

# GERMANY ASKS ALLIES FOR REVISION OF TERMS OF VERSAILLES TREATY

## German Government Grows Concerned Over Extradition of Germans Accused of War Offenses - Editorial Statements Reach White Heat Stage - No German, High or Low, Can Be Expected to Arrest Fellow Countryman

(By The Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Jan. 28.—Indications of the government's growing concern over the extradition of Germans accused of war offenses was given in the note sent to the allies today asking revision of clauses of the Versailles treaty. The attempted assassination of Mathias Erzberger, minister of finance, last Monday, is viewed in official circles as a precursor of what is likely to happen on a larger scale if the government, yielding to the allies, appeals to force in arresting men on the list submitted by the entente powers. Editorial and partisan recriminations, provoked by the attack on the finance minister, have already reached the white heat stage.

While it has been commonly known that Wilhelm Ruge would use all its persuasive powers in an attempt to induce the allies to desist in their avowed purpose of demanding the surrender of Germans, the shots aimed at Erzberger have made the cabinet more apprehensive than it had been at any other time relative to the enforcement of the extradition clauses. The note to the allies which will not be published in Germany, warns the entente powers that Germany cannot assume she is able to compel either national or local agencies of the law to lay hands on the men wanted and transfer them to German frontiers. The Associated Press is informed that even responsible officials of the foreign office have announced point blank they will refuse to execute any work connected with extradition formalities and they threaten to strike or indulge in "passive resistance."

A leading official of the foreign office expressed doubt today that a man could be found in Germany from an army or navy commander down to a humble village deputy who would lend himself to the work of executing a warrant for the arrest or detention of fellow countrymen to be dragged before a foreign tribunal.

Suggestion is made in the note that the man wanted be tried by the supreme court at Leipzig and in this part of the communication the cabinet has indicated its belief that the nation's highest tribunal can guarantee an exhaustive and impartial trial. It is pointed out that the allies are given representation on the bench of the supreme court, which should further tend to guarantee a fair trial.

The economic situation in Germany is precarious at present and this is an unsuitable period to invite trouble, the note indicates, continuing to point out that trouble, if it comes, will not be confined to any single party.

"The whole nation is likely to go on a general strike," an official declared today while discussing the government's plight, if it is coerced into even making a feint in the direction of apprehending the men wanted. It is definitely stated that no list of names of men whose extradition will be demanded has yet been received, and that the government has no hint of when it is coming or who is wanted.

## CONTINUE CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN LOANS

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—In continuing its conference today with treasury officials regarding foreign loans and the financial situation generally, the house ways and means committee expected to consider President Wilson's letter appealing to congress for credit grants totalling \$150,000,000 to Poland, Austria and Armenia for food relief. The president's letter, presented yesterday to the committee through Secretary Glass, who previously had requested that the credits be granted, called attention to the conditions which threaten "moral and material chaos" in the countries named and urged prompt action. Consideration of the letter was postponed until today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Negotiations between democratic and republican leaders of the senate, who apparently have approached a deadlock on the peace treaty compromise, will not be resumed until tomorrow, the meeting of the bi-partisan committee planned for today having been postponed because of the absence of Senator Lenroot, Wisconsin, one of the republican leaders.

There were indications that some senators on each side welcomed the delay and there were many conferences during the day to perfect plans for the committee meeting which may bring a final showdown on the question of continuing the negotiations.

## RED CROSS NURSING COMMITTEE MEETS

A joint meeting of the nursing committee and first aid committee of the Gaston County Chapter of the Red Cross was held yesterday afternoon in the work room. Mr. S. A. Robinson is chairman of the nursing committee and Prof. Joe S. Wray chairman of the first aid committee.

The meeting was called for the purpose of perfecting plans already under consideration for the employment by the chapter of a public health nurse for Gastonia and Gaston county. It was decided to employ a nurse at once, and upon this decision application has been made to division headquarters for one.

The influenza situation was discussed, and should a call be made upon the local chapter for aid, the nursing committee, in co-operation with other organizations, stands ready to help. Miss Otey stated that the situation in South Gastonia was better, but that there is still a need for volunteer assistance and anyone wishing to help could notify her, as soon as possible.

The nursing committee is composed of S. A. Robinson, chairman; J. S. Wray, Mrs. A. A. McLean and Misses W. B. Otey and Susanne Robbins.

In connection with health work in the city Prof. Wray stated that the Red Cross Seal committee stood ready to do anything towards the education of the people in the prevention of tuberculosis, this being the purpose for which Red Cross Seals are sold by the anti-tuberculosis association.

Prof. Wray, who is chairman of the first aid committee, is very anxious to have classes formed in first aid, in the city and county. There is a great need for these classes throughout the county, and it is hoped when the classes are formed, the people will take advantage of this opportunity. Classes will be formed in all the schools, thus giving the school children the opportunity also.

Mrs. L. J. MacNabb, field representative of the Red Cross, from Atlanta, who has been here with Miss May Tatlock, home service secretary, for two months, stated that she felt sure it would be hard to find a better organized or more energetic chapter than the one in Gaston county.

## HAS WELL DEVELOPED CASE OF LEPROSY

(By The Associated Press.)  
OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 29.—Charles Young, 49 years old, of Tilden, Neb., who applied at the Creighton medical college several weeks ago for treatment for a blood disease has a well developed case of leprosy, according to a specialist's diagnosis announced today.

Young became a charge of the state. A specialist said there was a possibility of ultimate cure. Young is a Spanish war veteran and believes that he may have contracted the disease while in the army.

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## MR. A. MEEK BARNETT DIED LAST NIGHT

### One of City's Most Popular and Promising Young Men Succumbs to Attack of Double Pneumonia Following Influenza - Funeral and Interment at Bethel Church Tomorrow at 12 o'clock.

Although his death was not unexpected it was with a feeling of profound grief that the city heard this morning of the death last night at 1:45 o'clock of Mr. A. Meek Barnett. Since Saturday or Sunday Mr. Barnett's condition has been very serious. Tuesday night he rallied and to the anxious watchers around his bedside it seemed that his strong constitution and determination to live would carry him through the crisis. But Wednesday morning he grew worse, and Wednesday afternoon suffered another sinking spell from which he could not recover. All that the faithful ministrations of loving friends by the hundred and skilled physicians could do was done for him, but to no avail. Many of the leading physicians of Gastonia were constantly at his bedside. Yesterday physicians from York, close friends of Mr. Barnett, were summoned from York for a consultation. Every known device of medical knowledge and skill was summoned to aid in the gallant fight he waged against death, but the deadly disease, pneumonia in both lungs, following an attack of influenza, was not to be stopped.

Mr. Barnett was taken ill with the flu on Saturday, January 17th, and was not considered seriously sick until Thursday, the 22nd, when pneumonia developed. Since that time the home of Misses Maggie and Eliza Barnett, with whom Mr. Barnett lived, has been filled with friends anxious to do something for the stricken man.

Funeral services and burial will take place Friday at 12 o'clock at Bethel Presbyterian church in York county, 12 miles south of Gastonia. He will be buried with full Masonic rites.

Alexander Meek Barnett was born in Bethel township, York county, November 29, 1885, the son of Mr. J. William and Emily Craig Barnett. At an early age he went to work in Rock Hill with J. Boney Johnson, a druggist. He then worked in Gastonia for a number of years with the Adams Drug Company, now the Morrow Drug Company. For ten years following that Mr. Barnett and Mr. Will Williams owned and operated the York Drug Company in York, S. C. Last spring he returned to Gastonia and was associated with the Torrence Drug Company until some time in the summer when he and Mr. Ed C. Adams purchased an interest in Kennedy's drug store. The success of this new firm was assured from the beginning. Added to Mr. Barnett's skill as druggist and pharmacist was a personality, possessed by few men, that drew friends to him by hooks of steel. A few weeks ago he was added to the board of directors of the Third National Bank.

Mr. Barnett is survived by his father and mother, and the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. R. Craig Barnett, J. Hope Barnett, of West End, Moore county; Henry Barnett and Mrs. T. C. Barnett. Two uncles, Messrs. A. Hamp Barnett and R. Meek Barnett, of Bethel, and three aunts, Mrs. T. J. Nichols, of York county, and Misses Maggie and Eliza Barnett, of this city, also survive.

Mr. Barnett's untimely death in the very prime of life is peculiarly sad. No young man in Gastonia had such a promising career before him. Affable, genial and whole-souled, he numbered his friends by the hundreds. It has been often remarked by those who knew him that "Meek Barnett knew more people in Gaston and York counties by their first name than any other man." His drug store was a favorite meeting place, both in York and in Gastonia, for mutual friends who liked to gather round him in his odd moments. Never did any one, be he high or low, meet him on the street or in the store, but what he was greeted with a cheery smile and a pleasant word.

Mr. J. Hope Barnett, the brother mentioned above, will not be able to attend the funeral on account of illness in his family.

All members of Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. and A. M., are requested to be at the lodge room at 9:45 Friday morning for the purpose of attending the funeral in a body.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. E. E. Gillespie, pastor of the York Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Barnett was a member, assisted by Dr. J. H. Henderlite and Rev. G. R. Gillespie, of Gastonia.

There will be eight active pall-bearers, four from Gastonia and four from York. The ten honorary pall-bearers will be divided in the same proportion. The four active pall-bearers from Gastonia are Messrs. W. S. Buice, W. Y. Warren, F. L. Smyre and W. L. Wetzell. The honorary are Messrs. J. H. Kennedy and Ed C. Adams Drs. R. S. Clinton, H. F. Glenn and P. G. Wilson.

An inventor has patented a double snow plow to be fastened in front of an automobile to clear tracks for its wheels.

## FLU HITS MIDDLE-AGED HARDEST OF ALL

### Disease About Equally Divided Between Sexes - Elderly People and Children Under Five Years of Age Not so Liable - Between Ages of 20 and 30 Is Most Susceptible Period.

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Analysis of the 19,763 cases of influenza reported to the New York health department since the present epidemic began shows that the disease is very evenly divided between the sexes.

Females predominate between the ages of 20 and 30, while males predominate at all other ages. Comparatively few elderly persons or children under five years are affected.

While the number of new cases reported yesterday—5,598—exceeded the daily record in the epidemic last year by 208, the death rate was considerably lower.

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 29.—Influenza continued to spread here today, incomplete reports indicating 1,046 cases in Newport News and surrounding territory.

The threatened epidemic at Camp Eustis has been checked, it was said. Only thirty cases developed there.

## FLU INTERFERES WITH RAILROAD TRAFFIC

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 29.—Influenza is becoming so widespread in large sections of the country, especially between Chicago and New York, that it is interfering seriously with railroad freight traffic, according to Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, who was here today to address the annual banquet of the Transportation Club.

"Coupled with bad weather conditions," said Mr. Hines, "the influenza epidemic has dealt a serious blow to railroad operation. Not only are scores of railroad men down with the disease, but many more are forced to stay away from their duties because of the death or serious illness of members of their families."

"Reports received by me yesterday, however, are that both weather conditions and troubles due to illness are growing better."

## FLU HITS JURY.

(By The Associated Press.)  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., Jan. 29.—The number of defendants in court was reduced by one today when Judge Sessions allowed Harrison Merrill, a Kalamazoo newspaper man, to plead nolo contendere. He had previously stood mute. He was the tenth defendant to take this step.

Influenza hit the jury last night and four men were allowed to go home.

## 128 NEW CASES.

(By The Associated Press.)  
RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 29.—One hundred and 28 new cases of influenza were reported here this morning, making a total of 7,279 thus far this month. Many who contracted the malady are ill with pneumonia, which already has caused several deaths. Only five deaths from influenza have been officially reported.

## CITY CHILDREN HEALTHIER THAN COUNTRY BORN

(By The Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—The "poor little child," who has the misfortune to be born in a city has just five times as good a chance of reaching maturity as his country cousin, according to Dr. Thomas D. Wood, of Teachers' College, New York.

Speaking before a teachers' conference in Belviders, N. J., yesterday, Dr. Wood cited figures based on a survey of 500,000 children to support his contention. The figures showed country children to lead city children in teeth defects, defective tonsils, adenoids, malnutrition and breathing defects.

"Ignorance, prejudice and lack of health supervision" were given by Dr. Wood as the principal causes of poor health in the country.

## LIEUT. ECKHOUT FATALLY INJURED

(By The Associated Press.)  
On Board U. S. S. Pennsylvania, Off Guantanamo, Jan. 29.—(By wireless to The Associated Press.) Lieut. Bernard Vanderbilt Eckhout was fatally injured yesterday while flying over the "aval" aviation station at Guantanamo Bay. His plane, a single-seater, Niueport, was wrecked. He was alive when taken from the wreckage, and rushed to the hospital ship Solace, where he died.

His mother, Mrs. John B. Morton, lives on Staten Island, N. Y.

# THREE MILLION DOLLARS IN BUILDINGS EXCLUSIVE OF \$7,000,000 FOR MILLS

## Total Amount Building and Construction Projects Contemplated For City of Gastonia During Year 1920 is \$3,129,000 Not Counting Cotton Mills Which Will Run Total Amount Above Ten Million Dollars - A Notable Record.

## HAMBY GOES TO DEATH CHAIR UNREPENTANT

(By The Associated Press.)  
OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Gordon Fawcett Hamby, the 26 year old confessed murderer, bank robber and train bandit, will go to the death chair in Sing Sing prison tonight without the aid of clergy, if his wishes are respected by Warden Lawes. A request to this effect was transmitted to the warden for Hamby today by a member of the death watch.

The iron-nerved prisoner, whose career of crime took him from coast to coast and ended in Tacoma, Wash., with his arrest for the murder of two bank employees during a \$13,000 robbery of the East Brooklyn Savings Bank in December, 1918, began his last days on earth with apparent indifference to his fate. He partook heartily of breakfast and smoked innumerable cigarettes.

Hamby confided to Warden Lawes last night that he had planned to cheat the death chair by committing suicide in his cell today. He changed his mind, however, he said, because Major Lawes had "treated him so squarely and been such a good fellow."

## MUST STAMP OUT LYNCHINGS

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Arthur B. Spingarn, of New York, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a statement to the house judiciary committee today urged that in event the Dyer bill, making lynchings a federal offense, was held unconstitutional, the constitution be amended. The government must find some means of stamping out lynchings, he said, and declared that if it is not possible under the constitution, then the constitution should be amended. The committee is investigating the question of lynchings throughout the country and has before it a bill offered by Representative Dyer, of Missouri, to make lynchings a crime punishable by federal laws.

## MUST TEACH ENGLISH INSTEAD OF GERMAN

(By The Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 29.—If 3000 families of Meninites from Canada move to south Alabama to set up a colony, as they have expressed a desire to do, they must teach English in their schools, and not German, which is said to be their language, according to Spright Dowell, state superintendent of education.

The Alabama educational code of 1919 requires that first attention shall be given to the English language.

## TEN THOUSAND FARMERS INVITED TO MEETING

(By The Associated Press.)  
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 29.—Ten thousand invitations to farmers and business men in 800 cotton growing counties in the south have been put in the mails preparatory to the annual meeting of the American Cotton Association, to be held here beginning February 17. Governors of seven states have been invited and two have accepted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—A scathing indictment of the army air service was delivered in the senate today by Senator New, republican, of Indiana, in opening debate on his bill proposing the creation of a separate department of aeronautics to combine all governmental air activities. He charged that the service had been a failure and that the present army plans were "very nearly obsolete."

A Scotch scientist has discovered a new metal believed to belong to the platinum group which he has named canadium.

Exclusive of some seven or eight or more mammoth cotton mill projects whose cost will run well up to \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000, there are now plans and contracts drawn, under way and contemplated for the year 1920 in Gastonia a building program that eclipses any thing of its nature in the history of the city, entailing an approximate outlay of some \$3,000,000. The following outline of the work has been hurriedly gotten together and represents nothing but a mere sketch of the vast program under way. In addition to the projects mentioned there are scores of individual residences going up over the city which are not included, and many other building programs not yet announced. A brief resume of what Gastonia business men are planning to do this year is as follows:

Citizens National Bank building, 10 stories high	\$500,000
A modern High School building	\$500,000
Fifty-room addition to the Armington Hotel, private baths, steam heat and vacuum-cleaning system	\$100,000
Armstrong apartments, 84 rooms, community dining rooms, brick construction, steam heat, slate roof	\$100,000
Community houses for Clara and Seminoe mills, with women's and men's social rooms, shower baths, dining rooms, etc.	\$50,000
Methodist church, of Gothic design, seating 900	\$120,000
Methodist Sunday-school building, departmental plan, three stories, with gymnasium, shower baths, roof garden, banquet hall and 21 rooms	\$50,000
Methodist parsonage	\$15,000
Shelby District parsonage	\$15,000
First Presbyterian church, 3-story, departmental plan Sunday-school building	\$40,000
South Gastonia Presbyterian church	\$20,000
First Baptist church	\$100,000
Arlington Mill community house	\$20,000
Gray Parkdale Community house	\$20,000
Flint Community house	\$25,000
Country Club	\$25,000
Garage for Col. T. L. Craig, two stories, brick and stone	\$75,000
Proposed business houses by Col. T. L. Craig, aggregating	\$200,000
Other garages planned	\$50,000
National Realty Company, addition	\$75,000
Twelve residences, of Georgian, Elizabeth and Colonial type	\$350,000
City Hospital, 60 beds, fire-proof	\$150,000
Gastonia Housing Corporation Two 30-room dormitories, cafeteria on Waldorf style, community houses, landscape gardening and other improvements by Loray Mills	\$500,000
The above figures total	\$3,129,000

In addition to the above named program it is commonly felt that the year 1920 will see plans made or even actual construction begun on:

A modern department store	\$200,000
A public library	\$75,000
A Y. M. C. A. building	\$150,000
A Y. W. C. A. building	\$100,000

## SOCIALISTS WILL NOT ATTEND RECEPTION

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The five suspended socialist assemblymen being tried by the assembly judiciary committee on charges of disloyalty said today they would not attend the governor's reception at the executive mansion tonight, although they had been invited.

Governor Smith, speaking as a "private citizen" and not in his official capacity, has condemned the manner in which the quintet were summarily suspended without first being tried.

Testimony before the joint legislative committee investigating radicalism of L. C. A. K. Martens, Russian soviet "ambassador" to the United States, which the committee admitted yesterday over objection by the defense, is being printed so that it may be submitted to the socialist attorneys and both sides may pick out portions they desire placed in evidence.