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RUMORS THAT BREAK IS ABOUT TO OCCUR ARE CALLED UNTRUE

Von Bernstorff Asks United States to Await the German Report

PRESIDENT TAKES TIME

Officials In No Hurry to State Intention—Cotton Situation Being Watched With Interest at the Capital

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—Statements that the United States and Germany are near a break are unreliable, a high official today said. The administration cannot know how to act until the full Arabic reports are had from Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. This is the attitude of Lansing and the President. Secretary Tumulty today said the President is waiting to make his decision until the State Department has all the facts.

The administration is now closely watching the cotton situation following the announcement of plans to carry the crop through with a government loan without interest of \$30,000,000, or more, in three southern banks. The President revised the note protesting the British order in Council.

German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today wired to Washington asking that no action be taken in the Arabic case until the official reports are received. The State Department said "Nothing will be given out here." It was learned on good authority that Von Bernstorff has asked permission to make a request of the public in New York. It is believed the request will be granted.

Admission by Von Bernstorff.

New York, Aug. 24.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff today practically admitted that he had asked the State Department to hold back action in the Arabic case until the official German report is received.

NEWS OF A DAY IN NEARBY LOCALITIES

A tobacco board of trade has been organized at New Bern, with J. T. Penn of the A. T. Co., president; C. M. Flowers, of the Export, vice-president; B. G. Fields of the Imperial, secretary, and L. V. Murrell, treasurer.

A special term of Federal Court will be held at New Bern beginning October 5 to take care of the Cape Lookout land condemnation proceedings.

Greenville sold about 15,000 pounds of tobacco Monday.

The five runs made by one team in a game of baseball at Washington were all home runs knocked out by a single player. His team lost in spite of his extraordinary efforts, by the score of 7 to 5.

NOTABLES ADDRESS THE EPWORTH LEAGUERS.

Asheville, Aug. 23.—Delegates to the Epworth League conference of the Southern Methodist church, now in session at Lake Junaluska, today heard addresses by Rev. J. L. Cannon, presiding elder of the Durham district, and Bishop James Atkins, of Waynesville.

JACK JOHNSON HERO IN LONDON MUSICAL SHOW

(By the United Press.)
London, Aug. 24.—Jack Johnson, the negro former heavyweight champion, is now an actor. Johnson is appearing in a musical comedy here, and is the hero of the piece.

BERLIN SAID ABOUT TO OFFER NEW PEACE PLAN

"Big Scheme" Under Way, Is Report to London Newspaper From Amsterdam—Promise of Publication of Kaiser's Proposals in About Two Weeks by the Imperial Government

(By the United Press.)
London, Aug. 24.—A new "big peace scheme" is developing in Berlin, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Chronicle today reported. It will be disclosed to the public in a fortnight.

A FIERCE OFFENSIVE NETS GERMANS NAUGHT

Violent Infantry Onslaught Repulsed By Allies in West—French Inflicted Terrible Loss From Vosges Positions—Artillery Duels in Arras Section Still On

(By the United Press.)

Paris, Aug. 24.—For forty-eight hours the Germans have hurled infantry against the French on the Vosges Heights. The attackers have suffered terrible losses, and made no gains. The artillery duels in the Arras region today continued.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR AFTER "INFANT" ROBBER

Postoffice Inspector L. T. Yarborough is investigating the robbing of the postoffice at Cove City by a 6-year-old Walter White, who a few days ago crawled through a window and secured \$35 of the government's money. Something more than \$10 the little robber had spent for candy and soda water. Part of the money was recovered.

It is not expected that prosecution will ensue. Yarborough has not announced what disposition will be made of the case.

VATICAN GUARDED BY TROOPS WITH MODERN RIFLES THESE TIMES

Practical Pope Benedict Well Protected—Rumors Prolific That He Will Go to Spain—Holy Place Not Yet a "Haven of Poltroons"—Austrian Spies Around

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rome, Aug. 10.—(By Mail).—While startling stories of how the Pope is about to flee to Spain for safety continue to blossom on the journalistic tree with regularity, it is interesting to know what is really going on to protect the head of the historic church.

That the Vatican is protected by Remington and Wetterly arms, gives quite a modern touch to the picturesque pile. The protection offered and given by the Italian government is interesting to analyze on account of the relations between Church and State. Benedict XV. has no need to worry for his safety, as the government of Italy not only gives protection, but has offered more than he would accept.

As to internal security the Italian police could take no steps, as the Vatican is considered a "foreign State." The Italian government besought the Pope to accept, if it so pleased him, whatever armed forces he saw fit for the protection of the Vatican and the pontifical property. These men would be exempt from military duty to the Italian government. Moreover, the government offered the Pope the necessary protection of modern arms and ammunition.

Benedict XV., always practical, declined the offer of men, being unduly of increasing the number of Vatican armed guards, especially since he had desired all of his attendants who had military service to perform or who wished to go as volunteers, to file at once beneath the banner of the Patria. The Holy Father is credited with saying to Cardinal Gasparri: "Let all go who have the obligation, let all go who have the desire, and let them know that not a soldo will be deducted from their pay, and that their places will be waiting for them. But let us not talk of accepting the offer of the

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PETROGRAD ADMITS GERMANS WILL TAKE STILL MORE GROUND

War Office Resigned to Expected Fall of Vilna and Bielostok — Optimistic Over Greater Output of Munitions Now

(By the United Press.)

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—A frank admission that Vilna and Bielostok will shortly fall to the Germans, severing the Petrograd-Poland Railroad, was made today by a high official at the war office. He said Russia would still have enough railroads to withdraw the troops from the conquered zone, and he did not believe Petrograd is in danger of capture.

He said the war office is cheered by the increased production of war munitions.

Berlin, Aug. 24.—Mackensen's soldiers have captured the Hill of Kopvov, on the southwestern front near Brest-Litovsk.

Russia is facing bankruptcy, according to the Vossische Zeitung. It today printed an alleged stenographic report of a secret meeting of the finance committee of the Russian Imperial council.

A German submarine torpedoed and sunk a Russian auxiliary ship off the Gulf of Finland, was today announced.

NOT TO BASE STAND ON REPORT OF PAGE HAD AT WASHINGTON

Summary Lacking in Details of Arabic Disaster—Caperton Reports From Haiti—Final End of Villa Near, Asserted

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Aug. 24.—The State Department today received the cable summary of the Arabic disaster from Ambassador Page at London. It was withheld from the public in view of the "fragmentary character of the evidence."

Mr. Page has been asked to submit further details as soon as possible. It is "certain the facts waited for will be cleared up," said one high official today.

Admiral Caperton advised the Navy Department that he had conferred with General Morenci, an influential Haitian. Morenci, a supporter of Bobo, insisted that the latter is strong in the north of the island. He announced that he would permit supplies to enter Cape Haitien. Caperton believes that in further revolt in the north of Haiti, Bobo will be supported by the Caco tribe.

The Carranza agency here today predicted early dissolution of Villa's army, with the exception of a few scattered raiding bands, and the final collapse of his power. The agency declared he would return to his former State as an outlaw.

No American Choice for Mexican President.

The State Department today formally denied that "any particular man" is being considered as its choice for provisional president of Mexico.

The cruiser Tennessee leaves today from Annapolis with 350 marines and field artillery, for Philadelphia to embark equipment. She will then go to Southern waters to assist Admiral Caperton at Haiti.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES TO DANISH GOVERNMENT

(By the United Press.)

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—Germany apologized to Denmark for violating Danish neutrality when German warships entered Danish waters and shelled a stranded British submarine.

GOVERNORS MEET IN ANNUAL CONVENT'N AFTER END OF WAR, AS BOSTON'S GUESTS

Massachusetts Executive Made Welcoming Address—Blessed Among Speakers.—National Defense to Be Subject of Discussion

(By the United Press.)

Boston, Aug. 24.—The eighth annual session of the Governors' conference was opened today in the Senate chamber of the State House. It will continue through four days. Thirty governors and ex-governors are attending.

Ex-Governor Mann of Virginia will talk today upon "The Governor's Initiative."

All the members agree that "national preparedness" should be the first subject considered. The Governors of the Southern and Inland States showed increased interest in the problem.

Boston, Aug. 24.—The eighth annual conference of the governors of the United States convened here today for a four days meeting. The visiting state executives were greeted with an address of welcome by Governor Walsh of Massachusetts at a reception opening the conference, which was responded to by Governor Spry of Utah. Mayor Curley of Boston also welcomed the visitors. About 25 governors and 15 former governors attended the conference.

Governor Walsh is chairman of the executive committee in charge of the conference and a committee of prominent citizens was appointed by him to assist in entertaining the visitors. He announced that he planned to combine with the business of the conference numerous social features, including mobilization of the State militia with a parade and half holiday; the furnishing of a militia officer to act as personal aide to every governor and ex-governor; the apportionment by the state of expenses of the visitors; the use of a battleship or the naval militia training ship, cruiser Chicago, to take the guests on a harbor trip, and a public reception tonight at the state house.

The following program had been prepared: 10:30 a. m., reception to visitors with address of welcome by Governor Walsh and Mayor Curley. Response by Governor Spry of Utah; 2 p. m. papers by former Governor Emmet O'Neal of Alabama. "Possibilities of the Governor's Conference" and Governor George A. Carlson of Colorado, "State of National Control of Waterpower Sites;" 4 p. m. automobile tour of the park system; 8 p. m. public reception at state house.

Wednesday, 10 a. m. papers by Governor R. L. Williams of Oklahoma, "The Executive Budget," and Governor Moses Alexander of Idaho, subject to be announced; 2 p. m. papers by former Governor Cole L. Blaise of South Carolina, "The Duty and Responsibility of the Governor in Dealing with Prisoners," and Governor W. S. Hammond of Minnesota, "Economy and Efficiency in the State;" 4 p. m. North Shore automobile drive, including dinner at the Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead.

Thursday, 10 a. m. papers by Governor H. C. Stuart of Virginia, "Taxation," former Governor John A. Dix of New York, "Conservation of Man and of Natural Resources," and former Governor William Hodges Mann of Virginia, subject to be announced; 2 p. m. papers by Governor Charles S. Whitman of New York, subject to be announced, and former Governor Bliss M. Ammons of Colorado, whose subject was also announced; 4 p. m. automobile trip to Concord and Lexington; 8 p. m. Executive session, which will select the next meeting place, elect an executive committee, secretary and treasurer.

Friday, 10 a. m. papers by Governor James F. Fielder of New Jersey, "What Should Be the State's Duty in the Matter of National Defense?" and a farewell address by Secretary of War Garrison; 1:30 p. m. harbor trip with dinner and an inspection sail through the Cape Cod canal.

Why not rent that spare room? Try what ad in The Free Press.

"REAL PROSPERITY" AFTER END OF WAR, SAYS THOS. EDISON

Inventor Advises Level-Headedness in the Arabic Matter — Heavy Immigration in Near Future Is Forecasted—Optimistic

(By the United Press.)

East Orange, N. J., Aug. 24.—Thos. Edison today predicted seven years of untrammelled prosperity ahead of the United States, despite the artificiality of the war boom. He thinks real prosperity will come with the end of the war. He predicted heavy immigration and declared the country should not be hasty in its relations with Germany on account of the Arabic disaster.

He advised Americans to either stay at home or travel in American vessels.

ASHEVILLE BALL PLAYER CUT BY UNKNOWN BLACK.

Asheville, Aug. 23.—Attacked by an unknown negro at the corner of Biltmore avenue and Hilliard's lane last night about 10 o'clock, Curtis McCoy, was severely cut about the throat and neck and is in a serious condition at a local hospital. Physicians do not think his injuries are necessarily fatal. McCoy is the rightfielder of the Asheville baseball club.

ENGLAND KNOWS THE FRENCH DON'T LIKE HER SLOW METHODS

Some Grounds for Complaint, Too, Admitted—Strikes Have Hampered Government—Shortage of Arms is Exaggerated

By ED. L. KEEN.

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Aug. 11.—(By Mail).—England knows France is not satisfied with her.

The showing Great Britain has made with her land forces has not been all that France has had a right to expect.

While the dispatch from William Philip Simms, the United Press correspondent in Paris, probably reveals to America for the first time the extent of the French discontent, it relates facts which are well known to Britishers.

Britishers admit, with sincere regret, that France has had some ground for her complaints. But they predict that in the very near future the Allies will have no basis for criticism.

Britishers do not deny the French charge, contained in Simms' article, that the Britons are fortifying London with a double row of defense.

The Britishers are looking square in the face the remote possibility that the British Isles may be invaded by Germany. London has been preparing for invasion for a long time. Great Britain will do her best to keep the possible invaders away from Calais and the French criticisms that the British are thoughtlessly worrying about London more than they are about Calais, is not well received in London. Calais may be on French soil, but the British realize that it is the gateway to London, and that it must be defended to England's utmost. However, if the British fail at Calais, they must be prepared to make their last stand at London.

It is true, as the French point out, that strikes have hampered the British, but that defect is being remedied, thanks to the efficient work and inspiring appeals of the new minister of munitions, Lloyd George. Twenty-six new national arsenals have been started within the past month and 100,000 British workmen have offered their services in this connection.

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NEWSPAPER MAN CLAIMS TO HAVE NEW EVIDENCE

Said Washington Reporter Has Statement From Clerk of Hotel That Dudley Girl Was Guest Many Hours Before Norfolk Trip

(Special to The Free Press)

Greenville, Aug. 24.—The discovery today by a newspaperman of new evidence in the Edmundson-Dudley white slave case may have an important bearing upon the case when it is brought up for trial here next month. Miss Eulalia Dudley, who alleges that former Banker F. A. Edmundson doped her, carried her to Washington and from there to Norfolk, twice criminally assaulting her, was in Washington more than fifteen hours before she was joined by Edmundson, according to the discovery.

Carl Goersch, a reporter at Washington, it is reported, learned from the hotel clerk that Miss Dudley went there at 10:45 one morning, registered, remained in her room all day, all night, all of the next day and left at 2:10 a. m. on the third day on a train bound for Norfolk. Edmundson may have joined her on that train, the clerk thought.

ABE RUEF IS RELEASED ON PAROLE FROM SAN QUENTIN

San Rafael, Cal., Aug. 23.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, under fourteen years' sentence for offering a bribe, left San Quentin penitentiary on parole today. He had served four years, five months and fifteen days of his sentence.

MOVING PICTURES OF THE FRANK LYNCHING STOPPED.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 23.—Exhibitions of the moving pictures made of the body of Leo M. Frank as it swung from a limb of a tree near Marietta, August 27, were stopped here today by the police.

\$30,000,000 TO PROTECT THE COTTON PLANTERS

Sum Will Be Deposited in Federal Reserve Banks in the South if Needed. McAdoo States—To National Banks Under Certain Conditions

Washington, Aug. 23.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced tonight that in view of the action of the Allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, deposit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the Federal Reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and State banks belonging to the Federal Reserve system.

The gold would be deposited temporarily, at least, without interest charge. It was explained that if it appeared that the object could be accomplished with greater efficiency thereby, the deposits would be made directly with national banks agreeing to lend the money on cotton at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent.

BANDITS SECURED \$1,500 FROM SMALL TOWN BANK

Vinita, Okla., Aug. 23.—Three masked bandits entered the First State Bank of Bernice, a small town sixteen miles east of here late today and after covering R. D. Mead, the cashier, with revolvers, took \$1,500 in currency and escaped.

EXHIBITS BY 2,000,000 NEGRO CHILDREN AT CELEBRATION.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Exhibits of the handiwork of two million negro school children from all parts of the United States were placed on view today when the celebration of a half century of negro freedom formally was opened here. The day was made a legal holiday in Chicago.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 24.—A Hull trawler was today sunk by a German submarine. Three of the crew were drowned.

JUDGE CONNOR GETS ACTION AND WIPES DOCKET OFF RAPIDLY

Wilson Jurist Type of New School—Favorable Impression of First Day Continues—Minor Cases Quickly Handled

Splendid progress is being made in Superior Court. Judge George Connor is one of the most business-like jurists to ever preside over a term here. He gets rid of the trivial cases in one, two, three order, and in his methods generally, exemplifies the new school of judges.

Judge Connor conducted a case on his own account this morning. He examined both the plaintiff and defendant in an assault case. George Hawkins, who conducts a grocery near the iron bridge, was accused of using a crutch on a bench-warmer. The plaintiff admitted that he was not severely injured in the affray. The defendant said he struck because he had been cursed. Judge Connor seemed to be more interested in the reputation of Hawkins' place, which it seemed was not above suspicion, than in imposing any severe punishment. He fined him \$10 and costs. The counsel played a very small part in the matter.

The court Monday afternoon appointed G. V. Cowper, Joseph Dawson and Y. T. Ormond to defend Cooper Hill, to be tried, probably without a lawyer. He will be tried to determine his sanity, and he will probably not be tried for murder at this term. If the jury decides that he is mentally responsible and capable of facing the charge of murder now, he will be set pending trial, and if they decide otherwise, he will be kept in jail until such time as he may recover his mentality, if ever.

Cases wiped off the docket in the first day of the term were: Robert Jones, retelling, 30 days; Henry Rhem, carrying a concealed weapon, \$5 and costs. Henry Hicks, same. John Koonce and Oscar Jones, assault with deadly weapons, \$15 each and the costs, and Jones for carrying a weapon concealed, \$10 and costs. Nathan Powell, larceny, \$50 bond for good conduct and judgment suspended, taxed with the costs. John Koonce, Oscar Jones, Phin. Gooding, Jobie Ister and Warren Jones, gambling, \$2.50 each and costs equally divided. Rudolph Chance, assault with a deadly weapon, \$15 and costs. Alonzo Carr, carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon, judgment suspended, costs. John Davenport, assault, judgment withheld.

Judge Connor's demeanor is that of a jurist who will brook no foolishness, but he is remarkably democratic. He loves to use the word "sin," is not easily irritated, and smiles incessantly. However, he is quick to insist upon decorum.

VETERAN QUITS THE SEA TO ENJOY HIS OLD AGE

(Special to The Free Press)
New Bern, Aug. 24.—Capt. W. W. Joyner, who has been in command of the coast guard cutter *Familia* here, retired from the service today. He saw thirty-three years of service. Captain Joyner will spend the rest of his life as a private citizen, although he will, of course, draw part pay. The senior lieutenant will be temporarily in command of the ship. Captain Joyner will live in Virginia, it is stated.

SMALL TOBACCO BREAKS, DAY'S OFFERINGS BETTER

Tobacco sales here today totaled 15,500 pounds, estimated at 2 o'clock by the Tobacco Board of Trade. "Prices and quality were both slightly improved," it was stated, comparing the day's sales with Monday's.

When you take your summer vacation, let your home paper, The Free Press follow you.