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MORE HOPEFUL TODAY THAN SINCE BREAK

Officials at Washington See Change In Attitude of Germany Toward U S—Wilson Has no Immediate Intention of Going Before Con- gress Again.

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(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 19.—Although unchanged in certain dangerous particulars, the German American situation is generally regarded by officials today as more hopeful than at any time since the break. The situation is such that the United Press can state positively that the President has no present intention of going before Congress to discuss it. No "overt act" has yet occurred and officials see in recent actions by Germany an apparent change of attitude toward this government.

President Wilson does not mean to pause, however, in the work of preparing for eventualities. Those opposing the President's again appearing before Congress point out that with the appropriation assured through the joint resolution of Congress the President always would have the power to protect Americans short of the actual declaration of war.

PROTECTION AGAINST SPIES
Senator Overman today declared in speaking for the Espionage Bill for protection against spies in case of war that "there are a hundred thousand spies now in the United States."

NOT REPLY TO UNITED STATES
The demand for the release of Yarrowdale prisoners was sent to Germany Saturday. On Sunday the State Department received word from Berlin through the Spanish Ambassador that the prisoners would be released shortly. It is not believed that this was a reply to the communication sent since so quick an exchange of messages was practically impossible, but was merely a reply to the inquiry of the status of prisoners sent earlier.

Victory For The British

(By United Press)

London, Feb. 19.—Details received today of the brilliant British victory around Miramont impressed experts here with the preparations made by Britain for the great offensive of 1917.

Two days of fighting resulted in ejecting the Germans from nearly six square miles terrain of enormous strategic importance despite the handicap of severe weather.

To Relieve U S Traffic

Washington, Feb. 19.—In order not to interfere with the plan of the railroad leaders to relieve traffic congestion, the Interstate Commerce Commission today ordered the new rules hastening the return of empty freight cars deferred until March 15th.

RESULTED IN MISTRIAL

The case of W. A. Britton, administrator, vs. The Peoples Line went to the Superior Court jury Saturday evening and resulted in a mistrial.

Judge Daniels set aside the verdict of the jury in the case of Barron vs. Trustees of the State University.

Justice To Russian Jews

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—Removal of restrictions on Jews entering business and the extension of greater freedom to the Jews is planned by the government it was learned today.

German Press Attacks Gerard

(By United Press)

Amsterdam, Feb. 19.—A violent attack on Gerard was made by the Berlin Tages Zeitung today, charging that Gerard used his official position to transmit information to America so that it might ultimately reach London and Paris, and that he went to the utmost limit in connection with the capture of Sir Roger Casement.

MOYOCK LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill spent Friday in Elizabeth City on business. Mrs. S. M. Mann and little son, Southgate, spent Thursday with Mrs. T. P. Snowden at Snowdens N. C.

Mr. Will Aydtlett spent Thursday in Elizabeth City on business.

Miss Inez Lee is spending the week with her sister Mrs. J. W. Flora.

Mr. Charlie Poyner who has been ill at his home is improving rapidly.

Mrs. W. E. Turner spent Friday in Norfolk shopping.

Mrs. Sykes of St. Brides, Va. spent Thursday with Mrs. W. L. Wilson.

Mr. Richard Oliver is ill at his home, near Moyock, with measles. Dr. R. Allen Bagley spent Thursday in Norfolk the guest of Mrs. W. W. Alfriend.

Mr. Cecil Mackey entertained the Wesley Bible Class Thursday evening with a very delightful Valentine Party.

Miss Ida Bray spent Saturday in Elizabeth City with her sister Mrs. Ella Wilkinson.

Mrs. Bessie Ownley and little son of Okisco are visiting Mrs. Ownley's mother Mrs. D. A. Cox.

On account of the cold weather the creek has been frozen over and they have been unable to set nets for fish.

THEATRE TRAIN FEB. 27TH

The Norfolk Southern will run a special theatre train to Norfolk on Tuesday, February 27th for the benefit of those wishing to attend Norfolk theatres. Among the attractions billed for that day are "Fair and Warmer" at the Colonial, Triangle plays at the New Wells, and Keith's Vaudeville at the Academy of Music. The train leaves Elizabeth City at 5:15 p. m. and stops at Stations between Edenton and Norfolk.

COTILLION MONDAY NIGHT

The Elizabeth City Cotillion Club will give its February dance on Monday night, February 19th. This is the last dance of the season since Lent begins on February 21. The last night of dancing class

Matinee At 2:30 and 4:00

With matinees each afternoon at 2:30 and at four o'clock the New Theatre is attracting good crowds for its afternoon as well as its evening performances.

The Wednesday attraction, "Little Eve Edgarton", is advertised as a show usually commanding a fifty cents admission rate but the show will be given here for five and ten cents. It is one of the blue bird features which have proven widely popular.

"The Unattainable" which was advertised for Saturday will be shown on Friday.

Matinee Tuesday At The Alkrana

"The Second In Command" is the big feature for the Alkrana's show tonight, featuring Francis Bushman and Marguerite Snow.

In addition "The Great Secret" featuring Francis Bushman and Beverly Bain, will be shown tonight.

Exquisite little Marguerite Clark is the star of the Famous Players adaptation of the celebrated fairy tale "Snow, White" which is the Paramount Picture at the Alkrana Tuesday. Having starred in the stage adaptation of the story under the personal direction of Winthrop Ames at the Little Theatre, Miss Clark will undoubtedly prove irresistible in the motion picture version of the beloved tale. Director J. Searle Dawley, who produced the picture, has used the same costumes which created such favorable comment when they were worn in the stage play.

A special Matinee for School children at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon will be shown.

ROOF BURNED OFF

Sunday morning about 8:30 the fire alarm sounded and the fire company arriving quickly upon the scene found the unoccupied two story frame building on Spelman street belonging to Ellen Zena Lane, colored, on fire. The roof was burned off before the flames could be entirely extinguished.

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BEANS ARE SELLING.

The 1916 output of canned string beans is now selling well. Grocers in the city report a large increase in sales recently since publicity has been given these products and their excellence has been tested by Elizabeth City housewives. There is still a large supply on hand, however, and it is hoped that housekeepers will continue to patronize the Canning Club girls at their grocers and thus encourage the work for the season just now beginning.

**DEMONSTRATION AT
PARKER BROTHERS**

Interesting demonstrations in the making of wholesome deserts in short time and little trouble are being conducted this week at Parker Bros. by the Minute Gelatine and Minute Topioca advertisers. House keepers are extended a cordial invitation and samples of the deserts made are served.

AT HOME FROM THE WEST

Mr. Anson Cohoon, a former Elizabeth City boy, arrived in the city Saturday to visit his father, Mr. F. F. Cohoon, after a cold journey from his adopted state of Oregon.

Mr. Cohoon came the Southern route via Los Angeles, El Paso, and New Orleans, but found that the cold wave was not to be escaped even in the sunniest of climates.

TO OUR PATRONS:

This is to notify you that we have purchased the planing mill business of Kramer Bros. & Company as well as the stock at the Saw Mill. We will continue the business at the same location on Martin street in all of its branches, and will be prepared to serve the public more promptly and better than ever. The trade of the customers of the old company is respectfully solicited.

3t KRAMER BROS. CO.

I have in my possession a Camera which was either lost or stolen. Owner can secure same by applying at Munden's Fish Market Feb 17 19 17

CANNING CLUBS RE-ORGANIZING

WOMEN AND GIRLS OF PASQUOTANK BEGIN PREPARATIONS TO FEED THE COUNTY IN EVENT OF WAR OR PEACE

Pasquotank Canning Clubs for the year 1917 are forming this month and in addition to the re-enrollment of old members there is the addition of many new names.

The Women's Clubs of the County are taking up canning also with the idea of filling their pantries, and perhaps disposing of the surplus, together with the patriotic thought in mind of being ready to "feed the country" in the event of war.

The Club at Dry Ridge has eight girls already, the Berea Club enrolls its entire membership, the Bayside Club has the majority of its old members with some new ones, the Sound Neck Club has a large membership, the Corinth Club is re-organized, also the Forks Club, and a new club is organized at Brothers Schoolhouse.

The Corinth Woman's Club met last Thursday with Mrs. H. C. Wood and the subject of Spring Gardens engrossed the attention of the members. Indeed the development of the Canning Club work and the Home Demonstration Work in the county is awakening a keen interest in better gardens for the entire year.

The making of fireless cookers has been of chief interest to the clubs during the bad weather when gardening and canning could not be attended to.

A domestic science class at Fork schoolhouse with half its members canning club girls is very much interested in its new work and has won the co-operation and interest of its community.

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TO MAKE BEANS BETTER.

The Home Demonstrators have given instructions to purchasers of these beans which insure the making of the finished article of food better than if attention is not paid to this detail.

The water must be poured off the beans and they must be rinsed in cold water to make them just exactly right. These instructions do not mean to imply that the beans are not good just dumped from the can, but they are given as a suggestion for making them exceptionally good.

GOOD SEASON PREDICTED.

The cold weather of the past month has caused the prediction by those observing the seasons for many years that this spring and summer will prove favorable for fruit and vegetable growing, and the Canning Clubs are hoping for a greater variety than last year afforded.

DIES SUDDENLY AT BRISTOL TENN

MR CHARLIE DODD WAS FORMERLY MEMBER OF FIRM OF FOWLER & COMPANY. STORE CLOSED THROUGHOUT MONDAY

Mrs. George R. Bright left this morning for Bristol, Tennessee, where she was called by the sudden death of her brother, Mr. Charlie Dodd, Sunday.

Mr. Dodd was connected with the firm of Fowler & Company of this city for a number of years and has many friends here. The store re-

Ball Starts Rolling In Pay-Up Campaign

With Inducements of Special Bargains and a Good Rating It Is a Mistake Not to Get in the Game

Gold Medal Essay On Thrift

R. W. ISLEY

Currituck, N. C. February 19th.

Students in the white schools of Currituck are urged to write papers on the subject "Thrift". The National Education Association will give a nice gold medal to the student who has the best paper. Students of any grade may enter the contest. All students desiring to enter the contest are asked to talk the matter over with their teacher and begin work at once. Teachers are asked to explain the matter to students and urge them to enter the contest. Some student in the county will win the medal. It may be the most thrifty student who wins the medal.

The best paper on "Thrift" will be read at county commencement.

Prizes will be awarded students at county commencement who have the best papers on the care of the teeth. Students in the sixth and through the 11th grade may enter this contest. A prize will be given to each of the five best papers from each grade.

All papers are to be sent to the county superintendent for grading not later than March 10th.

Girls baking cakes for exhibit for prizes at the county commencement are asked to use "Sauer's Flavoring Extracts". This can be secured at the local dealer or in Elizabeth City. Prizes are ready for the best cake according to announcement.

TED SULLIVAN WILL FURNISH PEP

BASEBALL FANS AND BETSEY BOOSTERS WILL ORGANIZE FOR 1917 BASEBALL AT WEDNESDAY'S LUNCHEON

Elizabeth City is getting ready for baseball.

"A baseball organization for Betsey, managed by Ted Sullivan of world fame", that is the idea of Betsey fans for 1917, and Betsey expects to get on the map baseballically speaking.

To this end, a no less personage than "Ted" himself will be the honor guest at a luncheon Wednesday at two o'clock at Scott & Twiddy's.

Mr. Sullivan, who now lives at Shiloh in Camden County, has many personal friends in the city who always enjoy his short visits to town. These, with all baseball fans and Betsey boosters, are expected to make the luncheon a big affair as to numbers. Mr. Sullivan will furnish the "Pep", and Scott & Twiddy will serve the luncheon at 35 cents a plate. Seats should be reserved immediately by phone at Scott & Twiddy's.

At this luncheon the matter of organization will be taken up, and Betsey, backed by the one and only "Ted Sullivan" will get ready in earnest for baseball.

Remained closed throughout Monday, in respect to the memory of Mr. Dodd.

W. G. Farabee of Camden was here on business Saturday.

Pay-Up Week began Monday, February 19th, on schedule time, though Old Sol dodged the issue and refused to show his face.

The weather had warmed up considerably so that not even a tightwad could freeze on to his coat, and the incentive to "pay some one today and get a good rating," as advised by the Business Men's Credit Association, added its due measure of weight to the Pay-Up campaign of the city.

The Pay Up feature of the week, indeed, promises to add materially to the activity of business in Elizabeth City. The business men have made their places of business attractive, and many have offered special inducements to make it easier for shoppers to pay back indebtedness and at the same time provide for present necessities.

PASS IT ON

A big check started out bright and early just to see what sort of record it could make for itself in paying bills. It bore the request that it should not be deposited in a bank but used immediately to pay a bill and so be constantly kept in circulation throughout the entire week. At the end of the week, it will proclaim its good deeds and serve to show what can be done in the matter of paying up.

THE PAY UP SPIRIT

The Pay Up spirit is in the air. Of course, it doesn't mean to confine itself to the air, for it might get wrought up and turn to be nothing but "hot air" which would be disastrous. But, it is catching and the sooner that everybody gets a good case the bigger and better the Pay Up Week Campaign, and the more solid the rating of the fellow who pays up. It's really out of fashion not to pay up this week, and not even a tightwad wants to be quite so far behind the times.

GRAVEN BUILDS BRICK ROADS

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF NEW BERN TELLS OF HIS SECTION'S STRIDES OF PROGRESS

Mr. J. B. Blades of New Bern, who spent the week end in the city the guest of relatives, gave The Advance reporter interesting data in regard to permanent road building in that section Monday morning.

"We are building seven or eight miles of brick road out from New Bern" said Mr. Blades, and the cost is \$9,000 a mile.

"That seems very expensive, of course, and yet, the chief thoroughfares of a county ought to be of good material and ready to stand every sort of weather condition. I believe that the brick road is the best road that we can build."

"The sand-clay road seemed a success for warm weather and dry weather, but they went to pieces and failed utterly this winter when hard freezes followed heavy rains." Speaking of New Bern, Mr. Blades spoke with pardonable pride of the steady growth in prosperity and population of his Home Town.

WEATHER OR NO

Rain Monday night, Tuesday fair. A honeymoon man has no vote in the State of matrimony.