

## EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PEACE SEEMS HOPELESS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

### Russia's Answer to Germany Is Hostile. Fleets And Armies Of The Powers Are Ready. The Serbs Repulse The Austrians. Warlike Plans Cannot Be Checked. And Peace Efforts Are Hopeless. Germany Makes Demand.

London.—Germany's note giving Russia twenty-four hours in which to declare her intentions in connection with the mobilization of her army and reports that St. Petersburg had replied she could not check her warlike preparations, added a new danger point to the gravity of the European situation—already sharply critical.

Nervous tension in all the countries of the old world has almost reached its utmost limits. Germany has ordered her reserves to make ready for service, and France and Great Britain practically are in actual readiness for war.

A false move now, it is felt in diplomatic circles, would set millions of men in motion.

Berlin.—A note dispatched by the German government to St. Petersburg gives Russia twenty-four hours to explain her intentions with regard to mobilization.

In diplomatic quarters here it was stated that the note to Russia asked three questions—the object of the mobilization, whether it was directed against Austria-Hungary, and whether Russia was willing to order stoppage of the mobilization.

In the meantime all preparatory orders for a mobilization of the German army were issued. All the officers were recalled and no leave is to be granted.

The railroad battalions have been given special orders.

Grand Duke Ernest of Hesse, brother of Empress Elizabeth Feodorovna of Russia, was sent by Emperor William to St. Petersburg in a last endeavor to arrange peace.

London.—The gravity of the international situation is recognized in all European capitals.

Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey called on all parties in the British Isles to join in efforts to avert the immeasurable calamity of an extension of the Austrian-Serbian hostilities to other countries.

The German Emperor conferred

## NEW THEATRE BOOKINGS FOR SEASON

The theatre season at the New Theatre in this city will open on the evening of August 31, with one of the largest musical comedies now touring the South—"Mutt and Jeff in Panama." This splendid organization carries 42 people and a carload of special scenery. It will surpass anything this popular playhouse put on during last season. The management of the New Theatre has booked the following attractions for the coming season so far: Mutt and Jeff in Panama, Broadway Jones, The Dingbat Family, Sins of the Father, Believe Me, Stop Thief, Little Boy Blue, The Virginian, Peg-O'-My Heart, The Movie Girl, The Prince of Tonight, Coburn's Minstrels, Potash and Perimutter, The Yellow Ticket, Seven Keys to Baldpate.

## ENTERTAINS FOR COUSIN LAST NIGHT

Mr. John Keas Hoyt, the popular of Mr. and Mrs. John Keas Hoyt, on last evening from nine to twelve, charmingly entertained at his home, corner of Bridge and Second streets, as he always does, at a porch party in honor of his cousin, Mr. John Gray Blount fourth, of Memphis, Tenn., who is his house guest. The lawn at the attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt's was a scene of beauty, being enhanced by the numerous Japanese lanterns, castles and choice evergreens. All present partaking of the genuine Southern hospitality of the young host were loud in their praise of the evening and no social function among the younger set was more thoroughly enjoyed. Not only did the young host play the role of par excellence, but his popular parents added much to the evening's pleasure. One of the features of the many during the evening was dancing. Punch was served all during the evening from the dining room. The color scheme was yellow and white.

About 10:30 o'clock delicious melons were cut in a most informal way on the lawn and at 12 ice cream and cake were served. The color scheme of the evening was carried out in the icings, etc.

Those present were: May Belle Small, Katherine Small, Winnifred Nicholson, Carlotta Nicholson, Elizabeth Telfair, Raleigh; Miss Peary, Morehead City; Miss Canfield, Morehead City; Miss Tyson, Greenville; Josie McCullers, McCullers, N. C.; Elizabeth Warren, Elizabeth Taylor, Mildred Rumley, Edna Willis, Lillian Belle Willis, Evelyn Jones, Latham Jones, Isabel Warren, Sina Taylor, Athalia Taylor, Mary Rhodes, Laurie Branch, Eleanor Berry, Elizabeth Carrow, Annie Grist, Elizabeth Simmons, Madeline Ellsworth, Margaret Handy, Dorothy Brown, Sylvia Griffin, Rena Harding, Madge Kennette, Sadie Bland, Etta Carter, Marjorie Hoyt, Augusta Charles, Bernice Nicholson, Annie Fowie, Louise Nutt Myers, Reta Warren, Corrinne Bright, Elizabeth Bright, Robena Carter, Miss Tate, Miss Edna Tate, Miss Harris, Josephine Bonner, Messrs. Charles Wright, Will Knight, Joe Mayo, John L. Payne, Fred Moore, Charles Meekins, Jack Meekins, Carmer Gordon, William Blount, Jr., Samuel Blount, John Cotten Taylor, Josh Taylor, Enoch Simmons, F. Charles, Jim Weston, J. Bonner, Samuel Fowie, Jamie Fowie, Elbert Weston, Edward Hoyt, Jr., Rufus Carter, Jamie Bonner, W. A. Blount, Reginald Fulford, William Baugham, Seth Baugham, Jim Baugham, Ralph Hodges, Bruce Hodges, George Leach, John Havens, Angus MacLean, Murry Short, Mendell Suman, Ray Warren, Donald Bright, Jesse Woodard, Clay Carter, Justus Randolph, Shelburn Moore, Howard Bowen, Jr.

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VISITORS TODAY.

Among the visitors today in Washington are W. A. Neal, Bath; J. W. Hollowell, Ransomville, and W. H. Whitley, of Bonneton.

## PRESIDENT E. A. LOWTHER



## TENDERS RESIGNATION AS HEAD OF THE WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The Daily News learns with regret that the Rev. Edgar A. Lowther has tendered his resignation as president of the Washington Collegiate Institute, the same having been accepted to take effect today, July 31st.

President Lowther felt impelled to take this step on account of his wife's health, which has not been the best since she came to North Carolina. He feels that a change of climate will be beneficial to her, and as his duties as head of the school would have required his residing here, it seemed best to sever the connection.

During the time Dr. and Mrs. Lowther have lived here they have made themselves exceedingly popular, and the many friends they have gained will receive the news of the resignation with genuine sorrow. Both Dr. Lowther and his wife are

charming cultured people, and have added much to the social life of the community since taking up their residence here.

The local board of trustees, without exception, express deep regret at the necessity for the severance of the official relation, and with one accord wish President Lowther every success in the new work he shall undertake.

We have not learned what Dr. Lowther's plans are for the future, but wherever he may be the people of Washington will always feel a deep personal interest in the welfare of himself and his family.

Dr. Lowther expects to work in the interest of the Educational Board of the M. E. Church until September 1. During this time he will retain his residence in Washington, much to the gratification and pleasure of his friends, and they are legion.

AS TO DOG DAYS.

They May Be Expected Within a Short Time.

The dog days are not invariably either as to their beginning or ending, although the astronomical part of their cause is exact enough—just as ground-hog day may or may not be the coldest in the year.

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August or later. They are actually caused by the warming up of the earth. The 21st of June each year receives a greater amount of heat and light than any other day in the year. Still it is never the hottest day in the year, because the earth is absorbing more heat than it is giving out by radiation at that time. This condition continues until the latter part of August, when the heat balance begins to turn the other way, because the earth loses more heat by radiation than it gains from the rays of the sun. The earth has no chance to reverse this cooling process until after the 21st of the following June. Then the earth receives less heat and grows cooler and cooler after August 20, until in the neighborhood of ground-hog day, February 2, when the increasing heat and sunlight begin to make toward spring and warmer weather.

## Commercial Surgery For Sick Trees Demands Reliable Men

Washington, D. C., July 30.—A cavity in a decayed tree is something like a cavity in a decayed tooth. If an unreliable tree surgeon who has been called in to save the tree only partially removes the diseased part of the wood, uses no antiseptic coatings in the cavity and fills it up with cement the tree is no more cured than is a person whose decayed tooth has not been properly filled by a dentist. The only difference is that after the tree cavity has been covered, if the work has not been properly done, the tree has no way of making its trouble known except by further decay.

Within the last decade there has been a great increase in demand for surgeons to repair decaying shade trees, but the possibilities of practicing fraud in this profession like the instance just cited have tempted so many unreliable people to dabble in the science that tree surgery has fallen somewhat into disrepute. The United States Department of Agriculture realizes that commercial tree surgery could occupy a high place in the estimation of the public, and has recently issued a pamphlet entitled, "Practical Tree Surgery," wherein suggestions are made for improvement along these lines.

As in all professions, there are reliable and unreliable men and firms competing for contracts in tree surgery. In recent years so many occasions have arisen when property owners felt the necessity of calling in commercial tree surgeons to attend to their trees that there are now numerous firms, both honest and dishonest, engaged in the work. Usually tree surgery is practiced in connection with some nearly related line, but often it is taken up as a business of itself. When a blight, such as the chestnut bark disease, infects the trees of a district, the community or individuals in it, will often spend considerable money to control ravages which may rob the whole district of its trees. An affection like the chestnut bark disease is contagious. It requires scientific knowledge of the disease to know whether an affected tree should be destroyed at once or is worth treating. It requires scientific training to understand the manner of growth of the fungi causing the disease and what treatment is best.

Many individuals who have had faith in tree surgery have lost it through following the advice of unreliable tree surgeons who claimed to be able to diagnose a case, but whose main interest was to collect a good sum of money for their work. Besides the careless filling of decayed cavities in trees, there are other practices of certain so-called "tree surgeons," that do the trees more harm than good. Many of these "surgeons," as well as the people who employ them, do not realize the danger arising from fresh injuries to a tree. The tree owner should realize that prompt attendance to fresh injuries will largely do away with the need of tree surgery 15 or 20 years hence. The tree surgeons must realize that if they make fresh injuries in the living bark, when treating decayed portions, they are laying the tree open to more dangers of infection that will result in further decay.

Just as a person is subject to infection through cuts and scratches, trees are rendered subject to infection by having their living bark torn. Notwithstanding this, many tree surgeons use pruning hooks and climbing spurs and cut fresh gashes in the tree. To break off small dead branches a workman may use a long

pruning hook as though it were a club. In doing so the hook usually causes injury to the young bark near by. Every new wound may furnish a new point of entrance for decay, even though the old dead branch may have been removed.

The use of climbing spurs should be particularly avoided on trees in vicinities where there is a contagious infection. They simply render the treated tree all the more liable to catch the disease which is "in the air."

All properly equipped firms of commercial surgeons should have ladders that would reach 40 or more feet into a tree. Ladders, ropes, and rubber-soled shoes will allow a man to reach practically every part. Reliable estimates indicate that it takes somewhat longer (perhaps 25 per cent on an average) to do work on a tree when these are used instead of climbing spurs, and this is one reason why many firms who value remuneration more than reputation use the spurs.

The United States Department of Agriculture is suggesting a plan that may help put commercial tree surgery on a better basis. Owners are urged to have a definite written contract with the tree surgeons they employ, and the following is suggested as a model for such contract:

1. No climbing spurs shall be used on any part of a tree.
2. The shoes worn by the workmen shall have soft rubber bottoms.
3. Ordinary commercial orange shellac shall be applied to cover the cut edges of sapwood and cambium (which is the soft formative tissue from which the new wood and bark originate) within five minutes after the final trimming cut is made.
4. All cut or shelled surfaces shall be painted with commercial creosote, followed by thick coal tar.
5. All diseased, rotten, discolored, water-soaked, or insect-eaten wood shall be removed in cavity work and the cavity inspected by the owner or his agent before it is filled.
6. Only a good grade of Portland cement and clean, sharp sand in no weaker mixture than 1 to 3 shall be used to fill cavities.
7. The contractor shall repair free expense any defects that may appear in the work within one year.

If the owner prefers to have a cavity filled with asphalt or other material instead of cement, the contract can be altered accordingly. If it is desirable to substitute some other preparation for shellac, this can be done. Similarly, under certain conditions, various other modifications may be made, although alterations in Nos. 1, 2, 5, and 7 should be made with caution. It may so happen that if all insect-eaten wood is removed, the tree may be dangerously weakened; under such conditions the diseased matter can be removed to solid wood and the cavity fumigated. Other suggestions along these lines may be found in the pamphlet issued by the department.

The department realizes that this science is comparatively new and that methods in the near future may be developed that will prove far superior to some now in common use. It therefore invites correspondence either from individuals or firms concerning new methods of treatment and is prepared to advise regarding any particular method so far as experimental results will permit. The co-operation of all who are interested is necessary for this work. All interested are urged to write for the new bulletin.

## SHOW LAST NIGHT WAS EXCELLENT

Another fine picture program was shown at the New Theatre last night. The management although not giving vaudeville attractions this week are more than making up in the way of first-class movies. Those who attended the theatre last night are today speaking only the very highest praise for the efforts of the management last evening, in attending the entire week. Those who attend this popular place of amusement this evening will be more than repaid.

## DR. DUNN ABSENT.

For the next two weeks I will be absent from Washington attending the American Osteopathic Association, Philadelphia. Will return on August 18 and will receive patients at Hotel Louise as heretofore. 7-31-2c

## FOR REPAIRS.

The schooner Cobb, owned by Mr. H. Thompson, of Aurora, N. C., is now undergoing repairs at the Chesapeake Marine Railway. She expects to return here within the next few days.

## HAS RETURNED.

Mrs. F. J. Berry, junior member of the firm of Suskin & Berry, has returned from Beaufort, N. C., where she has been spending several days recuperating. Mrs. Berry and children are still at Beaufort. They expect to return later.

## IN THE CITY.

Miss Elsie Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marsh, of Belhaven, was a passenger on the Belhaven-Folk Southern train this morning. She returned to her home this afternoon.

## CROPS FINE IN THE COUNTY IS THE REPORT

The best season for canteloupes in years has been afforded the farmers in this county this season and the outlook for watermelons, although a little late, seems to be as favorable. The consensus of opinion has been that the canteloupes this year have never been excelled in flavor. All kinds of fruit up to this time has been in every way satisfactory. The fact of the business is that the farmers of Beaufort county so far have had nothing to complain of as all kinds of crops. The prospects are that the tobacco, corn and cotton crop will be the best in a decade, and if the prices received are even fair those who till the soil this year will have no cause to grumble nor complain.

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FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—Horse, phaeton and harness. Also young colt. N. E. Simmons. 7-28-1wo

## HOME FIRM GETS CONTRACT FOR WIRING

Mr. T. H. Blount has been given the contract for the wiring of the Hotel Louise. The work is now in progress and the Daily News feels confident that it will be done in a workman-like manner, for Mr. Blount is an expert in his line of business. He is one of Washington's progressive young men, is a hustler and knows the electrical business from start to finish. It is gratifying to know that a local concern is given the preference.

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I HAVE PURCHASED TWO CARROTS of watermelons which I will sell at wholesale, cheap. R. H. Hudson. 7-30-3tc

## PICNIC AND FISH FRY AT GAYLORDS

There will be a basket picnic and fish fry at Gaylords, N. C., this county, on August 7. The public has a cordial invitation to come and bring a basket. Superintendent of County Schools, Mr. W. G. Privette, will make an address on education; also Mr. W. M. Chauncey, of Washington, will speak on the same subject. In addition to the addresses by these two interesting and entertaining speakers there will be different amusements for those present. A pleasant day is anticipated. The good people of Gaylords are making

elaborate preparations for the occasion and unless something happens it will be a gala one for that community.

## HERE ON BUSINESS.

Mr. H. R. Way, one of Belhaven's most popular and energetic citizens, is here today on business.

## A TRIBUTE.

Mr. James R. Ball was born October 16, 1851, age 53. He was married to Miss Della Durham March, 1891. He leaves a good wife and four children to mourn their loss. He was of a social, jovial disposition. There were many sad hearts and tearful eyes when the message came that he was dead. Death does not alter the value of life. His life has just begun. His funeral was very largely attended and was conducted by M. G. Singleton. His body now lies at rest beneath the dust in the family graveyard, while his precious soul sweetly sleeps in the arms of Jesus.