through the arrest of about 100 Germans and German sympathizers in raids which began here last night and continued today. This afternoon, the aliens, each guarded by detectives were placed in automobile vans at police headquarters and left for Ellis Island, where it was announced they will be interned probably for the duration of the war.

### VICTORY YESTERDAY BY BRITISH IS AS COMPLETE AS ANY

They Maintain Their New Line at a Depth of Half to Three Quarters Mile

#### NEW FIGHTING IN THE POLYGON WOOD TODAY

The French on the Aisne Front Last Night Had a German Offensive to Deal With, But Repulse the Attacks.

British Front in France and Belgium, Sept. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The British are maintaining their new line strongly. The new battle today was in the neighborhood of Cameron House, south of the eastern extremity of Polygon wood, where the Australians are pressing the Germans hard. The situation as a whole is virtually unchanged.

#### BRITISH VICTORY WAS COMPLETE

Yesterday's victory of the British in Flanders appeared to have been about as complete as any they have gained in this years operations. Today found themselves not only in another possession of the ground won on a six mile front from Tower Hamlets to St. Julian, but pressed the Germans hard after repulsing numerous counter attacks. It had taken hard battering nevertheless to maintain the gains of from half a mile to two thirds of a mile which they accomplished in Wednesday's drive. The Germans returned repeatedly to the attack yesterday afternoon and evening, assaulting the British with large forces. They were successfully met however, the British war office announced today and the fighting died down in the evening leaving Field Marshall Haig's forces in possession of their gains. The German losses throughout had been extremely heavy.

New fighting developed today south of Polygon wood the Australians there giving the hard pressed Germans no rest. On the British right heavy fighting continued for elevations southwest of Zonnebeke.

The French on the Aisne front had a German offensive movement to deal with last night. They met it successfully, repulsing it with heavy loss, the Crown Prince's troops who twice attacked French positions on the Chemaine Des Minims.

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