

STARS AND STRIPES FURLED IN BELGIUM

Brand Whitlock Ordered to Lower Flag of American Legation at Brussels

STRAINED RELATIONS CONTINUE

And at any Moment Breaking Point May Come in View of Official Washington

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Washington, Feb. 15—The near peaceful relations with Germany were stretched to the snapping point when this government received confirmation from the legation at Brussels of the news that Brand Whitlock, American Minister to Belgium, had been forced to lower the Stars and Stripes. This confirmation brought the United States immediately nearer to open hostilities.

Officials viewed the act as constituting a possible affront and considered it another in the rapidly accumulating infringement upon American rights. They admitted marines so as to make the most effective strike at America in case of war. It is regarded also as an expedient to gain time while Germany financed the peace movement in America and got action in this direction.

SAYS GERMANY PLAYS FOR TIME

WHILE SHE TESTS HER SUBMARINE WARFARE AND DESSEM-INATES PEACE PROPOGANDA IN AMERICA

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Paris, Feb. 15—Warning against the dual menace of German submarine activities in American waters and against German peace propaganda which may really be a play for time was sounded today by American officials conversant with the situation at Berlin.

Germany's attempt to negotiate the issuance of unlimited submarine orders throughout the Swiss frontier is viewed as an attempt to forestall action by Wilson until Germany could dispose of her submarine which clearly showed the intent of Germany.

Whitlock was refused communication with Wilson and American Belgian Relief Workers were detained.

The message hinted that soon other facts would be received which might bring about a demand for explanation at once.

WHAT BERLIN THINKS OF U. S.

FREED FROM RIGOROUS RULE
OF GERMAN CENSOR UNITED
PRESS CORRESPONDENT
TELLS INTERESTING STORY

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With Gerard at Berne, Feb. 15—German censorship eliminated the joker in the text of the treaty which German officials demanded Gerard to sign, threatening that they would hold American correspondents as hostages. It was that German ships should not be forced to leave American harbors unless granted safe conduct from Germany's enemies and permitted to return to Germany or some neutral port.

Other real developments concealed by censorship in recent months were anti-American speeches at the Reichstag, anti-Wilson and anti-Gerard propaganda financed by prominent German leaders, fiery attacks by Strassman and Heydebrand on the President, and the frequent statements of army and navy officials that the United States might as well enter the war because she had already shown herself unneutral.

The attitude of the foreign office just before Gerard left Berlin was that Americans are very excitable and if Germany could control all dispatches for a few days Americans would "forget all about the submarine blockade and bring pressure to bear on Wilson to remain neutral."

Before Gerard left Germany he was requested not to allow newspapermen accompanying him to telegraph anything "except news which the Berlin censors might approve."

The output of munitions has doubled since Hindenburg has been in command. Every one is making war supplies. Hindenburg's dream of separate peace is dwindling and the Germans are united against the expected great offensive of the enemy. Officials say that this is the last chance to win or lose and that when it is over the socialist peace leaders will again force themselves forward.

Following the sinking of the Lyman M. Law, which has been declared an "illegal act" there seems today little hope that hostilities can be avoided. However, one group of administration leaders contend that the incident may not end critically, as Whitlock may have been merely requested to lower the flag.

FOR SEGREGATION IN WINDY CITY

CHICAGO LANDLORDS TAKING
STEPS TO DRAW COLOR LINE
IN BEST CHICAGO APART-
MENTS

(By United Press)
Chicago, Feb. 15—Solution of the race segregation problem, made acute in recent months by the steady influx of southern negroes, is the aim of action taken today by representatives of the owners of 50,000 of the 100,000 better class apartments in Chicago. Segregation statutes, similar to the one in force in St. Louis, will be invoked. "We believe the interests of Chicago demand that the white people shall not encroach upon the colored or the colored upon the white", I. G. Ackley, a member of the committee appointed to perfect plans for immediate action, said. "Therefore we strongly urge the segregation of the races. Action taken in St. Louis recently has been decreed constitutional by the supreme court. It is perhaps the greatest piece of racial legislation since the fourteenth amendment." The real estate men have also determined upon May 1 as the date for a general 15 per cent increase in all Chicago rentals.

BRIDGE SPANS COLUMBIA RIVER

INTER-STATE STRUCTURE FOUR
MILES LONG OPEN TO TRAF-
FIC WITH BIG CELEBRA-
TION

(By United Press)

Vancouver, Washington, Feb. 15—In a din of steamboat whistles, clanging bells and cheers from thousands of spectators, the new \$1,750,000 interstate bridge between Oregon and Washington was opened today. The structure is one of the largest in the world, four miles, including approaches. It spans the Columbia river between Vancouver and Multnomah counties, a few miles from Portland. When the great central derrick was lowered into place today a street crowded with officials and noted visitors, slowly crossed. That was a signal for an outburst of noise such as the old Columbia never heard before. A procession of flag-bedecked automobiles followed the car and another long line of machines started at the same time from the Washington side. They passed in the middle. While the crowd was assembling an old weather beaten ferryboat, the "City of Vancouver, slipped out of its berth on its last trip across the Columbia. The bridge had superseded it.

Bravely adorned with flags and bunting, the little craft chugged slowly under the central span, its funnel dwarfed by the towering steel framework. Its whistle tooted a horse farewell as it bucked the muddy current for the last time. Today's ceremonies will be repeated more formally in June. At that time Governor Lister of Washington and Governor Whitcomb of Oregon are to participate, delegations will come from the whole northwest, including British Columbia, and if plans materialize a flotilla of government destroyers will pass in review under the central span.

Germany has been informed that the President represents the munitions interests, but that Congress represents the people and will not support war. German propagandists for months have been centering their efforts in convincing America that war is terrible on the theory that Americans are cowards and will back out of war. They were delighted at the refusal of other neutrals to break relations as Wilson urged.

Report Bill Favorably

Washington, Feb. 15—The Webb Bill for National Prohibition with amendment was reported favorably to the House today.

FRENCH CONSERVE FOOD SUPPLY

NATION TAKES ANOTHER
NOTCH IN BELT THAT WASTES
OF WAR MAY NOT DEplete
HER RESOURCES

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Paris, Feb. 15—France hitched its belt a notch tighter today and smilingly accepted the restrictions placed on meals by the government—beginning with breakfast. There in France followed the action of England and Italy in conserving the food supply. Dinners in restaurants beginning today are restricted to hors d'oeuvres or soup, two other dishes and cheese or desert. Instead of the sixty or seventy items from which French people have been accustomed to select their meals, the bill of fare now is restricted to nine, consisting of one egg dish, two fish, three meats and three vegetables.

The public generally recognizes the importance of conserving the national food supply and takes the government's action in good part. The restrictions apply to all establishments where food is sold, including clubs, hotels, boarding houses. Managers must submit bills of fare for meals to the authorities an hour before they are announced or served. A copy of the restrictions must hang in each place. The order prohibits absolutely all puddings and provides strict economy of flour, milk, eggs, sugar and vegetables. Salad counts a course unless served with other food.

WAR ODDITIES

London, Feb. 15—Five inches of live nerve from the newly amputated leg of one British Tommy was rushed across the city to another hospital and grafted onto the ends of another broken nerve in another soldier's arm. The operation successfully repaired the circuit and the arm is rapidly becoming normal.

UNION MEETS AT MOYOCK

Following is the program of the Camden-Currituck Union Meeting which will be held April 27-29 at Moyock Baptist Church

- FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH
- 11 A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.
 - 2 P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant—D. P. Harris.
 - (a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.
 - (b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Sheperd.

- SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
- 10 A. M. The Scope of the Covenant.
 - (a) The support of the church as laid down therein—J. K. Henderson.
 - (b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.
 - 2 P. M.
 - (c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.
 - (d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any change of location—B. C. Henning.

- SUNDAY APRIL 29TH
- 11 A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Utmost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.
- The appointed speakers are to lead off in the discussion after which there will be given an opportunity to anyone who wishes to participate in any of the discussions to do so.

BETSY IS CATCHING THE PAY-UP SPIRIT

Merchants Co-operating in Move- ment Inviting Their Customers to Pass Prosperity Around

NEW CORPORATION HAS BEEN FORMED

BUSINESS BEGUN IN 1882 by C
E KRAMER AND LATE J. A.
KRAMER GROWN TO PRESENT
VOLUME BY EFFICIENT MAN-
AGEMENT

A new corporation has been formed to take over the planing mill business of Kramer Bros. & Company and also the stock of the saw mill.

The name of the new Company is Kramer Brothers Company, and its directors are A. K. Kramer, J. P. Kramer, and E. K. Kramer.

The officers are A. K. Kramer, president; H. G. Kramer, vice president; J. H. Kramer, secretary; and E. K. Kramer, treasurer. The property of the planing mill and the stock of the saw mill has been purchased by the new company from the old, and the business will continue at the former place of business on Martin street where the mill and offices are located.

The new company will conduct a general retail and wholesale lumber business.

The planing mill of Kramer Bros and Company was begun by C. E. Kramer and the late J. A. Kramer in 1882. A. K. Kramer and J. P. Kramer afterwards connecting themselves with the business from which the Kramer Brothers Company was organized. The business has grown to its present volume through the efficient management, and careful attention to business of the members of the firm.

The saw mill of Kramer Bros & Company on Riverside Drive was recently purchased by D. P. White and several of the large holdings of Kramer Bros & Company were recently purchased by D. E. Williams at South Mills for Seligman Williams & Ball.

Shielding Shadow Again-Friday Night

Tonight at the Alkrama the attraction is "The Right Direction," a new Pappa-Parsomunt photoplay in which Vivian Martin as "Polly" is a character of marvelous appeal. Cast adrift with her little brother, Billy Boy, she makes a little mother of such genuineness that the heart interest touches of the baby boy and the faithful tramp dog "Rags" form but a delightful background to this wonderful characterization.

On Friday night the Shielding Shadow, which failed to arrive last week, will be shown, and those who have been following this interesting story will have the opportunity of again picking up the thread.

To Advertisers

The double page advertisement of Pay-Up Week will appear in Friday's issue of the Daily Advance. All merchants co-operating in this movement are entitled to a 2 1/2 inch two column adv. Any firms who have not sent in their copy for this adv. should do so at once. No copy taken after eight o'clock Thursday evening.

With dawn of Monday morning, February 19th, Pay-Up Week begins in the United States of America, and more important still, in Elizabeth City.

Like Thrift Day, which was celebrated a few weeks ago, this isn't an ordinary "spree", with closed stores and closed banks, and the reckless expenditure of hard-earned savings. Indeed it's a combination of "Safety First", "Preparedness", "Good Business", "efficiency", and so on through the vocabulary of modern terms expressing the welfare of the country.

Friday's issue of this paper both semi-weekly and the daily, will carry the big double page advertisement of Elizabeth City firms co-operating in Pay-Up Week activities.

The windows of these same stores are displaying in attractively varied designs the placards and slogan of Pay-Up Week. One really needs to see these windows to catch the spirit of the movement. They are most inviting and positively impel the passer-by to stop in and "Pay Up."

Just as the impulse to "give" gets hold of the Christmas shopper in the midst of holiday decorations the idea permeates the mind of the downtown throng at this new festive season to "Pay Up" and get straight with the world.

"Let's pass prosperity around" is one of the happy slogans of Pay-Up Week and the merchants themselves are carrying this part of the plan even a step further than the Pay-Up idea suggests. In connection with paying up, they are offering "specials" during Pay-Up Week. Customers paying back accounts may also take advantage of new and seasonable bargains and thereby profit doubly by the deal.

"And a Special at this time means something," said one of the city's leading grocers as he handed in his advertisement for Pay-Up Week. "It means that the merchant is selling below the market price because he bought early and wisely, and the customer gets a lift in reducing the high cost of living."

And so, the good work is begun. Elizabeth City's merchants have co-operated in the great National Movement which was designed to work for the welfare of community state and country.

There is needed, besides the good will of the weather man, the hearty response of town and country customers.

Bluebird Feature Friday Matinee

Tonight's program at the New Theatre features "The Danger Signal," a George Kline drama of modern life with Ruby Hoffman in it. Friday afternoon's matinee will show a Bluebird feature, "Betina Loved a Soldier." This play is founded on the Saturday Evening Post story of 'Canavan who had his Way', and the play is said to have proved even more popular than the story.

WEATHER OR NO

Fair tonight and Friday with lower temperatures. Strong south winds shifting to northwest. Procrastination is the mother of invention.