

## UNITED STATES SENDS NOTE TO GERMANY

**Demands a Guarantee That  
Neutrals Shall not  
Suffer.**

Last Thursday the United States Government cabled Ambassador Gerard for presentation to the German Government a note calling attention "to the grave situation which has resulted" from violation of American rights on the high seas, culminating in the sinking of the Lusitania with a loss of more than 100 American lives.

The communication expresses the confident expectation of the United States "that the Imperial German Government will disavow the acts of which the Government of the United States complains; that they will make reparation so far as reparation is possible for injuries which are without measure, and that they will take immediate steps to prevent the recurrence of anything so obviously subversive of the principles of warfare, for which the Imperial German Government in the past so wisely and so firmly contended."

Below is given in substance the contents of the note:

1.—The United States Government calls attention to the various incidents in the war zone proclaimed by Germany around the British Isles, the sinking of the British liner Falaba with the loss of Leon C. Treshner, at American; the attack by German armen on the American steamer Cushing, the torpedoing without warning of the American steamer Gulfight and finally the torpedoing without warning of the Lusitania with its loss of more than a thousand lives of non-combatants, among them more than 100 Americans.

2.—These acts are declared to be indefensible under international law. The United States points out that it never admitted Germany's right to do them, and warned the Imperial Government that it would be held to a "strict accountability" for attacks on American vessels or lives. A strict accounting, therefore, is now asked from Germany.

3.—The usual financial reparation will be sought, although Germany is in effect reminded that no reparation can restore the lives of those sacrificed in the sinking of the Lusitania and other ships.

4.—Expressions of regret may comply with the legal precedents, but they are valueless accompanied by a cessation of the practices endangering lives of non-combatants.

5.—The right of neutrals to travel any point of the high seas on neutral or belligerent merchantmen is asserted.

6.—In the name of humanity and international law, the United States demands a guarantee that these rights will be respected and that there be no repetition of the attacks on merchantmen carrying non-combatants.

7.—The giving of warnings to the American public without officially communicating them to the United States Government is commented on in connection with the German Embassy's printed advertisements before the sailings of the Lusitania, but irrespective of the failure to advise the American Government of Germany's purpose, the point is made that notice of an intention to do an unlawful act neither justifies nor legalizes it.

8.—The suggestion is conveyed that the German Government of course, could not have intended to destroy innocent lives and that consequently the German submarine commanders must have misunderstood their instructions. The American Government indicated its hopes that this will be found to be true, and a cessation of the unlawful practices thereby will result.

9.—In conclusion Germany's attention is called to the earnestness of the Government and people of the United States in this situation. It is made plain that the United States will leave nothing undone either in diplomatic representations or other action to obtain a compliance by Germany to the requests made.

The note throughout is couched in friendly tones, but is unmistakably firm. By the suggestion that German submarine commanders must have misunderstood their instructions or that the German Government could not have intended to destroy innocent lives, room is given for a disavowal by Germany of the practice in the war zone and an assurance that future attacks will be prohibited.

## New First National Bank Building Model of Architectural Beauty

Now practically completed, lacking only a few finishing touches, the new First National Bank building here presents a handsome appearance. Costing approximately \$75,000.00, including the site, the building is one of the handsomest of its kind to be found anywhere, and is a splendid example of architectural art.

Work was commenced on the building last summer, the bank moving its office force and vaults to the Elliott Building on Eleventh Avenue, where they have been since the work has been in progress. They expect to move into the new building in several weeks, and then will be as comfortably and as luxuriously quartered as any banking establishment in the State.

The building covers a ground area of 50x55 feet, having a full basement 11 feet in depth, with a first story and mezzanine 38 feet in height above the grade. The walls are of brick faced on the three street elevations with granite and terra cotta. The floors and roof are of reinforced concrete construction and the interior partitions are of terra cotta tile, thus making the building entirely fireproof.

The building has three facades of French Renaissance design treated in three bays separated by Corinthian columns supporting an ornate cornice and parapet. The base supporting the columns are of Mt. Airy white granite and the columns and walls above are semi-glazed terra cotta with polychrome color introduced in the ornamentation of the window splay, frieze and parapet.

The basement contains boiler room, fuel room, storage room for the bank, a fireproof storage vault 7x20 feet and toilet. The boiler and fuel room is entered only from the exterior and a stairway connects the storage room and storage vault with the banking room on first floor.

In the first story the public lobby, 11 feet in width, extends across the entire front and facing this lobby is located the cashier's office in the center, flanked on either side by the tellers' cages, in rear of which is an area 16x30 feet containing the desks of the bookkeepers and other working force. On the left of this working space is the private office of the president opening into both the public lobby and the working space, and on the right of the working space is a customers' room and stationery room.

In the rear of the working space is a book vault 7x7 1/2 feet, and a burglar proof vault, in two compartments, one of which contains several hundred safety deposit boxes and the other con-

tains separate boxes for money, specie and securities. The special feature of this vault is the cylindrical door eight feet in diameter and eight inches in thickness, of burglar proof steel and provided with the latest and most approved design of bolts, time lock and anti-dynamite device. The lining of the vault is of burglar proof steel, the walls and ceiling being covered with polished steel plates and the floor of white tile.

The main banking room extends the full height of the building and is lighted on three sides by the lower and clerestory windows, in the rear opening into the mezzanine story situated over the vault and working space. This mezzanine contains the directors' room and additional space for bookkeepers, etc. The floor and walls of the banking room are of light gray marble.

The ceiling of the banking room is divided into three panels by deep beams supported on pilasters. The cornice is enriched with ornamental designs executed in plaster, and the panels are decorated with a Renaissance design, which with the ornamental designs of cornice and beams, are executed in gold, blue and gray. The screen enclosing the tellers' cages is of gray marble and light gold bronze and the lighting fixtures are of gold bronze with a touch of color to harmonize with the ceiling decorations.

The furniture throughout is of special design executed in gray oak to harmonize with the gray marble walls. The building was designed and constructed under the supervision of Mr. P. Thorn-ton, architect of Atlanta, Ga. J. A. Jones of Charlotte, was the contractor erecting the building, and the work was superintended by Mr. Geo. W. Ready of this city.

### Of Interest to School Teachers.

The Appalachian Training School will use every effort during the summer term to not only interest but to improve every public school teacher who may attend. You ought to know more than that the opening is on June 8th. Address:

B. B. DOUGHERTY, Supt.,  
Boone, N. C.

### Whole Family Dependent.

Mr. E. Williams, Hamilton, Ohio, writes: "Our whole family depend on Pine-Tar-Honey." Maybe some one in your family has a severe cold—perhaps it is a baby. The original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is an ever ready household remedy—it gives immediate relief. Pine-Tar-Honey penetrates the linings of the throat and Lungs, destroys the Germs, and allows Nature to act. At your Druggist, 25c.

## United States Submarine Makes Record For Long Distance Travel

New York, May 17.—"The fleet in these waters (New York Harbor) can get under way in two hours, and the ships are now prepared for action."

Those were the words of Admiral Fletcher, commander of the great fleet of American battleships now in New York Harbor, when he was asked about their condition. He probably had in mind the brilliant exploit of Lieutenant Thomas Withers and the submarine E-1. To join the naval display in the Hudson River, the E-1 had to go all the way from Key West. She made the trip under her own power without stopping once. The officers think she broke a submarine record for long distance travel, for the distance from Key West to New York is 1,230 miles.

The journey from Key West began Friday, April 30, at 10 a. m. With the E-1 were the E-2, the Tonopah and the MacDonough.

## Captured 8 Gallons of Apple Brandy

Deputy Collector P. P. Jones captured 8 gallons of apple brandy at the home of Gird Austin in Alexander county last Saturday morning. It was in two small kegs, one of them in the basement of the house and the other hid near the house. Mr. Jones brought it to Hickory and is holding same.

If you don't want Pleas to get it, boys you had better bury it deep in the ground and then throw some leaves over it.

The E-1 was flagboat. She set the pace, which was ten knots an hour. The E-2 did her best to keep it, but on several occasions had engine trouble, and had to be taken in tow by the monitor. The destroyer ran short of coal, sheered into Charleston to renew her supply, and rejoined the others off the Chesapeake Capes.

"I'm blame glad to get out of that," said a sailor of the submarine with a weary nod toward the E-1. "I'm dead tired. If I could only get a bath and a bed for about twenty-four—no, forty-eight hours."

"Look at me, look at any of us! Every stitch of clothing soggy. That's the way we've been ever since we put out from Key West. There isn't any dry place in a submarine. The inside metal sweats and drips all the time. And travelling with decks awash there's no way of getting things dried out."

## "Come And Let Us Save The 'Kiddies.'"

London, May 12.—"There is one incident the world will remember in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania," said the Bishop of London today while presiding at a meeting of the Waifs and Strays Society. "When Alfred G. Vanderbilt was face to face with death, he said to his valet: 'Come and let us save the kiddies.' Those words will run round the world in a way no millionaires millions could ever do."

## Local and Personal Items of Interest

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hefner, a boy.

Miss Mary Doll went to Charlotte Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Penn White is visiting relatives in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. Wesley Martin and Miss Nancy Lang have returned from a visit to Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Southerland expect to leave next week for the Panama exposition.

Mr. Rowell Holt of Montgomery, Ala., is visiting his wife at Mr. J. A. Martin's.

Mrs. H. W. Warner, Miss Ola and Robert Jackson Warner, are visiting in Charlotte.

Miss Mary Sue Bell of Morristown, was the guest of Miss Bessie McComb Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Stevenson have moved to the Dr. Fry house on Sixth Street.

Miss Gertrude Hall of Lenoir, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. E. Bryan Jones.

Mr. A. W. Cline, editor of the Davidsonian, Thomasville, was in the city Monday.

Mr. Richard Boyd, who has been spending some time in Charlotte, is expected home today.

The commencement play to be given at Lenoir College Tuesday evening, May 25, at 8:30 o'clock, promises to be one of the brightest features of the week's programme. The usual serious exercises attending commencement will be broken by the production of "The Hoodoo," the best comedy ever given at the college. If you have a care or worry, go to hear old Aunt Paradise try to keep order among the wedding guests and see the Spigot family presented in its best form. You will not regret this evening of merriment. Don't miss it. Tickets will be 25 and 35 cents on sale at Lutz's Drug Store.

City Manager Cornwell has a notice in this week's issue calling attention to fire alarms, requesting parties sending in an alarm to give street and ward number. The city is divided into four wards by a line directly east and west along the railroad and north and south by a line passing the west end of the passenger station. Ward No. 1 is that part of the city lying north of the railroad and east of the square; No. 2 south of railroad and east of square; No. 3 south of railroad and west of square, No. 4 north of railway and west of square. It is well that people bear this in mind as it will greatly help the fire department in locating the fire more quickly.

Last Saturday about noon during an electric storm which passed over this city lightning struck and instantly killed Miss Annie Wilson, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. W. B. Wilson, at her father's home at Startown. The children of Mr. Wilson were at play near the barn when the storm came up and sought shelter within. The deceased was on a wagon under the shed in front of the barn when the bolt struck and knocked her to the ground, killing her instantly. The lightning set fire to the barn and Mr. Wilson had pulled the wagon from under the shed and was fighting the fire before he discovered the body of his daughter lying on the ground.

The annual sermon was preached to the Jr. O. U. A. M., last Sunday morning in the first Presbyterian church by Rev. J. G. Garth. His text was taken from Psalm 119:97. There was a large number of the members of the Junior Order present and the sermon was one that gave a lasting impression upon those present. Mr. Garth dealt largely on what the order stood for, the reading of the Bible in public schools, etc. He said there were only ten States in the Union that prohibited the reading of the Bible in the schools. There is nothing more beneficial to a country than the studying of the Bible and christian education. Christian education is one of the greatest needs of our country and that is one of the principals of the order to which you belong.

Feel languid, weak, run down? Headache? Stomach "off"? A good remedy is Burdock Blood Bitters. Ask your druggist. Price \$1.00.

Chile is irrigating more than 2,300,000 acres of land and has nearly as many more available for irrigation.

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The City Council has re-elected all the old officers of the Hickory Volunteer Fire Co. They are H. E. Whitener, chief; E. D. Yoder, assistant chief; C. C. Gamble, secretary and treasurer; A. T. Yoder, first foreman; W. F. Bruns, second foreman; L. D. Fry, superintendent of fire alarms, and George Starnes, driver of truck.

Rev. Poly C. Wike of Chicago, Ill., will preach at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday, May 23, at 3 o'clock p. m. He is one of the interesting visitors in the city this week and will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Lenoir College Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services at Holy Trinity, and also at the college. Rev. Wike is a former Catawba county man and has many relatives here.

Mrs. G. S. Watson was hostess Thursday afternoon, May 6, to the Needle-Craft Club and a number of friends. The guests were greeted at the door by the hostess and shown into the rear hall where punch was served by Miss Rachel Pugh. After the business meeting was over all engaged in fancy work while Miss Doris Hutton read one of O'Henry's stories. After delicious cream and cake, served by the hostess, assisted by Misses Pugh and Hutton, adjournment was in order. Mrs. Ia Wood entertains the club in June.

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## Delightful Reunion Of The Lutz Family

A delightful family reunion and birthday celebration was enjoyed by 100 people at the old homestead of the late J. B. Lutz in the celebrated Dutch Dairy Farms section Thursday, when the children, grandchildren and other relatives and friends of the family gathered to celebrate the 72nd anniversary of Mrs. Barbara Cline Lutz, widow of Mr. J. B. Lutz. It was a typical Catawba county affair and every one of the big gathering thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Rev. V. L. Fulmer, pastor of the Lutheran churches in Newton and at Zion and New Jerusalem, read a scripture lesson, made a short and appropriate talk and offered prayer. These formalities over, the company was invited to the genuine Catawba Dutch dinner spread upon a long table under the shade of the trees in the yard. Catawba county cooking never showed under better conditions and there was, as usual, four times too much for even 100 people to eat.

A short history of the Lutz family was given by Squire S. E. Killian of Hickory. He stated that Mrs. Lutz would be 72 years of age the next day and her children and friends had gathered to do her honor. He recalled that Mrs. Lutz, who was Miss Barbara Cline, was a sister of Mr. Cicero Cline and Miss Luvinia Cline; and Mr. Cline, a patriarch among the company, stated that he and his two sisters were all left of a family of 13 men and women.

Present at the meeting were all the children, even in number, who, with the number of their children, are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Lutz and 6 children, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Baker and 6 children, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Lutz and 4 children, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lutz and 3 children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Seitz and 3 children, Mrs. Mattie Bolic and 1 child and Miss Sarah Lutz.

Following the dinner, which ranged from fried chicken and about every other sort of meat a farm affords, to ice cream and cake, the afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation and inspecting the more than 100 head of fine thoroughbred Jerseys which belong to the 6 Dutch Dairy Farms. The day proved perfect as to weather and nothing occurred to mar the happiness of the occasion save regretful thoughts upon the absence of the head of this splendid family of Catawba county people, Mr. J. B. Lutz, deceased, progressive farmer, far-seeing citizen, advocate of schools and supporter of churches. He was missed by everybody from this affair which in past years has been made complete by his presence.

## The Flora of The Old North State

The flora of North Carolina, particularly of the Western section, is more remarkable than even a native might suppose. It embraces six thousand separate varieties, a greater number than is produced by any territory of similar size in the world. For many years the State has been the source, practically, of the Nation's supply of crude vegetable drugs. One writer says: "More than seven hundred distinct species of important medicinal plants grow wild in the State, and furnish an industry the volume and importance of which is appreciated by few outside of the medical and pharmaceutical professions."—Elizabeth City Independent.

### Best Thing for a Bilious Attack.

"On account of my confinement in the printing office I have for years been a chronic sufferer from indigestion and liver trouble. A few weeks ago I had an attack that was so severe that I was not able to go to the case for two days. Failing to get any relief from any other treatment, I took three of Chamberlain's Tablets and the next day I felt like a new man." writes H. C. Bailey, Editor Carolina News, Chapin, S. C. For sale by Menzies Drug Co. and Lutz's Drug Store.

You never can tell. The man who bets his bottom dollar may not have to dig very far.

Cheapest accident insurance—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. For Burns, scalds, cuts and emergencies. All druggists sell it. 25c and 50c.

The daily ration of a Japanese soldier in the held consists of three little bays of rice and a bunch of vegetables.

## CAVE RELIEF AFTER REPUBLICANS HAD FAILED

**Splendid Triumph For Reformed  
Monetary System of the  
Country.**

The American note, indicating the possible imminence of war, shook Wall street and the stock exchange, the dispatches informed us, but it is noticeable that it did not shake the country financially and the thought of a panic has not even been suggested!

Why? Is it not directly due to the federal reserve banking measure that rescued the country from the thrall and the vicissitudes—the hopes and fears—of Wall street and of the stock exchange by decentralizing the currency system, distributing the people's money and credit equally in all quarters and relieving them from dependence on Wall street for the use of their own in the frequent seasons of financial storm and stress that shake that speculative center?

It is a phenomenal fact that the country has undergone a week of uncertainty of the future and suspense constituting the severest test that the country has experienced since the civil war without a tremor of the general financial system!

Under the old system all of the national banks would have been in a foot race to withdraw their reserves on deposit in New York, these reserves would be doing service on call in Wall street, to support, inflate, or puncture the stock market, the rates would have soared out of sight, the interior and country banks would have been drawn upon and denied any currency in return for the transaction of the legitimate business of themselves and their customers.

As it is, legitimate commercial, industrial and productive business is going right on as usual, without a breath of disturbance. Dan's weekly review says: "The developments of the week afford a proof of the essential stability and power of the financial and business structure. The effect of the new war developments has not materially changed the generally favorable aspect of the trade situation." Despite the uncertainty "there is faith in the ability of the nation to adapt itself, with financial readiness, to every contingency that may arise." Bank clearings for the week show an "increase of 23.6 per cent over last year." Business of every sort reflects "progressive improvement." Railroad earnings "make a better exhibit." The number of idle cars has "notably fallen off," and "failures and unemployment have decreased."

Surely this is the acid test of and a splendid triumph for the reformed monetary system of the country that the incompetent, sneered at and condemned democratic lawmakers at Washington gave the country for its financial relief after four successive republican administrations had failed to do so.—Knoxville (Tenn.) Sentinel.

### Peanuts and Pigs.

The peanuts is beginning to receive the attention it deserves says the San Antonio Dispatch. It is a machine planted, machine cultivated, machine harvested crop requiring less labor than cotton and much more profitable. A contestant of the Texas Industrial Congress for the 1914 prizes realized 1,200 pounds of pork from an acre of peanuts which at 8 1/2 cents a pound amounts to \$102. The hogs gathered the nuts, so there is no harvesting expense.

### How Mrs. Harrod Got Rid of Her Stomach Trouble.

"I suffered from stomach trouble for years and tried every thing I heard of, but the only relief I got was temporary until I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and purchased a bottle of them at our drug store. I got immediate relief from that dreadful heaviness after eating and from pain in the stomach," writes Mrs. Linda Harrod, Fort Wayne, Ind. For sale by Menzies Drug Co. and Lutz's Drug Store.

A news agency dispatch from Madrid declares there has been received in the Spanish capital information of a grave revolutionary movement in Portugal. One report is that a revolutionary committee is in control of the situation at Lisbon.

For any itchinness of the skin, for skin rashes, chaps, pimples, etc., try Doan's Ointment, 50c at all drug stores.