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## CAN GERMANY MEET THE DEMANDS MADE

### Germany's Ability to Keep Going Is The Heart of Financial Situation

Berlin, June 1.—The crux of immediate problems which the world war has entailed has to do with finance and economics and the heart of the situation lies here in Germany.

Upon Germany's ability to continue as a going concern the sentiment and prosperity of many peoples depend. There is a marked difference of opinion here concerning this. There are those who believe Germany has been so crippled by the war and the terms of peace that she cannot meet the demands made and to be made upon her. Her population has been reduced roughly from 67,000,000 to 55,000,000, her territory clipped of about 25,000 square miles, her economic strength reduced by the loss of iron mines in Lorraine and the coal fields in the Saar valley and upper Silesia.

To meet the expense of armies of occupation, to pay the annual installments for reparations and to meet her own budget for governmental requirements are to pessimists of Germany an impossibility. The domestic budget is in itself a formidable obstacle to financial rehabilitation.

Before the war the railroads employed some 750,000 men. With the mileage reduced because of reduction of territory the present number of employees should be, if estimated on the pre-war basis, something like 650,000. As a matter of fact the number has grown to more than 1,000,000, this not alone because of shorter working hours, but largely because of the necessity of keeping down the number of unemployed. Fear of revolution, bolshevism and kindred ills has made this necessary.

This is the black side of the picture. Present government groups believe that the tasks before Germany are not insuperable. If Silesia is retained if no further occupation of territory is made, and if the entente will lessen somewhat the export tax, it is thought a way out may be found.

The fact that Walter Rathenau has been willing to accept the office of minister of reconstruction gives color to the belief that the present government intends to pay if it is within Germany's capacity to do so. In many ways the present government is the sanest and safest Germany has had since the war and it would be well for all concerned if it should continue in power with a more substantial backing in the reichstag in order to solve problems with which the country is confronted.

One of the great difficulties with which the continental parliamentary system has to contend is constant change of ministers. It will be impossible for governments to properly function were it not for the staff of permanent officers who remain in the departments. Even so there is a constant change in policy which brings no feeling of security. Great Britain with practically the same system is slower to change and is given to stabilization of government seldom found on the continent. One reason for the difference is the growing of parties. Great Britain comes somewhat nearer to having a bi-party system while continental chambers generally are composed of many parties.

It is generally believed that the Wirth ministry would welcome a rapprochement with France. Many Germans think there can be no rehabilitation of Europe until this comes about.

There are far sighted Germans who welcome a guaranty by the United States and Great Britain to come to France's aid in the event of an unwarranted attack by Germany. That, they believe, would give France security which she demands and which she is trying to obtain by other methods—methods which make impossible economic or political peace.—Col. Edward M. House in Greensboro News. (Copyrighted 1921 by Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

Mr. Ford has built his 5,000,000th motor car, and a good many citizens firmly believe they have to dodge all of his output every day.—N. Y. Herald.

Mrs. A. T. Riddick, of Charleston, S. C., is in the city the guest of Miss Agnes Mesley.

## THE FLOOD WATERS SWEEP COLO. CITY

### Loss of Life is Probably 250 While Property Loss Will Total Millions

Pueblo, June 4.—Flood waters of the Arkansas River swept through Pueblo last night and today and caused deaths that may total 500 and property damage in excess of \$10,000,000 according to fragmentary reports that can be gathered as the flood recedes.

Morgues were opened in different parts of the city and by mid-afternoon 132 bodies had been recovered. The entire eastern and southern sections were cut off from the business section.

The Red Cross organized to aid sufferers and C. W. Lee was named official food administrator to have charge of rationing food.

To add to the horror of last night lightning set fire to half a dozen buildings in the center of the city. Firemen could not reach the scene and they would have been helpless if they could, for the flood had already cut off water service as well as electric lights.

At the same time the rising flood overturned two trains filled with passengers.

The whole business portion of Pueblo was under six to eight feet of water this morning but by afternoon the flood had begun to recede, disclosing a scene of devastation.

The railroad yards were left filled with mud-covered debris and broken and overturned equipment, carrying the damage to more than a million dollars. Business houses inside and out were covered with the same slimy mud, and in many cases even brick buildings were undermined and wrecked. Frame buildings in the path of the flood were swept away, in many cases carrying their inhabitants with them.

While flood warnings had been given before dark last night many persons did not heed them, and to this is ascribed a goodly part of the death toll.

Thousands of Mexicans with possessions on their backs, were wandering through the city this afternoon with nothing to eat and no place to sleep. No gas or drinking water was available.

A party of Pueblo business men, who assembled for a dinner at Minnequa Club last night, still were marooned there today.

Frank Prior, of a local furniture company, spent last night on one standing wall of his four-story building which collapsed. Rescuers were endeavoring to reach him this afternoon.

Richard Philbins was rescued from a telephone pole where he had spent the night. He was riding a horse last night when the waters overwhelmed him. The horse was drowned, but Philbins managed to swim to the pole.

While greater loss of life appears to have been in Pueblo, reports of damage to property come from many sections of Southeastern Colorado. Streams, sent out of their banks by cloudbursts in the mountains, carried away farm buildings and drowned many heads of cattle. Residents of the rural districts adjacent to irrigation projects spent the night last night, prepared to flee instantly if the impounded water broke the irrigation dams.

Railroads and highway bridges were carried away and miles of telegraph and telephone lines were laid to waste. In Pueblo, damage was increased by fires in the business section, started by lightning and unquenched for lack of water pressure.

The first warning of yesterday's flood came at shortly after 5 p. m. in telephone messages which said that dams near Portland were threatened and the water in the Arkansas river had risen dangerously at Wetmore, Portland and Florence. The fire department siren sounded fifteen minute flood warnings and within a short time every available police officer and guardsman was sent into the West Pueblo Sauce river bottoms of West Pueblo to warn the inhabitants.

One woman dragged from her home before the flood crest reached the bottoms crawled under the house and refused to come out. It is feared a heavy loss of life resulted in this section, although it has been impossible (Continued on page 8)

## SMITHFIELD HAS AN UP TO DATE DAIRY

### Mr. James Myatt Has Pure Bred Stock Housed in Fly Proof Barn

Some writer in The Herald about a year ago employed his pen to enumerate some of the things that Smithfield is lacking in that add comfort to the well-made modern city or town. Among the list were a city laundry, an ice plant of ample capacity, and a sanitary dairy. There was contagion in the spirit of that article, and the talk for these assets to our community soon over-spread the town. These as well as many more improvements for Smithfield seemed certain after so much talk. But as we live in a very material world where town-talk is not invested with the magic of the wizard's wand, the passing year has left us somewhat short of our expectations. It has not however, gone its way and left us nothing that a progressive town will acquire in the span of twelve months. The dairy has come.

Mr. James Myatt, who about three years ago purchased the Polie Gardner farm on the south side of the city limit, owns and operates a dairy. He has converted most of his farming area into grazing fields for his dozen cows. Most of the cows are pure bred Jerseys, with one or two of the Holstein breed. They are housed in a fly-proof barn, the floor of which, where the milking and feeding are done, is of solid concrete with the convenience of a constant flush of running water. The cows are housed over night in a separate compartment from the milking rooms, and a fresh layer of clean pine-straw is spread for them each night. Thus the cows and all their surroundings are kept scrupulously clean and sanitary; and, in addition, they are tested against tuberculosis infection.

Mr. Myatt's cows are milked twice each day; about four o'clock in the morning and at four in the afternoon. The yield is about thirty gallons a day. The milk is immediately sealed in sterilized bottles and promptly delivered to the consumers by Mr. Myatt himself. The dairy entire is a model of cleanliness and sanitation. Mr. Myatt takes a pride in this fact. It is his purpose to enlarge his dairy as the rate of consumption increases. His aim is to fully supply Smithfield with all the pure milk that the trade will demand.

Mr. Myatt's dairy is one of the things that Smithfield was asking for a year ago, and it is hoped that the town will as fully appreciate its value as Mr. Myatt has succeeded in setting up the kind of a dairy that is truly an asset to the town. It is hoped that some of the others of our enterprising townsmen will soon follow with the ice plant and the laundry and other things of this nature that would so materially add to the comforts of the people.

### Winoca Minstrels to Be Here

The Winoca Minstrels to be at Smithfield Opera House next Friday night, June 10th, 1921, will be of interest to all local theatre goers. The best minstrel talent in Wilson will take part in this event and it promises to be even much better than last year when they played here to a packed house. Ed Stalling, noted violinist is the feature act of the show. For the past six years Mr. Stallings has been doing Chautauqua work and has been with all the leading Chautauquas. This attraction alone is well worth the price of admission. Then there is the Harmony Quartette which takes a prominent part in the program. Good black face comedians, and the usual minstrel afterpiece is one of the funniest sketches ever seen in a minstrel.

Mr. Stallings was recently in the city for the week end and played a violin selection at the Methodist church.

"And do you think I would prove a satisfactory mate with whom to sail the sea of life?" he asked softly. "You'd do pretty well as a mate, I guess, if you clearly understood who was captain."

## THE PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG PEOPLE MEET

### N. C. Synod First in U. S. to Have Presbyterian Young People's League

We are indebted to Mrs. Roger A. Smith, Jr., for the following interesting account of the Presbyterian Young People's League which has been in session at Peace Institute, Raleigh, for the past several days. Mrs. Smith and Miss Ruth Brooks attended the conference as delegates from the church here.

The Synod of North Carolina was the first in the union to have a Presbyterian Young People's League. Now there are ten or more having conferences this year. The Conference is under the jurisdiction of the Synod and Synodical Auxiliary.

The Young People are just as wide awake and full of pep as any crowd you ever saw, but their activities are directed by two ideal athletic specialists. While their main motive and aim is not recreation, still the Conference tends to develop the girls and boys in the four-fold life, that they may be like the only perfect man, Jesus of Nazareth who "advanced in Wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man."

The motto:—To know the work of my own denomination and my privilege in it. The resources of God are promised only to those who undertake the program of God.

In the morning hours there is early watch held out on the lawn. Then breakfast, and 8:30 classes in Bible are held, followed by a Mission Study or Sunday School Method class. The Conference period is conducted by the young people themselves for an hour or two before lunch. The president for the past year is Mr. R. Edwin McClure of Wilmington and the State Secretary and Treasurer is Miss Rachel Beall, of Durham.

The afternoons are devoted to recreation followed by a vesper service and sermon in the evening by some noted divine or missionary.

We consider ourselves most fortunate in having such a marvelous group for the faculty and leaders of our Conference. There can be none better anywhere. Dr. Charles R. Erdman, President of Princeton Seminary; Dr. W. T. Thompson, of Union Theological Seminary; Mrs. O. E. Cronk, Editor of the Missionary Review of the World; Mrs. S. H. Askew, of Atlanta, Department Editor of the Sunday School Times; Dr. Gilbert Glass, Assembly Secretary of Sunday School Work; Miss Elizabeth Shields, Assembly's Field Secretary; Miss Eleanor Berry, Editor of Home Mission Department of the Survey; Mrs. W. B. Ramsey, Chairman of Young People's Committee. The missionaries fresh from their fields of enterprise are Rev. J. W. Allen and Rev. C. L. Crane of Africa; Mr. Tadlock of Kentucky; Rev. A. W. Crawford, Supt. of Home Missions of the Synod of North Carolina; and Mr. Lane who is soon to sail for Brazil. Last, but not least, is Miss Mamie McElwee, who is prime mover of the Synodical Auxiliary, with Mr. Garth, as Executive Secretary.

Colonel Olds took the entire assembly to the penitentiary, State Hospital, Hall of History, Governor's Mansion and Museum Wednesday afternoon, which we all enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Friday afternoon we went for a stroll in the woods, some took hikes, while others played games. About six o'clock we were served most graciously with lots of good things to eat.

Fayetteville Presbytery has the largest delegation, and a mighty fine bunch they are. May each one go to their district rallies and to their different homes resolving to be always what their Lord and Saviour would have them to be, to put into practice the grand ideals that were taught them this year in Raleigh, the Capital City, at Peace Institute on May 31 to June 6.

### N. C. Merchants Association

The nineteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants Association will meet in Greensboro, June 21, 22, 23, at the O. Henry Hotel. Mr. R. B. Peters, of Tarboro, is president of this association, which promises an interesting program this year. Several addresses by notable business men of the country will feature the convention.

## N. E. EDGERTON DIES IN THE CAPITAL CITY

### Former Resident of Johnston County Passes Away After Brief Illness

Following an illness of little more than a week, N. E. Edgerton, one of the best known business men in this part of the State, died shortly before midnight Thursday at Mary Elizabeth Hospital.

Monday, a week ago, Mr. Edgerton, became ill, and his condition was regarded as serious from the first. Richmond specialists were called here for consultation with Dr. Harold Glasscock, his physician, this week but an affected heart struggled for a few days and last night gave way.

The story of Mr. Edgerton's life is a story of business success of a man who found time and had the energy and interest to participate in all those activities that build and bless a community.

Among his varied business connections in Raleigh, Mr. Edgerton was a member of the board of directors of the North Carolina Home Insurance Company, the Citizens National Bank, and until recently president of the Raleigh Cotton Mills. During the administration of Governor Craig he was a member of the State Prison Board.

Fifty-three years ago he was born in Lowell, Beulah township, Johnston county, the son of Cabriel Edgerton. Thirty-odd years ago he was agent for the Seaboard Air Line and Southern railways at Selma. Later he engaged in business for himself at Selma, saw the future of cotton manufacturing and in a few years had made for himself a substantial place in the industry in North Carolina.

Four years ago he moved to Raleigh, selling his holdings in Selma cotton mills, and taking up his residence on Hillsboro street. Many business connections in Raleigh occupied his attention, but just as in his native county, he found occasion to take an active part in church and civic life. He was a Methodist and a member of Edenton Street Methodist church.

He is survived by a widow and one son, Edward Edgerton; and by four brothers, John Edgerton, president of the American Manufacturers Association, of Lebanon, Tenn., Henry and Jarvis Edgerton, of Kenly, and W. A. Edgerton, of Wilson; and a sister, Miss Rena Edgerton, of Wilson.

Mr. Edgerton was married in 1896 to Miss Alma Wynne, of Raleigh.—News and Observer.

The funeral of Mr. Edgerton was held Saturday afternoon at 4:15 at the residence on Hillsboro Street, and was conducted by Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church assisted by Rev. C. K. Proctor, pastor of Central Methodist church.

The pall bearers for the funeral were:

Active—W. A. Green, John Andrews, Alex Webb, F. K. Ellington, Graham Andrews, Dr. Harold Glasscock, C. W. Horne and J. T. Rowland.

Honorary—Joseph G. Brown, Dr. T. M. Jordan, Ivan M. Proctor, J. R. Chamberlain, Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Col. C. E. Johnson, Charles Root, W. M. Sanders, W. H. Call, Dr. T. D. Vick, E. B. Borden, Jr., F. K. Borden, Clyde Dunn, F. N. Bridges, H. A. White, P. Boney, Captain Busbee, F. M. Miller, James McKee, Capt. S. A. Ashe, George F. Bietz, L. D. Debnam, Stacey W. Wade, John Westbrook, Jonathan Havens and C. B. Barbee.

### Alfalfa in Johnston

Alfalfa has been grown successfully on a few farms in Johnston. Mr. J. W. Stephenson has had fine success with it on his farm near Smithfield. Mr. Dwight Barbour has four and a half acres of alfalfa on the Barbour farm near Swift Creek a few miles south of Clayton. His second cutting last week gave him about ten tons of fine hay. He will get three more cuttings making five in all. Mr. Barbour is highly pleased with alfalfa and expects to seed five and a half more acres to it next fall. This will make ten acres from which he thinks he will get all the rough feed needed on the plantation. Other farmers who have suitable land might raise it to advantage also.

Mrs. Fannie Parker spent the week end in Rocky Mount with relatives.

## MISS HOLLAND BUNDY DROWNS AT THE LAKE

### Tragedy Occurred Sunday Afternoon When a Boat Capsized Near Dam

The first tragedy since the making of Holt Lake, three miles from town, about four years ago, occurred there Sunday afternoon when Miss Holland Bundy, of Selma, was drowned near the old mill dam. Miss Bundy and Mr. Oscar W. Sasser, of Kenly had gone rowing in a small canoe. Accompanying them in another canoe were Miss Sasser, sister of Mr. Oscar Sasser, and Mr. Luther Oneal. After rowing past the old mill dam near the white rocks, Miss Bundy and Mr. Sasser decided to turn back. In making the turn a gust of wind capsized the boat and carrying it to shore left nothing to which the drowning persons could cling. Miss Bundy grasped her companion thus handicapping him in his efforts to save her. They both went under twice. After rising the second time, Miss Bundy suddenly released her hold and sank to the bottom. Mr. Sasser managed to grasp a bush and hold on until assistance came to the rescue. Their companions were unable to render aid in time, but brought help from the boat house, who recovered the body of Miss Bundy and did everything possible to bring about a resuscitation. Every effort failing the body was taken in charge by the local undertaker.

Miss Bundy was the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. H. Bundy, a mule dealer of Selma. She was engaged to be married to Mr. Sasser who was with her at the time of the accident, and the wedding, we are informed was to have taken place about two weeks hence. Her trousseau was ready and she was shrouded, we are told in her wedding dress. The unfortunate affair has affected her fiance profoundly and he to-gether with the young lady's family have the deep sympathy of the entire community.

Miss Bundy formerly held a position in the post office at Selma, was well known in that city and quite popular.

The body was carried to Mount Olive yesterday where interment took place.

### Little Girl Dead

On May 18, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Whitley in Oneals township and took their little daughter, Frances Yarber. All that loving parents and kind friends could do was done but to no avail. She was sick only two weeks but she suffered a great deal.

She was laid to rest in the family burying ground at Mr. Jimmie Woodard's home in the presence of a large crowd, who had come to pay their last respects.

She leaves a father, mother, three sisters, and two brothers besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

The grave was almost covered with flowers. She was loved by all who knew her. "But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10 and 14.

By a Friend, J. M. O.

### Robeson Farmers Sign Contracts

Lumberton, June 4.—It is estimated that around 98 per cent of the cotton production in Robeson will be signed up in co-operating marketing contracts, Maxton, St. Pauls, Rowland and Fairmont townships have already signed that per cent and reports from other townships indicate that they will follow suit. The campaign for securing co-operative cotton marketing contracts has been on in Robeson for two weeks and the farmers of Robeson are much interested in the movement, as indicated in the way they are signing the contracts.

It is expected that at least 50,000 bales will be signed up in Robeson county. That is one-fourth of the minimum requirements for the entire State. If other cotton growing counties do as well in proportion, the minimum will be greatly exceeded.—News and Observer.