

GREAT BRITAIN NOW READY TO REPLY TO LAST GERMAN NOTES

British Will Prepare Reply to the Reparations Proposal and Submit It to Her Allies at Once.

WANT ACTION ON REPLY AT ONCE

Would Act Solely for Purpose of Pacifying Europe and Helping World to Get on Its Feet.

London, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—Great Britain has informed France and Italy that she is ready to assume the responsibility of preparing the draft of a reply to the German reparations note.

The British government, he said, invites the sympathy of the allies and of all interested states for the proposal which aims solely at the pacification of Europe and the recovery of an exhausted world.

The French ambassador, who is said never to have attended a session of the House of Commons before, was in the front row today to hear Prime Minister Baldwin make his statement on the reparations question.

The Belgian, Italian and German ambassadors, and the foreign minister of Czechoslovakia.

THE THIRD CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Held at Washington, N. C., Under Auspices of State Orthopedic Hospital.

Washington, N. C., July 12.—The third clinic for crippled children to be in a town in North Carolina under the auspices of the State Orthopedic Hospital and the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was held here today in the office of Dr. John Williams, health officer for Beaufort county.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at Decline in Response to Improved Cables and Favorable Weather Report.

New York, July 12.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 4 to 14 points in response to Liverpool cables and a favorable report of the weather news.

Republican Convention May Go to Chicago.

Chicago, July 12.—The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago next June if Fred W. Uphan, national treasurer, makes such a request of the executive committee.

Georgia Legislature to Stand by Constitution.

Atlanta, Ga., July 11.—Unanimous opposition to the bill of Representative Arnold to repeal the Georgia prohibition law was expressed today by the house temperance committee in voting to return an unfavorable report on the measure.

GERMANY LOST 187 SUBMARINES IN WORLD WAR

With These 6,264 Men and 515 Officers Lost Their Lives.

Washington, July 12.—One hundred and seventy-eight German submarines were "lost in action" during the war, according to an official report just received by the Navy Department.

Depth charges accounted for 37 submarines fixed mines for 308 flights with enemy submarines, 20 engine and other trouble, 14 torpedo boats, destroyers and submarines, 12 accidental ramming, eight, armed fishing craft six, airplanes (bombing) six, and submarine nets six.

A chart accompanying the report shows that 56 of the under-sea boats were lost in the English channel, 26 in the North Sea, 16 in the Mediterranean, 16 on the East Coast of England, 12 off the Dutch Coast, three near Heligoland, two in Sena Flow, and the remainder in far-separated spots in the world's waters.

Of the boats interned before the German fleet was delivered to the allies, the report says five were sold to Spain and two to Holland while 14 were demolished.

CANNOT BAR DRINKING ON OUR SHIPS AT SEA

Sale is Forbidden, but Captains Are Declared Powerless to Interfere With Passengers.

Washington, July 12.—Reports of consumption of liquor stocks by passengers on board government owned ships have brought before the Shipping Board the question of its jurisdiction in the matter, with the resulting decision that its authority, as exercised through the ship's captain, does not run to the extent which would permit any interference with the passengers' actions.

It was indicated, however, that this decision might only be temporary and that steps would be taken to obtain a permanent ruling on the question.

As the situation now stands the Board is convinced that a passenger on the Leviathan, for instance, is entirely within his rights when he produces the makings of a cocktail at his table in the dining saloon and acts as bartender to his companions.

The wide police powers, given to the commander of a ship under common law and international customs, it was declared by officials of the Board, were materially curtailed by the Volstead act as they affected the crew, and almost obliterated so far as they concerned passengers beyond the point where the safety of ship and cargo is involved.

JOHN A. MILLS DEAD IN BALTIMORE HOSPITAL

Was Prominent Citizen of Raleigh and Builder of Raleigh & Southport Railroad.

Raleigh, July 12.—John A. Mills, 65, Raleigh capitalist, manufacturer, and builder of the Raleigh & Southport railroad from Raleigh to Fayetteville, now a branch of the Norfolk Southern system, died this morning at 10:20 o'clock in a Baltimore hospital.

TRUE CHARGES AGAINST THREE LUMBERTON MEN

Charges Returned as Result of Alleged Flogging of Two Lumberton Women.

Lumberton, N. C., July 12.—True bills charging John Brogden, Mike Lawson and John Hedgcock with burglary and kidnaping were returned in Robeson Superior Court late yesterday as a result of the alleged flogging of Mrs. Mary Watson and Mrs. Hattie Purvis at Proctorville last April.

Break in Price of Wheat Blow to Tariff Boosters.

Washington, July 11.—The break in the price of wheat, sending the price below the dollar mark, is a great blow to Republican prosperity.

Governor Morrison Motoring to Raleigh to Hear Pardons.

Asheville, July 11.—Governor Cameron Morrison will leave here tomorrow morning for a short visit to Raleigh.

At one hotel in Bavaria a visitor found the table cloth and napkins to be paper, the butter, margarine, the coffee, tea, and the rice bread crumbs.

ONLY A SMALL LOSS OF NEGRO LABOR IN STATE

As Compared With Those of Other States—1,370 Negroes Have Left.

Raleigh, N. C., July 12.—Reports received from about 25 county agents of the state indicate that there has been only a small loss of negro labor from the farms in North Carolina as compared to losses from states farther south.

"Another phase affecting labor on the farm as shown by the agents' reports," reads a statement of the Agriculture Department, "is found in counties like Mecklenburg, where the number of laborers going to Charlotte receive about \$3 a day as compared with \$1.25 that the farmer is able to pay.

"On the whole, however, Dr. Kilgore finds that the farm agents do not seem to be very much alarmed about labor conditions in the various counties.

FIVE NEGROES DIE IN MINE ACCIDENT

Were 1,400 Feet Below Surface in An Alabama Mine—Lose From Train When Work Cars Broke.

Birmingham, July 12.—Five men were killed and thirty-five were injured, seven seriously today, when a train of trip cars carrying the morning shift to work, started in Slope mine No. 1 of the Sloss-Sheffield Iron & Steel Company, near Bessemer, Ala., according to reports compiled from hospitals and morgues where the dead and injured were removed.

Earlier Report.—Birmingham, Ala., July 12.—Word reached here today that several miners reported to have been killed in an mine near Bessemer, Ala.

AUDITORS REPORT NOT WORRYING GOVERNOR

He Says He Feels Sure State's Finances All Things Considered, Are in Good Shape.

Asheville, July 12.—Governor Morrison is not worried over the result of the audit of the state's finances, whatever they might be, he announced this morning before leaving Asheville for Raleigh to complete unfinished business needing his attention.

Lightning Kills Three Maryland Soldiers.—Baltimore, July 11.—Three members of the Fifth regiment, Maryland national guard, in camp at Saunders Range, Anne Arundel county, were killed tonight when a bolt of lightning struck in a group of men.

Summary of the reports, Dr. Kilgore said: "I do not believe North Carolina has as yet suffered a severe loss of farm labor and it is gratifying to know that while a large part of the shiftless element has migrated, still the better class of laborers have realized that it is to their interest to remain on our farms.

Cheaper Rates on Hogs.

Washington, July 12.—Railroads were ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission today to reduce by five per cent, to 7 per cent, rates on hogs grown in Southeastern states, and destined to packing plants in and around Fort Worth, Texas.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA.

(By the Associated Press.)

The cotton manufacturing industry in North Carolina used in 1912, 328,407,879 pounds of the raw product. In 1921-22 the amount used was 531,768,116 pounds.

The spindle increase in North Carolina mills has been for each successive year since 1912 greater than that in any other state in the Union.

In proportion the value of fine yarns manufactured in the state is greater in value than that made in any other state. In the value of ticks and denims the state leads the nation.

HARDING JOINS THE ARCTIC BROTHERHOOD

Promises on Oath Never to Mistreat Either a Dog or Horse as Required by the Laws of Brotherhood.

Abroad U. S. S. Henderson with President Harding, July 12 (By the Associated Press).—President Harding has bound himself by an oath never to mistreat either a dog or a horse.

FIRPO AND WILLARD ARE PRIMED FOR BIG BOUT

Two Heavyweights Will Meet Tonight in Picturesque Setting of Boyle's Thirty Acres.

For Jess Willard, the man mountain who held the championship of the world from 1915 to 1919 it will be the acid test in the come-back by which he hopes to obtain return match with his conqueror Jack Dempsey.

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FUNERAL OF MRS. SMITH HELD LATE YESTERDAY

Services at Church After Friends of Deceased—Oakwood Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. T. W. Smith, who died Tuesday morning at her home here, was held yesterday afternoon, at five o'clock at the central Methodist Church, of which the deceased was an active member for many years.

The services at the Church were very brief. Two lessons, one read by Rev. Mr. Peyton, of Winstboro, S. C., pastor of Mrs. T. G. DePortes, and the other by Rev. Jesse C. Rowan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city.

Many beautiful and handsome floral designs, sent as last tokens of love by friends of the deceased, decorated the grave.

The following from Winstboro came to attend the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. E. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Peyton, Miss Mollie McMasser, Mrs. G. A. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Julien Lipscomb, Mr. J. M. Lyles, Mr. R. F. McDowell, Mr. Rudolph Johnston.

AUTOIST GOES TO PEN FOR KILLING A WOMAN

John Talbert, Stanly County, Ran Over Miss Shellie Atkins Last May 11th.

Albemarle, July 11.—An inactive sentence of one year in the pen was passed by Judge Stack in Superior court here yesterday on three boys who pleaded guilty of forging checks.

The case is unique in that Judge Stack passed a sentence of two years on the chain gang on the boys and required them to appear 12 months from now and show that they have attended a full session of school, and required the parents of each of the boys to place with the clerk of the Superior Court the sum of \$300 for one boy and \$200 for each of the others.

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ANNUAL PARADE OF ELKS BRINGS THEIR MEETING TO CLOSE

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CAROLINA LODGES WERE REPRESENTED

At Last Session of the Grand Lodge New Officers Chosen Tuesday Were Installed to Serve Next Year.

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Has Been Delighted With Visit—Pays a High Tribute to Several Public Officials of the State.

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The Kinston Attorney Will Fit in With All Factions of the Party.

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With Our Advertisers.

On Saturday July 14, and running through July 31, Fisher's will start the Annual July Clearance Sale, and expect to make a clean sweep, as there are no left-overs at this store.

State Moonshiners List 111 Still During Month of June.

Salisbury, July 11.—North Carolina moonshiners lost exactly 111 illicit distillers last month, but she is survived by scores of grand-children, great-grand-children and several great-great-grand-children. She was alert in mind and agile in muscle up to a few weeks ago.

Aunt Minerva Wilson Dies in Her 115th Year.

York, S. C., July 11.—"Aunt Minerva" Wilson, negro, 115 years of age, the oldest person in York county, died at her home near York today. All of her 13 children are dead, but she is survived by scores of grand-children, great-grand-children and several great-great-grand-children.

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