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GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER KILLED

Shot by Assassin from Automobile: Remarkable Career of Rathenau

BERLIN, June 24 .- Dr. Walter Rathenau, German foreign minister, and more closely identified than any other German with the efforts of the rehabilitation of his country since the war, was shot and killed by two or more unknown assassins while on his way from his residence this morning to the foreign office.

The minister was subjected to a veritable hail of bullets, one of them striking him in the throat and passing upward to the brain, while others struck him in various parts of the body. Hand grenades also were thrown, almost wrecking the car in which Dr. Rathenau was riding, and inflicting further injuries on the minister.

Chancellor Wirth's government tonight is marshaling the nation's liberal elements to the defense of the young German republic, and organized labor, represented in both the Socialist parties, is again first to buckle on the armour, just as it did during the Kapp revolt. Announcement is made that the government will establish extraordinary courts for the trial of Nationalist plotters and that a state of emergency for Prussia will be proclaimed.

All regimental reunions and militaristic demonstrations are to be prohibited. Yet despite cries of "Long Live the Republic," which resounded through the Reichstag chamber at the close of a memorial session to Rathenau today, thoughtful men of all ranks and parties were silently, but gravely apprehensive for the nation.

While the heat of resentment and partisan feeling has not yet suffi- Falls. ciently cooled to warrant a sure appolitical effect of Rathenau's assas-

CHARLOTTE IS CHOSEN BY EPWORTH LEAGUE

Western Conference Organization **Elects Officers For En**suing Year.

NORTH WILKESBORO, June 23.-

The Epworth Leaguers had a packed house at sunrise prayer meeting this morning at 6:30, conducted by Rev. J. O. Erwin, of Dallas. His subject was taken from Isa., "Send Me, Send Me." At the regular business session this morning the following officers were elected: W. W. Edwards, Asheville, president; B. L. Lunsford, Marion, vice-president; Louis E. Wilson, Morganton, recording secretary; Miss Nancy Davis, Asheville, corresponding secretary; P. L. Plyler, Gastonia, treasurer; Miss Mildred Sherrill, Newton; Miss Gertrude Falls, junior superintendent, Brevard; G. C. Chalker, Charlotte, editor Advocate page; Rev. L. A. Falls, Brevard, life super-

lotte, first department superintendent; autumn demand for steel. Mrs. V. R. Patterson, Asheville, 4th superintendent.

intendent; Mrs. S. M. Strange, Char-

Regular class periods followed this session which was followed by another session, at which the roll of league chapters of the conference was called for the African special pledges.

At 2:30 p. m. the officers' meeting was called and work outlined for another year. The afternoon session was featured by the selection of the meeting place for another year. In-

vitations were urgently pressed from the high record for the year. Winston-Salem, Asheville and Charlotte, but Charlotte won, and the selection was made unanimous. Much in the soft coal strike is approachcomment was heard about the sign erected in North Wilkesboro over and the lower freight rates on July Main street by the commercial club 1 are expected to stimulate demand. saying, "Welcome to Leaguers."

was carried in automobiles to the Yellow Jacket lake, near Moravian

At the evening session, Rev. L. A. praisal of the direction in which the Falls, of Brevard, preached a touch- that more of the striking textile ing sermon on life service, the consination will spread, yet this much is ference having received a telegram certain-the government is facing a from Dr. E. K. McLarty, Asheville, far more precarious situation than it to the effect that owing to sickness did when Nationalist bullets struck in his family he could not fill the down Erzberger in the Black Forest appointment. At the close of the discourse many responded to the call of it is pointed out that there has Dr. Rathenau was a guest at din- life service which was the most been some slowness in the balloting. touching scene to behold. At today's session resolutions were passed thanking North Wilkesboro of the foreign minister this morning and the conference host, Rev. Mr. Smathers, for their splendid entertainment.

NEWS OF INTEREST FORTY-FOUR MEN ARE INDUSTRY SHOWS IMPROVEMENT FROM FOUR OAKS

visiting for some time.

SMITHFIELD, N. C., TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1922

Gains Continue Despite The Revival at Methodist Church Uncertainties Involved In Labor Dispute Interesting Items

NEW YORK, June 25 .- Notwithstanding the uncertainties comprised liam Adams returned Tuesday from in the several labor disputes and the impending reductions in railroad freight rates, industry maintained its gains during the past week.

Steel mills continued to operate at nearly 75 per cent of capacity and the prices of steel products remained firm. Buying for prompt shipment was stronger than that for future delivery, but this was considered natural by the trade, since the future course of prices is rendered uncertain by such factors as the change in railroad rates, the coal strike, the possibility of higher labor costs, and the character of the

Impressive gains were shown by the latest railroad car loading figures; those for the week-ending June 10. Although coal shipments, which have been gaining, still amounted to only 95,000 cars as compared with 205,000 cars in the week before the strike started, the volume of other freight increased sufficiently to bring total loadings up to 846,000 cars. This figure equals that recorded in the week before the strike began which is, incidentally

A number of well-posted observers inclined to the view that a crisis in. Stocks are being drawn down In any event the pressure for added At four p. m. the entire conference production appeared to be growing, a circumstance which favors the view that the decisive point in the struggle is impending.

Reports from New England said workers were slowly returning to work. Opinions as to the likelihood of

Town. Looked On As "Enemy." A Great Success; Other

four persons, two of whom were union FOUR OAKS, June 26 .- Mrs. Wilcoal miners, were killed in the mine disorders at Herrin, Illinols, accord-Elizabeth City where she has been ing to the statement of Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois district organization of the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Farrington declared he had received his information from an official of the union at Herrin, but he refused to disclose the identity of his informant. He also said that he had not agreed to permit the mine where the trouble occurred to operate, which, it was said.

was possible under the union's general strike policy to permit mining of coal to fuel public utilities .- Asso-

HERRIN, Illinois, June 23 .- Herrin's unhonored dead lay pale and stark tonight in the vacant store build ing that has been pressed into sermine battle. Past them filed an unending line of men and women, young and old, bare-footed boys and little girls bright in their summer clothes. They lifted muslin clothes, and

wounds left by nistol bullets, rifle They lingered, then reluctantly

eager to miss nothing. Never a word of pity from the crowd.

They were the enemy slain in a labor war. These were the men who came to take away their jobs. Outsiders, enemies. "Well, it served them right." That was the attitude of the town as expressed by its men and women and its children. Tears

were the enemy. The dead of a half dozen nationali. Rockingham, where for some time ties, with sloping foreheads of the they will make their home. Slav. high profiles of the native born, the long mustaches of eastern Europe, lay at peace for all the crowds, the laughter and the sullen looks. Bricks beneath their heads for pillows, pick boxes for their beds, they lay waiting the call of friends and relatives who loved them once and have lost touch with them in the

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NEWS NOTES FROM **CITY OF CLAYTON**

Clayton Baseball Team To Play at Darlington, S. C. July 4th; Personal

CLAYTON, June 21 .- Mrs. Mozelle Williams is visiting Mrs. Tom Eason in Selma this week.

Miss Margaret Galphin, of St. Matthews, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Dwight Barbour for several days.

Mrs. C. T. Thrift and children are visiting relatives at Union Level, for several days.

Mrs. Martha Spence spent a few days at Snow Hill last week.

Clayton High school will play Leesville Batesburg high school at Darlington, S. C., on July 4th. The Batesburg team is one of the strongest high school teams in South Carolina and the game between these two teams will be one of the feature events of the big annual Fourth of July celebration held at Darlington. Miss Eugenia Thomas has returned home from Scotland Nelk, where sion.

Miss Mary Chreech Williams left last Monday for Asheville to attend summer school.

Rev. C. T. Thrift pastor of Horne Memorial church left Monday for Durham to attend Trinity College Summer school for ministers.

Mrs. Thedore Anderson, of Raleigh, visited her sister, Mrs. W. F. Morris last Sunday.

Mrs. A. Sam White and children spent a few days in our city last week.

Mr. Loemis Vinson spent Tuesday in the capital city.

Mr. J. R. Williams spent Monday in Smithfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Nooe, Jr., who none. Sympathy, not much. These since leaving Clayton have been in Porlington, have recently moved to

> Miss Anna Gerrell, of Durham, was a visitor in our city last Friday afternoon.

Mr. D. W. Lambe spent Friday in Raleigh. Mr. Borkholtz, of Richmond, Va., spent the week end here with his daughter, Mrs. N. H. Keen. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keen, of Smithfield, visited in the city Sunday. Mr. Kermit Paschall and Misses Irene and Ruby Paschall, of Wilson, spent Thursday and Friday in town with friends. Mr. Garland Alderman, of High Point, spent the week end in the city ciated Press. with friends. Messrs Leon A. Adams, A. R. Ford, and N. H. Barbour made a business trip to Angier Wednesday. Miss Sophie Hollowell returned Friday to her home in Kenly after vice as a morgue, since yesterday's able taught music during the past sesspending several weeks here with her aunt, Mrs. C. R. Adams. Mr. Irwin Barbour left Saturday for Raleigh where he went to accept position. We are very glad to see Mr. R. B. peered at the pale faces, and at the Strickland out again after being confined to his room for several days. balls and buckshot. Mr. Harvey Thornton, of Goldsboro, spent Friday in the city with pressed on to some adjoining horror,

friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Keen, of Smithfield, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. William Adams was a visitor n Raleigh Friday.

Mr. B. B. Creech and Mr. Alton Massengill visited in Goldsboro Sunday.

The many friends of Rev. M. P. Davis are very glad to see him out again after having a very light stroke of paralysis Monday night.

KILLED IN MINE WAR **Dead Receive Little Sympathy From**

CINCINNATI, June 22 .- Forty-

ten months ago.

ner last night of Alanson B. Houghton, the American ambassador. On receiving news of the assassination the American e mbessy promptly hoisted its flag at half mast.

The assassination, which occurred just before 11 o'clock this morning, comes close on the heels of the recent rumors circulated among the Socialists that Nationalist plotters had selected June 24, which is mid-summer day, of the feast of St. John the Baptist, for a "St. Bartholomew feast," in which persons whose names were entered on a special black list were to be given short shrift.

Dr. Walter Rathenau was styled "the wizard of the German Empire because, by his high powers of crhe devised expedients which kept "the people cating and the army shooting" when the blockade had shut off the importation of raw material during the war. After the war, as minister of reconstruction, his meetings with the French minister. Louis Loucheur, brought about, with business-like directness, adjustments and accommodations which had been the despair of diplomats. He was of Jewish birth and was described as a man of great force and energy, business acumen, vision and initiative. His father founded the 1913 numbered 1,845,000, now is Allegemeine Blaktrizitasts Gesellknown as the A. E. C. After studying at the Universities of Berlin and Strasberg Dr. Rathenau began his profession of engineer with establishments in Switzerland and Savoy. Then he went to the A. N. G. and rose rapidly to the head of the organization. Later he retired after failing in an attempt to oppose a combination with Siemens-Schukert Company.

Dr. Rathenau was born September 29, 1867. His earlier active life business, the exigencies of war alone calling him into politics.

The water that comes from the same spring can not be both fresh 18 1-2 per cent for France .- Assoand salt.

MORE MEN NOW UNDER ARMS THAN IN 1914

Nearly Five Million Soldiers Are Now in Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 25 .- Germany laid before the Genoa Conference figures showing that there are today under arms in Europe nearly

a million more soldiers than there were when it was on the verge of the World War in 1913. According to ganization and business efficiency, the German statement which has just reached Washington there are now in Europe a grand total of 4,736,000 men under arms compared with 3,-726,641 in the year 1913.

While the mighty German army of 760,000 men of 1913 shrunk to the 100,000 soldiers allowed by the Versailles Treaty, the French army which in that year numbered 883,-000, this year stands at 880,000. Greece's army has increased from 40,-000 to 300,000 and Belgium's from 54,641 to 113,400, the statement shows. Russia's vast army, which in rated at 1,600,000 men. England schaft (German General Electric shows a slight increase from 248,000 Company of Berlin), commonly to 277,000, while Italy reduced her forces from 275,000 to 264,000. New armies appear in the German statement. Poland, for instance, an unknown power in 1913, is now appearing with an army of 300,000 men. Then there is Esthonia with 25,000, Finland with 28,000, Lettonia Pact With United States Indorsed by with 25,000, Lithuania, with 25,000, and Czecho-Slovakia with 250,000, all unknown as military forces before

the World War. Finally it was shown to the Genoa conference that while in the year was confined almost exclusively to 1915 the German army comprised 20 per cent of the total armies of Europe compared with 23 1-5 per cent for France, at present the German percentage is but 2 against

ciated Press.

railroad strike continue to be divided. The roads stll profess to regard such an event as unlikely and Union officials say, however, that the vote will favor a walkout and that one will be ordered. Nothing definite has developed to indicate whether the train service employes would declare a sympathetic strike if the staff employes who are concerned in the present series of wage cuts, should go out.

Crop prospects remained somewhat uncertain, but a good yield of wheat | friends. and a subnormal cotton crop are still probabilities. Some claims of winter wheat deterioration on account of hot dry weather in the northwest have been made and prices have rallied about five cents above the recent low, but the greater firmness is attributed to the technical position of the market rather than to any material change in crop prospects. Persistent wet weather in the South led to higher cotton prices early in the week. After the weather clared, however, the fresh advance was canceled.

Reduction of the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve banks at New York to a four per cent basis offered fresh support for the view that no early hardening in money rates is likely. Rates for the various forms of credit are now at their low point of the year. With reserves at a high level, with the demand for accommodation slight, and with a moderate trade revival rather than a boom in prospect, the reserve bank tives. authorities evidently anticipate no real strain on credit facilities during the next few months. -Associated Press.

YAP TREATY IS APPROVED

Japanese Officials.

TOKYO, June 22 .- The Yap treaty with the United States was approved by the Privy Council and Japanese Prince Regent today. The treaty fixes the rights of each nation in the island, which is under Japanese mandate.-Associated Press.

Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.-Washington Post.

Mr. James A. Wellons, of Smithfield, was a business visitor in the city Friday.

Those from here who are attending summer school at Chapel Hill are Mr. Roby Adams, Mrs. Mary Runge, Miss Annie Ford and Miss Gladys Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams and Miss Florence Adams were visitors in the capital city Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Wellons ,of Smithfield, was a visitor in the city Thursday. Mr. O. L. Richardson, of Greenville, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Rev. A. D. Kinnette, of Wake Forest, spent last week end here with

Misses Josephine and Martha Bandy are visiting in Dillion, S. C., this week.

Mrs. E. H. Edmonds returned to her home in Farmville Friday after spend ing several days here with her mother, Mrs. W. E. Stanley.

Mr. E. B. Johnson made a business trip to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gates, of Clayton spent Sunday afternoon the city with relatives.

Miss Bettie Adams, of Smithfield, spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. W. Adams.

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The Missionary society of the Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J .B. Creech. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, of the Sanders Chapel section, attended church Press. here Sunday night.

Messrs J. W. and William Sanders made a business trip to Fayetteville Monday.

Mr. D. T. Lassiter, of Raleigh, spent tre week end in the city with rela-Mr. Clarence Stanley, of Smithfield,

visited friends in town Sunday.

Rev. J. A. Ruseell has delivered some made better.

field, who leads the singing, picked of the results of the revival.

vicissitudes of transient labor. Most of them, it is safe to say, will be forgotten in the potters' fields, their meager courses run, their stories finished. They came here because they wanted a living and because other men wanted to make money. Stoned, Shot At, Killed.

They died hunted across the fields, stoned, shot at, tied and dragged down the dusty roads, because other thousands feared these men would take away their living.

The trees are green in Herrin, and the birds are singing and the crops From the morgue the crowds drift to the billboards in front of the picture show, to see what the posters promthen home for supper. Only the outsiders show surprise and horror. People here say:

"This is our business. Sorry, but it's done. Let us alone. We will handle this all right. We're good people to get along with-good as anybody if you mind your own business. We'll attend to ours."-Associated

Obeying Orders.

Captain (sharply): "Button up that coat." Married Recruit (absently): "Yes,

my dear."-Exchange.

up a tramp on his way over here. The revival which has been going The tramp stated that he was a on for two weeks at the Methodist Christian and was going from Peterschurch has not yet come to a close. burg, Va., to Savannah, Ga., to join It is the greatest meeting this com- his relatives. He was invited to munity has had in many years. The church at the morning service and acpeople talk it on the streets, in the cepted the invitation. A purse was homes and everywhere. The pastor, made with which a ticket to Savanah, Ga., was purchased for him, the of the most splendid sermons ever remainder of the money to be used to heard here. Much interest is being buy food on the way. This poor taken. Everybody seems to be im- ragged tramp was made happy. He pressed by the ability of Mr. Russell had found friends in time of need. as a preacher. He is liked by all. The people who helped him will prob-The whole town and community has ably not miss the small amount they undergone a great spiritual change. gave, but it may mean a great deal Many souls have been reformed and to the poor man trying to get cotton plant grown by Mr. Hugh back to his people. That shows the Sunday Mr. I. W. Medlin, of Smith- spirit of the people and also some

Miss Corinna Sanders, of Smithfield, is visiting Mrs. Robbie Sanders, this week.

Messrs J. A. and J. T. Vinson spent Wednesday in Smithfield on business.

GOVERNOR ORDERS INQUIRY AT HERRIN, ILL.; SUIT BOUGHT AGAINST UNION

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., June 23.-A military board of inquiry, composed of five Chicago officers of the Illinois national guard, was ordered to entrain immediately for Herrin, Ills., it was announced by Adjutant General Black late today, following a telephone conversation with Governor Small.

The appointment of board, General Black said, was made after he had explained to Governor Small that conripening in the mid-summer sun. ditions at Herrin were quiet and that he had instructed officers of the guard that had been mobilized, to hold their men at call, but to permit ise; to the drug store for soft drinks, them to return home to sleep tonight.

> CHICAGO, June 23-Legal action for the recovery of damages sustained by the Southern Illinois Coal company as the result of the mine riots at Herrin and the destruction of the company's strip mine there, will be started immediately against the United Mine Workers of America and the county of Williamson in behalf of the company and the families of its dead employes, Follett W. Bull, attorney for the company, announced tonight.

The suit against the United Mine Workers, the attorney pointed out, will be the first test suit under the recent Coronado decision of the supreme court, holding labor organizations liable for damages. The suit against the United Mine Workers will probably be filed in the federal court at Indianapolis and that against Williamson county at Marion, Ills., the county seat. -Associated Press.

First Cotton Bloom.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt brought a cotton bloom to this office yesterday morning. It came from a long staple Cotter, and opened on the twentyfourth. This is the first bloom we have seen this season.