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POLITICAL SITUATION IN GERMANY AGAIN ACUTE

Army And Navy Leaders Are Called on to Answer For Their Part in Pan-German Propaganda--War Aims May Be Forced From Chancellor.

By the Associated Press. The internal pressure to force the government to set forth its aims clearly having failed on the surface, internal conditions within the empire threaten to compel the issuance of a full statement of Germany's aims. What the German leaders want if they are successful will be stated this week, probably today.

The imperial chancellor, Dr. Michaelis, is finding the way as difficult as the predecessor and must now face the critics of the government in the reichstag. Whether, as has been suggested, the bureaucracy and the army have been furthering the pan-German scheme of annexations and indemnities will be made known. Dr. Michaelis on Saturday sent Minister of Interior Helfrich before the reichstag to make a statement in his behalf. Helfrich failed to modify the charges and the sitting adjourned today.

General von Stein, the war minister, was jeered when he attempted to explain the army's side of the accusation that the high command was using very strong methods to help the pan-Germans in their scheme of annexations and indemnities.

Former Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, some time before his resignation, had a test with former Admiral von Tirpitz, the organizer of submarine warfare, and the admiral won. The admiral has been busy with the new Fatherland party, in which he was an active organizer, and this fact is noted in the reichstag.

It has now come to a test between the followers of von Tirpitz and the pan-Germans on one side and the majority of the reichstag on the other. Recent reports have shown that the feeling between the pan-Germans and the reichstag majority has become intensive. Socialist members of the reichstag having gone so far as to charge that the pan-Germans have desired to split Germany into two camps in order to carry their purpose.

Approaching cold weather on the western front is forecast in the appearance of snow in the Vosges mountains. In Flanders the weather has been most unfavorable during the last two days, but officials reports from London show that the British are continuing their activities in Flanders.

The British are probably using the new positions won last week as a base to harass the Germans in the lowlands between Paschendale-Chester road and the Rouler-Menin railroad in preparation of a plan to flank the German positions from the north.

Dispatches from Norway say strong German warships have been seen in the Baltic sea, probably in an enterprise to attack Helsinki. The Germans are said to be concentrating a large force, including mine-sweepers, seaplanes and other vessels for an attack on this city by sea.

Today's British statement indicates a set up in the intense artillery duel in Flanders. The definite development reported was the launching of the expected counter action of the Germans. The attack was made after a heavy barrage had been laid down in the Polygon woods. The British guns beat off the Germans, a few of whom reached the British lines and were made prisoners.

More favorable developments in the Russian political situation is reported. A complete agreement has been reached by all parties, it is announced, and the immediate formation of a coalition cabinet is predicted.

Comparatively quiet prevails on the northern portion of the front in Russia and along this line to Rumania. In Rumania, however, the Russians in an attack northwest of the town of Sereth captured a Teutonic allied position, made prisoners of 702 men and also took several machine guns. Under a heavy bombardment the Russians later were compelled to evacuate the positions, having previously repulsed several heavy infantry counter-attacks. Daily the Italians and Austrians are engaged in battles for supremacy on the slopes of Monte San Gabriele in the Gorizia sector. In the latest fight the Italians captured enemy positions on the northern slopes and also took prisoners. On several other sectors of this theatre the Austrians have delivered counter-attacks, but everywhere were repulsed. Germany has still another nation arrayed against her in the world war. Following closely on the action of Peru, the republic of Uruguay has several diplomatic relations with the imperial government.

BRYAN DID NOT MAKE SUCH CHARGE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—Beginning investigation today of the speech of Senator LaFollette before the non-partisan league at St. Paul, the senate sub-committee mapped out its program and adjourned until Thursday.

No public hearings will be held for the present, Chairman Pomeroy announced, and the committee believed it possible that the hearing will be concluded in a few days.

Senator LaFollette today changed his plan to issue a statement regarding his public statement that Mr. Bryan told the president that the Lusitania was an ammunition ship and should not be allowed to sail. This statement probably will be made to the committee. No other statements in Senator LaFollette's speech are being investigated.

COMMUNITY CLUB HAS GOOD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Club was held in the Chamber of Commerce, Friday afternoon at 3:30.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay presided over the meeting. There were thirty members present. After discussing the advisability of changing the number required to constitute a quorum, from twenty-five, as laid down in the constitution to nine, it was decided to let the constitution remain unchanged.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Joy, Mrs. D'Anna was asked to select a committee of ladies from the club to assist her in her work getting subscriptions to the Liberty loan bonds. The treasurer reported a clear profit of \$116.45 for the sale of luncheon at the booth by the Community Club during the fair. A resolution of thanks was given to the ladies who had served so faithfully at the booth during the week, and also to those who had contributed so generously to it.

An invitation to visit the domestic science department of the high school was extended to all the ladies of the club by Superintendent McIntosh, and Miss Jones, who has charged that department, has expressed her willingness to organize a class in domestic science in the afternoon free of charge for any of the ladies who are interested.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for Reciprocity Day, October 30. During the winter the hour of meeting will be 3:30, and the ladies are requested to bear in mind that the regular meetings are held on the first Friday in each month, and be on hand at the appointed time.

GASTON COUNTY FAIR IS ON THIS WEEK

Gastonia, Oct. 8.—This week is fair week in Gastonia, and if present indications can be relied upon, the city will be the host to the largest crowds of visitors that has ever gathered here at one time before. Secretary Holland stated that 50,000 was his lowest estimate.

This year an unusually vigorous and extensive advertising campaign has been carried on in several adjoining counties. It would be surprising to find anyone within a radius of 50 miles or more of Gastonia that does not now of the big event.

Not only in the point of attendance but the quality and quantity of the exhibits will far exceed those of last year. There have been held in Gaston during the past two weeks eleven splendid community fairs, and every one will have a fine collective exhibit at the county fair. Not only these, but there will be four collective exhibits from Lincoln county, one from Cleveland, and one from York. There have been more than 9,000 entries at these fairs, an the best of these will be brought here for exhibition.

and the German minister has been handed his passports. Although Germany had committed no direct act of hostility against Uruguay, the president of the republic in his message to parliament said it was necessary to parliament said it was necessary for Uruguay "to espouse the cause of the defenders of justice, democracy and small nationalities."

GERMANS TAKEN FROM WHALE BOAT

By the Associated Press. London, Oct. 8.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Melbourne, Australia, says it is reported that a whale boat with a crew of Germans from the German raider Seeadler has been captured. The boat contained machine guns and the Germans admitted they had been detailed from the Seeadler to make raids.

The presence of two German sea raiders in the south Pacific was made known in navy dispatches from Samoa last week. Both boats were reported to have been manned by the crew of the Seeadler, which was wrecked. Several ships were reported sunk.

SPAIN TO PUNISH THOSE RESPONSIBLE

By the Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—The Spanish government has taken drastic action to discipline the officials responsible for the safe internment of the German submarine, which escaped from Cadiz.

NEW GERMAN SHIP IS BADLY DAMAGED

By the Associated Press. London, Oct. 8.—Arrivals at Amsterdam from Hamburg, Germany, says a dispatch, report that last week a new German battle cruiser on trial off Helligoland was badly damaged. The vessel was towed in to port.

TRIES TO END LIFE WITH SMALL RIFLE

Concord, Oct. 8.—Private Norman Overcash of Kannapolis, a member of the Concord military company, tried to commit suicide at his home today by shooting himself through the lungs with a flobert rifle. Overcash left Camp Sevier without permission and it is believed, he was brooding over what might happen to him for deserting. Physicians say he will recover if no complications develop.

Mr. H. H. Little, formerly deputy agent at Hickory, is spending today here on his way to Boston from Ho Springs, where he accompanied a trainload of German prisoners from Ellis Island, N. Y., to the internment hotels there. Mr. Little is New England representative for the Southern and always enjoys a warm welcome back home. There are now 1,100 Germans in the camp, but soon the number will be increased to 2,200.

HOME GUARD HAS ITS FIRST BIG JOB

By the Associated Press. Raleigh, Oct. 8.—The Raleigh home guard, a newly organized military company made up principally of business men, has been ordered out to protect Earl Neville, who is to go on trial in a special term of Wake county superior court for committing a criminal assault on the wire of a street car conductor.

Two successful attempts were made by mobs two weeks ago to take the negro from jail and the state penitentiary and he was removed to Charlotte.

LIBERTY MOTOR TRUCK IS READY

By the Associated Press. Lima, Ohio, Oct. 8.—The first Liberty Motor truck for the United States army, product of the greatest motor company of the country, and the combined genius of automobile builders throughout the nation was completed today.

The standardized machine, of which 35,000 will be turned out in the first half of 1918, is said to represent the perfection of automobile development. It is propelled by the new Liberty motor.

COTTON SOARING ON FORECAST OF FROST

By the Associated Press. New York, Oct. 8.—Predicted frosts in the south caused an excited advance of more than \$5 a bale in the cotton market today. January contracts sold at 26.45 or seven cents a pound above the low level of last month. Both foreign and domestic interests were buyers.

ANOTHER LOAN MADE TO BRITAIN TODAY

By the Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—Another credit of \$15,000,000 was advanced today by Great Britain.

BASEBALL GAME IN NEW YORK TUESDAY

New York, Oct. 8.—The New York and Chicago baseball teams will renew their battle here tomorrow for world honors, with the White Sox the favorite because of their two victories 2 to 1 and 8 to 2, over the Giants Saturday and Sunday in Chicago.

Both at bat and in the field, the White Sox maintained the impressive advantage which they showed in the opening game. The offensive and defensive methods and play of the American league standard-bearers was far superior to that shown by the New York club, and in no department of the national sport did the giants appear to have the edge on their western rivals. Some idea of this superiority is gained from a comparison of the figures of the two games to date.

The White Sox have scored nine runs to three for the Giants; 21 hits to 14, which have netted the local club 26 bases and 17 for the Giants, while in stolen bases, the Sox lead four to one. In individual batting honors alone do the New Yorkers have the edge for Robertson, Holke and McCarty have reached the 500 mark in batting, while only two White Sox stick wielders have reached or surpassed this standard. John Collins leads all the batters with a percentage of .600 and Joe Jackson is second, 100 points behind his pace making teammate.

There are features of the double victory, which cannot be expressed in figures, and these have been the outstanding elements which have encouraged the adherence of the Chicago team to believe that ultimate and complete demonstration of their claim regarding the supremacy of the White Sox was but a matter of a few days.

In field strategy, managerial shrewdness and individual and collective dash the men of Rowland have outshone the New York players led by McGraw and it will require a remarkable recovery on the part of the eastern team when it reaches its home field to check the Chicago plan in its impetuous rush for the championship.

BROWNS WIN FROM CARDS; SECOND CONTEST IS A TIE

St. Louis 8.—The St. Louis Americans Sunday took the first game of a double header from the St. Louis Nationals by the score of 2 to 0, and the second game was a tie in nine innings. The Americans have taken two games in the series and the Nationals have three to their credit.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press. New York, Oct. 8.—Reports of frost in parts of the eastern belt over Sunday and indications for still colder weather caused an advance of about half a cent in the cotton market today.

	Open	Close
October	26.20	27.10
December	25.75	26.50
January	26.65	26.31
March	25.80	26.42
May	25.87	26.47

HICKORY MARKETS	
Cotton	26 1-4
Wheat	\$2.40

WEATHER FORECAST	
For North Carolina:—	Partly cloudy tonight, probably rain in east portion; colder west portion. Tuesday partly cloudy and much colder, gentle northwest winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER	
Oct. 7.	1197 1916
Maximum	67 88
Minimum	37 5
High	5

CLAUD PEARSALL FACES TRIAL TODAY

By the Associated Press. Marshville, Mo., Oct. 8.—The trial of Claud Pearsall, charged with kidnapping Lloyd Keet, the infant son of a Springfield, Mo., business man, was begun here today.

Pearsall, who is only 20 years old, is alleged to have headed a band, two of whom are charged with him in connection with kidnapping the baby and three others with attempting to abduct a jeweler of Springfield.

Although the death of the child, whose body was found in a basement, is not charged in the bill, kidnapping in Missouri is punishable by life imprisonment.

HERE'S THE BOY WHO POSED AS DANIEL, JR

By the Associated Press. Trenton, Oct. 8.—Joseph Levy of Pittsburgh, who pleaded guilty to impersonating a son of Secretary Daniels, was sentenced here today to two years in the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. Through letters and recommendations, Levy was able to enter navy yards and to borrow money from officers.

COLDER WEATHER IS FORECAST FOR TUESDAY

According to the weather bureau, Tuesday will be much colder and there is probability of a severe frost. There have been frosts for the past two nights, but little or no damage was done. A good coating, however, would play havoc with cotton and late garden truck.

LIBERTY LOAN WORK BEGUN IN EARNEST

The second week of the campaign for the Liberty Loan began in Hickory today with the various committees working to have everything in line for the big work of selling \$25,000 of good 4 per cent bonds. More subscriptions have been received and a good deal of effective work has been done, but nothing will be done before the middle of the week. In the meantime the campaign is being prepared.

The editor is indebted to Mr. W. E. Miller for a fine basket of late vegetables, including sweet and Irish potatoes, tomatoes and green corn. Mr. Miller is not a trucker, but he can give almost anybody cards and spades and beat him a block in making a garden yield results. In addition he is a Good Samaritan.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE METHODIST CHURCH

By Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—The cornerstone of the church of the Methodist Episcopal church was to be laid here today by Bishop Candier of Atlanta and other dignitaries of the church.

GERMAN U-BOAT "ESCAPES" AT CADIZ

By the Associated Press. Madrid, Oct. 8.—A German submarine interned at Cadiz has escaped.

Several German submarines have sought refuge at Spanish ports during the war, and one of them which entered Cadiz was escorted out later by Spanish torpedo boats. To prevent incidents of this nature, King Alfonso on June 30 signed a decree forbidding submarines of belligerents to use Spanish waters.

It also declared that all submarines including port calls be interned.

DRAFT LAW IS ADVANCED BY U. S. SUPREME COURT

Constitutionality of Act Will Be Argued December 10--Hearst News Case Also Set For Argument--United Shoe Suit to be Heard Again.

APPEAL IS MADE BY HENRY A. PAGE

Raleigh, Oct. 28.—Following the formal announcement of United States Food Administrator Herbert Hoover of the food pledge campaign to be conducted throughout the country the week of October 20-28, Henry A. Page, food administrator for North Carolina, is preparing to set in motion the entire state-wide organization which is rapidly being perfected.

That a ready response from the people of this state may be expected is the firm conviction of Mr. Page, who declares that the great need is to get our people to realize just how vital and necessary is the service asked and just how important it is that no single family or person shall exempt themselves from the food program. Mr. Page today issued the following statement and appeal to the people of the state:

"The most important business of every man, woman and child in America as long as this war lasts is to so adjust their consumption of food as to release the largest amount possible of foodstuffs suitable for export for the use of our armies in the field and the armies and civilian population of our allies.

"By enabling our allies to keep in good fighting trim we shall bring the war to a quicker victorious close and save the lives of thousands of our boys, some of whom are even now on French soil with the grim determination to see it through.

"No really patriotic family will need any urging to follow the suggestions of the food administration. Certainly there is no mother or sister or relative of any of the boys who are offering their lives but will render this service at home, and it would be uncharacteristic and selfish and brutal for others to refuse.

"Let no person refuse the service requested by the food administration because their part may be small. Little service could be rendered by one soldier in the trenches, but the aggregate service of companies, regiments and divisions will win the war—with the help of those back home. The failure in the saving and substitution of foodstuffs by one particular family might cost just one extra life in the trenches—and that might be the life of a son or a neighbor's son.

"There are 300,000 or more families in North Carolina. During the food pledge campaign we want the signature of the housewife from every one of those families."

"The purpose of the food pledge campaign is to reach and enlist as an active part of the food administration every woman who is responsible for the handling and dispensing of foods, to secure her signed pledge to observe the rules and requests of the food administration as far as practicable, and to leave with her a kitchen card upon which is printed the definite needs for saving and substitution and suggestions as to how this may be done together with a statement of the reasons such a course is now necessary.

"The food administration realizes that there is no necessity for anyone in this country suffering for lack of food. There is very ample food. The problem is to economize in the use of those foods which are needed for export and to largely increase the consumption of those which, because of their perishable or bulky nature, are not suitable for exports. Those that must be saved are wheat, beef, pork, lard and sugar, for which should be substituted fish, poultry, fruits, vegetables, all cereals except wheat and such other foodstuffs as may be available in each locality.

HICKORY POSTOFFICE MADE CENTRAL OFFICE

The Hickory postoffice has been designated by the postmaster general as the central accounting office for the county and all other postoffices will receive their supplies and make their reports to the local office. The Hickory office will make its returns to Washington as formerly. The offices in the county which will make reports here and receive supplies are Catawba, Conover, Claremont, Newton, Long Island, Sherrills Ford and Monbo.

TRADE WITH ENEMY LAW ANNOUNCEMENT

By the Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—Announcement of the method of the administration of the trading with the enemy law will be made from the white house in a few days.

By the Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 8.—The supreme court agreed today to review federal decrees which restrain the International News Service, or Hearst Service, from pirating news from the Associated Press.

In order to permit an early decision, the supreme court today advanced appeals from Minnesota, Ohio and New York, involving the constitutionality of the draft law, and fixed December 10 as the date for the hearing. The advance was made at the instance of the government.

If the suits followed their normal course, they would have been called for argument in about 18 months. Among them are Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, under sentence for obstructing the draft law.

The supreme court today agreed to expedite the government's anti-trust suit against the United Shoe Manufacturing Company and fixed December 7 as the date for hearing, legal arguments. The district court dismissed the suit.

The government appealed to the supreme court, which heard arguments and later ordered arguments to be made.

GREEK JUDGES OUSTED BY NEW GOVERNMENT

By the Associated Press. Athens.—The new government, which succeeded that of King Constantine has adopted radical measures toward the supreme court, or Areopagos, on the charge of having used its high judicial functions for political ends in protecting the officials of the late king, and permitting the persecution of the Venizelos element. The chief justice, associate chief justice and five associate justices have been summarily removed, and some sixty judges of courts below the supreme court are similarly displaced. Such a sweeping overturn of the judiciary has never been known before.

The minister of justice has explained to parliament that conditions which were such as to warrant the suspension of the constitutional provision giving the judiciary a fixed tenure of office. He referred to the dismissal of the supreme court and other judges as a work of purification, and said it would be continued until all those who had taken a hand in politics were removed. He cited a number of instances in which the harsh treatment of the Venizelists last December resulted from rulings by the courts.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson to the number of 100 or more gathered at their home Sunday to celebrate Mrs. Wilson's 53rd birthday and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. A picnic dinner was held under the trees and all the delicacies and arts of Catawba housewives were placed at the disposal of people who enjoy good things. The celebration was a surprise to the good lady.

BASEBALL MOGULS ON WRECKED TRAIN

By the Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 8.—Members of the national baseball commission were on the Pennsylvania Limited on their way from Chicago to New York, when the train was wrecked near Beaver Hall this morning. Reports to the offices here say nobody was killed, although two engineers had been buried and two passengers hurt.

NOBODY DESIRES DISMISSED GERMANS

By the Associated Press. Quito, Ecuador, Oct. 8.—The Ecuadorean secretary of foreign affairs today sent a cablegram to the Ecuadorean legation at Lima announcing that the German minister and attaches will not be welcome officially in Ecuador.

Dr. Pearl, the German minister to Peru, was handed his passports by the Peruvian government on Saturday. It was announced he would go to Peru.