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GERMANY WILL MAKE A NEW PEACE OFFER

BERLIN PAPER STATES NEW PROFFER LONG EXPECTED

But heretofore no statement has come from a reliable source. "World Will Be Astonished at Moderation of Terms," Says General Anzeiger

The Hague, May 1.—Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, will make another peace offer in the Reichstag on Thursday of this week, according to an announcement made today by the Berliner Tageblatt.

"The world will be astonished by the moderation of the German peace terms," said General Anzeiger, of Dusseldorf, Germany, quoting a recent dispatch from Berlin a statement given out to foreign correspondents in Berlin. For several weeks it has been intimated that Germany might soon make another peace offer and recent information from Berlin showed that Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg was expected to soon make an announcement in regard to international questions although heretofore no statement has come from a responsible quarter that a peace offer actually would be made.

For several months a controversy has been in progress in Germany as to the aims of the war. The Socialists, vigorously opposed by pan-Germans, are urging a clear statement of Germany's peace terms, on the basis of no annexations or indemnities. The chancellor was recently reported to have decided to defer definite formation of peace proposals.

The announcement of the chancellor's plan to make a peace offer on Thursday is given weight by the fact that it appears in the *Tageblatt*, one of the most widely circulated German newspapers.

Military Operations Shadowed
The possibility of peace terms being advanced by Germany, the internal political situation in that country arising from dissatisfaction of the workmen over present conditions and a recrudescence of rioting in Petrograd, in which bombs were thrown and the disturbers were fired upon, are the features in the news of the world war which for the moment take precedence over the military operations on the fighting fronts.

Thursday may prove an eventful day for Germany and the entire world. Announcement is made by a prominent Berlin newspaper that the German Imperial Chancellor on that day will make another offer for peace in an address to the Reichstag.

May day passed in Germany with little news coming out to show the exact situation with regard to the unrest of the workmen, as a result of which it had been predicted that great strikes might result. A brief Berlin dispatch said the efforts of the radical socialists to bring about the cessation of work in munitions factories had failed and that no disturbance had occurred in Berlin. Unofficially, however, were to the effect that strikes had been declared by munitions workers in the Rhine provinces.

Petrograd has again been the scene of disorder, fomented by opponents of the present government, in which bombs were thrown and the troops were compelled to fire on the rioters.

Germany's intensified submarine campaign apparently is causing considerable uneasiness in England. King George, it is announced will shortly issue a proclamation asking the people to cut down their consumption of foodstuffs by 25 per cent owing to the gravity of the situation.

In Parliament various members are harassing the admiralty by demanding that it make public the exact number of boats sunk by submarine.

Caswell Townships To Vote on Bonds
Leasburg and Milton townships in Caswell county will vote on road improvement bonds on May the 8th. A hot fight is being waged for and against the issue.

Announcements
The pastor of Person circuit will fill his regular appointments Sunday, Concord at 11 A. M. and Oak Grove in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend services at both churches.

Our full line of American Lady corsets has arrived. Everybody knows the American Lady corsets. We can now supply your wants. Back or front lace.—Wiburn.

TOWN OFFICERS NOMINATED IN MASS MEETING FRIDAY

W. I. Newton Nominated For Mayor; Adopt Managerial Form of Government

On last Friday night the citizens of the town assembled in mass meeting in the courthouse according to the call of the Mayor and proceeded to business. It was decided that while the town could not at that date adopt by vote the commission form of government they could, and did, by vote, instruct the candidates who were to be named for town commissioners to select a man to manage the affairs of the town, in other words, in convention assembled, they adopted the managerial form of government for Roxboro.

The following ticket was named: Mayor, W. I. Newton; Commissioners, F. O. Carver, W. R. Hambrick, W. C. Bullock, C. C. Cunningham and E. E. Bradsher.

The meeting was well attended and everything harmonious, but since the meeting there has sprung up some opposition, some who are inclined to bolt the ticket which they helped name and place in the field, for reasons best known to themselves.

Society News.

The members of the Friday Afternoon Club, with other guests, were graciously entertained by Mrs. W. C. Watkins on Friday afternoon, last. A color motif of pink and white was carried out in every detail, white flowers forming the decoration for the attractive home. Boston Rook was played at six tables after which a delicious collation was served.

Mrs. W. H. Winstead was hostess to the Research Club Wednesday afternoon. This was the last meeting of the year and was in the nature of a social affair.

Officers were elected for the coming year and a new program was arranged. Mrs. R. L. Wilburn was elected as a new member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Noell. During the afternoon an enjoyable reading was given by Mrs. O. W. Dowd, who was a guest of the club on this occasion. Refreshments in two courses were served by the hostess and Mrs. J. J. Winstead.

Miss Myrtle Barnett was the delightful hostess on Saturday afternoon to the Girl's Club, an organization composed of twelve young ladies of the city. Besides the members a large number of guests enjoyed this occasion. Dogwood blossoms lent a spring air to the living room where tables were placed for rook. After the games the hostess assisted by Mesdames Preston Satterfield and W. C. Watkins served sandwiches and iced tea, followed by an ice course.

A silver waiter was presented Mrs. R. I. Featherstone, formerly Miss Ethel Crowder, by Miss Breta Noell, in behalf of the members of the club.

BETHEL HILL ITEMS
Commencement at Bethel Hill is looked forward to as one of the most interesting occasions we have during the year and judging from the attendance the exercises this year were no exceptions to this rule.

Regardless of threatening weather a large crowd assembled for the closing exercises all of which were of a high order and a credit to both teacher and pupil.

While it is enjoyable and alright to have entertainments yet the crowning part of these commencements is the addresses by some invited scholars. Our school this year was fortunate in securing for this purpose Dr. J. E. Hicks, of Danville, Va. A more suitable man for the occasion could not be found and the message he brought was an inspiration to all those who want to live on a higher plane and worth making a sacrifice to hear.

A large number of Roxborites were on hand to witness the commencement finale. Come again we are always glad to welcome you and all those who honor us with their presence from other sections.

Prof. B. P. Gentry, superintendent of Harnette county schools, with his wife and daughter, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. W. P. Howard and son Wingate, of Fuquay Springs were welcome visitors on the Hill last Friday.

Mr. Nathan Marshall, of Melrose, Va., visited his sister, Mrs. Alyce Dowd, during commencement.

BELGIUM TO RECEIVE LOAN FROM AMERICA

Amount Estimated at \$150,000,000 Will Be Used For Military Supplies and Relief

Washington, April 30.—In addition to loans to France and Italy totaling between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000, United States will soon make a loan to Belgium, the amount of which is yet to be determined. Unofficial estimates place it approximately at \$150,000,000.

Administration officials have been in a receptive mood toward an application for a Belgium loan ever since the war finance measure became a law, but formal application for a loan was not made until Tuesday when the Belgian minister, Baron de Cartier, called upon Secretary McAdoo and placed before him tentative estimates as to the relief desired.

Secretary McAdoo and Assistant Secretary Crosby discussed the application with the minister for more than three hours. The details of the tentative estimate was not divulged but it is understood that it contains provision for meeting, in part, the Belgian government's needs in maintaining a large number of refugees domiciled in France in addition to requirements of a military nature.

There is said to be a wide divergence between the first estimates of the various entente governments as to their requirements and the final estimates.

Discussion of French and Italian needs continued Tuesday in conference among Secretary McAdoo, Assistant Secretary Crosby, the Italian ambassador and members of the French commission. Vire-Premier Viviani spent more than an hour in consultation with Secretary McAdoo.

Other members of the French commission discussed the proposed loan informally with the federal reserve board at luncheon.

Indications are that the French and Italian loans will be made within the present week, the time limit announced by Secretary McAdoo last week. The Belgian loan probably will not be made until a somewhat later date. Funds for the French and Italian loans will be raised by a fund offer of treasury certificates, expected within the next few days. In this connection Secretary McAdoo has under consideration a suggestion made by the federal reserve board looking to the gradual flotation of the forthcoming bond issue.

The suggestion provides for a bi-weekly offering of treasury certificates in blocks of \$150,000,000, to \$250,000,000, according to the apparent ability of the banks to readily absorb them.

JALONG SCHOOL CLOSES

After a seven months session the school at Jalong closed Friday, April 27th.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings the closing exercises were held. On Wednesday evening a very interesting program was carried out.

After several songs, from the school children a recitation contest was heard, in which Miss Eula Dunevant won the first honor and Lena Dunevant, second. In the two spelling contests, Nettie Watson and Lillian Carver won the honors.

Among the very able speakers of evening were: Messrs. J. A. Beam, J. A. Long, C. C. Cunningham and R. A. Spencer.

On Thursday evening, a cantata, "A Trip to Storyland," was successfully given by the children.

On Friday afternoon the teachers entertained the children with an ice-cream party.

The teachers feel indebted to the Motion Picture manager for the use of the auditorium and for the free shows given both evenings after the entertainment.

A GREAT REVIVAL

The Revival Meeting will begin here in Roxboro, May 20th, conducted by Rev. Raymond Browning. The singing will be led by Mr. J. H. Chamberlain. The meeting will be held in Mr. Browning's new tent, which will seat from one thousand to fifteen hundred people. I think the committee on arrangements will locate the tents on the Graded School grounds. We expect to have comfortable seats, the ground under the tent will be covered with sawdust, and the tent lighted with electric lights. We are looking forward to a hearty co-operation of all the churches in and around Roxboro.—O. W. Dowd.

ROUPEX THE SCENE OF HOTTEST FIGHTING

All Night Long Battle Between German and British Crashed and Thundered

London, April 20.—Bitter fighting continued throughout last night and today on the front of the British offensive, Reuter's correspondent at the British headquarters telegraphs that the Germans apparently have a good idea of the principal points against which the British effort will be directed and which must be carried before it will be possible for the British to go ahead again. The Germans are throwing fresh troops to defend these positions as rapidly as it is possible to hurry them up.

The contour of the Scarpe valley is particularly favorable to the establishment of a perfect nest of machine gun positions which are extremely difficult to detect and, therefore, are very hard to deal with by artillery fire, but they are gradually being subdued.

"Just as in the last pitched battle the hottest fighting centered around Monchy, now Rouex is the scene of the severest fighting," the correspondent continues. "The Germans appreciate the tactical value of Rouex as a compliment to Monchy and are sacrificing troops in droves in the effort to keep the British out, but the concentration of big British guns is making the Germans pay heavy price for their opposition."

"All night long the battle crashed and thundered around Rouex and the high sun this perfect Sabbath morning must be looking upon a veritable German holocaust between the chemical works and Mount Pleasant wood. To the northward we are well established in Arleux village, and along the line of advance running from the southeast of Arleux wood to about 1200 yards west of Acheville."

"Our positions were pushed forward up the western slope of Greenland hill and now command the cross roads northward of its summit. Between Oppye and Gavrelle, the struggle is proceeding with a degree of intensity which renders it impossible to define the situation."

BEWARE WHERE AND HOW YOU ECONIMIZE

Consider the Needs of Health First, Advises State Board of Health

That the high cost of living bears forcibly on the question of health is admitted by all health workers, particularly by public health nurses. Infant Welfare workers will tell you that poverty is the largest single factor in producing high baby death rate. Social workers will tell you that the general sickness rates are highest among people who earn but little.

With these thoughts in mind the State Board of Health is giving the advice, "Beware where and how you economize," a bulletin from the Board says:

"The high cost of living does send up death rates and sickness rates too, points that are affected from many angles and directions. High prices may mean cheap dirty milk, or canned milk or milk without ice in summer, which means sick babies; or it may mean skimping on doctor's bills and doing without the doctor when he is needed which means more illness and death perhaps; or it may mean over crowding and bad housing conditions which means spread of contagion and various forms of ill health."

"If there must be short cuts and economies," says the Board "let them be made without sacrifice of the family's health. Clean, fresh cool milk is essential to the baby's health in summer. A home, well-screened from flies and mosquitoes and admitting plenty of fresh air is necessary to the family's health as well as to their comfort. Pure drinking water, nourishing food, cleanliness and regular rest are further essentials not to be overlooked. Let the skimping be made on non-essentials, such as expensive dress, tobacco, cold drinks, moving pictures and automobiles."

HESTER-REDDISH

Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Reddish announce the marriage their daughter Mary Lillian to Dr. John Roger Hester on Thursday, April the twenty sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen at Raleigh, North Carolina.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS FRIDAY

Civil Docket Completed Friday Afternoon—Report of All Cases Tried, Below

Person County Superior Court adjourned last Friday afternoon and Judge Kerr left Friday night for his home in Warrenton.

The civil docket was reached late Tuesday afternoon.

In the case of Mrs. P. Y. Pass vs. Norfolk & Western and Southern railway, Mrs. Pass was suing for damages on account of goods lost, and was awarded \$147.00, the amount sued for.

Moses Blackwell and wife vs. Norfolk & Western. Blackwell was suing to recover \$850 damages for fire, claiming that his house was burned by sparks from the train. He did not recover any damages.

Board of Town Commissioners vs. J. D. Hart and others. Referred to Mr. R. P. Reade.

Slaughter vs. Yarborough. In this case a compromise was reached and did not go to jury.

J. T. Blanks and wife vs. W. R. Evans. Blanks recovered.

L. B. Scott, Executor of J. M. Bray vs. A. J. Bray. Construction of will.

SENATE VOTES TO TAKE OVER ALL ENEMY SHIPS

Resolution Provides for Transfer of Title and Possession—Put Them Under Shipping Board

Washington, April 30.—The senate by a unanimous vote passed a resolution providing for the transfer of title and possession of enemy ships in American ports and their use in commerce under the direction of the shipping board.

There are about 100 German and many Austrian ships in American ports and all are under repair, though the Austrian ships are not included in the resolution as the United States and Austria are not at war.

One of the German ships—the *Clara Mennig*—is ready for sea and will begin loading a cargo tomorrow for Italy. The *Pisa*, another, will be repaired by Wednesday and will take supplies to France. Five more will be ready by the end of the week.

The resolution was debated in the senate Monday for more than four hours behind closed doors.

GET OUT INTO THE OPEN

Forsake the House. Sleep on the Porch. Work Out in Open Air

You promised yourself last winter when you were afraid to open the windows that when warm weather came again you were going to get out in it and get back some of the health giving properties of fresh air you denied yourself curing cold weather. You planned also to sleep out on the porch. "Are you doing it?"

Now is the time for every body to forsake the house as far as possible and get out into the open. The best plan is to find some out door work to do, such as gardening. The raising of vegetables is now not only valuable from a monetary and health point of view, but it is the most fashionable work a person can do. Front yards are being converted into vegetable gardens, and places that have been wont to grow grass and flowers for beauty are now made to grow "greens" for health and economy.

If you are so unfortunate as not to be able to work in either a vegetable or a flower garden, take long and frequent walks to the woods or fields, or play some kind of outdoor game such as tennis, croquet, baseball, or golf. What is still more essential for your good health in the spring is sleeping in all the fresh air you can get. Move your bed out on the porch if you have one, if not, build one. Too much time is spent in sleep for it not to bring great returns to your health. Sleep in the open air is far more valuable and refreshing than sleep indoors.

Spring fever is a myth. It belongs to the days of hobgoblins. The "tired feeling" which some people have when the first warm days come is often due to poisons that have collected in the system from eating through the winter too heavy meals. Fresh vegetables, fruits and cereals in place of meat will help to take it away. Purgatives are not needed.

Screen doors, \$1.00 and up; screen windows and wire. Screen now.—Watkins & Bullock.

SUBMARINE SINKS AMERICAN TANKER

Captain and Part of Ship and Gun Crews Reported Lost

London, April 30.—The American oil tank steamer *Vacuum* has been sunk. The captain and part of the crew and the naval lieutenant and nine American naval gunners are missing.

The *Vacuum* was sunk by a German submarine on Saturday while she was on the way to the United States.

The chief mate and seventeen men, including three of the American naval gunners, have been landed.

New York, April 30.—The American steamship, *Vacuum*, commanded by Captain S. S. Harris, of this city, left New York on March 30 for Birkenhead, England, carrying a crew of thirty-four men, of whom fifteen were American citizens, including nine native born.

The *Vacuum* oil company today received this message from its agents abroad:

"*Vacuum* torpedoed 28th, 140 miles west of Barra. Number one life boat with captain and others missing."

Washington, April 30.—This afternoon, State and Navy Department officials said they had no official dispatches on the destruction of the *Vacuum* or the fate of the men missing. Whether the names of the naval gunners are made public will depend on what information the Navy Department receives.

HARDEN SHOWS UP GERMAN MISTAKES

Daring Editor Exposes the Shame and Pretences of Imperial Government

Copenhagen via London, April 30.—Maximilian Harden, the German "enfant terrible" publishes in the latest issue of *Die Zukunft* another daring frank article, exposing to German readers the "shame, pretences and mistakes" of their government's policy.

The article is devoted to the entry of the United States into the war which Herr Harden warns the people must be taken seriously both from the moral side, as a symptom of the weakness of Germany's appeal to the neutral world and the failure of her foreign policy, and because of the physical aspects of the weight that American will ultimately be able to throw into the scale.

Another article by Herr Harden culminates in an appeal to Germany to put the interior of her house in order and introduce democratic conditions, which the writer says is the only sure basis for future peace.

Scarcely less noteworthy than his scathing criticism of German diplomacy (but not that of Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States whose work he praises) is Herr Harden's justification to German readers of America's attitude during the war, and his demolition for example, of the favorite pan-German arguments that the United States was inspired solely by dollar chasing and looked upon war only as a source for enormous profits from munitions supplies.

The United States, Herr Harden declared, could have continued to amass unmeasured riches, not from munition contracts, but as the world's source of supply. Instead, he adds, the United States chose for an ideal to reject a continuance of its profitable neutrality to load itself with a burden of expenditures which no other country could safely bear.

GENTRY-WHITT

Last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Whitt, the bride's parents, Miss Della Whitt became the wife of Mr. Stephen P. Gentry, Rev. Plybon officiating. The bride is the daughter of County Commissioner H. J. Whitt and is well-known throughout the county. Mr. Gentry is a progressive merchant of Mill Creek.

NOTICE
Sons of Confederate Veterans: It has been decided to postpone the organization of a Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp until May the 20th, at 9:30 A. M., courthouse. Please be present and on time. R. A. BURCH.

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