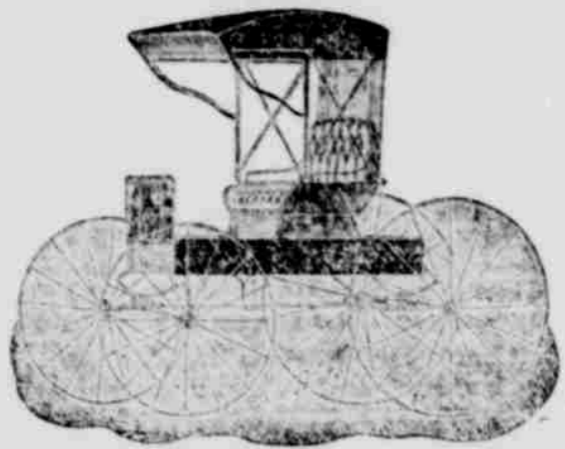


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KAISER DREAMS OF NORTH SEA TO MEDITERRANEAN EMPIRE

Discovered Plans Show How Implicitly Wilhelm Has Followed Bismarck's Blood and Iron Policy.

Washington, May 29.—Germany's next peace declaration, expected to suggest a program of territorial renunciation on the East and West, is regarded here as largely answered beforehand by information revealing for the first time the full scope of the Imperial government's aspirations for conquest in the South.

This information discloses as one of the primary aims of the war a plan for consolidation of an impregnable military and economic unit stretching from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, cutting Europe permanently in half, controlling the Dardanelles, the Aegean and Baltic, and eventually forming the backbone of a Prussian world empire.

In the light of German history, the plan shows how implicitly the Kaiser has followed out the blood and iron politico-economic methods of Bismarck for development of Prussian power. Considered in view of the present war map, it shows that the major portion of the Kaiser's war program has been accomplished, regardless of what disposition is made of conquered territory in France, Belgium and Russia. A full realization of this situation adds a new force to the repeated declarations of allied statesmen that the German peace manuevers are in reality war moves, and that a premature truce only would give Germany a resting period in which to further Prussianize which she has conquered under the guise of a friendly alliance.

Although officials have refrained from definite public expressions of what the United States might demand as a peace guarantee, these possibilities recall with increasing emphasis President Wilson's declaration that America must fight until the "world is made safe for democracy." They bring into relief Foreign Minister Balfour's warning that hard fighting still must win the war, the conviction of the American Army General Staff that the country must prepare for at least three years of war, and the fact that predictions of an early peace have been discredited as visionary in virtually every allied capital.

How minutely defined is the German plan and how accurately it is being carried out have become fully apparent only with the opening up, during the last few weeks, of several new avenues of information. The return of American diplomatic agents from the Central Empires brought recent frank expressions in the Reichstag and in the German press, and the deductions of alert American agents abroad watching the newest peace moves have supplied the explanation of more than one hitherto-observed feature of the German policy.

In her southeastern conquests, it now is apparent Germany has followed almost in toto the long-established plan of the Pan-German League, which, as early as 1911, is said to have circulated a definite propaganda of conquest, with printed appeals containing maps of a greater Germany whose sway from Hamburg to Constantinople and then southward through Asiatic Turkey was marked out by boundaries virtually coincident with the military lines held today.

Bulgaria's declaration of war on the side of Germany was actuated by a German diplomatic coup which in itself is regarded now as a further evidence that a clear road through to the Dardanelles was considered in Berlin as a primary and imperative purpose of the war. In the case of Turkey, German domination is believed here to be even more complete than in Austro-Hungary and Bulgaria. Not only have German officers led in defending Turkish territory and in eradicating inharmonious elements, such as the Armenians and Syrians, but it has been learned that German industrial organizers have taken a firm grip on Turkish industry and German professors have been sent to spread German kultur among the population.

Fitting in squarely with an actuating desire for conquest to the southeast is the general German military policy during the entire war. It is noted that even at the expense of recessions on the Eastern and Western fronts, Germany has taken pains to overrun quickly Serbia, Montenegro and Roumania, and to keep in check all allied attempts to strike at the southeastern pathway for the Dardanelles or Saloniki. Not until the present British advance in Asiatic Turkey has there been any serious danger to any part of the greater stretch from the Baltic to the Persian Gulf. It is pointed out that any German peace offer would be expected to demand at least some expansion for Bulgaria and retention of enough of the conquered territory to insure the route to Constantinople. That it is the intention to bring Austro-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey into a customs union, Germanizing their industries, and to surround the whole economic entity thus established with a formidable tariff wall has been made clear by the declarations of Friedrich Naumann and other exponents of an economic "Mittel Europa."

President Outlines Administration Food Control Program.

Washington, May 19.—President Wilson outlined the administration's food control program in a statement tonight, and declared the powers asked for the government are no greater than those other governments at war have been compelled to take. There is no intention, he said, to restrain or interfere with normal processes of production.

The statement also makes formal announcement that Herbert C. Hoover has been asked to become food administrator, and that he has accepted on condition that neither he nor his assistants shall receive pay for their services.

"Although it is absolutely necessary that unquestionable powers be placed in my hands," says the President's statement, "I am confident that the exercise of those powers are necessary only in the few cases where some small and selfish minority to put the nation's interests above personal advantage."

BALFOUR PAID TRIBUTE TO CONFEDERATE DEAD

Placed Wreaths on Statues of Lee, Jackson and Stewart, and Praised American Manhood as Best Fighting Material in the World.

Richmond, Va., May 19.—Richmond, the capital of the Confederacy, and rich in traditions of the old English cavalier days, today gave British Foreign Secretary, Arthur Balfour, and the British mission, in the name of the whole south, a reception which for warmth and spontaneity has not been surpassed during the long stay of the British in America.

The eminent visitors, who had come both to pay a call of courtesy on the south and to honor the Confederacy's famous leaders, Robert E. Lee, T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson, and Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, uncle of the present governor, were showered with every honor that the hospitable city could give.

The mission was received by a salute of 19 guns, escorted by the Virginia Military Institute cadets in full dress uniform through cheering crowds riotous with flags, lunched as guests of Governor Stuart at the executive mansion, and were cheered to the echo at a packed mass-meeting at the city auditorium. A big southern audience, looking back to the days of the revolution and the war between the states in which Virginia played such a large part, sang "God Save the King," and the "Star Spangled Banner" with fervor.

The first address which Mr. Balfour ever made from the rear end of a train took place during a brief stop at Fredericksburg. Mr. Balfour, breaking another record during his stay in this country, told a small group of his hearers that he feared he had failed utterly to express the deep emotions he had felt at his reception in Richmond and that he hoped some of the gratitude which he felt might be conveyed back to his friends there.

The British army took the occasion today to express through Lieutenant-General Bridges their tribute to the military heroes of the south by placing wreaths on the statues of Lee, Jackson and Stuart. General Bridges spoke feelingly of the lessons of character, leadership and endurance taught by these men and of his hope that those engaged in the present struggle, both here and abroad, would be worthy of their memories.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at the auditorium, brought forth cheer after cheer when he said he rejoiced to "think that the valiant American navy is working hand-in-hand in the closest co-operation with those on the other side who are defending our homes and yours. And now we read of your government's decision to send troops to France. The moment when that force, the first fruit of our military co-operation, shall land in Europe, will be a moment memorable in the history of mankind."

"Out of the manhood of America," Mr. Balfour went on, "there will flow the best fighting material in the world, and the only limit to that flow will be the limit imposed by the material difficulties of transport and equipment. The United States has greater resources for modern warfare than any other nation in the world. I do not refer to numbers alone; I refer rather to that courage, resolution and inventiveness, which alone makes numbers efficient. Though unpared, as we were unprepared, you are filled with that spirit which will bring results encouraging to your friends as it will be dismaying to your enemies."

"Germany cannot succeed in this war. Success does not lie along the paths of frightfulness and ruthlessness. That nation which has known no law, either of charity or love, which has cast all scruples to the winds, which has allowed no consideration to stand in her way, that nation has raised up outraged civilization to make certain its own defeat."

DR. FLOW ESTIMATES COTTON ACREAGE AT 75% OF NORMAL

In His First Crop Report He States That What Little Cotton is Up is in Bad Condition.

The Union county cotton acreage amounts to about 75 per cent of the normal acreage, according to Dr. George Edward Flow in his first crop report to the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. This reduction, according to the Doctor, is not due to "ribboned and bouquet-scented resolutions passed at the close of kindergarten exercises," but was in response to "necessity's stern fiat." The report in full follows:

"Continuous rains during the winter and early spring delayed and rendered more difficult the preliminary preparation and planting of the crop. These conditions have supplemented the original purpose to curtail the acreage planted to cotton. That the diminishing stock and consequent high price of food stuffs begat this purpose, is without question. All ranks of society are always more responsive to necessity's stern fiat than they are to ribboned and bouquet-scented resolutions passed at the close of kindergarten exercises. As a conclusion deduced from the combination of circumstances, I feel that it would be safe to assert that the crop of 1917 for this county will be about 75 per cent of the normal acreage, and there may yet be further reduction due to failure to obtain stands, which, at this time, seems quite likely and to abandonment later. As to volume and grade of commercial fertilizers, this was meager, almost nominal, something like 200 pounds per acre and of inferior grade. Very little cotton is up, and this is in very poor condition, due to the recent cold weather. A very large per cent of the crop has been replanted and many farmers are still hesitating, awaiting developments, so that if hope of sands are not realized by given dates, the acres devoted to cotton in the first instance may be planted to corn or other crops. As to condition, any estimate as to this would be an unswaddled superfluity. As President Lincoln said of the war at one juncture, 'It is d—bad,' possibly 30 per cent. The acreage to corn and other food stuffs will be abnormal, and if the conditions are favorable the yield will eclipse all previous

marks, and demonstrate the fact that any people when goaded by necessity and smiled upon by Providence will be self-sustaining."

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"FIRST AID" corn plasters will make hard roads easy. 4 for 10c.—Union Drug Co.

FOR SALE—A six-horse portable steam engine.—Tucker Bros., Unionville, N. C., Rt. 1.

RAISE CHEAP MEAT by planting soy beans for your hogs.—F. B. Ashcraft.

WANTED—Old false teeth; don't matter if broken. I pay \$1 to \$10 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail.—F. Terl, 403 North Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md.

TRY A 10c. package of Rexall Talcum powder.—Union Drug Co.

FOR SALE—Red scarlet sage plants, 10 cents per dozen.—Call 396.

EIGHTEENTH SERIES of the Peoples Building and Loan Association of Monroe is now open and shares may be had dated May 5th. Only twenty-five cents per week pays for a share and you save money in this way so easy that you don't know it. Every one should have at least a few shares.—E. C. Carpenter, president; R. F. Beasley, secretary and treasurer.

W. H. WAKEFIELD, M. D., will be at the Gloucester hotel in Monroe on Saturday, May 26. The doctor limits his work to eye, ear, nose and throat troubles and fitting glasses.

"FIRST AID" Fountain Syringes, a dollar value for 75c. at the Union Drug Co.

REGISTERED Poland China pigs sired by R. Big Bone, a thousand pounds at maturity, out of seven hundred pound sows. These pigs have size, bone, quality.—E. Rowell, Jr., Hanover, Va.

FOR RENT—12 acres good corn land near Monroe.—C. D. Roberts.

WATT ASHCRAFT, Veterinarian.—Day calls, 113; night calls, 191-R. Office on Franklin street, Monroe, N. C.

FOR SALE—25 window blinds, 25 sash, linoleum oil cloth carpet, other articles too numerous to mention.—Mrs. S. E. Howie-Matthews.

FOR SALE—Five room house and lot on Everett street.—L. D. Husbands.

MAKE OLD straw hats new by using Rexall and Nayals straw hat cleaner, 5 and 10 cents.—Union Drug Company.

VICTOR victrolas and records—The W. J. Rudge Co.

LADIES CAN secure a car from J. C. Maynor with the assurance of courteous treatment and careful drivers. Just call either 316 or 171-R.

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GLOBE-WERNICKE book cases.—The W. J. Rudge Co.

PRESTON'S PLANTS — Cabbage, 1.50; sweet potatoes, 2.50; tomatoes, \$1.50 and 2.50; transplanted plants, \$1.00 per 100; \$7.50 per 1000. Price list.—Fred M. Preston, Orlando, Fla.

THOROUGHbred Guernsey bull for service. Fee \$1.00 cash.—E. L. May, Wingate.

CALL WALTERS and get his prices before you buy your fresh meats. He sells them right.

PLEASE CALL at any time for back work.—Henry Lily, Phone 268.

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EASY WAY to save money and get a start in the world—the building and loan way. It has started many a family on the road to independence. Eighteenth series of the Peoples now open.—E. C. Carpenter, president; R. F. Beasley, secretary and treasurer.

WANTED—Ten or fifteen cords of good 4-foot pine wood.—N. G. Russell.

PHONE 221 when you want anything from an up-to-date Drug Co. If we haven't got what you want we will get it for you.—The Union Drug Company.

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MONROE IRON & METAL CO. Near Freight Depot.

Colonel Roosevelt Won't Be Permitted to Go.

Washington, May 18.—Col. Roosevelt will not be permitted to raise his volunteer expedition to carry the American flag against the Germans in France. On signing the war army bill tonight, President Wilson issued a statement saying that, acting under expert advice from both sides of the water, he would be unable to avail himself at the present stage of the war of the authorization to organize volunteer divisions.

There was talk in army circles tonight of the possibility that a way would be found to use the former President's service in another way, but official comment on the subject was lacking.

Four persons were killed and three others wounded as the result of robbing of the First National Bank of Shannon Castle, a suburb of Pittsburg, Pa. The police recovered the money—\$10,000. One of the bandits was killed and two wounded. The bandits entered the bank, shot to death the cashier and assistant cashier of the bank, bound and gagged a patron of the bank and in attempting to escape wounded two persons.

Trinity College commencement June 3-6. Commencement address 10:30 a. m. June 6 by Hamilton Holt, L. L. D., New York.

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 40 cents

TRUSTEES SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by T. J. Payne and wife, S. K. Payne, to the Savings, Loan & Trust Company, trustee, on the 20th day of February, 1909, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Union county in Book A. J., page 550, said deed of trust having been executed to secure the payment of certain indebtedness to the Security Life & Annuity Company of Greensboro, N. C., default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, the undersigned will expose to sale at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Monroe, Union county, North Carolina, on

Thursday, 24th day of May, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, the following described real estate situated, lying and being in Monroe, county of Union, State of North Carolina, bounded as follows:

First Tract: Adjoining the lands of colored M. E. church lot, C. N. Simpson's head lot, and others; beginning at a stake on the E. edge of Broad street (called McCauley street in the deed from M. S. and J. W. Stephenson to J. F. Williams) in the old line and runs with said lot 60 feet to a rock; thence with said line, passing the S. W. corner of line thereof 60 feet to a stake in said line; thence S. 60 W. 128 feet with the old line to a stake on the E. side of said street 82 feet to the beginning, containing 10,168 square feet, more or less, and being the East end of Esq. Broom's estate land. Conveyed by said J. F. Williams by M. S. and J. W. Stephenson by deed dated 5th day of March, 1906, registered in the office of Register of Deeds of said county, in record of Deeds No. 39, page 33 and so forth.

Second Tract: In Monroe, N. C., adjoining the above lot and others, beginning at an iron stake on the East edge of said Broad street (erroneously called Monroe street), the beginning corner of the above lot in old line of Beedy Broom tract and runs with Easter edge of said tract at intersection of Everett street, thence with said S. edge of said Everett street, which is 40 feet wide, N. 89 E. 180 feet to an iron stake; thence 12 1-2 S. 116 feet to an iron stake in the old fault line; thence N. 65 W. 73 1-2 feet to an iron stake or some corner of the C. N. Simpson's Hart lot; thence N. 67 3-4 W. 32 1-2 feet to a stone; thence N 88 3-4 W. 55 feet to the beginning, being lot No. 1 subdivided by English and Blair from the C. N. Simpson and Ellen E. Fitzgerald land, conveyed to J. F. Williams by J. R. English and wife and S. O. Blair and wife by deed dated Aug. 3, 1906.

Said two tracts or parcels of land were deeded to T. J. Payne by John F. Williams and wife, Mamie A. Williams, by deed dated March 26, 1907, to which deed reference is hereby made for a more complete description of same.

This the 24th day of April, 1917.
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