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FRENCHMEN DISHEARTENED

OVER REPORT THAT RUSSIA IS THINKING OF STOPPING — HOPEFUL ASPECT ON ACCOUNT OF GERMANY'S BAD INTERNAL CONDITION.

The democratization of the Russian army and the consequent withdrawal of German forces from the eastern front are having their effect in France. The heavy reinforcements of men and guns which Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been able to throw into the defense of his sorely battered lines have for the time being at least, caused a deadlock which the most furious efforts of the British and French have failed to break.

These first fruits of the chaos in Russia are the more ominous in the light of the reports of the future possibilities. The council of soldiers and workmen's delegates seems to have been aroused at last to the perils of the course it has elected to follow but it is a question if its awakening has not come too late. The soldiers in the ranks evidently have the bit in their teeth and it remains to be seen if there is a hand strong enough to check them from bringing about practical anarchy.

The hopeful side of the picture is drawn by the multiplying signs that the political and economic crisis in Germany is as acute as ever. The extraordinary measures taken by the German censorship to prevent the outside world from learning conditions in the empire have been largely successful but some facts could not be concealed. Possibly for the first time in history a revolution and a German republic have been openly talked about in the reichstag and most significant of all apparently the authorities do not dare to check the growing audacity of the radicals. In fact the pressure of the revolution has become so great as to force the government to hastily withdraw its refusal to permit radical delegates to attend the international socialist conference at Stockholm.

The political situation in Germany appears to be growing steadily worse and alarm is expressed in various quarters that the available supplies will not suffice to feed the nation until the next harvest. The effective measures with which the administration has tried to check the May day strike agitation have proved hollow and there are complaints that the attempt to substitute meat for bread is seriously diminishing the country's stock of mammals.

Apart from France the only news of importance in the war regions comes from the Italian front. General Cadorna has opened an offensive on the Isonzo line but the reports from Vienna and Rome are diametrically opposed as to the initial results. The Italians have made some gains in the direction of Trieste but it is too early as yet to judge how the operation will develop.

On the front in France the hard fighting has been confined to the Bellecourt sector and the region north of the Somme in the Arras battle area, and to a strip about 2 1/2 miles in length on the western end of the Aisne front.

Correspondents' despatches from the Bellecourt region report General Haig's troops as having reclaimed practically all the ground they had lost within the confines of the ruined village and to have established a new line west of Bellecourt. As to the fighting north of the Scarpe, the British press reports as usual are of a character; there is nothing to indicate a prospect to give a clue to the support or the way it is being given.

German attack on the Somme was followed along a 10-mile front in the region of the Somme, where the French have been successful in driving the German forces westward. The French position here were maintained in spite of repeated powerful attacks by the enemy's troops.

Cleveland Man Heads Music Department

Prof. Grady B. Lovelace of Cleveland county, N. C., who recently received the degree of Bachelor of Music has been elected head of the music department in Old Dominion Military School, Berkley Springs, Va. Prof. Lovelace was called there immediately after graduation to take charge of music department on account of sickness of former director.

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NEWS OF CURRENT EVENTS

Incidents Gathered From all Parts Of the Country.

Mrs. S. E. F. Rose, historian general of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, died a few days ago at her home in West Point, Miss.

Secretary McAdoo will make a tour of the Middle West, beginning May 17 at Chicago and going as far west as Denver, in the interest of the "Liberty Loan."

Five Russian officers and one private lost their lives when a big Russian biplane in which they were flying fell to the ground, says a dispatch from Petrograd.

Trading in May wheat was stopped by the Chicago board of trade and in other wheat pits a few days ago after the price ran up to \$3.25, but July and September wheat jumped about 25 cents a bushel, running up to \$2.73 and \$2.75.

Signing of the first contract for ship construction under the administration's billion dollar programme is announced by the Federal Shipping Board. The contract went to the Los Angeles Shipbuilding & Drydock Co. and calls for delivery in 1918 of eight steel vessels, each to carry 8,800 tons.

According to a report from Amsterdam there was a serious fire last Wednesday on the imperial wharves at Wilhelmshaven, Germany. The submarine building department was seriously damaged, it is said. Wilhelmshaven is the chief German war harbor and naval station in the North sea.

Emperor William of Germany, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen, recognizes no state of war with the United States so far as his personal comfort is concerned. This is shown by the fact that he has summoned his American dentist, Arthur Newton Davis, of Piqua, Ohio, to his headquarters to work on his teeth.

The Congress of Haiti has refused to declare war against Germany but a resolution was adopted protesting in the name of humanity against the submarine warfare. The President was authorized to break off diplomatic relations if Germany declined to make the reparations demanded for the loss of the lives of Haitians and to give guarantees for the future.

Gen. Joffre of the French war commission has been made an LL. D. by Harvard University. At a demonstration in honor of the French commissioner in Boston last week a gold basket containing \$175,000, contributed by the school children of Massachusetts and citizens of New England for the French war orphans, was presented to Gen. Joffre.

MR. PUTNAM DEAD

Veteran Living in Oak Grove Section Died Last Week.

The Herald: Mr. L. P. Putnam, confederate veteran and leading citizen of the Oak Grove section of this county, died at his home Monday, May 7, and was buried at Patterson Grove cemetery the next day. His pastor, Rev. I. D. Harrell, conducted the funeral in the presence of a large congregation of relatives and friends. Death came as a result of a stroke of apoplexy suffered the Saturday night previous from which he never regained consciousness. He had had two strokes before.

Mr. Putnam enlisted in the confederate army before he was seventeen years old and saw service in the 29th N. C. Regiment. He was a faithful member of Patterson Grove Baptist church and was looked upon as a pillar of the church and an exponent of true christian character. He died in his eighty-second year.

Deceased was twice married. He was first married to Miss Margaret Forbis, July 29, 1848. To this union was born three children, the youngest of which survive: Mrs. J. N. Lovelace of Cleveland county and Samuel Putnam of Waco, Texas. He was last married to Miss Clarissa Kendrick who survives with the following children: Daw, Hill, Benton and Crowder, all of the county. Four children born to this union are dead.

Card of Thanks

Being unable to see you all, we want to take this method of thanking the good people of Shelby and in our neighborhood who were so kind and sympathetic on the death and burial of our devoted father, Mr. W. Cathery Wolfe.

His Children.

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OUR VESSELS CROSS THE SEA

AMERICAN WAR VESSELS ARE IN EUROPEAN WATERS TO JOIN IN HUNT FOR GERMAN SUBMARINES.

Queenstown, May 16.—A squadron of American torpedo boat destroyers has safely crossed the Atlantic and is parolling the seas in war service.

The American Navy's actual entry into the war zone has already been productive of a brush between a destroyer and a German underwater boat according to an announcement by the British Admiralty, but the result of it has not been made public. The destroyer squadron arrived in Queenstown after an uneventful voyage across the Atlantic, but almost immediately after a formal exchange of greetings with the British Naval officials, put to sea again for the hard work that is before it.

A crowd of several hundred persons several of them carrying tiny American flags, lined the water front and cheered the destroyers from the moment they first sighted the flotilla until it reached the dock. The crowd cheered again when a few moments later the American senior officer came ashore to greet the British senior officer and Wesley Frost, the American Consul, who had come down to the dock to welcome the flotilla. Everything was done in simple, business-like manner. There was an entire absence of formality.

The commander of the British flotilla was waiting on board his ship and sent wireless greetings to the American units as soon as they were in sight, steaming in a long line into the harbor.

"Can Start at Once"

After the exchange of shore greetings and the British commander had congratulated the American officers on their safe voyage, he asked: "When will you be ready for business?"

"We can start at once," the American commander replied promptly.

This response, so characteristically American, surprised the British commander, who said he had not expected the Americans would be ready to begin work on this side so soon after their long voyage. When he had recovered from his surprise however, he made a short tour of the destroyers and admitted that the American tars looked prepared.

"Yes," replied the American commander, "we made preparations on the way over. That is why we are ready."

MAD DOG TROUBLE

Three People go to Raleigh for Pasteur Treatment—Pitiable Condition As a Result of a Single Dog.

Mr. Max Boggs who lives above Belwood left Tuesday for Raleigh to take the pasteur treatment, his wife and hired man, William McNeilly left yesterday morning, the eighteen-month old twins of the Boggs' going with their mother. Some three weeks ago a dog belonging to Mr. Boggs acted strangely and was put in a stable next to a fine two year old colt. The dog died without Mr. Boggs knowing at the time what the cause of death was. Later his colt became sick and he, his wife and hired man administered medical attention in the form of drenching. Dr. McCoy was called a few days ago and traced the trouble to the dog which had the dumb rabies. The colt died this week. Mr. Boggs had scratched places on his hand and upon the advice of Dr. McCoy left for Raleigh immediately after this danger was revealed. Mr. William A. Crowder who was here yesterday said that since Mrs. Boggs and McNeilly were liable to become infected, he had advised on their going to Raleigh for the treatment. Since it has been learned that one might become infected in the eyes, through the nose or mouth, it may become necessary for the other Boggs children to go to Raleigh later.

Mr. Noah Boggs, father of Max is critically ill and was not expected yesterday to live much longer. He is about 78 years of age.

To think what danger a single worthless dog might cause is enough to prompt the owners to kill every dog in Cleveland county. Often rabies makes its appearance when animals have not been exposed to the disease. Then the dumb rabies gets in its work when there is little or no evidence of its presence until it is too late.

Dr. McCoy has promised to write a communication for The Star bearing on the symptoms of this disease which is playing such a havoc in Cleveland.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. Wilkins Weds Miss Lear of Kentucky

The many friends of Mr. Mack Wilkins will learn with keen interest that he left Tuesday morning for Lancaster, Ky., accompanied by his father, where he was married to Miss Bonnie Lear of that city on yesterday afternoon.

The marriage was a very quiet one, and took place at the lovely home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lear at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. There were no attendants, the bride being given away by her father. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was held, this happy young couple leaving soon afterwards on the Carolina Special for Shelby, arriving here today or Saturday morning to make their home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Wilkins.

The bride is one of Kentucky's most winsome and attractive daughters, and does not come to Shelby as a stranger, she having only a few years ago been the guest of Miss Margaret McMurtry and while in our city made many warm friends.

Mr. Wilkins was educated at Berea, Ky., and is a young man of sterling business qualities, being in the mercantile business here with his father in the firm of Hoyle and Wilkins. He is a popular member of Shelby's younger set and his bride will receive a warm welcome in Shelby's social circles.

BURKE'S BOND NO GOOD

Good Road Bond Issue in Burke County is Held Unconstitutional by Supreme Court.

Raleigh May 16.—Burke county's \$300,000 road bond issue and the legislative act creating it went down to invalidity today when the Supreme court upheld Judge Frank Carter in his permanent restraining order against the road commissioners of Burke county.

The action against the commissioners was brought by R. T. Claywell and others. The constitutionality of the act fails on the failure of the house to give an aye and nay vote on an amendment which the court holds vital to the main issue. By failing to square with the constitutional provision the whole thing goes down.

The act was introduced early in the session and it went through its readings. It went to the senate and was amended there. The purpose of the bill was to create a road system with the county rather than the township as the unit. In the amended act the six townships which were to have shared the money were given the right to vote. Here the trouble came in because this vital provision in the act should have been passed by aye and nay vote and it was omitted in the final concurrence of the house with the senate amendment.

RUSSIA GETS BIG LOAN

One Hundred Millions Loaned to it Spent However, for Supplies in This Country.

Washington, May 16.—The United States today loaned Russia \$100,000,000, bringing the total amount loaned to the Entente Government up to \$670,000,000.

The money was loaned to be spent as needed, without stipulation or understanding of any sort further than Russia stands back of the obligation, will make it good, and will spend the money in this country under the supervision of a representative of the Treasury Department or a commission to be named by the American Government.

The latter stipulation was made in a spirit of cooperation, without intending to embarrass the Russian Government or to curtail its purchasing power, but with the end in view that Russia will secure the maximum result for the money he is to spend. To aid in this, the Treasury Department will place at her disposal the services of expert buyers in this country familiar with American markets and with American values.

Liberty Loan

Mr. C. C. Blanton, president of the First National Bank has received the following notice from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, "request all banks, merchants, manufacturers and other employers to have the following line printed in red on all pay envelopes used between now and June 15th."

"YOUR PATRIOTIC DUTY — BUY A LIBERTY LOAN BOND" If you can't fight, "do your bit" in the war by purchasing some liberty loan bonds. Give the sale of the bonds all the publicity you can.

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NOW HEAR WAIL OF WOE

Paying For the War Raises a Howl — Claude Kitchin Joyous Mood.

The mournful sounds heard in the air the past few days are not the mothers weeping for sons who have enlisted for the war. It is the wail of woe coming from visiting delegations in Washington who are telling members of Congress that they will be utterly ruined and forever undone if the war tax bill passes Congress in its present shape. It is the war tax that is producing the tears.

Hon. Claude Kitchin chairman of the ways and means committee, is having the time of his life. He finds many of the folks who denounced him for opposing the war emitting a yell of horror when they find they have to pay the bill. Mr. Kitchin says there are many things in the bill—on which the Democrats and Republicans on the ways and means committee unambiguously agree—that he does not approve; there are things not in the bill he would have in it, but the money is needed, hence the tax, and he will shut his eyes and vote for it. Other members say the same thing. The bill, it is estimated, will raise \$1,800,000,000. Discussing it Mr. Kitchin said:

"There is hardly a title or section or paragraph or item that in ordinary times of peace would not be a cruel injustice upon the people of the United States, or that I would vote for in ordinary times. They can be justified only by the necessities of war. But every dollar we raise is absolutely necessary. My fear is that while the department tells us we need \$3,800,000,000 for this and the next fiscal year, that it will be five billion before the end of the next fiscal year. I am almost certain that it will.

"Your children and mine have had nothing to do with bringing on this war. The people who will have to pay the bonds are yet unborn. We should manifest some sacrificial spirit in putting the burden upon ourselves. The men who have to pay those taxes will never stand within 4,000 miles of gun shot. If I were not willing to fight, I should be willing to tax myself every dollar of my profits to maintain the boy who must fight, knowing that that boy is sacrificing all profits that might come to him by skill.

"A million, and perhaps more, of the best young men of this country will sooner or later face the enemy's guns, and no man who has to pay a dollar of these taxes who remains at home, while the boys are at the front, should protest and complain and denounce this bill. He is not to reason why; he ought to be willing, as the young men of this country are willing, to sacrifice all profit, all business, all career and offer up their lives. It does not lie in the mouth of any American patriot to say I will refuse to pay my dollar, or sacrifice any part of my profits. We should be able to say, take all my profits if necessary to sustain my country in the war."

Saying that the bill would raise more additional taxes than any that has ever been presented to any legislative body in the history of the world, and that more tax burdens might follow, Mr. Kitchin said further:

"We then turned to the general consumption of the country and decided that we would take money from the luxuries and what might be called the 'semi-luxuries' of the nation. These will yield us a total of \$418,000,000." Mr. Kitchin pointed out that the class included alcoholic and soft drinks, with \$171,000,000; cigars and tobacco, \$68,200,000; automobiles, musical instruments, motion picture films, jewelry, sporting goods, pleasure boats, perfumes and chewing gums, \$170,250,000. Referring to the tax of eighty millions on automobiles and accessories, Mr. Kitchin said that since the proposed levy was published autos have become a necessity throughout the land. "In my district," he declared, "they have come to be an indispensable necessity according to arguments presented. They are necessary for all business, for going to church and for the work on the farm. We class them among the semi-luxuries. Then we are going to get twenty millions out of coca-cola and other like drinks."

Memorial at Casar

Memorial day will be observed at Casar the 4th Sunday in May. All day services. Everybody invited to come and bring dinner. Grave yard cleaning on Friday morning May 25. A. A. RICHARD.

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LADIES PLAN TO CONSERVE

WANT TO STOP WASTE, RENDER SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY AND ORGANIZE RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

The women of Shelby and a representative number of those of our county gathered in mass at the Court House here on Wednesday afternoon to discuss sanely and dispassionately the pressing issues of the day; how our women can help meet the needs of the hour and do "their bit" in this war crisis which we are now facing.

Mrs. C. R. Hoey, temporary chairman, called the meeting to order and in a few concise words stated the object of this gathering—the conservation of food and service in its fullest sense. She closed her remarks by quoting that beautiful little poem, "The Gospel of Work."

The meeting was led in prayer by Mrs. Chas. Wood, after which Mrs. R. L. Ryburn was made chairman and Miss Annie Miller appointed secretary of this meeting. The first subject to be discussed was that of home economics, Mrs. R. E. Ware being called upon to present this important question. Her remarks were most helpful. She advised, as a very specific means of household economy, the dismissal of the hired servant, and if that is not feasible, for the housewife to make personal supervision of her pantry.

Mrs. L. M. Hull further emphasized the importance of food conservation, together with the rendering of service and patriotism and urged that the women as well as the men, be loyal in doing the things that our President has called upon us for.

Miss Susan Elliott, Cleveland's Home Demonstration agent had been invited to make an address on Home Economics, which subject she presented with much enthusiasm. She said that this must be secured, chiefly, through the further education of the housewives. We must study our business and learn how to make larger use of the cheaper foods such as corn, vegetables and skim milk, without lowering food efficiency. She spoke of the importance of canning and preserving, and told of how to make a cheap home canning outfit, available to all housekeepers, and advised that city canning club be organized, on the same principles of that which has been so profitable to the women in the country, and tendered her services to all these clubs who may see fit to call upon her.

Mrs. Thos. Watkins then spoke briefly on the conservation of dress. This was followed by Mrs. O. Max Gardner's plea for an organization of our women into some definite patriotic society. She told of the origin of the Red Cross movement in Switzerland years ago, and of the wonderful work for suffering humanity that it has been instrumental in doing throughout the world, saying that she was ready and willing to assist in the organization of a Red Cross chapter in our town.

Miss Pattie Roberts on behalf of the young women of the town, made a most beautiful and patriotic talk. She pledged the hearty co-operation of the young girls in all manner of Red Cross work and that they as citizens of Shelby were more than anxious to "do their bit." That every woman should show her zeal in this war crisis by constituting herself a "recruiting officer."

Mrs. Edmunds, of the faculty of the Shelby High School, spoke of "How and Why the Women Should be Loyal." That the women should file their patriotism and should catch the national and international spirit and have a broader horizon.

Mrs. Ryburn closed the meeting with her stirring patriotic remarks and said that the women of Shelby were ready to stand by their country and give of the life blood of their husbands, sons and loved ones if necessary. She said that she hoped that this meeting would be a stimulus to further activity along all lines of patriotic endeavor. America was then sung.

Cherryville News

The Eagle: Mrs. A. B. Peeler and granddaughter, Miss Clara Dell Self, are spending the week in Charlotte, the guests of her son Dr. Clarence Peeler.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners on the first Monday an election was ordered to be held in the proposed school boundary to be annexed to Cherryville Graded School district June 12th on the proposition of levying a special tax of 90 cents on the poll and 30 cents on the \$100 worth of property for school purposes. J. C. Ballard was appointed registrar and W. A. Putnam and G. T. Jarrett were named as judges.

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