

EVERY INDICATION THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL ACCEPT AS SATISFACTORY GERMAN REPLY TO DEMANDS OF THIS GOVERNMENT

Official Text Being Considered By Wilson Is Much Like the Press Text—Practically Certain That All Danger of Break Has Passed and Peaceful Relations Will Be Maintained Unless Teutons Violate Their Pledges—Germany May Have Sent Peace Note Along With Submarine Message—Officials Would Not Be Surprised to See Overtures Started Through Medium of United States—Issue a Year Old Thing of Past

Washington, May 6.—The official text of the German note was found very much like the press text. Following study of it officials confidently believe that the submarine issue between Germany and the United States, now a year old, is closed. It is believed the President will not even answer, but Secretary Lansing may make a statement on it. It is believed everywhere that Germany will not dare to reopen the issue by any more illegal submarine attacks.

President Making Up Mind.

Washington, May 6.—With the official text of the reply before him, President Wilson is formulating a decision as to whether Germany has fairly met America's submarine issue. Unless the official text is widely different from the press texts, it is practically certain that all danger of an immediate break has passed.

Congress, the Cabinet and President Wilson's other advisers, and the country generally, judging from telegrams received overnight, hold this view. Unless Germany fails to live up to the concessions she appears to have granted.

Many officials believe there is a note of peace overtures contained in the official reply, and it would not be unexpected if President Wilson is urged by his advisors to make some move along that line.

Big Chance for Peace, Say Americans in Berlin.

Berlin, May 6.—In American circles today was point-Germany's reply. Belief was expressed that Wilson now has great opportunity to bring the war to an early end. Some even suggested that the time now is ripe for Col. House to revisit the European capitals.

AGRICULTURAL

In the Corn Belt states it is reliably stated that the average farm flock of poultry numbers nearly 150, while in the Cotton Belt the average is not more than 20 or 25 to the farm. In the Corn Belt the average annual income per farm worker is double that of the average in the Cotton Belt.

Now there may not be any necessary connection between these two facts, but to us it looks very much like there is, and a very important connection, at that. The truth, we believe is that the greater earning power of the Northern and Western farmer is due to the fact that he makes every edge cut; cashes in on every opportunity. He uses labor-saving machinery; he uses more horsepower and less human labor; and he uses cattle, hogs and chickens. All his farm will carry, to clean up the waste products and put them in marketable form.

The Northern and Western farmer long ago learned that a goodly flock of hens is the best kind of insurance against store accounts at credit prices, and accordingly makes Eiddy pay the grocery bill, with some to spare. Judging from the few nondescript hens found on a great many Cotton Belts farmers we have yet to learn this lesson, and right now, at the beginning of 1916, is a splendid time to be about it.

In the first place, let's understand that the Iowa or Missouri farmer doesn't keep a big flock of hens because he has a better climate than we for chicken-raising. If anything, the reverse should be true. Our winters are mild and there is not a farm in the South that cannot have something green growing every day in the year.

Nor do we believe it to be a lack of a market in the South for chickens and eggs. We don't know of a community anywhere in which these products are not salable practically every day in the year. They are almost as staple as cotton. True better results would come from mar-

keting cooperatively and in lots but chickens and eggs in any quantity can practically always be sold, and generally at prices that will afford a profit.

The carrying of not less than fifty laying hens on every farm in the South is easily possible and would each year add many millions of dollars to our wealth. A really good hen should lay 150 eggs a year; but if we make each farm flock of 50 hens average 100 eggs a year for each hen, we have a total of 5,000 eggs, or 416 dozen, worth as an average of 20 cents a dozen, \$83.20,—an amount amply sufficient to buy all the flour, coffee, sugar, salt, etc., needed with some to spare of course with good management there is no reason why this amount might not be materially increased.

Why not let's make this one of our 1916 slogans: "Fifty Hens for Every Southern Farm"? Such a flock, well cared for... shrdlu fl ;: bkg; well cared for, will convert waste products into marketable meat and eggs, and will be a big step forward toward a live-at-home policy and emancipation from "time prices."

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

\$9.80 Goldsboro, N. C., to Asheville, N. C., and return, account Southern Baptist Convention. Tickets on sale May 13 to 17, inclusive. Final limit May 31. Final limit may be extended to June 15 by depositing ticket and payment of \$1.00 at Asheville.

\$12.65 Goldsboro, N. C., to

Birmingham, Ala., and return, account annual Reunion United Confederate Veterans. Tickets on sale May 13 to 17, inclusive. Final limit May 25. Final limit may be extended to June 14 by depositing ticket and payment of 50 cents at Birmingham. Tickets on sale during April, May, June, July and August. See ticket agent for limits and other information.

Low round trip fares from all other points on same basis. The Southern Serves the South. O. F. YORK, T. P. A., Raleigh, N. C.

LEADING PAPERS OF COUNTRY SAY REPLY NO TSATISFACTORY

Out of 132 Polled 74 Disapprove, 28 Favor, 30 Make No Comment

DISAPPOINTED LONDON

Wilson's Probable Action In Accepting Message's Concessions Caused Bit of Gloom In Press Circles of British Capital

(By the United Press) London, May 6.—Washington press dispatches reporting that President Wilson probably will accept in substance Germany's reply brought disappointment to the London press.

All editorials unanimously agree that Germany failed to meet the demands, that a diplomatic break is inevitable and that the United States will shortly be aligned alongside the Allies.

CAP'N JIM, MAYOR OF FAYETTEVILLE, SPORT

Held All Kind of Big Honors In His Life, Though He's Young Yet—There Came a Crisis In Local Politics Down Home and He Saved the Day—McNeill National Figure, too

Capt. J. D. McNeill, president of the State Firemen's Association for 26 years, once president of the National Firemen's Association, mayor of Fayetteville several times, and about to begin another term, in his 67th year, and looking a lot younger, handsome, well-dressed and energetic, was one of the best known and most interesting persons attending the Carolina Municipal Association's convention here. Captain McNeill has a fond chuckle and is notoriously fond of monosyllabic shocking little words.

He described to a friend Friday how he got to be mayor again. "He wasn't mayor last year, you know. They have a mighty good man, an excellent man, sir, down there. Captain McNeill succeeds him next Monday. Honest to goodness, the fellow would stand right there in the Tall lobby and start a prayer meeting without the least encouragement in the world. And a man of the other extreme was out to beat this good man. He might have done it. So Cap'n McNeill, who is not very bad, nor in anywise an angel, stepped in as a "middleman." He held the best hand of the three and won.

UNVEIL CONFEDERATE MONUMENT AT CLINTON

(Special to The Press Press) Clinton, N. C., May 6.—A monument to Sampson county's Confederate soldiers will be unveiled here in connection with the Memorial day exercises.

NOTHING SAID ABOUT GOLF LINKS, THOUGH

(Special to The Free Press) Jacksonville, N. C., May 6.—Onslow county's new jail is one of the most sanitary in the State. Shower baths are among the "conveniences."

GOLDSBORO CHAUTAUQUA COMES OFF THIS MONTH

(Special to The Free Press) Goldsboro, May 6.—This city will hold its chautauqua in the week of May 17-24. Redpath attractions will be had.

A dinner will be served to the Confederate veterans here for the Memorial Day exercises on May 10, at 1 o'clock in Knoll's warehouse.

NEW REPORTS FROM MEXICO SAY VILLA FAR SOUTH TROOPS

In Durango 500 Miles From Pershing's Farthest Outpost, Said

TAKEN AT FACE VALUE

Generals Scott and Obregon Expected to Sign the Terms This Afternoon—Last Conference of Series on Border Held Today

(By the United Press) El Paso, May 6.—General Scott expects to sign the Mexican agreement with General Obregon this afternoon at the final border conference.

Reports from Mexican sources accepted at face value today placed Villa near Santiago Papas Quiaro, in Durango State, five hundred miles south of the southernmost detachment of American troops.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY IN MEXICO — AMERICANS OF THE ELEVENTH CAVALRY KILLED 42 VILLISTAS YESTERDAY AT OJO AZULES, MAJOR HOWSE TODAY REPORTED. THERE WERE NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES.

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GERMANS BEGIN BIG NEW BATTLE IN THE VERDUN OFFENSIVE

French Forced to Evacuate Trenches on Slope of Hill 304

RAGING SINCE FRIDAY Fighting of Most Violent Nature About the Fortress — Attacks Hardest Since Campaign Was Commenced

(By the United Press) Paris, May 6.—The French troops have been forced to evacuate a part of their trenches on the northern slope of Hill 304 under a most violent German attack, it is officially admitted. Attacks launched yesterday were the most determined since the Verdun drive began. The battle raged all day and last night, and was raging furiously when the last official dispatches were filed today.

Sunday School Picnic.

A Sunday school picnic will be held at British chapel on May 20th. The public is invited. There will be a program, including a lecture, accompanying. Persons who can are requested to carry baskets.

GOOD FOR COLDS.

Honey, Pine-Tar and Glycerine are recognized cold remedies. In Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey these are combined with other cough medicine in a pleasant syrup. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey quickly stops your cough, checks your cold, soothes irritation of the throat. Excellent for young, adult and aged. It's one of the best cough syrups made. Formula on every bottle. You know just what you are taking and your doctor knows it's good for coughs and colds. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Only 25c at druggists. adv

SOUTH AMERICA NOW CONFIDENT UNITED STATES MEANS WELL

Policy In Mexican Matter Convinces People of Fact, Says Fletcher

WAS SUSPICION BEFORE

Senator Urges Ship Lines to Bring About Commercial Co-operation Between Continents—Now Wants Capital for Crops

(By the United Press.) Washington, May 6.—"So confident has South America become of America's good faith toward Mexico that any action this government might take would not be questioned there," said Senator Fletcher, just back from the International High Commission's trip to the Southern continent.

LARGE VOTE OFFER WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

By What the Contestants Do Tonight May Depend Their Success of the 13th

The last period before the end closes tonight. Whatever you intend to do, do it now. There will be no more vote offers or any other inducements. The struggle next week will be for the grand prizes. Now the votes are larger than during the final period, and with tonight closes the large extra vote offer of 150,000 on each set of \$10 worth of new business turned in. By your report today, place yourself on a footing from which you may be better able to stand the struggle next week. The large votes that close tonight are for your benefit. It is for you to take advantage of them.

If you happen to be among those contestants who were fortunate enough to get some of the large extra votes which close tonight, don't sit down and think that your work is done. You may have a considerable number of votes held in reserve, but maybe some other contestant has just as many. If you have already seen all of your prospects and promises, see them again. Do not overlook a single subscription. This is the week when all of the contestants are getting ready for the final struggle which is bound to come next week. And you get a great many more votes now for your work than you will during that struggle. Many contestants are waiting for next week, but the busy ones are taking advantage of the last large votes.

The race is going to be won by the strong-minded, never-say-die candidates and they are beginning to realize that the race has reached the point where gameness and the ability to stand the pace are the two most desirable qualities. Nothing worth while was ever done by accident. Victory over circumstance is not luck, but the result of a fixed and unwavering purpose.

Remember that no one has won any prize on the list. The voting today has been large, but has been divided among a great number of candidates who have failed to gain any great noticeable advantage. From now on it will be the struggle between the old leaders and the new ones. The margin in the difference of votes this week and next may be the deciding factor. Any one by good hard work and untiring efforts during the last week of the contest could win any prize on the list. The possibility of choosing a leader is uncertain, more uncertain than it was two weeks ago.

Do not let some other contestant discourage you. The origin and commencement of all failures spring from the lack of faith in your own ability. Subscribe to The Free Press.

KINSTON WOULD MAKE FINE STARTING POINT FOR A STATE-WIDE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN SIMILAR TO THE GEORGIA PLAN

—EDWARD Y. CLARKE

Secretary of Georgia Chamber of Commerce Made Most Interesting and Instructive Illustrated Address—Urged Diversification of Crops and Establishment of Markets for All Home Grown Products—Favorably Impressed With Kinston and Territory

The illustrated address of Mr. Edward Young Clarke of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce before the Municipal Association and a number of Kinston people concluded the program of the most interesting and profitable convention.

Mr. Clarke's address was unfortunately through a misunderstanding cut short and he did not have the opportunity to present many of the most important facts that he has in his large store of "boosting" material. The printed program of the meetings scheduled Mr. Clarke's address for eight o'clock Friday night and he came prepared for an evening's entertainment. The program was changed and consequently his time cut short.

Mr. Clarke told a most interesting story of the work of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and showed many reels of views demonstrating the activity of the Chamber. The work which has grown into a state-wide campaign for better publicity and exploitation of the resources of the great state of Georgia started at Quitman a place about half the size of Kinston. Through the work of the Chamber hundreds of splendid home owning farmers have been brought to the State and through the emphasis of diversified crops the section is rapidly taking rank with the most prolific farming sections of the world. Mr. Clarke laid emphasis on the necessity for creating a market for home grown products as essential to the development of diversification. He said that in the country of Brooks, of which Quitman is the capital, a much surprised by its size and generally progressive atmosphere. The city should blow its horn and attract

more attention, for it certainly is an attractive place.

I am anxious for North Carolina to begin work along the same lines now in operation in Georgia, namely, farm diversification, better paved cities and county roads, and a steady advertising campaign, giving the nation an idea as to what 'Georgia' really stands for and has to offer. The State has a five-year campaign mapped out, and I wish very earnestly to see North Carolina do a similar work.

"Why not start the ball rolling at Kinston? She little town of Quitman, in Georgia, started the work there and it rapidly spread to the big cities."

regular market for meat was established and conducted just as the cotton market was carried on and as the tobacco market is conducted in the tobacco sections. On one day recently he said that 42,500 pounds of home raised and cured meat, including bacon, hams, sides, etc., were sold on the Quitman market. "When the cotton market is off the farmers of Brooks county store their cotton and turn their attention to their other products which will yield at the time better returns," he said.

Mr. Clarke was most favorably impressed with Kinston and the surrounding territory, which he viewed from the car windows. In an interview given The Free Press he was loud in his praises and urged that a state-wide campaign similar to the Georgia plan be started in North Carolina. He wisely suggested that Kinston afforded a splendid starting point. He said:

"I desire to express my very great appreciation of the privilege of having visited the city of Kinston. Am

NORTH CAROLINA TO AID IN WAR RELIEF BAZAAR AT NEW YORK

(Special to The Free Press) Asheville, May 6.—A war relief bazaar is to be held in the Grand Central palace at New York June 3 to 14, to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 if possible for Allied war sufferers' relief.

Dr. S. Westray Battle, chairman of the North Carolina Commission for Relief in Belgium, has made application for space, and invites the various organizations in the State interested in such work, manufacturers, etc., to assist in making a creditable display. Articles of fancy work, small manufactures and arts and crafts things will be accepted.

MILITARY WILL GO TO CHARLOTTE CELEBRAT'N

Company B, Second Infantry, will go to Charlotte with the National Guard on May 20, Captain J. I. Brown announced today. The trip was optional with the commands. The occasion to be celebrated will be the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. It is not determined if the regimental band will go.

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH DROWNED IN DELAWARE

(Special to The Free Press) Ocracoke, N. C., May 6.—The body of Bradford O'Neill, a youth of this place drowned in the Delaware river at Philadelphia when jerked overboard from a tug by an anchor rope, has been brought here for interment.

JUNIORS FROM FIVE COUNTIE IN DISTRICT MEETING GOLDSBORO

(Special to The Free Press) Goldsboro, May 6.—The local council of the Junior Order United American Mechanics presented a Bible and flag to the high school here yesterday. The presentation was witnessed by many Juniors attending a district meeting here. The delegates were from Sampson, Duplin, Lenoir, Wayne and Bladen counties, comprising the Sixth district.

W. B. Ward of Kinston was elected district secretary. Captain Paul Jones of Tarboro was a State officer present.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING PLACES

Desiring to ascertain what variety of cotton will produce the best results in this section, the State Department of Agriculture is preparing to make tests in Craven county, says the New Bern Sun-Journal.

"Dynamite" Wilkins of Kinston has bored a well to a depth of 600 feet at the New Bern waterworks. His object has not been attained. He will go to China before he will give up the job, he asserts.

Washington is preparing to entertain the biggest convention in East Carolina this year. More than a thousand Elks will be there on the 17th and 18th.

You cannot enjoy summer if you haven't an automobile. The Free Press is giving two Maxwells away on the 13th of May.

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