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Violent Storm Sweeps Middle West States Taking Heavy Toll of Lives and Property

MORE THAN FIFTY KILLED PROFIL SCORES INJURED; DAMAGE ESTIMATED IN MILLIONS

Draft of German Reply

Washington, July 8-Further mes-| munication

sages from Ambassador Gerard at warfare.

Berlin have been transmitted to Pres-

Germany is anxious to compromise

It was intimated in official quarters

inary draft was found not to be satis-

nan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Alex-

the situation in Merico City. No word

sult of the fighting between the Car-

Berlin Not Acceptable

But Situation Is Not Regarded as Hopeless, as Germany

Seems Anxious to Compromise - Gerard Gets Tentative

ident Wilson at Cornish, N. H., out- nish, N. H., their views on the policy

lining the German point of view on they believe ought to be pursued, submarine warfare as embodied in a lit was intimated that Mr. Wilson

tentative draft of the German reply to might not be ready to act until Fri-

Party Begins Meeting

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Chap- join the party at Montreat.

Outcome of Mexican

at'Montreat Saturday

concerning

transmitted to the president at Cor-

Secretary Lansing and others have

During the day Count von Bernstorff

his summer home at Cedarhurst, ask

ed Mr. Lansing informally concern-

It was said that Count von Bern-

The fact that Dr. Chapman and Mr.

To U.S. In Present Form

Wind and Rain Storm Extends Tentative Proposals of From Nebraska to Ohio. Cincinnati and Vicinity Suffer Most

TWO TOWNS ALMOST ENTIRELY WIPED OUT

Assumes Proportions of Torna do in Eastern Missouri, Demodishing 162 Blocks In Saint Charles

Cincinnati, July 8 .- Available reports early today show 15 are missing and believed to submarine campaign.

According to figures compiled today more than 50 per-factory to the United States there storff learned that Ambassador Ge-were killed and several members on the which necessarily would require Pine in old Fig. lent wind and rain storm which lent wind and rain storm which lent wind and rain storm which lent to Ambassador Gerard's message extended from Nebraska to outlining the tentative draft of a note gage in an informal discussion submitted to him informally as a proquestions they hold were stated cle Ohio last night.

The property damage is estimated at several millions of dollars. The greatest loss of The Chapman-Alexander life occurred in Cincinnati and vicinity, where 33 are known to be dead and 15 are missing. Eighteen of the dead were deck hands, drowned by the capsizing of the tow-boat Convey, on the Ohio river.

In eastern Missourl the storm and Mr. Barraclough, planist, of the Chapman-Alexander party, will hundreds to the numbers already tornado, demolishing 162 will spend a week at the Presbyterian their first opportunity to hear the notblocks in St. Charles, a city of about 11,000 'population. St. Peters, a town of about 300 inhabitants, and Gilmore a village of about 100 people, were almost wiped out of existence. In St. Charles and St. Peters there was no loss of life, and in Gilmore only one person was killed.

In Lincoln and Guster counties, Nebraska, the wind and hail caused heavy crop damage and in the village of Calloway several buildings were unroofed.

In southern Illinois the storm did heavy damage. In Mound City the business part of the town was flooded.

In central and southern Indiana three people are reported killed and many were injured. Telephone and telegraph lines were put out of commission and many buildings were unroofed.

WILL NOT ALLOW SHIPMENT OF METALS

Association at Montreat Hears Addresses and Holds Conferences on Topics of Importance

ASHEVILLE MEN TAKE PART IN PROCEEDINGS

Great Interest Centers in Fire Protection Conference This Afternoon—Plans Made to Protect Forests

Today is state and national forestry Today is state and national forestry Governor Malcom R. Patterson, of for a hearing. Although officials are day at the Montreat meeting of the Tennessee, who was one of the speak-reticent, persistent reports are cur-North Carolina Forestry association. ers at today's session of the national The program opened this morning the latest American note.

day as delicate questions involved require care and deliberation. with an address on "Our Appalachian National Forests," by William L. tion. that 33 persons are dead and certain questions in connectin with her the German ambassador, back from Hall of Washington, D. C., and at Hall of Washington, D. C., and at 11:20 o'clock, George S. Powell of the has been made out", he said. The be buried in the ruins of buildthat the Berlin proposals in their presing the latest phases of the negotiaAsheville, secretary or the Appations in Berlin. The secretary outlachian Park association, made the
United States, but the situation is not
lined in a general way what had been
first of a series of conference talks. the heavy rain and wind storm regarded in well informed circles as transmitted by Ambassador Gerard, Mr. Powell discussed "The Appalachwhich passed on over Cincinhopeless. They take much encouragebut gave no intimation as to the lan Park Association, What it is and
nati and its suburbs last night. draft of the German note was submitlow. Count von Bernstorff said he had followed by Representative Gallatin ted to Ambassador Gerard. This was no advices of his own concerning the Roberts of this city who took as his believed to indicate that if the prelim-situation. North Carolina." Mrs. Thomas storff learned that Ambaseador Ge-Wetmore of Arden addressed the rard's message was not of a charac-members on "Second Growth White will an answer.

The situation is perplexing officials treated the subject, "Some Important Trees." Timber Trees. here because they are reluctant to en- North of George B. Cobb, secretary of the Tryon Forestry club, closed the mornconference with a talk on "Fire Protection in Tryon Township.

The children's exercises just before the regular morning conference began were thoroughly enjoyed. They presented "A Chrysanthemum Show," and "The Voices of Nature." These additions to the regular program were prepared under the direction of Miss Foreman, the Misses Adams and Mrs.

Rain seriously interrupted the dress of George S. Powell. This Afternoon.

One of the most important conferences of the three days' convention begins at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when the entire subject of fire protection will be discussed by state and assembly grounds.

Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander
will conduct a week's meeting at Montreat, and for this reason, Mr. Baraclough joins them. Mr. Brown, the
soloist, is in New York, He will not national forestry officers and by ownwas ers of timber and timber lands in ment to suppress the lottery; to stamp western North Carolina, Commissioners James G. Stikeleather and D. Hiden Ramsey will represent the city to eradicate the diseases of cattle; to government at this meeting and a arge number of lumbermen and rail- the people pure food, were all in way officials have been invited to harmony with the purpose of its creatake part in the proceedings.

Definite plans will be made for fic is a postitution of its power. carrying out protective forest work in western North Carolina during the traffic would seize upon states rights coming fall fire season. State Forester J. S. Holmes recently announced that an agreement has been reached with the United States department of agriculture which will assure the em-

an address.

This evening at Joseph Hyde Pratt, rtate geologist, it back with the broom of states will give an allustrated lecture on rights. forests and conservation. Excursion Tomorrow

Tomorrow the members of the asthe summit of Mount Mitchell, makling the trip over the Mount Mitchell authority—and the sale of narcotics
which effect a comparatively small served on top of the peak and forest officers and others will make short the the same authority over the liquor

Yesterday afternoon the member of the association went on the forest ramble conducted by State Forester J. S. Holmes and Dr. W. C. Coker. Three hours were spent in studying the trees and shrubs of the forests in the vicinity of Montreat and this

the trees and shrubs of the forests in the vicinity of Montreat and this field excursion proved to be most interesting and instructive.

At the evening session Philip W. Ayres, forester of the society for the protection of New Hampshire forests, gave an allustrated lecture on forestry work. Pictures of the mountain areas in the United States were shown an dthe speaker pointed out how the forest growth protects the streams which constitute the water supply of the nation. Mr. Ayres declared that the destruction of forests means the loss of the natural reservoirs that are the brindipal sources for future sup-

fore Convention of Anti-Saloon League

Insists Former Governor Patterson in Address Be-

TOOK TO STATE'S RIGHTS

LIQUOR MEN EAGERLY

Now Seek Delay When Sentiment for State Prohibition Threatens to Overwhelm Their Business

Atlantic City, N. J., July 8-Former that national prohibition was the prop er way to deal with the liquor ques-

witnesses, who testify, conform to every legal requirment of credibility; they are intelligent, have the means of information and are wiling to speak the truth. They are science, experience, and religion.

"Science, without blas, rate, calculating, testifies that alcohol is a polson to the body.

"Experience comes, and sets before our view an inept, sullen, moaning, straggling, unhappy procession of victims; so long that it would almost reach across the continent; so sad that would move a stone to pity. She shows the dry husks of hope, insanity and sudden death, disease, want, waste and bloody crime.

timony. She relates how hearts have been hardened to her eternal truths; she exhibits rents in the garment of justice and and blody smears, mercy and love with a broken wing,

"There has been no false testimony delivered; thre has been no exaggeration, no contradiction among these witnesses.

Mr. Patterson discussed state rights. The duty of the government, he said, was to suround the citizen with good environment, to dig no pit falls in his

This is the highest attribute of soverignty. The efforts of our governout polygamy; to destroy human slavery: to prevent the use of narcotics; preserve the public health; to give tion, and to maintain the liquor traf-

"It is not surprising that the liquor for safety. In the past when a town or county proposed to outlaw the saloon, this cunning malefactor sought to stay the local sentiment by telling the people that it would favor state prohibition, when it knew that state action was remote or impossible.

"When the sentiment for state pro hibition grew until it threatened to Governor Locke Craig is expected overwhelm the traffic it then sought delay until the government should act -and now when the tide has rushed on until it has reached the walls of the capitol-the traffic would sweep

"Stripped of all technicality-the question is a broadly national oneand the government alone can solve ciation will go on an excursion to it if a lottery conducted in only one

"The doctrina of states rights as

AUSTRIAN ARMY TAKE DEFENSIVE

GENERAL HUERTA LIKELY NOT TO BE PROSECUTED

Will Probably Be Released if He Agrees to Return to North of U. S.

here that the case against General Huerta, charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality by inciting a new Mexican revolution, might be abandoned. Huerta is due to appear next week

before a United States commiss rent that there will be no prosecu-Anti-Saloon League convention, urged tion and that Huerta will agree to leave the Mexican border and take up his residence somewhere in the northern part of the United States, and interfere no more in Mexican politics.

It was pointed out in official quarters that such a settlement would accomplish the chief end desired by the government-prevention of Huerta's eturn to Mexico, complicating the situation there.

vesterday between the department of

horougholy familiar with conditions on the border and it is believed it was his suggestion that the case be lisposed of without further legal pro-

New York, July 8 .- Police continued today their investigation to ascertain whether Frank Holt placed bombs in any steamers on the Atlantic, as a re Saxonia and Philadelphia, now in midenvironment, to dig no pit falls in his ocean, saying that they had been path; to make it easy as possible for searched for bombs and that none was the citizen to do right, as hard as found. These were the two vessels Holt wrote, one of which was to sink July 7

Further efforts to discover what became of 60 sticks of dynamite missing from Holt's store of explosives here are being made. Although it appears that he had bought 40 per cent dynamite, that found in his trunk is 60 per cent strength. This suggested the possibility that all of his explo-sives had not been found.

Arrangements were made today to hold an inquest or Holt's suicide. His identification as Erlich Muenter, indicted at Cambridge for the mur der of his wife, was considered by authorities to be complete. J. P. Morgan who was wounded by

SOLDIERS TO HELP BRITISH FARMERS

Holt has so far recovered as to able to walk about his house.

London, July 8-Soldlers are to b ent from the training camps to help British farmers with their harvests whereever thre is a shortage of labor. The farmers must house and feed the soldiers, and pay them 65 cents a day which will be used to defray traveling

HAROLD MOORE IS WITH LUMBER CO.

defence to human wrong and the zette-News for more than a year, has for the west and the correspontion was buried forever under the ber company at Sunburst and has as dent predicts that the Germans

Ammunition Laden Ship Is Fighting Fire In Hold

New York, July 5.—The Atlantic Fransport Company's steamer Minne-haha, on the way from New York to London, is fighting a fire in hold No. 2, according to a wireless message received from the captain. It is not believed that the fire is serious.

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Russian Reinforcements Place Austro-Hungarians in Difficult Position Between Vistula and Bug

BIG TROOP MOVEMENTS OF GERMANS IN WEST

Washington, July 8.—It is believed General German Offensive Has Not Developed But Early Drive Toward Calais Is Predicted

London, July 8 .- Strong Russian re-inforcement tween the Rivers Vistula and Bug have compelled the Austro-Hungarians driving on Warsaw from the south to assume the defensive. This sector where the Russians are justice and Federal Attorney Camp at making a stand is held almost Mr. Camp, it is understood, is exclusively by the Austrians, and according to official reports, the Austrians seem to be finding themselves in some difficulty.

The expected German offensive in the west has not yet developed but reports of big troop movements on that front persist. Berlin's claim that the Germans have retaken trenches near Ypres is not conifmed in sult of reassuring messages from the British and French repotrs. At several points the Germans are attacking violently but he only appreciable loss conceded by Paris is in the St. Mihiel district, where a trip of trenche meauring 700 yards has fallen into German hands. The German official statement more than doubles this distance.

> Letting the Turks attack with resultant heavy losses and exhaustion, appears to be the recent role of the British operating against the Pardanelles. Official dispatches heretofore have spoken of the fearlessness and valor of the Turks, but he late report of General Hamilton said that for the first time the Turks are showing no disposition to attack.

London, July 8 .- The Petrograd correspondent of the Times says that according to private reports all passenger traffic on German railways has been suspended. It is believed that large forces of Germans nember of carrier force of The Ga. are elaving the eastern front are reinforcing for a rush toward Calais.

> Rome, July 7, via Paris, July -The Italian armored erni er Amalfi was torpedeed an sunk at dawn today by an A train submarine which part pated in a reconnai the upper Adriatic. This officially announced ministry of marine

With reports at hand describing the conditions in the Mexican capital as 'pitiful' and rapidly growing worse on account of the food shortage, officials here anxiously awaited the outcome of the fighting because of the shortage of foodstuff supplies so serious ible effect on the safety of foreign-there. is hoped that United States Con-immediate or distant."

Fighting Causes Anxiety partment from Vera Cruz, stating that ployment of a number of forest fire the situation in Merico City. No word to facilitate attempts of foreigners to that the state will furnish a small was received yesterday concerning re- quit the capital and to transmit their number of patrolmen also messages to the outside world. The department's advices added that the to be present this afternoon at the Carranza officials were confident of conference on forest fires and deliver ents and Zepata forces, but meager department's advices added that the fficial advices reported renewed hos-littles on the outskirts of the capital taking Mexico City "in a short time."

ers there.

It is hoped that United States Consul General Shanklin and Charles J.

O'Connor, in charge of relief measures in Mexico City, will soon be able to arrange for the transportation of food to aid the famine stricken population of the capital.

Mr. O'Connor, Red Cross representative, reported that the relief problem is an immense one.

Apprehension had been somewhat relieved during the day, however, by Villa and Carranza officers.

est of our population in the lattice immediate or distant."

The contention between the Red Cross and officials of Villa's officers toward relief measures resulted in a statement from the agency that Villa forces had offered every aid to alleviate suffering in war disturbed districts. Miss Mabel Boardman, of the Red Cross, asserted there had been lack of co-operation by both the tree in the relief exception.

Bukowina Is Offered to Roumania for Neutrality