

NOW GERMANY'S MOVE IN SUBMARINE ISSUE

THE PRESIDENT, HAVING SPOKEN, AWAITS RESULTS

EXPECTS AN ANSWER IN A FEW DAYS

President Wilson, Having Spoken the Last Word on the Submarine Issue With Germany, Today Awaits Word From Berlin. — As Congress Assembled the Meaning of the President's Words Became More Apparent and Caused the Session to Be Surrounded With a Grave Atmosphere.—Bernstorff Is Still Optimistic.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 20.—The United States government, having said its last word to Germany in the submarine controversy, turned today with grave expectancy to Berlin, where rests the decision whether the Imperial government shall abandon its present method of submarine warfare, or break with Washington.

President Wilson probably will wait until the end of the week at least for Germany to reply to his virtual ultimatum.

No time limit was set in the communication, but the President is known to hold the opinion that three or four days would be a reasonable period to allow Germany for a decision. If none is forthcoming within a reasonable time the step accomplishing a break in relations with all its grave possibilities will be taken. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, would receive instructions to come home.

Congress assembled today impressed with the deep significance of the President's action. The President's word to Congress took on a fuller force of meaning on publication of the note to Germany almost identical with address in outline, and phrase, and reveals in what unmistakable terms the American government has declared itself.

Count von Bernstorff, optimistic throughout the long negotiation that has approached a crisis, was hopeful that his government would find a way to prevent a break in relations. Last night he sent a long message to Berlin, said to recommend that some assurances were given regarding the submarine operations in the Mediterranean, should now be thrown around all submarine operations.

ENGLISH UNCOVER PLOT OF INDIAN REVOLUTION

When They Seized the Chinese Steamer, China.

(By The Associated Press)

London, April 19.—As the result of the seizure of German and Austrian subjects on board the China Mail liner, China, from China last February, while bound from China to the United States, the intelligence department of the British government claims to have uncovered a plot of immense proportions conducted for the purpose of causing a revolution in India.

Specials During Efrid's Big Easter Sale.

Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, Efrid's will put on sale a greater collection of Easter specials than ever before. They have the most complete ready-to-wear department in the history of Concord. New silk waists, taffeta dresses, crepe de chine dresses, taffeta, silks, spring gingham, shoes for all, men's and boys' suits and pants, and a host of other great bargains. All goods are lower than they will be again. See page ad. in today's paper for price particulars.

The Conference of Bernstorff and Lansing.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 20.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador went to the State Department today for a conference with Secretary Lansing, on the submarine warfare situation and also to discuss the arrest in New York of Wolfe von Igel, secretary of former German military attaché, von Papen.

THERE IS SYSTEMATIC SAVING

In the continuous use of my Coupon Books—and much convenience. Books \$1, \$2, \$3.75 and \$4 from drivers. A. B. POUNDS, Phone No. 244. 18-64.

High frequency electric apparatus for massaging and shampooing has been invented.

PLAY LAST EVENING.

Living Pictures of the Orient Attract A Record Audience.

Mene, mene, tekel, upharsin! This fatal inscription struck terror to the heart of ancient ruler, broke up an evening of worldly festivities, brought a young man into undying fame and marked the end of an Empire. Again last night they were used—used as a part of a home talent production, "Living Pictures of The Orient," at The Marsh Theatre—but not of it. For the entertainment was not found wanting. On the other hand it was weighed in the balances and found worthwhile.

Every seat on the first floor of the theatre was occupied and the gallery was practically filled, the audience probably being the largest that ever attended a home talent production in Concord. It was given under the auspices of the Young People's Missionary Society of Central Methodist Church and under the direction of Mr. James Wrenn, of Salisbury. About 50 young people took part and the proceeds, it is understood, amounted to over \$100.

A feature of the entertainment was the music. Miss Katie Lee Raiford was accompanist and Miss Janie Alexander Patterson directed the orchestra, the productions of both being appropriate and well rendered.

The costumes were appropriate and in many respects elaborate and the young people rendered their parts in a manner that reflected talent and training. Among the pictures presented were:

Belshazzar's feast, trio, Praise Ye the Lord, the meeting of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, the ten virgins, Jephtha's daughter, Jephtha's vow, the dance of Jephtha's daughter and her maidens, Jephtha's return and the sacrifice, young Moses in Pharaoh's palace, Queen Esther denouncing Haman before King Ahasuerus, Delilah's dance before Samson.

The pictures will be repeated this evening and will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Admission will be 25 cents.

Another good sized audience is expected tonight as quite a few were turned away on account of the house being filled last night, according to Misses Mary and Adele Pemberton, who had charge of the tickets and were among the leaders in staging the entertainment.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Collegiate Institute and Mont Amoena Seminary Close For Easter. — Egg Rolling Saturday Afternoon.—Personal And Other News.

Mount Pleasant, April 20. — Miss Kate Shimpoch is very ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Fisher. She suffered a stroke of paralysis several days ago, and little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Mrs. John B. McAllister spent Tuesday in Concord. Mr. Hampton Stirewalt and Miss Ada Stirewalt, of China Grove, were the guests of friends here Wednesday.

Messrs. L. A. Lips, D. D. Barrier, J. B. McAllister and O. D. Shuping motored to Badin Sunday in Mr. Lips's Hup.

Mrs. John M. Cook, of Concord, spent Wednesday in Mount Pleasant.

The Children's Missionary Society of the Lutheran Church will have an egg-rolling on the Mont Amoena campus Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. David McEachern and Mr. Roy McEachern motored to Danville, Va., Sunday and returned Monday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Ray McEachern, who had been spending several weeks with relatives in Danville.

Rev. R. A. Goodman, has as his guests his mother and sister, Miss Vernie Goodman, of Amity.

The Collegiate Institute and Mont Amoena Seminary will both close this afternoon for the Easter holidays, and will resume work next Tuesday.

Prof. B. L. Stanley, of the Collegiate Institute, made an address at the closing exercises of the Cruise school Tuesday afternoon. The Cruise school was successfully taught by Mr. Fred R. Peck, of Mount Pleasant.

RUSSIA SENDS TROOPS TO FRENCH TERRITORY.

Landed at Marseilles, to Fight With the French.

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, April 20.—A strong force of Russian troops disembarked at Marseilles at noon today.

The Russians are to fight beside the allied troops in France.

As a mountain climber, Villa is having a much more practical success than Dr. Cook.

RUSSIA SENDS MEN TO WESTERN FRONT

EASTERN ALLIES COME TO AID OF FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

THEY LANDED AT MARSEILLES TODAY

Another Proof of Russia's Devotion to the Common Cause of the Allies, French Commander-in-Chief Joffre Declares.—Thought That the Men Left From Port of Archangle and Made a Wide Detour in the Atlantic in Order to Avoid the Submarine Danger Zone. — Journey Was Made Without a Mishap and Men are Ready.

(By The Associated Press)

Russia has come to the aid of France and Great Britain in the great struggle on the Western front, sending a strong force of troops to fight with the allies there. The Russians disembarked at Marseilles at noon today, their arrival being noted by General Joffre in the order of the day the French commander-in-chief citing their coming as another proof of Russia's devotion to a common cause of the Allies.

The Russians are believed to have embarked for France from the port of Archangle on the White Sea, the only port through which there is free communication between Russia and her allies in the west. It is considered probable that the transport carrying the troops made a wide sweep out into the Northern Atlantic before heading for the Mediterranean to avoid the submarine danger zone in the vicinity of the British Isles.

In this connection it is to be noted that word reached New York today through private cable advices that Russia has closed the port of Archangle to all except government traffic. This may indicate that other troop movements to the western front are either underway or in contemplation.

Several times during the war there have been reports that Russia was sending troops to the Franco-Belgian front, travellers even declaring that detachments had been seen en route through Scotland and England. No such troops have ever appeared on the western battle line, however.

Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, has received the American note to Germany. The Berlin dispatches report the arrival of the note, and said the ambassador expected to report to the foreign office this afternoon.

France has again taken the offensive in the Verdun battle and launched attacks against the German line on the right side of the Meuse. Paris declares the aggressive move was successful, resulting in the capture of German trenches and the taking of several hundred prisoners.

This operation on the part of the French forces follows closely the German move in a new field in the struggle for the fortress. This took the form of a drive on the extreme right flank of the French forces in this sector, three successive attacks being delivered at Esparges, about 13 miles southeast of Verdun.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Firmness Formed the Early Dealings in Today's Market.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, April 20.—Firmness formed the early dealings in today's market, affording striking contrast to yesterday's uneasiness and excitement. The more active specialties, like Crucible Steel, Baldwin Locomotive, Mexican Petroleum, Marine, preferred, American Zinc and Industrial Alcohol were higher by a point or more with a gain of 2 1-2 for Bethlehem Steel. The metal and motor group were fractionally better except Willy's Overland, which fell over a point. United States Steel opened unchanged, but subsequently made slight improvements. Investment shares as a whole were steady, but inactive.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

New York Stock Advances Strengthened Wheat Market Today.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, April 20.—Considerable strength developed in the wheat market today, based largely on New York stock market advances which were attributed in some quarters here to confidence that a break with Germany would be averted. Opening prices which varied from the same as yesterday's finish to seven-eighths higher with May at 113 to 113 1-2 and July at 113 1-4 to 113 5-8, were followed by decided additional gains.

MEDICAL SOCIETY TO MEET AT ASHEVILLE

CONVENTION AT DURHAM ADJOURNS THIS AFTERNOON

DR. LAUGHINGHOUSE IS PRESIDENT

The North Carolina Medical Society, Before Adjourning This Afternoon, Selected Asheville as the Next Meeting Place.—The Meeting Will Be Held the Third Tuesday in April, 1917. — Dr. Charles O. Laughinghouse, of Greenville, Was Elected President; Dr. D. J. Hill, Lexington, First Vice President.—Other Officers Elected.

(By The Associated Press)

Durham, April 20.—The North Carolina Medical Society, before adjourning here this afternoon, selected Asheville, N. C., as the next meeting place. The meeting is to be held the third Tuesday in April, 1917. The officers elected were as follows:

President—Dr. Charles O. Laughinghouse, Greenville, N. C.

First vice president—Dr. D. J. Hill, Lexington, N. C.

Second vice president—Dr. J. L. Spruill, Columbia, N. C.

Third vice president—Dr. J. H. Shuford, Hickory, N. C.

Board of counselors—Dr. W. H. Ward, Plymouth; Dr. J. P. B. Bonner, Morehead City; Dr. E. S. Bullock, Wilmington; Dr. M. M. Saliba, Wilson; Dr. Ben Hackney, Bynum; Dr. A. C. Campbell, Raleigh; Dr. J. E. S. Davidson, Charlotte; Dr. J. W. Rink, Elkin; Dr. M. R. Adams, Statesville, and Dr. C. V. Reynolds.

Delegates to the American Medical Association—Dr. J. W. Long, Greensboro, and Dr. J. W. Dunn, Asheville. Alternates—Dr. D. T. Taylor, Washington, and Dr. D. A. Staunton, High Point.

Delegates to the Virginia Medical Society—Dr. J. W. McGhee, Reidsville; Dr. C. S. Lawrence, Winston-Salem, and Dr. L. J. Prescott, Littleton.

Delegates to South Carolina Society—Dr. F. A. Harris, Henderson; Dr. A. B. Croom, Maxton and Dr. M. H. Biggs, Rutherfordton.

SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

To Aid the French Wounded.—Meeting to Be Held Saturday.

At a meeting of twenty enthusiastic ladies, at the home of Miss Elizabeth Gibson Wednesday morning, a French Relief Society was organized with the following officers:

Miss Gibson, chairman; Mrs. W. H. Gibson, treasurer; Mrs. Archie Cannon, secretary. The object is to collect old garments and make new ones to relieve the urgent necessity of the wounded French soldiers. The society earnestly hopes that the liberal people of Concord will assist in this work. We have appointed Saturday as Bundle Day, and every article, good or otherwise, that can be given will be gladly received at the following homes:

Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Mrs. Archie Cannon, North Union; Mrs. George Patterson, South Union; Mrs. T. D. Maness, Depot street; Mrs. Ed. Moss, Corbin street; Mrs. Luther Boger, Spring street.

The articles needed are shirts, night shirts, pajamas, socks, men's underclothes, sheets, towels, handkerchiefs, pillows, pillow cases, rags for surgical dressing and all the money we can get, as every penny will help. A good many articles have already been given, namely: Splendid garments and goods from Efrid's, White-Morrison-Flowe and Dry's in Charlotte. There will be a meeting Saturday morning at Miss Gibson's from 10:30 to 1. And one at all interested who was not there at the last meeting, we hope will come, even if just to drop in, thus giving us moral support.

SECRETARY.

Forest Hill Items. Messrs. C. S. Smart, F. L. Crooks, W. W. Crooks, Brad Studges, John McKinnis, and John Raimor spent yesterday in Davidson attending the Presbyterial, making the trip in Mr. Smart's car.

Misses Agnes Query and Minnie White are attending the Presbyterial in Davidson.

THE UNIVERSAL USE OF MY COUPON BOOKS.

Is the best evidence of their saving power and convenience. Books \$1, \$2, \$3.75 and \$4 from drivers. A. B. POUNDS, Phone No. 244. 18-64.

GROWING BELIEF THAT VILLA IS DEAD

CANNONVILLE. Improvements Almost Finished on Epworth Methodist Church.—Other Items of Interest.

The many friends of Mr. Fred R. Shepherd were glad to see him in our village last week. Mr. Shepherd was here making arrangements to move his household goods to Rockwell.

Mr. Chas. H. Long attended the Presbytery at Marion last week, he being a delegate from the Cannonville Church.

Mr. Van Smith has resigned the position as loom fixer in No. 2 mill.

Master Buford Steele spent several days last week in Kannapolis. Miss Hattie Thompson and Mrs. Gip Sherrill spent several days last week in Salisbury.

Messrs. J. F. Schaefer and Lester Stricker witnessed the show in Mt. Pleasant Friday evening.

Messrs. J. M., John, Talbirt and Mike White spent Sunday in Rowan county, at the home of their grandfather, Mr. J. T. Fry. Mrs. R. H. Talbirt and Mrs. Mike White, who have been spending several days there, returned with them. They made the trip in Mr. Talbirt's machine.

Miss Mattie Gray spent the weekend at the home of her mother in No. 6.

Mr. Neal Peninger, of Kannapolis, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McLester, of Rowan, spent a few hours in our village last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Barringer spent Saturday and Sunday in Rowan.

The metal ceiling has been finished at Epworth. The new floor has been laid and is being treated to a coat of hard oil. They expect to get the pulpit finished this week. Then the people of that church will have something to be proud of. The next work will be the installing of new seats. The congregation expects to have their church one among the nicest in the conference, and are looking forward to the time when it will be completed.

Rev. A. S. Raper has purchased an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Haste Hatley are moving into their new home on Guy street.

Mr. Willie Henley is right sick at the home of his mother on Franklin avenue. XXX.

NEW YORK COTTON.

Market Was Comparatively Busy and Steady at Opening Today

(By The Associated Press)

New York, April 20.—The cotton market was comparatively quiet and steady during the early trading today. The opening was at a decline of two points to an advance of one point and active months sold about 2 to 4 points net higher during the early trading. Their seemed to be some covering by yesterday sellers for over the holidays and the demand was supplied by liquidation around 11.91 for May, 12.05 for July and 12.23 for October, with the market working a point or two off from the best toward the middle of the morning.

Cotton futures opened steady: May 11.82; July 11.97; October 12.19; December 12.38; January 12.44.

Verdun is presenting the most impressive deadlock that history has known.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS RECEIVED BY MINE OWNERS

REPORT IS COMMON AMONG PEONS

The Growing Belief is That Villa is Dead, Whether or Not His Body Has Been Recovered Was Strengthened Today by Messages Received by American Mining Concerns Here From Their Agents in the Interior.—All of the Reports Agreed That the Reports of Villa's Death Were Common Among the Peons of Northern Chihuahua.

(By The Associated Press)

El Paso, April 20.—While the American punitive expedition is making time today in its pursuit of Villa, efforts are being made to strengthen the army bases and lines of communications.

Fears are openly expressed by army officers that should an order come to withdraw the American troops the Villa and other marauding bands may raise the cry that American arms retreat with the result that American soldiers will be subject to constant night attacks and sniping. To prevent such warfare against his column General Pershing is preparing to be in a position to move his forces in large units. The belief is general at Fort Bliss that the troops will encounter more difficulties in a withdrawal than they did on a rapid drive.

No word has come from General Cavazos, who with Colonel Carranza, is reported to have gone to San Francisco Norjah to bring back the supposed body of Villa. Officers of the Jaurez garrison here hear that General Cavazos and his command have been ambushed.

A dispatch from Chihuahua today says that the Parral district is quiet and that Villa has passed far south into Durango many miles from the American column, now resting near Parral.

Death Report Confirmed.

El Paso, Tex., April 20.—The growing belief that Villa is dead, whether or not his body has been recovered, was strengthened today by messages received by American mining concerns here from their agents in the Interior.

All of these messages agreed that the reports of Villa's death was common among the peons of northern Chihuahua, and was generally accepted as true.

Note to Germany Has Arrived.

(By The Associated Press)

Berlin, via London, April 20.—The note to Germany arrived in Berlin late yesterday evening. Ambassador Gerard probably will present it to the foreign office early this afternoon.

McNeill Wins for Mayor.

Fayetteville, April 19.—In the second primary of the mayoralty contest today, J. D. McNeill won over C. G. Rose by a majority of 392 votes. The voting passed off quietly and good feeling prevailed.

A shiftless man is always boasting of what he would do if he had the money.

Service and Quality Counts. Ice is no good to you if in my storage room, you must have it in yours. I get it there on time winter and summer. Phone me your regular order. Use coupon books, they save time, worry and money. Quick delivery by trucks and wagons. A. B. POUNDS. Ice - Coal - Wood