

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

(By the United Press)

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 pointed out importance of the peace feature in Germany's recent 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.

COL. POLLOCK A CANDIDATE IN SAME CLASS WITH LT. GOV.

Col. W. D. Pollock, out for State Senate, today became a farmer candidate, which is better, of course, than being a mere lawyer candidate.

I was like this: Between the cement sidewalk and the asphalt roadway on the north side of King street, just a little way from the Courthouse is a patch, about 8 or 10 by 15, or so feet, growing up in corn, watermelons and other things. The seed took root of their own accord. The crop is doing beautifully. A Jones county planter asked Recorder Wooten whose it was. "Colonel Pollock's," said the Judge. The Recorder always did have a quick wit. "It's the prettiest corn I've seen," said the planter.

Judge Wooten said he would make good the fabrication by formally presenting to the Colonel the patch, which seems to belong to no one in particular and should have no kick coming to it about who owns it, because Street Commissioner Webb did not intend to have truck gardens, but pretty grass and flowers growing in such places, anyway.

DAVID LAWSON UP FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING

David Lawson, 13, the small colored boy who shot and killed James Evans, also colored and younger, in Neuse township last Sunday, today went to trial before Magistrate Peebles to determine if he should be held for court or not. The case was expected to consume a large part of today. Many witnesses were present.

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

NAVY LEAGUE STARTS SUIT AGAINST HENRY FORD IN THE DIST.

(By United Press) Washington, May 6.—The Navy League of the United States filed a suit in the district supreme court today against Henry Ford for \$100,000, alleging libel and defamation in publishing a recent series of anti-preparedness advertisements.

WOULD HAVE STREET DANCES FREQUENTLY

Once or Twice a Week, Say—Proposed That the City Authorities Turn Over a Block for Purpose Every Few Nights and That Lovers of the Dance Pay for the Music

The open air dance on North Queen street Friday night which was the concluding amusement feature for the city officials attending the municipal convention here, was largely attended. Scores of automobiles were parked about and the street lined with hundreds of spectators. A fair number danced. The streamers of light over the roadway brightly illuminated the scene. The music, a la brass band, was of just the right volume and spirited.

It is being seriously proposed that the municipal authorities provide the asphalted block between Grainger and Capitoa avenues for just such occurrences throughout the summer, say on one or two nights a week, and that a temporary organization, comprised by dancers, be formed to pay for the music by a seven or eight-piece band. The diversion would be a very welcome one on many a sultry evening, boosters of the project declare.

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LEADING PAPERS OF COUNTRY SAY REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY

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.

American Press Not Favorable.

New York, May 6.—Poll of 132 representative American newspapers by the Times from editorial comment shows that 74 disapprove the reply of Germany, 28 approve and 30 are non-committal.

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 37th 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 famous 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 Tull 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.

BRITISH MEN-OF-WAR SEIZE VESSEL FLYING THE MEXICAN COLORS

(By the United Press)

Washington, May 6.—The capture by British cruisers of the schooner Lenore, flying the Mexican flag, said to be owned by the German vice-consul at Guaymas, was reported to the Navy Department by Admiral Winslow today.

MILITARY WILL GO TO CHARLOTTE CELEBRATE

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.

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)

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.

(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.

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.

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.

JOHN M'BRIDE EXECUTED.

Dublin, May 6.—John McBride, Sinn Feiner, the eighth rebel to be executed, was shot today.

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.

"Formerly suspicion pervaded all South America," said Senator Fletcher, "but now they think the patient course of the United States ample proof that this country does not seek to dominate all the Americas."

Senator Fletcher urged a line of shipping as the greatest asset toward commercial co-operation. Furnishing capital for crop movements was also urged.

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 large vote offers.

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

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 county of Brooks, of which Quitman is the capital, a 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 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? The little town of Quitman, in Georgia, started the work there and it rapidly spread to the big cities."

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.

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.

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH DROWNED IN DELAWARE

(Special to The Free Press) Ocoke, 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.

possibility of choosing a leader is uncertain, more uncertain that it was two weeks ago.

JUNIORS FROM FIVE COUNTIES 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.

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.

NOTHING SAID ABOUT GOLF LINKS, THOUGH

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."

CALL FOR STATEMENTS FROM NATIONAL BANKS

(By the United Press) Washington, May 6.—The Comptroller of the currency today issued a call for statements of national banks on May 1.