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## AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WHO IS RECALLED, AND HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE IN BERLIN



AMBASSADOR and MRS. GERARD

The American Embassy in Berlin has been officially closed and Ambassador Gerard and Mrs. Gerard, with the embassy staff and all American consuls and other representatives in Germany, have been directed to leave at once.

## GERMANY WILLING TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS

Report that Note Has Been Addressed to This Country Asking To Prevent Hostilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Out of the war cloud hovering over this country of crisis with Germany, tonight came the grave suggestion that Germany was willing to discuss means of preventing actual hostilities.

The suggestion came apparently out of the air and no one in official Washington would accept the responsibility for it. It left the White House and the State Department gasping with astonishment and met with an authoritative denial from practically all sources of official information in Washington, but its effect was apparent.

The White House, State Department, German Embassy and the Swiss Embassy, now handling German affairs here declared that they had never heard of these suggestions.

The publication of the report that Germany had addressed to this country a note suggesting that the two nations meet and discuss ways and means of preventing hostilities caused a flurry in administration circles.

Tonight, Secretary Tumulty declared that the White House had never heard the slightest intimation of such a communication and that its publication was a matter of deep suspicion.

The report of peace proposals from Germany calmed the administration in the midst of preparation for and eventually it caused a profound sensation. Secretary of State Lansing called his advisors and reviewed every communication in hands of the State Department, and the officials after the conference declined to discuss the situation, but Mr. Lansing himself gave the statement that he had "never heard of such a communication."

The report as published here was to the effect that Germany had framed a note to the United States, suggesting that steps be taken to prevent actual hostilities between the two nations. It declared that the note would probably be sent through the Swiss Embassy, it is asserted that Germany does not propose any modifications of the submarine war, but would ask the United States to suggest means to prevent a further breach in the relations between the two countries.

## BABY BURIED ALIVE TO GET A FORTUNE

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 10.—Little Trixie Adair, the baby girl of mystery who was found buried alive in a country graveyard near Adairsville, Ga., last spring, just in time to save her, will inherit a fortune.

She has been adopted by a wealthy man and his wife, who recently paid a visit to the orphan's home in the suburbs of Atlanta and were charmed by her appearance. They have no children of their own, and assured Superintendent Hawkins of the orphanage, that the child would receive \$50,000 when she becomes 21 years old and as their adopted daughter she will be with them.

## PRESIDENT ORDERS INQUIRY IN FOOD SITUATION

Trade Commission: Departments of Agriculture and Justice to Make Probe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—President Wilson today directed that a federal inquiry be made at once into the question of the nation's food supply and the high prices of food stuffs.

The Federal Trade Commission and the Departments of Agriculture and Justice have been instructed to begin a probe into the question.

"An adequate supply of food stuff is a matter of concern to the nation at all times, it is of peculiar importance at the present, the President declared in a letter to Chairman Harris of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President seeks to ascertain definitely where the current high prices are to be accredited to the trusts or the conditions. Following close upon the President's instructions, plans are being made hurriedly to begin the investigation.

## MASS MEETING OPPOSES FORMATION OF JARVIS COUNTY AND FURTHER DISMEMBERMENT OF CUMBERLAND

Pursuant to a call of the County Commissioners, held on the first Monday, there was a meeting of the representative citizens of Cumberland county at the Court House, called to order by Hon. V. C. Bullard, who stated that the purpose of the meeting was to oppose further dismemberment of the county, as there was a proposed bill to cut off part or all of Black River Township and add the same to the proposed new county of Jarvis.

On motion Mr. A. D. McGill was elected chairman; W. M. Walker, secretary of the said meeting.

Talks were made by numbers of citizens opposing such action; and a motion was carried empowering the chairman to appoint a committee to draft suitable resolutions against the further dismemberment of the county. The following committee was appointed, viz: D. M. Stringfield, D. B. Currie, J. T. Martin and A. S. Hall, and on motion, Hon. A. D. McGill was added to this committee, with full power to act.

A motion was then carried endorsing the action of the Board of County Commissioners in recommending that the Sheriff be put back upon a fee basis, and an amendment was then offered, resolving that it is the sense of the meeting that the officers of the entire county be put upon a fee basis, which motion was carried. This refers to the officers who were put upon a salary basis under the Acts of 1913.

A motion was then carried to appoint a committee to draw a petition and circulate same throughout the county, by sending at least one petition to each chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee for the purpose appointed: F. L. Nelcombe, W. E. McGill and F. A. Marsh.

## GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND WIFE WHO MUST LEAVE



COUNT and COUNTESS VON BERNSTORFF

Count von Bernstorff, long German ambassador to the United States, has been given his passports and must leave, or at least he will no longer be officially recognized by the Secretary of State. Mme. Bernstorff recently came to the United States to join her husband.

## EXPLOSION FRIGHTFULLY WOUNDS TWO SMALL CHILDREN

A most distressing accident occurred yesterday morning at the home of Mr. Hall who resides on the late Clem Russell's farm near the County Home.

Mr. Hall had left some dynamite in his home and Mrs. Hall was out of the house, his little girl, three years old, accidentally knocked the dynamite off the shelf causing a terrific explosion which frightfully injured the little girl and the baby sister, seven months old.

Dr. O. L. McFadyen was hurriedly called and upon his arrival found that the stomach of the older child had been bursted and the intestines were protruding from the wound in the child's side. The baby was burned over the body and face.

Dr. McFadyen dressed the wounds of the children, put back the intestines, sewed the wound and rushed the children to the Cumberland General Hospital.

Where after all efforts on the part of skilled physicians had been given to save the little ones' lives, the baby died Sunday night and the older one died Monday.

## ANDREW TART IN TROUBLE ON ACCOUNT OF GETTING MARRIED

Andrew Tart, who works at Holt-Williamson Mill was committed to jail yesterday in default of a two hundred dollar bond. His troubles arose by reason of his being a married man. The case was tried before Squire C. P. Overby yesterday. It is charged that Tart secured license and was married to Miss Lula Hight, whom it is claimed was only sixteen years of age. The defendant was married day before yesterday so had a rather short honeymoon as the father-in-law secured a warrant and had his son-in-law arrested. The magistrate fixed the bond at the sum of \$200.00 on appearance in court next Wednesday and upon default of same the defendant was committed to jail.

## THE ARDUNA ARRIVES IN LIVERPOOL SAFELY

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The Cunard Line received a cable telling of the safe arrival at Liverpool last Thursday of the "Arduna."

Captain Thomas Barman of the American liner "Kroonland" wireless today that he expected to make port by midnight. In addition to these a number of other neutral and belligerent vessels have reached port safely during the last forty-eight hours.

## EASTOVER DEFEATS DONALDSON BASKET BALL TEAM

Yesterday a game of basket ball was played between the Donaldson Military School and the Eastover High School.

It would be hard to mention any one especially as stars, as both sides played an errorless game. The game was one of the most exciting ever played in Fayetteville, both sides going neck and neck until the final end of the second half, when Eastover High School made a brilliant play, which netted them a victory of 20 to 18. They went back home last night, rejoicing that the strong Donaldson team had met defeat at their hands. The game was staged at the Armory.

## TWO FIRE ALARMS YESTERDAY

yesterday. The first was about 12:30 p. m. caused by a small fire at the residence of Mr. H. S. Everett on Winslow street. Very little damage was done. Another alarm was given in at 7 o'clock, caused by a fire at the home of Mr. J. S. Hall on Dick street. Small damage.

## COTTON MARKET

Cotton brought 16 cents on the local market yesterday.

Miss Rosa Lee Bethea who has been employed at the Rifles goods store for some time, leaves this morning for Sumter her old home.

## AMBASSADOR GERARD LEAVES BERLIN TO-DAY

Will Make No Statement But Is Expected To Send Confidential Message on His Arrival in Switzerland.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Unless unforeseen events overthrow the present plans at the eleventh hour, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard and two hundred fellow Americans will pull out of Berlin on a special train within less than four hours and at dawn on Sunday will be past the Swiss frontier and will be on neutral ground, close on the way to Zurich from which place they will proceed on their way to Spain, homeward bound.

On the eve of his departure, Ambassador Gerard made a brief statement announcing that he would give no interview of any kind to any person until he had reached the United States.

Late tonight, intimation came from a well informed and responsible source that when the Ambassador reaches Switzerland, he will use the first opportunity afforded him since the break of diplomatic relations to send a confidential report to Washington. The correspondent informant strongly hinted that in the message might be some tangible suggestions to the American government, an effort to avoid war between the two countries and the belief is that it is possible for Germany and the United States to establish a common ground to bring about measures that will fully safeguard the United States without impairing usefulness of the submarine weapon, is held in wide circles here, even tonight. It is thought that these lines are in the semblance of James W. Gerard.

## TWO U. S. VESSELS SAILED FOR WAR ZONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—With the Stars and Stripes flying from the top mast and in defiance of the German submarine warning, the American steamer, Rochester sailed today for Bordeaux.

The Rochester was followed closely by the American steamer Orleans of the Oriental Navigation Company, also bound for Bordeaux.

The first vessel to leave an American port after the German declaration was the "Dochra." She sailed on the second of February for Genoa.

Upon the voyage of the Rochester and Orleans, manned by twenty-two American citizens, may depend the issue of war or peace with Germany, as both of these vessels carry contraband according to the German view. They are not armed against a German submarine attack.

The Rochester of the Keer Steamship Company has an American flag painted on her bow and another on her stern. On the sides in three-foot letters is her name and the U. S. A. The Orleans is marked in similar style. The Orleans' crew is partly American as seven men and Captain Allen Tucker are American citizens. Captain Tucker being from New York City. She is a vessel of 4000 tons. The Rochester is a vessel of 5,300 tons, carrying a crew of 33 men, 15 of whom are Americans.

It is said that in shipping circles interest is shown in the test voyages.

Mr. Gerard, his staff and 120 Americans arrived safely in Switzerland early Sunday morning and are now resting at pending instructions from Washington.