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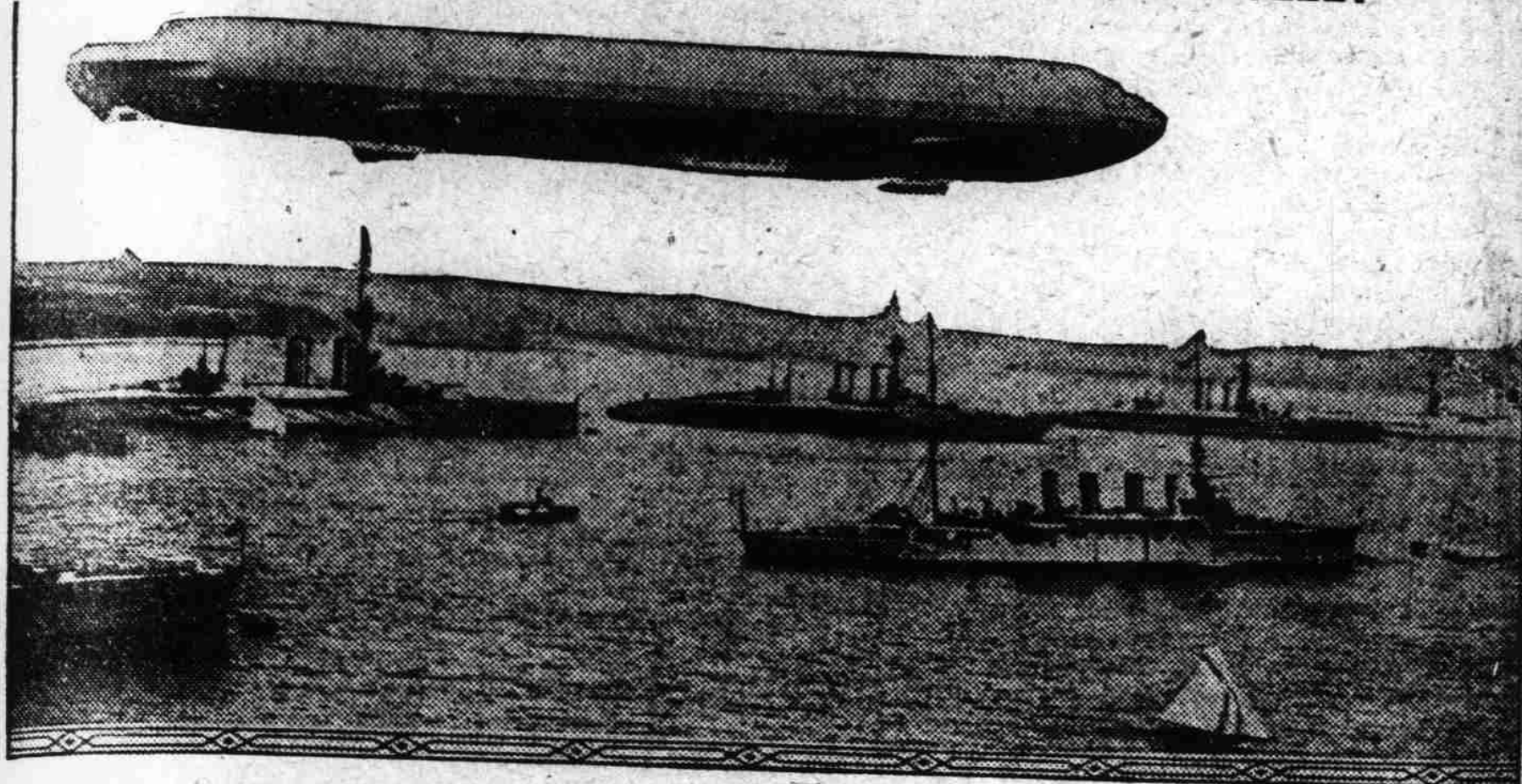
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## GERMAN DIRIGIBLE HOVERING OVER BRITISH FLEET



## JAPAN TAKES HAND IN THE WORLD WAR

ULTIMATUM FROM JAPAN GIVES GERMANY A WEEK TO LEAVE THE EAST.

WAR EXPECTED TO FOLLOW

Final Note From Tokio to Berlin Demands Removal of Warships and Evacuation of Kiau-Chau.

Tokio.—Japan sent an ultimatum to Germany demanding the withdrawal of German warships from the Orient and the evacuation of Kiau Chau and giving Germany until Sunday, August 23, to comply with the demand. Otherwise, the ultimatum states, Japan will take action.

Kiau-Chau, from which Japan has demanded the withdrawal of Germany, is a town on the peninsula of Shan-Tung, leased with adjoining territory by Germany in 1898 and soon afterwards made a protectorate. The German territory has an area of about 200 square miles. Germany also controls an extended waterfront. Tsing-Tau, the seaport in the territory controlled by Germany is strongly fortified.

"In order to secure a firm and enduring peace in eastern Asia, the establishment of which is the aim of the said agreement, the Japanese Imperial Government believes it to be its duty to give the advice to the Imperial German Government to carry out the following two propositions.

First—To withdraw immediately from Japanese and Chinese waters German men-of-war and armed vessels of all kinds and to disarm at once those which cannot be so withdrawn.

"Second—To deliver on a date not later than September 15 to the Imperial Japanese authorities without conditions or compensation the entire leased territory of Kiau Chau with a view to the eventual restoration of the same to China.

"Third—The Imperial Japanese Government announces at the same time that in the event of it not receiving an answer from the Imperial German Government signifying its unconditional acceptance of the above advice offered by the Imperial Japanese government Japan will be compelled to take such action as she may deem necessary to meet the situation."

## PANAMA CANAL NOW OPEN.

Ancon Made the Official Opening Through Locks. The Panama canal is open to the commerce of the world. Henceforth ships may pass to and fro through the great waterway which establishes a new ocean highway for trade.

The steamship Ancon, owned by the United States War Department, with many notable people on board, made the official passage, which signalled the canal's opening. She left Cristobal at 7 o'clock in the morning and reached Balboa on the Pacific end at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ancon will remain at the Balboa docks for some time, discharging her cargo, this being the first commercial voyage made through the canal.

The Ancon's trip was the fastest yet made by a large ocean steamer. The steamer went through the Gatun locks in 70 minutes, a speed never before equaled. The other lockages were equally rapid.

## GERMANS CRUSHING WAY OVER BELGIUM

SOON THE ALLIED FORCES WILL BE CONFRONTED BY THE TUETONS.

TO BE NEAR OLD WATERLOO

Somewhere Between Courain and Diest Decisive Battles Will Be Fought.

London.—Pushing forward by mere weight of numbers, the German advance across Belgium is slowly but steadily proceeding. Soon it must come in contact with the allied armies, which, according to an official communication from Brussels, are in battle order at some point unnamed.

The Belgians in the outpost skirmishing are said to have inflicted severe checks on the German forces; but on the whole the German wing has kept on its way and has reached a line from north of Namur to Haelen, which suggests that the first big battle will be fought somewhere between Louvain and Diest, where the allies probably will try to block the roads to Brussels and Antwerp and prevent the German attempt to render North Belgium untenable.

Farther South French troops have entered Belgium through Charletoi, going to the relief of their neighbors and to aid in any attack directed toward Namur, while in the East the French are reported to have taken possession of ridges in the Vosges Mountains and to hold the passes of Le Bonhomme and Sainte Marie Au Lins, through which important roads pass, which it is declared gives them great strategical advantage.

The Germans again are hammering away at the Liege forts and according to their accounts one of the forts, Pontisse, has fallen. This is denied by the Belgians, who tell of another slaughter of the invaders who, they say, attempted to rush the fortress.

## AGREE ON CREDITS PLAN.

Cotton Congress Adjourns After Voting on Means.

Washington.—The Southern Cotton Congress after endorsing various plans for the relief of the crisis in the cotton market resulting from the European war, concluded its sessions here. The congress authorized various committees to cooperate with the Federal and state authorities in their efforts to enable the cotton grower to weather the financial storm and secure a fair price for the present cotton crop.

After endorsing the work so far done by the Southern representatives in Congress in the matter of furnishing transportation for the export trade, and providing currency to finance the crop, the congress endorsed a bill introduced in the House by Representative Wingo of Arkansas, authorizing the issuance of Federal reserve notes on cotton.

Later the report from the resolutions committee was adopted outlining a plan to meet the entire situation. This provided for the appointment of a committee of five members to co-operate with Congress, the Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve Board to seek means of "financing and marketing the crop, without unnecessary loss to the farmer."

Greece Suspends Use of Wireless. New York.—Greece has suspended the use of wireless telegraphy by ships in her territorial waters, according to an announcement by the Commercial Cable Company.

## COTTON OF SOUTH AFFORDS PROBLEM

CONGRESS OF SOUTHERN STATES MET IN WASHINGTON TO PLAN SOLUTION.

NANY SCHEMES SUGGESTED

Numerous Offers of Ways and Means For Holding Up Market and Giving Credit to Growers.

Washington.—The problem of saving the cotton crop of the South in the face of the closing of the European-cotton markets by war was taken up by a Southern Cotton Congress committee which met here in special session. Delegates representing the cotton states organized, listened to member of congress who outlined legislative plans for meeting the cotton crisis, discussing the 13,500,000 bales of cotton which will soon be harvested in the cotton states.

Representatives Lever of South Carolina and Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who have had charge of the legislative end of the movement to provide Federal aid to meet the situation, addressed the congress. They, with Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, formulated the scheme which will probably be put through. It contemplates the establishment of standard cotton grades, government licensed cotton warehouses and the issue of sufficient emergency currency about \$300,000,000 to be loaned on cotton, to enable the South to hold the surplus of the crop until market conditions become more nearly normal.

A flood of suggestions and plans for meeting the situation were proposed by delegates to the congress. They ranged from proposals that the government valorize cotton, or issue currency against it, to plans for the destruction of half of the crop, to maintain the price. All of these plans were referred to committees elected by the various state delegations.

The congress adopted a resolution endorsing the amendments to the emergency currency act proposed by Senator Ransdell which would make emergency currency available on warehouse receipts for cotton as security. Senator Ransdell told the congress that although the treasury department had decided such receipts would be proper security under the present law he was anxious to make sure of it.

## Caring For Tourists.

London.—The London resident committee paid out \$10,000 to tourists on cable orders from their home banks. In needy cases hotel bills were paid. The various committees formed to help Americans, having found they were being victimized, established a common investigation headquarters to eliminate imposters. A society of college women has been formed by Mrs. Walter H. Page, Mrs. David Starr Jordan and others to guard the interests of stranded American school teachers.

## Peace Plan for Mexico City.

Mexico City.—A formal peace pact between the Constitutionalist Army and the Federal Government was signed by General Obregon, representing the Constitutionlists, and Eduardo Iturbide, Governor of the Federal district. The document forms the basis under which the Constitutionlists will enter the Capital. It sets forth guarantees of the life and property of citizens of the Capital and promises a peaceful occupation. The pact was drawn up at the request of the State Department at Washington.

## BELGIAN COURT HAS MOVED TO ANTWERP

THE BELGIAN COURT FLEES FROM BRUSSELS AS ENEMY ADVANCES.

GERMANS CROWDING ON

English Keep Reporters From Front—Brazilian Government Has Asked For Explanations.

London.—That the Germans are forcing their war through Belgium is indicated by the Brussels report that German cavalry is approaching the Belgian Capital; that measures for the defense of Brussels are being hastened and that the seat of Government has been removed to Antwerp.

The British press bureau announces that any action which Japan may take against Germany will not extend beyond the China seas, except for the protection of Japanese shipping.

The British War Council has decided to exclude correspondents from the forces in the field and it is announced that the French War Department intends to take the same action and that probably war correspondents in Belgium will be ordered out of that state.

The German Emperor, the Crown Prince and two other Imperial Princes, are now at the great fortress of Mainz. The Emperor's departure from Berlin for the front has evoked enthusiasm in the German Capital.

The Brazilian Government has instructed its Minister at Berlin to ask for explanations and the punishment of those guilty of the alleged attack by German soldiers on Bernardino Campos, ex-President of the State of Sao Paulo and his wife, who are reported to have been beaten and forced across the Swiss frontier.

Several Austrian Army corps, according to advices from Vienna, have invaded Russia, and the Russian advance in Galicia has been checked. Brussels admits that the French casualties in the fighting between Namur and Dinant were heavy, as the Germans were strongly entrenched and their artillery caused great havoc.

The British official news bureau says the French fleet in the Mediterranean has made a sweep up the Adriatic as far as Cattaro. Four Austrian warships are reported to have been sunk.

The British military and naval movements are still shrouded in mystery.

## SWITZERLAND WANTS U. S. GOLD

Swiss Minister Asks For Loan of Gold From Washington.

Washington.—Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, again made representations to the state department in behalf of his government for a loan of gold from the United States.

Switzerland, in a state of siege with practically her entire male population under arms, is facing a serious question in regard to feeding her army. The imputation that his country might implicate the United States in a violation of neutrality by using the acquired money as a loan to belligerent nations was declared preposterous by Minister Ritter. He said Switzerland's domestic financial stringency was such that she must have fluid currency to restore normal conditions at home.

## Immigration Halved By War.

Washington.—War's effect upon immigration into the United States was indicated by official figures showing a decrease of more than 50 per cent in the number of aliens coming in during the first half of August compared with the same days last year.

## Transport Moved.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Army transport Buford received orders from the War Department to depart for Galveston, Tex., via the Panama Canal as soon as she can be made ready. No explanation accompanied the order.

## Americans Treated Well.

London.—Prof. Jeremiah Jenks, of Cornell University, reached London from Berlin. He says Americans in Germany are suffering no indignities and that they are being treated with consideration. Many of them, however, are penniless. Ambassador Gerard is supplying the actual needs of Americans in Berlin. The train service between ports in Germany to Rotterdam is being resumed. Tourists travel on these trains without molestation.

## Polk County Hotel Directory

In the Land of the Sky—Charming and Captivating Scenery—Life Giving Ozone.

Perched on the edge of the SALUDA Appalachian plateau, with altitude of 2,250 feet, and approached from the south by a steep grade that calls for double locomotive service from Melrose, a few miles distant, is Saluda, the second point of interest on the southern approach of "The Land of the Sky." The ascent is made amid scenes of absorbing interest, dark and repelling forest, being replaced in quick succession by sunlit openings where passing glimpses can be caught of the flora of this most exquisite section. Rocks rise suddenly to alarming heights above the railroad bed, almost within reach of the startled traveler, to give place with just as startling rapidity to gorges through which dash some bold mountain stream on its way to join the silvery Pacolet River winding its way along the valley below.

Here and there can be caught glimpses of the recently constructed and splendid automobile road connecting the South—through a scenic landscape of wonderful loveliness with the older thoroughfares through Flat Rock, Hendersonville and Asheville, to the Tennessee line, and there is not one inch of this steep ascent that is not filled with promise of beauty, amply fulfilled when the traveler reaches his destination on the summit.

The accomplishment of the ascent brings not only fulfillment of promise of yearnings after the beautiful, but with it comes a sense of relief from the depression brought on by the heated spell in the lowlands. The rarified air from the surrounding heights plays in constant currents, laden with a wealth of life-giving ozone, and the incense of flowers, and there never occurs a night during the hottest season of any year when warm covering can be dispensed with. The scenery is replete with never-failing charm and variety, and the visitor to Saluda need never be at a loss for points of delightful interest, in quest of which to utilize the rapidly stored energies evolved from existence in this bower of joy and health.

Saluda is an up-to-date and progressive town, with possibilities that are apparent at a glance to one who cares to look. It is making rapid strides, and keeping pace with the startling development apparent throughout this entire beautiful and favored section, but to the thousands who visit its hospitable hotels and boarding houses with unfailing constancy year after year, its quaint and quiet allurements grow with each returning season.

"There is more ozone in the atmosphere in and around Saluda than at other points in the range of the Blue Ridge Mountains owing to the conditions created by the currents of air from the higher altitudes in passing into the Tryon Valley below Saluda."—From Engineers' reports to U. S. Geological Dept.

## TRYON

Tucked away among the foothills of the Southern Appalachians, 1,350 feet above sea level, on a gently undulating plateau of exceptional beauty and fertility, is the charming village of Tryon, one of the most delightful all-year-round resorts in America.

The plateau is pierced by the gorge of the Pacolet River, the waters of which, turbulent at times as they tumble down the mountains in their tortuous course to the valley, shimmer in the brilliant sunlight like a giant rope of silver.

This lovely hamlet, which looks for all the world as if it were a bit of English landscape transferred to the heart of heroic American mountains, forms the lower gateway to the "Land of the Sky" and the "Sapphire Country." It is the first station in North Carolina on the Spartanburg Division of the Southern Railway, twenty-eight miles northwest from Spartanburg, S. C., and forty-two miles southeast from Asheville, N. C., the route of which follows almost without deviation from Charleston, S. C., to Asheville, N. C., the historic Wilderness Trail over which the pioneer of early days trekked from the sea to the valley of the Ohio.

Times, not alone, but methods, have changed since those days of the early pioneers. Now a score of wonderful railroad trains speed every day along the old Wilderness Trail, bearing eager and busy passengers and the products of rich mines and fertile lands. Through that great gorge of the Pacolet River, in Tryon Township, the enterprising citizens of Polk County have constructed an automobile boulevard of great scenic beauty, connecting the great Southeast with Hendersonville, Asheville, and the upper mountain section.

The Tryon plateau is situated within a great topographical horseshoe, formed by the mountains which nearly surround it. The opening of the shoe is toward the Southeast.

You will make no mistake in selecting one of these excellent places to spend your vacation, in "The Land of the Sky."

## The Carolina Home

Mrs. W. C. Robertson, Proprietress. Central location. Baths. Commercial rate \$3 per day. Weekly rate \$7 to \$8. SALUDA, N. C.

## The Charles

MRS. J. W. LAMOTT Rates: Commercial \$2 per day. Weekly \$7 to \$10. Special Family Rates. No consumptives taken. SALUDA, N. C.

## Melrose Inn

A quiet and delightful family hotel. Modern. Rates upon application. SALUDA, N. C.

## Poplar Glenn

J. L. RENTZ, Proprietor. SALUDA, N. C. Large outside rooms. Hot and cold baths. Delightful breeze. Mountain spring water. Rates: \$1 to \$2. Special to families.

## The Esseola

MRS. J. K. CAMPBELL. Fine view. Lithia Water. Conveniently located. Rates: \$3.50 to \$10 per week. SALUDA, N. C.

## Pace House

MRS. H. H. FUDGE, Proprietress. Rates: \$3 per week and upward. Beautiful grounds. Tennis courts. SALUDA, N. C.

## Iona Lodge

MRS. S. S. OEHLER, Proprietress. Located in Saluda, near Piney Mountain. Fine water and scenery. Modern house. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates to families.

## The Pines

MRS. M. E. LEONARD, Proprietress. Hot and cold bath. Central location. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates by the month and to families. SALUDA, N. C.

## Fairview House

MRS. H. B. LOCKE, SALUDA, N. C. Modern conveniences. Fine location. Good table, fine water, near postoffice and library. No tubercular patients received. Terms: \$3 to \$10 per week. Special rates to parties.

## The Mimosa

TRYON, N. C. A Most Delightful Summer Resort in The Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Where you can get the very best fare with all the comforts and conveniences of a MODERN HOTEL. At Reasonable Rates. An Ideal Place to Spend the Summer. JOHN A. MACRAE