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BERLIN BELIEVES THAT UNITED STATES COULD SECURE PEACE EASILY, U. P. MAN IS ALLOWED TO TELL AMERICAN PEOPLE

Frank Discussion of Sentiment in Germany is Sent Over Cable With Consent of Censor—"No More Difficult Than Settling Submarine Controversy," Statement of an Imperial Government Official—Must Be Something Formal Done, However—Belligerents Cannot Get Together on Peace While Every One Talks at Random—Dutch Believe it is Washington's Duty to Act Now to Bring Great Struggle to an End.

(By Carl W. Ackerman, U. P. Correspondent)

Berlin, May 19.—There is a feeling here that if a strong neutral, such as the United States, undertook to negotiate peace, it might succeed.

Diplomatic circles regard recent statements by President Poincare and Sir Edward Grey as the opening guns for informal discussion of peace, though the expressions of the Allied leaders compared with the German chancellor's recent Reichstag speech do not appear altogether conciliatory. (This is probably the most frank discussion of peace rumors yet passed by the German censor.)

Could Be Easily Arranged.

One official told me today that making peace at this stage would be no more difficult than adjusting the recent German-American submarine dispute. He explained, however, that no belligerent can publicly state definite terms of peace while informal discussions continue, with each side making drastic statements of what it intends to accomplish as a result of the war.

I learned on a trip into Holland that that country is certain all the belligerents want peace, and that the time for a decisive victory has passed, although each may attempt a summer offensive. The Dutch think it America's duty to act now.

IMPEACHES SHERIFF ALA. COUNTY WHERE DRINK FLOWED FREE

Over Half Million Dollars' Worth Liquor Taken At Girard So Far—Lot of It Behind a Bank—Clashes Are Threatened

(By the United Press)

Mobile, Ala., May 19.—Attorney General Martin today instituted impeachment proceedings against the sheriff at Girard, Russell county, where over half a million dollars' worth of liquor was seized by the militia. Fifty thousand dollars worth was found in the rear of a bank. The proceedings are expected to produce sensations.

Clashes were threatened today between citizens and militia officers.

M'CRAW, SLAYER LAST OF ALLENS, IS FREED

Hillsville, Va., May 18.—Will McCraw, Carroll county farmer, on trial in the Circuit Court here for the murder of Jasper Allen, last of the noted Carroll county clan, early tonight was acquitted by a jury, following a deliberation of two hours. The verdict was received at 8:40 o'clock by Clerk Dexter Goad, who figured in the Hillsville tragedy of April, 1912, when a judge and several court officers were killed. Self-defense was claimed by McCraw. W fi shrdlu atashrdlu atats hassa

HUGHES COULD NOT KEEP HIMSELF OUT OF OREGON PRIMARY

(By the United Press)
Portland, Ore., May 19.—A three-cornered race between Senator Cummings, Theodore E. Burton and Justice Hughes for the Republican nomination for President featured Oregon's presidential preference primary today. Despite his request, Mr. Hughes' supporters filed a petition signed by 1,200 voters demanding that his name be put on the ballot. Hughes telegraphed again that he did not want his name on the ballot. But there it is.

RECEIPTS OF REVENUE GREATER THAN LOOKED FOR BY CONGRESSMEN

Washington, May 18.—Secretary McAdoo today submitted to Chairman Kitchin of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman Simmons, of the Senate Finance Committee, revised estimates tending to show that much less new revenue will have to be raised to meet the bill for preparedness and other large contemplated expenditures than had been supposed.

Only about \$150,000,000 in additional revenue will have to be provided during the coming year, Mr. McAdoo said. This is less by \$75,000,000 than the most conservative members of Congress calculated at the outset of the session would be needed.

GERMANS REPRODUCE ARABIAN NIGHTS TO HELP WAR SUFFERERS

San Francisco, May 19.—It looked as if the streets of Bagdad had been rejuvenated and brought here in all their oriental splendor when the charity bazaar for German war victims opened today at Civic Auditorium.

The vast hall contained almost every feature of a far eastern city. Sinbad the Sailor, Ali Baba, Haroun al Raschid and all the other noted characters of Arabian Nights fame were on hand in their best bibs and turbans.

ALLIES NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO THE BERLIN PEACE TALK

Owe Something to Unborn Generations, Says Viviani of France

THE ALLIANCE STANDS

Will Be As Strong After War as Now, Declares Former Premier—"Steadily Forcing Germany's Chastisement"

(By PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Petrograd, May 19.—The Allies stand for a finish fight. They intend to break Germany's heaviest sword. They owe this to unborn generations.

This was the answer to Berlin peace talk made by the United Press by Rene Viviani, the former French premier, now minister of justice.

Viviani is here on a secret mission. "Our alliance is more compact than at any time since the war began," he said. "We continue to grow stronger armaments. We are steadily forcing Germany's chastisement. We will force her to make full reparation for what she has done. There'll be no separate peace after the war. The world will find the Allies equally united."

CHARLOTTE WAITING FOR PRESIDENT AND BRIDE, THERE SAT'Y

Governors of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Their Staffs to Receive Chief Executive on Reviewing Stand

(By the United Press.)
Charlotte, N. C., May 19.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the program when the President and Mrs. Wilson arrive tomorrow for the celebration of the 141st anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Representatives of many Southern States are here. The governors of both Carolinas and Virginia and their staffs will accord the President a reception on the reviewing stand tomorrow.

WOMAN KILLED BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING

Wadesboro, May 18.—During an electrical storm, a bolt of lightning struck a post on the porch of Van Campbell, killing instantly his wife and rendering himself and seven-year-old daughter unconscious.

ASHEVILLE GIRL WAS GAGGED AND LEFT BY A WOULD-BE BURGLAR

Asheville, May 18.—Members of the Asheville police department are today searching for the mysterious assailant of little thirteen-year-old Julia Schoopf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schoopf, who was seized by an unknown assailant in the basement of her parents' home, gagged into insensibility, dragged across the floor of the basement and left to recover while the unknown made his escape. The man is supposed to have hidden in the basement of the Schoopf home for the purpose of robbery.

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL CARRIES INCREASES FOR FORTIFICATIONS

More Batteries, Arsenals, Etc., at Canal Zone and in Hawaii—Total of \$127,237,221 in Bill Reported to House

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 19.—The sundry civil bill carrying \$127,237,221, was today reported to the House.

It carries great increases for Panama fortifications, arsenals and barracks in the Hawaiian Islands. Four million and a half is allowed for canal fortifications against eight millions asked.

GIRL FATALLY HURT BY THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF PISTOL

Lumberton, May 18.—A deplorable accident occurred in east Lumberton this afternoon about 5 o'clock, when Margie Meadows, 14 years old, was shot, a pistol ball entering her head just above the left eye. She was rushed to the hospital, where it is thought the wound will prove fatal. No blame was attached to anyone. A party of young folks were engaged in making kodak pictures, the subjects being "western scenes" in which were pistols were used, none of which were supposed to be loaded. The weapon was fired by Frank Bryant.

BROKE SPEED LAW AND KILLED COW IN SNOW HILL; WAS EXPENSIVE

Autoists from Eureka, N. C., passing through Snow Hill were arrested for exceeding the speed limit on the streets and killing a "yearling heifer or cow for Josiah Ekum," in the words of a well known citizen of that town today.

The party was forced to pay fines for speeding and damages for the heifer.

ELKS RUNG IN FIRE ALARM TO FIND MAN THEY WERE SEEKING

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, N. C., May 19.—"Hello, Bill!" hailed a jolly party of Elks who climbed out of a stolen automobile at the corner of Third and Market streets here. They were seeking Carl Richardson, who lived there. Richardson did not show up. The Elks strode to the fire alarm box on the corner, pulled the hook and brought the engines, all the dogs in the neighborhood, a lot of small boys—and Richardson.

"What are you going to do about it?" was asked the fire chief. The Elks, attending the State convention here, lolled in the automobile then, awaiting developments. "Nothing," said the chief; "they own the town until tomorrow morning."

PRESBYTERIANS ARE WONDERING WHO WILL BE MODERATOR NEXT

Atlantic City, N. J., May 19.—One of the subjects of greatest interest at the 128th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which is meeting here today, is who will be the next moderator to succeed the incumbent, the Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. Within six weeks of the approaching assembly there were only two men who were actually known to have their "hats in the ring." No one will say who is the strongest.

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THE CRITTUR HAS A GROWTH OF ANTLERS AND CLOVEN HOOVES

Lenoir County Pachyderm Claimed to Have Robbed Local Moose of His Adornments at Big Meeting a la Ford Thursday

(Daily Free Press, May 19)

There were no flowers, no music, no handsome gowns, nor potted plants and palms, nor fat dowagers, at a wedding in Loftin's opera house Thursday afternoon. But it was a "beautiful" affair nevertheless to about a hundred persons in the bridal party and audience. The Lenoir county G. O. P. and Moozers got together in wedlock. It was no half-hearted nor half-hearted business. The knot was tied as stoutly as it could be by the determined Republicans and Progressives. It was a harmony feast of the finest kind. The meeting resolved itself into a convention. A full ticket was put out.

Republican leaders today say that the honor is all for the G. O. P. Certain it is, however, that the ticket is full of big fish.

Leaders Pipe of Peace.

Among "those present" were Republican Chairman T. B. Brown, Progressive Chairman J. H. Mewborne and John E. Cameron, Rep. Messrs. Mewborne and Cameron said sweet things about the meeting and the future of "the party" in the county.

The Ticket.

The following were nominated: Albee Brown, Progressive, for Sheriff; B. F. Daugherty, Progressive, for Treasurer; George E. Sutton, old liner, for Register of Deeds; J. I. Vause, Progressive, for Coroner; J. L. Phillips, Progressive, for Surveyor; W. C. Knox, reputed old liner; J. W. Scarborough, Progressive; Ransom Garris, Republican; W. E. Stroud, Progressive, and J. T. Spence, said to be of the old faith, for commissioners.

Chairman T. B. Brown of the Republicans "feels" that the reconciliation is permanent. "It was like this," said Mr. Brown today, restating with his hand as if pouring sugar into a candy caldron, "they melted!"

POSTERS WARN POOR LONDONERS AGAINST KINDS EXTRAVAGANCE

London, May 19.—Government bill posters, who have plastered London with enormous signs urging the people to economize, have no respect for localities. In one of the most squalid and poverty-stricken districts of London the following advice appears in letters five feet high:

"Don't use a motor for pleasure. Don't buy superfluous clothing. Don't employ more servants than you need." In fashionable West End districts the posters are conspicuous for their absence. Trafalgar Square, near the heart of the official district, however, is literally splashed with the warnings.

COUNTRY PARSON NEW PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR

Orlando, Fla., May 18.—Personal evidence of the attention of the Southern Presbyterian church in the United States to pay greater attention to the country churches was given at the first business session of the fifty-sixth General Assembly of the church by the election of Rev. C. W. Grafton, pastor of Union and Bensalem churches in the Presbytery of Mississippi, to the office of moderator.

DANIELS CELEBRATES NATAL ANNIVERSARY

(Special to The Free Press)
Washington, D. C., May 19.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels celebrated his 54th birthday yesterday. He was born in Washington, N. C.

BAPTISTS ATTEMPT TO RAISE BIG DEBT CARRIED BY BOARDS

\$84,000 of \$252,000 Subscribed at Asheville This Morning

WOMEN OFFER JEWELRY

Convention Decides to Take No Part in Conference on Faith—Insists on Separation of State and Church, Reason

(By the United Press)

Asheville, May 19.—The most important work here today was an attempt to raise a \$252,000 joint debt now shouldered by the Home and Foreign missions boards, \$84,000 having been voted by the Southern Baptist convention early this morning.

Many women wore jewels from their fingers and wrists, offering to sell them. Special committees from all the States of the Women's Missionary Union, in session here also, joined in the attempt. The convention adopted a recommendation by a committee comprising Lansing Burroughs, Oliver Gregory of Baltimore and Hight Moore of North Carolina, to take no part in the world's Conference on Faith, because of the Baptists' insistence on absolute separation of the church and state. The committee was ordered continued for the ensuing year.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER COUNTIES AND CITIES OF SECTION

(Daily Free Press, May 19)
Attorney General T. W. Bickett spoke at Greenville Thursday night. He made an address at Farmville earlier in the day.

L. C. Cooper, colored, is believed to have been fatally wounded by Rachel Deems, a negress, who shot him in the back during an altercation in a Greenville tenement section.

The breakwater being built at Cape Lookout for a distance of 1,000 feet is showing above the surface, says a report to the New Bern Sun-Journal.

New Bern Elks won the cup for having the largest number in attendance at the State convention in Washington Thursday.

BAPTISTS WOULD SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE SLAV WAR PRISONERS

Asheville, May 18.—Plans to send missionaries into German and Austrian prison camps to attempt to convert to the Baptist faith the "2,000,000 Russian prisoners of war" held there were outlined to the Southern Baptist Convention at its session here late today, which was devoted chiefly to hearing experiences of its missionaries returned from foreign fields.

SEVEN OF COLUMBUS BANDITS ARE HANGED

Deming, N. M., May 19.—The seven Villa followers captured after they had taken part in the Columbus raid, and who were sentenced to death by Judge Edward L. Medler here April 23, were hanged at Santa Fe penitentiary today.

At the time they were sentenced, the prisoners pleaded that they were ignorant of where they were going at the time of the raid and that they were forced to follow Villa under penalty of death.

Six of the bandits listened unmoved to the sentence of death, but the seventh, Jose Rangel, who had been wounded in the raid and was carried into court on a cot, cried for mercy.

KITCHIN SATISFIED WITH DEFEAT FIVE-YEAR POLICY, SAYS

(By the United Press)
Washington, May 19.—Democratic Leader Kitchin, who several months ago vigorously opposed the President's preparedness legislation, has renounced the fight. He favors the five battle cruisers program. "Defeat of the five-year building program is enough," he said today.

CYMRIC WAS SUNK BY BOILER EXPLOSION IS STATED BY SURVIVOR

(By the United Press)
Berlin, May 19.—The White Star liner Cymric was sunk by the explosion of boilers, and was not torpedoed as London reported, was the assertion made by a member of the crew reaching Amsterdam, dispatches today said.

BIG ORDERS FOR SHELLS AT NORFOLK NAVY YARD

Norfolk, Va., May 18.—As a preparedness test and in order to demonstrate the facilities and capacity of the navy yard shell shops, rush orders have been received for 10,000 6-inch and 10,000 5-inch naval shells.

ALBEMARLE NORMAL CLOSING.

Albemarle, May 18.—The closing exercises of Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute commence this evening at 8 o'clock, and will conclude on Sunday.

Mr. B. F. Anderson of Anniston, Ala., relief operator for the Western Union, is supplying for Operator A. W. Westbrook at the local office while the latter is on a fortnight's vacation.

COWBOYS SURPRISE AND DEFEAT VILLA BAND; MANY KILLED

(By the United Press)
Pershing's Headquarters, Mexico, May 19.—Sixteen Villistas were killed and a number captured when twenty-five cowboys surprised a party of bandits 10 miles south of Madero.

HURT WHEN CAR LEFT BANK DURING A RAIN

Sam Taylor, who lives beyond the Iron bridge from the city, was hurt when his automobile went off the Dam road between Kinston and the bridge about 9 o'clock Thursday night.

Mr. Taylor says he was driving only about five or six miles an hour. It was raining, and the machine struck a pole or post and left the road. It tumbled some feet to the adjacent lowground. The car was not badly damaged. The steering wheel struck Mr. Taylor. He is up and about, but quite painfully hurt.

KINSTON BOY BROKE UP STUDENTS' RULE AND HURT SHOULDER

Durham, May 18.—No longer is the ban recently placed on stiff collars by the students of Trinity Park school, the preparatory institution of Trinity College in this city, to hold good. The reason for the sudden suspension of the ban was brought about Wednesday night when Thomas Heath of Kinston, a Park school student, dislocated his shoulder in a scrap with numerous students who were trying to enforce the ban. Mr. Heath, it was said, by Headmaster Peele, started to leave the dormitory with a stiff collar. He was pounced upon by a number of students who attempted to take the collar off. In striking at one of his adversaries, young Heath wrenched his shoulder loose.