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Third Note To Germany

Statement By the United States Goes Forward—Germany's Further Refusal to Comply With U. S. Demands Be Considered "Unfriendly"—No Threats Made But Warning in Emphatic Terms of the Position Taken by the United States Given.

Washington Dispatch, 21.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred at the White House to-night completed the new note to Germany warning her that the situation of a disaster such as was visited upon the Lusitania and other violations of American rights on the high seas resulting in loss of American lives will be regarded as "unfriendly." It will be despatched to-day.

The note is in the nature of a final warning by the United States of the interpretation that would be placed by this Government on future aggressions of American rights and that the American Government will leave nothing undone to bring about the position it has previously declared.

Among the points in the new note

The assumption by the United States that Germany by declaring her marine warfare to be a retaliatory measure against the alleged unlawful acts of her enemies, has admitted that destruction of unresisting merchantment without warning is illegal. German submarine commanders who have proven that they can sink the passengers and crews of vessels and can act in conformity with laws of humanity in making war on enemy ships.

The United States cannot allow relations between the belligerents to operate in any way as an abbreviation of the rights of neutrals and before any violation of the principles for which the American Government contends, resulting in a loss of American lives will be viewed as unfriendly.

The representations which the American Government has made in previous notes for disavowal of the intention to sink the Lusitania with German aboard and the request for reparation are reiterated with renewed insistence.

The American Government condemns the unusual and abnormal conditions which the present conflict has created in the conduct of maritime war and is willing to act as an intermediary as between the belligerents to arrange a modus vivendi or other temporary arrangements which do not involve a surrender by the United States of its rights.

The proposals made by Germany to give immunity to American ships not carrying contraband and to belligerent ships under the American flag, are rejected with the emphatic assertion that to accept such a suggestion would be to admit Germany's right to set aside the principles in international law which neutrals may travel anywhere on the high seas on unresisting vessels of any nationality even if carrying contraband.

The note is about 1,200 words long. It nowhere in it is there any intimation of the course which the United States will pursue in the event of another disaster similar to the Lusitania tragedy, there are emphatic statements throughout the communication pointing out that the violation of the principles involved has been virtually concluded and that the conduct of German submarine commanders will determine the responsibility for the continuance of friendly relations between the two countries.

The statement that future transactions will be regarded as "un-

BRITAIN PLANS TO CONDEMN RATHER THAN BUY COTTON.

Ruling Announces That Shipments of American Cotton Held Up by England Will be Condemned by Prize Court.

London Dispatch, 20th.

A large part of the shipments of American cotton held up by England probably will be condemned by the prize court. This was indicated by a ruling made to-day by the government.

The ruling was announced by the board of trade, which holds that the ownership of cotton shipped under the agreement with American exporters passes from the American shipper to an enemy of Great Britain it will not be purchased by the British government under the terms of the agreement.

Premier Asquith touched on the cotton question during the debate in the House of Commons to-day on the new vote of credit.

"The government is not without hope," he said, "that we shall obtain without much more delay a more satisfactory and more adequate solution of the various difficulties surrounding the cotton question than has yet been possible. We have to be very careful in the exercise of our belligerent rights not unduly to infringe on the trading interests and legitimate susceptibilities of neutral powers with which we are on terms of perfect amity and with which we do not desire to provoke anything in the nature of an unnecessarily gratuitous quarrel."

The premier added that no subject was receiving more watchful and anxious attention from the government but it was a delicate and difficult matter.

STATE'S BIG WHEAT CROP.

Yield on State Farm Will Exceed 25,000 Bushels.

Mr. W. T. Bost, correspondent to the Greensboro News, writing to his paper from Raleigh on the 20th says: North Carolina prison wheat crop now being threshed is half finished and Superintendent J. S. Mann believes the yield will be 25,000 bushels with inclinations to exceed that amount.

The State sowed 1,500 acres and the average will be well above 15 bushels to the acre. Some of the land has produced 30 bushels and the worst does not appear to have fallen under 15. The crop is so enormous that saving it after it was grown has been a great job. It will take more than another week to complete the threshing.

Death of Mr. Marvin Hauss.

After an illness extending over three and one-half years Mr. Marvin Hauss died Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hauss, near Connelly Springs. The funeral and burial took place at Big Hill church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The parents, two brothers, and five sisters survive. Deceased was 27 years of age, a young man who had many friends and lived an exemplary life. He was a nephew of Mr. Frank Kistler, of Morganton, who with Mrs. Kistler attended the funeral.

"friendly" is taken in diplomatic usage to presage a break in friendly relations unless reparation and disavowal is forthcoming. President Wilson, it is understood, has considered fully and at length the construction which may be placed on the implication of the note and is prepared to deal with any new situation that may arise. He is hopeful and confident, however, it is said, that Germany having already modified to a great extent the practice of her submarine commanders, will now take such precautions as seem necessary to prevent any action that would endanger friendly relations with the United States.

From 6 o'clock this morning until late to-night the President with the exception of a few hours spent in recreation, was at work on a copy of the note. Secretary Lansing, who had drafted it, worked on the original and took it to the President to-night with several changes. The President agreed with Mr. Lansing's suggestions and to-morrow the document will be finally revised in phraseology before starting on its way to Berlin.

Warsaw Is Doomed

Germans Advancing Rapidly on Polish Capital—Only a Miracle Can Save City Now—Russians Have Turned and Are Fighting Desperately to Stem Teuton Tide.

A London dispatch of the 21st says that a series of great battles, the result of which will seal the fate of Warsaw are being fought to the north, west and south of that city. Having successfully retired to positions on the rivers and being well flanked by fortresses, the Russians have turned and are fighting desperately to stem the Austro-German onslaughts.

Austria announced officially Tuesday night the capture of Radom, 52 miles south of Warsaw. The acute peril to the Polish capital is accentuated by the Russian official statement also Tuesday, which says the German columns are within artillery range of Nowo Georgievsk, the key to Warsaw, and about 20 miles south of it.

Apparently, the Austro-Germans feel pretty certain of the outcome, for it is said that Emperor William, who is at Posen, has sent for the empress in order to make a state entry into the Polish capital when it falls.

Important Meeting To-Night.

A meeting of much importance will be held at the court house to-night (Thursday.) The business men of the town are requested to come out to hear Mr. W. J. Shuford, of Hickory, a pioneer in the creamery business, talk on the subject of the organization and value of a creamery. Also plans for a big picnic or barbecue to be given about the first of August will be discussed. These plans and the exact date will be announced later. The farmers of Burke will be asked to come to town that day for the purpose of organizing creamery routes. Prominent men will be on hand to make addresses and the day already promises to be an enjoyable one.

Meeting of the Merchants' Association.

The first quarterly meeting of the Morganton Merchants' Association was held July 16th. The president's report of the work accomplished since the organization of the association was very satisfactory. The work for the coming quarter as outlined is for the lasting good and benefit of the community.

Mr. Isaac Lazarus suggested to the association that a special committee be appointed to investigate and see about the rebuilding of the old State road, known as the Laurel road. This will be of much benefit to the commercial life of our town. On motion the Laurel road proposition was referred to the directors of the association who will appoint a special committee to see what can be done about building the part of this road which is in Morganton township.

Gov. Craig visited Mt. Mitchell last week and as a result of his visit he will name a commission to have erected at the summit of Mount Mitchell a fitting monument to the memory of Prof. Mitchell, the noted explorer who lost his life in the exploration of the highest peak east of the Rocky Mountains, this to be done when the State acquires a portion of the mountain for a park. Arrangements for the State to purchase about 600 acres of land on Mt. Mitchell are now in progress. Gov. Craig declared that the monument should be as perpetual as the mountain itself and should be constructed in such form as to permit travelers to ascend to the top of it and standing above the surrounding timber command a view of the whole horizon of vast and lofty mountain ranges. The Governor favors a monument of granite.

The first car load of butter to be shipped by the recently established Asheville creamery was sent out last Friday. It went to Savannah, Ga., and its weight was 10,000 pounds.

The strike threatened at the works of the Remington Arm and Ammunition company, has been settled.

M. Van Puett, of Fletcher, is spending to-day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Puett.

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CABINET AGREE.

Note to Germany Reiterates Principles But Contains No Threats—Members are Reticent.

Washington Dispatch, 20th.

President Wilson and his cabinet decided to-day on the general principles of the note to be sent to Germany within a few days renewing the efforts to secure for American citizens protection in their rights on the high seas.

The President read to his official family, assembled for the first time in a month, a draft of a communication answering the German government's note of July 8, which failed to grant the demands of the United States growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania. The draft was incomplete in form. On its character and purposes, however, there was unanimous agreement, and Secretary Lansing was at work to-night putting in more precise language the ideas set forth.

Members of the cabinet generally preserved secrecy regarding the probable contents of the communication and the President cautioned against detailed speculation in advance of the publication of the document, lest mistaken impressions be cabled abroad before the actual text is received in Berlin.

To-day's conference was devoted to an extent to a discussion of what the American people really wanted the Washington government to do in the present crisis. So far as the cabinet officers could judge by their examination of public expressions, the nation had voiced an insistent desire that the honor and dignity of the United States be upheld, but that a course should be followed which would maintain peace.

On Germany's next reply and the crystallization of public opinion thereafter will depend to a large extent, according to intimations from officials, what the action of the United States will be concerning future violations of American rights.

Secretary Lansing stated to-day that no complete report of what had occurred in the encounter between the British liner Orduna and a German submarine had reached the state department.

Robbery Tuesday Night.

Wednesday morning when Mr. A. A. Connelly opened his store he discovered that it had been entered during the night by a thief or thieves. A broken window in the back of the store disclosed the manner of entrance. It happened that only a small amount of change had been left in the cash drawer, only about two dollars. This was gone, but the safe had apparently not been tried. It is thought that merchandise was taken, but it is hard to determine what or how much. Officers are on the lookout for the guilty parties.

A Popular Lecturer Coming.

The people of Morganton are to be congratulated that the Booster Club, under the leadership of a number of prominent citizens, has been fortunate in securing as a platform manager, for the big three-day Chautauqua, to be held here on August 24, 25, and 26. Dr. George P. Bible, one of the most popular and best known lecturers of this country. His lectures on "Life and Opportunity" and on the "Elements of Success" are perfect gems. As Dr. Bible is to be with us for the entire three days of the Chautauqua, and will be in direct charge of the various events, as delivering two of the most important lectures, our people will be interested in knowing something more about him.

Dr. Bible did not come to the platform by chance, but through natural ability and a thorough training for public work in the National School of Elocution and Oratory, of which he is now managing principal. His work as President of the State Normal School of Pennsylvania has given him an insight into life most helpful to young people. As an orator and natural humorist he ranks among the foremost. His wit and humor are natural and spontaneous, always emphasizing some solid part of his philosophy.

Audiences want to be entertained as well as instructed, and in Dr. Bible we have one who does both so successfully that he is constantly in demand all over the country for return engagements. Our people will most assuredly give Dr. Bible a hearty southern welcome when he comes to our town.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO NEAR HICKORY.

Sad Accident Near Longview—Four Injured—Brakes Wouldn't Work.

Hickory Dispatch, 18th.

Two children were instantly killed and four other occupants of an automobile were injured to-night, when passenger train No. 12 struck the automobile at Longview, just west of Hickory. The car was driven by Belton C. Shuford, manager of the Brookford Cotton mills store, and was occupied by his two children—Carl, aged five, and Ruth, aged three years, and by Mrs. Suford, Miss Bettie Hollyard and Miss Lola Munday.

The two children were instantly killed. Mr. Shuford suffered a crushed leg and a badly bruised head, and the three women were less seriously injured. Mr. Shuford is in the hospital here and the bodies of the two children were turned over to an undertaker.

The accident occurred at a curve in the road. Mr. Shuford had driven up on the track when he saw the train approaching. He put on the brakes in an effort to stop the machine before reaching the track, and when he found the car over the first rail, tried to reverse and back off. Engineer W. W. Pitts, who was at the throttle of the approaching engine, tried hard to stop the train, but could not stop in time to prevent hitting the car.

The automobile was hurled to one side, demolished, and its occupants scattered. The little girl was thrown to one side of the track and was dead when picked up. The boy's body was found on the pilot of the engine, one leg cut off, and fearfully crushed. He, too, had been instantly killed. Two of the ladies had jumped, and were only slightly bruised, and Mrs. Shuford, who remained in the machine, was also only slightly injured. Mr. Shuford suffered a crushed leg and was badly bruised about the head.

OVER 29,000 VACCINATED.

Northampton Leads in Greatest Per Cent of Population Vaccinated.

State Board of Health Bulletin.

Over 29,000 is the number of people vaccinated at the end of four weeks in the five counties conducting State and county anti-typhoid campaigns. By the middle of last week the 25,000 mark was passed which was the goal hoped for by those promoting the campaigns. In the remaining two weeks it is expected that the number will be slightly increased but the greater part of the work for the remainder of the time will be giving the second and third treatments. By the end of the six weeks' campaign it is probable that the 30,000 mark will have been reached.

The figures as they stand at present are: Wake, 10,137; Northampton, 9,177; Cumberland, 9,933; Buncombe, 3,514; Henderson, 2,288. Northampton is still holding first place as having vaccinated the largest percent of her population.

Littleton College.

Littleton College, a well equipped and highly prosperous school for young women, whose advertisement appears in another column of this paper, is offering \$50 scholarships to successful applicants preparing to teach.

The institution awards pedagogical diplomas, has its own Practice and Observation School, and is sending out many efficient and successful teachers, all of whom secure good positions.

Mrs. H. D. Plant, of Knoxville, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson, at Nebo, and Miss Estelle Wilson, of Nebo, spent the week-end with their aunts, Mrs. T. G. Cobb and Mrs. J. P. May.

Mr. J. M. Fleming, father of Mrs. I. P. Jeter, and his son and daughter, Dr. J. M. Fleming, Jr., and Miss Belle Fleming, and Mr. B. L. Lumpkin, of Richmond, came from Raleigh Tuesday in their automobile to visit the Jeter family, making the trip to Morganton in less than 12 hours.

Mrs. W. A. Fair and daughters, Misses Frances and Mary Irving Fair, who spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross, went to Asheville Monday to visit friends.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

Greensboro has voted a \$60,000 bond issue for public school buildings.

Receivers have been appointed for the Piedmont Wagon Company, Statesville.

Winston-Salem's handsome new postoffice building is to be opened to the public to-day.

A charter has been issued the Citizens' Bank of Cleveland, Rowan county, capital \$10,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed.

The Uplift says the Jackson Training School at Concord now has its full capacity—93 boys—and all applications have to be turned down.

Ex-Sheriff J. C. Byers, aged 82, died Sunday morning at the home of his daughter in Shelby. He was the first sheriff Cleveland county ever had.

The annual Confederate reunion, which is the object of much interest for the Catawba veterans and their friends, will be held in Newton Aug. 12th.

Mrs. John Deal, of Newton, the widow of the late Sylvanus Deal, was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning of last week. She was 65 years of age.

Rev. G. W. Shipley, at present pastor of the Albemarle Presbyterian church, has been selected president of the Albemarle Institute, succeeding Rev. Geo. N. Atkinson, resigned.

Dr. George T. Winston, of Asheville, former president of the University and the A. and M. College, has been selected to write the biography of the late D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte.

Lincoln county has employed Mr. M. L. Sinarr, of York county, South Carolina, as farm demonstrator. He is a graduate of Clemson college and has been teaching agriculture in Louisiana.

The Statesville Landmark is of the opinion that there are a lot of cows in Iredell county worth \$50 or more, but the tax assessors did not find any of them. The highest township average is \$19 and the lowest \$11.

Prof. Z. V. Judd, professor of rural education at the University of North Carolina, and for a long time superintendent of the Wake county schools, will go to Alabama at the head of the Department of Education in the Polytechnic Institute.

Alvin Sigmon, a lad of about 16, was burned to death at Claremont, while sleeping in the shack where the railroad hands who work at the coal chute sleep. Suit was brought against the railroad company for \$3,000 and the jury decided in favor of the railroad, giving the plaintiff nothing.

The annual campmeeting at Rock Springs, Lincoln county, will begin August 2d. This time the meeting was agreed to by the quarterly conference of Rock Springs circuit. For two years past the majority of the official board of the circuit wanted to cut out the meeting and refused it official recognition, whereat there was much contention, but the meeting was held without official sanction.

The funeral of Dr. J. A. Holmes, a North Carolinian, director of the bureau of mines, who died in Denver, Colorado, a week ago, took place in Washington Saturday and the interment was in Rock Creek cemetery, in that city. Cabinet officers and others prominent in the official life of Washington were honorary pall-bearers and mining industries throughout the country paid tribute by suspending operations during the service.

Negotiations toward the early completion and operation of the Statesville Air Line Railroad from Statesville to Mount Airy are well under way and the indications are that the plans of the officers of the railroad company will materialize without a hitch. At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the company a resolution was passed giving the directors authority to issue bonds to an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 to secure funds to complete the road and put it in operation.