

GERMANY'S ANSWER TO ULTIMATUM FROM PRESIDENT MAY NOT COME BEFORE LAST OF MONTH; KAISER NOT LIKELY TO BOW

German Papers Courteous, But Assert Government Will Not Be Dictated to By the United States—"Altogether" Meant a Lot, State Department Says—Congressmen Won't Talk; Prefer Not to Risk Embarrassing the President—French Applaud Wilson's Address as Finest Thing of Kind Since War Started—Marines at the German-Owned Wireless Stations in Jersey and Long Island—Scores Telegrams Pledge President Support

(By ROBT. J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, April 20.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff this afternoon refused to discuss the conference with Secretary Lansing. It is understood that the situation is not hopeless. The Sussex "accident" will not be repeated while negotiations are pending. The English reply to the American blockade protest has been received.

Washington, Apr. 20.—Congress is not disposed to discuss the international situation. The members wish to leave the President unembarrassed. The note has already gone and discussion will do no good, but might do harm, they say. The attack on the Sussex shifted the issue from the right of Americans to ride on armed merchantmen.

Wilson Meant Nothing Less Than He Said.
Washington, Apr. 20.—Inclusion of the word "altogether" in the President's German note, the State Department says was for the purpose of emphasis. It indicated instant severance of relations. The President has received scores of telegrams pledging support. All are hopeful of avoiding war, even if diplomatic relations are severed.

Marines Guard German Wireless Plants.
Washington, April 20.—The War Department admits that a detachment of marines has been sent to guard the German-owned wireless stations at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, Long Island.

Germany Listens "Respectfully."
Berlin, April 20.—German newspapers comment very guardedly on the German-American crisis. They say Germany listens respectfully, but will not allow the President to define for Germans' benefit the "principles of humanity." The note has reached the embassy, and Ambassador Gerard has delivered it to the foreign secretary. German Answer Not For Ten Days?

Washington, April 20.—A conference between Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing is expected to determine the American view on how submarine warfare should be conducted. The State Department insists that the present orders to German commanders be revoked, and undersea attacks confined to warships. The German reply is not expected for ten days.

England Thinks Germany Won't Bend.
(By EDWARD L. KEEN, United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, April 20.—Prominent Englishmen do not believe Germany will yield to the United States' demands. Germany emphasizes the importance of the submarine as the most effective weapon in fighting England. Some believe that Germany will accept a diplomatic break, but avoid war.

The French Laud President Wilson.
(By WM. PHILLIP SIMMS, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Paris, April 20.—The President's stand won instant and unanimous approval here. His speech was applauded as the finest utterance since the war began. The French previously were disappointed at America's apparent indifference to the submarine outrages.

RUSSIANS HELPING FRENCH, NEWS THAT IS CHEERING PARIS

On Which Front Unknown. May Be In West or In Greece—Allies Take Position Northwest of Vaux and 200 Captives

(By the United Press)
Paris, April 20.—Russian troops have landed at Marseilles to aid the Allies. These are the first Russians on the western front. Paris, April 20.—Reports are rife that Russian troops are aiding the French, whether on the western front or the Grecian, is undetermined. French Make Gain.
Paris, April 20.—The French have captured a fortified position northwest of Vaux, taking 200 prisoners.

WAR EXTRA! NEW BERN LIKELY BE BESIEGED

That City Captured, Good-bye to the Fleet at Parrott's Bridge—Where Is Bradham and the Naval Militia? Spies on the Lower Neuse Have Designs on One-Pounder Ship!

"That German spies have recently visited New Bern and surrounding section, looked over the situation, made maps of the waterfronts and secured all the information that they desire, was the statement made today by one of this city's well-known residents," says the New Bern Sun-Journal.
The spies, the citizen said, had quizzed him about the coast guard cutter Pamlico, etc.

Energy and effort together with support of your friends will make you a winner on the 13th of May

TWO DAYS LEFT TO HARVEST 40,000 VOTES

Saturday Promises to Bring Many Changes—Largest Votes of Contest Now In Force—Interest Continues to Increase

Saturday night is the end of opportunity time. Saturday night is the end of the big 40,000 extra vote offer. This vote offer together with the triple votes which go into effect today, makes the latter end of this week, the greatest time of the entire contest. So far the contest is very even. Far too even. Not a candidate in the race has a lead worth while. If you win a Maxwell touring car or any other prize on the list you will have to secure such a lead this week that none can overtake you. It is this week, you want to do it. If you have completed one or more sets, get others, and others. If you haven't completed one set, do it quick. Do not let a prospect get past you this week. Remember that this 40,000 extra vote offer together with the triple votes make this week the largest.
Enthusiasm is gaining momentum every day in the great contest. As has been predicted all along the public is beginning to take sides and are getting behind their favorite candidates. Several people have come into the office and paid up their subscriptions, thus putting some one constant up with the leaders. But the majority of the people are waiting for the end of this week to see who most deserves their support during the final period of the contest. They are waiting so that they may choose the most worthy candidate. At the end of the week, the Contest Manager intends to publish a sort of resume of the week, and, in fact, of the entire contest up to date, showing who the important candidates are, as shown by the results so far and by some of the future prospects. This resume will be awaited with interest by the public. This is such an important week owing to the close of the 40,000 extra vote offer on Saturday.

DOG CARRIED BODY OF BABY DEAD LONG TIME

New Bern has a new mystery. A dog carrying an offensive-smelling object in the vicinity of the Courthouse there was found to have a dead white infant in its mouth. The coroner is investigating. Where the animal secured the corpse has not been determined.
The child had probably been dead ten days. The body was in a bad state of decomposition. Persons who noticed the dog at first thought it was a piece of raw beef it had. The animal is believed to have had the body for some hours. Some time before the discovery Frank Prevonga, formerly of Kinston, had smelled just such an unpleasant odor as came from the repulsive object.
Campaign managers assert that the preparedness issue defeated Cummins in Nebraska. They say none can get votes in the Middle West with a preparedness program.

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NEW YORK GUARD'G HAD THE PARTELLO AGAINST - POSSIBLE GIRL PLANNED KILL STEIN OR WED HIM?

Special Officers Placed at Public Buildings, In Subways, Etc.

MILITIAMEN PREPARING

Governor Holds Conference With National Guard and Police Heads—Note to Berlin May Cause Outbreaks In State and City

(By the United Press)
New York, April 20.—This State is preparing to meet possible outbreaks and demonstrations as the result of Wilson's note to Germany. The Governor National Guard officers and police commissioners today conferred.
A special watch has been placed over government buildings, subway tubes and water fronts and shipping.

TEN KILLED, SCORES INJURED, BY TORNADO IN KANSAS-MISSOURI

(By the United Press)
Kansas City, April 20.—Ten are reported killed and 100 injured by a tornado which swept Kansas and Missouri. The property damage was enormous. The storm swept over the southeastern parts of Kansas and southwestern and central Missouri.
An unconfirmed report says Rhinehardt, Mo., was wiped out, with thirty injured. Heavy damage was done at Lowry City and Rockville.

Do you enjoy seeing your neighbors driving out in their car? Perhaps! But you would enjoy a car of your own much better. All that is needed is some of your spare time.

JOSEPH BENTON, WELL KNOWN YOUNG FARMER OF BUCKLESBERRY SECTION, TAKES OWN LIFE; UNREQUITED LOVE

Terrible Tragedy Committed This Morning at Caswell Lodge Farm on Central Highway in Presence of Miss Lorena Elmore, Girl In the Case, and Three Other Young Girls—Had Threatened Life Before As Well as That of Young Woman, Who Would Not Marry Him—Off-Repeated Climax of Insane Love

Lovesick and smarting because of the sting of an unrequited love, Joseph Benton of the Bucklesberry section ended his life this morning a few minutes before nine at the home of Mr. L. J. Moore at the Caswell Lodge Farm on the Central Highway about two miles from Kinston. The terrible tragedy was committed in the presence of Miss Lorena Elmore, the young lady with whom he is said to have been infatuated, Misses Swannie and Kathleen Sutton and Miss Julia Moore.
According to the story of Miss Julia Moore, she was in the back yard of her home when the buggy in which the Sutton girls and Miss Elmore were riding drove up; she went to the front of the house and found that the Sutton girls had gotten out and started into the house; the Elmore girl was endeavoring to get out but Benton, who had gotten up in the buggy was preventing her from doing so; the horse was "cutting up" and she, Miss Moore, went to its head and was holding the reins; the man was giving assurances to the girl that he meant to do her no harm but that he intended to kill himself in her presence, Miss Elmore jumped out of one side of the buggy and Benton got out on the other side—the side next

to the house—and brandished a pistol in what the girls thought to be an attempt on the life of the Elmore girl; the Moore girl says that she pleaded with him, calling him Joe, not to do anything rash and before aid could be summoned he put the pistol to his head and fired the fatal shot. He died instantly and made no move after falling on the ground.
A representative of The Free Press interviewed Miss Elmore and Miss Swannie Sutton, the older of her companions on the fateful ride. Very naturally the girls were unstrung from the awful experience but were remarkably self-possessed in consideration of their ordeal. Miss Elmore, who is the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Elmore of the Bucklesberry section, an attractive girl of the brunette type, twenty-one years old, spoke very freely and candidly of the affair. She said she had known the man all her life—he was about ten or twelve years her senior; he had been paying court to her for sometime and had pressed his case ardently, urging her to marry him; she did not return his love and had told him that she could not marry him; he had threatened to kill her or to take his own life and was like a

Witnesses Relate Conversation With Victim to Recorder and Coroner—Woman Gives Bond—Trial to Be Held Next Month

The coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of Harry Stein Wednesday night declared that Stein came to his death from a gun shot wound, inflicted by Margaret Partello.

Late in the afternoon Recorder Wooten in City Court admitted the woman to bail in the sum of \$1,500. She will be tried in Superior Court next month.
Witnesses examined at the hearing in court were Dr. J. M. Parrott, Policeman Hamilton and a delicatessen proprietor named Goodkowitz, and Coroner Wood and his jury, sitting in City Hall, heard statements by Dr. Parrott and J. S. May. Hamilton told of a conversation with the woman in which she stated that Stein had beaten and kicked her and had threatened to kill her. Goodkowitz gave an account of a statement by Stein to him. Dr. Parrott, who attended the victim from the time of the shooting on March 29 until his death Tuesday, stated that death was caused by infection of the peritonium from the wound in Stein's abdomen. May's statement at the coroner's inquest was a little stronger than that of Goodkowitz to the Recorder. Stein told him at the Parrott Memorial Hospital, he said, that the woman insisted that he marry her, that he was not in position to take a wife, and that she shot him as he was leaving the house.

The State may assert in the prosecution of the case before Superior Court that Margaret Partello, sent for Stein with the intention of securing his promise to marry her or killing him, and that she held the fatal revolver in her hand when the man entered her house in South Kinston.

Will Black, assailant of little Mattie Tyson in Greene county, will have ample protection when he is carried back to Snow Hill in June for trial, according to Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville, who will preside over the term.
Judge Whedbee has been in Snow Hill investigating the sentiment at that place, and was informed by many persons, it is said, that there is a probability that Black will be lynched, as was his father week before last for incendiary remarks. If he is sent from the State prison without a military guard. Troops will be sent on a special train from Kinston, it is supposed. If necessary, two companies from Goldsboro will be ordered to the Greene county seat. The three companies, comprising a small battalion of nearly 200 men, would be ample to preserve order, it is believed.

HYDE COUNTY MAN IS DROWNED AT BELHAVEN

(By the Eastern Press)
Belhaven, N. C., April 20.—Dave Sermons, a Hyde county man, was drowned here Wednesday. Sermons and another man fell overboard while wrestling on the deck of a boat. Sermons did not come up; the other was rescued.

REDFIELD SPEAK TO FISHERIES OFFICIALS

Wilmington, April 20.—Secretary of Commerce Redfield addressed the National convention of Fisheries Commissioners here last night. He remained over today to take a trip down Cape Fear river with the delegates, who are from many States.

PERSHING GETTING SUPPLIES TOGETHER FOR A NEW SEARCH FOR VILLA; OFFICERS PREPARING REPORTS FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

Army About to Resume Campaign Against Outlaw Who It Believes to Be Alive—Concentrating Munitions at Mexican Base—Scott to See Conditions at First Hand to Inform the Secretary of War—Reports of War Propaganda Started by Obregon Believed to Have Had Malicious Origin—Interventionists Responsible for the Alarming Rumors, Thought by Washington Officials—More Troops for Mounted Columns

(By the United Press)
With the American Army in Mexico, Via Aeroplane to Columbus, April 20.—War Minister Obregon absolves the American troops in the Parral fight from blame, in an official statement. The Parral officials concur. The attack was unprovoked. The Americans carried only revolvers. The Mexicans stoned them and then fired. The Americans returned their fire, and by good marksmanship and courage, routed the Mexicans.
San Antonio, April 20.—General Pershing is concentrating supplies at Namiquipa. He is expected to soon resume the hunt for Villa. Officers are preparing reports for General Scott. Two companies of infantry have been sent to Eagle Pass, to relieve cavalry ordered to Mexico.

Scott's Trip Significant.
Washington, April 20.—General Scott's trip to the border is believed to presage the withdrawal of the troops from Mexico. Secretary Baker wants first-hand information. The situation admittedly is difficult. The report that the Obregon faction in Mexico is endeavoring to force the war is considered a fabrication of interventionists.

MILITIA TO GUARD WILL BLACK AT THE TRIAL DURING JUNE

COWPER DESCRIBES STATEWIDE PRIMARY LAW IN FORCE HERE

"Many Erroneous Ideas," Says Chairman—Not a Party Law But Act of Legislature Applying Equally to All Parties

County Democratic Chairman G. V. Cowper today made the following statement when he is carried back to Snow Hill in June for trial, according to Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville, who will preside over the term.

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"Sec. 5. The regular registration books shall be kept open before the primary election — as — prescribed by law for general elections, and electors may be registered for both primary and general elections: Provided, that at the first primary — new registration books shall be provided, in which on each page there shall be a column headed with the language, "With which political party are you affiliated?" and it shall be the duty of each registrar to transcribe the names of all formerly registered voters in his precinct on to such a book — and when such voters whose name has been thus subscribed, appears for the first time to vote in a primary provided for by this act, he shall answer such question stated above, and it shall be the duty of the registrar and judges of election to write opposite the name of each voter in such primary his answer to such question, and as to all other persons not already registered — it shall be the duty of the registrar when such person registers to propound to him the same question — and write the answer of such elector

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FORD IS FAVORITE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEBRASKA

Leading Cummins In Primary by 1,800 Votes—Justice Hughes Also Running—Bryan Failed to Place In Convention

(By the United Press)
Omaha, Neb., Apr. 20.—Henry Ford is leading Cummins in the Republican Presidential primary, by 1,800 votes. Justice Hughes is third.
Bryan was defeated for delegate to the Democratic National Convention yesterday.
Preparedness Against Cummins.
Washington, April 20.—The Cum-