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Italy Says Something in Regard to U. S. Note to England

**Intimates That She
Would Like to Stand
by America in any
Action she takes.**

Rome, Jan. 2.—The Tribuna commenting on the American note to the British government says:

"America, the Scandinavian countries and Italy are united by an informal understanding which might become formal if the abuses continue. They only desire to see their commerce protected and demand that international rules, instead of arbitrary belligerents reign over the seas."

"The American note, or similar views from other neutrals, must not be taken as an expression of irritation at the injury to their commerce by the application of international rights."

The government has ordered the police to watch foreigners and to make special investigations of their doings. Many have been invited to leave the country and it is stated some will be expelled if they do not take the hint. The government's action, it is stated, is due to reports of espionage.

NO REAL WANT.

London, Jan. 2.—While some of the German prisoners appear gloomy and criticize their leaders, this is no fair indication of the sentiments of their fighting quality.

So says a British official eye witness at the front in a dispatch dated December 31, adding:

"Neither the pinch of a real want nor the lack of men and material of war has yet been felt by the Germans nor has the consciousness of defeat been brought home to them."

"They believe that Russia has suffered decisive defeat; that England is defeated, and France is exhausted and ready to make peace. They are conscious, however, that the war will last much longer than at first expected."

SUMMARY OF WAR.

The Russian war office announces another defeat has been inflicted upon the Austrian forces in Galicia, whose advance from the Carpathians recently was checked with serious consequences to them. It is asserted that fortified Austrian positions near Gorlice were destroyed and that 3,000 prisoners were captured. The Russian statement says, however, that the victory was won only after a hard battle and that fighting still continues, indicating that the Austrians are still capable of offering determined resistance.

In Poland the German attack apparently has shifted to the southward. The Russian statement mentions fighting of particular intensity at Rawa, which is thirty miles south of Sochaczew, the recent center of German activity. German attacks there as in the east Prussia and the region of Mlawa, in Poland near the east Prussian border, are said to have been repulsed.

Austrian warships have bombarded Belgrade, the Serbian capital from which the Austrians were driven shortly after they had occupied it. Some damage to property was caused by the bombardment, but so far as is known no lives were lost.

According to a report current in Paris, the lost British battleship Formidable was sunk off Portsmouth, England's chief naval base. The destruction of the Formidable is believed to have been the work of a German submarine.

REV. B. W. SPILLMAN AT 1ST. BAPTIST

Three Services of Importance There Today.

Three services of great importance are those to be held today at the First Baptist church. Two of the ablest leaders in Sunday school work among Southern Baptists will deliver addresses.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, secretary of the Sunday school board of the Southern Baptist Convention will address the Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and will also speak at the regular morning service at eleven o'clock.

At 7:30 p. m., Rev. E. L. Middleton, Sunday school secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention will speak. Both speakers are men with messages. They are specialists in this work.

At the morning service there will

ABSCONDED WITH RAILROAD'S CASH

George Myrover Stole \$1,500—Apprehended In New York

New York, Jan. 2.—Requisition papers for George Myrover, twenty-six years of age and of Fayetteville, N. C., wanted in Tampa, Fla., for the theft of \$1,500, reached this city today.

These papers were the last to be signed by Governor Glynn and they were turned over at once to detective Joseph Jester of the Florida police force who left at once for that State with his prisoner.

Myrover was employed in the financial department of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company at Tampa and on November 17 disappeared. It was supposed that he had committed suicide but it was later learned that he wandered about the country spending money.

On Christmas Eve the young man reached this city and begged detectives Van Teisten and DeVaney for something to eat. They took him to a nearby restaurant and there he told them who he was and what he had done and he was arrested. Myrover said that he had rather be in prison in Florida than at large in New York freezing to death.

WILL ASSIST THE COUNTY FARMERS

They Are To Be Shown
How To Give The Hog
Cholera Serum

Prof. J. W. Sears, Farm Demonstrator for Craven county and whose headquarters are at the Farm School at Vanceboro, has planned to give demonstrations of the serum treatment for the cure of hog cholera at different points in the county during the next few weeks.

The points at which the demonstrations are to be held and the dates have not been fully decided upon at the present time but will be made known later. In the meantime Prof. Sears is sending out the following circular letter to the farmers of the county:

"My Dear Sir:—

"I am sending posters announcing the date of the demonstration of hog Cholera serum treatment, that is to be given free at your school house. I trust that you will be interested in this matter, and help us get the farmers and their wives and children out to this meeting. Dr. F. D. Owen, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be present to deliver an illustrated stereoscopic lecture on hog cholera, and how to eradicate the disease. It has been found that hog cholera can be prevented by vaccination, same as we prevent small-pox by vaccination. In a test conducted by the U. S. Department last year ending June 30th, 1914 84,266 hogs were treated. The number of hogs that were well when treated were 27,266, of the number of hogs that were sick when treated 7,040 number of hogs that died that were sick when treated was 2,057, or 29.21 per cent. We see by this and other evidences that it pays handsomely to vaccinate your hogs and prevent cholera. We are now in the midst, assisted by Dr. Owen, of a county wide campaign for the eradication of hog cholera. We need your assistance, co-operation and help in this work. With the eradication of hog cholera growing hogs in Craven county would be profitable business."

Yours truly,
Craven County Farm Bureau.

The letter in one part states that in many sections of the State certain "gangs" of Democrats have resorted to desperate and dishonorable means, and urges this as a reason for concerted action, by which may be secured payment of poll taxes and registrations. A memorandum book has been sent to a large number of people to assist them in a systematic campaign.

A royal good time was enjoyed yesterday at an oyster roast given by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Chadwick in honor of the house guests of Miss Kathleen Pittman, Misses Gertrude and Carrie Woods and Mr. Robert Woods of Clifton Forge, Va. The neat little motor boat "Carl and Roderick" belonging to Mr. Chadwick took the party to Glenburnie Park where by a roaring oak fire the delicious bivalves were roasted and thoroughly enjoyed. Those composing the party in addition to the above named guests of honor were Miss Julia Parker, Misses Ruby and Bessie Rawls, Miss Kathleen Pittman and Miss Mabel Chadwick. Messrs. Bynum Smith, Robert Pittman, Mark Hill, Wardie Gaskin, Jacob, Floyd and William Chadwick, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Chadwick.

PAST YEAR WAS GOOD ONE IN IN THIS SECTION

No Pessimistic Mood Is
Evident In and Around
New Bern.

PROGRESS IS MADE

Building Activity and Road
Building Was Very
Noticeable.

While the past twelve months have not been all that New Bern would have desired them to be, this period has been far from being as big a failure as some of the pessimists would have it seem. Since January 1, 1914 there has probably been more building activity within the limits of the city and its suburbs than during any similar period during the past five or six years. Money has not been so very "tight" and there is a general feeling of optimism all over the county.

Among the most prominent of the building activities during the past twelve months has been the erection of an addition to the public schools of the city, costing twenty thousand dollars, improvements to the City Hall costing five thousand dollars or more, the erection of the new home of the Peoples Bank costing many thousand dollars, the building erected on Middle street by O. Marks and Son, the beginning of the erection of St. Luke's hospital. In addition to this there have been an unusually large number of residences erected. These have cost from \$500 to \$15,000 each. There have also been many repairs and additions made which are not mentioned.

There have been road improvements galore, both in the city and in all parts of the county and this is a material benefit to the county as a whole.

As the amount of business transacted during the period of twelve months, it can conscientiously be said that it was gratifying. The bankers of the city claim that the year has been one of prosperity in this section despite the fact that in September, 1913, one of the most disastrous storms in the history of Eastern North Carolina swept over the entire section and caused a loss of more than five million dollars. The bankers know of what they speak and their word is a surety that conditions are good.

There is no denial of the fact that the public is holding on a little tighter to their money. This, however, is not on account of any depression, it is due more to the fact that they have learned the lesson of thrift and are not spending their cash for useless purposes.

The New Year bids fair to eclipse all others. Already preparations are being made for much building and this will soon begin. There are to be numerous improvements made to the roads of the city and county, a new park is to be thrown open to the public; probably a new car line will be put in operation, several new enterprises are to be started and as a whole the prospect now seems very encouraging.

Miss Bertha Tolson has returned from a few days visit with friends at Beaufort.

Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston, are spending their week-end in New Bern with Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Pollock.

SELF DENIAL WEEK

Presbyterians Asked to Forego
One Luxury

New York, Jan. 2.—Presbyterians throughout the country have been asked to deny themselves at least one luxury during the week beginning tomorrow and to contribute the amounts thus saved towards a fund of \$430,000 which is needed to pay the church debt. The request for the observance of "self-denial week" has been sent out by the Rev. Dr. Maitland Alexander of Pittsburgh, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. It is stated by the heads of the church organizations and mission boards that because of the war and general business depression there is not a church body that has not suffered and nearly all have closed the year with a debt. The Presbyterian boards have fallen behind to the extent of \$430,000.

Miss Lucy Hadley left yesterday morning for her home in Rocky Mount after spending several days in New Bern as guest of Miss Mary Turner.

Mrs. L. S. Dowdy, of Norfolk, Va., who has been visiting her son W. F. Dowdy in New Bern for the last few days left yesterday for Beaufort to visit relatives.

FEDERAL ARMOR PLATE FACTORY REPORT SOON

Committee Appointed To
Make Investigation
Have Done So.

ADVERSE FINDING

Understood That They Will
Not Favor It In
Any Way.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The congressional committee appointed to investigate proposals for a federal armor plate factory is expected to make its report early next week. Senator Tillman is chairman. It is understood that the committee will report adversely to the report at this session, because of the necessity for rigid congressional economy.

Big Measures.
Washington, Jan. 2.—Only a little more than two months of the present session remained when congress reconvened and settled down to passage of the big supply measures and completion of the administration program. While much of the work of the session yet remained to be accomplished, the leaders are as determined as ever to pass necessary legislation before March 4 to avoid an extra session.

Interest centered today in the immigration bill. Indications were that the bill, together with the literacy test, would be vetoed on before adjournment for the day and passage of both was assured. Sponsors of the measure predicted that despite strong indications that President Wilson would veto the bill if adopted in its present form it could be passed in both houses over an executive disapproval.

The American Farmer
Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Rewards of a farmer are measured in the products which his farm directly furnishes him rather than in dollars and cents, according to the Department of Agriculture which announces today some of the results of an investigation concerning agricultural incomes.

The average farmer receives little more money for his year's work than he would pay if he had hired himself out, the investigation showed.

The average value of the chief necessities of life—food, fuel oil and shelter—used each year by the farm family was \$595.08. Of those necessities, estimated in money the portion contributed directly by the farm was \$421.17, leaving necessities to the value of \$173.91 to be purchased by the farmer.

Of the food consumed, 63 per cent was furnished by the farm, which varied considerably in different sections. It was greatest in North Carolina where farms supplied 82.3 per cent of the food consumed while the average in New York was only 50.4.

"In view of the present economic crisis in the south this fact is regarded as of particular significance since it demonstrates the extent to which with a proper system of agriculture Southern farms can be made self-sustaining," says the department's statement.

"Conservation upon one cash crop cotton, has proved disastrous, and agricultural authorities are now trying in every way to induce the people to adopt a system which will lead to conditions similar to those now prevailing in this particular area of North Carolina."

ENJOYABLE PARTY

Given In Honor Of Miss Lulu Dis-
oway

Last evening a crowd of young folks gathered at the home of Mrs. Parkins in Riverside in honor of Miss Lulu Disoway who is at home for the holidays. After participating in many games and music they were invited in the dining room by the gracious hostess, Mrs. Parkins. There they were seated to a table laden with cream and cake and all kinds of fruit, nuts, and candies. The Xmas colors green and red were carried out through the entire house. After spending a pleasant evening they departed for their homes amid much merriment voting Mrs. Parkins a most hospitable hostess.

Mrs. Richardson, of Salisbury, N. C., is spending several days in the city visiting her sister Mrs. S. M. Brinson.

Mrs. A. Ottlinger, of Greensboro, has returned home after spending the holidays in the city guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Marks.

Ray. C. T. Rogers, of Richlands, was in New Bern yesterday. Miss Grace Offley, of Baltimore, Md., is spending the week-end with friends in New Bern on her way home from a visit to friends in Dublin, Ga.

FIVE HUNDRED MET DEATH ON THE FORMIDABLE

This Number Have Not
Been Accounted For
By Admiralty.

SHIP TORPEDOED

Survivors Say She Was
Fired On By German
Submarine.

London, Jan. 2.—(Central News Cable)—As far as can be learned, no more than one hundred and fifty men were rescued when the British battleship Formidable was sunk yesterday in the English channel. Survivors landed at Brixham declare that the vessel was torpedoed fore and aft by a German submarine but the Admiralty believes that the vessel struck a mine. Thirty-five officers were lost and the Admiralty publishes a list containing the name of Captain Arthur N. Loxley. Nine of this number were midshipmen. The vessel carried a complement of more than seven hundred.

Germans Inactive.
Petrograd, (Via London) Jan. 2.—German inactivity about Warsaw for some time past is explained, according to reports reaching here, by the claim that they have employed their time in fortifying territory already taken up to the Bzura river and along the left bank of the Lower and Middle Vistula river. According to reliable information reaching here, Lodz, Lodz, Skierniewice and Piotrkow are now as strongly fortified as Kalisz and Czenstochowa. The Germans have attempted to make this territory as difficult to invade as is German soil.

Residents of West Poland reaching Petrograd, state hundreds of factories have been blown up by the Germans and that all available building material, especially bricks and metals, have been used in construction of the new fortifications. Recent German attacks between Skierniewice and Warsaw have their base at Lodz and Piotrkow, which are said to be equipped with railroads, telegraphs and all necessary war accessories.

Attacking Hungary.

Vienna, Jan. 2.—The main Russian attack is now directed towards Hungary. The Russians have enormous forces which have driven their way through the passes of the Carpathians, advancing in four columns. There is grave fear in Vienna and Budapest, although everything possible has been done to stop the Russian advance. It is expected that Germany will withdraw her troops from the Polish front to help in repelling the invasion of Hungary.

Russians Lose.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—It is admitted that the Russian losses in capturing passes in the Carpathians were enormous. Both armies have been reinforced in the Caucasus. The battle front now extends seventy miles. The Germans have erected earthworks and are holding the island of Janyshew. They were shelled and driven to the opposite shore of the island by Russian steamers on which heavy artillery has been mounted. In Galicia the Russians have carried the fortifications around the village of Miszonka, where they captured 3,000 prisoners and ten guns. The battle is still raging, the Russians using bayonets, hand grenades and armored motor cars.

AUTO SHOW OPENS

New York the Scene of Big Display

New York, Jan. 2.—Fifty thousand square feet of floor space are required to accommodate the exhibits at the fifteenth annual National Automobile Show, which opened at the Grand Central Palace today for a week's engagement. Everything pertaining to the motor industry, from the smallest bolt to the finished, up-to-date, handsomely modeled touring car, has found a place in the big exhibition this year. The show is given over almost wholly to "Made in America" cars. More than 100 completed cars of different types and makes are included in the display and in addition there is shown a wide variety of accessories. The big building has been magnificently decorated for the occasion.

Mrs. C. F. Flowers of Columbia, S. C., passed through New Bern last night enroute to Alliance to visit relatives.

W. B. Fosque, of Pollockville, was a visitor to New Bern yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Richardson and children returned last evening from Durham, N. C., where they spent the holidays.

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MYSTERY CASE STILL BAFFLING THE N. Y. POLICE

Three Women Now Impli-
cated In Poisoning
Tragedy.

VICTIM LIVING

Lorlys Elton Rogers Still
Refuses To Tell His
Story.

New York, Jan. 2.—In the romantic Bronx poisoning tragedy came to light today, a remarkable feature. It lies in the attitude toward Lorlys Elton Rogers, lawyer, of the three women into whose lives he so importantly entered—the first wife, who divorced him; the present wife, Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, and the third woman who is now dying in Lebanon Hospital because of her desperation and grief into which she was driven by her relations with Rogers.

None of these women are hostile to him. Indeed, he appears to still compellingly hold their affection and regard. His first wife, who was Miss Rougemont, sister of Hunter Rougemont, Roger's law partner in Montgomery, Ala., has been twice to the hospital—on Thursday afternoon and yesterday afternoon—to see him and comfort him and assure him she is ready to give any service that may help him in his trouble. She went also to the bedside of the young woman who is mortally ill and spoke most tenderly to her.

Wife Said to Know of Alliance
As for Mrs. Caroline Giddings Rogers, her brother, Prof. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia University, says that while he would advise against her ever resuming wifely relations with Rogers, his sister is forgiving the handsome Southerner of romantic aspect. If information from other sources is correct she has known the existence of "Mrs. Ida Rogers" since the birth of the young woman's first child, two and a half years ago, but in spite of this knowledge, clung to Rogers.

The character of the devotion to Rogers of the woman who poisoned herself and two small children is heroic. The thought that she is desperately ill; that only a miracle of science can save her from death she brushes aside, and her one keen cause of distress is that her act has brought exposure upon Rogers.

"I thought that by removing my children and myself from the earth," she told Doctor William Grant Hague, long her physician. "I would be helping him by taking a dreadful burden and responsibility from him; that all concerning myself and our little children would be forgotten; that I was doing the right and fine thing by leaving him solely to the woman who had a legal and moral right to him. But instead, I have deepened his trouble; I have harmed instead of helped him. I realize that I am, in all probability, going to die. Under the circumstances, I am glad of it."

Is Miss Ida Sniffen
It has been settled to the satisfaction of Coroner Healy that the real name of the woman at the hospital is Miss Ida Sniffen.

A CASE FOR SOLOMON
Two Women Claim A Little Child As Their Own

Hillsboro, Ill., Jan. 2.—A story of a miraculous "burning bush" was brought to light in court here today, when Mrs. Helen Watson was arraigned as a defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Minnie Martinique to recover possession of a 3 months old baby which both claim as their own. Mrs. Watson, who is 53 years old, claims that the child was born to her under a bush on the roadside on Sept. 10, while she was hastening home in anticipation of the stock. Mrs. Martinique claims that the child was born to her in a hospital at Litchfield on Sept. 3, and that a week later Mrs. Watson borrowed the child with a plea that she wanted it for a friend for a few days.

C. L. Stevens, of Southport, has returned home after spending the holidays in the city visiting friends.

Herbert Thornton, of Washington, D. C., is spending a few days in New Bern visiting friends and relatives.

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