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NOT TO ACCEPT PEACE OFFER OF THE POPE

Official Belief in Washington is That the Proposals Will Have to Be Rejected; London Papers Silent.

Italian Paper Says Pontif is Declined to Play an Important Part in the Peace of the World.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Administration officials today awaited the official text of the pope's peace proposals before giving any intimation of the nature of the reply. That the peace offer will require an answer is acknowledged but it is believed the interest of the allies will require a rejection. It is virtually certain the proposals can not be accepted in their present form.

The communication probably will be transmitted to the state department through the papal delegates or the Spanish or Swiss legations. The answer involves a delicate plan because the proposals offer a war weary world hope for the restoration of peace.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Pope Benedict's proposals have not yet been received by the government but Secretary Lansing said the proposals as published by the Associated Press was substantially in accord with the unofficial outline he has before him.

There is no change in the first impression that the allies will reject the proposal in its present form and probably refuse to consider it at all. There is a growing probability that in making clear to the world they will restate their war aims.

Declining to discuss the war aims of the allies on the ground that they might change, Mr. Lansing said there had been no alterations in the plans of the United States since his speech at Madison Barracks. He declined to say whether there had been any agreement with the allies regarding the aims of the war but intimated all were in accord.

No Comment.

London, Aug. 15.—Some of the newspapers refrain from commenting on the pope's peace proposals while those which discuss them base their genesis to Austria and either reject absolutely or indicate the belief that the text when received will show them unacceptable. The Daily News says that whatever reasons hitherto have restrained the pope as a champion of peace the long delay has materially impaired the advantages the Vatican originally had for disinterested intervention.

Give a Guarantee.

Rome, Aug. 15.—The Corriere D'Italia, semi-official organ of the Vatican, says that in the court of arbitration destined to avoid future conflicts the pontifical authorities will be worthy of being represented, being a guarantee of the disinterested protection of the people.

WAR DEPARTMENT FACES HUGE TASK

Must Get Maximum Amount of Use Out of Each Soldier That is Drafted.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Army officers who will organize the national army divisions face the task of making the best possible use of the men. They will come from all walks of life and conditions of life. Among them will be trained individuals, specialists in particular lines and mechanics. It is the war department's plan to get the maximum advantage for the nation out of each man.

Already officials are being besieged with requests from men already held for duty for assignment to particular arms of the service. Little can be done in that regard in advance of mobilization but it is hoped the wishes of many can be met.

Cotton.

New York, Aug. 15.—Cotton lost part of yesterday's advance today. Overnight consideration of peace proposals did not increase optimism regarding successful negotiations. After opening steady at a decline of 6 to 14 points active months sold about 27 to 30 points net lower during the early trading. October declined to 25.00 and January to 24.91 compared with 25.41 and 25.20, yesterday's high points.

Cotton futures opened steady. October, 25.33; December, 25.17; January, 25.00; March, 25.25; May, 25.25.

WAR TAX BILL NEARING THE STAGE TO BE VOTED UPON

Washington, Aug. 15.—The liquor and income tax sections of the war tax bills were taken up when the senate resumed debate today. The latter section with the war profits and the publishers tax sections are the most difficult.

The leaders hope to dispose of the bill before the end of next week. Approval of the soft drink, tobacco and most of the public utilities schedules already has been given. Prospects are that efforts soon would be made to limit debate and fix a date for vote.

CHILDREN PROVE AGE BEFORE WORK

Issuing Officer of Child Labor Division in City Gathering Information.

Miss A. M. Hill, an issuing officer of the child labor division, children's bureau, United States department of labor, is in the city for the purpose of examining and approving evidence of age and issuing certificates of age in accordance with the United States child labor act and the rules and regulations for carrying out that act. Miss Hill will remain in the city Thursday, Friday and Saturday and may be found at the South Main street school building from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 1.30 to 4.30 p. m. each day.

On and after the first of September no child under 14 years of age will be permitted to work in factories, mills, stores or any other place of employment and children who are 14 and 15 years of age and who intend working on and after September 1 are requested to meet Miss Hill and to be armed with proof of their age. The proofs are forwarded to the child labor division of the department of labor and employer and employee are in turn furnished with the proper certificates showing that the child is over the age limit and can be employed.

The work of the division is not only a help to the employers but to the children, it is stated, inasmuch as one too young will have trouble in securing work and in the event such work is secured and the child does hold a certificate, that absolves the employer of all blame.

Manufacturers and shippers are not allowed to ship or deliver for shipment any article or articles manufactured or prepared as a result of labor by a child, the following section of the law governing what shall and shall not be done:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no producer, manufacturer, or dealer shall ship or deliver for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce and article or commodity the product of any mine or quarry, situated in the United States, in which within thirty days prior to the time of the removal of such product therefrom children under the age of sixteen years have been employed or permitted to work, or any article or commodity the product of any mill, cannery, workshop, factory, or manufacturing establishment, situated in the United States, in which within thirty days prior to the removal of such product therefrom children under the age of fourteen years have been employed or permitted to work, or children between the ages of fourteen years and sixteen years have been employed or permitted to work more than eight hours in any day, or more than six days in any week, or after the hour of seven of six o'clock antemeridian: Provided, That a prosecution and conviction of a defendant for the shipment or delivery for shipment of any article or commodity under the conditions herein prohibited shall be a bar to any further prosecution against the same defendant for shipments or deliveries for shipments of such article or commodity before the beginning of said prosecution."

GENERAL MELVER TO COMMAND TROOPS

Enterprise Correspondent Learns That on Good Authority; Bickett Wants Ferguson.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.)

Washington, Aug. 15.—The Enterprise correspondent learns from a reliable source today that General George Melver, a native of Moore county, will be named to command the North Carolina national guard. General Melver is a graduate of West Point. He was appointed to the military academy by General Seales while a member of congress from the Old North State.

Governor Bickett has recommended Colonel Ferguson for the state troops, but it is a hundred to one shot that General Melver will get the post.

GARBAGE DUMPERS TO BE ARRESTED

Claim is Made That Refuse and Rubbish is Being Dumped Inside the City Limits.

The police force of the city, following a complaint lodged with the city council by W. C. Jones, has been instructed to rigidly enforce the city ordinance and the state statute governing the dumping of rubbish and refuse on property located within the city limits. Mr. Jones stated last night that his property known as the Jones' woods was being greatly damaged by the continued dumping of refuse and that although he had employed men to keep a watch on the property to prevent the unlawful practice, he had been unable to detect the guilty party or parties.

The councilmen stated that the laws should and will be enforced, not only on the property of Mr. Jones, but at every point in the city. The members of the force were given instructions to be on the lookout for any darymen or others who might haul refuse and dump it where they have no privilege and where it is contrary to the state and city laws.

PROPERTY OWNERS PAY FOR REPAIRS

Would Cost About \$5,000 to Repair Main Street. Owners Are Asked to Bear Expenses.

Fred N. Tate appeared before the city council last night and outlined a proposition for the repairing of the two blocks of Main street which traverse the main business section of the city. The street was put down 14 years ago, Mr. Tate said, and was paid for by the people of the city as a whole, not by the property owners, as is the case where new streets are being paved. The street has been repaired but once since the time it was put down, he stated, and that at a small cost. There are about 10,000 square yards of the paving and it could be repaired at a cost of approximately 50¢ the square yard, it was stated. The paving is of bitulithic and could not be repaired with asphalt and the city manager was instructed to ascertain the exact cost of repairing the street.

Councilman Hedrick voiced the opinion of the board when he stated that it was certainly the duty of the property owners along the street to repair it once for it had been put down in front of their property, greatly enhancing values, without it costing them one cent more than it did the resident of some far removed back street. The people of the city residing along the streets being paved at present are paying a part of the costs and it appeared like rank discrimination to have the city repair Main street without assessing the property owners for the expenses incurred thereby.

Mr. Tate and Mayor Ragan felt that there would be little opposition to repairing the street from the property owners if the matter were put before them in the right light and as soon as the exact cost of doing the work is ascertained, Mayor Ragan will, personally, visit the property owners and urge upon them the necessity of having some repairing done to the street to prevent its going to pieces. The foundation is of stone on a sub base of clay and is at present in good shape but if the water begins to seep through the street will soon be totally destroyed. And, it is pointed out, High Point does not want a rough main business thoroughfare such as is that in Greensboro.

YOUNG MEN EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM FORT OGLETORPE

Hal Ingram, Julius S. Peel, C. F. Mattson, Lawrence Mattson and other young men of the city who have been training at Fort Ogletorpe, Ga., were expected to arrive in the city today for a stay of 12 days before being assigned to posts.

Three Ships Taken.

Shanghai, China, Aug. 15.—Three Austrian merchantmen interned here have been taken by Chinese naval forces. The German and Austrian ships bow taken over an aggregate tonnage of 17,000.

BRITISH AND FRENCH BEGIN NEW ATTACKS

Their Progress is Characterized by Haig As Being Satisfactory in the Region About Lens; Canadians Take Part.

Two More Vessels of Norway's Rapidly Diminishing Merchant Fleet Are Sunk; French Attack Near Dixmude.

The British and French returned to the attack in northern France and Belgium last night and first reports indicate they have won success. The principal blow was struck by the British on a front of about 4,000 yards from the northwestern outskirts of Lens to the Bois Hugo northeast of Loos. General Haig announces his troops carried the German first line at all points and are making satisfactory progress. Hill 70, a German stronghold northwest of Lens which dominates the city, has been stormed.

In the beginning of the attack on the northern end of the line which apparently has been selected by the French and British in the summer campaign the Canadians have been making steady progress around Lens driving slowly into the outskirts of the city.

The new attack on the front north of Lens evidently is designed to close around the city. If successful this operation may compel the Germans to evacuate the town without a direct attack on it with the heavy sacrifices such a move probably would involve.

The French attack was made near the coast in the vicinity of Dixmude. Paris reports good progress east of the Dixmude road. London also announces gains by the entente northwest of Bixchoote in the sector north of Ypres. Active operations continued on the Aisne. The French positions between Rurbae and Craonne were bombarded heavily during the night but the Germans did not renew the infantry actions which have cost them such losses in their efforts to expel the French.

Two more steamers of Norway's diminishing merchant fleet have been sunk. They were the Falkland, 4,877 tons gross, and the Capella 877 tons. Two men were lost on the former which was sunk in the North sea.

The Russo Rumanian forces have been compelled to yield further ground in southern Rumania. Today's official statement from Petrograd reports the occupation by the enemy of a height west of Oena where the Austro German forces are endeavoring to outflank the Rumanian army to the south.

CABINET HALTS TO WATCH AMERICANS

American Troops Paraded Over the Streets of London This Morning.

London, Aug. 15.—American troops marched here today. They were reviewed by ambassador Page and King George. Great crowds lined the streets which were decorated with American and British flags. The Americans were cheered.

A meeting of the cabinet was in process but it was adjourned to permit the premier and his associates to pay their compliments to the Americans.

ASKED TO HANDLE THE LIBRARY FUNDS SO AS TO SIMPLIFY MATTERS

J. Elwood Cox appeared before the city council last night and asked that the city make a direct gift of \$2,000 per year for the upkeep of a library instead of \$2,000, which has been promised, and that the city will receive from the county \$800 of this fund, \$600 being the amount the county commissioners have agreed to appropriate. This would not increase the city's donation one particle but would simplify matters so that correspondence with the Carnegie foundation could be carried on better. Mr. Cox stated that it would be considerable trouble to explain the reason for the two different sources of the fund for the maintenance and that the less trouble encountered the better it would be for all persons desiring a free public library in the city. The council will handle the appropriations as suggested by Mr. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Capt. M. Waynick, of Greensboro, spent a short while in the city this morning.

HARVARD BOYS LEARNING TRENCH WARFARE.



HARVARD TRENCH PRACTICE INTERNATIONAL Members of the Harvard University Officers' Training Corps digging trenches for practice at Fresh Pond, Mass.

Important Paving Matter Not Decided By Council

Rocmac People Offer to Take Parkway Instead of Centennial Avenue and give Long Closed Street to Lassiter and Company But Council is Ivided And No Decision Reached.

Last night a plan whereby Centennial avenue might be paved in the near future and thrown open to traffic after a prolonged delay was offered the city council and, for the first time since being sworn into office, that body was undecided and divided. The plan was to give the rocmac paving concern the job on Parkway and turn Centennial avenue over to R. G. Lassiter and company, the rocmac people to be paid for the work already done on Centennial avenue, this consisting mostly of grading. When the plan, a compromise measure, was submitted, Councilman Hedrick was of the decided and expressed opinion that the rocmac people couldn't pave one street they couldn't pave another and he spoke right out and said he favored holding the concern to the terms of the contract held for the work on Centennial avenue. Councilman Lindsay was not so sure whether the city would have sufficient money to pave Parkway and wasn't going to favor making the swap until he was given "light" on this side of the argument. Councilman Snow appeared to be in favor of making the trade and Mayor Ragan acted in the same manner but Councilman Stanton was absent and no vote was taken, the board putting it off until the postponed meeting which is to be held tomorrow evening.

When the council convened last evening Attorney G. Sam Bradshaw, of Greensboro, appeared for the Central Engineering and Construction company, the rocmac pavers, and stated that inasmuch as the city wanted to have the work done as soon as possible no Centennial avenue that his clients would consent to the exchange provided an increase of 15 per cent in the contract was permitted and that they would be given the job on the Parkway. That 15 per cent proviso caused City Manager Murphy to remember that General Manager Donaldson of the paving concern had appeared at a meeting three weeks ago and stated that rocmac had not increased in price. Mr. Murphy wanted to know "how come."

LABOR FEDERATION MEET IN ASHEVILLE

Three Day Session Was Closed Today With Election of Officers.

(By The Associated Press.)

Salisbury, Aug. 15.—The North Carolina state federation of labor closed a three day session here today after choosing Asheville as the 1918 convention city. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. E. Schuping, Salisbury; vice president, W. H. Holton, Rocky Mount; secretary, treasurer, M. E. Meadows, Asheville; organization, J. E. Barrett, of Asheville.

HOW TELEGRAMS TO SAILORS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IS TOLD

The Western Union Telegraph company advises that the director of naval communications has ordered telegrams of such character be forwarded addressed to ships in care bureau of navigation, Washington, D. C.

For example: John Smith, U. S. S. Texas, Care Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Telegrams of less important or urgency will be forwarded by bureau of navigation to the addressee by mail. The above doesn't apply to the boys abroad, they being addressed "USNAV FORCE, London."

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE ALL WHEAT CROP

Is Forecast By Formation of Fifty Million Dollar Corporation Today By the Food Administration.

Through This Arrangement the Government Will Guarantee Stabilization of Price at Home And Abroad.

Washington, Aug. 15.—The government purchase of enough of the 1917 wheat crop to stabilize prices in the United States was forecast in the formation today of a fifty million dollar corporation by the food administration.

The intention is to take over the entire harvest if necessary to maintain fair prices. The corporation will make all allied purchases of wheat and flour and thus will stabilize prices. Through the arrangement, too, it hopes to secure itself against any loss.

The food administration will open agencies at all the wheat terminals carrying on its transactions with the usual dealers. No commission charge will be made except to cover costs of operation. The price to be paid will be fixed by a committee under the grain provision headed by President Garfield of Williams college. This price, the food administration expects, to see maintained in private as well as government transactions.

BAPTIST REVIVAL ATTRACTS CROWDS

Another Large Congregation Greeted Rev. Walter E. Rodgers Last Evening.

The revival services which commenced last Sunday morning at the Green Street Baptist church, under the leadership of Rev. Walter E. Rodgers are growing in interest and spiritual fervor. The audience last night filled the house. Mr. Rodgers is not only doing the preaching but is helping the singing and making the congregational singing a feature of the services.

The sermon last night was as was originally announced "The Gifts of the Spirit" taken from 1 Cor. 12:28 and titled "charity" in the King James version. The audience was admonished to 13:18 that great chapter which is trans-gone home and read the lesson by first reading it as it is and then to reread a second time supplying the word love, then to read it again and supply the word God for God is love and then to finally read it substituting Jesus for God for Jesus was God manifested in the flesh and is the embodiment of all love and the representation of the greatest love that has been shown to the human race.

Mr. Rodgers in an impassioned plea urged that the Christian people pray God for these virtues which He is ready to bestow and which will make every one more effective.

Services tonight at 8 p. m. There will be a prayer meeting at 7:30 for all who are interested in the meeting and at 7:45 a lecture will be given on personal work.

The subject of the sermon tonight will be "Going Fishing."

All are invited. The soldiers are invited especially.

Inventor Dies.

Sound Beach, Conn., Aug. 15.—George C. Bliedenscher, 66 years-old, vice president of the Bliedenscher Manufacturing Co., died at his home here today. He was the inventor of the typewriter which bears his name. He later adopted it to the Chinese alphabet an accomplishment which interested the Japanese government that it revised its language to adopt it.

Wheat.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—Interest in wheat trade today entered on guesses as to what price the government would set for transaction under the new conditions when before the end of the month business in futures will be stopped. Dealings today were small mostly 2.00 to 2.05, an advance of 1 cent compared with yesterday.

Tear Down Banners.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Tearing of banners from the suffrage pickets and attack on the headquarters continued today. Good natured but determined crowds tore down the banners as fast they appeared.