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GERMANY IS LISTENING FOR VOICE OF PEACE

President Wilson's Charlotte Speech Given Position of Honor in Berlin Papers--War Stocks Drop While Peace Stocks Rise--Attitude Changes.

(By the Associated Press.)
Berlin, May 24, via London, May 25.—A wireless dispatch from the United States giving the substance of President Wilson's speech at Charlotte in which he referred to the possibility of American mediation in the war is given the place of honor in the morning papers. The afternoon editions return to the subject and their comment, together with public discussion, has attracted wide attention.
Though not definitely stated, there is no doubt that Germany is willing to accept a tender of good offices to negotiate peace. The former opinion in high quarters that America had committed herself as a peace mediator on account of the shipment of munitions to the allies has now changed. In President Wilson can hold out in efforts for mediation, it is believed peace will result.
The rumors of the mediation have affected the Berlin stock market. "War babies," which have been generally weak dropped lower on reports that America and other neutral countries were contemplating offering good offices as mediators. At the same time "peace stocks," such as shipping and colonial securities, are in strong demand.

TO SELL LOTS
The sale of 40 residence lots at public auction at Mountain View, West Hickory Saturday afternoon at 1:30 undoubtedly will draw a large crowd for the lots will go to the highest bidder at auction. Campbell and Buchanan who have been successful agents, will dispose of the lots regardless of cost. Mr. Buchanan doing the auctioneering. The terms are easy.

ROBERT R. MOTON INSTALLED AT TUSKEGEE

(By Associated Press.)
Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Major Robert R. Moton, a negro of unmixed blood, was installed here today as principal of Tuskegee institute which was founded by the late Booker T. Washington for the uplift of the negro race.

In his installation address Major Moton indicated that he would endeavor to follow out the policy of his predecessor, Dr. Washington.

"While the outlook was never more hopeful, the negro problem is not yet solved," said Major Moton. "While there is a great encouragement in the fact that 70 per cent of the negro population can read and write it is not safe to assume that 70 per cent of the negroes are really and truly educated. Our progress in this country has been wonderful and we have every reason for rejoicing; but shiftlessness, idleness, inefficiency and crime are entirely too prevalent among our people. Color and conduct still count in this question, but let us remember that conduct counts more than color.

Major Moton reminded his hearers that in his last talk from the same platform Dr. Washington spoke of the importance and value of teamwork. "If teamwork was necessary in this school under the leadership of Dr. Washington," he continued, "how much more imperative it is now that we have the help and inspiration of his words and presence."

"If we are to be true to the great sacred trust," he continued, "if we are to carry out the aims and purposes of Booker T. Washington, we must each cherish and maintain the life and work of this school—the spirit of self-fulfillment—the spirit of service and sacrifice—the Tuskegee spirit—the spirit of cooperation and consecration. It is only in this spirit that the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute can continue to render service to the negro, to the state and to the nation."

Major Moton was selected to succeed Dr. Washington by a unanimous vote of a special committee of the board of trustees of the institute in New York on December 20 last. In making the choice the committee referred to him as "another forceful personality." He was born in Amelia county, Virginia, in 1867 and spent his early years on the Vaughan plantation in Prince Edward county. His mother was cook at the big house and his father led the hands on the plantation. He was sent to Hampton institute in 1885, graduating five years later. He remained as drill-master and assistant commandant of cadets. In 1890 he became commandant, a position which he held until his election as principal of Tuskegee. Since December he has given his time to the campaign for the Booker T. Washington memorial fund.

MINORITY ASKS FOR BIGGER NAVY

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—Republican members of the house naval affairs committee, in a minority report today, denounced the \$241,000,000 naval appropriation bill reported by the majority as wholly inadequate and urged for more liberal allowances to make the United States navy the second greatest in the world. The minority report charged that the majority report ignored expert advice, paid no heed to Secretary Daniels and compromised a plan wanted by interested parties to protect the nation.

The Republicans recommended that the bill provide for two dreadnoughts, omitted by the Democrats; six battle cruisers instead of five, fifty submarines instead of 20 and a number of other auxiliaries.

PRESIDENT IS READY TO SUGGEST PEACE

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—President Wilson told callers today that the intervention of a neutral in behalf of peace in Europe could rest only on behalf of a mutual desire of the belligerents for peace, and that both sides would have to indicate a willingness to discuss terms.
Mr. Wilson did not disclose any definite plan of action he may have formulated in regard to peace, but authorized a formal statement of his attitude. His callers gained the impression that he would extend his good offices to the belligerents for peace when the conditions he outlined were likely of fulfillment.

MEXICO IS SUFFERING FROM CROP SHORTAGE

Washington, May 25.—Further reports of disturbed economic conditions in Mexico reached the state department. Crops were said to be in poor condition in many sections and spring planting was below normal. The de facto government, it was reported, had crushed the railroad railroad workers to military rule and making them liable to court martial for refusal to work.

It is said that wire-tapping is impossible in this city because there is a state law against it. H. M. Are state laws held inviolate to that extent?—Philadelphia Inquirer.
The Republican and Progressive conventions will meet in Chicago in less than three weeks, so it is high time Chicago was strengthening her peace force.—Florida Times-Union

This new list of Republicans who are calling for the colonel's nomination is chiefly interesting as a catalogue of those who were so quiet or doubtful in their party allegiance in 1912 that their present inclinations cause no surprise and disappoint no expectations whatever.—New York World.

It is said that Armenians are now eating grass. The surprising fact about the Armenians is that any of them are left to eat anything.—Baltimore American.

President Wilson talks literature even when he merely chats.—Chicago News.

TEN THOUSAND SEE MOTON INAUGURATED

(By the Associated Press.)
Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—Ten thousand persons from all parts of the United States were present today at the inauguration of Major Robert R. Moton as principal to succeed the late Booker T. Washington. The procession was notable, there being in the line of march southern and northern trustees of the institute, representatives of colleges and universities and others. The procession was more than a mile long. The president was enthusiastically greeted.

CENSORSHIP IN GREECE IS TIGHT

(By Associated Press.)
Athens, Greece, May 25.—It has been one of the revealing circumstances of the political situation in Greece since the formation of the Skouliadis ministry that the censorship of press cablegrams to other countries has been not only tight, but double and sometimes triple. There has been no censorship at all of the Green newspapers.

To jealousy and mutual mistrust among members of the cabinet is attributed the manifold censorship of cablegrams. Four former premiers sit in the present ministry, held together solely by their common hatred of Venizelos and their desire to keep him out of office.

Premier Skouliadis, as minister for foreign affairs, exercises the ostensible censorship. Telegrams are brought and sent to the ministry and submitted to a young diplomatist, formerly Greek charge d'affaires in Montenegro, who either passes them, or himself in turn submits them to the premier. The latter process is a long one, as Mr. Skouliadis is in a hurry, and often the sender of a message must wait two or three hours to learn whether his message may be sent. He generally must wait in person, as the minister frequently requires the alteration of a word or two. If the sender of the message is not present to accept the alteration, the message is killed as a whole.

But though censoring the premier's red-pencilled authorization, the message is by no means sure to go. Former premier and present minister of communications, Rhalys, also has a say about it. He does not always agree with his colleagues, and if he does not, the signature of the regular censor becomes meaningless. No one sees Mr. Rhalys' censor. The messages are sent to him, he works his will with them, and they are returned. There is no appeal and no possibility of explanation or alteration.

But former Premier Demetrios Gounaris has no great faith in the judgment of either his colleagues. He is minister of interior, and as such, is head of all the police, and as such, he is in a position to see that the secret police in particular and all messages reflecting on him fail to arrive at their destination. And requests for investigation prove fruitless waste of effort.

In the matter of royal messages, interviews with his majesty, the king of the Hellenes, or dispatches in which the opinions of Constantine I. are acted or referred to, there is still another censorship—that of Count Mercati, grand faster of ceremonies of the court of Greece. Telegrams of this nature are referred to the king himself, and on his approval of them, Count Mercati initials each page and writes a note at the bottom directing the telegraph authorities to pass the message—"by order of the king."

But the messages do not pass a bit more for having received this sanction of the palace. Minister of Communications Rhalys inspects them whether or not they bear the king's approval. Recently a very important paragraph in an interview given by King Constantine to the correspondent of the Associated Press was "lost" in this way. When the matter was brought to the attention of the sovereign he concluded that Minister Rhalys was probably quite wise in deleting the paragraph in question, and there, and there the discussion ended.

The correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt a short time ago created a sensation by avoiding all censorship of an interview which he had had with King Constantine. Although the monarch had made it a condition of his receiving the German journalist that there be no interview, the Berlin correspondent was altogether too delighted with what he heard on the occasion of his first meeting with the Greek sovereign to resist temptation. But he was too wily to try to send his message out by telegraph and risk its mutilation at the hands of Ministers Skouliadis, Rhalys and Gounaris; so he sent it out by post, under cover of the German legation pouch, and when it was finally published there was consternation in Greece. Since that incident Constantine of Greece has steadfastly refused to be interviewed by anyone for publication, and has received only one journalist, a man in whom he has great confidence.

METHODISTS STAND PAT ON DISCIPLINE

(By the Associated Press.)
Saratoga Springs, May 25.—The Methodist general conference refused today by a vote of 435 to 360 to remove from the discipline of the church the clause which provides for expulsion for church members who play cards, dance and attend the theater.

BETTER SCHEDULES.
(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, May 25.—The state corporation commission announced today that the new schedules affecting Atlantic Coast Line trains 90 and 91 and Southern trains 108 and 131 will be come effective next Sunday. The Atlantic Coast Line now operated between Norfolk and Goldsboro, will operate through to Wilmington and the Southern train now operated from Greensboro to Raleigh will continue to Goldsboro.

Buffers to be clamped to the lower ends of bed posts have been invented to protect wall paper, woodwork and furniture as beds are moved.
All the Mexican generals are not fighting at the same time. Some are printing money with their pictures on it.—Atlanta Constitution.

PERSHING GIVEN FIGHT IS BEGUN SOME MORE TROOPS TO SAVE DR. WAITE

Columbus, N. M., May 25.—A new movement of American troops along General Pershing's line of communications was reported here today. The movement made in the last 48 hours was said to offset the threatened movement of the Carranza command, but it was pointed out that any movements under way were minor, and do not affect the general expeditionary policy.

Several cavalry patrols are scouting the Namiqua district, but they, it was learned were acting merely as intelligence gathering orders have been given them to act only on the defensive and to take no prisoners.

COLOGNE WOMEN AND THEIR DRESSES

(By Associated Press.)
Cologne, May 25.—Disappointed that both personal and official pleas and warnings have had little or no effect, the women's alliance of Cologne and thirty-five associated women's associations and organizations have petitioned the governor of the fortress to issue a decree forbidding the wearing of high-heeled shoes, wide-flowing, short skirts and other apparel that has been smuggled in from countries at war with Germany or that is patently a copy of foreign mode and fashion.

"It shows a lack of patriotism and is a disgrace for German women," says the petition in part, "that many of them go about in clothing which by its striking, frivolous nature mocks the earnest sentiment that rules among the people at this time of manifold need and severe personal suffering." The petition declares that luxury of a noticeable sort in clothing is nothing but an insult to the unfortunate, and is unworthy of the German women at this time.

"Since all the pleas of sensible thinking people, as well as the official cautions, have been without result," concludes the petition, "we ask the governor to take steps against the above-named evils."

ALABAMA SHERIFF BREAKS UP MOB

(By the Associated Press.)
Mobile, Ala., May 25.—Quick action on the part of the sheriff, the police and the military in arresting ten men who were the leaders of a small mob to get a negro supposed to be in jail here is believed to have prevented a lynching last night.
The arrests were made at an early hour this morning, the men being charged with carrying concealed weapons. The military was on guard all night.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 25.—Reading further descent from its recent high record was the most interesting event in today's irregular opening. The stock was offered in large blocks from 103 1/2 to 102 1/2. There were large sales with further activity in motors, chiefly Studebaker and Chandler. Declines in all instances were fractional.

COTTON FUTURES.
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, May 25.—The cotton market lost a good part of yesterday's advance at the opening today. First prices were barely steady at a decline of 10 to 12 points, and after rallies of three or four points, the market again eased off under scattering liquidation.
The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
July	12.84	12.87
October	12.85	12.83
December	13.00	12.99
January	13.05	13.02
March	13.18	13.17

HICKORY MARKETS.
Cotton ----- 12 1/4
Wheat ----- \$1.35

CHICAGO WHEAT.
(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 25.—Although hot, dry weather southwest led to higher prices in the wheat market here today, the advance failed to last. The day's advance ranged from 3-8 to 3-4 higher, with July at 1.10 1-2 and September at 1.10 3-4 to 1.11 1-8, was followed by moderate further gains and then a reaction to well below yesterday's close.

THE WEATHER

Washington, May 25.—For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; gentle north to northeast winds.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, May 25.—The fight to save Dr. Arthur Warren Waite began today. The prosecution closed its case and the defense marshalled alienists and relatives of the accused man to prove that he was insane when he killed his wealthy father-in-law, John E. Peck, by poisoning him with doses of laudanum.

It is understood that the defense will make no claim that Waite is insane now. An effort will be made to show that he was in a highly nervous state for several months preceding the death of Mr. Peck, that he was subject to "obsessions" and the victim of mental suggestions coming from another self, which the defendant called the "Man from Egypt."

Mrs. Margaret Weaver Horton, the young woman with whom Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, confessed poisoner of his wife's parents, studied languages and music and shared a "studio" in a fashionable New York hotel, described the killing of her father-in-law, John E. Peck, as the dual character of the prisoner. This alleged Jekyll-Hyde nature of Waite, the evil side of which he has asserted manifested itself in the form of a "Man from Egypt," gave the first inkling of the case upon which Waite's lawyers will proceed in the fight to prove he was insane at the time he killed John E. Peck, and thereby save him from the electric chair.

Mrs. Horton, who cast sorrowful glances at Waite as he sat pale and outwardly ill at ease not more than 20 feet from her, followed Mrs. Clara Louise Peck Waite, wife of the prisoner, on the stand. Mrs. Horton told her story slowly, directly, and gave the impression that she cared little for the ordeal to which she herself was subjected. It appeared to those who watched her closely that she was trying to convey to the prisoner something of the sympathy she felt for him.

Although called as a witness for the state, Mrs. Horton seemed to be much relieved when Walter R. Deuel, counsel for Waite, began to cross-examine her. Waite, who had sat almost motionless throughout the long direct examination by Assistant District Attorney George N. Brothers, dropped his hand from his chin and raised his eyes towards the witness. The wife of the prisoner, dressed in deep mourning and sobbing quietly at intervals, sat directly behind the jury box.

Not a line of testimony had been brought out by the prosecution touching upon Waite's mental condition when the state rested after Mrs. Horton had finished her story. Several alienists were in the courtroom, however, waiting to be called in rebuttal. The defense, it is expected, will open tomorrow in a vigorous attempt to prove that Waite was insane when he committed his crime.

Mrs. Horton, with a trace of sadness in her voice, first told how she had met Waite last January when she was singing in a New York theatre. He was gentlemanly and kind to her, she said, and they struck up a fast friendship. Waite was interested in her voice, and later inquired the name of her vocal instructor.

"He said he would like to take vocal lessons himself," she added, and I introduced him to my teacher."
Mrs. Horton then told how she and Waite had studied moan languages and music together for which Waite "insisted" on paying; and finally of the rental of the "studio."

The first statewide primary will be held Saturday week, and the chief interest of Catawba folks will center on candidates for state offices, since the primary does not apply to Catawba county candidates. Mr. J. D. Elliott, candidate for state senator, will be voted on in the district as will also Mr. Chas. A. Jones of Lincoln, Republican candidate for the honor. Both having been endorsed, their nomination on opposing tickets will be a matter of form. Catawba and Lincoln comprise this senatorial district.

HICKORY TEACHERS HOLD MEETING HERE

Mr. Chas. E. McIntosh, superintendent of the Hickory schools is spending today in the city conferring with the teachers in regard to the work of next session. A conference was held this morning in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce and later in the afternoon a meeting was held. Tomorrow morning Mr. McIntosh will deliver the literary address at Star-town high school.

Architects predict a new style of architecture after the war. Churches we presume will be bomb proof.—Detroit Free Press.
The governor of Kansas has had a pumpkin named after him. To lovers of pumpkin pie that seems honor enough for one man.—Toledo Blade.

GERMANS MAKE GAINS IN FURIOUS ONSLAUGHTS

Continue Furious Assault in Verdun Region and Crown Prince's Armies Gain Foothold at Quarry--Italians Driven Back--Submarine Sinks British Steamer.

TREATY IN WAY OF PROMPT ACTION

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—President Wilson today told Senator Sheppard and R. D. Bowen that the American government was doing everything possible to protect the right of American growers of cotton and other goods wanted in Europe and would continue to do its utmost.
Mr. Bowen complained that the farmers of the United States had lost \$500,000,000 in 1914 alone. The president referred to the peace treaty with Great Britain as necessitating thorough discussion of the question.

Mr. Horace Long returned yesterday from Donaldson Military school at Fayetteville. Mr. Long accompanied by his sister, Miss Mabel, leaves tomorrow for Atlanta to visit their aunt, Mrs. P. A. Abernethy.

ONE AD BROUGHT OVER 200 REPLIES

If anybody doubts that the Record is studied carefully near and far, he is referred to the proprietors of the Van Dyke Book and Art store. Mr. Donald Applegate, one of the proprietors, dropped into this office today to tell of the effect of a word puzzle placed in this paper.
Replies already have come from over 200 persons, some of the answers being from Henderson, Newton and many from the country. Of course the great number of replies were from Hickory, but Mr. Applegate said the answers convinced him that the circulation of the Record is general enough to reach the reading public in this large territory.
This is another instance of the drawing power of Record advertisements.

TAXICABS IDLE

(By the Associated Press.)
London, May 25.—Five thousand taxicabs are idle in London today because so many drivers have joined the colors, and the authorities are being urged to relax the rules so as to permit women and discharged sailors and soldiers to operate them. When the war broke out there were 10,000 licensed taxicabs in London.
Taxicab owners say that if Scotland Yard, which has the licensing power, would extend it to women and also lessen the severity of the "knowledge of London" test so as to give a chance to discharged fighting men, the problem would be solved.

CHANGE IN STATION

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, May 25.—The state corporation commission announced today that it had agreed to a change in the location of the proposed \$30,000 union station at Kinston, the station to be located on the Caswell site, as first proposed.

A little brochure being circulated in Berlin sets forth the virtues of the Kaiser, notably his simplicity and love of peace. Too bad that little black men from Egypt got hold of him.—New York Evening Telegram.

What will become of George W. Perkins if, as the outcome of the Chicago convention, what is left of the Progressive party goes up the Republican spout?—Springfield Republican.

With universal military training this country will not have to depend upon the vagaries of a lot of potbellied congressmen.—Chicago News.

FIGHT FOR WOMEN IS NOT ABANDONED

(By the Associated Press.)
Orlando, Fla., May 25.—Woman's position in the Southern Presbyterian church, after several days of lengthy argument, has remained virtually unchanged, but was up for probably discussion as the result of an announcement that 50 of the less than 300 commissioners attending the session here objected to the action taken on the matter.
While up to the opening of today's session, the assembly had set no date for the adjournment, it was said by members of the assembly that unless delayed by argument of protest on woman's work or other matters the assembly might adjourn some time today.

You can always keep your memory green in a man's mind by doing him an injury.

(By the Associated Press.)
Continuing their furious assault in the Verdun region the Germans having succeeded in wresting the battered ruins of Fort Douaumont from the French have driven hard against the line west of the fort. In this new attack the crown prince's forces succeeded in gaining a foothold in French trenches in Haudremont quarry, which has been the scene of many hard struggles.
At Fort Douaumont itself the infantry engagements waged so desperately during the week have ceased for the time being, the French war office announcement says.

The artillery has been notably active, its fire on the west bank of the Meuse being particularly severe. Coumieres, the village close to the river just captured by the Germans, and from which they have been prevented from debouching by the French fire, is under bombardment by the French.
East of the Meuse the French have made some progress by hand grenade attacks.

Latest reports from the Austro-Italian front indicate that the Austrians have driven a wedge rather deeply between the Italians in the valleys southeast of Trent. The Italians admittedly have been falling back in this sector, where they now report a concentration of forces.
The sinking by a submarine of the British steamer Washington is announced from London.

Rome reports the destruction of an Austrian gunboat and an Austrian aeroplane in an engagement with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adriatic.

As an outgrowth of recent talk of peace, Sir Edward Grey has reiterated in the House of Commons that the time is not yet ripe for peace. It was the duty of diplomacy to maintain the solidarity of the entente allies, he said, until a stage of the war had been reached where to prospect for maintaining an enduring peace would be with the allies.

The American note to Great Britain and France reiterating though more strongly than in the previous note, the government's protest against the seizure and detention of legitimate mail matter bound to and from the United States has been handed to the British and French ambassadors at Washington.

TEXAS GUARDS TO FACE COURT MARTIAL

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, May 25.—Reversing previous decision Secretary Baker announced today that the 116 members of the Texas guard who failed to present themselves for muster into the federal service will be brought to court martial immediately under the present law. Mr. Baker intended to await the signing of the new militia law now before the president before acting.

LIEUTENANT ROCKWELL IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Pensacola, Fla., May 24.—Lieutenant James Vincent Rockwell, a civil engineer in the United States navy, who was in training as an aviator here, was instantly killed late yesterday when a navy aeroplane he was piloting dived headforemost 150 feet into the Gulf.
The machine was found badly damaged and navy officers said they believed some portion of the wings or steering gear caused the accident by giving way. The accident was directly in front of the aviation station and occurred just as Lieutenant Rockwell was ending a trial flight. A number of person, including his three little children saw the aviator fall.
Lieutenant Rockwell, who was 39 years old, was born in Indiana. His wife and children had been residing here with him. He expected to get a pilot's license shortly.

THE MOTION PICTURE

Washington, May 25.—Congressman Doughton, who is member of the house committee on education, which has had under consideration the bill for censorship of moving picture films, thinks there will be no legislation this session on the subject. "Unless the motion picture people censor some of their films themselves there is likely to be some legislation," Mr. Doughton said.
"While a majority of the pictures are all right some are indecent, obscene and rotten. If these are not corrected by the picture people the public in self-defense, will be bound to take some legal steps for protection."

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