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## GERMANY'S REPLY DEFERS ANSWER TO DEMANDS—DOES NOT SATISFY THE UNITED STATES.

The German reply to the American note on the sinking of the Lusitania was received in Washington last night and is generally regarded as unsatisfactory to this government.

The note defers a direct answer to the questions raised by President Wilson, pending a further exchange of views. Germany desires to establish whether the Lusitania was a defenseless merchant ship or was being used for the transportation of war munitions and soldiers, on which unsuspecting passengers were permitted to take passage to safeguard the war materials.

In its reply the German government declares that it is not its intention to submit neutral ships in the war zone which are guilty of no hostile acts to attacks by submarine or aeroplanes; that it is investigating the circumstances in connection with the attacks on the American steamers Cushing and Guilflight, and that in all cases where neutral vessels, through no fault of their own, have been damaged, Germany will pay indemnification.

The reply urges that in the case of the Lusitania, which Germany alleges was armed and carried large stores of war munitions, "it was acting in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy."

The text of the German reply follows:

"The imperial government has subjected the communication of the American government to a thorough investigation. It entertains also a keen wish to co-operate in a frank and friendly way in clearing up a possible misunderstanding which may have arisen in the relations between the two governments through the events mentioned by the American government.

"Regarding, firstly, the cases of the American steamers Cushing and Guilflight. The American embassy has already been informed that the German government has no intention of submitting neutral ships in the war zone which are guilty of no hostile acts to attacks by a submarine or aviators. On the contrary, the German forces have repeatedly been instructed most specifically to avoid attacks on such ships.

"If neutral ships in recent months have suffered through the German submarine warfare, owing to mistakes in identification, it is a question of quite isolated and exceptional cases, which can be attributed to the British government's abuse of flags, together with the suspicious or culpable behavior of the masters of the ships.

"The German government in all cases in which it has been shown by its investigations that a neutral ship, not itself at fault, was damaged by German submarines or aviators, has expressed regret over the unfortunate accident and, if justified by conditions, has offered indemnification.

"The cases of the Cushing and the Guilflight will be treated in the same principles. An investigation of both cases is in progress, the result of which will presently be communicated to the embassy. The investigation can if necessary be supplemented by an international call on the international commission of inquiry as provided by article III of The Hague agreement on October 18, 1907.

"When sinking the British steamer Falaba the commander of the German submarine had the intention of allowing the passengers and crew a full opportunity for a safe escape. Only when the master did not obey the order to heave-to, but fled and summoned help by rocket signals, did the German commander order the crew and passengers by signals and megaphone to leave the ship within ten minutes. He actually allowed them twenty-three minutes time and fired the torpedo only when suspicious craft were hastening to the assistance of the Falaba.

"Regarding the loss of life by the sinking of the British passenger steamer Lusitania, the German government has already expressed to the neutral governments concerned its keen regret that citizens of their states lost their lives.

"On this occasion the imperial

government, however, cannot escape the impression that certain important facts having a direct bearing on the sinking of the Lusitania may have escaped the attention of the American government.

"In the interest of a clear and complete understanding, which is the aim of both governments, the imperial government considers it first necessary to convince itself that the information accessible to both governments about the facts of the case is complete and in accord. The government of the United States proceeds on the assumption that the Lusitania could be regarded as an ordinary unarmed merchantman. The imperial government allows itself in this connection to point out that the Lusitania was one of the largest and fastest British merchant ships built with government funds as an auxiliary cruiser and carried expressly as such in the 'navy list' issued by the British admiralty.

"It is further known to the imperial government, from trust-worthy reports from its agents and neutral passengers, that for a considerable time practically all the more valuable British merchantmen have been equipped with cannon and ammunition and other weapons and manned with persons who have been specially trained in serving guns. The Lusitania, too, according to information received here, had cannon aboard, which were mounted and concealed below decks.

"The imperial government further has the honor to direct the particular attention of the American government to the fact that the British admiralty, in a confidential instruction, issued in February, 1915, recommended its mercantile shipping not only to seek protection under neutral flags, and distinguishing marks, but also, while thus disguised, to attack German submarines by ramming. As a special incitation to merchantmen to destroy submarines, the British government also offered high prizes and has already paid such rewards.

"The imperial government, in view of these facts, indubitably known to it, is unable to regard British merchantmen in the zone of naval operations specified by the admiralty staff of the German navy as 'undefended.' German commanders consequently are no longer able to observe the customary regulations of the prize law, which they before always followed.

"Finally, the imperial government must point out particularly that the Lusitania on its last trip, as on earlier occasions, carried Canadian troops and war material, including no less than 5,400 cases of ammunition intended for the destruction of the brave German soldiers who are fulfilling their duty with self-sacrifice and devotion in the fatherland's service.

"The German government believes it was acting in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its disposition to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy.

"The British shipping company must have been aware of the danger to which the passengers aboard the Lusitania were exposed under these conditions. The company in embarking them, notwithstanding this, attempted deliberately to use the lives of American citizens as protection for the ammunition aboard and acted against the clear provisions of the American law, which expressly prohibits the forwarding of passengers on ships carrying ammunition and provides a penalty therefor. The company, therefore, is wantonly guilty of the death of so many passengers.

"There can be no doubt, according to the definite report of the submarine's commander, which is further confirmed by all other information, that the quick sinking of the Lusitania is primarily attributable to the explosion of the ammunition shipment caused by a torpedo. The Lusitania passengers would otherwise, in all human probability, have been saved.

"The imperial government considers the above-mentioned facts important enough to recommend them to the attentive examination of the American government.

"The imperial government, while withholding its final decision on the demands advanced in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania until receipt of an answer from the American government, feels impelled in conclusion to recall here and now that it took cognizance with

satisfaction of the mediatory proposals submitted by the United States government to Berlin and London as a basis for a modus vivendi for conducting the maritime warfare between Germany and Great Britain. The imperial government, by its readiness to enter upon a discussion of these proposals, then demonstrated its good intentions in ample fashion. The realization of these proposals was defeated, as is well known, by the declinatory attitude of the British government."

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS.

Deeds transferring Guilford county real estate have been recorded in the office of the register of deeds during the past few days as follows: T. F. Wrenn to H. F. Wright, 9.4 acres in High Point township, \$2,000.

John M. Coble to Charles A. Shephard, 63.5 acres in Clay township, \$1,200.

J. R. Hughes to Fleida Johnson, a lot on Grace street, in Greensboro, \$10 and other considerations.

W. O. Goley to the county board of education, one acre in Clay township, \$1.

Orlando Coble to the county board of education, one-half acre in Clay township, \$10.

V. A. Smith to the county board of education, two acres in Jamestown township, \$60.

W. C. Tucker to the county board of education, one acre in Fentriss township, \$2,750.

P. H. Sumner and G. R. Apple to the county board of education, one acre in Fentriss township, \$1 and other considerations.

R. W. Wyrick to the county board of education, two acres in Washington township, \$60.

W. L. Clayton to Bascom Hoskins, a lot on Redding street, High Point, \$600.

C. R. Ward to Dr. O. D. Baxter, a lot on Hamilton street, High Point, 50 by 230 feet, \$1,200.

Bascom Hoskins to R. S. Wyrick, a lot on Myrtle avenue, High Point, \$150.

Mary E. Bartley to John and Charlotte Bartley, three tracts of land in Sumner township, 100, 39.5 and 41.5 acres, \$175.

Mary E. Bartley to Charlotte Bartley, 16.65 acres in Sumner township, \$25.

Mary E. Bartley to John Bartley, 41 acres in Sumner township, \$50.

Oliver S. Nelson to Mrs. R. C. Ridge, a lot on Sycamore street, in Greensboro, 40 by 128 feet, \$1,600.

C. M. Vanstory to C. W. Bradshaw, a lot at intersection of Penny and Vanstory avenues, city of Greensboro, \$10 and other considerations.

J. Planning to C. M. Glass, three tracts, 50 by 145 feet, 50 by 50 feet, 50 by 150 feet, Gilmer township, \$1 and other considerations.

W. M. Albertson to A. F. Jones, eight acres in High Point township, \$500.

## AMERICAN WOMEN ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON.

Charged with insulting a German officer, Mrs. Harriet Boyce and daughter, of San Francisco, have been sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment in the little German town of Lindau.

Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, sent a memorandum to the German foreign office on behalf of the American women. Pending action by the foreign office, Mrs. Boyce and her daughter are at liberty under \$5,000 bail, offered by the American consul at Munich.

The authorities at Lindau alleged that the American women used insulting language to the German officer who examined their baggage. Mrs. Boyce explained that she intended no insult, and that if her remarks were so construed it was because she was unfamiliar with the German tongue.

The court at Lindau, however, sentenced both women to serve three weeks in jail. They were allowed to communicate with the American consul at Munich, who prevailed upon the Lindau authorities to grant a stay of sentence.

Mrs. Boyce and her daughter were released on bail and went at once to Munich to await the outcome of Ambassador Gerard's intervention.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dalton have gone to Oakwood, Wilkes county, to spend some time with their son, Mr. Tom Dalton, who has a large apple orchard at that place.

## LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

### MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

**Summer School.**—The summer school at the State Normal and Industrial College will open tomorrow and continue until July 27.

**Has the Mumps.**—Mr. W. E. Allen, secretary and treasurer of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Company, is confined to his home with a genuine case of mumps.

**Cool Weather.**—The weather continues cloudy and uncomfortably cool. The weather bureau predicts more rain for today and makes a guess at fair weather for tomorrow.

**In Extremis.**—The condition of Mr. Samuel A. Denny, of Gibsonville Route 1, who has been seriously ill for some time, is reported as critical in the extreme. His death is expected at any time.

**To Pave Street.**—The city commissioners are planning to pave Ashe street from the north side of Buchanan streets to the railroad, this being the only block of the street south of West Market that remains unpaved.

**On Special Duty.**—Mr. A. T. Vernon, baggage master at the Southern's passenger station here, left last night for Richmond, where he has been assigned to special duty during the Confederate veterans' reunion this week.

**Negroes to Salisbury.**—A good representation of Greensboro's colored population left this morning on a special train for Salisbury to attend the annual memorial services in honor of the memory of the Union soldiers buried at that place.

**Baptist Revival.**—A revival meeting was begun at the First Baptist church yesterday. Rev. A. G. Riddick, of Durham, will arrive today and do the preaching during the remainder of the meeting. The music will be in charge of Mr. P. E. Epps, of Durham.

**June Wedding.**—Mrs. W. L. Grisbourn has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Annie Lee, and Dr. R. L. Offen, of Connecticut, the ceremony to take place in West Market Street Methodist church Wednesday evening, June 16, at 9 o'clock.

**Back to the Farm.**—Mr. John W. Shue, who came to Greensboro from eastern Guilford about three months ago to take employment in the Proximity mills, has decided that the farm is the place for a young man and Saturday returned to his home on Whitsett Route 1.

**Gets Good Contract.**—The Pomona Terra Cotta Company has been awarded the contract for furnishing the terra cotta to be used in the good roads work just inaugurated in Davidson county. Davidson recently sold \$300,000 of bonds for permanent road improvement and is losing no time in getting to work.

**Boy Drowned.**—Samuel Shropshire, about 15 years old, a stepson of Mr. W. H. Gurley, of High Point, was drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming in the pool at the Southern Power Company's plant in High Point. The body was recovered in about half an hour, but efforts at resuscitation were fruitless.

**Death of Infant.**—Winfred, the nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hanner, died yesterday afternoon at the home of the parents, on Arlington street. The funeral will be held from the residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by interment in Greene Hill cemetery. Rev. Dr. P. H. Fleming will conduct the services.

**Bird Had Flown.**—Sheriff Stafford and Deputy Marshal Kennett went down below Pleasant Garden Thursday to arrest a man who had been reported for the illicit dealing in liquor, but when they arrived the suspect had departed. It seems that some one norated it around that the officers were coming and were not careful to keep the information from the alleged law violator.

**On to Richmond.**—The special train carrying the Confederate veterans to the Richmond reunion left here this morning at 10.30 o'clock and was loaded down with a happy crowd of the old boys. About 100 veterans boarded the train in Greensboro and other members of the Guilford camp got on at High Point, Jamestown and Brown Summit. It is probable that 150 Guilford veterans will be in Richmond this week, which is doubtless the largest number that ever attended a reunion from this county.

**J. P. Minitree Dead.**—Mr. Joseph P. Minitree, formerly a well known young traveling man of this city, died Friday morning in a sanitarium in Laurel, Md., where he had been a patient for the past 18 months. He was afflicted with paresis. The body was brought to Greensboro Saturday morning and the funeral held from the home, on North Edgeworth street, at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. Robert Ewell Roe and Rev. Dr. Melton Clark conducted the services. Mr. Minitree married a daughter of Mrs. A. B. White about ten years ago and is survived by his widow and four children. He also leaves a mother, five sisters and a brother, who reside in Washington, D. C.

**Boys Held For Court.**—Hassell Turner, Roy Rumley and Pete James, white youths of Stokesdale, were given a hearing Saturday before Justice of the Peace Collins on the charge of entering and robbing stores in Stokesdale. Turner was arrested recently for the theft of \$32 and made a confession in which he involved the two other boys, who were arrested by Sheriff Stafford last Wednesday. It was in evidence at the trial that the stores of V. E. Vaughn and J. S. Preston had been entered and robbed several times during the past year. Rumley denied any connection with the thefts and was released for the lack of evidence. Turner and James were held for the next criminal term of court under bonds of \$200 each.

## GERMAN SAILORS LOSING MINDS OVER WAR STRAIN.

The New York Times reports that several sailors aboard the German liners tied up in Hoboken have become insane owing to the mental strain caused by the war. Although every effort has been made by officials of the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American line to keep it secret, it was learned last night that three of the sailors who had become violent had been put in the Hudson county jail. They are being watched by County Physician George King.

Last Saturday Reiner Koenig, a sailor in the Barbarossa of the North German Lloyd, went ashore to make some purchases. On his return he asserted he was Kaiser William and issued orders directing a battle in France. He was turned over to Police Chief Patrick Hayes, of Hoboken, and taken to jail.

Max Thainernicht, a blacksmith of the Vaterland, on Sunday said he was going to sink the Vaterland because she wouldn't take him back to Germany. He was also turned over to Police Chief Hayes.

Yesterday Hermann Heidecker, a steward of the Barbarossa, became too vehement for his shipmates and was placed in jail.

It is believed by Doctor King and the Hoboken police that there are many others among the several thousand men in the German liners who have temporarily lost their reason. It was reported last night that at least three men were being watched on board the Vaterland. The ship's officers said that Thainernicht was the only man who had gone insane.

Doctor King said that the men under his surveillance were under the strain of acute melancholia produced largely by homesickness and absence from their native land in time of stress.

"Many of these men," said Doctor King, "are reservists, and I have heard that some of them, under the impression of the force of the German law that any man who shirks his military duty will have his property confiscated, believe they are in personal danger. I am also confident that their strained mental condition is due to the fact that they have too many idle hours."

Doctor King also said that lack of proper nourishment might be a contributory cause. Several weeks ago a committee of sailors waited upon the Hoboken health board with the complaint that they could not eat their food. Dr. William D. Kudlich, of the health board, made an investigation, the result of which has not yet been announced.

## Calls For Explanation.

People who believe that the high cost of living limits the birth rate are now called upon to explain why the town of Harrisville, in West Virginia, which owns its natural gas and oil wells and has no taxes at all, has been compelled to offer a bonus for every baby born there.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The commencement exercises of the Greensboro high school were held in the Grand opera house Friday night, when diplomas were presented to the 15 members of the graduating class, prizes awarded, scholarships announced and an address delivered by Dr. Thomas W. Lingle, of Davidson College.

The following graduates received diplomas: Clarence Angel, Ellebre Brodnax, Kirk Callum, Kemp Clendenin, Mary Foust, Robert Frazier, Gordon Hunter, Edward Mabry, John McAllister, Mary Rees, Carol Shelton, Connie Stout, Adelaide Van Noppen, John Walker, Hilton West.

The Mann medal, donated by Superintendent Mann for the best year's work, was awarded to Miss Adelaide Van Noppen. The set of books given by Mr. E. P. Wharton every year for the best essay by any member of the graduating class, was awarded to John McAllister, who prepared an essay on "Greensboro's Waste Places and Practical Suggestions for Their Improvement."

Winners of scholarships were announced as follows: Hilton West, University of North Carolina; Edward Mabry, Trinity College; Ellebre Brodnax, Lehigh University, Pa.

Dr. Lingle made a very interesting address on religion and education as the two great forces that tend to elevate mankind. He said a man may have education and no religion and still be a fair sort of citizen; he may have religion and no education and be a fair citizen, but a man without either religion or education is a liability on society.

## Exercises by Grammar Grades.

The closing exercises of the grammar grades of the city schools were held in the Grand opera house Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when the children presented a very attractive program of recitations, songs, drills, etc.

Superintendent Mann presented certificates to 100 pupils who have completed the work of the seventh grade and are entitled to enter the high school next fall.

The school children were addressed by Mayor Murphy, who emphasized the importance of conserving the health of the community and told his young hearers how they could be of assistance in the work.

## Must Walk to Avoid Jail.

Akron, O., May 28.—After he had pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Wilda Fyfe, prominent in social circles in Canton, L. Oscar Beck today escaped a sentence of from two to 21 years, when Judge E. D. Fitch, in Criminal court, suspended the sentence.

Conditions of the suspension are that Beck must not operate an automobile, reckless driving of which is alleged to have caused Mrs. Fyfe's death; that he refrain from use of intoxicants, and that he must pay \$100 annually for three years to the Young Women's Christian Association.

Beck is a wealthy business man of Akron. Mrs. Fyfe was killed last February when Beck's machine crashed into a telephone pole.

## Death Warrants Signed.

Two death warrants were signed Friday by Governor Craig for electrocutions to take place in the electric chair of the state's prison. The first is for Charles Trull, of Mecklenburg county, who is to die July 2 for the murder and robbery of an aged storekeeper in Charlotte from whose person he took nearly \$500. The other death warrant is for Abe Allison, of Iredell county, who is to die July 9. He is a negro under sentence for entering the home of a white woman several miles from Statesville, while her husband was away for some time on contract work, and attempting criminal assault.

## Eighteen Lives Lost in Storms.

Eighteen persons are known to have lost their lives as a result of storms and floods in Kansas, western Missouri and eastern Oklahoma which reached their height Thursday night and early Friday. The number injured is placed at 20. The property loss will be heavy.

Mr. E. Poole has returned from Henderson, where he spent a few weeks recuperating from a recent illness.