

GERMAN CRISIS SAID TO BE MUCH CLEARER

HOPE THAT A BREAK WILL BE AVERTED IS RENEWED.

GERARD'S VISIT CAUSES COMMENT

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Count von Bernstorff has not been advised whether the suggestions he recently made at the request of his government have been adopted...

A visit of Ambassador Gerard to Emperor William was a topic of broad interest in official and diplomatic quarters today...

LODGE MEETINGS.

Odd Fellows 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 Odd Fellows' programme included an address by Mr. C. O. McMichael, of Westworth, grand warden...

The Forest Hill Woodmen gave a smoker, which was attended by about 125 Woodmen and their friends...

DIRECTORS SELECT PLAN FOR ELLEN WILSON HOMES

Will Be Seven Blocks From the Capitol on South Capitol Street.

Washington, April 28.—Directors of the Ellen Wilson Homes have selected a square, seven blocks from the capitol on South Capitol street...

More Russian Troops Land at Marseille.

Paris, April 28.—A Havas dispatch from Marseille reports the arrival there of another contingent of Russian troops...

The Russians reached Marseille this morning and disembarked immediately.

Why lead your shoulders down with greater burdens, brother? A single weight less than a grouch,

LIPPARD-TROUTMAN.

Miss Esther Troutman Becomes the Bride of Mr. David S. Lippard.

New London, April 27.—In a ceremony marked by beauty and simplicity, Miss Esther Troutman and D. S. Lippard were wedded Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 at the beautiful country home of the bride's parents...

The vows were spoken in the parlor in front of an effective group of ferns and a background of ivy. Just before the bride and groom entered an orchestra, composed of Miss Fannie Widenhouse, pianist; Ephraim Lefler, violinist; Earl Lefler, cornetist, and R. Lefler, clarinet, rendered a serenade...

The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of blue with hat to match, carrying bride's roses and lilies of the valley. During the ceremony "Traumeri" was played.

After a wedding tour to Washington and other points Mr. and Mrs. Lippard will make their home at Concord.

GRADUATION RECITAL OF MISS CATHERINE VON OHSEN

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

The following is the programme of the graduating recital of Miss Catherine Von Ohse to be given at Mount Pleasant this evening:

- 1. A. Goring Thomas—"A Song of Sunshine." 2. (a) Amy Woodforde Finden, "Little Dove." (b) Amy Woodforde Finden, "Till I Wake." (c) Herman Lohr, "The Little Irish Girl." 3. Anton Arensky, "Op. 15 Suite," Romanza, Valze, Polonaise—Piano—Misses Julia Von Ohse and Helen Martin. 4. Alfred R. Gaul, "Eye Hath Not Seen—"The Holy City." 5. Saint-Saens, Non Coeur S'ouvre A La Voix (Samson et Delilah).

Part Two.

- 1. (a) Ambrose Thomas, "Conna's tu le pays?" (Mignon.) (b) Charles Gilbert Spross, "Will o' the Wisp." 2. Angelo Mascheroni, "The Land of Yesterday." 3. Schubert Tansig, "Marche Militaire"—piano—Miss Julia Von Ohse. 4. (a) Edward Grieg, "Ich Liebe Dich"—German songs. (b) Robert Schumann, "Volkliedchen." 5. C. Chamade, "L'Ete."

THE STOCK MARKET.

Yesterday's Brisk Inquiry for Stocks Resumed at Opening Today.

New York, April 28.—Yesterday's brisk inquiry for stocks of various descriptions was resumed today, initial prices showing gains of material fractions to over a point. Rails, which figured conspicuously in the preceding session, were again very active under the lead of Union Pacific, Reading, New York Central and other standard issues.

States Senator Vance Now in Washington.

Washington, April 27.—The pedestal and statue of the late Senator Zebulon Baird Vance arrived in Washington today and will be set up in Saturday Hall within a short time.

SPIRITUAL POWER IS THE GREATEST FORCE

ACCORDING TO MR. ABERNETHY'S SERMON.

HEARD WITH MANIFEST INTEREST

Eloquent Monroe Minister Delivers Discourse on Eighth Verse of the First Chapter of Acts, 'But Ye Shall Receive Power, After That the Holy Ghost is Come Upon You: And Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me Both in Jerusalem, and In Samaria, and Unto the Uttermost Part of the Earth.'

Mr. Abernethy's text last evening was the eighth verse of the first chapter of Acts: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Explaining the different versions of the text, Mr. Abernethy declared that the substance of its meaning was that the Spirit of God was the real power, the real energy of Christian life.

He asked his hearers to waive judgment on other people and other things and ask the question, "What kind of a Christian am I? Am I only a Christian in name? Do I add to the church? Is the church more powerful, more spiritual because of my membership? Every member is either making this church stronger or weaker."

Most every one, Mr. Abernethy continued, is willing to accept Christ as a guest. But he is only willing to come as Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and there are many who will not receive him in that spirit.

Defining power, Mr. Abernethy said that the force that runs trains or causes earthquakes 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 powerful 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 God in prayer is the very best place to be.

Another essential, the supreme one that makes all others possible, is that of the presence and power of God in our lives. And that is where you and the other Christian forces of Concord are lacking.

VICE ADMIRAL CAPELLE ALSO TO CONFER

With Kaiser Wilhelm in Regard to Submarine Issue.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, April 28.—Vice Admiral von Capelle, the naval officer who succeeded Admiral von Tripitz last month as minister of the navy, left Berlin on Wednesday to confer with Emperor William at German army headquarters.

TROOPS RECEIVE THEIR ORDERS TO MARCH

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

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, multiplied a thousand fold, we should not hesitate to get out—when we get good and ready.

BIG BRITISH SHIP VICTIM OF A MINE

ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY FROM LONDON TODAY.

CARRIED 24 OFFICERS AND 676 MEN

The Russell, Eleventh British Ship to 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.

London, April 28.—The British battleship Russell has been sunk by a mine. Admiral Freemantle, the captain of the Russell, 24 officers and 676 men were saved. About 124 men are missing. The vessel was sunk in the Mediterranean.

The sinking was made known in the following statement: "The British steamship industry was sunk by an enemy submarine and the crew left in open boats in the Atlantic, 120 miles from the nearest land. The boat and entire crew were picked up by the American liner Finland."

Under ordinary conditions the Russell carried between 750 and 800 men.

The Russell was laid down in 1899 and completed in 1903. She was 405 feet long, 75 feet beam, 26 feet depth and displaced 14,000 tons.

The Russell is the eleventh British battleship which has been lost during the war. In addition about 35 other warships of various classes have been destroyed.

CONCORD PARTY "STUNG" BY WASHINGTON ARTISTS

Reliable Home Furnishing Company Provided "Easy Plan" to Obtain Set of Furniture.

Washington, April 27.—A Concord party was the victim with hundreds of others throughout the country, of a company which has been operating in Washington, and having made informal efforts to recover money that was sent to this firm.

The company was known as the 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 furniture sold by local agents over the country on the installment plan.

GERMAN NAVAL FORCES DESTROY GUARD VESSEL

And Also Brought in Fishing Steamer on Night of April 26.

Berlin, via London, April 28.—The admiralty announced today that on the night of April 26, the German naval 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 received here: Mr. and Mrs. John Wick, Jr. announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Smith to Mr. Francis Schroeder Montgomery Wednesday, April the twenty-sixth nineteen hundred and sixteen Kittanning, Pennsylvania

At home after May 15, 816 Heberton avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

May Day Fete.

At Mont Amoens Seminary on May 1, at 6 o'clock there will be 65 young ladies taking part in the pageant, which consists of crowning of the May Queen and May pole dances. There will be May choruses. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NEW OFFENSIVE IS PLANNED BY GERMANS

MAY START AGAINST BRITISH ON BELGIUM LINE.

ALL QUIET ALONG VERDUN FRONT

For the First Time in Many Days the French Official Statement Mentions No Notable Activity Along the Verdun Front.—Along the Rest of the French Front There Were No Events of Importance.—German Efforts for the Present Seem to Be Directed Against the British Along the Line in Northern France and Belgium.

For the first time in many days the French official statement mentions no notable activity even by the artillery 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 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.

Boston, Mass., April 28.—Snow fell over Eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island today, the latest date for any appreciable fall in more than 27 years. From early morning and through part of the forenoon unusually large flakes fell.

BODY FOUND IN BURNED NEIL HOTEL

Believed to Be L. E. Mitchell, a Printer, Who Was a Guest There.

Winston-Salem, April 28.—A charred body, believed to be that of L. E. Mitchell, a printer of High Point, was found in the ruins today of the Neil Hotel, which was destroyed by fire early yesterday.

WHITE-PHARE.

Miss Bernice Pharr, of Rocky River, Weds Mr. Lee White.

A marriage that will be of marked interest to the numerous friends of the young couple, took place Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. W. P. LeGrand, when Miss Bernice Pharr, daughter of Mr. Frank Pharr, of Rocky River, became the bride of Mr. Lee White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. W. White, of No. 11.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

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

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 34 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.

Market Opened Steady at Advance of Two to Five Points.

New York, April 28.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 5 points today and sold about 5 to 8 points net higher during the early trading, with July working up to 12.14 and October to 12.31. Business was quiet.

A German Submarine Sunk.

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

Another Ship of British Sunk by Submarine.

London, April 28.—The British steamship industry has been sunk by a submarine which left the crew of the vessel in open boats 120 miles from land. The crew was picked up by the American liner Finland.

AGITATORS WANT THE U. S. TROOPS REMOVED

MRS SHERRILL HOSTESS AT RECEPTION YESTERDAY

For Miss Myrtle Pemberton, Popular June Bride-Elect.

An attractive and delightful pre-nuptial social event was the reception given yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Myrtle Pemberton, who in June will become the bride of Mr. J. Lewis Carpenter, of Greenville, S. C., by Mrs. J. B. Sherrill at her home on Marsh avenue.

Welcoming the guests at the front door were Mrs. E. C. Register, of Charlotte, and Mrs. D. B. Privett. In the receiving line, which stood in the parlor, were Mrs. Sherrill, Miss Pemberton and guest, Miss Nina Carpenter, of Greenville, S. C., Miss Jenn Howe, of Carrollton, Ky., Mrs. J. A. 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 blossoms, coffee was poured by Mrs. J. E. Smoot and Mrs. Lester D. Coltrane, Jr.

The dining room and spacious hall were decorated in Easter lilies, roses and ferns and refreshments were served by Mrs. Nevin A. Archibald and Misses Adele and Mary Phifer Pemberton.

DURHAM COUNTY FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

J. L. Wilson Committed Suicide Today About Sunrise, by Shooting Himself.

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 went to his barn and was found there about an hour later dead. It was the second time within less than a month that he had attempted suicide. The first time members of his family found him sitting in an apple tree with one end of a rope tied to a limb and the other end looped around his neck. Underneath where he would drop was placed a beehive. Physicians said that for sometime his mind had been unbalanced.

OBREGON IN JAUREZ FOR THE CONFERENCE

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

El Paso, April 28.—General Obregon, minister of war of the Mexican de facto government, is in Jaurez today awaiting to confer with Major Generals Scott and Funston on the military questions that are involved in the American punitive 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 General Gutierrez was hurt.

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MR. 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 Gastonia. 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 organ. Mr. Kestler was in the Populist days here editor of the Vestibule, and is an interesting and entertaining writer. Mr. Brumley will remain with the new paper, for a while at least, and will be in charge of the mechanical department. Mr. Kestler will not move his family to Gastonia.

SOUTH AFRICA'S TOBACCO CROP UNUSUALLY SMALL

Reports Say It Will Be 17 Per cent Less Than Last Year.

Washington, April 28.—South Africa's tobacco crop this year is put at 17 per cent less than last year, in estimates reaching the Department of Commerce today from Consul agents. At least one-third of the tobacco used, it is declared, will have to be imported.

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TRYING TO CREATE FRICTION NEAR GUERRERO.

SENTIMENT SAID TO BE VERY BITTER

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