# GERMAN CRISIS SAID TO BE MUCH CLEARER THE GREATEST FORCE

HOPE THAT A BREAK WILL BE AVERTED IS RENEWED.

# GERARD'S HIST CAUSES COMMEN

Dispatches Received at the German Embassy Today From the Berlin Poreign Office Indicate That Germany Will Attempt to Meet the American Demands. — Count von Bernstorff Has Not Been Advised Whether the Suggestions He Recently Made at the Request of His Government Have Been Adopted .-Conference Important.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, April 28.—Dispatches received at the German embassy to-today from Berlin foreign office indicate that Germany will attempt to meet the American demands for immediate abandonment of its practice of submarine warfare. The nature of the proposals was not disclosed.

Count von Bernstorff has not been advised whether the suggestions be recently made to his government at the invitation of the foreign office have been adopted. He expects ad-

A visit of Ambassador Gerard to Emperor William was a topic of broad interest in official and diplo-metic quarters today. German em-bassy officials believe the Emperor invited Mr. Gerard to confer with him for the purpose of elaborating for the benefit of President Wilson his position and the position of the German government in further explanation of further phases of the forthcoming German reply to the American note. It would be unusual for the Emperor to conduct negotiations directly with a diplomatic representative of a foreign government.

#### LODGE MEETINGS.

# Odd Pellows And Woodmen Observe Birthdays Appropriately. Last evening two lodges of the city

Cold Water Lodge of Odd Fellows and Forest Hill Lodge of Woodmen celebrated their anniversaries. The Gdd Fellows' celebration was the 97th and the Woodman's was the fourth. The Odd Fellows met at the lodge room over W denhouse & Sons store at Forest Hill.

The Odd Fellows' programme in- 1. A. Go Michael, of Wentworth, grand war- 2. (a) Amy Woodforde Finden, den, recitations by Mrs. John G. "Little Dove." (b) Amy Woodforde Parks, Miss Viola Shinn, Miss Cath. Finden, "Till I Wake." (c) Herman erine Crowell and Miss Zora Prim. Lohr, "The Little Irish Girl." and inspiring address. Noble Grand

The Forest Hill Woodmen gave smoker, which was attended by about 125 Woodmen and their friends. The programme included speeches by Messrs. G. A. Carver and Hugh Alexander, of Harrisburg. Music was furnished by a string band composed of Messrs, V. A. Dan-iel and George Widenhouse and Calvin Garmon. Refreshments

### DIRECTORS SELECT PLAN FOR ELLEN WILSON HOMES

#### Will Be Seven Blocks From the Capitol on South Capitol Street. (By The Amortated Prein)

Washington, April 28. - Directors of the Ellen Wilson Homes have selected a square, seven blocks from the capitol on South Capitol street. a relatively undeveloped section, which they will begin erecting a 140 small dwelling, that will

The Bussians reached Marseilles this morning and disembarked im-mediately.

s, April 28.—Immediately the society with the same militar wil honors as were seconded the distribution of the same detachment and were cheen ed by the people as they marched to

# LIPPARD-TROUTMAN.

### Miss Esther Troutman Beco Bride of Mr. David S. Lippard.

New London, April 27 .- In a ceremony marked by beauty and sim-plicity, Miss Esther Troutman and D. S. Lippard were wedded Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at the beautiful country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Troutmag, at New London. The wedding was attended by a large assemblage of relatives and friends from Concord, Sailsbury, Albemarle, Spencer, Mt. Pleasant, Norwood and other places.

The vows were spoken in the par-lor in front of an effective group of ferns and a background of ivy. Just before the bridal party entered an orchestra, composed of Miss Fannie Widenhouse, pianist; Ephriam Leffer, v.olinist; Earl Leffer, cornetist, and R. Lefler, clarinet, rendered a serenade, "Twilight Echoes," and to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Fannie Wid-enhouse. The ribbon boys, Masters Clyde and Loyd Widenhouse, cousins of the bride, led the way, followed by Rev. A. L. Coburn. The ring bearer, Evelyn Hatley, the attractive little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hatley, was dressed in white georgette, crepe, accordion pleated, with satin bolero, carrying the ring in a basket of flowers. Then entered the bride and groom from the stairway

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of blue with hat to match carrying bride's roses and lillies of the valley. During the ceremony "Traumeri" was played. Following congratulations the bridal party was directed to the dining room, where two courses were served, the room being artistically decorated in pink and white: the table with a crochet cover, with sweet peas, jonquils and ferns.

The gift room was decorated in yellow and white and showed many handsome gifts of silver, cut glass and other articles. After a wedding tour to Washing-

# ton and other points Mr. and Mrs. Lippard will make their home at Concord

MISS CATHERINE VON OHSEN

To Be Given at Mount Pleasant This Evening at 8:30 O'clock.

GRADUATION RECITAL OF

The following is the programme the graduating recital of Miss Catherine Von Ohsen to be given at Mount Pleasant this evening: 1. A. Goring Thomas-"A Song of

Mr. T. D. Maness introduced Mr. Mc- 3. Anton Arensky, "Op. 15 Suite,"
Michael, who delivered an eloquent Romane, Valse, Polonaise—Piano — Misses Julia Von Ohsen and Helen Martin.

4. Alfred R. Gaul, "Eve Hath Not Seen" ("The Holy City.") 5. Saint-Sacens Non Coeur S'ouvre A La Voix (Samson at Delilah.)

# Part Two.

1. (a) Ambrose Thomas, "Connaistu le pays?' (Mignon.) (b) Charles Gilbert Spross, "Will o' the Wisp." 2. Angelo Mascheroni, "The Land 3. Schubert Tansig, "Marche Mili-

taire"-pano-Miss Julia Von Ohsen. 4. (a) Edward Grieg, "Ich Liebe Dieh"—German songs. (b) Robert Schumann, "Volksliedchen. 5. C. Chaminade, "L'Ete."

# THE STOCK MARKET.

## Yesterday's Brisk Inquiry for Stock Resumed at Opening Today.

New Yok, April 28.-Yesterday brisk inquiry for stocks of various te the late Mrs. Woodrow descriptions was resumed today, in buildings will meet the itial prices showing gains of mater best housing standard and will be fractions to over a point. Rails, rented to unskilled negro wage earnpreceding session, were again very active under the lead of Union Pa-More Bussian Troops Land at Mar-cific, Reading, New York Centra Steel and Baldwin Locomotive lead Paris, April 28.—A Havas dispatch from Marseilles reports the arrival there of another contingent of other equipment. United States Steel and other equipment, United States Steel and Other equipment of States Steel and Other equipm covery, and the metal group made response to favorable trade condi-

# Statue Senator Vance New in Wash

Zebulon Baird Vance arrived in Washington today and will be set up in Satuary Hall within a shore time. The unveiling will occur in the latter part of May, or in early June, an will be an elaborate affair,

ACCORDING TO MR. NETHY'S SERMON.

Discourse on Eighth Verse of the First Chapter of Acts, "But Ye Shall Receive Power, After That the Holy Chost is Some Upon You: And Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me Both in Jerusalem, and In Samaria and Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth."-Services Again Tonight at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Abernethy's text last evening as the eighth verse of the first chapter of Acts' "But ye shall receive unto the uttermost parts of the the Mediterranean. earth,"

Explaining the different versions of the following statement: the text, Mr. Abernethy declared that the substance of its meaning was that in Christian life.

He asked his hearers to waive judg- land. ment on other people and other things Christian am I? Am I only a Chris- ed." tian in name? Do I add to the church? Is the church more powerful, more Under ordinary conditions the spiritual because of my membership? Russell carried between 750 and 800 wery member is either making this men. tle more darkness.

tinued, is willing to accept Christ as a guest. But he is only willing to six-inch, 12 three-inch and ome as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and there are many who will not receive him in that spirit.

Defining power, Mr. Abernethy caused carthquakes was physical power; a fine oration, a great poem or powerful philosophy is intellectual power and man's relation with God is spiritual power.

Presenting the essentials of a pow erful Christian life, Mr. Abernethy included an upright, an honorable, clean life; the love of reading the Bible not because it is an old book, but because of one's love for it; the love of daily prayer, not because we want prayer to bring us something or help us to keep from doing something we should resist, but because going to other essential is a passion for saving sinners, a passion that will cause the Christian people to go anywhere and do anything to save sinful peo-

Another essential, the supreme one that makes all others possible, is that of the presence and power of God in the other Christian forces of Concord are lacking. I have heard many complimentary things about you and if you had that spiritual life you would shake this town. Sinners would fall on their knees and ask, What must I do to be saved? and the men of your city would be ready to point them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

Mr. Abernethy spoke eloquently of the transforming power of spir tuality, enumerating cases where lives had en completely transformed by a religious awakening and by bringing themselves in touch with the life of Christ. His conclusion on the com-forting power of a Christian life and the mighty, positive forces of a life possessing the power and present of God was particularly effective and interest was received with profound interest

by the congregation.

The usual services were announced, some service at 7.45, preaching at 8 p. m. and 10 a. m.

Engine And Five Cars Leave Rails Lynchburg, Va., April 27. - South ern Railway passenger train 36, At-lanta to New York, being pulled by two engines. split a switch at Bar after 7 o'clock this evening, one enwine and five cars leaving the track.
W. D. Proer and wife, who were walking beside the track, are reported
killed, and the engineer and fireman of one engine were injured. No pas-sengers were hurt.

Mrs. M. L. Widenbouse and Miss Cooper Miller, attended the lecture given by Miss Hellen Keller at the Auditorium in Charlotte last ovening:

ABER- ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY FROM MAY START AGAINST BRITISH LONDON TODAY. ON BELGIUM LINE. -

## Go Down to Bottom Since the War Was Started, - Captain Freemantle, 24 Officers and 676 Men Were Saved About 124 Men are Missing. - Was Started in 1899

and Completed in 1903.-Carried Quite a Battery of Guns and Four Torpedo Tubes.-Cost is Estimated at \$5,000,000.

(By The Age London, April 28.-The British battleship Russell has been sunk by power, after that the Holy Ghost is a mine. Admiral Freemantle, the ome upon you: and ye shall be wit-eaptain of the Russell, 24 officers and esses unto me both in Jerusalem, 676 men were saved. About 124 men and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and are missing. The vessel was sunk in

> The sinking was made known in "The British steamship Industry was sunk by an enemy submarine and

the Spirit of God was the real power, the crew left in open boats in the Atthe real energy of Christian life. In lantic, 420 miles from the nearest other words it is the supreme essential land. The boat and entire crew were picked up by the American liner Fin-

"The Industry was proceeding to a and ask the question, What kind of a United States port and was unarm-

church stronger or weaker. Each is The Russell was laid down in 1899 bringing a little more light or a lit- and completed in 1903. She was 405 feet long, 75 feet beam, 26 feet Most every one, Mr. Abernethy con- depth and displaced 14,000 tons. She was armed with four 12-inch . 12 three-pound guns, and four torpedo tubes. She cost about \$5.000,000:

The Russel is the eleventh British battleship which has been lost dursaid that the force that run trains or ing the war. In addition about 35 other warships of various classes have been destroyed.

#### CONCORD PARTY "STUNG" BY WASHINGTON ARTISTS

# Reliable Home Furnishing Com-Obtain Set of Furniture.

Special to Charlotte Observer. Washington, April 27 .- A Concord party was the victim with hundreds we faced the establishment, who here.

The company was known as the GERMAN NAVAL FORCES Reliable Home Furnishing Company. The plan was to sell what they called a contract which would entitle the buyer to each of several sets of our lives. And that is where you and furniture sold by local agents over the country on the installment plan These agents were to collect the money and send it to Washington. A provision off the contract, which proved to be the bait, was the appointment by the company of the contract holders to be local repre sentatives, and to whom furniture was to be given free.

#### VICE ADMIRAL CAPELLE ALSO TO CONFER

# With Kaiser Wilhelm in Regard to

#### Submarine Issue. (By The Associated !ress) Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, April 28.-Vice Admiral von Capelle

the naval officer who succeeded Ad miral von Tripitz last month as minister of the navy, left Berlin on Wednesday to confer with Emperor William at German army head-

### TROOPS RECEIVE THEIR ORDERS TO MARCH

### One Half of Number at Columbus Move Across the Border.

(By The Associated Press) Columbus, N. M., April 28. Marching orders were received today by approximately one half of the number of soldiers on duty here. These troops, largely cavalry, will probably cross the border to reinforce Gen. Pershing late this afternoon.

Having entered Mexico for good and sufficient reasons, multipled a thousand fold, we should not hesitate to get out—when we get good and from land. The erew was picked up by the American liner Finland,

No Notable Activity Along the Ver. on Marsh avenue. Efforts for the Present Seem to Be

#### Belgium. (By The Associated Press)

For the first time in many days the in the Verdun region, only an intermittent bombardment in the vicinity of Avocourt and Esnes, to the west of the Meuse, is recorded.

Along the rest of the French front there were no events of importance. German efforts for the present seem Pemberton. to be directed against the British along the line in northern France and Belgium, where London last night reported activity that seemed to observers there to indicate that the Germans might be about to launch an offense as determined as that directed against Verdun.

#### SNOW FELL TODAY IN EASTERN STATES

## Massachusetts and Rhode Island Visited by Latest Snow in 27 Years.

(By The Associated Press) Boston, Mass., April 28.-Snow 'ell over Eastern Massachusettes and Rhode Island today, the latest date for any appreciable fall in more than 27years. From early morning and through part of the forenoon unusually large flakes fell.

The fall here is estimated at aprapidly, however, and little inconvenience was caused.

# BODY FOUND IN

#### BURNED NEIL HOTEL pany Provided "Easy Plan" to Believed to Be L. E. Mitchell, a Printer, Who Was a Guest There.

(By The Associated Press) Winston-Salem, April 28-A charred body, believed to be that of L. E. a guest at the hotel. He was 51 years Pharr, of Rocky River, became

#### And Also Brought in Pishing Steamer on Night of April 26. (By The Associated Press)

Berlin, via London, April 28 .- The admiralty announced today that on the night of April 26, the German mival forces destroyed a large guard vessel on Dogger bank and brought in a fishing steamer as a prize.

# Montgomery-Wick.

Invitations as follows have been

Mr. and Mrs. John Wick, Jr. announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Smtih

Mr. Francis Schroeder Montgomery Wednesday, April the twenty-sixth nineteen hundred and sixteen Kittanning, Pennsylvania

At home after May 15, 816 Heber ton avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Montgomery is a son of the

# May Day Fete.

late Mr. C. G. Montgomery, formerly

of Concord.

, at 6 o'clock there will be 65 young ladies taking part in the pageant. which consists of crowning of the May Queen and and May pole dance, There will be May choruses. The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### Another Ship of British Sunk by Submarine. (By The Associated Press)

London, April 28. — The British teamship Industry has been sunk by a submarine which left the crew of the vessel in open boats 120 miles

# AGITATORS WANT THE U. S. TROOPS REMOVED

# MRS SHERRILL HOSTESS

AT RECEPTION YESTERDAY

For Miss Myrtle Pemberton, Popular June Bride-Elect.

HEARD WITH MANIFEST INTEREST CARRIED 24 OFFICERS AND 676 MEN ALL QUIET ALONG VERDUN FRONT An attractive and delightful pre-An attractive and delightful pretion given vesterday afternoon honor of Miss Myrtle Pemberton, who Eloquent Monroe Minister Delivers The Russel, Eleventh British Ship to Por the Pirst Time in Many Days the in June will become the bride of Mr. French Official Statement Mentions C., by Mrs. J. B. Sherrill at her home

dun Front.—Along the Rest of the door were Mrs. E. C. Register, of Welcoming the guests at the front French Front There Were No Charlotte, and Mrs. D. B. Privett, In Events of Impertance. — German the receiving line, which stood in the parlor, were Mrs. Sherrill, Miss Pemberton and guest, Miss Nina Carpen-Directed Against the British Along ter, of Greenville, S. C., Miss Jenn Howe, of Carrollton, Ky., Mrs. J. A. the Line in Northern France And Hartsell and Mrs. W. D. Pemberton. The parlor decorations were of roses and ferns.

In the library, which was decorated with hearts and ferns and dogwood rench official statement mentions no blossoms, coffee was poured by Mrs. notable activity even by the artillery J. E. Smoot and Mrs. Lester D. Col-

trane, Jr. The dining room and spacious hall were decorated in Easter lillies, served by Mrs. Nevin A. Archibald and Misses Adele and Mary Phifer

About 75 guests called during the receiving hours.

## DURHAM COUNTY FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

#### J. L. Wfison Committed Suicide Today About Sunrise, by Shooting Himself. (By The Associated Press)

Durham, April 28.-J. L. Wilson, aged 65, a prominent farmer of Roughmont, Durham county, this morning about sunrise committed suicide by shooting himself with a gun. Mr. Wilson arose early and vent to his barn and was found a month that he had attempted suiride. The first time members of his family found him sitting in an apple tree with one end of a rope tied proximately two inches. It melted to a limb and the other end looped around his neck. Underneath where he would drop was placed a bee gum. Physicians said that for sometime his mind had been unbalanced.

# WHITE-PHARR.

# Miss Bernice Pharr, of Rocky River,

Weds Mr. Lee White. A marriage that will be of marked interest to the numerous friends of of others throughout the country, of Mitchell, a printer of High Point, the young couple, took place Weda company which has been operating was found in the ruins today of the nesday evening at 7 o'clock at the The Mexican minister of war held God in prayer is the very best place in Washington, and having made into be. A man who has not learned formal efforts to recover money that the daily habit of prayer does not was sent to this firm. The proprietors is missing, was known to have been nice Pharr, daughter of Mr. Frank of the establishment who have been nice Pharr, daughter of Mr. Frank a Washington court, are not now old and has a wife and three children. bride of Mr. Lee White, son of Mr. within the reach of the authorities The body will be sent to High Point. and Mrs. J. M. W. White, of No. 11. The ceremony, which was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives DESTROY GUARD VESSEL of the couple, was performed by Rev. Dr. J.M. Grier.

Mr. and Mrs. White will make their home in No. 11, where Mr. White is a well known young farmer.

# THE WHEAT MARKET.

#### Lower Liverpool Quotations and Favorable Weather Caused Prices to Go Downward.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, April 28. - Favorable weather in the northwest and lower Liverpool quotations gave a downward swing today to the wheat market here. Initial prices, which ranged from 3-4 declines to a shade, advanced with May at 112 3-4 to 113 and July at 114 to 114 5-8, were followed by a slight rally and then a general decline.

# NEW YORK COTTON.

# of Two to Five Points.

market opened steady at an advance cal department. Mr. Kestler will not of 2 to 5 points today and sold about 5 to 8 points net higher during the At Mont Amoena Seminary on May early trading, with July working up SOUTH AFRICA'S TORACCO to 12.14 and October to 12.31. Business was quiet.

> Cotton futures opened steady: May, 11.95, July 12.11, October 12.29, December 12.46, January 12.51,

### A German Submarine Sunk. (By The Associated Press)

London, April 28.-A German sub marine was sunk off the east coast yesterday, it was announced today. Eighteen men of the submarine crew were captured.

Is it your flag, too, or only the other

TRYING TO CREATE FRICTION NEAR GUERRERO.

Numbers of Carranza Troops Which Had Been Withdrawn Returned Today to Points in the Pield South of Guerrero, According to a Wireless From Field Headquarters to Columbus, New Mexico.-The Ostensible Purpose of This New Movement Was to Present a Combination of the Carransa and VIIla Forces.

#### (By The Associated Press)

Field | headquarters, Namiquipa, April 28, via wireless to Columbus. N. M.—Numbers of American troops, which had been withdrawn, returned today to points in the field south of Guerrero. The ostensible purpose of this new movement, it was said, was roses and ferns and refreshments were to prevent a combination of the adherents of Carranza and Villa factions against Americans

It is known that some agitators have been exhorting the populace of this section to resist the American troops and Colonel Dodd recently discovered the sentiment of the people to be very bitter.

#### OBREGON IN JAUREZ FOR THE CONFERENCE

#### With Generals Scott and Punston on the Military Question Involved in American Expedition.

(By The Associated Press)
El Paso, April 28.—General Obregon, minister of war of the Mexican de facto government, is in Jaurez today awaiting to confer with Major there about an hour later dead. It Generals Scott and Funston on the was the second time within less than military questions that are involved

in the American pnitive expedition into Mexico. The third section of General Obregon's train bearing General Gutierrez, military governor of Chihuahua state, was derailed south of Jaurez, several passengers reported injured. It is not known whether Gen-

eral Gutierrez was hurt. General Obregon reached Jaurez on the second section of the special train.

Generals Scott and Funston are due to reach here tonight when expected arrangements will be made for the first conference to be held at Jaurez.

several conferences today with the military and civil authorities of the ican proposals could be made to erals Scott and Function.

General Obregon made it clear that the Carranza government was in position to thoroughly police north Chihuahua and that the American troops, having fulfilled their announc-ed purpose of breaking up the Villa bands should withdraw. The forty thousand Carranza soldiers stretched across northern Mexico from Conora to northern Chihuahua, was General Obregon's most potent argument that he could meet the situation.

### MB. G. ED. KESTLER GOES TO GASTONIA

### Will Edit the New Republican Paper There.

Mr. G. Ed Kestler has accepted the position of editor and manager of the new Republican paper at Gas-tonia. A number of Republican gentlemen have purchased the outfit of the Gastonian, which was published by Mr. Frank Brumley, and will continue the paper as a Republican or-gan. Mr. Kestler was in the Populist days here editor of the Vestibule, and Market Opened Steady at Advance is an interesting and entertaining writer. Mr. Brumley will remain with (By The Associated Press)

New York, April 28.—The cotton and will be in charge of the mechanimove his family to Gastonia.

# CROP UNUSUALLY SMALL

Reports Say It Will Be 17 Per cent

Less Than Last Year.
(By The Associated Frees.
Washington, April 28.—Son
rica's tobacco erop this year rica's tobacco crop this year is at 17 per cent less than last year at 17 per cent less than last year is estimates reaching the Department of Commerce today from Consugents. At least one-third of the tobacco used, it is declared, will have to be imported.