

# PEACE PARTY NOT YET OBLITERATED

Although Great Bulk of German People is Behind Chancellor.

Americans Just From That Empire Say There is No Danger of Serious Internal Trouble.

Bern, Switzerland, Feb. 17.—Via Radio.—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.)—Americans who have come to Switzerland from Germany since the break between Berlin and Washington assert that the German public today expects a solid front. Any danger of serious internal disturbances such as hinted in publications outside of Germany, is regarded as being as remote as it was many months ago. Nevertheless, the state of public opinion has become a pressing problem.

From these Americans, the following information has been obtained: The attitude of the German people became more of a problem when the break with America occurred, because the break followed so closely on the heels of the widespread peace talk, coming at a time when the yearning for cessation of hostilities had lately received such enormous impetus.

There exists in Germany a cynical, though not disloyal minority, which frankly believes the peace offer was not mad; in the expectation that peace could be brought about, but to sustain a large but only potentially dangerous stratum of the population which is tired of war. This action has been antagonized by the unrelenting and uncontrollable pan-German element which has clamored for the annexation of everything thus far conquered. Although unorganized, this stratum is very extensive. It has taken the attitude that the war and the cause thereof are none of its affair, and that annexation would be of doubtful value. This element longs with increasing anxiety for peace.

### Wish to End It All

The growing opinion that Germany cannot hope to obtain all that is desired by the extremists, and the passionate desire to have it all over with on any reasonable basis, have brought into being a more or less powerful peace party. The cynics argue that the Government, recognizing the existence of this faction, decided on a moderate peace offer, which, if accepted, would please the peace advocates, even though not entirely pleasing the pan-Germans; while if rejected, the result would be unification of the people.

Whether the cynics were right or wrong as to the Government's motives, the peace move brought about unification to a degree probably beyond the utmost hoped for. The German people today are united as at no other time since August, 1914. They have the utmost faith that the submarines will force England to her knees. They are permeated with the conviction that "unne trail" America has already done everything possible to injure Germany, that it is not to

be feared economically any more than heretofore and that in a military sense it does not count. The Germans are united in the belief that the Entente intends to dismember their Nation, and consequently are determined to fight with the utmost energy and with every weapon.

The peace party, however, is only submerged, not entirely obliterated, and the break with America has not removed any of the differences of opinion. The great bulk of the people, however, is still back of the Chancellor, and even under the new conditions would be perfectly satisfied with a solution on the basis of the status quo, caring little or nothing whether Germany obtains Belgium, Poland or Lithuania.

### Desire Honorable Peace.

An honorable and dignified peace is desired. As long as the Entente intends to impose terms regarded by the German people as equivalent to dismemberment, they will resist unflinchingly, but, the American observers say, that there would be the threat of a serious rift if an opportunity for a reasonable peace should present itself and not be accepted.

It is the estimate of conservative Germans, these Americans say, that the Government would have been unseated had the decision to resume unrestricted submarine warfare really represented a triumph for the pan-German element.

Attention is directed also by these Americans to another phase of the problems having to do with German public opinion which is presented by the relations with the Empire's Allies. Though Germany has heralded persistently the cordiality and indisputability of these relations, it has been an open secret for a long time that Austria, in particular, is bitterly jealous of Germany on the one hand, and that Germany has had to exercise strong influence at times to keep the Dual Monarchy in line. Austrians had never felt the great need that Germany has experienced almost from the beginning, and has never acquiesced graciously in measures prescribed by Germany as absolutely essential.

### NEW CORPORATIONS CHARTERED YESTERDAY

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Feb. 17.—New corporations were chartered today as follows: The Gazette Publishing Co., of Leakeville, Rockingham County, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by M. E. Murray, E. E. Emerson, G. C. Gammon and F. M. Flinn, for the publication of The Leakeville Gazette and a general printing business.

The Walker Pharmacy, Inc., of Andrews, Cherokee County, capital \$25,000 authorized and \$2,500 subscribed by R. H. Wright, J. B. Walker, W. B. Walker, and C. H. Jarrett. The Southern Motors Corporation, Charlotte, capital \$125,000 authorized and \$300 subscribed by Frank Panfield, R. L. Little and W. L. Nicholson for a general automobile sales garage business.

The Ed White Motor Company, of Statesville, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed by E. G. White, R. V. Brawley, and Lawson Thompson.

### CONTRACT FOR SHIPS.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Announcement was made today that the Cunard Line had let to the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company at Seattle the contract for six steel freight steamships at a figure in excess of \$6,000,000.

## IMMENSE INCREASE TO NAVAL BILL TACKLED ON BY SENATE COMMITTEE

Appropriation Increase of \$163,000,000 Will Be Recommended—Would Speed Up Work on Vessels.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Carrying about \$531,000,000, an increase of \$163,000,000 over the total as it passed the House, the annual naval appropriation bill was completed by a sub-committee of the Senate Naval Committee, and will be taken up by the full membership probably Monday.

The principal increase was an appropriation of \$150,000,000 for speeding up work on naval vessels already authorized, which had been rejected in the House on a point of order. Other important increases include \$600,000 for batteries for merchant auxiliaries, and \$450,000 for ammunition for such auxiliaries, and \$3,000,000 for reserve material for the navy. The building authorizations and emergency administration provisions of the House bill are retained.

### PORTO RICAN WOMEN WILL BE GIVEN VOTE

If Amendment to Citizenship Bill Before Senate Is Enacted Into Law.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In the opinion of many Senators, an amendment to the Porto Rican citizenship bill tentatively agreed to by the Senate today would give women of the island, who become citizens of the United States, the right to vote.

As accepted, the provision would define qualified voters in the island as citizens of the United States, 21 years of age or over, who exercise the right of suffrage at the first election, or who can qualify thereafter by demonstrating that they are able to read and write Spanish or English. There is no reference to sex, and during the discussion woman suffrage possibilities were not mentioned. Senators Poindexter, Norris and others who aided in perfecting the amendment, said afterward, however, that it would give women who otherwise qualify, the right to vote.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN WINS NINTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

Special to The Observer. Kings Mountain, Feb. 17.—Forest City High School was defeated on the local court this afternoon by the Kings Mountain High, 56 to 2. This was the ninth straight victory for the local team without a defeat this season.

The Kings Mountain team in the nine games played has scored 354 points to their opponents' 92. The preliminary season closes with today's game with the State championship series opening Monday.

The Kings Mountain team has entered its name as contenders for the State championship. The games in the State contest will be arranged by the University authorities.

## QUICK WORK OF MOTORMAN SAVED LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE

Piedmont and Northern Train Running 20 Miles an Hour Was Stopped Within 28 Feet. Special to The Observer. Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 17.—Pauline Springfield, a 12-year-old girl of this city, was saved from being run over by the Piedmont & Northern Railway train yesterday, when her foot became caught in a switch of the track and she was unable to get off the track before an oncoming train, by the efforts of Wayne Clements, a motorman on the car. The little girl was walking the

track when the approaching train sounded its whistle. She immediately stepped off the track, but in the act of stepping off her foot was caught in the switch, and she could not get it loose. The motorman saw her trying to extricate herself and when only about a rail's distance from her he applied the emergency brake and reversed the current, bringing the car to a standstill. When the car stopped the pilot had already passed over her feet, but there was no harm done other than a sprain due to her exertions in trying to extricate herself from the switch. The car was running at a rate of over 20 miles an hour and was brought to a stop in less than 25 feet. The passengers and crew were shaken by the sudden stop, but otherwise no damage was done.

## EVERGLADES MAY NOW BE REACHED BY AUTO.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.—Florida's famous Everglades, formerly impassable jungle in the southern part of the State, are to be brought to the door of the tourist by as fine an auto road as any in America. The "Tamiami trail" will cross the swamps from Tampa, on the Gulf Coast, to Miami, on the Atlantic, and will be completed in 1918 at a cost of \$1,000,000. From Marco to Miami, 83 miles, the highway will cross a vast morass with only 25 inhabitants—and those Indians.

## SUBMARINE NET PLACED.

New York, Feb. 17.—A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile submarines and other war craft in the event of war was put in place at the entrance of the harbor today.

## Indiana Callisthenics.

(From The Terre Haute Tribune.) The Terre Haute woman rounds out her arms by rusting chairs, moving rugs and brushing down the stairs and sweeping floors. She gives herself a finer carriage and a staidier gait by carrying wood and coal to the domestic hearth.

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Mr. Frank Lampey, Box 66, Bristol, New Hampshire, writes: "I would like to say a good word for your Peruna. I took a very sudden cold that settled in my throat and lungs, and I was so hoarse I could hardly speak aloud. I took one teaspoonful every hour for twelve hours, and in twenty-four hours my cold was about all gone. It is the best medicine for a cold that I have ever used. I used to have terrible pains in my bowels after eating, and sometimes did not get over this pain for two or three hours. I have not had any pain after eating now, and can eat anything. Peruna has done the job."

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