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Suppress Peace Talk Among German People

German Government Insists on doing the Talking Itself and People Cannot Understand Complex Situation.

(BY ARTHUR MANN) (United Press Staff Correspondent) Copenhagen, May 8.—The German government started "peace talk" for its own ends, but now it is confronted with a distinct and decidedly grown movement among the Germans for peace, which it is taking measures to repress.

Private advices today show this new development. The reports give details of an empire-wide hunt for "peace spies." The hunt has been transferred from civil to military authorities with rewards offered for the arrest of peace propagandists.

The German government appears determined that if any "peace talk" is done the government and not the people shall do the talking. Meanwhile, the people of the German provinces are puzzled to understand why if England is nearly broken and defeated, as the German government claims, she is still making war and not hearkening to German peace feelers.

The result, according to advices here, is a formidable wave of dissatisfaction against German autocracy which is now sweeping over the entire nation. HOLWEG POSTPONES ADDRESS. Amsterdam, May 8.—Holweg today postponed his much advertised peace address "in anticipation of events which will facilitate the task," according to his explanation printed in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. The same paper announces "rumors of an agreeable political event imminent which it is hoped will not miscarry."

MUCH INTEREST IN HOG RAISING

Dr. F. D. Owen Federal expert in charge of the hog cholera work in Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Perquimans, Gates and Chowan counties, finished up his work for the month of April with a total of eighty farms visited, 222 interviews with farmers, and fifteen men taught to administer serum. Fifty-one demonstrations were conducted by Dr. Owen at which 824 hogs were treated and 296 men present.

Including hogs treated by the assistants, a total number of 2824 hogs were treated during the month. With the success of Dr. Owen's work already achieved and with the increased interest in food production in this section, farmers have become intensely interested in growing better hogs. Dr. Owen's popularity and labors are increasing accordingly, an encouraging sign of prosperity in this department of farm work.

PUT HEAVY FINE ON FALSE ALARM

Thirty days in jail and a fine of fifty dollars is the sentence for those who turn in a false fire alarm. This action was taken by the Board of Aldermen in session yesterday. The fifty dollars will go to the informant.

ALL COWS MUST BE EXAMINED

All cows belonging to those who sell milk in Elizabeth City must be examined for tuberculosis. The Aldermen in session yesterday instructed the City Health Officer, Dr. C. B. Williams to have this work done.

IN SEVENTY-NINE YEARS

Mr. J. B. Flora was relieved of duty with the Fire Company in yesterday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The action was taken in that Mr. Flora is among those who have been enrolled for military duty for the Government.

TRAVELLING NOW BY SPECIAL TRAIN

(By United Press) With French Commission, Effingham, Illinois—Traveling now by special train the French Mission resumed their tour of the Middle West this morning following the wreck last night.

Investigation disclosed a broken rail twenty feet in the rear of the wrecked train. This might have been broken by the heavy engine or by some plotter. The question is still undetermined. Some members of the mission seen inclined to the belief that the broken rail was the work of a German agent.

The members of the mission were severely shaken up in the wreck but otherwise uninjured. The car in which the newspaper men attached to the party and the staff of the mission were travelling jumped the track, but remained upright and none of the occupants were injured.

URGES NEED OF MORE HOGS

Raleigh, May 8.—Agricultural and economic authorities in the State are looking this year for a substantial sort of a boom in the hog-raising industry of the State. A packing house is under construction at Wilmington, one is practically assured for Raleigh and there is a movement on at Charlotte looking to the establishment of one in that city. Already, however, there are packing houses at Greenville, S. C., and Richmond, Va., so that, as a matter of fact, every farmer in the State is within shipping distance of a standard market for his hogs.

Hogs are at present selling on the Chicago market at \$15 to \$16 per hundred and with 3 per cent lower brood sows in the country than last year there is little or no likelihood of the price dropping much for a year or more. The price in the South is doubly assured because this section, which normally imports millions of dollars worth of pork from the West, must depend upon its own supplies this year as the Western meats will be required by the government for the maintenance of its armies and the armies of the Allies.

With this rare opportunity within their grasp every farmer in the State who has breeding stock is urged to use it, securing the largest number of pigs possible and raising feed with which to push them properly. Pastures of soy beans, peas, corn and velvet beans and other crops are recommended for feeding hogs, the old method of feeding in pens having been found to be uneconomical. In the fall after the crops of beans, peas, etc., have been exhausted crops of rape, rye, clover, oats and similar crops should be ready. A good pasture of corn and velvet beans, however, should last well into the winter if a sufficient manure is planted.

JEROME FLORA RELIEVED OF DUTY

Mr. J. B. Flora was relieved of duty with the Fire Company in yesterday's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The action was taken in that Mr. Flora is among those who have been enrolled for military duty for the Government.

It was Theodore Roosevelt who said "Chautauqua is the most American thing in America"—an admirable way of saying that it magnifies social, moral and political harmonies. In its audience the rich and poor elbow each other—its program is patriotic, but nonpartisan—its platform is clearly moral, but never sectarian. Without regard to class or creed or party or social stratification, its gospel is always that of genuine uplift and of broadening vision.

JUNIOR CHAUTAUQUA A TREAT FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

Special plays for the children in connection with the coming Chautauqua include the usual good time of the regular Junior Chautauqua, with its games, thrilling stories, its good time songs and the most wonderful of all the Junior plays, "Good Fairy Thrift," written especially for them by Mrs. Tamaqua (Pa.) Children Who Took Part in the Play Which Was on the Program the Closing Day at Each Chautauqua.



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San Oppenlander Eberle, the founder of Junior Chautauqua. In addition to these usual preparations, however, are two extras, put on the program for good luck. "In the Village of Ding Dong Bell" is a Mother Goose fantasia prepared for the children and starred by members of the "Chimes of Normandy" cast. Paul Fleming, the musician, is the second of these extras for the children.



Junior Chautauqua Gymnast, Towanda, Pa.

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"Seven Joyous Days."

(From Shenandoah Daily Dispatch, April 20, 1915.)

Chautauqua's "seven joyous days" in Shamokin are over for this season. The program presented has been of high character, entertaining, enjoyable, educational and helpful. It is doubtful if more that is really worth while could be crowded into one week at so small a cost as has been given by Chautauqua. Dr. Forbush, the platform superintendent, made many warm friends while in town and will be cordially welcomed if he should be identified with Shamokin's future Chautauqua.

It is to Shamokin's credit that there has been so urgent a demand for another session next year. Shamokin could not afford to drop out of the Chautauqua circuit, and the sentiment for its continuance shows an appreciation for something that is worth while.

Mrs. George Boyen and children

BRITISH PLANES DOWN BALLOONS

VIGOROUS AERIAL DEFENSIVE WAGED BY BRITISH FLYERS. ARMIES AGAIN IN TEMPORARY DEADLOCK ALONG HINDENBURG LINE

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS) (United Press Staff Correspondent)

With the British Armies Afield, May 8.—Seven British aeroplanes today shot down seven German balloons in resumption of the vigorous aerial defensive waged by British flyers.

Fighting continues violently around Bullecourt. At the time this dispatch is sent, the Germans are vigorously assaulting that portion of the Hindenburg line headed by the British on the southwest border of the village. The assault is so far fruitless. The enemy gained a little ground northeast of Fresnoy last night but failed to oust the British.

Another temporary deadlock seems to have been reached today along the Hindenburg line. Raids continue on both sides, scattered along a wide frontage, but without major fighting.

SPEAKS TO N C PARENTS

URGING PATRIOTIC DUTY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO CANNOT ENTER FIGHTING RANKS

WEST RALEIGH, N. C., May 4.—T. E. Brown, State Club Agent addresses the following letter to North Carolina parents:—

Every man, woman, boy and girl wants to have a part in our country's defense. Patriotism now means every heart to beat with added energy, and every soul to feel a new thrill. Every American wants to play a part.

Fighting men are the smallest part of our country's defense. Every normal boy is born a soldier. There are thousands of boys in North Carolina who are imbued with the military spirit, and yet are too young to enlist in the fighting army.

Most parents are glad that they are too young. If you can conscientiously feel that your boy can just as honorably serve his country and still stay at home, your heart will be made glad.

The President, the Secretary of Agriculture, and all leading officials of the Nation are urging the production and conservation of food and feed crops as just as important a part of the Nation's defense as the fighting with guns and shells. America must not only feed herself, but must feed her allies. It is imperative so far as family food and feed, and thus diminish the world's supply, when there is land available for the production of that food by the family.

Remember that every time you use a pound of the commercial food supply you are taking that much from the mouths of hungry soldiers and hungry children. Every pound of food you and your family produce or save, still adds just that much to the amount SO GREATLY NEEDED to keep life in the bodies of starving mothers and children.

We have in North Carolina an army of ten thousand boys and girls who are doing their part in this American crisis, by growing corn, peas, chickens, potatoes, peanuts and vegetables for canning. Have you any boys and girls, between the ages of ten and eighteen, who have not yet enlisted in this army? Would you not prefer that they enlist in this army rather than in the army at the front? You may say that they are helping you produce these things. However, they do not feel that they are personally participating and individually responsible, unless they are growing something of their VERY OWN.

The effectiveness of an army is dependent upon the efficiency of its organization. Let us appeal to you, in the name of your country, to persuade your boys to the best of their ability to grow their own food.

ASSASSIN'S BULLET AIMED AT KAISER

(By United Press)

Rome May 8.—The Kaiser had a narrow escape from an assassin's bullet this morning while motoring to Berlin, according to dispatches from Zurich to the Daily Courier here. The dispatch stated that an unidentified man fired three shots at the Kaiser's car. Two arrests were made. The police refused to comment on the affair.

VERDICT PROBABLY NOT GUILTY

ATTORNEY ROOP OPENS LAST CHAPTER IN TRIAL TODAY WITH VIGOROUS DENUNCIATION OF VAWTER'S CONDUCT

(By United Press)

Christianburg, May 8.—With instructions given to the jury which were considered as favorable to the defense, Commonwealth Attorney Roop opened for the State the final chapter in the Vawter trial today.

The burden of the proof that Vawter did not fire in self defense was placed upon the state. The instructions specifically stated that if the jury believed that the "pay my bill and take my wife" letter was the product of an unsound mind it should not be considered.

The burden of the proof was placed on the defense to show that Vawter was insane or intoxicated at the time he wrote the letter to Heth and did not know what he was doing.

The case is expected to go to the jury by noon Wednesday.

After the hearing the impression seemed to be spreading that the jury would be out only a short time and that the verdict would be not guilty. Roop made a powerful plea for the State, painting Vawter as a blackmailer, who exploited his wife and her charms for his own pocket. He will be followed by Jordan Harless for the defense.

LANSING IS NEWS CENSOR

SELF APPOINTED AND ABSOLUTE DICTATOR HE ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL DISMISS EMPLOYEES WHO GIVE INFORMATION TO PRESS

(By United Press)

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Lansing today announced that he would dismiss any employee in the State Department who gives the press any information upon which criticism of governmental policies may be based. By this act, he makes himself absolute dictator of the news relations between this country and all foreign nations.

IS APPOINTED DEPUTY CLERK

Mr. J. P. Thompson, formerly Auditor of Pasquotank County, has been appointed Deputy Clerk of the Federal Court of this district. Mr. H. T. Greenleaf has resigned the position to take effect May 1st.

What Mr. Greenleaf will do in the future is not known. He is a candidate for City Manager and his friends are hoping he will be appointed at the meeting of the new board, next month.

Mr. Greenleaf has been Deputy Clerk for a number of years and is very popular throughout Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Thompson has been connected with the affairs of the County for several years.

encouragement possible. Send his name and address, indicating the club that he wants to join, to this office, and we shall enroll him, and do all we can, by sending him letters and circulars of instruction, to help him make a success of his work.

In this day of needed food be sure to plant soybeans or cowpeas in all your corn fields, and have your boy do the same. They are excellent

WILL CELEBRATE 1ST ANNIVERSARY

THURSDAY NIGHT MAY 17 AND PLANS WILL BE MADE FOR "GOOD WILL DAY CELEBRATION"

An Anniversary Meeting and Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday night, May 17th. This was decided at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening.

"At this meeting," says Manager Pugh, "the annual report of the Manager will be read and recommendations of the Board of Directors will be made to the members. The members will elect a Board of Directors for 1917 and 18 and a campaign for new members will be automatically begun. Of course the recommendations of the Board of Directors will include 'Fourth of July Good Will Celebration plans.' The following committee were appointed to make further plans for the Anniversary meeting: Louis Selig, H. G. Kramer, O. F. Gilbert, G. A. Twiddy, G. J. Spence, and Joe Winslow.

The Chamber of Commerce has been at work for several months on a municipal playground. At yesterday's meeting the following committee was appointed and "it is expected" Mr. Pugh says, "that the plans heretofore made will be speedily consummated under the direction of this committee. Following is the committee: W. G. Gaither, S. H. Johnson, P. H. Williams, G. F. Gilbert, P. G. Sawyer.

The President, W. G. Gaither and Secretary to the Board, H. G. Kramer were appointed to audit the books of the treasurer.

The Finance Committee will call on members of the Chamber of Commerce this week for their dues.

ENGINEERS TODAY OFFER SERVICES

THREE THOUSAND WHO HAD ENLISTED IN ROOSEVELT DIVISION WANT TO GO AS PART OF FIRST UNIT TO FRANCE

New York, May 8.—Three thousand engineers who had enlisted in the Roosevelt Division, today offered their services to the government as a part of the first unit of Americans to go to the front in France.

T. C. Desmond, who organized the engineers, made the offer to Secretary Baker after a conference with Roosevelt, in which Roosevelt urged that the shortest way be taken to get men to France, even tho this meant taking men from the volunteer division.

BADLY BURNED AND STILL IN DANGER

Had it not been for his mother, John R. Bowden, Jr. would likely have been burned to death Monday.

The boy was left alone in a room for a few minutes, his mother returned to the room and found him covered in flames. She grabbed a cover and smothered on the flames before the boy had time to inhale the fire. Dr. R. E. Kendrick was summoned and rendered medical attention. The child is improving but is hardly out of danger yet. About one third of his body was burned and he requires constant care and nursing. Had the flames been extinguished a moment later the child would have been burned beyond recovery.

TO GIVE HIKE

The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist Church will give a "hike" to the country home of John Sample on Tuesday evening May 8th. The members are asked to assemble in the Sunday School rooms at 7:15.

WEATHER Fair tonight and Wednesday.