

SECRECY IN MATTER PEACE NEGOTIATIONS POPE & PRESIDENT

Wilson Did Not Even Consult Cabinet In Reply to Benedict

DELEGATE HAS ANSWER

Mgr. Bonzano Got It Monday Night—Hope Expressed That America Can Be of Service at End of the Struggle in Europe

(By the United Press.)
Washington, May 17.—The President has sent his reply to Pope Benedict's communication on the subject of peace. The reply was given Mgr. Bonzano, the papal delegate, Monday night. It replied to the Pope's suggestion in an expression of earnest hope and desire that the United States should not be plunged into the great war, but should maintain neutrality in order to be of service at the war's end.
The greatest secrecy was thrown about the exchange of communications.

Cabinet Not In On Secret.

So confidential did the President consider it, that he did not discuss the matter with the cabinet, but had Secretary Lansing aid in preparing his answer.

ROCKEFELLER EXPECTED TO ADDRESS BAPTISTS

(By the United Press.)
Minneapolis, Minn., May 17.—John D. Rockefeller was expected to be among the 3,000 delegates for the International Baptist convention, which opened an eight-day session here. He is to make an address.

DAUGHTER OF RICHARD GILDER WEDS FRIDAY

New York, May 19.—The marriage of Miss Dorothea de Kay Gilder, the daughter of the late Richard Watson Gilder, poet and editor, to Dallas D. L. McGrew, son of Rev. and Mrs. George H. McGrew of Silver Spring and Baltimore, Md., will take place tomorrow at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Richard Watson Gilder, of No. 24 Gramercy Park.

TO STAGE 'JULIUS CAESAR' IN HILLS OF GOLDEN STATE

Los Angeles, Cal., May 19.—A huge throng of Southern Californians will assemble tomorrow to pay tribute to the memory of William Shakespeare by observing the tercentenary of the bard's birthday with an open air production after dark in the hills back of Hollywood, of the tragedy of "Julius Caesar."

CARRANZA EXPECTED TO DENY AGREEMENT

El Paso, May 16.—First Chief Carranza, according to advices reaching Juarez, is expected to deny flatly the existence of an oral agreement between General Scott and War Minister Obregon, permitting American soldiers to stay on Mexican soil.

HEAVY MOVEMENT OF MEXICAN TROOPS ON

El Paso, May 16.—All along the border today the news flashed of an unprecedented heavy Mexican troop movement north. These reports placed the total in five figures. The border thrilled again with a foreboding of big events.

MAPS CASEMENT HAD PROVE REBELLION A PRODUCT OF BERLIN

(By WILBUR S. FORREST,
United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, May 17.—Maps found in the possession of Sir Roger Casement support the contention that the Irish rebellion was planned in the Berlin war office. Lieut.-Col. Gordon today testified.
At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing this afternoon Casement and his confederate were remanded for trial on the treason charge.

TROOPS RESCUE TWO MEN FROM MEXICANS IN TOWN OVER LINE

(By the United Press.)
Marathon, Texas, May 17.—Jesse Deemer, a rancher, and Monroe Payne, a negro, captured by the Glenn Springs raiders, have been rescued by American troops at an unnamed Mexican town, it is said. The reports are not confirmed.

NEW YORK ALLEGED MURDERER GIVES UP

New York, May 16.—Michael A. Rofrano, former deputy street cleaning commissioner of New York, surrendered voluntarily today to answer to an indictment in connection with the murder of Michael Gaimari, in March, 1915, which was the outgrowth of a political feud here.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES IN MEXICO GO ON STRIKE

Eagle Pass, Texas, May 16.—Four hundred employes of the Mexican International Railway at Pietras Nogales struck today because they were paid partially in the new government script.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS FORCED TO SUSPEND

(By the United Press.)
Berlin, May 16.—The Imperial postoffice department reports that since the beginning of the war 3,000 German daily and weekly papers and monthly magazines have ceased publication on account of decrease of circulation, lack of advertisements and the steady rise in the price of white paper.

SUGGESTION FOR A MEMORIAL SUNDAY

(By the United Press.)
New York, May 16.—An appeal to make May 28 a memorial Sunday, when funds would be raised for war sufferers through collections taken in the churches throughout the country, was mailed to 100,000 American ministers tonight by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

HOUSE BEGINS DEBATE ON NEW SHIPPING BILL

(By the United Press.)
Washington, May 16.—The administration shipping bill was taken up in the House today under a special rule which fixes 4 o'clock next Friday afternoon for the vote on the measure and any amendments.

ATTACK ON QUEEN OF ITALY FAILED

Rome, May 16.—It is reported that Austrian air raiders on Monday attempted to attack a train on which were Queen Helena and the captain of the royal household. The attack failed and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian airships.

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MANUFACTURERS OF COUNTRY SHOULD BE THE MOST THOROUGH

To Hold the United States' Place In World's Markets, President Tells Head of the Federal Trade Commission In Letter

(By the United Press.)
Washington, May 17.—In a letter to Edward N. Surley, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the President today puts his O. K. on the Commission's encouragement of trade for manufacturers' and other similar associations. He appeals for the Commission's closer co-operation with the businessmen "to keep down the mortality rate among American industries."
He says that if the United States is to be an "important factor in the world's markets we must be more efficient and thorough in production."

MICHIGAN DEMOCRATS NAMING DELEGATION

(By the United Press.)
Lansing, Mich., May 17.—The Democratic State Convention assembled here this afternoon. Election of delegates-at-large to the St. Louis convention was the only important business on schedule. They are expected to be all for Wilson.

HUNGARIANS DON'T APPROVE GERMANS' ZEPPELIN WARFARE

(By the United Press.)
Zurich, Switzerland, May 17.—Hungarians disapprove of Germany's zeppelin campaign. They object to it both on grounds of humanity and for what they consider its uselessness.
Newspapers received here from the most important cities in Hungary are almost unanimous in deprecating such methods.
"By striking terror into the people of England," says the Hirlap, commenting on Zeppelin activities, "it is thought that the government will suffer. As we can now see clearly, the raids do not serve the purpose they were intended for, and only result in the annihilation of civilians."

BRUTE CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING 4 SMALL WHITE GIRLS IN VA.

Wise, Va., May 16.—Milton Mallory, a negro, 23 years old, is on trial at a special term of the Wise county Court here, charged with having on May 13, assaulted four girls, ranging in age from 8 to 11 years old. Mallory, who has been employed as a porter at an Appalachie (Va.) hotel, is alleged to have given the children candy which had been drugged.
The four children are daughters of prominent Wise county families. The crimes have created high feeling in this section.

ELKS STORM WASHINGTON FOR ANNUAL CONVENT'N

(Special to The Free Press.)
Washington, N. C., May 17.—Several hundred Elks arrived here this morning and early in the afternoon to attend the annual State convention. A spectacular parade will be held late this afternoon. Two hundred girls will ride in auto in one section. Joe Tayloe of this city and Washington, D. C., will preside over the convention. Between 800 and 1,000 delegates are expected.

ADMISSION TO THIS THEATER A HUNDRED SLAUGHTERED FLIES

Bentonville, Ark., May 19.—The boys of Bentonville "don't need no money" to see the movies here on Friday nights. The admission is 100 dead flies, or ten cents in cash.
A local movie magnate has posted a sign reading "Admission, 100 Dead Flies" and it is making a hit. Every Friday night one hundred of the swatted corpses admit you to his theater. And then you can win five extra tickets for bringing in the largest number.
Bentonville citizens have taken to the novelty and indications are that flies will soon be an unknown quantity here.

GERMANS FAIL GAIN IN ATTACKS AROUND VERDUN, SAY FR'NCH

Two Assaults Repulsed—Gunners Busy Last Night—Offensive On Western Front Has Cost Kaiser 300,000 Men, Stated

(By the United Press.)
Paris, May 17.—German attempts to drive their line forward northwest of Verdun, near Dead Man's Hill, by a grenade assault, failed completely, the war office today reported. A similar attempt was defeated on the east bank of the Meuse northwest of Thiaumont. Artillery of both sides was active on the right bank of the Meuse last night.
Verdun Offensive Costly.
London, May 17.—Three hundred thousand Germans have been killed or put out of action at Verdun so far, according to dispatches from the front. The losses have been so severe as to preclude any real offensive at Riga.

NEWS OF NEIGHBORING CITIES AND COUNTIES IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

An effort is being made in court at New Bern to break the will of the late Henry J. Staub. Relatives claim he was not of sound mind when he made the will, leaving property worth \$15,000 or \$20,000 to the New Bern Christian Science church.
Will Crawford, colored, shot by another negro, Henry Jones, at James City Sunday night, is dead.
Bruce Pitt county, Tuesday had the heaviest rainfall in six or seven years—3.17 inches.

LUNSFORD KILLED WIFE AND COMMITTED SUICIDE

Warsaw, May 16.—James Lunsford of Kenansville, a young man of 35 years, shot and killed his wife as she sat reading a newspaper in her room and turning his weapon, an automatic shotgun, on himself pulled the trigger with his toes, inflicting a wound in his abdomen from which he died instantly. Family trouble is said to have been the cause.

BOTH PENNSYLVANIA LEADERS CHALLENGED

Harrisburg, Pa., May 16.—Controlling organizations of both the leading political parties in Pennsylvania go to the primary polls today to defend their titles.
The movement to wrest the Republican leadership from Boise Penrose, senior United States Senator, is headed by Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh. He is backed by the Philadelphia faction.
On the Democratic side the leadership of National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer, former congressman, is challenged by Congressman Michael Liebel, of Erie.

NAVY BATTLE OFF BELGIUM

London, May 17.—British destroyers and monitors engaged several German destroyers in a short fight off Belgium yesterday, the Admiralty announced. The Germans withdrew. The British suffered no losses.

NOTHING DOING ON COTTON EXCHANGE

No cotton was sold on the local exchange today.
New York futures quotations were:
May Open Close
July 12.90 13.08
October 13.04 13.16
December 13.21 13.30
January 13.27 13.34

ULSTERMEN WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ASQUITH

Belfast, May 16.—Stubborn disinclination to accept anything in the way of a government which might imply the future subjection of Ulster to home rule was evident today on the occasion of Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast, which lasted only a few hours.
Mr. W. W. Ormond from Greene county was in the city today.

MRS. WILSON GOING TO CHARLOTTE WITH PRESIDENT FRIDAY

Will Spend Saturday In North Carolina City—Governors Three States to Be There—Chief Executive to Make Speech

(By the United Press.)
Washington, May 17.—The President leaves Washington Friday night for Charlotte, N. C., to address a gathering in commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Mecklenburg. He arrives at Charlotte on Saturday morning, and will review an industrial parade, attend a reception marked by the attendance of the Governors of both the Carolinas and Virginia, deliver an address at 12:30 and attend a luncheon in his honor.
He leaves Charlotte Saturday evening to return to Washington. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Cary T. Grayson.

REUNIONS AS LONG AS THERE ARE ANY VETS.

Birmingham, Ala., May 16.—There will be a re-union of the old Confederate soldiers as long as there is a handful to reunite, according to the sentiment expressed at the opening session of the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans here today.

ALABAMA SOLDIERS ENFORCING STATE PROHIBITION LAW

(By the United Press.)
Mobile, Ala., May 17.—Two companies of State infantry are at Girard enforcing prohibition, the county officials being helpless. The troops have orders to close every blind tiger.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)
VOTE ON BRANDEIS
WEDNESDAY.
Washington, May 17.—Agreement to vote on the nomination of Brandeis as a member of the Supreme Court next Wednesday, was reached today by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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THREE AMERICANS ON CANADIAN SHIP SUNK ON TUESDAY

(By the United Press.)
Washington, May 17.—Three Americans were aboard the sunken Canadian steamer Eritrea, the United States consul at LaRochele, France, cabled the State Department. While Lloyds' yesterday reported that the Eritrea was torpedoed, the consul said she was sunk "presumably by a mine."

FORMER AMBASSADOR OUTLINES PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL COURT

(By the United Press.)
Mohawk Lake, N. Y., May 17.—Former American Ambassador to Germany Andrew D. White will outline the possibilities of establishing an international judicial court to settle disputes between countries and prevent future wars, at the conference on International Arbitration which began here today.

HEALTH INSURANCE GETTING A LOT OF ATTENTION NORTH

(Special to The Free Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., May 17.—Health insurance, according to the State Board of Health, is a matter that is claiming no little attention in many Northern States from both a public health point of view and as concerns labor and industrial conditions. Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey have before their legislatures bills which provide for the legislation necessary to meet the needs of this subject.
The scheme of health insurance that these three states are seriously considering have the following outstanding features: That for all wage earners receiving less than \$1,200, health insurance shall be compulsory; that others who so desire may participate in the plan, and that the following shall be the benefit to be derived: Medical and nursing attendance not to exceed six months in the year and surgical supplies not to exceed \$50; a cash benefit during sickness or incapacity not for more than six months in the year; a maternity benefit for working mothers, and a funeral benefit of not more than \$50.
The fund for this system of insurance is to be made up of contributions from workers, 50 per cent. from employers, 40 per cent., and from the State, 10 per cent.

Health insurance is already working successfully in a number of countries, and it is believed that it is only a matter of time when all progressive States of the Union will be seriously considering it.

CADMAN TO BE ON THE CHAUTAQUA PROGRAM

To be heard here on the program of the Chautauqua, during the week of June 14-20 will be Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, pastor of the great Central Congregational church in Brooklyn, who was a feature of last year's festival.

GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS MEETS WILSON

Wilson, May 16.—The Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of North Carolina assembled here today for a two-day's session. The opening exercises were held this evening at 8 o'clock.

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Wilmington, May 16.—Tom Merrick, colored, convicted of the murder of young Leon Hudson, a white man, some months ago, was yesterday sentenced to be electrocuted on July 14. This was his second conviction and sentence.

JURY IN CAPLAN CASE COULDN'T GET TOGETHER

Los Angeles, May 16.—The trial of David Caplan on a charge of murder in connection with the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building ended today when the jury reported hopeless disagreement and was discharged. The jury had been out seventy-two hours.

GREENSBORO COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT OVER

Greensboro, May 16.—With the annual concert in the college auditorium this evening the commencement exercises of Greensboro College for Women came to a close.

CRUISER GROUNDED ON NANTUCKET REEF IN TERRIFIC STORM

Uneasiness Caused When It Was Reported Members of Crew Were Lost—The San Francisco Floated Off Without Aid

(By the United Press.)
Boston, May 17.—Driven by a terrific gale which swept the New England coast, the United States cruiser San Francisco, Capt. Belknap commanding, grounded on middle Nantucket shoals early this morning, radio reports to the Charlestown Navy Yard said.
Despite high seas, no damage was done to the cruiser and she was floated off without assistance a few hours later.
An early wireless message saying eight men had lost their lives afterward proved unfounded. The vessel is now resting at anchor a short distance from the shoals. When a wireless from the San Francisco was first received the battleship New Hampshire and cutters Acushnet and Gresham rushed to her aid.

DR. CY. THOMPSON A VISITOR IN THE CITY

Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Jacksonville, N. C., one of the best-known men of this part of the State, was here this morning. Dr. Thompson was en route home from Greenville. He was looking well. He was taking not the slightest interest in politics, he said.

In an address to the students at E. C. T. T. school, Greenville, Monday night, the famous Onslow county physician declared that "the world rests in the hands of teachers." He did not like to see persons make the teaching profession a stepping-stone to law or business.

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