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WILL STAND BY RIGHTS

New Note Warns Germany That Further Violations of American Rights on High Seas Will be Regarded as Unfriendly—In Nature of Final Statement—Note Goes Forward Today.

Washington Dispatch, July 21.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferring at the White House tonight completed the new note to Germany warning her that the repetition 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 tomorrow.

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

Among the points in the new note are:

1.—The assumption by the United States that Germany by declaring her submarine warfare to be a retaliatory measure against the alleged unlawful acts of her enemies, has admitted that the destruction of unarmed merchantmen without warning is illegal.

2.—German submarine commandos ~~are~~ ^{now} have proven that they can save the passengers and crews of vessels and can act in conformity with the laws of humanity in making war on enemy ships.

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

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

5.—The American Government realizes 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 any other temporary arrangements which do not involve a surrender by the United States of its rights.

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

The note is about 1,200 words long. While nowhere in it is there any direct 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 discussion of the principles involved has been virtually concluded and that future conduct of German submarine commanders will determine the responsibility for the continuance of friendly relations between the two countries.

The statement that future transgressions will be regarded as "unfriendly" 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 implications 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 tonight 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 tonight with several changes. The president agreed with Mr. Lansing's suggestions and tomorrow the document will be finally revised in phraseology before starting on its way to Berlin.

Rev. S. J. Porter of Texas Will Assist in a Meeting at Clarkton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rev. S. J. Porter, D. D. of San Antonio, Texas, will assist in a meeting of two weeks at Clarkton, beginning Aug. 1. All denominations are invited to attend and take part in the meeting. Dr. Porter, is one of Columbus county's sons and we are glad to have him come back and hold a meeting with us at Clarkton.

A. H. PORTER,
Pastor Clarkton Baptist Church

OPENING SALE JULY 29

Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton Will Have its Opening Sale Thursday of Next Week—Prospects Encouraging—Mr. Bransford Expects to Make Lumberton Market One of Best in State.

The Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton will have its opening sale Thursday, July 29. L. O. Transford & Co. will have charge of the house, and Mr. E. O. Bransford, the man who made the Mullins, S. C., tobacco market, will be on the door to look after the interests of the tobacco growers who bring tobacco here. Mr. Bransford has spent some time in the tobacco-growing section throughout this entire section and has made many friends for the Farmers' Warehouse. He thinks the prospects for a good opening are very encouraging. He thinks also that the prospect for a good crop is bright and is sure that with the good corps of buyers that will be on the Lumberton market he will be able to make the Lumberton market one of the best for the sale of leaf tobacco in the state. Mr. Bransford is well known to many tobacco growers throughout this section, being father of the Mullins market, which, while he was there, was considered one of the very best in the South Carolina belt.

Lumberton has one of the best-lighted warehouses in this section and no doubt will handle quite a bit of the Russian tobacco crop this year. The doors are now open and any farmer wishing to do so can bring his tobacco along and it will be taken good care of till he sees fit to sell.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED

Lumberton Cotton Mills, Dresden and Jennings Declare Quarterly Dividends of 5, 5 1-2 and 2 Per Cent, Respectively—Officers of Lumberton Mills Re-elected.

A quarterly dividend of 5 per cent was declared Tuesday by the directors of the Lumberton Cotton Mills at a meeting held immediately following the annual meeting of the stockholders. The directors at this meeting also re-elected Mr. H. B. Jennings secretary and treasurer, and Mr. F. P. Gray assistant secretary-treasurer. At the meeting of stockholders the old board of directors was re-elected and the officers elected by the stockholders were re-elected—Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president, Mr. A. W. McLean, vice president.

The directors of the Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills held their quarterly meetings in their offices yesterday. Routine business was transacted. A quarterly dividend of 2 per cent was declared by the directors of the Jennings Mills, and a quarterly dividend of 2 1-2 was declared by the Dresden.

WARNING TO AUTOISTS

Speed Limit Must be Observed—Chief and Recorder on Job—Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of in Recorder E. M. Britt's court this week:

Jimmie McDowell and Jno. Millan, both colored, jumping board bill; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

H. B. Jennings and Ertel Carlyle, breaking speed limit in town with automobiles; submitted and judgment suspended on payment of cost.

The town commissioners, realizing the danger to lives caused by fast auto driving on the streets, have provided the chief of police with a stop watch and instructed him to arrest all caught in the act. Recorder Britt says these were the first speed cases to come up before him, and those who come after these, the first cases, may expect something more than the cost. A word to the automobile drivers should be sufficient.

ELROD ECHOES

Sunday School Excursion to Lake Waccamaw—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, July 20.—Miss Ruby Stubbs of Parkton, who had been visiting her cousin Mrs. D. H. McCall for several days, left Monday to visit friends at Purvis.—Master James Poole is visiting his uncle, Mr. Tom Poole in Maxton.—Mrs. McCormack of McColl, S. C., is spending some time with relatives here.—Miss Jessie Poole is spending ten days at Lake Junaluska with a camping party. She will also visit friends in Charlotte before returning home.—Mrs. Mary Hubbard and Mrs. Louise Clark returned home Monday from a pleasant visit to Dillon.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Alston returned to their home in Emporia, Va., Saturday afternoon spending several days with their son, Mr. W. L. Alston here.—Mr. McN. Patterson returned home Tuesday from a few days stay in Wilmington.—Miss Mamie McRae is visiting friends in Wilmington.—Mr. Archie McCormack and family of Pembroke visited his sister, Mrs. D. A. McCall Sunday.

There was a large crowd on the Sunday school excursion to Lake Waccamaw last Thursday. Everybody had a good time and declared that to be the best place ever to have a picnic. We are planning to go again before the summer is over. The fishing, boating and bathing are all good, but I think the Elrod crowd enjoyed the bathing most of all.

DRAWING CLOSER TO WARSAW

Russians Withdrawing Before Advancing Germans—Severe Fighting in Lublin Region.

Press Summary, July 22.

The Austro-German forces continue to draw closer to Warsaw while the Germans in the far Northwest are making steady progress toward their objective—the port of Riga.

In the Baltic region the Russians are withdrawing before the advancing Germans. The last entrenchments held at the First National Bank. A governing board of seven was elected, composed of H. M. McAllister, A. E. White, D. D. French, Alf. H. McLeod, H. B. Jennings, N. A. Thompson and C. V. Brown.

At a subsequent meeting the board of governors organized by electing Mr. H. M. McAllister chairman, Mr. C. V. Brown secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. W. Bowden, assistant secretary-treasurer, and Mr. E. J. Pope, manager of the baseball team.

Lee Stone, who has quite a reputation as a pitcher, has been secured for the balance of the season. He is expected to arrive tomorrow. Efforts are being made to secure also Lee Correll, formerly of Lumberton, who has been with the South Atlantic League. It is confidently expected that his services will be secured.

The addition of one or both of these will materially strengthen the already strong Lumberton team.

The Lumberton Athletic Association will have several representatives at the meeting which will be held at Maxton Monday of next week to discuss plans for entering the contest for the trophy cup that has been offered by the Charlotte Observer.

The local baseballists are much enthused over the fine playing that has been done recently by the home team and the organization of the Lumberton Athletic Association means that the boys are going to be given good support.

UMBERTON ATHLETIC ASSO.

Organized Last Night by Local Baseball Fans—Board of Governors With H. M. McAllister as Chairman—E. J. Pope Manager of Team—Lee Stone Secured for Balance of Season—Lee Correll Also May be Secured—To Confer About Trophy Cup.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, July 20.—The revival services which were being held in the M. E. church at Buie, conducted by Rev. N. L. Seabolt, came to a close Sunday night. There were several conversions, Rev. S. E. Mercer of Carolina College preached Tuesday and Sunday.

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FARMERS' MEETINGS

Campaign For Winter-Growing Crops in Robeson—Nine Meetings Will be Held Over the County—Where and When These Meetings Will be Held

As stated in Monday's Robesonian, meetings for farmers will be held at the following times and places:

Monday, July 26, 2 p. m., Floral College.

Tuesday, July 27, 8 a. m., Raft Swamp.

Tuesday, July 27, 2 p. m., Purvis.

Wednesday, July 28, 8 a. m., Orum.

Wednesday, July 28, 2 p. m., Marrietta.

Thursday, July 29, 8 a. m., Saddle Tree.

Thursday, July 29, 2 p. m., Ten Mile.

Friday, July 30, 8 a. m., Rex.

Friday, July 30, 2 p. m., Philadelphia.

County Farm Demonstrator Blanchard is starting a campaign for winter-growing crops in this county, and it is hoped that every farmer in the county who is interested in better farming will attend one of these nine meetings. The meetings will be short, business-like and to the point. Only the questions of cover crops, winter-legumes and lime will be discussed. At these meetings, Mr. Blanchard says, "we hope to be able to tell you anything you may wish to know concerning this phase of farming, the crops to plant, how to prepare the soil, where to get the best seed at the lowest price, the need and value of liming, the kind of lime to use, where to get it and the delivered prices."

ORRUM OCCURRENCES

Miss Vira Floyd Entertains—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Orrum, July 20.—Last Thursday evening Miss Vira Floyd entertained in honor of her friend Miss Lillie Oakley. There was a large number of friends present from Fairmont, Proctorville and of this place. The house was artistically decorated with beautiful flowers, the color scheme being pink and white. The evening was spent very pleasantly in playing progressive games. Just before the clock claimed the hour for departure delicious refreshments were served by little Misses Glene Prevatte and Lois Floyd. Miss Floyd proved herself a charming hostess and all of her guests left cherishing the desire that they would soon have the pleasure of spending another delightful evening with her.

Miss Mary Lou McCullen of Burgaw, who had been spending some time here with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCullen, left this a. m. for Wilmington, where she will spend a few days before returning home.—Miss Lillie Oakley leaves Thursday for a few weeks in Hendersonville, Asheville and other points in the Western part of this State.—Messrs. W. G. and D. E. Prevatte are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes Prevatte, here this week.—Messrs. Spencer Scott and Frank Rogers of Fair Bluff visited friends here Friday evening.—Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Fleming spent the weekend at Bladenboro with relatives.—Prof. M. Shepherd was a business visitor in Lumberton Saturday.—Mr. Jasper Humphrey and sister, Miss Lillie, spent the weekend in Fayetteville with relatives.—Miss Edna Lamb of Marison, S. C., arrived here today and will spend some time with her friend Miss Ilene Prevatte.

TOBACCO MARKET OPENS

Fairmont Market Opened With About 100,000 Pounds of the Weed on 3 Warehouse Floors — Managers Pleased.

The Fairmont tobacco market opened today with something like 100,000 pounds of the "weed" on the floors of the three warehouses there.

Prices ranged from 1 to 8 cents per pound. There was not much tobacco on the floors except primings.

While the farms were not so well pleased with the prices on the opening day, it is thought generally that when all the stronger companies place buyers on the market the price will get better.

The managers of the warehouses were well pleased with the amount of tobacco brought in, and had they not advised the farmers to wait till after the 28th inst. to sell no doubt the opening would have been a record breaker so far as pounds go.

The managers of the warehouses at Fairmont think that the farmers who have good tobacco will receive a fair price this season.

RAYNHAM NEWS NOTES

"Laying By"—Large Crowd Attended Sunday School Picnic—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Raynham, July 20—"Laying by" crops is the order of the day around here.

Mr. Jane Ivey spent last Wednesday night at Orrum.—Messrs. Roland and Zebb Carlyle of Raft Swamp spent Saturday with Messrs. Thomas and Hubert Culbreth.—Misses Ethel and Nellie Odum spent Saturday night with Misses Kittie and Naomi Ivey.—Mr. Haynes Ivey of Chadbourn spent Wednesday night and Thursday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ivey.—Mr. Thomas Culbreth spent Sunday at Fairmont visiting friends.—Miss Mima Stone of Proctorville is visiting Misses Vida and Eunice Scott.—Miss Cora Stone of McDonald spent Saturday night with Miss Hattie Stone.—Mr. Harvie Townsend of Moss Neck spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone.—Mrs. W. F. Ivey is visiting her parents at Ruskin, Bladen county.—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ivey spent Sunday with Mr. Ivey's brother, Mr. L. J. Ivey. Misses Bessie Hayes and Bessie Brake spent Saturday night with Miss Jessie Stone. Miss Brake is visiting Miss Hayes for a couple of weeks.—Miss Mollie Hayes is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. Accock of Rocky Mount.—Mr. Gales of Maxton and Miss Mamie Wigging of Raynham spent Saturday afternoon with Miss Kittie Ivey.—Mrs. Barnes of Back Swamp is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Scott Stone.

Quite a large crowd attended the picnic at Raynham Baptist church Saturday. All seemed to enjoy Mr. Britt's speech. Hope to have him again.

—Mr. Ertel Carlyle has accepted a position as salesman in the Pope Drug Store. He began work yesterday.

—Rev. I. P. Hendereth of Lumberton will preach at Mt. Eliam the first

Sunday in August at 4 o'clock p. m. and Saturday before in the morning at 11 o'clock. Let all the members bear this in mind. We will have our regular conference meeting Saturday before the first Sunday in August instead of next Saturday and Sunday, our regular time.

—Begin Terms in State Prison.

Deputies A. H. Prevatt and Wm. Freeman carried Jno. Wess McCalum, colored, Effie Duet, colored, and Furney Williams to the State prison at Raleigh Tuesday. McCalum began a 15-year sentence for killing his wife last February; Effie Duet began a 7-year sentence for infanticide, and Williams a 15-year sentence for larceny. Each was tried during last week's term of criminal court.