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GERMANY IS READY TO RECEIVE PEACE TERMS OF ALLIES

Political and Military Leaders Both Ready to Listen to Peace Overtures

SAYS HUN TERMS LAID-DOWN IN PAPAL NOTE

Chancellor von Hertling, in Reichstag, Says President Wilson's Speech Caused Continuation of War

London, July 12.—There is the closest union between the political leaders of Germany and German army commanders, regarding their readiness to receive peace proposals from the allies if they are offered in a spirit of sincerity. This statement was made in the Reichstag by Imperial Chancellor von Hertling, says the Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Copenhagen. The program of Germany's foreign policy, the chancellor adds, was laid down in Germany's reply to the Papal note and it would be adhered to.

That would be a righteous peace, and Germany has not and will not change her policy, however strong the ideas of destruction was expressed in speeches in allied countries. The recent address of President Wilson and Foreign Secretary Balfour, he continued, forced Germany to continue the struggle.

Admiral von Hantke, the new German foreign secretary, in succession to von Kuchemann, made a similar declaration to Count von Hertling, that he was willing in every way to follow the imperial chancellor's policy.

FORMER LOCAL BOY WOUNDED IN ACTION

News has been received in the city that Mr. J. D. Lambert, brother of Mrs. N. I. Menden, of Rocky Mount, and one of Uncle Sam's marines on the western front, has been wounded in action. Mr. Lambert was one of the basic line soldiers "over there" the last time word was received from him, and he had practically recovered from his slight injury. The news was received in a letter from Mr. Lambert to the city, and also stated that he expected to return to the front in an early date.

Mr. Lambert is well known to many in Rocky Mount. He was employed several years as a salesman with the firm of Alford and Harris. He was also prominent in a local athletic club, being a football and baseball player of note, and also had a reputation in other branches of athletics.

Shortly after the war began he enlisted in the marine corps, and has been in the front of the fighting for over two years. He has been on active duty in France for several months. The fact that he was only slightly wounded, and still is able to get an active part in the fighting, is the source of interest for the many friends here. The letter stated that he was wounded in action during the first part of June.

LIEUT. H. B. DARROW ARRIVES IN CITY

Lieutenant Herbert B. Darrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Darrow, has arrived in the city to spend a few days with his parents. Lieutenant Darrow is at present stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, where he has been the first sergeant of the 10th Infantry. He was assigned to duty at Norfolk when he was commissioned a lieutenant officer. Training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Savannah, last fall. He is a member of a continental of Uncle Sam's fighters who have the job of making the Mexicans on the border believe themselves.

SEVEN BILLION RUBLES DEMANDED

Germany Settles on Her Money Indemnity on Russia in Recent Treaty Made at Brest-Litovsk

Paris, July 12.—Germany's claim for indemnity against Russia amounts to the round sum of 7,000,000,000 rubles, according to a rumor printed in the Berlin Vossische Zeitung of the night done by the prize commission named to take in consideration of claims growing out of the conclusion of the Brest-Litovsk treaty. Immediate settlement of the claim is asked, it is stated.

STOCK MARKET

New York, July 12.—Shipping and specialties imported some degree of strength to the general list in the early dealings of today's stock market. Money preferred gained almost a point, while Atlantic Gulf and Sunbeam fell less than 2 points. Industrials showed respectable improvement under the aid of United States Steel and Crucible Steel and equipments were fractionally lower. Most of these gains were materially reversed during the last half hour. Liberty bonds were steady.

ALLIES CONTINUE TO GAIN IN NIGHT RAIDS

British Strike in Flanders Area, While French Bite Into Line on South

BOTH CLAIM GAINS

French Troops Capture the Village of Longpont, and Continue Progress North of Chavigny Farm

London, July 12.—Further raiding operations were carried out by British troops last night in the Flanders area near Marris and Melfren. The war of fire continued today. Prisoners were taken in patrol encounters in the Kemmel sector on this front.

French Capture Longpont. Paris, July 12.—The village of Longpont, has been captured by the French, says the official statement from the war office today.

The French also continued their progress north of Chavigny farm, east of Favrevillers, village farm, northeast of Favrevillers, also was occupied.

Constantinople Bombed. London, July 12.—An force contingent, acting with the British Navy, dropped a half ton of bombs upon the city of Constantinople on July 7. It was announced by the admiralty today.

CASUALTY LIST HAS THREE TAR HEELS

Three Lieutenants From North Carolina Killed in Action; Total Number Reported Today Is 52.

Washington, July 12.—The army casualty list today contained 52 names, headed as follows:

Killed in action, 3; died of wounds, 2; died of disease, 2; died of airplane accident, 2; died of accident and other causes, 1; wounded severely, 17; wounded slightly, 14; wounded, degree undetermined, 2; missing in action, 5.

The list includes the following North Carolinians: First John Cannon Paistes of Oshboro, killed in action; Lieutenants William D. Robinson of Raleigh and John L. W. Ward of Asheville, killed in airplane accidents.

Five American Planes Missing. Washington, July 12.—Five American airplanes which were on a bombing raid yesterday have failed to return, General Peeling's communication reported today. British reports say American airplanes in German hands yesterday.

VON HINDENBURG IS SAID TO BE ILL

Dutch Travelers From Germany Say Rumor Has Spread All Over Germany of His Illness

London, July 12.—A Dutch traveler from Germany, says a dispatch from the Hague to the Exchange Telegraph company, declares the rumor has spread all over Germany that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is ill and is unable to participate in the work at army headquarters. The military officials here have been requested to check on this.

General Hindenburg's condition was reported by the War office, says the official statement from the war office today.

Dr. Wm. B. Porter Now in England. News has been received by Mr. Porter that his wife is in England, says the official statement from the war office today.

TURKEY REPLIES TO UNITED STATES NOTE

True Facts of Tabriz Incident Have Not Been Ascertained, But Will Be Done at Early Date

Washington, July 12.—Turkey has answered the United States note of July 9, which demanded an investigation of the Tabriz incident, says the official statement from the war office today.

Mr. Porter is at present in Rocky Mount, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Porter of P. O. Box 1234.

WELL KNOWN LADY OF NASH IS DEAD

Mrs. Thomas Nash, 73, a well known lady of Nash county, died at her home at Nash, N. C., yesterday.

Mrs. Nash was born in Nash county, N. C., and was married to Mr. Thomas Nash of Nash county, N. C. She was a member of the Methodist church at Nash, N. C.

Her death was due to a long illness. She was a devoted wife and mother, and was well known in the community.

The funeral will be held at the home this afternoon, and burial will be in the family burying ground.

SALVAGING THE WRECKAGE OF WAR



French women sorting cast-off clothing in the sorting room of the American salvage department in the office of the quartermaster in France. Soldiers' clothing, which has seen its best days, is here made over and used again.

STATE WHEAT CROP IS BADLY DAMAGED

Hot Weather of May Caused Premature Ripening and Poor Filling

Raleigh, N. C., July 12.—The announcement of crop conditions by Frank Parker, Field Agent for North Carolina of the Federal Bureau of Crop Reporters shows that the wheat crop is seriously affected by the hot weather of May, causing premature ripening and poor filling. While the average was in excess of 40 per cent of the average yield, the quality was poor.

RELIEF WORKERS AT MORNING MEETING

Conference with Purpose and Effect of North Carolina in Wholesale

Charlotte, N. C., July 12.—The relief workers of North Carolina met this morning for a conference with the purpose of discussing the relief work in the state. The conference was held at the headquarters of the relief workers in Charlotte.

ENGLAND HAS 2,000,000 MEN ON WEST FRONT

Has Correspondent on British Front Says This Number Equal That on West Front in 1917.

London, July 12.—The British correspondent on the British front says that the number of British troops on the west front is equal to that in 1917. This is a significant increase from the previous year.

PAY ALLOTMENTS TO DEPENDENTS

Explanation as to How Allotments to Dependents Are Made

The War Office published today an explanation as to how allotments to dependents are made. It states that the allotment is based on the dependent's needs and the soldier's income.

ANNUAL DELIVERY BILL ONE MILLION

Elimination of Useless Deliveries Being Urged

Elimination of useless deliveries is being urged by the War Office. It is stated that the annual delivery bill is one million, and that many of these deliveries are unnecessary.

TRADE COMMISSION HITS DRUG DEALERS

Confirms With Purpose and Effect of North Carolina in Wholesale

The Trade Commission has issued a report that hits drug dealers. It states that the commission has found many instances of illegal trading in drugs.

REPORTS ARREST OF MIRBACH ASSAILANT

London, July 12.—One of the members of the German Embassy in London, Mirbach, was arrested on Thursday, according to a Moscow dispatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung, which is transmitted from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Only one man was on the footed this morning in a municipal court. H. M. Phillip was charged with operating a motor vehicle without the proper lights and was fined \$1.

SERIOUS MUTINY OF AUSTRIAN TROOPS

Garrison at Former Serbian Arsenal Breaks Into a Mutinous Riot

ARTILLERY WAS USED

Scarcity of Food Supplies Is Said to Have Caused the Mutiny Among Austrian Troops in Serbia

Belgrade, July 12.—A serious mutiny among the Austrian troops in one of the military districts of Serbia is announced by the Serbian press bureau here. A garrison at the former Serbian arsenal broke into rebellion because of food shortages, the statement declares, and many of the officers were killed.

The mutiny was suppressed after a battle in which machine guns and the artillery were brought into use.

WELL-KNOWN LOCAL CITIZEN IS DEAD

Mr. Dan Abram, One of Rocky Mount's Oldest Citizens, Died Here Yesterday Afternoon

The death of one of Rocky Mount's oldest citizens occurred yesterday afternoon, shortly after 4 o'clock, at Park View Hospital, when Mr. D. Abram passed away, at the age of 83 years. The news of Mr. Abram's death was received with sincere regret by his many friends in the city, and the sympathy of many goes out to the bereaved survivors.

Mr. Abram was one of the oldest and best known men in Rocky Mount. He was a native of Virginia and came to this city from Richmond. He served in the War Between the States, after which he made his home here, and entered into the mercantile business. Mr. Abram had been a resident of this city for nearly a half century. He continued in business for many years, and retired about ten years ago because of poor health.

He is survived by five children, his wife having been dead for many years. The children are: Mr. Harry Abram, of New York; Mr. Meyer Abram, of Norfolk; Mrs. Schultz, of Greenville, N. C.; and Misses Mattie and Flora Abram, of Rocky Mount.

Mr. Abram made a host of friends while in the city. By his splendid business methods, and affable and winning disposition, he rose to be one of the best known and most respected business men of Rocky Mount. He was always a friend to his fellowmen, and was identified with all improvements that had to do with the bettering of the community, and as a citizen he devoted his efforts toward the business growth of the city. Mr. Abram did his work well, and he is missed by a wide and fruitful circle of friends.

His funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Abram, 1234 Main street. The remains will be taken to Richmond, where the funeral services will be held. Interment will be in the cemetery at Richmond.

WILSON MAY VETO AGRICULTURAL BILL

Washington, July 12.—Members of Congress were informed today that President Wilson has begun drafting a message to Congress vetoing the \$25,000,000 agricultural appropriation bill, because of the provision providing for increasing to \$2.40 per bushel the government's minimum guarantee for wheat.

Although no attempt may be made by the members from wheat producing states to override the veto, it is generally believed the bill will be passed with an amendment to change the wheat price.

UNUSUAL COLD IS DAMAGING COFFEE

San Francisco, July 12.—Unusual cold and heavy work is reported from all parts of southern Brazil and the coffee production of the state of Sao Paulo has been damaged seriously. Early reports placed the loss at 600,000 quintals.

CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN RUSSIA REPORTED

London, July 12.—Owing to the grave shortage in food, cholera is on the increase in Petrograd and hundreds of persons are daily falling victims to it, says a Russian wireless dispatch received today.

MAXWELL NAMED ON CORPORATION COMM.

Raleigh, July 12.—Governor Bickett today appointed A. J. Maxwell, a member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, to succeed E. L. Travis, chairman of the commission, who resigned. Mr. Maxwell, who has been secretary of the commission for several years, is a native of Guilford county and formerly was editor of a Columbus county newspaper.

AMERICAN NAVAL LAUNCH IS SUNK

Washington, July 12.—An American naval launch, after aiding a French destroyer in towing a disabled American airplane to safety, was sunk by German shore batteries, losing two of her crew by drowning and two taken prisoner by the enemy.

Dead Sea lies 1292 feet below the surface of the Mediterranean, so that airplanes sailing 400 feet below the level are still at an altitude of 892 feet.