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Teuton Women At No Distant Date May Force An End To The End

GERMAN RETALIATION AGAINST THIS COUNTRY

DIPLOMATS BELIEVE PRESIDENT WILSON HAS BURST THE BUBBLE OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIS DECEIT INTENDED TO INFLUENCE OUR PEOPLE.

SUBMARINE HEINOUSNESS RESULT

(By John H. Hearley.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Rome, Aug. 31.—Intense concentrated submarine warfare against the United States, as well as England, may be one of the results of the President's declination of the Pope's peace appeal, in which the American executive clearly showed that he was not impressed by the steps taken towards democratization of Germany taken to date.

Diplomatic circles here revealed their belief that the central powers had been aiming, through their so-called democratic decrees, at a discussion to influence American public opinion.

The president's reply is an evidence that they have failed in this.

Germany's next step then, according to diplomatic belief, may be expected in the form of new outbreaks of terror by submarine warfare.

At the Vatican it was stated today that when the replies from all the belligerents are received the Pope proposes to issue a statement pointing out the peace question upon which all nations agree, and separating those on which there are differences.

These latter will then make for discussion and in this way the Pope hopes to gradually sift out and thus obtain agreements upon questions of peace, eventually effecting same.

Mr. Lewis B. Suiter An Honor Guest

Mr. Lewis B. Suiter has been honored by the New York Life Insurance Company in an invitation received from the company asking him to be one of a few of the big insurance writers of the country to meet at the Griswold Hotel, New London, Connecticut, at what is known as the meeting of the \$200,000 club.

Only five men are entitled to go from North Carolina and but twenty-three from the entire southern department which comprises eleven states.

The object of the meeting is to discuss plans for the fall campaign, and exchange views with the real big insurance writers, the company considering this meeting so important that all expenses are being paid by the company, as the increased future production will more than offset the expenditure.

Mr. Suiter expects to return about September 12.

CHILD LABOR LAW EFFECTIVE

(By George Martin.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—The long arm of the government will reach down into the American industries tomorrow and begin lifting more than 150,000 American boys and girls out of the ranks of child labor.

It will see that no more little children will join those ranks where it has jurisdiction through the federal child labor law which passed last year and become effective at midnight.

FIVE CENT LOAF IS IN SIGHT

(By United Press.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—The five cent loaf of fourteen ounces is in sight as the result of the government price fixing at \$2.20 per bushel for the 1917 wheat crop.

People's Council "No Place To Go"

(By United Press.)
Minneapolis, Aug. 31.—The People's Council is denied the right to meet in Minnesota.

In Fargo, North Dakota also they were driven out, and at Hudson, Wisconsin a mob refused to allow them to stop.

The executives announce that its problems will be laid before Congress, and the officials, now at Minneapolis plan to leave for Washington tonight.

Minneapolis, Aug. 31.—The People's Council is "all dressed up and no place to go."

Buffeted through three states the peace advocates thought they had found a refuge at Hudson, Wisconsin, only to be driven out of town last night when the advance guard arrived to establish headquarters.

BRITISH BEAT BACK ATTACK

(By UNITED PRESS)
With the British Armies Afield, Aug. 31.—Field Marshal Haig reports that his troops have repulsed enemy attacks north of Arleux en forelle following a heavy bombardment of the British forward positions.

BRITISH LOSE OVER 60,000

(By United Press)
London, Aug. 31.—The fearful fighting in the Flanders offensive during the past month has cost England 60,373 casualties, in killed, wounded and missing, according to complications made public today.

These figures are lower than those of July which amounted to 71,899, but the loss of officers is much greater.

The total number of officers killed, wounded and missing for July was 2,426, whereas in August the loss in officers jumped to 5,480.

COTTON CROP AVERAGE 67.8

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Aug. 31.—The condition of the cotton crop on August 25 was 67.8 per cent of normal as against 70.3 on July 25, and 70.9 for the year average, as given out as the August 25 crop estimates of the department of agriculture.

This forecast yields about 174.6 pounds to the acre, with a total production of 12,499,000 bales compared with 11,449,930 bales last year.

Mrs. Lucy Beloch, of Speeds, is visiting Mrs. Walter Bell.

IF YOU CAN'T GO TO WAR, SEND FIDO.

WAR COLLEGE HAS ENDORSED A BILL INTRODUCED IN SENATE TO SEND 1,000 DOGS TO THE FRENCH FRONT.

THOUSANDS ALASKAN DOGS THERE

Washington, Aug. 31.—Secretary Baker, Surgeon General Gorgas and the War College today agreed that Fido, Spot and all their kin in America dogdom should do their bit against the Boche.

They endorsed the bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Brady, Idaho, providing that the army get 1,000 patriotic American dogs for war service in France.

Most of them are to be recruited by voluntary enlistment. Your dog will be welcomed.

After training at selective service cantonments in this county, the dogs would be used as camp guards, trench sentries, and aids to Red Cross workers in recovering wounded on the battlefields.

Thousands of Alaskan dogs already are at the French and Italian fronts, England's and Germany's dogs are doing their bit.

"European armies have 12,000 dogs in service," said Senator Brady. "Their ability to perform

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP AGROUND

(By United Press.)
Key West, Aug. 31.—The Belgian relief is aground off the Florida keys.

The crew is said to be safe and coastguard cutters are rushing to the ships relief.

GERMAN RAIDS ARE DRIVEN OFF

(By United Press.)
Paris, Aug. 31.—Reciprocal artillerying on both banks of the Meuse (Verdun sector) and the repulse of German raids east of Zerry, and south of Harmanns Weilerkope was all the activity reported by the French war office.

Metal Stars Found Following Air-Raid

(By United Press.)
London, Aug. 3.—Many small, five pointed brass stars were found in one neighborhood of London after the terrific aerial bombardment of July 7 and the authorities wonder where they came from. It is not certain whether they were among the missiles enclosed in the German shrapnel bombs but the public never heard of star-shaped bullets in British shrapnel.

SORROW AND STARVATION HAVING RESULTS

SUFFERING FROM SHORTAGE OF FOOD AND FROM LOSS OF LOVED ONES GERMAN WOMEN ARE BEGINNING TO SULK.

WAR WEARINESS IN EVIDENCE

MONEY ROLLS INTO TREASURY

Washington, Aug. 31.—Money by millions is rolling into the treasury from its branches as the final instalments to the first Liberty Loan are being paid.

\$45,000,000 is the sum represented in this part of the two billion dollar loan, and this sum will take some days to round up.

FOOD FROM BY-PRODUCTS

(By United Press.)
Chicago, Ills., Aug. 31.—A mysterious scheme for the further utilization of by-products which may, and, it is contended, would revolutionize the meat industry, and tend to lower prices is under consideration by the Chicago packers, but none would reveal the scheme, but admitted that the scheme had been discussed with food administrator, Hoover.

Nelson "Slacker" Given Three Days

(By UNITED PRESS)
Madison, Wis., Aug. 31.—Byron Nelson, son of Congressman John Nelson, has been granted three days in which to remove the stigma of "slacker", stated the United States attorney, on an appeal from his friends, asking that Nelson be permitted to return home and register in the draft.

American Drivers Welcome Soldiers

American Field Headquarters, France, Aug. 31.—Cruising along in this silent blue ambulance train, forty young American chauffeurs at dusk today happened onto a detachment of a new army in France—their own army, the Americans.

The foremost driver, slumped back until he was sitting on his shoulder-blades, started upright at what he saw. The next instant he leaped clear out of his seat with an Indian yell and threw himself into the midst of the soldiers from home—shaking hands right and left. The answering yells from fifty lusty troopers fresh from civilian life back home, brought the remainder of the ambulance

(By Carl D. Groat.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Washington, Aug. 31.—Germany's women are likely to have much to do in remitting Teutonic peace opinion.

Suffering from shortage of rations, and in turn from their sorrow over losses of dear ones they are beginning to sulk at the continuance of the war.

This spirit, coupled with general war weariness, will create a strong desire for governmental liberalism, and are the elements upon which authorities here count largely in the belief that peace is not far distant.

State department advices received today indicated that the coming winter will be worse than any that Germany has experienced during the war.

Dr. Kitchin Goes To Wake Forest

Dr. and Mrs. Thurman D. Kitchin and children returned last night from Wake Forest where they had been seeking a house, and were successful in obtaining a home that was satisfactory.

Dr. Kitchin leaves Monday to take up his duties as one of the faculty of Wake Forest College, and Mrs. Kitchin and the children will follow in the course of a few weeks.

The people of Scotland Neck regret that Dr. Kitchin has determined to leave here, but the professorship that he has accepted is one that appeals to him, and for which he is specially fitted, so that whilst the people of this vicinity will be the loser this must be counted a secondary consideration when the benefits of Dr. Kitchin's co-operation with this seat of learning is known to be so valuable.

One thing that reconciles the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Kitchin is the fact that they will return here every summer for four months, so they will not become entirely estranged from their many friends.

TENNESSEE'S ADMINISTRATOR

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Aug. 31.—Professor H. A. Morgan, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been appointed federal food administrator of Tennessee, it is announced.