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## NEUTRALITY UNOFFICIALLY HAS GONE TO SMASH IN BALTIMORE

### Koenig Made Popular Hero and Elks Elect Him to Full Fledged Membership in Boston Lodge

## Officials Watchful Against Hostile Attack on Deutschland

(By United Press)

Washington, July 12.—The United States will watch for any action of the Allies against the Deutschland while she is in American waters.

An official admitted this morning that the stand or the action to be taken in the event of an attack upon the Deutschland is causing careful consideration.

The presence of Americans aboard the vessel is considered an important if not the most important factor in which the United States could base protest in the event of an attack.

(By United Press)

Baltimore, July 12.—Just how the Deutschland intends to dodge the Albes patrol is the deepest mystery here.

The submersible will be empty tomorrow and will begin reloading with a valuable cargo of nickel and rubber. She plans a brief stay at Norfolk and will probably submerge at night and remain in the depths and attempt the start without even showing a periscope.

Captain Koenig is being accorded the honors of a real hero in the city today.

Neutrality has unofficially gone to smash and the people are giving the strangers a warm welcome. The Elks Convention in session here made Captain Koenig a full fledged member of the Boston Lodge.

The German Ambassador, Bernstorff, is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow.

## America Was Not Thought Of

(By United Press)

Petragrad, July 12.—Counsellor of the Department of Foreign Affairs, advised a United Press representative today that the new Russian-Japanese treaty does not affect China's open door, nor was it made because Japan fears the United States.

Kozatov himself first broached the question of the treaty while in Japan last winter and he is, therefore, able to speak with authority in regard to the matter.

"Why, the idea is utterly absurd," he declares, "and America was not even thought of."

Before the war Germany repeatedly talked about China and repeatedly asked Russia to join her against Japan. Therefore, the treaty was made to prevent Germany from according to China the treatment which she has given to Turkey."

## Submarine Attacks Town

London, July 12.—The English coast town of Seaham, in Durham county, was bombarded by a submarine during the night. One woman was killed.

## PREDICT FIGHT AGAINST HOLWEG

### German Chancellor May Be Overthrown Unless America's Protest Against British Blockade Amounts to Something

(By United Press)

Berlin, July 12.—The overthrow of Chancellor Bethman Holweg, champion of the conciliatory attitude toward America, and the unloosing of German submarines within three months is predicted by supporters of Von Tirpitz unless President Wilson acts against British blockade.

From a private source close to the Foreign office it is learned that unless America does something against England within three months there will be a bitter fight against the Chancellor and it is possible to say whether he will be able to hold his own against the powerful opposition expected to develop to his policy. Despite this lack of optimism in some quarters, Americans here believe that the Chancellor will emerge victorious.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION FIRST OF NEXT MONTH

The Blackwell Memorial Sunday school will run its annual excursion to Virginia Beach on Wednesday, August the second.

Everybody is invited to join the excursionists and the committee in charge will do everything possible to make the occasion a pleasant one.

Tickets will be on sale on the train and at the depot on the morning of August 2nd.

The fare for adults for the round trip is one dollar; for children under twelve years, fifty cents.

The train will leave Elizabeth City at eight o'clock on the morning of the second and will stop at Cambridge, Belcross, Shawboro, and Snowden.

Returning the train will leave Virginia Beach at seven o'clock on the evening of the same day.



THE CITIZENS BANK

Which Today Celebrates Its Seventeenth Birthday And Receives The Congratulations Of Many Friends

## Seventeen Years Old Bank Celebrates Birthday

### Second Oldest Banking Institution In The City Has Had Career Marked By Steady Growth

Today the Citizen's Bank of Elizabeth City commemorates its seventeenth birthday anniversary, publishing upon another page of this issue of The Advance an epitome of its achievements since its organization in 1899.

Since December, 1903, The Citizens Bank has paid fifty thousand dollars of its earnings to the depositors in its savings department.

Not only has this institution paid, by way of dividends, two dollars for every dollar invested by its original stockholders, but in July, 1913 every stockholder received, from its surplus fund, an issue of new stock equal to his original purchase.

Today its resources amount to nearly \$420,000.00, and its deposits total \$336,412.59.

"Not by the patronage of the big corporations," says Mr. M. R. Griffin, the bank's efficient cashier, "not by the absorption of some other financial institution; but by the strength of its own right arm, hath it gotten itself this victory."

It is interesting to note that the first president of the Citizen's Bank Dr. O. McMullan; the first vice-president, Mr. W. C. Glover; and

the first cashier, Mr. M. R. Griffin, still hold these responsible positions, and to them must be given a large measure of the credit for the institution's marked success.

At the last meeting of the directors, Mr. Henry Newbold was elected assistant cashier. This action was taken by the directors in appreciation of the efficiency of his services as an employee of the bank.

The following well known men comprise the directorate of this financial institution:

- O. McMullan, Physician.
- W. C. Glover, Merchant.
- T. P. Nash, Merchant.
- F. F. Spencer, President, Fairfield & E. C. Transportation Co.
- M. N. Sawyer, Capitalist.
- F. M. Grice, President, Sharber & White Hardware Co.
- N. Burfoot, President, Pasquotank Hosiery Co.

The names of these men are a guarantee that the splendid record already achieved will be sustained in the future and that consistent and steady progress will continue to mark the way of The Citizens Bank of Elizabeth City.

## Car Employees Return to Work

Wilmington, N. C. July 12.—The street car strike in Wilmington, inaugurated July Fourth was terminated today at noon, an agreement satisfactory to both the Tidewater Power Company and its employees having been reached last night thru the mediation of the Citizens' committee of ten men, after four days of arduous and patient work. The agreement provides that all striking employees with the exception of ten men, in whose places other men have been employed during the past week, shall be employed by the Tidewater, and the company promises to use its best efforts to employ the latter within 30 days.

The settlement of the controversy provides that the Citizens' committee shall appoint a committee of one hundred men to pass upon the question of approving or disapproving the future policy of the Tidewater Power Company. It was agreed that the men will apply individually for their positions today at 11 o'clock and be assigned their runs by General Manager Skelding at noon.

The settlement of the differences was received with great joy by the public which has keenly

## GUARDSMEN TO COMMAND RECRUITING AGENCIES

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C. July 12.—The War Department has ordered all guardsmen, lieutenants, and captains who did not leave for the border to be drafted into Federal service and command recruiting agencies for the guard throughout the country. These are to be chosen by the State Adjutant General, three for each regiment and one for each individual unit left behind.

## PRESIDENT MAY APPEAL FOR RELIEF OF POLAND

(By United Press)

Washington, D. C. July 12.—President Wilson may appeal to belligerents to permit the relief of Poland.

regretted the unfortunate controversy. While conditions brought about following the calling of the strike caused the authorities to feel that it would be well to bring in four companies of militia to quell any possible violence, in justice to the employees of the Tidewater Power Company, it should be said that they did not participate in anything that was disorderly and that their conduct at all times has been that of gentlemen. However, with the removal of any cause of complaint, the members of the four militia companies returned to their homes today.

## ALLIES BELIEVE DISPATCHES PURPOSELY PASSED TO MISLEAD

### Therefore Intend Continuing Offensive Carefully and Methodically on Eastern and Western Front.

(By United Press)

London, July 12.—The Germans are fighting with the greatest bravery along the Somme, contesting stubbornly every inch of ground, though unable to halt the Allied offensive.

For several days the censor has been passing German dispatches of the most pessimistic nature intimating that both the German army and the German public are discouraged.

It is believed here that these reports have been purposely passed with a view to misleading the Allies and thus throwing them off their guard.

United Press dispatches from Berlin report that the army and the German public are in good spirits, and these reports are corroborated by reliable private advices from headquarters.

The Allies, therefore, intend to continue their offensive carefully and methodically with a view to the possibility that the Germans are attempting to conceal special preparations.

The same methodical advances will continue along the Russian front.

A party of Irish fusiliers penetrated the German trenches at a strongly held position near Loos. The party remained for twenty minutes killing a large number of the enemy and retiring with slight losses.

The Germans have regained some ground between the Mamez wood and the Trones wood.

## BREMEN AT SEA SAY OFFICIALS

### Refuse, However, to Reveal Vessel's Destination or to Divulge Anything Except Time of Arrival

(By United Press)

Baltimore, July 12.—The Deutschland's sister ship, the Bremen, is now at sea, according to official information given the United Press today.

The port at which it will arrive is being kept a secret but it is stated that the vessel will dock on this side of the Atlantic within two weeks.

## Steam Roller On Schedule

(By United Press)

Paris, July 12.—The great steam roller of the Allies is moving eastward through German lines exactly on schedule time.

Last night's lull on the Somme front was scheduled and occurred just as planned. Every steam roller must halt to re-coal on level road, and so the Anglo-French steam roller is now preparing for the next infantry rush.

## STORES CLOSE FRIDAY AT ONE

### For Fourth Season Elizabeth City's Progressive Business Firms Will Follow This Progressive Custom

Friday afternoon at one o'clock the majority of Elizabeth City's stores will close their doors and give their employees a much deserved half-holiday.

On each Friday during July and August this will be repeated and it is hoped that all shoppers, both of the town and country, will show their appreciation of this action both in regard to the time and place of making purchases.

Three years ago Elizabeth City began to lead in this co-operative business step, and since that time a number of Eastern North Carolina towns have followed her shining example.

The number of stores joining in the movement here has increased each year, a larger number of the city's clerks thus being afforded a bit of leisure and pleasure during the hottest months of the summer.

The complete list of firms who have joined the generous and wise company in the store closing movement will be published in tomorrow's issue of The Advance. That issue goes into the country and will give warning to country shoppers for the most part in time to prevent disappointment on the first Friday's closing.

## Gallant Tommy Found A Way

(By United Press)

London, June 19.—(By Mail)—Addressing King George in a letter as "Dear King" a disgraced British "Tommy" found a way to get back into the army with new dress patch. The soldier, whose name is withheld, was discharged with dishonor while serving in India. He later met a minister who talked him into reforming. An attempt to rejoin the army was fruitless because of his bad record. Then he penned a note to the King. An official notice tells the sequel to the story:

"After great gallantry in no man's land, in France, between the trenches he died trying to save others."

## NOTICE

Carload of Chevrolets shipped from the factory on July the 11th, are expected by us next week. Hold your orders till you can see these automobile beauties.

C. W. STEVENS CO