

GERARD, IN INTERVIEW SAYS PEACE IS IN SIGHT

AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY CONFIDENT OF WAR'S END.

UNITED STATES MAY PLAY BIG PART

Nothing Can Shake My Confidence That Peace is on Its Way... The American Representative Declares In an Interview, According to the Berlin Correspondent of a Munich Newspaper...

The Ambassador referred to the settlement of the differences of the United States and Germany as paving the way for President Wilson to take up the question of peace...

A CONFERENCE BETWEEN AMERICANS AND MEXICANS

To Effect Plans to Prevent Clashes Between the Troops.

Washington, May 27.—Further steps were being taken today to bring about closer co-operation in the military operations between General Gaviarra, Carranza commander in Chihuahua and General Pershing, commander of the American expedition in Mexico...

COTTON DECLINES

Sells 6 to 10 Points Lower. — July Down to 12.66.

New York, May 27.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 5 to 7 points and sold about 6 to 10 points net lower right after the call...

TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD MEN TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Refused to Present Themselves to Be Mustered Into Service.

Washington, May 27.—The formal order directing the trial, by court-martial, on June 1, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, of 116 members of the Texas National Guard, who refused to present themselves to be mustered into the federal service, was forwarded today to General Funston.

Report of Concord Public Library for April

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Books in library: 2,210; Books presented: 0; Books purchased: 97; Total: 2,307; Books taken out by adults: 827; Books taken out by children: 353; Total: 1,180; No. of borrowers added: 9; Total No. of borrowers: 2,001; Visitors to reading room: 200.

Riggs Bank Officials Found "Not Guilty"

Washington, May 27.—Three Riggs officials on trial here for perjury were today found not guilty, after the jury had deliberated nine minutes.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker will be temporary chairman of the Ohio Democratic State Convention on Thursday, next.

A HEARTY RESPONSE

Dr. A. W. Verner, of Scotia Seminary, Boosts Y. M. C. A. Movement.

The Y. M. C. A. committee is receiving hearty responses to its calls and is much encouraged over the way plans for the big campaign are being received.

Dear Mr. Cannon: I beg to acknowledge receipt of invitation to attend business men's conference on next Monday evening, May 29, in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. I have noticed with a great deal of interest the agitation of this matter and should be exceedingly glad to be present and share in the pleasure of the evening as well as aid in the interest of the work but regret very much to say that we have planned to start for our home Monday morning and for that reason we cannot be present.

MRS. MARSH ENTERTAINS

Miss Myrtle Pemberton, June Bride-Elect, the Honoree.

Miss Myrtle Pemberton, whose marriage next week to Mr. J. Lewis Carpenter, of Greenville, S. C., will be an event of marked interest, was the honoree this morning at another delightful party, given by Mrs. M. L. Marsh, at her home on South Union street.

BOSTON HAS GREAT PREPAREDNESS PARADE

Large Groups Gather on Streets and in Gardens to See Parade.

Boston, May 27.—In great demonstration thousands of Bostonians gave expression to their belief that the nation should be adequately prepared against war, other thousands crowded the streets, Boston commons and public gardens to watch the most extensive parade Boston ever held. At the head of the long line rode mass members of Congress the Governor's council, members of Legislature, former Governors and former members of Congress.

MRS. T. M. ALEXANDER

Sister of Mr. E. F. White, Died Last Night at 10 O'clock.

A message was received last night stating that Mrs. T. M. Alexander died at her home near Charlotte at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Alexander was formerly Miss Bettie White and was born and reared at Rocky River. She is survived by four children, Mrs. Clarence Choat, of Steel Creek, Misses Lyda and Louise Alexander and Neeley Alexander and one brother, Mr. E. F. White, of this city. The funeral was held today at Sharon Church.

THE WHEAT MARKET

Rains in the Southwest Turn Prices Downward.

Chicago, May 27.—Rains in the Southwest turned wheat prices sharply down grade today. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-8 to 1 cent lower, with July at 111 to 113 1-4, and September at 111 5-8 to 7-8, were followed by material further declines.

Labor Men Plan State Fight Against Injunction

Chicago, May 27.—The officers of the Illinois State Federation of Labor are completing arrangements for the big conference of trade union representatives to be held here tomorrow, for the purpose of inaugurating a more vigorous campaign to secure the enactment of an injunction limitation or anti-injunction bill which would serve as a protection to the rights of the workers in the same way that the labor section of the Clayton act applies in interstate cases. Officials of national and international unions will take part in the conference.

Prince Alexander of Serbia, Regent of King Peter's landless kingdom, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, said that he had assurances from all the allies that no settlement of the war would be accepted which did not provide for the restoration of Serbia.

What is needed is a tariff commission that will take the tariff out of politics and stay out of politics itself.

DINNER MONDAY

Business Men's Dinner Conference an Interesting Event.

Much interest is manifested in the Business Men's Dinner Conference, which will be held at Central School Monday evening at 7 o'clock, and it promises to be not only an event of marked interest because it will mark the launching of a Y. M. C. A. campaign, but because of the interesting programs arranged.

This morning Mr. Wilson phoned from Charlotte that he had been fortunate in securing Prof. D. W. Daniel, professor of English at Clemson College, to accept an invitation to speak at the meeting. Other speakers include Mr. Wilson and Mr. Spier, of Charlotte.

Invitations have been issued and the committee attempted to get as many names as possible. If yours was overlooked, don't think you are not invited. You are. Just phone Mr. J. W. Cannon's office and state that you will be there. A place will be reserved for you.

READY FOR GAME

Manager Sappenfeld Announces High School Lineup.

Manager Dewey Sappenfeld announces the following lineup for the Has-Beens High school game, which will be played at Lock Park Monday afternoon for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. fund:

B. White, 1; L. Miller, 3; F. White, 2; Hodson, c; Cagle, short; J. Correll, left; Crompton, center; Holshouser, right; D. Sappenfeld, pitcher.

KENNETT-McADAMS

Announcement of Marriage Received Here Today.

Cards as follows have been issued: Mr. James A. Kennett and Miss Pattie McAdams announce their marriage on Thursday, May the twenty-fifth one thousand nine hundred and sixteen Greensboro, North Carolina. At home after June the twentieth. Sixty-four West Grove Street, Concord, North Carolina.

TO PAVE SOUTH UNION

Aldermen Decide to Extend Paving to Tribune Street.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held last evening to consider the paving assessments. Very few matters in this connection were presented and those that did come up were minor. In addition to the paving assessments the board considered paving petitions and ordered South Union paved from the street car line to Tribune street. Other petitions will be passed upon later, it is understood.

HAVE ABOUT SELECTED JURY FOR ORPET

Nearly 100 Have Been Examined to Serve as Jurymen.

Waukegan, Ill., May 27.—With eight men sworn and two others tentatively accepted by both sides, hopes were entertained that the jury to try Will Orpet on the charge of poisoning his former sweetheart, Marion Lambert, might be completed before the adjournment of court today. The trial began two weeks ago and nearly 700 venemen have been examined.

Got "Bored" All Right

Monroe Enquirer.

A man said that it was a hard matter for the vast throngs in Charlotte last Saturday at the Twentieth of May celebration to get aboard. Another man said that thousands of them around where he was about twelve o'clock that day got bored all right and the mayor did it. The mayor spoke about thirty minutes while thousands of ears were itching to hear President Wilson. Yes, they got bored properly—or lots of 'em have done some tall lying about Charlotte's mayor.

Lai Hipp the Chinese sprinter of St. Mary's College, Dayton, did the hundred yards in ten seconds in a recent meet. He also captured three firsts and a second.



WINSTON-SALEM Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

Not only has Winston-Salem a splendidly equipped Y. M. C. A. building but the organization is one of the most forceful agencies in the welfare work of that progressive city. In addition to the benefits that come from the institution to the 500 or more members the association has manifested great interest in welfare work in the adjoining districts of Greensboro and its efforts in this

WORK ON NAVAL BILL STARTS IN THE HOUSE

DEMOCRATS APPARENTLY ARE LINED UP SOLIDLY.

SPECIAL RULE HAS BEEN ADOPTED

The Rule Adopted Shutting Off Debate at 2 O'clock Friday May Result in the Bill Being Adopted Shortly Afterwards—The Rule Also Was Applicable to the Armor Plate Bill, Which Will be Taken Up As An Amendment—Republicans Will Oppose the Measure on the Grounds That It Is Entirely Inadequate.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 27.—Work on the naval appropriation bill was begun in the House today under a special rule adopted late yesterday, shutting off all discussion next Friday at 2 p. m. Final action on the matter to come probably shortly afterwards.

The rule also was applicable to the armor plate plant bill, which will be taken up as an amendment to the naval bill.

Republican members had drawn plans to oppose the bill on the grounds that it was inadequate and to urge even a greater expenditure for the navy. The Democrats, apparently, were lined up solidly for the measure.

PROSECUTION SAYS WAITE WAS NOT INSANE

Trying Now to Contradict His Evidence to Prove He Was Insane.

New York, May 27.—The summing up of evidence against Dr. Arthur Warren Waite in his trial for murder of his father-in-law was concluded by prosecution and defendants soon after-noon today. Justice Shearn then began his charge to the jury.

Taking Evidence Ended

New York, May 27.—The taking of testimony in the Waite case was concluded this morning and Assistant District Attorney Brothers, for the prosecution, began his address to the jury.

New York, May 27.—The prosecution in the Waite murder trial today took up the task of contradicting evidence introduced by the defense to prove that the young dentist was insane when he committed the crime the jury heard him vividly describe. It was expected that this rebuttal would be brief and that the attorneys summing up and that Justice Shearn's charge of the jury would be overshoot, the case might reach the jury by sundown.

THE STOCK MARKET

Latest Note to Britain Greatly Impressed the Market Today.

New York, May 27.—Overnight developments, more especially Washington's vigorous note to Great Britain and France regarding mail detention, doubtless accounted in a large measure for irregular business of today's early market operations. Standard rails, including Reading, Canadian Pacific, United States Steel, copper and shipping shares, as well as prominent specialties, were lower by material fractions to a full point with the view of offsetting gains. Trading was in moderate volume and limited as to the number of issues.

The Report From Berlin

Berlin, via London, May 27.—French troops forced their way into the southern port of the village of Cumieres, west of the Meuse, on the Verdun front during stubborn fighting last night, but were subsequently driven out, the Berlin war office announced today.

WITH THE CHURCHES

First Presbyterian.

The morning hour, 11 o'clock, will be occupied by speakers in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. Services at 8 p. m. by pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Men's Bible Class and Boys' Bible Class at 10 a. m.

Methodist Protestant.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Lowdermilk. Sunday School at 9:30.

First Baptist.

Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. Geo. V. Tilley. Subject for the morning hour, "The Southern Baptist Convention." Evening, "The Doctrine of Election." Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 7 p. m. A cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

St. James Lutheran.

Fifth Sunday after Easter. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Chief Service at 11 a. m. Young Men's Bible Class at 2 p. m. Vespers, 8 p. m.

Central Methodist.

Children's Day exercises at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 p. m.

McGill Street Baptist.

Sunday School 9:45; 11 a. m. Sermon by pastor Bennett, Subject, "The Mind of Christ." At 8 p. m. an interesting report of the Southern Baptist Convention will be given by Messrs. W. B. Shropshire, Fred Mills, and the pastor. All are cordially invited to each of these services.

Forest Hill Methodist.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., Mr. W. R. Odell, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Short, at 7:45 p. m., the Y. M. C. A. movement will be presented by prominent speakers. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

Mr. J. H. Ross will speak on "The Y. M. C. A." at 11 o'clock. Sabbath School at 9:45 and preaching at 7:45 p. m.

Trinity Reformed.

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Church service at 11 a. m. by Rev. Dr. J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, N. C. At the close of the service a congregational meeting will be held. It is desired that every member be present.

The Meeting at Epworth.

Preaching tonight at 7:45, by Rev. R. A. Taylor, Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m., by Rev. R. A. Taylor, special service for children, Sunday at 3 p. m. Preaching at 7:45, by Rev. R. A. Taylor. The meeting is increasing in interest. Let everybody come out and bring your friends, and let us lead men and women to Christ. Services will continue next week at night.

JOSEPH S. GALLINI

Former Minister of War for France, Died at Versailles.

Paris, May 27.—General Joseph S. Gallini, former minister of war for France, died at Versailles today. The death of General Gallini, while not unexpected, created a profound impression as he was idolized by the French people, particularly the poor who regarded him as the saviour of Paris during the critical days of August 1914. His funeral will be the occasion of a notable military and civil demonstration.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Week Beginning Sunday Shows Fair and Seasonable Weather.

Washington, May 27.—Fair and seasonable weather is forecast for the southern states during the week beginning tomorrow. Widely scattered thunder showers are likely during the first few days of the week. Local thunder showers Sunday, and probably Monday, indicated for the Middle Atlantic States.

VARNER'S FARMERS ARE VISITING IN CATAWBA

Twenty-Five Visit Hickory And Other Points in Catawba.

Hickory, N. C., May 27.—Twenty-five Davidson county farmers are here today visiting Catawba's creamery and other agricultural interests. The party is in charge of Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington.

The Relief Society

The French Relief Society received a letter today from Mr. Julian Carr, Jr., of Durham, N. C., stating that he had shipped us five dozen pairs of regulation export hose. This is a very liberal donation and the society is extremely grateful to Mr. Carr for his generosity. Remember the meeting Monday, 10:20 to 1. Please let us have a full meeting. SECRETARY.

Hon. A. W. McLean, of Lumberport, who succeeds Secretary of the Navy Daniels as National Democratic Committeeman from North Carolina, gives it as his opinion that Justice Hughes will be nominated by the Republicans and that Roosevelt will endorse him.

If he will consent to make the race, William Jennings Bryan may be selected as the candidate for President on the Republican party.

VERDUN BATTLE TAKENS IN FAVOR OF FRENCH

BASKALEE GETS HUFFY.

Tells Senate Postoffice Committee It Has Surrendered to Railroads.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, May 27.—Fourth assistant postmaster general Baskalee told the Senate postoffice committee to its fact today he considered its amendment to the postoffice bill as a surrender to the railroads, and although he drew the wrath of the senators at the ring upon him, he defended his action in organizing a campaign against the amendment. Senator Hardwick appeared to be particularly incensed.

"Do you think this Congress sits here solely to listen to a little bureau chief and his thoughts, with no intelligence or no thought of its own?" Senator Hardwick asked "and because Congress does not agree with your recommendation and acts on its own initiative that you can slander senators—because forsooth, we don't follow your judgment?"

Baskalee said he acted solely from conviction that the Senate committee had acted wrongly and against the interest of the public.

The committee met to investigate charges that Baskalee had organized a campaign against the amendment. The amendment to which Baskalee referred concerned the railway pay and the railway delivery. He told the Senator they had, by their amendment, given to the railroad what they wanted, had organized 800 railway delivery routes. He told the committee he had acted without the knowledge of Postmaster General Burleson.

TWO BUFF SLAYERS TO DIE ON MONDAY

Alleged Murderers are in Death Cell Waiting for Electric Chair.

New York, May 27.—Giuseppe Arichiello, one of the gun-men who shot Barnet Buff, the poultry king of New York, and Frank Ferrara, who drove the murder squad in an automobile to the scene of the crime, are in the death cells at Sing Sing, awaiting the call of the electric chair. They have been sentenced to die in the week beginning May 29.

Ferrara, who has a wife and three children, made three different confessions, implicating a number of gun-men. It was he who disclosed the fact that the deed was done under contract, through a saloon-keeper, who hired the gunmen to do the act.

Arichiello maintains that he is innocent of the Buff murder. Ferrara had named him as the man who fired the fatal shot in Washington Market on November 14, 1914.

Barnet Buff, the poultry-dealer, was murdered in cold blood. He was called to the front of the market and shot down by the gunmen, who fled in a stolen automobile. In many respects the deed was a duplicate of the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

The uncovering of the instigators and the identity of the gunmen was a long and patient process of police work, as it was in the Rosenthal case.

According to the figures of the District Attorney, at least twenty persons are involved in the plot. For other gunmen than those on the fatal trip made previous trips to "get" the poultryman.

Representative Doughton of North Carolina, who is a member of the House committee on education, which has had under consideration the bill for censorship on moving picture films, thinks there will be no legislation this session on the subject.

"Unless the motion picture people consider some of their films themselves, there is likely to be some legislation," Mr. Doughton said.

RELIGION OF MANHOOD. (By Herbert Kaufman.)

The Y. M. C. A. has a broader aim than CREED and wide ambition than SECT. It teaches self-respect. It weaves an ethical and moral wool into the warp of life. It is building stronger bodies to hold saner and cleaner minds. It is bringing education to those whose premature responsibilities forced them to forego its EARLIER acquirement. Its latch-string fits into the hand of ALL MEN, irrespective of race, religion or lineage. Its Christianity strikes the clear note of Humanitarianism. What preachers are made in its halls are those of BROTHERHOOD. With one hand it is striving to help the struggler up the slope and with the other it is steadying the laggard and the disheartened. It has done more to impregnate young men with betterment than ANY SINGLE FORE ever brought to bear upon YOUTH. Its activity has been so great that its FACILITIES are now utterly inadequate. It knows thousands whom it could help if the helping FUNDS could be secured. WITHOUT which the organization must remain circumscribed. The Y. M. C. A. does not ASK for CHARITY nor plead for ALMS. Its usefulness exalts it to a CIVIC DIGNITY. It is a servant of the public and its obligation to the future MUST become the obligation OF the public. It can only live by taxation self-imposed by those who prosperity and humanity awaken in them to the cap of poverty from boys whose duties are deprived them of a FAIR START IN LIFE.