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## GERMANY WILL CONCEDE NOTHING TO THE UNITED STATES; 'EMPIRE PREFERENCES BREAK WITHOUT TO ONE WITHIN'; LITTLE HOPE

Papers and Officials Declare Imperial Government Will Not Bow to Wilson's Ultimatum—Kaiser Gets Note, Forwarded From Berlin to Grand Army Headquarters—Sinking of Another Ship Would Be Provocation for Break Unless Commander of Submarine Had Not Received Order in Accordance With America's Demand—May Be Ten Days Before Teutons Make Up Mind—Wilson Spoke to the Point and Won't Permit Dallying

(By CARL W. ACKERMAN, United Press Staff Correspondent)  
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Berlin, April 21.—"Germany will concede nothing more," was the statement of Admiral Von Holtzenderff, chief of the admiralty staff, today. He does not desire a break. He denied that a submarine sank the Sussex.

### German People Will Not Permit Empire to Bend.

Amsterdam, April 21.—German newspapers declare Germany never will yield to Wilson's demands. The Vossische Zeitung calls the note a "bluff." The Post says Germany "prefers trouble without to trouble within." Backing down, it says, would cause the latter.

### Kaiser's Reply Won't Come for Week and Half.

Berlin, April 21.—The text of the American note has been telegraphed to the Kaiser at the army field headquarters. It is being published in the newspapers. The reply is not expected to be made before the end of next week.

### Nothing But the Direct Issue.

(By ROBT. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Washington, April 21.—President Wilson's demand that Germany stop immediately the submarine campaign against merchantmen applies only to the matter directly in hand. If Germany complies, the other questions will be settled later. President Wilson will not be satisfied with anything else.

### Another Submarine Tragedy and Break Certain.

Washington, April 21.—The torpedoing of another neutral vessel, particularly if Americans were aboard, would cause a German-American break unless it were shown that orders issued had failed to reach the submarine's commander.

## DAMAGE AND DEATH FROM A CLOUDBURST AND TORNADO SOUTH

(By the United Press)

Dubuis, Miss., April 21.—A dozen houses were wrecked and two steamboats sunk by a tornado here today. A cloudburst filled the streets to a depth of ten feet.

One woman was killed and one hurt in Mobile, Ala., by a wind-storm.

## EVIDENCE ALL IN IN CASE AGAINST YEGGS

Statesville, April 20.—The taking of testimony in the noted postoffice robbery cases against Old Tom Dowd, Grady Koontz and James Hackett, alias Brooklyn Slim, on trial in Federal court here, was concluded this evening and the case will probably reach the jury by tomorrow noon. Over fifty witnesses, coming from several States, testified for the government, and six for the defense.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

### SHIP TORPEDOED; AMERICANS SAVED.

Washington, Apr. 21.—A floating mine sunk the Norwegian steamer Terkjie Viken off Lisbon Tuesday, the American Consul there today reported. Two Americans in the crew were saved.

### POSTPONE BRANDEIS MATTER.

Washington, April 21.—The Senate judiciary committee today postponed action on Brandeis' appointment.

## BANDIT HOLDS UP A TRAIN, SHOTS MAN GETS ONE THOUSAND

(By the United Press)

New Orleans, April 21.—A lone bandit held up a Red River passenger train, shot a messenger, and escaped with a thousand dollars today.

### CONGRESSMAN TURNS TO FARMER TO TEST FREE SEEDS

Washington, April 21.—To make sure he is not deceiving his constituents, and that he is not being deceived by the Agricultural Department, as well as to experiment in the production of first class vegetable seed, Congressman Jesse S. Davenport of Oklahoma today donned a pair of blue overalls and bled away across the river from Washington to cultivate a seven-acre farm and practice on the government's seed crop.

### ILLINOIS AND TEXAS WOMEN TO HAVE FRONT-SEATS

Chicago, April 21.—When thirty thousand women from the United States and other nations meet in New York on May 22 for the 24th biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Illinois delegation, by appointment, will have the very best front seats.

### SAY WAREHOUSE LAW WILL COST COTTON GROWERS TWO MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

Dallas, Tex., April 21.—A campaign to force repeal of the State cotton warehouse law was inaugurated at a meeting of the Ginners Association of Texas here today. The ginners claim the law accomplishes no direct good for the producers, and that it will cost the farmers of this State \$2,000,000 next year.

## SPIES OF GERMANY WERE INSTIGATORS OF COLUMBUS RAID

Von Der Goltz Lets Cat Out of Bag in Confession, It Is Stated

### BERNSTORFF IS EXCITED

After Eighth Demand for Return of Von Igel's Papers Ambassador Rushes to New York—Wilson Knew Before Ultimatum

Washington, Apr. 21.—Investigation of the alleged German connection with the Villa raid at Columbus is awaiting the return of the American expedition. The alleged spy, Von Der Goltz has made a statement being investigated by the Justice and State Departments. Germany's Mexican activities are believed to have played a part in framing of the President's ultimatum.

### Many Consuls, Etc., Suspected.

New York, Apr. 21.—A Nationwide Federal Grand Jury investigation into the activity of German agents will result from a statement by Von Der Goltz. The German Consuls at Chicago, Buffalo, El Paso and St. Paul are named.

### Von Bernstorff Hurries to New York.

Washington, Apr. 21.—The German Embassy regards the Von Igel case as extremely important. It today made an eighth demand for the return of the papers seized. Ambassador Von Bernstorff went to New York for the same purpose.

## WOULD BRING SOUTH'S PRODIGALS BACK HOME

Railroad Man Proposes Co-Operation of All the People of the Section With Industrial Agents, Commissioners of Agriculture of the States and Secretaries of Boards of Trade

Daily Free Press, April 21)

"It is estimated that during the past decade more than 50,000 of our best Southern farmers, with their boys and girls, have left the South to locate in the newer States of the West and Northwest," says the industrial agent of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company.

He advances a very plausible remedy for this evil, as follows: "Almost every family in the South has one or more relatives or acquaintances that have gone into other States. If all of us would write our State commissioners of agriculture, the agricultural and industrial agents of the railroads and the secretaries of the boards of trade in nearby cities or towns, giving a list of the names and addresses of these people who have left us, it would enable these agencies to get in touch with them and send attractive literature portraying our own advantages, with the probability that many of these people can be interested in investigating the opportunities that have developed in the South within the past ten years."

Dr. Clarence Poe, here last week, deprecated the fact that "they are still going," although in far smaller numbers, of course. They can't or won't realize the advantages that are just developing in this section—about to set the pace for the world.

### FIFTEEN CONSECRATED AMERICAN AMBULANCES STARTED TO THE FRONT

New York, April 21.—Fifteen huge motor field ambulances, one of them the gift of William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., left this port today for service on the battlefields of Russia, after having been consecrated by dignitaries of the Greek Catholic church in this city. The other fourteen cars were bought with cash contributed to the American Hospital and Ambulance Service in Russia.

## GERMAN ATTACK WAS HURLED BACK WHILE FRENCH MADE GAINS

Counter Assault Resulted in Recovery of Trenches and Extending of Lines—Lieutenant of Crown Prince Recalled, Said

(By the United Press)  
Paris, Apr. 21.—The Germans have attacked along a mile of front from the Northeast of Verdun, after cannonading. The French counter attacked, recovered lost trenches, and advanced their lines, capturing many prisoners. The German losses were heavy.

### Field Marshal Called to Berlin.

London, Apr. 21.—Field Marshal Von Haeseler, the German Crown Prince's chief lieutenant at Verdun has been recalled.

## PERFECT BILL FOR A DOZEN REGIONAL LAND MORTGAGE BANKS U. S.

Washington, April 20.—A bill to establish twelve regional land mortgage banks, as part of the administration rural credits legislation program, was perfected today by the House Banking committee and will be urged for passage next week by the House leaders. The proposed banks would make loans on land through national farm loan associations.

## REDFIELD TAKES THE COMMISSIONERS FOR A SAIL ON GOVT. CRAFT

Wilmington, April 20.—Secretary Redfield was host today to the National Association of Fisheries Commissioners on a trip down the Cape Fear river to Fort Caswell, which was inspected by the secretary and his guests. The trip was made on the lighthouse tender Cypress.

## GOING ON IN OTHER EASTERN CAROLINA TOWNS AND COUNTIES

Pitt county has had another forest fire. About a thousand acres of the most valuable timber in the county, three miles south of Greenville, has been burned.

The New Bern authorities have been unable to discover whence came the body of an infant carried by a dog through the streets there a day or two ago. The body, badly decomposed, has been reinterred and the coroner's investigation is being left open.

Improvements are being made to the interior of the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead City. Walls are being calcosined; the lighting plant enlarged and the sewerage service extended.

W. F. Aberly of New Bern, a timber man, says undergrowth in forests should be burned off in February to offset the danger of fires in the spring and summer, such as have swept off half a million dollars' worth of woods in the past week.

## PAPER CALLS UPON WHEDBEE TO STATE WHAT HE WILL DO

(By the Eastern Press)  
Washington, N. C., April 21.—The weekly Progress, an anti-Small paper, declared yesterday that Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville should make a statement of his intention regarding his supposed Congressional aspiration. The Progress intimated that Whedbee should relieve the minds of his friends in the First district one way or the other, or that a candidate to oppose Congressman J. H. Small of this city, should be sought elsewhere.

## BRYAN TALKS WITH MEMBERS CONGRESS ON WAR SITUATION

Tells Them Wilson Has Not the Authority to Start Hostilities

### 'NOT FIGHTING PRESID'NT'

Commoner Informs Solons That Chief Executive Can Only Conduct Diplomatic Relations; After That They're the Big Show

(By United Press)

Washington, April 21.—William J. Bryan today conferred with members of Congress. He informed them that Congress holds the sole power of declaring war. The President can only carry on diplomatic relations, he said. He believes the majority of Congressmen oppose war.

Bryan said he was not fighting the President. He urged arbitration.

Secretary Daniels announced the Summer fleet maneuvers, including defense games at New York and Boston. The personnel of the navy is being increased.

## JAPS PROTEST THE IMMIGRATION BILL

Washington, Apr. 21.—Japanese Ambassador Chinda today conferred with the President on the Immigration Bill. Japan objects to classification with Hindoos and restriction of the number of immigrants.

## A FLASHING STREAK OF VOTE-GETTING

All This Week—The 40,000 Extra Vote Closes Saturday Night—Candidates are doing their Best—They Deserve Your Support

(Daily Free Press, April 21)

In checking over the results for the week it was found that a great number of good reports had been turned in. Among some of those who turned in the best reports are Miss Roberta Aldridge of LaGrange, route 5; Miss Fleeta Marshburn of Dover, Miss Sadie Waller of Kinston, route 5; Mrs. W. G. Morris of the city, Mrs. Lillian Worthington of Grainers, Mr. H. L. Pate of LaGrange, route 3; Mrs. Emily Maxwell of Pink Hill, Miss Gertrude Maxwell of Resaca, Miss Allie Delle Gaynor of Kinston, Mrs. Clara Beeton of the city, Mrs. Della Gooding of Kinston, route 7; Miss Glenn Suggs of Snow Hill, Miss Della Hyatt of the city, Gordon Boney of the city, Mrs. Claude Smith of the city, Mrs. E. A. Best, Miss Laura Robinson of Deep Run, Miss Nannie Stanley, Miss Janie Hardy, Miss Dora Diamond, Miss Lena Grady and Mrs. Jay Smith of Leon. These are some of the contestants who have turned in exceptionally good reports and deserve the support of the public.

Tomorrow night at nine o'clock the big extra vote offer of 40,000 votes on the five NEW six months' subscriptions to the Daily Free Press and the five NEW yearly subscriptions to the Semi-Weekly will come to a close. This will end the first period of the contest. This will have been a most important week for by the time that it is over the great majority of the public will have decided whom it is best for them to support during the final period which starts Monday and lasts for three weeks. If you have any promises be sure to collect them and turn them in Saturday for the votes are higher now than at any time during the contest.

Be certain to make a systematic canvass. Take every house and everyone you meet as you go along.

You will want an automobile to enjoy the warm summer nights. This is your opportunity to get one.

## WAR WITH CARRANZA SEEMS INEVITABLE; PERSHING ORDERED STOP WHERE HE IS; SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS MAKE TROUBLE

Carranzista General at Chihuahua Has Hands Full—American Newspapermen Stoned; Assaultants Arrested—Aviator Forced to Flee Before Hail of Bullets—Troops North of Parral Dared to Proceed Further—Carranzistas Concentrating in Force—Villa Is Not Dead, De Facto Government Officer of Rank Declares. Bandit Not Even Wounded, It's Thought, and May Be Hiding in State Neighboring Chihuahua

(By the United Press)

Chihuahua, Mexico, April 21.—Military Commander Gutierrez has announced positively that the body claimed to have been Villa's was not that of the bandit, but is unable to secure definite information of Villa's whereabouts.

Consul Letcher today reported that Villa was not at the Guerrero battle, where he was reported to have been wounded.

Carranza has prohibited American aviators flying over Mexican cities and barred from Americans' use the Mexican telegraph and telephone systems.

Villa is reported to be in Durango State unwounded.

### Carranza Evidently Intends Attack Americans.

Washington, April 21.—Movements of Carranza soldiers are "disquieting" to official circles. Carranza apparently plans to check Pershing's southward advance. The withdrawal may be nearing; Scott's report is expected to decide the Government's course. The communications line has been stretched. Officials are still hopeful that the Carranzistas intend co-operating with the Americans.

### Aviator Fired Upon.

Washington, April 21.—The War Department reports firing upon American aviators at Chihuahua some time ago. The Governor of the State apologized, and credited civilians with the shooting.

### Plan to Destroy Advanced Troops.

San Antonio, April 21.—Pershing has withdrawn his advanced detachments to save them from a threatened general attack, according to staff officers at Funston's headquarters. The troops fell back from Parral when a plan to destroy them was evidenced.

### Condition Critical.

Chihuahua, April 21.—Consul Letcher reported today that the Parral fight was not the only clash of the kind. Other attacks are believed to have occurred. Americans here saw Carranzistas fire volleys at an American aviator Wednesday. Citizens also fired. The aeroplane was evidently seeking a landing; it fled toward San Antonio, Mexico. General Gutierrez says he does not know whether Villa is dead or alive; the body has not been found. The Americans have been ordered not to proceed south of Parral. A thousand American cavalrymen under Col. Brown and Major Tompkins are concentrated north of Parral. Newspapermen have been stoned here. Gutierrez arrested the assaultants. The Mexican troops are murmuring against the Americans. Gutierrez is holding a trainload of oats and hay sent to American troops.

## ELDERLY BLIND TIGER NABBED BY POLICEMAN

(Daily Free Press, April 21)

James Newsom, white, 68, arrested by Patrolman Claud Surrall in King street Thursday night, was today convicted of retailing in the Recorder's Court. He was sentenced to six months on the county farm.

Cato Sandlin, arrested a week and a half ago by Policeman Surrall, was also found guilty of retailing and was offered a chance to leave the county and pay a small fine. He was given two weeks in which to choose between banishment and a road sentence.

## BELIEVES MEN ON DARK ROAD TRIED TO ROB HIM

Daily Free Press, April 21)

At a dark place on the Dam road between the city and the iron bridge, Thursday evening, Bingham Rouse, a convict guard, was ordered to stop by men who, Rouse believed, intended to rob him. Rouse was riding a bicycle. He speeded up and escaped. There were two or more of the hold-up men. Rouse identified none, nor does he know if they were white or colored. Officers searched for the men without finding them.

## POLLOCK REGISTERS WITH ELECTION BOARD FOR STATE SENATOR

(By W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, April 21.—W. D. Pollock of Kinston today registered with the State Board of Elections as a Democratic candidate for the State Senate from the Seventh district; R. W. Harris of Dillsboro as a Republican candidate for State Treasurer, and C. R. Pough of Elizabeth City as a Republican candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## ASSAILANT OF WHITE GIRL IN VIRGINIA IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Notoway, Va., April 20.—John Williams, the negro who assaulted a young white girl near Blackstone, this county, on March 29, while the young girl, accompanied by a younger brother and sister, were on their way to school, was sentenced to die in the electric chair here today. The jury was out only thirteen minutes. Williams will pay the penalty for his crime on May 26.

Mayor Sutton is at Kemasville today.