

Germany Ready to Reach Agreement, Says Head of Government; He's Bitter

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Berlin, April 13.—"At any moment we are ready for a solution which guarantees unity in the land of our fathers and freedom of German labor, under a just peace reached by an honest, free understanding from nation to nation. Unfettered German workers are willing to bear all the burdens compatible with their capacity and honestly assume their due share in the so bitterly needed reconstruction of the world's sick economy. But under the threatening mouths of loaded murder weapons, unfettered Germany cannot now and never will develop."

President Friedrich Ebert in an exclusive interview granted the United Press, one of the extremely few he has given touching on actual political questions, thus today repeated Germany's expressed willingness for peace. He coupled with it, however, bitter denunciation of French procedure in the Ruhr, where he declared Black Africans with loaded carbines and drawn sabers had driven several hundred workers and officials with their wives and children from their beloved homes, sometimes destroying their gods in the manner of vandals, simply because "these people showed fidelity to their fatherland."

Grand Jury Says There is Need for Improvements at Court-House 32 True Bills

The grand jury in its report to Superior Court Thursday stated that institutions generally were in good condition, including the offices of the clerk of the court, register of deeds, sheriff, etc. Thirty-two true bills were presented, together with two not true. Witnesses were not available in three matters. The jury urged, as had many others, that the Court-house be improved and facilities for the public be installed. A number of witnesses were examined in the matter of liquor law enforcement, and the jury found that the county and local authorities are discharging their duty faithfully.

46 HOURS

Cleveland Girl Thinks She Can Dance 10 More and Break Record.

(By the United Press.)
Cleveland, April 12.—Miss Helene Meyers, 21, today became the new holder of the record for continuous dancing. She passed the old mark of 50 hours and two minutes held by Alma Cummings at New York. Cleveland, April 12.—Miss Helen Meyers completed her 46th hour of continuous dancing today. She declared after a second olive oil massage that she was 100 per cent stronger and felt like dancing 10 more hours. The dancing record of 50 hours and two minutes set by Miss Alma Cummings at New York appeared to be in jeopardy.

Fines Were "Rent."

Bradford, N. C., April 12.—When a local flower girl was fined four pounds for breach of a municipal by-law prohibiting hawkers in certain thoroughfares, it was stated that she had already paid 200 pounds in fines for similar offenses, but found the forbidden route so profitable that she was able to regard fines as rent.

Wage Increase.

Boston, April 12.—The Walworth Company, tool makers, announced a 10 per cent. wage increase for 1,200

HOUSE OF COMMONS SPENDS 21 HOURS ON MILITARY BILL

Government Wins Out—In Session, All Night and Morning—Bonar Law Supporters Are Breathing Easier Now

London, April 13.—The House of Commons debated throughout the night and morning and until after noon today. Labor members sprawled asleep on benches, government supporters nodded and dozed, as one speaking after another dropped on.

Tiamiami Trail Blazers at Miami, Make Good Progress in Trip Through Morasses

(By the United Press.)
Miami, April 12.—Three members of the Tiamiami trail blazers' party which left Fort Myers last Wednesday to make the trip to Miami over the Tiamiami trail through the Everglades, reached here this morning. The remainder of the party, they reported are safe in the Everglades 60 miles west of Miami. The first of the party reached here sooner than expected. According to word from Indian runners received at Fort Myers late Tuesday, the party was traveling at a rate of only a mile a day and was still 30 miles from Miami. The motorists are being forced to build their own bridges and push ahead a repair force. A section of the trail has been washed out by the spring rains.

Big Banks Merge.

New Bern, April 13.—The People's and National banks here announced their consolidation late yesterday. The single bank will have resources of three million dollars.

CATHOLIC PRIEST A PRISONER CHARGED WITH DEATH FELLOW

Father Dillion Confesses to Shooting Father O'Neill. Driven to Fury—Deceased Given to Insanity, is Claimed

(By the United Press.)
Kalamazoo, Mich., April 13.—Rev. Father Charles Dillion, assistant pastor of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, is being held at police headquarters for the shooting to death of Rev. Father Henry O'Neill, rector of the church. The shooting took place at the dinner table last night. Four shots were fired, all of which took effect. According to a confession Father Dillion made to the chief of police, he had been driven to fury by alleged ill treatment at the hands of the rector. Priests who knew Father Dillion said he suffered spells of insanity.

MOUNT OLIVE

Gets Next Meeting of Bankers This Part of State.

The next annual meeting of group 3 of the State Bankers' Association will be held at Mount Olive in the spring of 1924. It was announced today following the 1923 session of the group here Thursday. A. G. Small, of Calypso, cashier of a branch of the Citizens' Bank of Mount Olive, was elected chairman of the group, with Herbert H. Taylor, president of the National Bank of Kinston, as secretary. The group voted to recommend U. E. Swann, retiring chairman, for group member of the North Carolina association.

MANY MEETINGS

Held in This Town: Cowper Would Have Fewer of Them.

Fewer meetings and more cooperation between the numerous civic organizations here will be the first consideration of G. Vernon Cowper, new president of the Chamber of Commerce of Kinston. "Meeting" has become a habit for hundreds and an excuse for thousands in recent years, and if all the resolutions passed at the gatherings had to be filed and kept, a year's volume of the Congressional Record would not hold them. Cowper believes fewer sessions of organizations and a smaller volume of resolutions will enable the clubs and boards and associations to accomplish bigger results. There will not be so many things needing attention at one time.

FINAL SESSION OF PRESBYTERIAN BODY SHOWS FINE GROWTH

Reports From Committees on Home Missions and Sunday School Work Show Splendid Increases. Next Session at Falkland

At the evening session of Albemarle Presbytery Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church encouraging reports from the Committee on Home Missions disclosed an extensive growth of interest in mission work. Additions to the church and contributions exceeded those of any year in the past 10 throughout the presbytery. Inspirational addresses were made by Rev. H. B. Leach of Swann Quarter and Rev. Daniel Iverson of Flanders. Special music was had under direction of Mrs. Robert McGeechy and a duet was rendered by Misses Anna Pharr and Mabel Best. Thursday morning Rev. A. W. Crawford of Greensboro, superintendent of home mission work in the North Carolina Synod, delivered an address. The Committee on Stewardship, through its chairman, Rev. E. H. Scattergood of Elizabeth City, made an interesting report. Rev. Hector McDiarmid, chairman of the Committee on Sunday School and Young People's Work, made his report, which showed gratifying additions to the communion of the church, and a marked increase in the amount of gifts to the churches of this presbytery. Albemarle Presbytery has four representatives in the Presbyterian General Assembly, which meets at Montreal this summer. Two ministers and two laymen were appointed as flower: Rev. Stanley White of Roanoke Rapids and Rev. W. B. Neill of Rocky Mount, John B. Sparrow of Washington and W. A. Hart of Tarboro.

The next meeting of the presbytery will be held at Falkland. The Committee of Resolutions of Thanks presented a report thanking the First Presbyterian Church of Kinston, Pastor McDiarmid and the Christian people of Kinston for their generous service in behalf of the meetings, and especially the Free Press for the publicity given. The session adjournment was taken shortly after noon. The delegates were provided with a luncheon in the Sunday school by women of the church.

YOUTH BEATEN TO DEATH NOT TRIED IN NIGHT, ASSERTS

Boy Who Stole Ride on Train, Went to Convict Camp and Was Fatally Flogged Had Fair Trial, Declares Fla. Sheriff

(By the United Press.)
Tallahassee, Fla., April 13.—Emphatic denial of charges that Martin Tabert, North Dakota youth, was tried at night and "railroaded" to a state convict camp, was made today by Sheriff J. E. Jones of Leon County before a legislative investigating committee probing into the death of Tabert in a prison camp over a year ago. Jones declares that he personally had nothing to do with the arrest and conviction of Tabert. He said deputies made the arrest and presented the testimony. W. P. Chavous, representing the Putnam Lumber Company, in whose camp Tabert is alleged to have been flogged to death by a guard, declined to offer evidence in the probe. After being told that the investigation would serve to bring out facts upon which to base legislative action to prevent a recurrence of such a horror, he said the investigation would not touch his company. State Senator T. J. Knabb, whose prison camps are specifically cited in the motion for investigation of the Florida convict leasing system, said he would welcome investigation of his camps.

Goldboro, April 13.—Edgar Bain, former national guard officer and captain of an infantry company in the 30th Division, was elected mayor of the town yesterday for a third term. He was given a nominal majority over three opponents.

EXPERT HELPING FARMERS IN WAR ON BOLL WEEVIL

Free Advice Available to Cotton Growers in Any Part of North Carolina.

North Carolina cotton farmers will be much interested to hear that Mr. J. O. Taylor, special agent in boll weevil control work connected with the Government laboratory at Tallulah, La., has been employed by the F. S. Koyster Guano Company to devote his entire time to giving free advice and demonstrations in the State of North Carolina on what the United States Department of Agriculture recommends as the successful method of fighting the ravages of the boll weevil. For several years Mr. Taylor has been working on farms in the boll weevil infested sections of the South, poisoning weevils with calcium arsenate, under the treatment known as the Coad method, which was worked out by Professor Coad, the Chief Bacteriologist in the Government Laboratory at Tallulah, La.

Mr. Taylor will work in North Carolina the entire year of 1923, and there will be absolutely no charges or fees in connection with the assistance that he is to render the farmers of the state. He will in all instances work in conjunction with the county agents and the extension forces, and all requests for his services should be made through the local county agent. Between now and the growing season, Mr. Taylor is going to spend his time lecturing on the subject of boll weevil poisoning wherever request is made for his services. He will go anywhere in the state that the farmers ask for him, at no expense whatever to the farmers. Mr. Taylor is going to select test fields in twelve or fifteen counties of North Carolina, which are infested with the boll weevil, and will give a demonstration of the results of poisoning and the proper methods of treatment. Remarkable results in successful cotton growing in boll weevil districts have been obtained by poisoning according to the Coad method which has been developed and sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture. No question of the hour is more serious to North Carolina farmers than the proper method of attacking this enemy. The personal advice and attention of Mr. Taylor is free to any farmer in North Carolina who wishes to poison his cotton this season. Mr. Taylor is a practical farmer who has had years of Government training in fighting the boll weevil, and his work is expected to mean much to the farmers of the state during this season.

HASN'T GIVEN UP SHIP.

Washington, April 12.—Harding still is in full fight against those persons who make a business of being hostile to the maintenance of the American merchant marine. Harding has a surprise in store for them which will show that his determination that the American flag shall fly over ships carrying American cargoes hasn't abated. The surprise may become apparent following a conference between Harding and the Shipping Board Saturday, or may be withheld for strategic reasons until later.

Black Friday's News Good for Stock Exchange; Tone of General List is Buoyant

(Wall Street Journal Financial Review.)
New York, April 13.—Black Friday the 13th started inauspiciously for the bear element. The weekly statement by the Federal Reserve Bank demonstrated that any immediate change in the discount rate was out of the question and showed how absurd it was to talk of inflation in the present economic situation. Not only did the reserve situation of the entire system advance to 76.3 per cent from the high for the year, but discounts experienced a shrinkage of \$72,000,000, proving conclusively that fear of a credit strain was far-fetched. Stocks in general displayed a relatively buoyant tone at the opening. Opening prices were: Standard Oil, 54 1/2; General Electric, 159 1/2; California Petroleum, 93; Five-cents, 60 1/2; Kalamazoo, 60 1/2; American Can, 90 1/2; Sp. 50 1/2.

FISHERMEN CAN USE NET NEUSE RIVER TILL FIRST OF MAY

Commissioner Nelson in Kinston Fridays Says Law Will Not Be Enforced Unless Nets Block Channel. Special Ruling Made

State Fish Commissioner J. A. Nelson of Morehead City and Inspector J. H. Stone were in Kinston Friday conferring with a large number of persons interested in fishing in Neuse River by different methods. Many of the people interested had been unaware of the law regulating fishing in the Neuse and, under the circumstances, the fish commissioner decided that he would recommend to his department that no enforcement of the laws so regulating the fishing above New Bern be made until May 1, 1923, provided that stationary nets of every description should be limited to extending from the banks at not more than one-third of the distance across the river.

After May 1, 1923 fishing in Neuse River will be limited to hooks and lines only.

The commissioner recommended to those interested in fishing in Lenoir County that they go before the Fish Commission on the Second Tuesday in July, at its regular annual meeting to be held at Morehead City, and make known their wishes, to the end that the commission under its legal powers might regulate the fishing above New Bern in Neuse River "in some fair and just manner." If the commission does not adopt laws regulating such fishing at this meeting, the laws for the next season will be rigidly enforced, he said.

Georgian Remains in Bed, a Victim of Friday the 13th in Past and Afraid to Go Out

Macon, Ga., April 13.—J. A. Parham isn't ill or sleepy. He's superstitious. So he is remaining in bed in the hope that today, Friday, the 13th will pass by without mishap. But Parham has his reasons. They are several. Months ago Parham lost an eye when a steel splinter from a machine on which he was working struck him in the eye. The following month on the 13th he broke an arm cranking a car. The 13th of the next month he slipped and broke a leg. For two months, through ceaseless vigilance, nothing happened on the 13th.

But the following month the jinx returned. While watching men repair a car, a heavy black fell and smashed Parham's foot. Last month his garage was destroyed by fire on the 13th.

KLAN FIGHT AT GRAY REUNION.

New Orleans, April 12.—Election of officers for the ensuing term was the main event in the program for the 33rd annual reunion of Confederate Veterans when that body went into session today. While considerable interest was shown in the choice of new officers to lead the old warriors until the next reunion, the Sons of Confederate Veterans' convention, where the Ku Klux Klan had been injected into the fight for election of officers, attracted the greatest amount of attention. According to the anti-klan forces in the convention, klan partisans are seeking to elect W. McDonald Lee as commander-in-chief.

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TO SCAFFOLD

Second of Coal States Murderers Gets Death Sentence.

(By the United Press.)
Charleston, W. Va., April 12.—Death sentence was today passed on Phil Comminzaro, second of the 11 alleged leaders in the West Virginia crime syndicate. He was sentenced to hang for complicity in the murder of Frank Naples. Prosecutor Morris said he would announce shortly the third defendant to be tried in connection with more than a dozen murders and acts of violence in Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania during the last few years. When the death sentence was passed on Comminzaro he became violent, but was handcuffed and carried back to his cell.

ARBITRATION

Suggested by American Government in Angola Matter.

(By the United Press.)
Washington, April 12.—The United States government favors arbitration of any conflicting claims growing out of the grant by the Angora government of extensive concessions to the Chester-Gochals group. It was stated today on high authority. This government's position is that it is not directly involved in the controversy because it was not a party to the negotiations. The concessions involve valuable oil and mineral rights.

People of Country Will Know Weekly Conditions on N. C.'s Road System

(Special Capital Correspondence)
Raleigh, April 13.—North Carolina's roads and the condition in which they stay will furnish a weekly feature of the United Press, which every Thursday will tell the conditions of travel in the State. What the purpose of the press association's bulletins is, is not indicated in its instructions to newspaper representatives, but it is regarded as highly pleasing that the road system of the State should form a weekly news source for an association which extends to every part of the United States. The advertisement given the system by these reports will undoubtedly help in South Carolina and Georgia, where the good roads folks travel more tardily than they do in North Carolina.

CALVERT DID NOT PROPOSE PROBE ANY OFFICER'S CONDUCT

Remarks in Court Misunderstood, Says Judge. Taylor Calls Attention of Indiscrepancy to the Free Press

"You misapprehended my remarks to the grand jury in so far as you represented me as suggesting investigation of any specific officer of this court," said Judge Thomas H. Calvert in an interview with a representative of the Free Press Friday morning. Continuing, Judge Calvert reiterated the observations that he enumerated to the grand jury, saying that he had had occasion to walk around a little this afternoon on his arrival here from Raleigh and that his attention had been called to a number of automobiles parked in what was pointed out to him as the vice district, that he had recalled that a number of the inmates of that district were on the docket for trial and that he had called the attention of the grand jury to the fact that they seemed to continue to flagrantly violate the law. He also referred to evidences of drunkenness that he had observed on his visits here and to the failure of the officers to apprehend violators of the prohibition laws who were only operating stills, declaring that the courts could not try stills. In these matters, he was correctly quoted, but in reference to any specific charge to investigate an officer, his meaning in that regard was misconstrued.

Sheriff A. W. Taylor called the attention of the Free Press to a statement that he had heard the charge of Judge Calvert but did not recall any such instructions to the jury. In consequence of this an interview with Judge Calvert was sought Friday morning in order that the matter might be correctly stated for the benefit of the public.

The jury in the case of D. T. Williams, charged with selling liquor brought in a verdict of not guilty. Aaron and Will Rouse, negroes, were on trial in the forenoon on a charge of forgery.

Arthur George, a negro convicted of wife murder by a jury in Superior Court Thursday, today awaited sentence from Judge Thomas Calvert, the presiding judge. The degree was manslaughter. The jury recommended the mercy of the court. The killing occurred in a rural section of Lenoir County. George was the second negro to be tried for murder this week. Frank Phillips having been acquitted Thursday following trial on a charge of causing the death of Pinkney Arthur, elderly originator of a famous variety of bright leaf tobacco bearing his name, who was run down and killed by a truck driven by Phillips some months ago.

In Superior Court Thursday Herbert Cole was convicted of driving a car while intoxicated. Sentence was withheld. Eugene Phillips, charged with receiving stolen goods, was acquitted. Claud Jones submitted to a charge of secret assault.

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Cotton Mill Pioneer Dead.
Griffin, Ga., April 12.—Capt. W. J. Kincaid, 82, pioneer in the cotton mill business in the South, died today after a prolonged illness.

Ultra-Modern Outfit



The so-called Tat-anh-Amen Egyptian mode is expressed in this costume consisting of turban of brightly colored Paisley pattern, with dress of flat-ecote embroidered in bands of gold, red, worn with dress of flat-ecote embroidered in bands of gold, red, green and blue thread. A grey fox scarf lends a touch of softness to the outfit. Worn by Virginia Vail, Universal Star.