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BRYAN URGES MEDIATION TO END EUROPEAN WAR

To Prevent War He Proposes Universal Extension of Investigating Commission in Peace Treaties.

DECLARES BIG NATIONS CAN'T BE EXTERMINATED

Says U. S. Could Offer to Mediate Again and Again, or Some Other Neutral Might Make Offer

Washington, June 18.—Former Secretary Bryan, in the third and concluding section of his statement on the "Causeless War," issued today, suggests mediation as a "way out." As a representative of war he proposes the universal extension of the investigation commission in his peace treaty plan.

"Mediation," Mr. Bryan says, "is the means provided by international agreement through which the belligerent nations can be brought into conference. In time the investigation of all disputes will provide a means by which future wars can be averted.

"Cultivation of international friendship is a means which can be used by any who desire to see war rooted out." In elaborating his plan for restoring peace, Mr. Bryan says the neutral nations in advocating peace should crystallize the sentiment for peace into a concrete force and offer to mediate jointly or severally; that the warring nations should join in the treaty providing for investigation by a permanent commission of every dispute that may arise, no matter what its character or nature; and that world wide education and cultivation of the spirit of brotherhood among nations be undertaken as the final task of advocates of peace.

"Great nations cannot be exterminated," declares Mr. Bryan. "The predictions made at the beginning of the war have not been fulfilled. Great Britain did not destroy the German fleet in a month. The Germans did not take Paris within two months; and the Russians did not eat Christmas dinner in Berlin. But even if they could be exterminated it would be a crime against civilization which no nation or group of nations could afford to commit."

"When will peace be restored?" "Any time now if the participants are really weary of war and are ready for it to end. If any nation is not ready, let the ruler of that nation state clearly, distinctly and definitely the considerations under which he will agree to peace; then if an agreement is not reached the blame for the continuance of the war will be on those who make unusual demands."

"But our own act or failure to act need not deter any other neutral nation from acting. It is not a time to stand on ceremony. If any other country for any reason, it does not matter what, is in a better position than we to tender its good offices, it should not delay a moment."

GRAIN CONTRACTS IN GERMANY MADE VOID

Berlin, June 18.—The federal council has declared void all contracts of sales affecting the 1915 harvest of rye, wheat, steel, barley, oats and crude sugar, so far as these contracts call for fulfillment after August 31. The order indicates that these commodities will remain under control of the empire until the end of the war.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK.
Chicago, June 18.—Hogs, slow; receipts 12,000. Bulk of sales 7.40 @ 7.50; pigs 6 @ 7.45.
Cattle, strong; receipts 1,600. Native steers 6.80 @ 9.50; calves 7.25 @ 8.25.
Sheep, weak; receipts 7,000. Sheep 5.50 @ 6.40; lambs 6.25 @ 9.75.

Most Delightful Spot On Earth, Says Former Sec. Bryan, of Asheville

(By Parker Anderson).
Washington, June 18.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, will leave here early next week for Asheville where he hopes he may be able to spend the major part of the summer roaming about his land recently acquired on Sunset mountain. The companion will be accompanied by Mrs. Bryan and perhaps one of their daughters. Sitting on his front porch today with a pile of papers, The Green-

Caperton Wants Larger Forces at Vera Cruz

Washington, June 18.—Francisco Lados Chazaro, the latest president of the Villa-Zapata coalition government, today replied to President Wilson's Mexican statement by challenging the consistency of the president's declaration with his much discussed Indianapolis speech.

President Wilson had served notice on the faction leaders that if they could not accommodate their differences the United States would be constrained as Mexico's next friend, to help Mexico save herself and serve her people.

Washington, June 18.—The food situation at Vera Cruz is becoming so desperate that Rear Admiral Caperton fears food riots and has proposed to the navy department that warships be used to transport relief supplies and to increase his forces.

Warnford and Needham Die In Aeroplane Fall

Paris, June 18.—Lieutenant Reginald A. J. Warnford, who gained fame recently by blowing to pieces a Zeppelin over Belgium, was killed yesterday by the fall of an aeroplane at Buc, France.

Lieutenant Warnford was piloting the machine, which had as a passenger Henry Beach Needham, the American writer, who was also killed.

Lieutenant Warnford and Needham fell from a height of 500 feet. The lieutenant had been spending a few days in Paris, where he came after his Zeppelin exploit to receive his decoration of the legion of honor.

According to a report received in Paris, the accident resulted from an explosion in mid-air which caused Lieutenant Warnford to lose control, the machine crashing to earth.

Needham's body was taken to the English hospital in Trianon Palace.

MAYOR MURPHY IS PRESIDENT

Mayor Rankin Elected 1st Vice—Eighth Annual Meeting Closed at Battery Park This Morning

Kingston Selected Over Raleigh as the Next Meeting Place of Mayors of This State

With the election of officers and the selection of Kingston as the next meeting place, the eighth annual convention of the Carolina Municipal association adjourned at 1 o'clock this afternoon, after being in session at the Battery, Park hotel for two days.

Mayor T. J. Murphy of Greensboro was elected president; Mayor J. E. Rankin of Asheville first vice president; Mayor James L. Johnson of Raleigh, second vice president; Mayor C. G. Armfield of Elkin, third vice president; Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte fourth vice president; Mayor Gibbs of Fayetteville, fifth vice president; and Mayor Turner of Dunn sixth vice president. O. P. Shell of Dunn was re-elected secretary for the fourth time. The office of treasurer was created and Mayor Fred I. Sutton of Kingston was elected to it.

NEWS FROM THE PEACE LEAGUE STATE CAPITAL IS ORGANIZED

Collector Bailey Asks People of State to Assist in Destruction of Illicit Distilleries.

URAISES ACTIVITY OF HIS REVENUE FORCE

Secretary of State Warns Automobile Owners About Securing Licenses—Other State News

(By W. T. Host).
Raleigh, June 18.—Collector J. W. Bailey, who issued a call to the people of the state recently to assist the government in the destruction of the illicit distilleries talks of the service that his men have rendered and justifies himself in the defense which he made recently in Washington resulting in the retention of all his disputes on the government payroll.

He refers to the recent federal court here which resulted in 82 penitentiary sentences and three jail terms. Besides these were almost innumerable smaller cases settled by fine. The records were all broken by his Atlanta prison jam. The vast majority of the convicts are old whiskey criminals, incorrigibles whom Bailey's deputies caught after hard work.

When the department concluded that the Raleigh collector had an overplus, about five were in seats of anxiety. Collector Bailey convinced the commissioner that North Carolina had no excess of deputies. He was backed by a strong Raleigh sentiment which readily testifies that Bailey's deputies are not furniture polishers and do more work than even the government expects.

The Raleigh office has 10 licensed Raleigh taxis. And the restoration to the service of the several deputies, though temporary, will be made permanent if Raleigh people can make it so.

Warning to Autoists.
In the office of the secretary of state yesterday the chief clerk had received not more than one third of the new license applications by automobile owners and his month is well more than half gone.

These blanks have been sent out to all owners of machines, the office says, and the year begins anew July 1. Delay in applying for registration until the last few days of June will result in least congestion both in the post office and in the secretary of state's office.

More than that, it is said that applicants who figure in this vast delay and congestion will be without the use of their machines until the department can catch up with the work and restore the numbers. It will be the duty of all officers to arrest any person after July 1 who runs his machine without displaying the new number.

The department calls upon the 18,000 owners to send their applications in at once for the double protection and convenience that punctuality will give.

Chairman Travis of the corporation commission ruled for the attorney general upon the time for levying county taxes in North Carolina.

Mr. Travis holds that there are two days upon which county commissioners may levy taxes. The acts of the last general assembly did not nullify this provision of the 1911 law.

EX-GOVERNOR JARVIS PASSED LAST NIGHT

One of State's Most Prominent Men—Once Minister To Brazil

Raleigh, N. C., June 18.—Thomas J. Jarvis, seventy-nine years old on the 15th of last January, died last night at his home at Greenville after being ill for some months.

Magistrate B. L. Lyda yesterday afternoon found probable cause in the case against Tom McClellan, colored, arrested several weeks ago on charges of hauling liquor in his automobile in violation of the law and was held for Superior court under a bond of \$100.

GERMAN FORCES ON SCHEDULE IN LEMBERG RUSH

Vienna Reports Russian Concentration Position Has Fallen Into Hands of Austro-Germans.

FRENCH ARE FIGHTING ALONG WIDE FRONT

Violent Attacks Have Means Many Small Advances—Vosges Again Figures In Activity

London, June 18.—The Austro-German forces in Galicia are advancing on the schedule made by General Mackensen. Vienna claims that part of the heavily fortified Grodek region where the Russians were concentrating has fallen into Tenth hands. Petrograd does not admit this, but says that Russian forces had gathered there for the defense of Lemberg.

In a long review of the recent operations, the Russian war office today admits frequent requirements of the Russian attacks left the Austro-German forces so exhausted that their opponents were often unable to reassume the offensive.

The French are still fighting on a wide front, with the name of the Vosges figuring in the official communications, after a period of comparative quiet there.

Two days of hard fighting have meant many small advances for the French with repulses of part of the German counter attacks.

Paris reports that in the Araras region alone the Germans used eleven divisions of men which suffered heavily. A significant phase of the operations is the small number of prisoners taken by either side.

There is no definite news from the Dardanelles which reached London, but the sudden drop in Russian exchanges indicate that the bankers either have received intimations of important successes or have some other reason for their optimistic views in regard to the prospect of the straits being soon opened to the allies.

Bulgarit continue to express uneasy neutrality by negotiating with both sides.

Berlin, June 17.—The Russians have abandoned their positions north of Sieniawa on the San river and have retreated into Russian Poland, according to an official statement made at German army headquarters today.

Berlin, June 17, via Sayville.—According to an Overseas News agency dispatch a decisive battle is in progress all along the Russian front.

"German forces on the Rawa river (in central Russian Poland, west of Warsaw) have now taken the offensive," the agency announcement states.

The German battle line in Poland, Galicia and Bukowina is 1100 kilometers (682 miles) long. The Germans and Austrians are attacking in decisive battles and big results are expected.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, June 18.—Leading stocks showed no pronounced changes at the opening of the market today, but reacted very generally before the end of the first half hour. United States Steel was the only leader which manifested any activity; at the outset, initial sales including blocks of 4,000 1,400 and 2,000 at a gain of 5/8. War shares were dull with a few one-point gains. Coppers reflected price reduction reported over night. Minor specialties were irregular. Cuban Sugar broke three points after opening at a gain of 1 1/2.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, June 18.—Cotton futures opened steady; July 9.50; October 9.85; December 10.18; January 10.24; March 10.45.

PASSENGERS OF LUSITANIA TOLD TO QUIT BOATS

Witnesses Testify They Were Ordered to Leave Boats After Securing Places

ORDERS TO FILL BOATS WERE COUNTERMANDED

Other Witnesses Testify to Absence of Life Belts on Deck During the Voyage

London, June 18.—The court of inquiry into the loss of the Lusitania holds a short session today to take evidence as to whether Captain Turner fully observed the admiralty warnings. The public hearings were concluded yesterday.

The speed of the Lusitania at the time the torpedo hit her occupied the court's attention in the afternoon. Replied to a question by Baron Mersey as to whether the vessel's speed had anything to do with the catastrophe, A. C. Edwards, M. P., representing the seaman's union, said it was obvious that if a zig-zagging course was an element of safety, as the admiralty's expert had testified, then the captain and owners of the steamer "showed grave culpability."

Mr. Edwards also asserted that the evidence disclosed that the company was economizing in the consumption of coal. As Captain Turner was holding the ship to a straight course at a speed of 13 knots, he said, it was easy for a submarine to take its proper position, whereas if the vessel had been zig-zagging it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to tell where the ship would pass.

The only other question on which Baron Mersey desired light was the statement of D. A. Thomas, the coal operator, that while the first and second class passengers were calm and the stewards and stewardesses were brave and helpful, the steerage passengers were in confusion and members of the crew were mainly interested in saving themselves, giving a general appearance of lack of discipline.

London, June 18.—Investigation into the sinking of the Lusitania was resumed yesterday under direction of Baron Mersey. Sir Edward Carson, attorney general, expressed conviction that a second submarine was lying in wait for the Lusitania off the port side, at the time the vessel was torpedoed.

Sir Edward made this statement in reply to an argument put forward by Baron Mersey, who said he thought a mistake had been made by Seaman O'Neill, one of the witnesses before the court, who testified that he had seen the wash of a torpedo passing the stern of the Lusitania from port to starboard side immediately after the liner had been hit on the starboard side.

O'Neill was formerly in the navy and was positive that he recognized the wash of the torpedo, although he did not see the submarine which fired it from the port side.

O'Neill's testimony was corroborated by another seaman witness, who testified also that he saw the wash of two torpedoes from the starboard side coming in a parallel line until the almost reached the vessel, when they parted at a slight angle, first one and then the other striking the ship.

Captain Turner of the Lusitania was recalled to the stand and was asked why the collapsible boats had not been freed from their checks when the vessel entered the danger zone.

Captain Turner replied that he feared the boats would slide about when the ship listed and sweep passengers into the sea. He admitted that some boats had been strapped on top of others.

When asked by Baron Mersey as to whether the increase in the number of small boats on liners since the Titanic disaster had been of any advantage, he answered that he did not think so.

Chief Steward Jones declared he had not seen any lifeboats upon the decks of the Lusitania after the liner had left New York.

Chief Carpenter Robertson said the condition of the lifeboats was good when the Lusitania left New York. There was evidence that Staff Captain Anderson had countermanded the order Captain Turner had given previously to get the women and children into the boats. A number of witnesses testified that they got into boats and had to leave them later on the order of Captain Anderson.

There were no life belts on deck during the voyage was the testimony of Herbert Jenkins of New York. He said he had remarked several times to passengers on the absence of life belts. A woman witness also told the court that she had been unable to find a life belt. Another witness said he had helped to launch a life boat full of women and children, unassisted by any of the crew, but that the boat leaked so badly that it sank in a few minutes.

City News

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