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" " " " " " Hulls per 100 35c.

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### NOTE IS DISAPPOINTING.

Germany is Evasive and Defers Direct Answer—Full Text of Germany's Reply to Note Concerning the Sinking of the Lusitania Has Been Received—Summary Followed—President Wilson Will Reply.

The German note, replying to the American note anent the sinking of the Lusitania, was received in Washington Sunday night at midnight. Following is a summary:

The note expresses Germany's regret for injuries sustained by Americans as a result of submarine and aeroplane attacks, and offers compensation in cases in which Germany is found to be in the wrong. Direct answer to the questions raised by President Wilson, pending a further exchange of views, is deferred. 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.

Representations regarding the torpedoing of the British steamer Falaba, in which an American citizen lost his life, are answered with the statement that it was intended to offer ample time for the passengers and crew to leave the ship. The action of the captain in attempting to escape, however, necessitated more summary action. Even then the commander of the submarine granted 10 minutes for those on board to leave the vessel, and subsequently extended the time to 23 minutes before sinking the ship.

### UNINTENTIONAL ATTACKS.

Germany expresses regrets for "the unintentional attacks" on the American steamer Cushing and the Gulfight. The Cushing was attacked by German airmen in the North sea, and the Gulfight was torpedoed off Sicily Islands. Germany disavows any intention to attack harmless neutral craft. She offers to pay compensation wherever she is found to be in the wrong, and to refer doubtful cases to The Hague for a decision.

The passages in the American note concerning a possible disavowal by Germany of agents to sink the Lusitania and the disavowal of her present practices of submarine warfare are not mentioned specifically in the reply.

The note states that pending the reply of the American government to the Germans' assumption of fact regarding the real character of the Lusitania and her cargo, no attempt will be made to answer the demands contained in the American communication.

### ASSUMPTIONS OF FACT.

These assumptions of fact are as follows: The Lusitania was built as an auxiliary cruiser, subsidized and carried on the navy lists as such. She carried, according to German information, two guns mounted and concealed below deck.

British steamers sailing from New York, according to information received from passengers and other sources, repeatedly carried soldiers, artillery, war supplies and contraband to England. The Lusitania on this trip carried specifically 5,400 cases of ammunition in addition to other war supplies and Canadian troops en route to the front.

Reference is here made to the fact that carrying explosives on passenger steamers is contrary to American law. It is intimated that the German government would be glad to receive information as to how it happened that ammunition was permitted to be shipped on the Lusitania, a vessel crowded with passengers. Strong phrases are used regarding what is considered as apparently the deliberate policy of British shipping companies to protect war shipments by embarking American passengers on the same ships.

"The American mediatory proposals designed to end submarine warfare and the throttling of food supplies and other conditional contraband for Germany are recalled. The government expresses the desire to know what steps, if any, have been taken to induce Great Britain to embark on negotiations to this end, after Germany indicated her willingness to discuss a settlement on this general basis.

President Wilson is preparing a response to the German note which will be dispatched to Germany at once. It is said that the note will insist on an adherence by Germany to the accepted principles of international law as they affect neutrals.

County Demonstrator Henley expects to have a "baby" colt show at the Lee County Fair this fall. Some ten colts under one year old have already been listed. Any one in the county who has a colt should list it and help to make this a feature of the Fair parade. Offer two or three good premiums on colts and there will be a rivalry among the farmers to see who can exhibit the finest animals. This will stimulate stock raising in the county.

### JONESBORO NEWS LETTER

Berry Season Begins—To Observe Clean-Up Week—Death of J. W. Brewer—Cooking Demonstration.

Miss Annie Belle Harrington of the Normal College, Greensboro, has returned to Jonesboro for the summer.

Mrs. S. N. Liles and daughter, Miss Netta, left Tuesday for Wallace to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Brooks. On June 4th Mr. and Mrs. Brooks celebrate their twentieth anniversary, which is their china wedding.

There have been a few crates of dewberries shipped to New York by express this week. On account of the cool weather and excessive rains the berries are ripening slowly.

The Jonesboro Civic League has called for a "clean-up" week beginning Monday, May 31st, and ending Friday, June 4th. On account of the rainy weather throughout the week, it has been impossible to carry out their plans. Another date will be set, at which time we hope every citizen will do his part in co-operating with the Civic League and put the town in a sanitary condition.

Mr. J. W. Brewer, who has been ill for sometime with heart trouble, died at Central Hospital, Sanford, last Monday. The burial took place Tuesday at Center Grove, Chatham county, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. C. W. Robinson. Mr. Brewer leaves his mother, Mrs. D. L. Steadman, and several brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. Since the death of her husband a few months ago, Mrs. Steadman has moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alton Kelly, who lives a mile or two from town.

Mrs. J. R. Rives, who has been suffering from a slight stroke of paralysis, is improving.

Quite a number of ladies attended the cooking demonstration given at the home of Mrs. W. A. Godfrey Monday afternoon from 3 to 6. Mr. Vaughan, of eastern Carolina, gave this demonstration of the "Wear Ever" Aluminum cooking utensils. The tests made were very interesting to the ladies present. After the demonstration Mrs. Godfrey assisted by her daughter, Miss I. All served delicious cream and cake.

Miss Kate Hamilton is at home from Meredith College, Raleigh.

### Meeting of Rural Mail Carriers.

The rural letter carriers of Moore, Lee and Montgomery counties held an enthusiastic and interesting meeting in the city hall here last Monday. The meeting was called to order by the president of the association, Alonzo Blue, of Carthage, and M. A. Clark of Jackson Springs, acted as secretary. Mayor Howard, in a brief and appropriate address, welcomed the mail men to the town, and N. B. Blue, of Carthage responded on behalf of his associates.

The program was then taken up and interesting and instructive talks were made by a number of postmasters and rural letter carriers. Those who spoke were: L. B. Turney, N. T. Blue, Alonzo Blue, W. T. Monroe, J. C. Swain, E. B. Cole, P. M. Sinclair, and M. A. Clark. A resolution was passed urging the road commissioners of Lee, Moore and Montgomery counties to give more attention to roads over which rural routes have been established. The association elected as new members: C. Davis, S. M. Watson, M. B. Watkins, D. J. McLeod and W. T. Monroe. The election of officers was next taken up and E. B. Cole was chosen president, F. M. Sinclair vice-president and M. A. Clark secretary of the association. Blacoe was selected as the place for holding the next meeting of the association and the time of meeting changed from May 30th to February 22nd.

Before adjourning the association extended a vote of thanks to the local members for the kind and hospitable manner in which they entertained their guests.

### Buy Hay and Neglect Clover.

Prof. A. K. Robertson, State Field Agent of the Boys' Corn Clubs, who was here Saturday to address the corn clubs boys of the county, in strolling around town gathered some fine bunches of red top clover and timothy near the passenger station. Mr. Robertson made the point that if clover and timothy will grow and reach maturity on their own sullivan on the soil of this section, what would they do if they were properly cultivated by the farmers. It is hard for him to understand why some farmers will persist in buying the Western hay when they can raise fine clover and timothy on their land almost without an effort. There are some spots of vetch now in bloom in a patch of oats on a lot of Mr. W. S. Weatherpoon on Hawkins Avenue. The soil in and around Sanford is well adapted to the culture of all kinds of legumes.

Tax payers should bear in mind the fact that the law requires the listing of taxes. There must be no failure along this line. The officers are determined this year to get all of the property in the county and every parcel on the books. The man who tries to dodge is laying out trouble for himself. In Durham county recently indictments were returned against 500 men for failing to list taxes. If you failed to have your property assessed by the assessors during May be double-taxed.

### LONG RANGE BOMBARDING

Terrible Force of Shells Fired at a Distance of 28 Miles.

A thrilling story of the havoc wrought in Dunkirk by the huge German guns that shelled that town from a point 28 miles away is told by John P. Brady, a Chicago newspaper man who returned this week from the war zone. Brady was in Dunkirk during the second bombardment with John Borden, the Chicago millionaire and member of the New York yacht club.

"There were two bombardments," said Mr. Brady. "The first took place on April 22 and 23, and the second on April 29 and 30. We were in Dunkirk when the second bombardment commenced at 10:30 o'clock on the 29th. It lasted that day until 2:30 p. m., during which time 20 shells of a diameter of 19 1/2 inches were hurled into the town. The first shell struck in the plaza in front of our hotel, about 250 yards from us, and very close to the arsenal at which the Germans were aiming. It killed 20 soldiers and one woman.

"Whenever a shell struck it made a tremendous hole, and all fell within an area of a square mile. The vacuum caused by the explosion of the shell was so strong that it literally sucked up those in the vicinity and threw them to the ground.

"Two shells struck a house next to the military hospital, completely demolishing it. The concussion caused by the explosions was so great that 40 seriously wounded soldiers in the hospital were killed.

"Another shell hit the railroad station and killed three men. One struck the Casino, killing several. I afterward went into this building. The effect of the explosion had been so tremendous that the bones of one victim had been driven into the woodwork.

"One shell chugged into the bay and a second later the waters of the harbor seemed to heave upward in a solid body. All the torpedo craft lying there immediately put to sea at full speed.

"The second day only eight shells were fired. Throughout the bombardment a German Taube aeroplane circled above the city signaling to the distant gunners. The French gunners trained their anti-aircraft guns and rifles at the aviator, but failed to drive him off.

"The result of the bombardment from a military view was entirely satisfactory. Dunkirk has been rendered untenable as a base. All the soldiers have evacuated the barracks and the wounded also have been removed.

"The gun was stationed 28 miles away, just beyond Dixmude. It was apparently fired from a concrete base, which, according to military men, had not thoroughly set. The charge used to hurl the projectile over this tremendous distance was some form of highly explosive gas.

"In all about 300 were either killed or wounded as a result of this bombardment. The military authorities enjoined strict silence and refused to allow any details to be printed. When we arrived in London I offered the story to the Daily Mail, but was told they could not print it."

Mr. Borden, who returned with Brady, said:

"The most surprising thing about the battle fields in France is the rapid manner in which all battle scars are removed as soon as an action is over. Soldiers and civilians alike set to work immediately to clear away the debris and remove all trace."

### Cotton New and Old.

A gentleman of this place tells The Express that while on a trip through the county recently he noticed a farmer busily engaged planting cotton. This would have made little impression but for the fact that the next field on this farm was white with last year's cotton crop. This farmer either could not get his cotton gathered or he thought the price too low to justify him in gathering it. Perhaps when this farmer has finished cultivating this year's crop he will gather and put last year's crop on the market, or may be he will wait and gather both in the fall. The farmers in this section have said all along that they would reduce their cotton acreage this year, but it seems that when they went to plant their crop they changed their minds, as we are informed that the acreage is about as great as it was last year. Perhaps each farmer feeling that other farmers would reduce their acreage he decided to put in a full crop.

### Seventeen Year Locusts.

The seventeen year locust, which has not visited North Carolina since 1838, is due in this State during this month, according to a statement that has been issued by the Department of Agriculture. A number of the western counties, including Moore, will be the first section visited by the brood. The damage is expected to be slight, especially if effective methods of combating the pests are used. The Department states that the chief damage by locusts occurs when the female eats the bark off the trees for an opening in which to deposit their eggs. Trees should be sprayed thoroughly with Bordeaux mixture of lime wash as a preventative.

### The Odds Against Germany.

Charlotte Observer.

It is perhaps true that no country in history ever waged war against greater odds than are now combined against Germany. And it is probable that the combination will be made yet stronger, the allies even now figuring on the possibilities of Rumania, Greece and Bulgaria. The entrance of Italy has been a tremendous factor as bearing on the fortunes of Germany. In a review of the situation as it stands today, The New York Post holds that placing the losses against the gains, the allies are relatively much stronger today than they were during the first three months of the war. The figures given by The Post show that the population strength of the rival Nations was approximately 70,000,000 for Germany and 50,000,000 for Austria, making a total of 120,000,000. The representation on part of the allies was 175,000,000 for Russia, 40,000,000 for France, 47,000,000 for England, 8,000,000 for Belgium and 3,000,000 for Serbia, a total of 273,000,000. But, as The Post observes, time has been piling up numbers against the Kaiser. The Post places to his credit side Turkey, which entered the war during the last days of October. To his debit side must be charged Italy and England. The latter's army in the field today is at least eight times as strong as it was in the battle of Mons. The full National effort has not yet been put forth, but for months there have been at least 2,000,000 men on the army lists, and the number of volunteers today is close to 3,000,000, if it has not passed that figure. When Berlin admits a postponement of victory, it admits that there will be time for England to put into the battle line an army approximate to her population. The Post estimates that by the end of the first year of the war the showing for the rivals will be the same for Germany and Austria with 20,000,000 added by Turkey, or 140,000,000 for Germany and Teutonic allies, while England, with Italy, Serbia, Canada and Australia, will have 331,000,000. Furthermore, as The Post points out, to the allied side must be added the Belgian army, still in being and representing a National strength of, say, two millions, making a total of 315,000,000. So that by August the Teutonic resources in men, disregarding the wastage of war, will be 45 per cent of the allied resources, as against 55 per cent at the beginning of the war. By August, all the signs point to an addition of ten millions to the allied resources through the entrance of Rumania and Greece, with Bulgaria a probability. By the beginning of the second year of the war, therefore, while the Kaiser will have added twenty millions to his human resources, the allies will have added ninety millions, and probably a full one hundred millions.

And in face of the piling up of these tremendous odds, Germany halts not. The desperation of her fighting seems to be only increased, and however sympathies may run, it must be admitted that Germany is putting up a fight that challenges the admiration and the astonishment of the world.

### Huge Increase in Exports of Foodstuffs.

American foodstuffs exports amounted to the almost \$400,000,000 more during the ten months ending with April this year than that period in the previous year. Analysis of that class of exports announced by the Department of Commerce shows their value to have been \$657,146,200.

The huge increase has been due chiefly to the European war. The figures do not include statistics of manufacturers and manufacturing materials exports which, also, have vastly increased. Raw cotton exports during the period decreased \$236,000,000.

### Postal Revenues for the First Half of the Current Fiscal Year.

Postal revenues for the first half of the current fiscal year which ends July 1 shows a deficit of practically \$6,500,000. Figures issued by the Postoffice Department show the expense of the postal establishment increased more than \$9,000,000 as against the corresponding period last year, while receipts decreased almost \$600,000.

Cotton flags will float over public buildings and from coast guard cutters and other vessels of the Treasury Department soon. Tests have just been completed by the department with flags made of American cotton instead of imported bunting and these have showed that cotton flags are serviceable, durable and more economical than wool bunting.

The constitutionality of the North Carolina anti-trust laws is attacked in an appeal lodged in the United States Supreme Court by the Standard Fashion Company. The North Carolina courts held against the company as to collections for patterns sold under certain conditions and the company thinks the North Carolina statute invalid when applied to inter State commerce.

Ninety four trained nurses who took examination before the State Board of Examiners at Wilmington recently all passed the examination with creditable marks. The list was read out Thursday in Wilmington at one of the sessions of the 13th annual convention of the North Carolina State Nurses Association.

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