

PEACE MOVEMENT IS STRONG IN GERMANY

This is Declaration Made by Von Reventlow, Made Up of All Classes of the People.

WINTER MONOTONY BROKEN WEST AND ITALIAN FRONTS

Through Efforts of Diplomatic Corps in Petrograd Bolsheviks Has Released Minister.

(By Associated Press.)

While German leaders are undecided as to what course to take in peace negotiations with Russia the British labor party has issued a message to the labor parties of Russia in support of the no annexation and self determination. The British appeal is also made to the people of Germany and Austria-Hungary urging them to support this same policy of no annexation and self determination.

Apparently no definite course has been decided upon by the German Emperor and his advisors, but the speech of Chancellor von Hertling which was to be delivered in the main committee of the reichstag has been postponed. The pan-Germans continue their campaign against foreign secretary von Kuehlmann and the Socialists have forced the Fatherland party, composed of annexationists of pan-Germans to postpone meetings favorable to annexation.

It is declared by a friend of pan-Germans, Count von Reventlow, that the peace movement in Germany is strong, and that it is made up of Socialists, a large number of liberals, the clergy and a great many diplomats. These factions are said to hold to the view that the U-boat can only delay peace and cannot starve the entente nations. Instructions given to the peace commissioners at Brest-Litovsk have not been changed says an official announcement.

On the western front and in northern Italy the winter monotony has been broken by spirited actions. German troops have again made one of their fruitless attacks against the French positions northeast of Verdun. While most of the attacking force were driven back by the French fire some detachments gained advanced elements from which they were thrown out immediately.

East of the Brenta river the Austro-Germans have replied only with artillery fire to the daring Italian attacks which resulted in the capture of important observation posts at Monte Asolone and enlarged their bridgehead on the lower Piave, east of Capo Sile. Four hundred prisoners and much war material were captured.

Through the efforts of the diplomatic corps in Petrograd the Bolshevik government has released the Rumanian minister.

French Troops Deliver Attack.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 16.—French troops after several hours artillery preparation delivered an attack in the vicinity of Badonviller in the Vosges region and temporarily penetrated the German front trenches, army headquarters announced today.

Hungarian Cabinet Reported Resigned

London, Jan. 16.—The resignation of the Hungarian cabinet is reported to Copenhagen from Budapest, the resignation being due to the failure of support for the military program.

It is believed Emperor Charles will ask the Hungarian premier, Dr. Alexander Wekerle, to remain in office and reconstruct the cabinet.

STEAMSHIP TEXAN IS SAFE.

Steamship Line Offices Notified That Vessel Believed Lost Several Days Ago is Safe.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 16.—The American Hawaiian Line Steamship, Texan, reported sinking off the coast two days ago, is safe, the line officials here were notified by the navy department.

The line officials received no details in the official announcement, the notice from the navy department merely stating that the Texan was afloat. The assumption is that the crew of 43 men also is safe, otherwise the line would have been notified.

Little Scott Shaping Dead.

Word was received by Salisbury relatives today of the death at Orlando, Florida, last night of Scott, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Shaping, at their home at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Shaping are former Salisburyans and have relatives and friends here who will learn with sorrow of the death of their little son. Arrangements for the funeral were not announced.

Struggle against it as thou wilt, yet Heaven's ways are Heaven's ways.—Lessing.

MONEY STOLEN AT CAMP FUNSTON BANK IS FOUND IN WHISLER'S QUARTERS

Army Officer Had Prepared a Place in the Walls of His Barracks Quarters and it Has Been Recovered—Not Now Believed He Had an Accomplice in the Murder and Robbery.

(By Associated Press.)

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 16.—The money taken from the army bank at Camp Funston by Captain Louis Whistler Friday night last when that officer killed four employes and injured the fifth and said to have been more than \$62,000 was found today hidden in the walls of Whistler's quarters in the camp barracks here. The money was in currency and was found stored in a hiding place Captain Whistler evidently had prepared for it before the robbery and murder. Its discovery, it is said, probably closes the case so far as the theory that Whistler had an accomplice is concerned.

ESCAPED CONVICT ARRESTED.

Salisbury and Spencer Officers Locate Jake Poe, an Old Offender, Who Had Been Absent Five Months.

Chief of Police Cruse, of Spencer, Special Officer L. D. H. Brown and Deputy Sheriff David Graham yesterday afternoon arrested Jake Poe, colored, an escaped convict from the Rowan county chain gang, the arrest being made at Spencer. Poe is an old offender and was serving a term on the roads for larceny. He made his escape about five months ago and had eluded the officers all this time, but returned to his old haunts and was taken in custody. He will be given a hearing on a charge of escape, probably tomorrow, and will get additional time for leaving the gang before the expiration of his sentence. He had about six months yet to serve of his old sentence.

Cotton Has a Sharp Break.

New York, Jan. 16.—With the exception of October which opened 1 point lower on active Liverpool selling the local cotton market opened 3 to 8 points higher today on scattered covering but shortly afterward developed much weakness under liquidation and bearish pressure, influenced by fuel and transportation situation which is regarded as distinctly unfavorable to the bull side of the market in view of possible reduction of mill operation. March broke to 39.94 and May to 39.58 representing 29 to 32 points net decline. From this level there was a substantial rally of about 20 points, due to covering by Western and Wall Street sources.

EVIDENCE AGAINST THE FORMER PREMIER

Washington State Department Gives Out for Publication Papers Which Show How Former French Premier Was in Communication with the German Government.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—From its stock of mysterious intercepted diplomatic communication the state department today published the correspondence between Count von Bernstorff, former minister to Washington and the Berlin foreign office, showing that former French Premier Caillaux was in communication with German agents in Argentina in 1915.

The first Bernstorff dispatch contained very damaging reference to the French government and warned German newspapers against praising him. Another gave notice that the ship on which Caillaux sailed from Argentina was planned to be captured by submarines.

The capture of the ship was sought because the captain carried important papers. The German government was asked to treat Caillaux with every courtesy and official consideration in case he should be taken.

LENINE FIRED ON.

Premier of the Bolsheviks Was Shot at While Riding in a Machine in Streets of Petrograd, Not Hurt, One Man Injured Slightly.

(By Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—An automobile carrying Nickoli Lenine, the bolshevik premier, is reported to have been fired on at night while he was driving to a meeting of the council of the people. Four shots were fired. The premier was not hurt, but one of his associates in the machine was slightly wounded in the hand.

The bullets shattered the windows of the car.

VERY DARK PICTURE PAINTED BY SENATOR

McCumber of North Dakota Gives a Gloomy Outlook of the Future Situation in the War.

SAYS ENGLAND IS NOW ENDURING THE BRUNT

Russia and Rumania Are Out of the Fight and Italy is Under Heel of the Conqueror.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator McCumber of North Dakota today gave the Senate a gloomy picture of the position of the United States and her allies in emphasizing his plea for a radical ship building program. He declared England was bearing the brunt of the war and asked:

"How long can she stand the strain?"

"The United States must send five million troops to balance the manpower of the central powers," said Senator McCumber, "and seven millions would be needed to make Germany retreat."

"Russia and Rumania are out of the war," asserted Senator McCumber, "and Italy is losing ground. France is unable to make any headway. The war of opposition threatens the battle line and continental Europe is crumbling. Who can say how long Italy can or will withstand the Teutonic pressure? Optimistic, indeed, must be the men who can say a single year without additional support. With Italy under the heel of the conqueror and with France assailed who can prophesy that that country will not quickly be brought under the heel of the same conqueror and England's army left to battle against overwhelming numbers."

Senator McCumber said "this is delineating two things. First, the exact situation as it now is, and second, the possibilities of the future."

LEG BROKEN LOGGING ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES

Eugene Drake Sues Employer for Injuries Received When Green Log Rolled on Him, Claiming Neglect.

Asheville, Jan. 16.—Eugene Drake yesterday filed a complaint before Clerk of the Superior Court J. H. C. they, against John Maney, in which he asks \$10,000 damages for injuries which he claims were received while he was getting out logs for Maney and hauling them to the latter's mill. Drake charges neglect on the part of his employer to provide a safe course for the hauling of the heavy green logs, failure to provide suitable tools and sufficient assistance, through which neglect Drake's work was rendered dangerous, and resulted in his having his leg broken in two places on November 21, 1917.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS THE MOST SOLDIER VICTIMS.

Caused 149 of 235 Deaths Reported From Camps Last Week.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Pneumonia caused 149 of the 235 deaths reported among the national guardsmen and national army men training in this country during the week ending January 11. The weekly report of the division of field sanitation, made public tonight, shows that eighty-eight guardsmen died during the week as compared with 109 the week before, and 147 national army men as against non-effective rates in the guard 167 the previous week.

Both the hospital administration and non-effective rates in the guard and national army camps increased during the week, with pneumonia generally prevalent. Among the guardsmen there were 342 new cases of pneumonia, and in the national army 340. The meningitis situation continued to improve both in the guard and national army, while measles continue to decline in most of the cases. Epidemics of German measles and mumps prevailed in many camps, with scarlet fever increasing in the national army and decreasing in the national guard.

Camp Doniphan, Okla., led the guard camps in the number of new cases of pneumonia with fifty and Camp Wheeler, Georgia, was forty-seven.

Camp Travis, Texas, headed the national army camps with new cases of pneumonia with ninety-seven against seventy-two the week before. Camp Pike, Ark., second with forty-one cases and Camps Lee, Va., and Taylor, Kentucky, reported twenty-four and thirty-four new cases respectively. The week before there were fifty-nine new cases at Camp Lee.

Man wants but little here below and thus he is not disappointed at what he gets.

A FRENCH PARTY IS TOURING THE SOUTH

Be Tendered Number of Lunches in Raleigh and Bickett to Hold a Reception at Mansion.

TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS HOARDING OF FOODSTUFFS

Grand Lodge of Masons Advances Election of Officers and Calls Off Annual Banquet.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The Marquis and Marquise Politina and Marquis and Marquise Politina and a party of distinguished French men and women who are making a tour of the South, accompanied by Chas. E. Russell the well known Socialist and writer and a member of President Wilson's commission to Russia, arrived here today. The visitors will be tendered a number of luncheons and receptions and other arrangements will be made for their entertainment.

A patriotic mass meeting is to be held tonight at which Governor Bickett will introduce the members of the party and at which Mr. Russell will be the principal speaker. Later in the evening a public reception will be held at the governor's mansion by Governor Bickett in honor of the visitors.

To Investigate Food Hoarding.

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—George H. Hummer, of the State Food Administration, left here today for Henderson to investigate reports of alleged hoarding of food supplies by persons in that section in violation of the food laws. Masons Elect Officers This Afternoon.

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—By unanimous vote the election of officers of the Grand lodge of Masons of North Carolina in session here will take place this afternoon instead of tonight. The change was decided on account of a patriotic mass meeting which will be held here incident to the visit of a distinguished party of French men and women. After the election of officers the session will adjourn until tomorrow morning when the installation of officers will take place.

Picture Men Call Off Banquet.

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors association met here today in annual convention. Conservation of food and the special war tax will be among the most important subjects discussed at this meeting. About 100 exhibitors are here for the convention which comes to a close tomorrow afternoon.

The annual banquet of the association will be eliminated from the program this year in order to comply with the recommendations of the food administration.

WILLARD RESIGNS.

Railroad Man at Head of the War Industries Board Says His Duties as Head of B. and O. Require All His Time.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, has resigned as chairman of the war industries board. His resignation will be accepted. It is said the resignation is due to the fact that the Baltimore and Ohio road requires all of Mr. Willard's time, and is not to any conflict brought about in the reorganization of the war department.

NEGRO SUES SOUTHERN FOR DISCRIMINATION

Asks \$3,000 for Humiliation Received When Ejected From Depot Waiting Room.

Asheville, Jan. 16.—E. W. Pearson, colored, who runs a real estate office and employment agency at 24 Eagle street, yesterday filed complaint against the Southern Railway company, asking \$3,000 damages for injury to his feelings and for humiliation received, when, according to his complaint, he was ejected from the waiting room of the Asheville depot on the 8th of last month. Pearson charges that his ejection, while twelve or fifteen white passengers were allowed to remain in their waiting room, was discrimination against him because of his race and color, and was a violation of the fourteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States.

On the occasion of the ejection, declares the complaint, he had purchased a ticket to Black Mountain, and was waiting for his train, when the station master ordered him to leave the waiting room. He refused, declaring his rights as a passenger; whereupon the station master had an officer to eject him, caused him to miss his train, and greatly humiliated him.

HELP REACHES THE ISOLATED DISTRICTS

Boats Sail Into Roanoke Island and to Cape Hatteras With Coal and Food Supplies for People.

WARMER WEATHER MELTS ICE SUFFICIENT FOR TRAVEL

Help Reached the Suffering People in Time But Many Are Very Anxious to Get Away.

(By Associated Press.)

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 16.—Relief from Elizabeth City and Washington, N. C., reached the residents of Roanoke Island and Cape Hatteras today and threatened suffering as a result of coal famine was averted. The warmer weather of today and yesterday freed the sound of ice sufficient for the operation of small boats and sailings were made both from the island and mainlands today. Boats from the mainland carried supplies to the isolated people and boats from the islands carried a number of people eager to escape from the terrible conditions existing at Hatteras and on Roanoke Island since the recent freeze prevented the operation of boats.

Savation Faced the People.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15.—Many people are homeless and in an almost starving condition at Cape Hatteras and on Roanoke Island, N. C., as a result of a severe hurricane that visited that section today, blowing 16 houses from their foundations and wrecking four of them completely. This section has been suffering severely from food shortage since the beginning of the recent cold wave, water transportation, the only means of ingress or egress for Roanoke island, having been cut off by ice. The hurricane has accentuated this condition, and unless aid is received quickly the results will be serious.

Immediately after the hurricane 50 people attempted to leave Roanoke island on the steamer E. R. Daniels, but were forced to put into Moyock on account of the ice. Most of the damage done by the hurricane was on Roanoke island, and it is there that most of the suffering from food shortage is reported. A number of people also attempted to make the mainland on the small steamer Hattie Creep, but had to return on account of the ice.

At one time the wind attained a velocity of 74 miles an hour. Twelve people are known to have been injured, but it could not be learned late tonight whether there were any fatalities.

It was learned tonight that the people on Roanoke island have not been adequately supplied with food since December 27.

NATION'S CORN IN DANGER OF DESTRUCTION

Priority Orders Have Discriminated Against Bumper Crop.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Priority orders have discriminated against corn to such an extent that a large part of the nation's bumper crop of 1917 is threatened with serious deterioration if not destruction, Director General of Roads McAdoo was told today by Representative McCormick, of Illinois, who, backed by a letter from Food Administrator Hoover, urged immediate appointment of a railroad executive experienced in handling corn shipments to devote all his time to the movement of the crop. Mr. McAdoo took the matter under advisement.

Before laying the situation before Mr. McAdoo, Representative McCormick conferred with Mr. Hoover and they were agreed that corn now on farms or in the country elevators must be moved within the next few weeks in order to avert shortage in many parts of the country. Reports to the food administration, it was announced showed that country elevators have been filled for months and millions of bushels are rotting in the fields because the farmer has no place to store the crop.

CONGRESSMAN SIMS APPOINTED

Speaker Champ Clark Names the Tennessee Head of the Committee to Consider Water Power Legislation.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 16.—Speaker Clark today appointed Representative Sims of Tennessee chairman, and seventeen other congressmen members, of the newly created special House committee to consider all water power legislation. Representative Sims will retain the chairmanship of the interstate commerce committee.

The water power committee will organize immediately as President Wilson is urging expeditious action to save the water power resources of the country.

MR. JIM PRINCE TO MANAGE THE LELAND HOTEL, DANVILLE, VA

Hotel is Owned by Stock Company in Which Salisburyans Are Interested—Mr. Prince Has Been Assistant Manager of the Yaddin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Prince left yesterday for Danville, Va., where Mr. Prince becomes manager of the Hotel Leland in that city, taking up his work there immediately. The many friends of this popular couple regret to know that they are to discontinue their residence in Salisbury.

Mr. Prince has for the past four years been assistant manager of the Yaddin Hotel in this city. Jim Prince is an experienced hotel man, exceedingly clever and accommodating and has a host of friends here as well as with the traveling public, the latter of whom will be glad to find him continuing in the hotel business. The owners of the Leland could have picked no better or more efficient manager.

Mr. C. W. Andrews takes Mr. Prince's place as assistant manager and Mr. Fred Perdue becomes night clerk in the place of Mr. Andrews.

The Leland Hotel in Danville is owned by a stock company, among the stockholders being Manager J. C. Somers of the Yaddin Hotel, Dr. F. B. Spencer, of Salisbury, Mr. C. W. Andrews of the Yaddin Hotel and Mr. J. R. Prince. It has been refurbished and greatly improved and Mr. Prince goes to one of the best hotel properties in Virginia.

MRS. F. I. MORGAN DEAD.

Wife of Local Mail Carrier Died Last Night—Funeral From Residence Thursday Morning at 11 O'clock.

Mrs. F. I. Morgan, aged 48 years, wife of one of Salisbury's mail carriers, died at her home, corner Innes and Long streets, at midnight last night after an illness of some days. The funeral will take place from the residence Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. M. Short of Park Avenue Methodist church, and the interment will be in Chestnut Hill cemetery. The pall bearers will be J. C. Kesler, J. C. Ketchie, B. W. Hall, E. M. Cauble, J. M. Moore and J. H. Cook.

Surviving are the husband, three sons and two daughters, the latter being Chalmers, Latta, Harvey, Essie and Mary, besides a number of other relatives.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Mrs. W. M. Sapp, Mrs. J. M. Shive, J. M. Benson, Mrs. A. I. Ritchie, Mrs. J. W. Lyrrly. Mrs. Morgan was a most excellent woman, a faithful member of the Methodist church, a kind and pleasant neighbor and an affectionate and dutiful wife and mother, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends.

NEGRO BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE WHEN BICYCLE IS STRUCK BY ENGINE

Colored Delivery Boy Runs His Wheel Into the Incoming Yaddin Locomotive—Wheel Demolished and Groceries Scattered Over the Ground.

A young negro, about 15 years old, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury this morning at 8:45 o'clock when he ran into the incoming Yaddin train locomotive with a bicycle which he was riding out East Council street. The boy was making a delivery of potatoes and bread and other groceries, carrying these in a basket, when he ran his wheel directly in front of the engine. He was knocked down and both he and his wheel dragged across the street to the sidewalk. The wheel was practically demolished but the boy escaped without a scratch. The groceries were scattered over the ground.

Those who saw the accident were certain the boy had been cut to pieces when he rolled up in a heap. The engineer did not see the boy and did not know his engine had struck any one until notified by the fireman on reaching the station.

The boy appeared to enjoy the experiment and when asked his name grinned and replied: "Joe, the Yaddin Wonder." He said he thought it was the business of the watchman to flash that "stop" signal sign when any one was attempting to cross while a train was approaching. He was asked by Policeman Shuping how he expected to see a small sign if he couldn't see a railroad engine.

W. SPOERMANN'S PAPERS EXAMINED

U. S. District Attorney Dennis at Baltimore Doesn't Believe Case Will Amount to Much.

VIOLATED PROCLAMATION CONCERNING MOVEMENTS

Arrest of Supermann on Charge of Being German Spy Came Through Love for Girl.

(By Associated Press.)

Baltimore, Jan. 16.—United States District Attorney Samuel K. Dennis declares today after a thorough examination of the papers and effects of Walter Spoermann, alleged German spy, arrested at the new army aviation depot near Newport News, Va., that he did not believe the man in the Baltimore jail was guilty of anything more serious than a violation of the provisions of the President's proclamation concerning the movement of enemy aliens. Mr. Dennis added that if the naval intelligence agents have no more evidence than has been brought to his attention nothing will come of the case.

Woman Responsible for Arrest.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 15.—Lieut. Walter Spoermann, the German spy suspect arrested at Camp Morrison, near Newport News last week, was brought to Baltimore this afternoon. He was rushed from the railroad station to the United States Marshal's office and thence lodged in jail.

Two hours previous to his arrival, his brother Frederick H. C. Spoermann, who was arrested here last night, was sent to jail also.

Another man, Marius Aisch, of this city, was taken into custody today by the Federal agents and there was a considerable display of activity and conferences at the Federal offices, with rumors that other suspects were being bagged.

Aisch, it developed, had some papers belonging to Lieut. Spoermann. He himself volunteered the information to the Baltimore police, and he was taken in charge by United States officers until the papers were seized.

Little, apparently, of an incriminating nature was discovered among the papers, Aisch explained that he had been acquainted with Spoermann for some time and that Spoermann left a suit case with the papers with him to keep for Spoermann. At that time, Aisch said, he was working in a lunch room and Spoermann merely asked him to take charge of the suit case. Aisch has been sent to jail also.

There is secrecy among the Government officials as to the number arrested in connection with the Spoermann case, though reports indicate seven or eight are in custody.

The woman whose friendship with Spoermann led to his apprehension at Norfolk is not under arrest. It was through Spoermann's fascination for her that he was finally located in Newport News. She has been a violinist in a Washington Hotel.

Intercession of mail to the woman resulted in naval intelligence operatives finding him in the employ of a construction contractor at Langley Aviation Field, near Norfolk. This was about two weeks ago.

Records at the local Federal office shows that an enemy alien permit was issued to Spoermann several months ago, with statements from Spoermann that he came to America with his brother, Frederick, in 1910. Papers seized in his rooms here last week, along with those indicating dealings with Bernstorff and Boy-Ed, indicated that he had "reported for service" in Germany after the war began in August, 1914.

This would apparently disprove Spoermann's statements on his alien record in 1910, except that he could have returned to Germany surreptitiously, reported for service there and later re-entered the United States without detection.

FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Warehouses in Which Government Supplies Were Stored Fired By Enemies of the Country no Doubt.

New York, Jan. 16.—A fire in five big warehouses filled with government supplies on the Brooklyn water front broke out this afternoon. Four alarms were turned in and an accumulation of ice prevented the aid of five boats.

VISITED FORT CASWELL.

Mr. Frank McCubbins is home from Wilmington, Caswell and Southport. Mr. McCubbins was at the fort and saw the Salisbury boys and found them in fine form and best of spirits.