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VEIL OF SECRECY STILL HANGS OVER GERMANY

Nothing but an Officially Inspired Dispatch from Berlin—Reports of Strikes on Border—French and British Public Dissatisfied With Progress of War.

(By the Associated Press)
Beyond an officially inspired dispatch from Berlin stating that no disclosures occurred in Germany during May Day the veil of secrecy which has been thrown over the situation in the central empires has not been lifted.

News dispatches from the German frontier speak of great strikes, and rumors pile up on rumors in regard to the growing unrest among the Teutonic nations; but there is little that is tangible on which to base a judgment. Indications point to growing unrest in these countries.

It is reported Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will make a new peace offer in the reichstag tomorrow, but this is based on a newspaper article and is not authentic.

The great minor demonstration in Sweden took place without any disorder being reported, and a similar demonstration was reported in Austria without disorders.

On the fighting front in France the deadlock persists. The result of the French offensive causes considerable dissatisfaction and the minister of war will be questioned when parliament meets.

In England criticism is centered on the admiralty, the growing submarine menace causing a fire to be directed at Sir Edward Carson.

RUSSIANS EVACUATE MUSH IN ARMENIA

(By Associated Press)
Constantinople, Tuesday, May 1.—Via London, May 2.—The evacuation by the Russians of Mush in Turkish Armenia is announced by the war office. The town has been occupied by the Turks.

Eighteen Men Killed in Torpedoing of American Oil Steamer, Some Gunners

(By the Associated Press)
London, May 2.—Nine survivors, including Capt. S. S. Harris from the American oil tanker Vacuum which was sunk by a German submarine Saturday, have been landed. This makes 27 men saved from a total of 45 men in the crew.

EIGHTEEN LOST
(By Associated Press)
Liverpool, May 2.—Captain Harris

To Observe Tag Day Here Saturday in Interest of Funds for Baby Campaign

Tag! You're it! What?—a friend is a Baby Welfare Station. The tag will mean on Saturday. All day Saturday every one who comes to town will have an opportunity to be tagged and prove in a practical way his love for little children, his interest in their welfare, his civic pride and his patriotism as an American citizen. All of these things are very closely allied with child welfare work. If a fearful epidemic should break out among Hickory babies how strenuously every citizen would work, how eagerly every man, woman and child in the community would strive to help wipe it out! Yet more babies die through ignorance and neglect than from any epidemic the world has ever seen. It is impossible to estimate what it would be worth to Hickory if every mother in the community could learn through the science of baby care. It would mean that every Hickory home would be clean and sanitary, all of Hickory's babies would be healthy and happy, Hickory's children would be bright and sturdy, and Hickory's young men and young women would be capable, strong and intelligent. The observance of baby week is a long stride in the right direction, but the establishment of permanent child welfare work is the surest means to the desired end. The following plan has been suggested as one of the several possible ways of beginning baby welfare work here in Hickory:

With the cooperation of the merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Club, establish a comfortable, sanitary rest room for women and children and manage it

MUCH INTEREST FIGHTING BEGUN ON RUSSIAN FRONT

(By Associated Press)
Christiansburg, Va., May 2.—The trial of Prof. Chas. E. Vawter, charged with the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., entered its second day today with the defense resting on the plea of the "unwritten law."

The court room was filled to suffocation with people eager to hear the proceedings this morning. Mrs. Vawter was in the court room early and sat near her husband.

The first witness for the prosecution was Dr. W. F. Henderson, physician of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, who first answered the call to the Vawter home.

The prosecution announced that they would examine only two witnesses in chief, Dr. Henderson and Dr. Peter Jones, the latter a physician in the Roanoke hospital where Heth died.

PROGRAM READY FOR BABY WEEK

The program for Baby Week, to be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday, furnishes a variety of entertainment and instruction that will appeal to the parents of this section. Saturday will be tag day, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock a play will be given in the Academy of Music by the children, to be followed by a lecture on the "Care and Feeding of Children" by Miss Emma Morrell of Lenoir College faculty.

At 8 o'clock Saturday night another short play will be given, to be followed by an address of Dr. Faison of Charlotte, president of the State Medical Society.

On Sunday the pastors of the city will preach sermons suitable to the occasion and on Monday Baby Day will be observed in the Hickory schools.

The Woman's Club, through its committee, has done much good work and the whole town and much of the county are interested. Mrs. K. B. Patterson is chairman of the committee.

FRATERNAL ORDERS WILL PARTICIPATE

All fraternal orders in Hickory have been invited to participate in the parade on the night of May 10 and indications are that they will be largely represented for the white day celebration. The Knights of Pythias will have the Gastonia drum corps here, and there are other features being planned.

Those who expect to join in the singing are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. J. Worth Elliott Thursday evening to practice for the chorus.

The committees from the Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce and Community Club will meet in the next day or two to agree on the final program.

CALDWELL SHERIFF MAKES UNUSUAL CATCH

Sheriff J. A. Triplett of Caldwell county, according to the Lenoir News, probably has the distinction of being the only man in North Carolina to remove a blockade still from a river by means of a gig used in elevating frogs from streams.

The officer was after frogs and stuck his prongs into the water after a big croaker when it struck a 40-gallon copper still. The catch was satisfactory, however, and the sheriff is now contemplating.

DEBATE CONTINUES ON ESPIONAGE BILL
(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 2.—Debate on the administration espionage bill continued in the senate today and will be kept before it continuously before it is disposed of. Senate leaders planned to vote this week. The house has a similar bill under consideration.

Mr. M. Loy Boelck of Conover has given the contract to Mr. L. L. Moss to build a California bungalow on the lot next to Mr. Albert Abernethy's on Thirteenth avenue.

HOLLWEG DELAYS DESTRUCTION OF TONNAGE THAT PEACE SPEECH CAUSES SERIOUS ALARM

Secretary Lane Tells Governors That War Will be Fought on This Side Unless We Get Busy --States Plan to Aid Defense Movement.

(By Associated Press)
Copenhagen, via London, May 2.—The situation as reported in a dispatch from Berlin appears to be as follows:

At a caucus of the majority of Socialists in the reichstag, the group that supports the policy of not embarrassing the chancellor and the government, it was decided to defer an interpellation regarding Germany's peace plans to a more suitable occasion. The interpellation was to have been made today.

MANY AIRPLANES DESTROYED IN APRIL

(By Associated Press)
London, May 2.—A compilation from British, French and German official communications shows that 717 airplanes were lost during April. The Germans lost 369, the French and Belgians 201 and the British 147. This is a great increase over the casualties in airplane fighting. The highest previous total was 322 in September last.

PUTS GERMAN LOSSES AT OVER MILLION

(By Associated Press)
Amsterdam, via London, May 2.—One million, three hundred thousand Germans have perished in the war, according to a statement made by Josephus Dunning, formerly a member of the reichstag. Herr Dunning, lecturing on the war, said:

"Until now the war has caused a loss of 1,300,000 dead. This, together with the decrease in births, gives a reduction of 3,800,000. The surplus of females has increased from 800,000 to more than 2,000,000." The report of the lecture received here does not state where it was given.

AMERICAN STEAMER ROCKINGHAM SUNK

(By Associated Press)
London, May 2.—The American steamer Rockingham has been sunk by a German submarine. Thirteen men are missing.

Three boats containing 33 men were picked up yesterday by a patrol vessel. One boat containing 13 men are missing.

NORWAY'S SHIPS ARE RAPIDLY SUNK

(By the Associated Press)
Christiania, Norway, via London, May 2.—Seventy-five Norwegian vessels were sunk by German submarines in April and more than 100 sailors lost their lives. If such a monthly average was maintained, Norway's mercantile marine would be wiped out in a year and a half.

BRITISH MISSION PLACES NO FAITH IN SINCERITY OF GERMAN PEACE OFFERS

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, May 3.—The British mission expects to be here at least ten days longer. Then the party will leave for New York and possibly a short trip through the middle west. Several experts possibly may remain permanently in Washington. Included probably will be food, munition and ship experts.

Today was devoted largely to detailed discussions, especially in following up yesterday's shipping suggestions.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON THURSDAY EVENING

An illustrated lecture will be given by Rev. W. E. Murray, pastor of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the church auditorium entitled "Sights and Scenes in Luther's Land and Switzerland."

Everybody, friends, visitors and strangers are most heartily invited.

THINKS U-BOATS USE NEUTRAL WATERS

(By Associated Press)
London, May 2.—In the house of commons today Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, said there had been suspicions that enemy submarines which destroyed allied and neutral shipping had been finding their way out through neutral ports.

FIRE THIS MORNING CAUSED SOME DAMAGE

Fire this morning at 8:45 did damage amounting to between \$400 and \$500, Chief Yoder estimated, to the residence on Ninth avenue occupied by Capt. L. C. Furman, most of the damage being caused by water. The blaze started between the ceiling and roof of the house and was hard for the firemen to get at. It had made considerable headway before it was discovered, and for a few minutes the firemen worked desperately to put the fire out. A defective fue was held responsible.

Mrs. Furman and Mrs. C. R. Howell, who room there, both were ill, and the excitement affected them adversely.

The house is owned by Mrs. H. C. Dixon. Although Chief Lentz, who was at the station when the alarm came in, rang the bell as vigorously as possible, firemen said later that a new alarm is needed. The sound of the bell does not carry far enough, and it is difficult to make the members hear it.

TO DELIVER ORATIONS AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Newton, May 2.—Thursday night, May 3, in the Catawba College auditorium here six young men will deliver orations in a contest for a medal endowed by Prof. George Warlick.

A most attractive feature of the evening will be two vocal solos by Miss Holstein, head of the music department of the college. Two of the judges will be Hickory citizens, Dr. J. L. Murphy and Mr. W. A. Self. The friends of the college are cordially invited to attend.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES
(By the Associated Press)
New York, May 2.—The cotton market opened today at a decline of 15 to 26 points. There was considerable scattering realizing after the sharp advance of yesterday, but there seemed to be a little flurry of covering by May shorts. That point month sold up to within a few points of last night's close.

The close was easy.

	Open	Close
May	20.05	20.15
July	20.00	19.97
October	19.85	19.82
December	19.37	19.36
January	19.40	19.45

HICKORY MARKETS
Cotton ----- 20c
Good clean wheat ----- \$3.50

CHICAGO WHEAT
(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, May 2.—The wheat market today advanced lower, influenced by peace talk. Opening prices, with May at 2.55 to 2.56 and July at 2.09 to 2.12, were followed by a rise to 2.66 for May and 2.04 1-2 for July and then a setback all around to well below yesterday's close.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Thursday, gentle to moderate north and northeast winds.