

ANSWER TO LUSITANIA NOTE NEARLY COMPLETED

Expected That Reply Will Reach
United States Tuesday or
Wednesday.

Germany's reply to the Lusitania note is nearly completed, according to intimations through diplomatic channels. The return of Emperor William from the eastern front is said to be awaited before the document is put into final form. It may reach here today or tomorrow.

The issuance by the British foreign office of an explanation of detentions of American cargoes was received with much interest in official quarters. While the memorandum explains some of the points taken up in a note under preparation to be sent to Great Britain, some officials said that the United States had obtained no satisfactory explanation of its original inquiry with respect to England's right to haul the cargoes of non-contraband, consigned to neutral ports, which cannot be blockaded under international law.

The Law Ignored.

Sunday Sheriff Berry laid his official hands on a party of colored joy riders from Hickory, who were hitting the road only in high places. The car had neither number nor license tag. The negroes said it had none when it left Hickory, but the owners phoned the officers that the car had such when it left the garage. And this reminds of us that apparently no attention is paid to the local automobile law, either by the officers or drivers of cars. Of course we do not mean to say that all the drivers show this disregard, but it is known that some of them have knocked the speed limit into a cocked hat time and time again. Cars are run at night without lights, and we have seen them with a pasteboard hung up to fool the officers in the belief that it is a bona-fide license number—it works. The number of cars is rapidly increasing. Let's have the law enforced before some life is forfeited.—Morgan Messenger.

Miss Finger to Wed.

Mrs. Clara Finger gave a four-course dinner party Thursday evening at her home in this city to several invited guests at which she announced the engagement of her daughter, Clara May, to Mr. Eugene Long of Bluefield, W. Va., the wedding to take place here June 15. The color scheme was pink and white and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abernethy, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Stroup and Miss Lenore Sourbeer were the guests. The bride-elect has been in Bluefield for several years and is a trained nurse. She is very popular with a host of friends here who will be interested in the announcement of her coming marriage. Mr. Long is employed in the manager's office of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company at Bluefield.

Culture in European Armies.

The following aspects of Russian, English, German, Belgian and French culture of soldiers in the armies now engaged in Europe, are taken from letters to the Department of State by Robert J. Thompson, American Consul to Germany and England for the past nine or ten years but now resigned:

"Of 1,000 Russian soldiers in the field, 617 can neither read nor write; of a like number of Serbians, the number of illiterates is 414; for Belgium, 98 out of 1,000 illiterate; for France 30; England 10, and for Germany, in order to find an illiterate soldier there must be 2,000 to draw from, that is the percentage of illiteracy in the German army is one-fiftieth of one per cent.

A lazy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation,—weakens the whole system. Doan's Regulets (25c per box) act lively on the liver and bowels. At all drug stores.

University Summer School.

Chapel Hill, May 22.—The twenty-eighth session of the University of North Carolina Summer School for teachers will open Tuesday, June 15, and continue for six weeks, closing July 30. The school will be in session only five days to the week—from Monday to Friday. The regular period for registration will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16.

The annual bulletin containing information about the instruction staff, general information, courses of instruction, special lectures, conference and entertainments has just come from the press. Director N. W. Walker of the Summer School will mail copies of the bulletins to school superintendents, principals, teachers and prospective students of the school. The text contains 58 pages and is comprehensive in its scope of incorporating all information available concerning the forthcoming session.

The section of the handbook devoted to special lectures, conferences and entertainments carries the information that a series of public lectures will extend through the entire session. Among the public speakers that have signified their intention of addressing the teachers on public topics are: President Edward K. Graham, Dr. Kemp Plummer Battle, Dr. Francis P. Venable, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Prof. Horace H. Williams, Prof. Collier Cobb, Prof. A. H. Patterson, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. J. I. Foust, Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Dr. Wm. McKeever, Rabbi Feorge Solomon, Dr. W. S. Rankin, Dr. C. W. Stiles, Dr. Edgar Banks, Prof. Logan Howell, Prof. Gilbert Pearson, Maj. W. A. Graham, Prof. E. E. Branson, T. E. Brown, R. D. W. Connor, and E. E. Sams.

The rural life conference week will be observed on July 5 to 10, inclusive. Dr. William A. McKeever of the University of Kansas will deliver a series of lectures before the Rural Life Conference. The topics of his general subject are: (1). A Philosophy of Education as applied to Rural life; (2). The Preparation for Rural Leadership; (3). Play and Recreation in the Country; (4). Inexpensive Home-Made Playground Apparatus; (5). A Co-Operative Social Union in the Country; (6). A New Democratic Plan for Boys' and Girls' Club Work; (7). Some Welfare Work for Country Women; (8). The District School as Source of Rural-Mindedness; (9). A Better Race of Men and Women.

Dr. Edgar Banks, explorer, author and lecturer, will deliver a series of seven illustrated lectures on Archaeology and Ancient History. Richard T. Wyche, President of the Story Tellers' League of America, will give two readings during the Summer School term. T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Association of Audobon Societies, will make two lectures on Bird Study. A series of 12 lectures on International Policy and Conciliation have been assigned Dr. J. G. deR. Hamilton, alumni professor of history in the University. Rabbi George Solomon, who comes to the Summer School under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society of America, will deliver a series of six lectures on Representative Jews of the Christian Era.

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.

The Salvation Army is 50 years old this year. It was founded in 1865 by General William Booth.

STEAMSHIPS TO SAIL UNDER AMERICAN FLAG

Lines to be Established Between U. S. and South-Central America.

Lines of steamships under the Stars and Stripes sailing regularly between the United States and South and Central America are suggested as one of the benefits which may result from the Pan-American financial conference here next week in a statement by the treasury department.

"France, Germany, England and Italy," says the statement. "for many years have fostered commercial relations with our sister republics of Central and South America by subsidized steamship lines and chains of active and substantial banking interests. Only the United States has held back. Our trade with South and Central America has been steadily increasing but until now it has been without any support of established steamship lines—with one exception which till lately flew the British flag—and with practically no banking facilities prior to the present efforts which are being made under the federal reserve system.

"There is not a single regular American steamship service to any port in South America, except to those of Venezuela and Colombia. Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador do not know the American flag on regular vessels of commerce."

Necessity Knows no Law.

Therefore at the stroke of 9, Thursday morning, May 27, W. T. Sledge opens his door to the greatest mammoth sale ever attempted in Hickory.

As stated in the last issue of The Democrat Mr. Sledge has decided to retire from the dry goods business, and to do so he has put his entire stock, consisting of ladies ready-to-wear shoes, dress goods, hats, children's dresses notions, suit cases etc, in the hands of James D. Ray & Co, of Raleigh, N. C.

Nothing has been left undone to make this the greatest selling campaign ever to be witnessed by the people of Hickory.

Notice the last page of this issue of the Democrat, describing W. T. Sledge's retiring from business sale. Remember the day, Thursday, the date, May 27. The time, 9 a. m. The place, W. T. Sledge dry goods store. The town, Hickory. The state, North Carolina. The sale that will demoralize competition and will bring thousands from far and near for the next 15 days starting, Thursday morning, May 27, at 9 a. m.

Deeds Filed For Record.

The following deeds have been filed for record:

P. C. Hahn to Chas. H. Geitner, for \$3,500, store building in Hickory, southeast corner of public square, facing Ninth avenue, now occupied by Cline's barber shop.

W. F. Elliott of Mecklenburg to H. F. Elliott of Iredell, for \$250, Hickory lots.

Chas. E. Sigman to George Price, for \$1,650, two tracts of 9½ and 13 acres.

G. R. Wooten, trustee, to Elliott Building Co., for \$250, lot in Bobtown, Hickory.

H. L. Bumgardner, to Mrs. Lillie Hewitt for \$500, 15 acres adjoining W. T. Massey and P. E. Kale.

Joseph Neill to Alice Turner for \$200, 10 acres adjoining Thos. Parker and W. T. Sanders.

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.

Odd Fellows Close Annual Convention.

Hendersonville, May 20.—Following the appointment of officers by the Odd Fellows the election of officers by the Rebekahs this morning and transaction of detailed business the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly, which convened here Tuesday night adjourned to meet in Wilson on the third Tuesday in May, 1916.

The appointive officers of the Grand Lodge are: Grand marshal, C. G. Morris, Washington; grand guardian, A. M. Martin, Granite Falls; grand conductor, S. B. Currin, Wilson; grand herald, R. D. Sisk, Franklin; grand chaplain, Rev. Z. Paris, Lincoln. The office of assistant grand secretary was created after a suspension of four years and J. D. Berry of Raleigh, who previously filled this position, was appointed to assist Grand Secretary B. H. Woodell of Raleigh, both in office and held work.

The manner of segregating the Grand Lodge and the home funds, which the grand secretary has been doing, was changed today and subordinate lodges will refund the home funds direct to the treasurer of the Orphan's Home and that portion of the Grand Lodge funds to the grand secretary.

Reports showed that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs during the last year had done gratifying work. Grand Representatives W. F. Evans of Greenville and M. L. Shipman of Hendersonville will attend the Sovereign Grand Lodge at San Francisco. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have enjoyed an interesting sojourn in the city, the last hours of the Rebekahs being made socially pleasant with a reception given by Mrs. Hattie Reed Whitaker this afternoon.

A Refreshing Book.

Passenger Agent Reid of the Carolina & North-Western Railroad is out with a new publication for the benefit of the Summer travel, and on the front cover is an attractive lay-out, panoramically, of the country between the headquarters of the road in Chester and the prospects at the foot of Grandfather Mountain. Incidentally, the mountain scenes which the book carries are of an inviting character. The winding course of the railroad is indicated by cross-ties—the turnpikes by ropes. By next Summer the expectation is that the front cover picture will show the cross-ties laid along the gap between Edgemont and Pineola. Judging from the picture of the route it would be an easy job.—Charlotte Observer.

A Crazy Belgian.

Mr. J. V. Powell, who lives out on route 3, was in town Saturday. He tells that on Friday evening a Belgian, who could speak a little English, was at his home. The man appeared to be about 35 years old and Mr. Powell thinks he was crazy. The stranger was wearing a heavy overcoat; he looked as if he had not been shaved or had his hair cut in months. He said he ran all the way from New York to escape the Germans. He shut his eyes and asked Mr. Powell if he did not hear the roar of cannon, declaring that the Germans were killing all of his people. He hurriedly left and nothing further has been heard of him.—Morgan Messenger.

Farmers Institutes.

All farmers interested in having a Farmers Institute in their section of the county this summer, will meet in the office of the county agent at the Court House, in Newton on Saturday, May 29, at 10 a. m. The Director in charge of the Farmers Institutes at Raleigh would like to arrange dates as soon as possible. All farmers interested please be present.

It is stated that no warning was given the vessel.

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

SPY, KUEPFERLE KILLS HIMSELF

Man Who Claimed to be an American Citizen, Ends His Life in Princeton.

Anton Kuepferle, who claimed to be an American citizen, once residing in Brooklyn, and on trial in London on the charge of giving military information to the enemies of Great Britain, has committed suicide in Brixton prison. It is reported that he hanged himself.

Kuepferle left a message written on a slate bearing testimony of the fairness of his trial and confessing that he was a soldier. He said he wished to die as a soldier and declared he could not bear to go to the scaffold as a spy.

Kuepferle's trial began Tuesday at Old Bailey police court. At the opening the proceedings were public, but yesterday's sessions of the trial were in camera, "in the interests of national safety."

The charge against Kuepferle was that he had attempted to communicate to Germany information respecting British warships and military forces. He pleaded not guilty. The prosecution contended that while he claimed to be a naturalized American citizen he was in reality a German. He was charged with writing letters addressed to neutral countries in Europe interlined with words in invisible ink, making known valuable facts regarding English military dispositions.

Kuepferle arrived at Liverpool February 14. He had a passport signed by Secretary Bryan dated 10 days before he sailed from New York. He represented himself as a woolen merchant. From Liverpool he went to Dublin and then to London, where he arrived February 26.

Murphy-Kale.

Thursday evening a quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Locke Kale at Newton, when their daughter, Miss Claudia, became the bride of Mr. Fred Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Murphy, of this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Biles, pastor of the Newton Methodist church, in the presence of a few invited friends, after which the happy young couple came to Hickory by automobile.

Mr. Murphy is a pressman employed at the Clay Printing Co., here, and has a host of friends, who wish he and his bride a long and happy life.

Uncle Jesse Happy.

It has been some fortnights since Uncle Jesse was happier than he has been since Friday evening. It was then, his daughter, son-in-law and three grand children from Mocksville, Mr. C. F. Stroud and family, reached his home on Eighth Street, and he has been in high fever ever since. He thinks he has the best looking daughter in the world. While he thinks his two grand sons are just like him—good looking—yet he does not hesitate to say that his little granddaughter is the best looking child all out or in doors, and none excepted.

Smashed to Pieces.

London, May 21.—The French steam trawler St. Just, of Arcahon, was torpedoed and literally smashed to pieces near Dartmouth yesterday afternoon. Thirteen of her crew were drowned. The captain was the only survivor.

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

Railroad Passenger Got Just Judgment.

In the State Supreme Court decisions handed down this week railroad patrons will find the biggest interest in the case of Hallman against the Southern railway, wherein a passenger gets affirmed judgment against the company for putting him off the train at Barber.

The passenger bought a mileage book at Hickory and had it pulled from Hickory to Winston-Salem. He alleges that the agent at Hickory told him that the eastbound train would connect with the North Carolina Midland at Barber for Winston-Salem. The train, a great loofer sometimes, was late. Mr. Hallman says he asked several times about the connection, was assured that it would be made and further advised that if he missed the Barber connection he would be permitted to travel the longer route.

He did miss the connection and alleges that the conductor and the ticket collector refused to allow him to proceed, that he agreed to turn over his mileage book until he could get to Salisbury, that he agreed to allow them to pull the difference between the two routes, but the officials put him off. And the jury gave him a verdict of \$400. The road appealed.

Judge Allen writes the court's opinion and holds there is authority for the contention of the plaintiff that the agents of a common carrier have an implied authority to guarantee connections.—Landmark.

Reunion of Shuford Families.

Representatives of the Shuford family met in the Reformed church of Hickory, Thursday, and formed an organization for the purpose of holding a reunion of the various Shuford families some time during the summer on the original Shuford farm on the South Fork. Mr. J. W. Shuford was elected chairman and Mrs. E. L. Shuford, secretary. Mr. R. L. Shuford was appointed chairman of a committee on arrangements and Dr. J. H. Shuford, chairman of a committee on program. The Shuford ancestors were among the first white settlers in the South Fork valley and their descendants are numerous.

This is one of the most noted families in Western North Carolina and have been noted for their integrity of character and uprightness of life.

The effort to hold this reunion is to be commended and the occasion under favorable conditions will bring together one of the largest gatherings ever seen in the South Fork valley.

Food Short in Mexico City.

Mexica City again is facing a serious shortage of food, according to state department advices. Secretary Bryan said that representations had been made to Caranza looking to the shipment of supplies by rail to the capital and that the situation had been brought to the attention of the American Red Cross.

Of Interest to School Teachers.

The Appalachain 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. Adv't-5-20-4t. pd.

Whooping Cough.

"When my daughter had whooping cough she coughed so hard at one time that she had hemorrhage of the lungs. I was terribly alarmed about her condition. Seeing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy so highly recommended, I got her a bottle and it relieved the cough at once. Before she had finished two bottles of this remedy she was entirely well," writes Mrs. S. F. Grimes, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by Menzies Drug Co. and Lutz's Drug Store.

A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE HERMAN FAMILY

Originally Came to This County About the Year 1785—Walked From Pennsylvania Here

(By G. M. YODER.)

There was George Herman, son of the original George Herman, who lived in the State of Pennsylvania. About the year 1795 he left his father's home and walked all the way from that State to the beautiful Southland, landing finally at the home of Pioneer Henry Weidner.

It was always said that he came expressly to learn the blacksmith trade and during the time of the serving of his apprenticeship became so attached to this country that he resolved to go back to his father's home and bring them to this county. So he left on foot and walked back to Pennsylvania. His father agreed to the proposition.

They soon disposed of their land and other property and came through by wagon teams, landing here safe and sound. They soon procured a large tract of land on the waters of Lyles Creek, where they settled down for life. The original George Herman's children George, the plotter of this movement, William, Peter, Michael and daughter, another daughter, who had married, would not consent to come with them. After they had settled down, George began to look around for help-meet. This he found in the person of beautiful Elizabeth Eserlinger, a German lady, whom he soon married. He then built for himself and wife an old-fashioned log house, as was the custom in those days, on the Newton and Hickory public road not far from where St. Timothy church is now located.

Here he also erected a blacksmith shop and followed the trade as long as he was able to work. The children of this marriage were William, George, Daniel, Benry, Andrew, Elizabeth, Sallie and Lina. From these have sprung the Herman family and kindred generations in Catawba and other counties of this state.

Bill Confers Extraordinary Powers. Rome, May 20.—Premier Salandra introduced a bill this afternoon in the chamber of deputies conferring on the government extraordinary powers in case of war.

A committee was named to give this project immediate consideration.

To Hear Frank's Petition. The Georgia prison commission has set Monday, May 31, as the date for beginning a hearing on Leo M. Frank's petition asking that the sentence of death pronounced on him for the murder of Mary Phagan be commuted to life imprisonment.

Melons in Plenty. If the season continues favorable, there should be no scarcity of melons in North Carolina this year. The truck crop specialist of the department of agriculture estimates that there are 2,250 acres in cantaloupes in the state this year.

Lame Back. Lame back is usually due to rheumatism of the muscles of the back. Hard working people are most likely to suffer from it. Relief may be had by Massaging the back with Chamberlain's Uninam two or three times a day. Try it. For sale by Menzies Drug Co. and Lutz's Drug Store.

One of the most expensive woods in the United States is boxwood. It has been quoted at 4 cents a cubic inch and about \$1,300 by the thousand board feet.

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