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KAISER DEFIES WILSON SUBMARINE WARFARE STARTS

Germany Proposes to Literally Starve England Within Sixty Days—May Cause Break With United States—Wilson to Announce Today Position.

UNITED STATES BROUGHT NEARER WAR THAN EVER BEFORE.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Germany has declared unrestricted warfare.

A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world has never seen, was announced today in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard, in Berlin, and to the state department here by Count von Bernstorff.

Thus begins the long feared campaign of ruthlessness, conceived by Von Hindenburg, it is said here, on a magnitude never even contemplated by Von Tirpitz.

Statements Recalled.

Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with Germany, with all its eventful possibilities. President Wilson's repeated warnings of "a world afire" and Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statements are being recalled in the capital tonight with feelings of apprehension and misgiving.

Germany's action is the super-crisis of all those that have stirred the American government in two and a half years of world war.

Peace and means of preserving peace have gone glimmering.

President Wilson, incredulous at first when the unofficial text of Germany's warning was brought to him, at once called for the official document, which had just been presented to Secretary Lansing by the German ambassador. Mr. Lansing absolutely refused to make a comment. President Wilson began at once a careful study of the document.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Call Meeting Next Wednesday in the School Building—All Interested Are Invited to Attend.

A call meeting of the parent-teachers association will be held in the graded school building next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Important matters will be discussed. Committees will be appointed and it is urged that every member attend and those who are interested are invited.

At a meeting to be held Wednesday, February 21, Mrs. Rubin Robertson, president of the Orange street school parent-teachers association of Asheville, will address the meeting. Mrs. Robinson has been interested in this work for a number of years. She will no doubt have a very interesting message to bring to the members in Hendersonville.

MISS DELLA DAVIS
APPENDICITIS OPERATION.

Miss Della Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, was operated on for appendicitis Wednesday morning at the Patton Memorial hospital and is reported to be getting along nicely. Miss Davis is a popular member of Hendersonville's society and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

REV. CAWTHON PREACHES
SPECIAL SERMON ON SCHOOLS.

Large Number of Students Attend in Body Sunday Night—Favors Increase Taxation.

Some two hundred of the students of the Hendersonville Graded school, and the entire student body of Fassfern, marched in bodies last Sunday night to the First Baptist church at the invitation of that church. The pastor preached on the text, "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good." He said that our religion was not founded upon faith alone, but also upon reason. He emphasized the fact that ignorance and prejudice are the great enemies of civilization, Christianity and progress. The pastor said that a knowledge of God increased faith, and that education, whetted the reason and rendered it more capable of grasping the truths of God's word. Clearly and forcefully were the points made that ignorance could be banished only by the training of the intellect, and that prejudice could be overcome only by having the heart attuned with the purposes of the Master of love.

Mr. Cawthon concluded his sermon by advocating that the citizens of Hendersonville should vote an increase in the rate of taxation of twenty cents on the \$100 valuation in order that funds may be provided for the properly educating the children of the town. He said an increase in the rate of taxation, together with a bond issue for the erection of a high school building, were the only remedies for a situation which demanded immediate attention.

All of the other ministers of the town have declared themselves in favor of the program outlined and advocated by Mr. Cawthon, and they can render no greater service toward upbuilding the town than by vigorously supporting the movement for better school facilities for Hendersonville.

PERSHING IS OFFICIALLY
ORDERED FROM MEXICO.

American Troops Have Begun Evacuation of Colonia Dublin 110 Miles From Border.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The final act in the entrance into Mexico of 12,000 American soldiers as a result of the Villa massacre of 17 Americans at Columbus, N. M., on March 9, 1916, was written today with official announcement by the war department that General Pershing had been ordered, and actually had started, to bring his troops back to the United States.

Secretary Baker issued the following announcement:

"General Pershing has been ordered, to bring his troops out of Mexico. The movement is to be an immediate one and is probably already under way."

Later advices to the department said that the troops already had begun the evacuation of Colonia Dublin, 110 miles from the border, where they had been concentrating during the past few weeks. The last American soldier is expected to recross the border in about a week.

No official information is at hand as to whether Villa or Carranza troops will occupy the territory left vacant by the Americans, but the belief is strong here that the bandit, who is credited with at least 8,000 well armed men and who is at least four times as strong as when the American troops went across the border, will make a desperate effort to take the territory, particularly for its moral effect.

The two other phases of the Mexican problem on which interest centers now are the positions of the more than 50,000 militia still on the border and the sending of Ambassador Fletcher to his post at Mexico City. Official say no decision has been reached in either of these questions but that both are dependent on the turn of events in Mexico.

At least a part of the remaining guardsmen are expected to be ordered home as soon as the 25,000 now leaving have been moved out of the way and Pershing's regulars have been redistributed to provide adequate protection for the border, perhaps in three weeks time. Pershing's withdrawal will enable a much smaller force to guard the border, as a large support has been essential to his long line of communications.

The delay in sending Ambassador Fletcher is due to the administration's hesitancy to accord that degree of recognition to the Carranza government which is felt not only to have been none too friendly, but also to be seriously endangered by Villa, Zapata and other bandit activities, as well as by the extremely weak economic condition in the country.

The Pershing withdrawal will be carried out with as much speed as possible over the rough, arid waterless section and it is hoped that the men will cover about 15 miles a day. Railroads will not be used even for carrying supplies, as it is desired neither to run any chances of raids by Villa, nor to incur any obligation to Carranza.

Preparations for withdrawal have been going on for some time. It was admitted today with the calling in of outposts and the taking of steps to protect friendly Chinese and Mexicans from punishment by the Mexicans.

A combination of reasons are given unofficially for the withdrawal decision. First was the impracticability of actually "capturing Villa" as the object of the expedition was explained to be in a White House statement issued at the time the expedition was sent in. Then with the border apparently safe, the demand for the return of the state troops has become more and more pressing.

MOONSHINERS' ELUDE OFFICERS
MONDAY NIGHT NEAR KANUGA

Sheriff Case and Deputies Have Loned some Hunt Over Bad Roads. Get Only Part of Still.

A tip over the telephone brought Sheriff Allard Case and several deputies to a place along the road near Kanuga lake last Tuesday night, where they were forced to abandon the car on account of the condition of the road, in search for a moonshine still nearby.

After walking over all kinds of grounds the officers came upon a place where only a few minutes before had been a hot still in operation. In fact the fugitives made such a quick get away that they left part of their outfit still warm on the ground. Five perimeters and a part of the fixtures were cut up by the raiders. It is thought that the raiders at each end of the road nearby gave the alarm in time for an escape. The still was located in a dense ivy bluff.

ALL ABOARD FOR WASHINGTON

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If you should get more than \$50 for us then we will give you twenty-five per cent in cash of all over this amount. If you do not secure the full fifty then we will give you twenty-five per cent commission. You cannot lose a cent for your time.

This is no Contest.

Get Busy NOW

Call for Receipt Books

"CHIMROK" A NEW SCHOOL

Camp for Boys Located on Highway to Chimney Rock This Summer.

REV. WRIGHT, MANAGER.

"Chimrok" is the name of a new boys camp school recently announced through the columns of the Hustler to be located near Chimney Rock.

The promoters of the school have sent out through the south many cards bearing the question, "What is Chimrok?" A full session in the camp school will be given to the first boy who sends in the nearest correct answer. A number of answers have already been received, but the management was not ready to announce the winner at the time of this interview.

The camp school will be owned and operated by Rev. George F. Wright of Hendersonville. Mr. Wright has had considerable experience in handling boys both in pastoral church work and in public school work; and he is at present scout master of the Hendersonville scouts and it is easily predicted that the school will be a success under his leadership.

The camp will be located on the beautiful automobile highway approaching the famous Chimney Rock, about half way between Broad river and the Rock. Work is in progress, and clearing the ground and one of the most attractive club houses to be found in the south will be constructed at once ready for the opening of school in the early summer.

The camp will have headquarters in Asheville at Smith's Drug Store and in Hendersonville at Rose's Pharmacy.

SMALLPOX AT BAT CAVE

There has been several cases of smallpox in and near Bat Cave lately. Captain Snyder, who is building the Rutherfordford Bat Cave road under the state highway commission is now infected with this dreaded disease. He is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

REESE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL.

Seventh grade—Cleo Collings.
Sixth grade—Sadie Neuman, Grady Johnson, Lula Anderson.
Fifth grade—Erma Anderson, Isabel Stroup, Geneva Featherstone, Gladys Orr, Wilburn Flynn.
Fourth grade—Susannah Stroup, Helen Love, Feitz Collings, Eura Johnson, Charles McMahan, Elsie McMahon.
Third grade—Maxine Neuman, Janette Anderson.
Second grade—George Love, Raleigh Orr, Charles Morgav, Pearl Anderson.
For week ending January 26.

GRANT MAY GET HEAD CONSUL

Hendersonville Stands Fine Chance of Becoming Home of Leader of Woodmen of N. C.

ROOT MEMORIAL REQUESTED.

Suitable resolutions and a strong delegation will be sent from White Pine camp Woodmen of the World, to the state head camp which convenes in Newbern, N. C., early in March to support the Root Memorial for Hendersonville. The delegates will be appointed Thursday and instructed to use their utmost power in bringing the city a large and substantial memorial for the dead founder of woodcraft, who died here.

Several months ago when Sovereign Commander Fraser visited Hendersonville he was shown several suitable sites for a Root memorial park. It will be left to the head camps of the Southern states as to what kind of memorial shall stand in memory of the late founder.

Head Advisor V. E. Grant is receiving endorsements from all over the state for the position of Head Consul of the Woodmen of North Carolina. While it has been a custom to promote in rotation there has always been a strong fight for the leadership of the state. Mr. Grant stands next in line and has the endorsements of all the leading members of the head camp.

The head camp convenes the second Tuesday in March at Newbern. Three delegates will be appointed next Thursday by White Pine camp and it is understood that John T. Wilkins will be a delegate at large. Mr. Wilkins will work in the interest of Hendersonville candidate for the head of the Woodmen of the World.

"Eck" Grant has been a strong worker in his order for the past seven years. He has canvassed and stumped the entire district and many important parts of the state. He holds the rank of Colonel in the 136 district regiment of the uniform ranks and had charge of the erection of camp Lee Overman, at Salisbury, last Spring.

A CORRECTION.

In publishing the quarterly statement for Henderson county last week an error appeared in the report of county home expenses from March 1st, 1916, to December 1, 1916 in which was stated that \$28.80 was spent for hardware, rope, etc. This was an item of cost in the last primary election.

CHURCH NOTICE.

There will be services at Cavalry (Episcopal) church at Fletcher, Sunday Feb. 4, at 11 o'clock, a. m.
JAMES D. SILL, Rector.

Scott Freeman of Bat Cave, was a Hendersonville visitor this week.

WOMAN DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA OTHERS SICK; DRASTIC MEASURES

City Council Orders All Stray Dogs Shot at Sight—Many Patients in Raleigh Including a Leading County Physician—Serious Condition.

RESULT OF RECENT MAD DOG NEAR RUGBY FATAL.

DARING GET AWAY BY
CONVICT ON RAILWAY TRAIN.

Uses Red Pepper in Blinding Officer—Holds Train Crew at Bay and Escapes in Henderson County.

"Fatty" Burnett, a convict of the Buncombe county chaingang, made a daring escape from a running passenger train while he was being brought from Spartanburg to Asheville one day last week. He is still at large and a few people think he is still in this county.

The Spartanburg Herald has the following to say of the escape:

After blinding the deputy sheriff with a double handful of red pepper, a desperado charged with a serious offense in North Carolina snatched the officer's pistol away from the representative of the law, ran the conductor out of the car, and held all passengers terrified until he could jump from the train, according to the story told here last night by people who were on a Southern railway train Thursday morning between Spartanburg and Asheville, N. C.

Geter Davis, alias Joe Burnett, alias Joe Henson, was tried in Buncombe county, N. C., about two months ago and sentenced to serve two years on the chaingang. As officers were taking him to jail he made a successful break for liberty and succeeded in reaching South Carolina. Here he chanced to run against an officer and when "wrisked" a pistol was found on his person. For carrying unlawful weapons he was sentenced to serve 30 days on the Spartanburg chaingang and that sentence was completed Wednesday. When the North Carolina authorities were notified they dispatched Deputy Sheriff Bell to Spartanburg to secure the prisoner and bring him back, first warning the officer that the offender was a dangerous man. Officer Bell secured his man about 10 o'clock in the morning and took passage on a Southern train for Asheville, first seeing to it that Davis had heavy handcuffs on his wrists.

When Melrose was reached, where the heavy grade begins on the rail road, the prisoner asked permission to visit the toilet and the officer removed the handcuff from the left hand. Deputy Bell meanwhile stationed himself outside the door and as the train lurched round a curve on the mountain side, running approximately five miles per hour, the prisoner stepped from the toilet and flung the red pepper in the officer's face. Before Mr. Bell could see or get his breath, Davis had snatched the officer's pistol from the holster and notified every man in the car that one move meant instant death. As the conductor entered the car his life was also threatened and the railroad official was forced to retreat in haste from that coach. A few minutes later Davis swung from the train and is now at liberty in the North Carolina mountains.

The man is white and is about 23 years of age. North Carolina officials say that he is a desperate character.

HENDERSONVILLE'S
MOONLIGHT SCHOOL.

For the past three years North Carolina has been engaged in an attempt to reduce illiteracy by the means of moonlight schools. Much good has resulted in this state. The aim of the originators of the movement in this state is to "Eliminate illiteracy in North Carolina by 1920." Let us hope by that time we may, at least, make a good showing. And, let us make the best showing here, in Hendersonville.

The purpose of the moonlight school is to teach men and women over the age of twenty-one, who have never had the chance to get an education, how to read and write. We are starting this school only for the purpose of helping those who need help, and for the purpose of rendering our help in the spirit of sympathy and love.

Now, in order to secure the best results, it is necessary that we receive the co-operation of all the churches, orders and, in fact every organization in the city which is interested in this school. And, certainly, we must receive the support of the people, individually.

The moonlight school begins next Monday night, February 5, at the Hendersonville graded school building. Course in reading, writing, arithmetic, etc., will be given free of charge. Any white person over the age of twenty-one who wishes to enroll in the school will please make it known by coming to the school building next Monday night.

Respectfully,
A. F. P. KING and
THOMAS J. HYDER.

Mrs. McFall is dead, her husband and four of their children have either taken Pasteur treatment or are now taking same in Raleigh for hydrophobia. Mrs. McFall who lives at Rugby died soon after giving birth to a child last Friday. The child at the time did not show any symptoms of the plague and a Mrs. Hefner, a neighbor who also had a young baby volunteered to care for the young McFall child. A day or so later Mrs. Hefner contracted signs of hydrophobia and she too was rushed to Raleigh.

Some several weeks ago as reported in the Hustler a mad dog bit two of the McFall children, two cows and a hog. The children were rushed to Raleigh and the animals were killed. It seems that the entire family were doomed and it is now known to have been the principal cause of Mrs. McFall's death and may possibly result fatally to one or two of the others. The physician attending the family left Tuesday for Raleigh as a safe precaution for himself where he will also take treatment.

Mrs. Hefner and her baby left for Raleigh Tuesday and the latest reports are that they are getting along well.

The entire county is aroused over the situation and for the past few days dogs have been killed on a wholesale scale.

A call meeting of the city council was held Wednesday in the city hall and an ordinance was passed forcing all owners to have their dogs tied up or suffer them to be killed at sight by the policemen and pay a fine of \$5.00 besides.

The county commissioners will probably be asked to make strenuous orders in the county in reference to stray dogs running at large.

MORE N. C. LAND PURCHASED
FOR NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE

Largest Single Purchase is 8,000 Acres on Mt. Mitchell—4,500 Acres Taken Over in Burke and Caldwell.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Enlargement of the National Forest Reserves by 23,709 acres acquired through purchases in the Southern Appalachian and White Mountains was announced today by the reservation commission. It brings the total added to the public forests in the East and South under the Weeks law up to 1,373,131 acres.

The largest single purchase among those announced was a tract of 8,000 acres on Mount Mitchell, N. C. In the White Mountains of New Hampshire, 4,500 acres were purchased, and the other tracts, scattered through North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Tennessee, follow:

In Burke and Caldwell counties, North Carolina, on the Boone National Forest 4,300 acres. On the Natural Bridge National Forest in Amherst, Bedford and Botetourt counties, Virginia, 12 tracts, comprising 3,135. In Buncombe, Henderson, Macon and Jackson Counties, North Carolina, 722 acres; in Union, Fannin, Lumpkin and Rabun counties, Georgia, 744 acres; in Shenandoah county, Virginia, 741 acres and 320 acres in Polk county, Tennessee.

10,000 POSTMASTERS
MAY HAVE LIFE JOBS

Enthusiasm of Republican Senator for Civil Service May Prove Blessing to Many Democrats.

Washington, Jan. 29.—By reason of an amendment tacked on to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill 10,000 Democrats appointed first, second and third class postmasters during the administration of President Wilson, will stand a fair chance of holding their jobs for life.

In his enthusiasm for civil service reform Senator Poindexter last week proposed his amendment during a listless debate of the bill. It provides as follows:

"The office of postmaster in each class shall hereafter be a non-political office, and shall be within the classified civil service, and appointments thereto shall be made in accordance with the civil service rules, and also far as practical, by promotion or transfer, upon merit, without regard to politics from the employes of (the postoffice department, subject to the permanent civil service regulations and requirements."

Contrary, no doubt, to the expectations of Senator Poindexter, there was no objection from the Democratic side. The few Democrats who heard the amendment, read, to be sure, looked a little surprised, but no voice was raised in protest. Senator Overman, of North Carolina, a Democrat, and acting chairman of the appropriations committee, quietly accepted the amendment without debate and it was adopted.

That the Democratic majority of the house, through which body the appropriation bill had previously passed, will accept the amendment without question goes without saying.—Washington Dispatch to Greensboro News.