

END OF FIRST WEEK DISCLOSES VITAL FACTS

Shipping Destroyed at Rate of Three Quarter Mil- lions Monthly

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 10—The administration, fearing that ultimately war or a "state of war" with Germany must come, is anxious to keep alive the martial spirit of America. It would guard against the handicapping influence of an undue sense of security, but on the other hand there is no manifest move to raise an army for actual war. This epitomizes the government's position.

The close of the first week of broken relations finds much neutral shipping in home ports, finds Germany claiming that her ships may travel indiscriminately, finds shipping destroyed at the rate of three quarters of a millions tons monthly, and with terrific possibilities ahead, is anxious lest peace propaganda in the absence of war may lull the nation into unjustifiable calm.

MESSAGE FROM GERARD
The first official word concerning Gerard's departure from Berlin reached the State Department today by a telegram from the Swiss minister saying that Gerard was leaving today and passed with every courtesy at the Swiss frontier. The message also said that Gerard's entire staff, fifty American citizens, and probably all the consuls would leave tonight by special train for Zurich.

Those Americans who intend to remain in Berlin will be under the protection of the Spanish Ambassador who is caring for American interests there.

Columbia Offers Site

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 10—Columbia, S. C. today presented its claim to the War Department as a site for one of the units of the proposed government nitrogen industry.

NAVY CENSORS PREPARATIONS

SECRETARY DANIELS BELIEVES
ALSO THAT PRESS SHOULD
NOT PUBLISH SAILING OF VESSELS

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 10—Without imposing war time censorship the Navy Department will decline to give information as to whether the government is assisting in arming merchant ships, where it is building or placing submarine nets, and where it is placing new guns.

Secretary Daniels believes that the press should refrain from publishing the departure of vessels.

Many Americans Lead for Peace

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 10—Propaganda to influence the United States against entering war is underway. Thousands of letters and telegrams inspired by this idea have been sent to officials.

GERARD LEAVES BERLIN TODAY

AMERICANS WITHOUT FUNDS
FURNISHED PASSAGE. THOSE
REMAINING ARE UNDER CARE
OF SPANISH AMBASSADOR

(By United Press)
The Hague, Feb. 10—Two hundred and two Americans will leave Berlin today with Gerard for Berne, Switzerland, according to dispatches from Berlin.

PROVIDED PASSAGE HOME
Berlin, Feb. 10—No large congressional appropriation will be needed to relieve stranded Americans in Germany who are unable to leave at the same time that Gerard departs. Through the generosity of Gerard, the mayor of Berlin, and New York City, Americans without funds who desired to leave with the ambassador were provided with money for their passage home and the Embassy made all preparations to depart today.

TRAINING FOR EVERY MAN

BILL FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL
TRAINING BETWEEN NINE-
TEEN AND TWENTY EIGHT
REPORTED FAVORABLY

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 10—The Universal Military Training Bill was reported favorably to the Senate today by Chamberlain.

The bill provides that each male citizen and each male declaring his intentions of becoming a citizen shall undergo military or naval training for six months during the year in which he reaches the age of nineteen and that following this period of training he shall become a member of the reserves until he reaches the age of 28.

During this period he may be called by the President one day in each for inspection. Those between the ages of 19 and 26 are to begin training on the first of next year.

Record Of Ships Sunk

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 10—The German submarine which sank the Peruvian ship, Lorton, in Spanish waters recently flew the French flag. Peru has demanded that Germany punish the commander.

Dispatches from Lima state that Peru will support Wilson, although she has not made official reply to this effect.

Two of the crew perished when the Norwegian ship, Sol Bakken, was sunk.
The British steamer, Lillington, was reported sunk today.

To Protect N Y Harbor

New York, Feb. 10—Work began today at the Navy yard for the placing of two miles of heavy steel netting as a protection for the harbor against the entrance of submarines in the event of war.

How Far Can Germany Go?

Washington, Feb. 10—"How far can Germany go before the United States will enter the war," asked McCumber of the Senate today.

FARAWAY SAMOA VOTES FOR BICKETT

AND PRESENTS NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR WITH PANAMA MAT WOVEN FOR SAMOAN CHIEFTAIN

Raleigh, Feb. 10—Gov. T. W. Bickett has established himself, in the executive office, upon a Panama mat, woven for a Samoa chieftain (and presented by the Governor's constituency in Samoa. The mat comes from the Samoa town of Pago Pago tu-tu-lla.

It seems that when the vote in the last election was taken only 84 counties were included in the list of those carried by him; but belated post election news indicates that he carried solidly the island of Samoa also. The North Carolina colony there, with Judge Alex Stronach, judge of the island court, and W. J. Barrow of Franklin county, clerk of the court, have indicated their choice of Governor Bickett, unanimously. Hence the mat the history of which goes back to the time before the United States acquired the island.

At that time the custom was to inaugurate the chieftains in a ceremony which occurred always on a Panama mat trimmed with bird feathers. One of the chiefs presented a mat of this sort to Mr. Barrow who has sent it to Governor Bickett. It is said that the mat's life, with good care is 100 years. It is a handsome affair, trimmed with red ones.

NAVAL MILITIA IS REORGANIZED

J. K. WILSON, J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS AND C. B. WILLIAMS AMONG OFFICERS OF RANK FROM THIS CITY

Raleigh, Feb. 10—Reorganization of the naval militia of the State to conform to Federal regulations has just been completed, and general orders have been issued by the Adjutant-General regarding it. The militia is organized into a battalion comprising the second division of New Bern, fifth division from Elizabeth City and the sixth division from Washington.

In the reorganization scheme all the officers are reduced one peg in rank, and Lieutenant J. Kenyon Wilson, of Elizabeth City, is made commanding officer. Other officers are J. C. B. Ehrlinghaus, lieutenant executive and navigation; E. E. Williams, lieutenant, engineering officer; R. Duval Jones, passed assistant surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, medical officer; Claude B. Williams, assistant surgeon, with rank of lieutenant, junior grade assistant medical officer; Everard H. Baker, passed assistant paymaster, with rank of lieutenant, paymaster; B. F. Huske, chaplain, rank of lieutenant. The warrant officers are: L. W. Nelson, boatwain; J. L. Bell, machinist, and J. K. Hollowell, pharmacist.

BETSEY BOYS DID GOOD WORK

SECOND HALF OF GAME SHOWED VIRGINIA CHAMPIONS WHAT ARDUOUS PRACTICE AND CAREFUL COACHING CAN DO

The Elizabeth City High School boys basket ball team showed the result of arduous practice and careful coaching Friday night when in the last half of the game with the Portsmouth Highs they succeeded in shooting the ball into the basket eight times from the field. Playing Portsmouth only a few weeks ago to be overwhelmingly defeated and completely outclassed, the home team hoped Friday night only to make a somewhat better showing than in the first game with the Virginia champion and the result more than delighted the coach and captain, as well as the entire team. The final score was 65 to 22 for Portsmouth.

The game started out as if it were going to be a repetition of the debacle at Portsmouth which opened the season for Elizabeth City Highs, and throughout the first half though their defense at times was fairly good, the Elizabeth City men were not able to put the ball in the basket or even to get many shots at it except from the foul line. At the end of this half the score stood 36 to 3 in favor of Portsmouth, and Elizabeth City had not once shot a field goal.

The second half started out with a stiffening of the home team's defense and after the first field goal with an access of confidence. Indeed, during the last few minutes of the play the Elizabeth City boys did not seem to be badly out-matched, and with six out of the eight field goals of the half to his credit Blades M... was decidedly the star, from Elizabeth City's standpoint.

The line up
E. City Position Portsmouth
Blades M F Hutchins M
Bell F East
Sawyer C Welton
Blades E G Hudgins
Lane C Cousins
Summary: Field goals.—Elizabeth City, Blades 6, Bell 1, Sawyer 1; Portsmouth, Hutchins 10, Welton 8, East 5, Hudgins 3, Cousins 1, King 5.

Four goals, Elizabeth City, Blades 2, Sawyer 2; Portsmouth Welton 1. Substitutes: King for East in second half, McCoy for Cousins, Wynn for Blades E, and Evans for Lane.

E. CITY BANKS REPRESENTED

The third meeting of Group One of North Carolina Bankers will be held at Washington February 22nd. This organization met in Elizabeth City on Labor Day, 1915. The State Association was divided into groups three years ago, making it convenient for a larger number of bankers to attend these meetings. A bank holiday is chosen at the time of meeting for similar reasons.

A very interesting program has been announced for the meeting at Washington, and the Washington bankers will entertain their guests at an elaborate banquet at night.

The banks, of Elizabeth City, it is believed, will be well represented, H. C. Newbold of the Citizens Bank, H. G. Kramer of the Savings Bank and Trust Company, W. G. Gaither of the First National bank will be among those present.

The officers of the organization are: W. G. Gaither Jr., of this city President; J. L. Little of Greenville, Vice President; C. H. Godwin of Williams' town, secretary-treasurer; A. M. DuMay of Washington, E. C. Rea of Edenton and R. G. Harrison of Williamston, advisory committee.

N. C. Newbern of Jarvisburg was in the city Friday.

Slander Case Draws Crowd

Frank Ketchall, charged with slander, was given two months on the roads in recorder's court Friday afternoon.

The case is one that has aroused the people of the lower part of the county to a high pitch of excitement and has been the talk of the neighborhood for some time. The first public hearing brought to Elizabeth City a big crowd from the Sound Neck neighborhood and when the recorder had dismissed the case the court the crowd coming out suggested that an important case had been up for trial in Superior court.

The defendant put on no evidence Friday, took an appeal and gave bond for his appearance at the March term of Superior Court. Evidence put on by the prosecution was to the effect that Ketchall had circulated slanderous reports, as to Miss Haille Meades of the same section.

WILL SPEAK AGAIN SUNDAY NIGHT

MANY WHO MISSED HEARING LECTURER OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NOTE HAVE SECOND OPPORTUNITY

The lecture delivered Friday evening at the First Methodist church by Miss Tingling, National Superintendent of Temperance Instruction, was heard by a good number in spite of the bad weather and reports from those attending the lecture are so enthusiastic that it is believed that at Miss Tingling's appearance at the First Baptist church will fill the house with hearers.

Miss Tingling, besides being a woman well known for her temperance work all over the United States and in foreign countries, is a very pleasing speaker, instructing those hearing her with clearcut and forcible ideas and emphasizing her teaching with delightful humor. Employed by the National W. C. T. U., Miss Tingling supervises the State Superintendents of the organization who, in turn are in charge of the local organizations, especially the department of the work dealing with temperance instruction in the public schools.

At the High School Friday afternoon Miss Tingling gave an excellent talk to the children of the school, simple and comprehensive to even the smallest children, and holding the attention of the older students, as well. The students showed their appreciation in hearty applause and the teachers of the school expressed the opinion that this was the best lecture heard in the school auditorium during the year. Charts showing the work that is being done in the public schools add greatly to the interest of the facts presented by the speaker.

The public is extended a very cordial invitation to hear Miss Tingling Sunday night at the First Baptist Church and it is hoped that all who can do so will avail themselves of the opportunity.

To Bedside Of Mother

Mrs. W. H. Weatherly left Thursday for Charleston, S. C., where she was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. E. H. White, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. John W. Williams in that city.

Bernstorff Will Sail Wednesday

New York, Feb. 10—Bernstorff will sail Wednesday via the Scandavian American line.

BETTER FARMER THAN HIS FATHER

FLEETWOOD BONNEY ON KNOTT'S ISLAND SETS CURRITUCK BOYS EXAMPLE IN CORN CLUB WORK

BY R. W. ISLEY
Currituck, N. C., February 4—The students in the Moyock School, Currituck County, raised \$6.05 for the Belgium children. The children in Miss Gladys Jerome's room in the Poplar Branch School raised \$10.37 for the same children. The Moyock students will raise a sum each month as they have pledged. Other schools in the county are raising such funds.

Last winter and Spring six boys in Currituck County joined the Boys Corn Club. Two of these boys live on Knotts Island. Out of the six enrolled only one reported to the State. The boy reporting was Fleetwood Bonney, Woodleigh, N. C. on Knotts Island. His yield was \$42.50. He fed a part of his corn to his hogs and sold the hogs for around \$40.00. He has joined the club again for this year. The Bonney boys yield was not as good as the best in the state, but it was far better than the average farmer's yield in the state. His yield was better than his father's. The boys are going to teach with the aid of the state, their fathers how to grow corn. Every boy in Currituck county between the age of 10 and 18, and who can secure an acre of round should join the club and enter the state and county contests for the coming year. All are asked to join. The Bonney boy has won the county prize. The prize will be delivered at county commencement in March.

The boys of Currituck county who play baseball are asked to begin early this spring and summer in forming a county league. The boys at Coinjock, Harbinger, Jarvisburg, Knotts Island, Maple, Narrow horse Popular Branch and other places are asked to help in forming the league. A good county league will help general conditions in the county. uSch will entertain them and others who do not play. Such trans for citizenship also. Boys are asked to begin early.

Four schools in Currituck county have closed. Measles closed these schools. These four schools are in Crawford township and are in the north end. One school in Poplar Branch township may have to close for the same reason. However, the schools will open as soon as conditions will allow.

The Currituck sound is frozen over this morning. The thermometer has been around 5 and 7 degrees above zero.

MOTHERS CIRCLE MEETS

Although the worse weather of the day came Friday afternoon at the time of the meeting of the Mothers Study Circle a large number of mothers gathered at the First Methodist church for the meeting. Those attending represented all denominations of the city and serious interest was expressed in the problems studied.

The meeting was in charge of Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, and a very forceful talk was made by Miss Catherine Albertson, principal of the High school dealing with problems of the child at school and interesting all mothers present. These meetings will be held each Friday afternoon at the First Methodist church and all mothers in the city are invited to attend, any or all of the meetings, to profit by the discussions and to contribute to the mutual helpfulness of the Mothers Study Circle.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair and warmer tonight and Sunday.

The only sense some of our impoverished friends seem to have is the sense of touch.

Miss Carrie Lee of Gregory was in the city Friday.