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HUN SAULORS HELD UP TO SCORN BY BEATTY

British Admiral Says Contemptible Behavior of German Navy Merited Its Disgrace

A scathing denunciation of the personnel of the German navy was made by Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the British Grand Fleet, in a speech addressed to a gathering of representatives of the first battle cruiser squadron on board the battle cruiser Lion, prior to its departure for the Scapa Flow as an escort to the surrendered ships of the German high seas fleet.

"We had expected them," said Admiral Beatty, "to have the courage that we looked for from those whose work lies upon the great waters, and I am sure that the sides of this gallant old ship, which has been well hammered in the past, must have ached as I ached, and as you ached, to give them another taste of what we had intended for them."

"Their humiliating end was the proper end for an enemy who has proved himself so lacking in chivalry. At sea his strategy, his tactics, and his behavior have been beneath contempt and worthy of a nation which has waged war in a manner in which the enemy has waged war."

"We know that the British sailor has a large heart and a short memory. Try to harden the heart and lengthen the memory; and remember that the enemy which you are looking after is a despicable but worthy the sacrifice of the life of one bluejacket in the grand fleet, and that is the one bright spot in the fact that he did not come out."

London, Dec. 6.—The Germans are building an airplane with which they intend trying a trip across the Atlantic and have a Zeppelin under construction with the same idea in view, according to the correspondent at Berlin of the Daily Express. The correspondent said he learned this when being shown over an aircraft factory at Staaken, a suburb of Berlin, by the managing director, a former naval officer.

The machine being constructed there for the trans-Atlantic flight has a wing spread of 198 feet and engines of 3,000 horsepower.

The correspondent says he has learned that the Zeppelin factory at Friedrichshaven is building an airship for trans-Atlantic voyage capable of carrying 100 passengers. It has nine engines and eight propellers. It will leave by July next if the international situation clears up by that time.

OFFICERS OF ALEXANDER ORGANIZE FOR BUSINESS

Taylorsville, Dec. 6.—The board of county commissioners were in regular session Monday. The new county officers took the oaths of office. J. T. Hedrick and W. A. Barnett are the new members of the board. Mr. Hedrick was made chairman. W. E. Boye of Hidenite, was made county attorney. The other business was the regular routine.

The road commission was in session Tuesday and re-organized by electing R. L. Downs chairman and electing W. A. Barnett secretary to succeed B. F. Hines. They granted Gwaltney township three roads, \$1,000 to be spent on two of them, \$3,000 on the other and \$1,000 to be used where it was most needed in the township.

R. S. Echard of Taylorsville and Wilson Maistead of Elendale township, have gone to Washington, D. C., to accept positions as mail clerks. Mr. Echard will be on a Washington-Charlotte train, and Mr. Maistead on a Washington-Raleigh train.

There are seven cases of influenza here today.

Not the least part in the work of the American army in France has been to make Brest a first rate seaport. Improvements were made because of military necessities that might have waited a hundred years for accomplishment.

Winston Churchill agrees with Colonel Roosevelt, that the British fleet should be supreme. Yes, but it need not be able to whip all the navies in the world or else a league of nations would have a hard time in imposing its will on the British.

The country has more confidence in the president than ever, and it is but truth to state that some of the Democratic leaders do not share this confidence. Regardless of the causes, Leader Kitchin lost the Democrats many votes in the north and west.

MORE THAN 300,000 DEATHS FROM INFLUENZA

Washington, Dec. 4.—Between 300,000 and 350,000 deaths from influenza and pneumonia have occurred among the civilian population of the United States since September 15, according to estimates today of the public health service. These calculations were based on reports from cities and states keeping accurate records and public health officials believe they are conservative.

The epidemic persists, but deaths are much less numerous, according to reports reaching here. A recrudescence of the disease now is occurring in many localities, but this is believed to be sporadic and not indicate a general renewal of the severe epidemic conditions.

Insurance companies have been hit hard by the epidemic, government reports indicate. About 20,000 deaths occurred in the camps of the country.

To Dealers, Manufacturers, Public eating places and other dealers in the use of sugar:

Effective December 1st the certificate plan of sugar distribution is rescinded. This means that from this date all purchases of sugar may be made without certificates, and the dealers may make their orders for such amount as the trade demands.

Please note the following points:

(1) The 4-pound per person per month ration for household and public eating places is still effective and dealers will be expected to confine their sales to consumers to this amount.

(2) Sugar for dealers, manufacturers and others in this territory must still be purchased from Louisiana. In other words, zoning restrictions remain as they have been.

(3) Merchants are still required to keep an accurate record of all sugar sales; such records to be available for inspectors, County Food Administrators or Food Administration officials on demand.

Yours very truly,
Henry A. Page,
Food Administrator

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The proposed league of nations over which the senate has been more or less aroused in the past few days, would depend upon the popular will of the peoples of the several nations composing it as upon the constituted authorities. Just at this time, with the casualty lists disclosing names from every part of the United States, it is safe to assume that the American people endorse the principle. The Record does not know of a thoughtful person who is not in favor of such a league. Thinking people realize that there must be joint action on the part of several great powers if one strong power, bent on conquest and plunder, is to be restrained in future from making war.

Had the former emperor of Germany been convinced that England would have entered the great world war, for instance, we should have been spared this calamity. Frederick William, German crown prince, asserted as much in his interview the other day. And had the former Kaiser realized that the United States would have been drawn into the war also he never would have consented to unleashing the terrible German war dog.

The logic in favor of a league of nations is so plain that it is difficult to comprehend those minds which see in such a super-state, as some would call the league, an object to avoid.

If the league of nations is not an immediate product of this war it eventually will be. It is bound to come, and it is the duty of the masses of the people, rich and poor, to contend for such an organization until it is a fact. The people who furnish material for the armies and navies should and will be the judges as to its feasibility.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 6.—The organized business men of the United States through the reconstruction congress decided to send a commission to Europe to be available to the American peace delegates in the event information is needed on the economic situation at home.

him at the peace dinner.

INFORMATIVE READING
Named for president in 1920. Pershing will have time to ponder the photographs of Grant and Dewey—Boston Herald.

"Lady Raleigh," who laid 223 eggs in one year is given publicity by the American Trust Company of Charlotte. A bird that will do that trick will be worth her weight in gold in a few years at the present price of hen fruit.

Peace Brings Us New Mouths to Feed



PRESIDENT HAS SAILED FOR PEACE CONFERENCE

President is Now Speeding Across the Atlantic Ocean. Ship Manned by Navy Crew

New York, Dec. 4.—Bound on a mission, the principal objects of which are the abolition of militarism and the attainment of a just world peace, Woodrow Wilson, the first President of the United States to visit Europe while in office, was tonight speeding across the Atlantic toward France to attend the greatest international conference in history.

On the transport George Washington, one time German passenger liner, manned by a navy crew and with deck guns ready for action, and accompanied by a naval convoy, the President left New York harbor today amid a demonstration without parallel in the history of the port.

The President took his place on the flying bridge as the great ship moved down the bay.

On the horizon, where States Island throngs wave and shouted a second farewell, and monitors, gunboats and artillermen at Fort Hamilton joined in saluting gunfire, the George Washington met its ocean convoy, the superdreadnaught, Pennsylvania and a quintet of destroyers. With her official consort and ten other destroyer which joined the fleet for a cruise to the limit of American territorial waters, the George Washington disappeared over the eastern horizon shortly after noon.

On the other side of the Atlantic, according to persons who conferred with him before the George against militarism in any form. He feels that the crushing of Prussian militarism is part of his plan for the future peace of the world, these informants said.

On the other side of America's part in bringing about Germany's downfall, the presidential party, outbound, met some of the American hosts returning home.

Agonial Mayo Commands
In command of Admiral Mayo, the peace squadron is heading, it is understood, for Brest. Its date of arrival is uncertain, but a quick passage is not required, as ample time remains for conferences preliminary to a main peace assembly. Off the French coast the President will be welcomed by a squadron of American warships, French, British and Italian vessels, also, it is expected, will join the greeting at sea.

George J. Roy Moore, son of M. and Mrs. Y. D. Moore, arrived home Monday from the officers' training school at Camp Taylor, Ky. The school was closed on account of the ending of the war. The officer students were mustered out Saturday. Sergeant Moore will be connected with his father at the Lenoir Book Co.

The parent says said to be three months old and instead of a few weeks for a neck you will probably receive 17.

MR. M. C. TRIPLETT DIES IN LINCOLN

Mr. Mack C. Triplett died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in a Lincoln hospital where he had been for treatment since Sunday. His body was brought to Lenoir Tuesday and the funeral service was held at his home on Asshe St. Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. The interment took at Bellevue Cemetery immediately after the funeral. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. The burial was conducted with Masonic honors.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Triplett of Lenoir and was about 40 years of age. He is survived by a wife and four children. He is also survived by three sisters and five brothers.

Washington, Dec. 6.—New hospitals at Norfolk, sites yet to be selected in North Carolina, the Massachusetts Berkshire hills and at Seattle, are to be erected for discharged soldiers. Assistant Surgeon Simpson of the public health service today told the house public buildings committee in asking for an appropriation for this purpose.

An addition is also planned at the Marie Hospital in New Orleans.

Representative Carter Glass of Virginia will be acceptable to the country as secretary of the treasury.

He is well qualified for the position, his membership on the banking and currency committee, of which he has been chairman under Democratic control, well fitting him for his new duties. We do not wonder at his hesitancy in accepting the post, however, for even if a Democrat should be elected president in 1920, this executive probably would have a personal choice for the office. And Mr. Glass had his district sewed up.

The suggestion from London that the German ships probably would be sunk to avoid contentions among the allies left a pessimistic impression. Since that time, however, the ex-kaiser's Black sea fleet has been distributed and the grand seas fleet soon will go to new owners.

London, Dec. 6.—Prince Adelbert, third son of the German emperor, has joined the present government, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Express. It was said he is at Potsdam.

London, Dec. 6.—Serious disorders have arisen in Berlin and considerable firing has occurred in the principal streets, according to reports reaching the Dutch-German frontier, according to an Exchange telegraphic dispatch from Amsterdam.

The trouble is said to have been caused by the German bolsheviks. The Zurich correspondent of the Paris Journal reported Thursday that he had received advices that a terrorist revolution would break out in Berlin Friday evening. The revolution, it was said, would be led by Liebknecht, the radical Socialist, who was said to have 15,000 well-armed men.

NATIVES PREFER ENGLAND
By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—Natives of Germany's colonies want to come under British rule, says Walter Hume Long, secretary of state for colonies, speaking at Westminster tonight, and declared:

"Our representatives at the peace conference should see that the case for our retention of those colonies is put forward in full strength. It will be a gross injustice to our great dominion to tell them that those colonies which they conquered with their blood, are to pass under any control except the British empire."

EMPLOYEES REINSTATED
By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Increased wages and reinstatement of two employees were ordered by the war labor board in the Atlanta street car cases. Wages of conductors are to be 36, 38 and 40 cents an hour. Wages of other employees are to be increased on the same basis. Employees under 21 are to receive a minimum of 36 cents an hour.

No wonder the German crown prince had the reputation of being irrational in Germany. He appeared to be the only person of consequence in the empire who saw clearly what the war would mean to Germany.

Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—Attention is called to the coincidence that President Wilson will arrive in Paris on Friday, December 13, by Marie-Helen in the Echo de Paris.

30TH DIVISION BROKE HINDENBURG LINE

Newport News Expects Boys to Land at that Port—Will Prepare Big Celebration For Homecoming

Newport News expects the 30th division to land at that port when they return from France and making plans for one of the largest celebrations ever held at that port. The 30th division, which includes Battery E, will be given a big homecoming, according to the following letter from former Captain B. F. Williams of Battery E, who is now in Newport News. The letter follows:

"At a Thanksgiving rally held of this city, Gen. Ferguson, in charge of embarkation at this city statement during his address:

"It is more likely that the 30th division will land at this port on its return from France, and if it does, I want this city to give this division, which is composed of troops from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, a real ovation. It was this division that first broke through the Hindenburg line, and made such an onslaught on the Germans, regardless of the cost in lives of its brave men. It has done more hard fighting, and lost more men in battle, than any other division, with the possible exception of the Rainbow Division."

"As Battery E and all other volunteer batteries and companies from North Carolina are on the division, I thought the folks back home would be glad to hear of this great compliment paid our boys who have covered themselves with such imperishable glory. Gen. Ferguson is a North Carolinian, and has just returned from France when he was appointed to his post; your readers will remember him as the officer who raised the Maine in Havana Harbor."

Washington, Dec. 6.—In telling his story of German propaganda in America, A. Bruce A. Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, today laid before the senate committee investigating brewery and German propaganda cablegrams exchanged in 1916 between Ambassador Bernstorff and the German foreign office.

One of Bernstorff's messages urged that special favor be shown to William Bayard Hale, an American about to visit Berlin as an American newspaper correspondent, because he was employed by the Hearst organs, favorable to the German cause.

Bielaski told the committee that Hale was on the Hearst payroll of \$300 a week and also was employed at \$15,000 a year by a publicity organization formed in this country by Bernard DeBorja.

Suggesting on June 2, 1916, that the time was favorable to "get Hearst to send a first rate journalist to Berlin," Bernstorff told the foreign office that the man selected was Hale, who had been a confidential agent of the embassy.

"Hearst," the ambassador's message said, "is not aware that Hale is our agent, but knows him only as a Germanophile journalist, who has contributed articles to leading papers."

Hale, according to Mr. Bielaski, was paid by the German government to visit Rumania and if possible prevent the entrance of that nation into the war. Mr. Hearst, Mr. Bielaski said, was ignorant of Hale's mission.

Bielaski said Germany never succeeded in seducing an American official, if "we except Congressman Buchanan of Illinois who got mixed with von Rintelen in labor's peace council."

From the diary of Dr. Karl A. Fuehr, a German agent brought to America by von Bernstorff, was produced a paper labeled "important list of names," which Mr. Bielaski said contained practically all who were actively pro-German prior to the war and some who were active afterwards.

The list included: Dr. Walter E. McNeill, Richmond; Dr. David S. Jordan, Berkeley, Calif.; Peter S. Grosscup, United States Federal Judge, St. Paul, Minn.; Oswald Garrison Villard, New York Evening Post; A. Randolph Hearst, Herman Editor, New York Staats Zeitung.

DR. C. L. WILSON SUCCEEDS
LIEUTENANT WILSON, M. R. C.
Dr. C. L. Wilson, who nine months ago volunteered his services to the War Department and was given a commission as first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps, has received his discharge since the signing of the armistice, and is now at home. Dr. Wilson has already resumed his practice here.