

WILL CARRY OUT HER U-BOAT WARFARE

Former Ambassador James W. Gerard Says Germany is Determined Not to Let Up.

REMAINED IN WASHINGTON TODAY TO TALK MATTER

Food Conditions in Germany Serious But Not Necessarily Critical Says the American.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 15.—Former Ambassador Gerard remained in Washington today prepared to further amplify his report to the state department concerning conditions in Germany when he left and his treatment by the Imperial government. He was to leave for New York today to attend a formal reception to be tendered him Friday, and will return in a few days.

Germany Intends to Carry Out Her Submarine Campaign.

Washington, March 14.—Former Ambassador James W. Gerard who is just home from Berlin, made a report to the state department on events in Germany at the time of his departure. Mr. Gerard reports that the Imperial government fully intends to carry out its campaign of submarine warfare regardless of the prospects of war with the United States and also that peace talk has died out in Germany.

Mr. Gerard reported that German officials apparently considered the effects and consequences of submarine ruthlessness before proclaiming it, and so far as he could learn, were confident of its success. When he left Berlin, however, the campaign was only in its second week, and the Germans were still predicting the destruction of a million tons of shipping a month, the amount admitted by Teutonic experts to be essential for an effective starvation blockade of England. Since then, however, the average destruction has been below half that.

Food conditions in Germany when Mr. Gerard's party left were reported as serious, but not necessarily critical. This question is looked upon by the American government as very important because of its bearing upon the possibility of further peace moves by Germany in the near future.

British Ship Sunk by Submarine. Boston, March 15.—Agents of the Warren Line announced today that they had received direct word of the sinking of the British steamer Sagamore, which sailed from Boston to Liverpool, on the 21st of February, by a submarine.

CARBOLIC ACID ALMOST DID FOR YOUNG MAN.

Asheville, March 14.—John Owens, a young man of 25, married and with two children, tried suicide over the carbolic route at an early hour this morning, being found lying in the street about 2 o'clock by a night watchman. Owens was taken to a local hospital, and after an antidote had been administered, declared he had no knowledge of why he had elected the shorter and easier way out of life's troubles. He said that he had been drinking, and that he remembered buying the carbolic acid at a local drug store. The next thing he knew, he declares, was when he was awakened in bed by the doctor's ministrations, and realized that he had been close to the other shore. No action as to his detention by the police has yet been taken.

GERMANS IN MEXICO WOULD RAISE REGIMENT.

El Paso, March 14.—Government officials here have received information from confidential sources in Chihuahua City, Mexico, that the Germans residing in that city offered to raise a German regiment in Northern Mexico to fight with the Mexican troops in the event that the United States declared war on Germany and Mexico became involved. German reservists from the United States and German residents of Mexico were to make up this regiment, it was said.

Missouri will vote again on statewide prohibition in 1918.

DR. GRAYSON CONFIRMED.

Washington, March 15.—Dr. Cary Grayson was confirmed by the Senate today to be medical director and rear admiral in the navy.

A REVOLUTION IS REPORTED IN RUSSIA

Lead in the Movement is Credited to the Duma, Which Refused to Accept Disolution Order.

30,000 TROOPS REPORTED AS HAVING PARTICIPATED

Imperial Ministry Was Dismissed and Locked Up and Provisional Government Organized.

(By Associated Press.) A successful revolution has taken place in Russia, according to advices received through Berlin today embodying what is stated to be an official report issued in Petrograd.

The lead in this movement, according to the dispatch, was taken by the Duma, which refused to accept the dissolution order and continued sitting and organized a provisional government headed by the present Duma.

The Imperial ministry, the advices stated were dismissed and locked up and the people of Petrograd and troops to the number of 30,000 are declared to have supported the revolutionists who hold complete possession of the capital.

Order is said to have been nearly restored yesterday, the third day of the revolution.

Revolution in Russia Claimed.

Berlin via Sayville, March 15.—There has been a successful revolution in Russia, according to the Overseas News Agency (the official German news bureau.)

V. P. I. STUDENT SHOT BY A PROFESSOR

Young Stockton Heth Junior Died Early This Morning From Shots of Early Tuesday Morning in Home of the Teacher.

Roanoke, Va., March 15.—Stockton Heth, Jr., shot, according to a death statement said to have been made to relatives, by Professor Charles E. Vawter, of the Politechnical Institute of Blacksburg early Tuesday morning, died at 5 o'clock here. A brother and a sister of the man were at his side when he died. No intimations of the details were given out.

Was Shot in Professor's Home.

Blacksburg, Va., March 14.—Stockton Heth, Jr., son of Captain Stockton Heth, of Whitehorn, near Blacksburg, was shot and very badly wounded in the early hours of Tuesday morning at the home of Professor Charles E. Vawter, on the college campus, where he was a guest for night.

Mr. Heth was taken on the morning train to the Jefferson hospital, Roanoke, for surgical attention, and it is stated there that he has a chance for life.

Both Mr. Vawter and Mrs. Vawter have refused absolutely to make any statement regarding the affair today and the only other occupant of the house besides the young Vawter children was a young man who was not awakened until he was called and told to get the doctors.

Professor Vawter Gives Bond.

No arrests have been made, but Professor Vawter went voluntarily this afternoon, after waiving preliminary hearing before a magistrate, and gave bond of one thousand dollars for his appearance before the grand jury later pending any investigation that body may wish to make. His bondsmen are C. P. Miles and W. M. Brodie, of the faculty.

Answer No Questions.

Members of the two families involved say positively that they know nothing of any circumstances surrounding the shooting or that could have led up to it nor will Professor or Mrs. Vawter answer any question on the subject. Professor Vawter will not admit or deny that he fired the shots.

CIVIC LEAGUE PLANS COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Statesville, March 14.—The Civic League was in session yesterday afternoon. A committee has been investigating desirable property suitable for a community building for the town. It has been decided to purchase a house and lot on North Center street. The rest of the room will be removed to this building as soon as suitable improvements are made on the building. The chairman of the health and sanitation committee reported an active clean-up campaign to begin about April 1. Circulars urging the campaign will be distributed about the town. The league is anxious to turn all vacant lots into thrift gardens.

NEW LONDON MAN IS BEING HUNTED

Mr. J. E. Crook Disappears and His Family and Friends Are Searching for Him—Albemarle Chapter of Eastern Star Elects Officers.

Albemarle, March 14.—The community around New London and the many acquaintances generally throughout the county of J. E. Crook are very much interested in his whereabouts, as he mysteriously disappeared about three weeks ago and no trace whatsoever has been learned of him since. The fact of Mr. Crook's disappearance was not made known to the public until a few days ago and the news has just reached Albemarle. It seems that about three weeks ago Mr. Crook, who is a dealer in lumber and spends quite a lot of his time away from home, addressed a letter to his wife from Lumerton stating that he was on his way home and would spend that night in Charlotte arriving home about 10 o'clock the next day. Several days passed and Mr. Crook did not return and some investigation was made by Mrs. Crook and friends privately to learn that he did arrive in Charlotte on the night specified and registered at one of the hotels there. It was learned that he left a portion of his baggage in the room in which he was registered, but was himself not to be found. Mrs. Crook has had numerous friends assisting her to locate him, but since that time there has been nothing whatever heard from him in any way. Mr. Crook is a rather prominent citizen of this county, being a prosperous farmer lumber dealer, and having for a number of years served as President of the Farmers Union of Stanly county. There are many theories as to his disappearance, but all of them are mere speculations. There are no indications that he has committed suicide as his business seems to have been in fair shape and no known reason exists for an act of that kind. It is said that he only carried with him \$200, and it would therefore appear that he has hardily decided to purposely make his disappearance—and many think that he has possibly been robbed and murdered.

At the last regular meeting of Albemarle Chapter No. 71 Order of the Eastern Star the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following are the newly elected officers: Mrs. J. C. Hall, W. M., Mrs. W. E. Milton, A. M., A. C. Huneycutt, W. P., Mrs. L. F. Magruder, Sec., Mrs. R. M. Finger, Treas., Mrs. J. N. Anderson, C., and Mrs. W. L. Mann, A. C. The Star officers will be appointed and notified by Mrs. Hall, the newly elected Worthy Matron. The installation of the above named officers will be on Monday evening, March 19th, at the Masonic Hall, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The Chapter at its last meeting voted unanimously to ask the men of the Chapter to serve refreshments at the meeting Monday evening.

STATE PRISON OFFICERS ARE RECOMMENDED BY GOVERNOR BICKETT

Governor Bickett Would Have Board Appoint J. R. Collic, of Lewisburg, Superintendent and S. J. Busbee, of Raleigh, Warden. (By Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Bickett today recommended to the State prison board the appointment of the following officers: Superintendent of the State Prison—J. R. Collic, of Lewisburg. Chief Clerk—E. F. McCullough, of White Oak. Warden—S. J. Busbee, Raleigh. Physicians to Prison and Department for Criminal Insane—Drs. Carl W. Bell and C. E. Judd, of Raleigh. Superintendent of the two prison farms in Halifax county—Capt. C. N. Christian and Capt. J. R. Rhem, of Halifax. Physician to State farm—Dr. F. M. Register, of Halifax. Requisition for T. H. Lazar. Raleigh, March 15.—Governor Bickett today issued a requisition on the Governor of California for the return to North Carolina of T. H. Lazar, wanted in Wilson, this State; to answer to a charge of forgery. He is understood to be under arrest in Los Angeles.

Of course, we total abstainers are weaklings, fools, hypocrites and many other things like that, but goodness knows what we would be if we drank!

Great Britain has borrowed \$150,000 from Charlie Chaplin. The comedy relief in the tragedy of war.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

CONFERENCE MET AND ADJOURNED

Brief Session Held and Will Again Get Together at Four to Discuss Demands.

BOTH SIDES HOLDING OUT AND A STRIKE MAY RESULT

Representatives of Four Brotherhoods and the Railways Meet in New York City.

Lynchburg, Va., March 15.—Local freight representatives of the Chesapeake & Ohio road this morning gave notice of an absolute freight embargo on all shipments, except company's fuel, the order to become effective at midnight. The threatened strike is the reason given.

New York, March 15.—The critical international situation is the most important factor in the conference of labor leaders and managers of the railroads to prevent if possible a strike of nation-wide proportions. Both sides are urging this argument and if it fails President Wilson is expected to appeal to the employers and the employes on the same high ground.

The 400,000 members of the Brotherhoods, according to their spokesman, G. W. Lee, are determined to get the 8-hour day now, because if war comes they will feel it to be their patriotic duty to stay at their work.

Managers entered the conference with the declaration that they would not make any bargain until after the Supreme court has ruled on the constitutionality of the Adamson law.

The position of the Brotherhood representatives is that if the demands are not met the strike will be called for Saturday as announced.

W. G. Lee, spokesman for the brotherhoods said that in the meantime no statement of what occurred at the conference would be made by either side. It was learned that an adjournment was taken to give time to the managers to consider in a separate business session the ultimatum presented by the chiefs threatening to strike unless the demands were complied with. The managers said they were to give an answer at 4 o'clock. The managers after having lunch brought into them began to consider the answer. No counter proposition, it was learned, was made by them. They simply listened to the employes spokesmen with little comment.

The impression has been gained that both sides are in a conciliatory mood and willing to thresh out if possible any chance of an agreement. It is believed by some of the managers that during the time the conference will formulate a counter conference in which case there is a possibility that the joint conference will go over until tomorrow.

No Announcement Made.

New York, March 15.—With no announcement as to whether any agreement had been reached the joint conference today between the four chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and the railroad managers to consider the demands of the brotherhoods for immediate settlement of the 8-hour controversy adjourned after an hour's discussion until 4 o'clock.

Compromise is Reported.

Chicago, March 15.—It is stated to know that the railroad brotherhood's compromise calls for 8-hour's pay only for 9 hours, instead of 10 as originally demanded. It would establish a proportionate rate where pay is based on mileage made.

Statement Made By Brotherhood Leaders.

New York, March 14.—An appeal to the patriotism of the members of the four great railroad brotherhoods to refrain from any "rash movement" which would bring on industrial warfare in the present National crisis was made here tonight by the National Conference Committee of Railways on the eve of the conference tomorrow with the chiefs of the trainmen's organizations. There were additional indications, however, that the brotherhoods were determined to call a strike unless their demands were granted.

After a meeting here with several hundred general chairmen and chairmen of the locals in the brotherhood organizations on lines entering New York, W. G. Lee, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, announced that unanimous support had been voted the brotherhood chiefs in the demands they intend to make at tomorrow's conference. These demands, he said, would be based on the modified demands of last December, which called for a basic eight-hour work day and pro-rata pay for overtime.

This is virtually what the Adamson

GUARDING NAVAL GUNS AT WASHINGTON GUN FACTORY



The naval gun factory in the Washington navy yard is being carefully guarded these days while the workmen there are turning out weapons for United States battleships with more energy than they ever worked before. Rear Admiral J. H. Glennon, the superintendent, has placed men at the front gates to check every person who tries to enter. You have got to show a very good reason now before the sentry at the gate will let you in.

BAND MINSTRELS BY SALISBURY TALENT

Will be Put on at Community Building Auditorium Tomorrow and Saturday—Many Special Features and Some Fine Music Promised—A Parade Worth While.

The Salisbury Municipal Band's Minstrels to be given in the auditorium tomorrow and Saturday night promises to be one of the best attractions ever put on here by local talent, and the fact that quite a number of Salisbury's popular young set are to be among the leaders is causing great interest to be manifested in the coming presentation of this entertainment. The boys have been practicing for some time and are ready to present a first-class minstrel show. They will give a street parade each day at about 1 o'clock and it is said this is going to be something rich. It's gotten up in real minstrel style and will contain some feature parts.

The star blackface comedians are to be Bob Jones of Spencer and Tom (Hi) Bradley of Salisbury, while other negro comedians are Messrs. Farrington, Rankin, Bullaboy and Willard. Mr. Reid Goodson has been selected for interlocuter, and among the singers will be Henderlite, Myers, Drake and others who will soon be classed as celebrities. There will be some fine dancing, specialty acts, acrobatic features, instrumental music and other features, in fact, it is said the boys have assembled an aggregation of artists together that will surpass in many respects many of the traveling troupes.

The entertainment will take place in the auditorium of the Community Building and the people of Salisbury who love clean, enjoyable entertainment, and who believe in encouraging our home boys should pack the house and greet them when the curtain goes up tomorrow night.

A BOY SHOOTS FATHER.

Young Son of Mr. David Brown, Engaged in Killing Rats, Wounds Parent in the Shoulder.

Mr. David Brown, a well known farmer living in the Christiana church neighborhood, met with a painful accident in a peculiar manner yesterday. A young son of Mr. Brown was engaged in shooting rats in the granary, using a rifle, and one ball went through the rat, a box and passed on through the granery, lodging in the shoulder of the elder Brown, who was on the other side of the granery. While the wound was a painful one it is not of any great serious nature.

Feature Pictures at Colonial.

The management of the Colonial theatre has arranged for special feature pictures for matinee and night Saturday. Further announcement will be made as to these, and the public is assured of some first-class pictures.

Miss Grace Overman returned today from a delightful trip to Washington and New York.

Judge and Mrs. J. E. Webster have returned from a stay of several months in Washington City.

The most ruthless phase of the U-boat warfare so far seems to be a bit of ruthless lying on both sides.—Baltimore Sun.

W. O. W. MEMORIAL PARK FOR N. C.

Sovereign Camp Petitioned to Establish Memorial to Founder of in Hendersonville.

RETIRING CONSUL WISE PRESENTED GOLD WATCH

Orphanage Question Goes Over, and Petition Made in Behalf of Men in Life Saving Service.

The Salisbury delegation to the Woodmen of the World State meeting in New Bern returned home Thursday morning and many others passed through en route to their respective homes. The Salisbury boys were glad to return with a good showing; this city not only having landed the next convention, which means the bringing of about 500 Woodmen here, but also retained Mr. A. L. Smoot on the State orphanage committee, and succeeded in getting representation on the board of State managers in the person of Mr. W. M. Ruth, as well as having Mr. W. L. Roan, in recognition of his military knowledge and fitness for it, made a member of the special Uniform Rank committee. The Salisbury Woodmen are also well pleased over the selection of Mr. J. H. Norwood, of Norwood, who is about half Salisburyan, as Head Escort. In fact this city fared better than any other represented at the meeting.

Notes of the Meeting. Telegrams of greetings were exchanged between the North Carolina camp and the Virginia, Arkansas and Alabama State camps which also met at the same time. A telegram of good will was received from Sovereign Commander W. A. Frazier at Omaha, Neb., and was answered in the same spirit.

The orphanage question was put off until the next convention, it being evident that the great majority of Woodmen had not well informed themselves on this question and the head clerk was instructed to have blanks prepared and endeavor to get a full expression of the entire State membership on this before the next meeting and in the meantime the orphanage committee will set about to ap out plans to present to the meeting.

A resolution was passed petitioning the Sovereign camp to amend its laws and take life saving service men out of the prohibited class and permit them to join the order.

A resolution was passed, being presented by the Hendersonville delegation and backed by the people of Hendersonville to petition the Sovereign camp to purchase a site at Hendersonville and establish there a permanent Uniform Rank encampment ground and build and maintain a national Woodmen park to be known as the "Joseph Cullen Root Memorial Park," as a memorial to a founder of the order who died suddenly in that city several years ago while on a visit. It is estimated that such a project would necessitate an outlay in the beginning of something like \$75,000.

Retiring Head Consul was presented with a handsome gold watch as a gift from the State camp in recognition of his faithful services and loyalty to the organization, the presentation being by B. E. Henderson, Esq., of New Bern.

There were 348 regular elected and seated delegates in the convention in addition to the officers, members of the degree team and other Koodmen visitors who were guests of New Bern during the meeting.

A feature of the closing session was the appearance on the platform in the Masonic theatre where the meetings were held, of B. E. Henderson, Jr., of New Bern, the three-year-old son of Attorney B. E. Henderson, who was introduced as a young chopper who delivered the electoral vote of North Carolina recently and who was embraced by President Wilson.

The closing business was the installation of the newly elected officers, this being done by State Manager E. B. Lewis.

It was pronounced by those who have been going to these meetings for several years to have been the best State meeting yet held, and it will grow and when the convention comes to Salisbury in 1919 it is expected that there will be approximately 500 delegates.

Concord Gas Company Sold. (Special to the Post.)

Concord, March 15.—The Concord Gas Company was sold at public auction here today at 2 o'clock. Several concerns were re-presented and bidding was lively. The successful bidder, however, was William B. Anderson, being for \$25,000. This will be open 20 days for a 10 per cent increase.