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U. S. CABLES ACCEPTANCE OF GERMAN REPLY TO NOTE

Also Sends Formal Notice that We Will Look After Our Own Affairs With Great Britain.

DECLARES OUR LOSSES WILL HAVE TO BE PAID

Secretary Lansing Says Germany Must Pay For Violation of Our Rights.—New Crisis is Pointed Out Should Germany Insist That U. S. Make Certain Demands on Great Britain.

Washington.—A note cabled by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Gerard for delivery to the Berlin foreign minister informs the German government that the United States accepts its "declaration of its abandonment" of its former submarine policy and now relies upon a scrupulous execution of the altered policy to remove the principal danger of an interruption of the good relations existing between the two countries.

With this acceptance is coupled formal notice to Germany that the United States can not for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect for German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States on the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants.

This is in reply to the concluding statement in the last German note, to the effect that while submarine commanders had been ordered to sink no peaceful freight or passenger carrying ships without warning or without safety for passengers and crew, the German government would reserve to itself complete liberty of decision unless the United States was successful in its efforts to break the British blockade.

Secretary Lansing issued a statement saying that the greater part of Germany's answer to the demand of the United States was devoted to matters which the American government could not discuss with the Berlin government but he considered Germany had "yielded to our representations" and that "we can have no reason to quarrel with her" so long as the altered policy is lived up to.

Text of American Reply. Following is the text of the note cabled by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Gerard to Berlin with instructions to deliver it to the German minister of foreign affairs:

"The note of the Imperial German government under date of May 4, 1916, has received careful consideration by the government of the United States. It is especially noted as indicating the purpose of the Imperial Government as to the future that it is 'prepared to do its utmost to confine the operation of the war for the rest of its duration to the fighting forces of the belligerents,' and that it is determined to impose upon all its commanders at sea the limitations of the recognized rules of international law upon which the government of the United States has insisted.

"Throughout the month which have elapsed since the Imperial Government announced on February 4, 1915, its submarine policy, now happily abandoned, the Government of the United States has been constantly guided and restrained by motives of friendship in its patient efforts to bring an amicable settlement of the theoretical questions arising from that policy. Accepting the Imperial Government's declaration of its abandonment of the policy which has so seriously menaced the good relations between the two countries, the Government of the United States will rely upon a scrupulous execution henceforth of the now altered policy of the Imperial Government such as will remove the principal danger to an interruption of the good relations existing between the United States and Germany.

"The Government of the United States feels it necessary to state that it takes it for granted that the Imperial Government does not intend to imply that the maintenance of its newly announced policy is in any way contingent upon the course or result of the site negotiations between the Government of the United States and any other belligerent government, not withholding the fact that certain passages in the Imperial Government's note of the fourth instant might appear to be susceptible of such construction.

tion. In order, however, to avoid any possible misunderstanding the government of the United States notifies the Imperial Government that it can not for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect for German naval authorities for the rights of citizens of the United States upon the high seas should in any way or in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government affecting the rights of neutrals and non-combatants. Responsibility in such matters is single, not joint; absolute, not relative."

Secretary Lansing's Statement. Mr. Lansing's statement made public after the note was on its way to Berlin, follows:

"The greater part of the German answer is devoted to matters which this government can not discuss with the German Government. The only questions of right which can be discussed with that government are those arising out of its action or out of our own, and in no event those questions which are the subject of diplomatic exchanges between the United States and any other country.

Essence of Her Answer. "The essence of the answer is that Germany yields to our representations with regard to the rights of merchant ships and non-combatants on the high seas and engages to observe the recognized rules of international law governing naval warfare in using her submarines against merchant ships.

Losses Will Have to be Settled. "So long as she lives up to this altered policy we can have no reason to quarrel with her on that score, though the losses resulting from the violation of American rights by German submarine commanders operating under the former policy will have to be settled.

Germany Declined a Treaty. "While our differences with Great Britain can not form a subject of discussion with Germany it should be stated that in our dealings with the British Government we are acting as we are unquestionably bound to act in view of the explicit treaty engagements with that government. We have treaty obligations as to the manner in which matters in dispute between the two governments are to be handled. We offered to assume mutually similar obligations with Germany, but the offer was declined. When, however, the subject in dispute is a continuing menace to American lives it is doubtful whether such obligations apply unless the menace is removed during the pendency of the proceedings."

Treaty of Arbitration. The treaty with the British Government referred to is the convention negotiated by former Secretary Bryan under which the two nations agree that any dispute arising shall be submitted to an investigating commission for one year before entering into hostilities.

An offer to enter into such a treaty for Germany brought a request for information but formal negotiations never were instituted.

The hope that the note might end the discussion regarding the conduct of submarine warfare was entertained by some officials and by persons in close touch with affairs at the German embassy. Should this prove true the way would be cleared for renewal of negotiations for settlement of the Lusitania, Arabic, Sussex and other cases growing out of illegal submarine attacks. In other official quarters, however, there apparently was uncertainty regarding the result which the note might have. A new crisis, it was pointed out, would arise should Germany make a rejoinder to the communication and insist that its new policy is contingent upon the United States making certain demands upon Great Britain.

TEXAS RANGERS PLACED ON MEXICAN BORDER

Austin, Tex.—The State Ranger force is to be increased by 50 additional men at once and a call may be issued for 100 additional rangers for service on the border, according to an official statement issued by Governor Ferguson.

Reject House Amendment. Washington.—A standing army of 250,000 men, provided for in the Senate amendment to the army bill was rejected by the house 221 to 142. The house bill provided for 140,000 men.

French Bark Sunk. The French bark Marie Molinas was sunk by a submarine on May 8. All the 18 members of her crew have been rescued.

EIGHT GRADUATES OF GRADED SCHOOL

SEVEN GET DIPLOMAS AND ONE CERTIFICATE—EXCELLENT GRADUATING EXERCISES—DURHAM SPOKE.

The graduating exercises of the Kings Mountain graded school were held Friday night. Six of the town's choice girls and two industrious young men formed the graduating class. For completing the full course the following were awarded diplomas, Misses Mary King, Kathleen Hord, Nina Hunter, Mary Fulton and Mattie Ware and Messrs Oliver Ramsaur and Sylvester Davidson. Miss Kathleen Williams was given a certificate for having finished all the course except mathematics. Miss Nina Hunter made the highest record and won the scholarship medal. She had three competitors. Her grade was 96.94 while the following were not far below, Miss Lillian Ramsaur 96.39, Miss Mary Fulton 96.56, Miss Lois Radtill 96.62. Miss Bessie Simon, teacher of the third grade gave to Master Wood Jackson a story book for being the best speller in his grade.

The exercise by the graduating class was fine. It was really above the average. The pieces showed so much originality and yet such a degree of perfection that it made the people feel that the graduates had really gained a degree of efficiency. The oration "Publicity in Public Affairs" by Oliver Ramsaur is seldom equalled on like occasions. The Will, the Prophecy, the History, the Poem and all the numbers were simply splendid.

Mon. S. J. Durham of Gastonia delivered the address. He spoke on "The New Democracy." While his doctrine of woman suffrage and negro franchise did not receive response, his speech in the main was filled with food for thought. "The real meaning of Democracy is a government strong in its People," said Mr. Durham, "and not merely a government in which the people vote."

18 STUDENTS MADE PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Following is a list of those making a perfect attendance record for entire year in the Kings Mountain Graded School.

- Katherine McAllister
Miriam Goforth
Sallie May Lohr
Gertrude King
Gussie Huffstetler
Kate Harmon
Juanita Maney
Ellen Peterson
Ruth Hunter
Charles King
Neil Watterson
Roberta Kuntz
Margaret Oswent
Jessie Peterson
Mary King
Nina Hunter
Brown Ware
Margaret McGinnis.

The editor and Mrs. Page are expecting his brother, Rev. J. M. Page of Troy, N. C., to arrive next Tuesday for a short stay enroute to Asheville to the Southern Baptist Convention. He expects to visit the battle ground.

Mr. J. F. Allison and family will move in a few days into their handsome new residence on Piedmont avenue.

U. D. C. MEETING A BIG SUCCESS

THIRD DISTRICT MEETING HELD HERE LAST WEDNESDAY—BIG DELEGATION—LUNCHEON AT HOTEL.

The members of Kings Mountain Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy were the hostesses Wednesday to the meeting of The Third District, which includes chapters of Charlotte, Lincolnton, Shelby, Gastonia, Rutherfordton and Kings Mountain. All of these were represented except Rutherfordton. There were about seventy out of town ladies to attend the meeting. The visiting ladies were entertained at Mountain View Hotel. At 12.30 a beautifully appointed three course luncheon was served in the dining room of the hotel which was attractively decorated in red and white. In the center of the room was a large table for the officers and speakers. On this table the center piece was an elaborate basket of red and white roses. The color scheme of red and white prevailed, the other tables being decorated in bowls of red and white roses. During the luncheon the chapter mascot, little Miss Helen Ridenhour, dressed in white with red ribbons carrying a basket of Post Cards of the Kings Mountain Monument, passed through the dining room and presented each guest with a card for a souvenir. At the conclusion of the luncheon the hostesses with their guests repaired to the Pythian and masonic hall where the afternoon session was held. Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne, as local president called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. C. E. Platt, district president who presided. The opening invocation was offered by Mrs. Robert Simonton chaplain Kings Mountain Chapter. After an enjoyable vocal number "Doan' Ye' Cry Ma Honey," rendered by a quartet composed of Mesdames S. A. Crouse, A. H. Patterson, I. B. Goforth and C. T. Cornwell. Mrs. C. Q. Rhyne in well chosen words welcomed the guests in behalf of the chapter. Mayor Cline brought greetings from the town and Mrs. D. C. Mauney from the Civic League Mrs. Redfern brought greetings from Mrs. R. E. Little of Wadesboro, president of the N. C. Division of United Daughters of the Confederacy, who was unable to be present on account of illness in her home. Mrs. B. D. Heath, president of Charlotte chapter gave the response. Miss Bonnie Mauney read a most interesting original paper on "The Kings Mountain Battle and Battle Grounds as they Appear To Day." Mrs. Harry Reid, of Lincolnton gave a splendid address on "What the District Meetings Have done for the Chapters," a reading "The Littlest Rebel," by Miss Winnie Vera Mauney delighted the audience. Mrs. Platt spoke next upon the Shiloh and Gettysburg monuments. This was followed by reports of the several chapters constituting the district, all of which were favorable. The convention by motion instructed that a message of love and regrets be sent to Mrs. R. E. Little. After other items of routine business were Charlotte was chosen as the place for holding the 1917 convention. Mrs. C. E. Platt remains president and Mrs. G. V. Parter, son secretary. The meeting was closed with a song, "Dixie". Mrs. C. E. Platt pronounced the benediction.

Auto Contest Closes Saturday At 2 P. M.

Standings Printed in This Issue Last Information Given Out Until Judges Announce Winners

Race Really Closer Than Many Imagine Some "Surprises" in Store for Over-confident Folks in This Burg - Subscribe Now.

Go Saturday At 2 At 2 P. M. next Saturday, May 13, The Herald Contest will close and the following prizes will be awarded: A \$400.00 Ford 5 Passenger Auto, to the candidate polling THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES. A \$350 Starok Piano, to the candidate polling THE SECOND HIGHEST VOTE. A \$50 Business Scholarship, good for one year tuition at any of the Draughton Business Colleges, to the candidate polling THE THIRD HIGHEST VOTE. A cash commission of 10 percent on Each dollar turned in by any candidate failing to win one of the three above prizes, or a special cash prize, and has turned in \$25 in cash business. Special prizes have been won as follows, Mr. S. P. Goforth, \$10 and \$5; Miss Mabel Long, \$5. \$5 was won Saturday by Mr. S. P. Goforth. Ends Promptly At 2 P. M.

The Herald makes the following announcements relative to the closing of this contest:

FIRST — It ENDS promptly at 2 p. m. SECOND — All cash subscriptions must be PAID IN to The Herald, and all votes cast by 2 p. m. (note that you merely being IN the Herald office doesn't mean we will take your business a second AFTER 2 p. m.)

THIRD — All candidates are required to make at least ONE REPORT Saturday morning not later than 10 a. m. and turn in what subscriptions they have on hand up to 10 a. m. and this will avoid a rush at 2 p. m.

FOURTH — The final count will be made by a committee composed of local business men. Their decisions are final. The judges count will be made privately. The contest manager is a member of the board of judges, ex officio.

End is Sighted. The race is most done. Every candidate needs the help of their friends, and if you have been promising to aid any person, you must hand them that subscription NOW, for this is the last call, after May 13, The Herald will be \$1.50 the year.

Look Over Your Standing. Look over your standing as given this week. It is the basis from which the final count will be made. If there is any error in it notify the contest manager not later than NOON, Friday. All extra votes have been included in the standing, and believe us the race is RIGHT NOW IN DOUBT, as to the final winner, and no telling what the last hours will bring forth. DO IT NOW!

Candidates Nominated. Following are the candidates nominated in The Herald's Automobile Contest. All were given 1,000 votes to start with. KINGS MOUNTAIN.

Miss A. J. Ware	KINGS MOUNTAIN.	956,175
H. B. Jones	KINGS MOUNTAIN, R. F. D. 2.	920,900.
S. P. Goforth	HICKORY.	907,925.
Miss Mabel Long 803-14th St.	KINGS MOUNTAIN, R. F. D. 3.	713,250.
W. C. Blackwell		183,350.

WHY PROFESSOR YODER IS NOT AN APPLICANT

To Patrons of Kings Mountain Graded Schools, Inasmuch as several people have asked me why I was not going to return as superintendent of your schools, I desire to make public the following communications which are self explanatory.

They follow: Kings Mountain, N. C. Apr. 21, 1916. To the Honorable Board of Education, Kings Mountain, N. C. Gentlemen:—

Herewith I am submitting some recommendations, the adoption of which I deem absolutely imperative to the welfare of the school. The recommendations follow: (1) The employment of a sixth grade teacher. (2) The employment of an additional High School teacher. (3) The employment of a Superintendent of Schools for the entire calendar year.

After a thorough study of the conditions, the possibilities, and responsibilities of the school system here, I have arrived at the conclusion that the foregoing are necessary if the school is to progress rather than retrograde. Unless the Board sees fit to adopt the foregoing recommendations, it is my desire that they do not consider my re-election to the superintendency. The Board will confer a personal favor on me by advising me on or before Monday Apr. 24 as to their action in this matter. Respectfully R. A. Yoder, Supt. To which the following reply was received. Kings Mountain, N. C. Apr. 22, 1916. Prof. R. A. Yoder, Kings Mountain, N. C. Dear Sir:— The Board is in receipt of your recommendations, and fully agrees with you with reference to the needs of the school, but not being able to make a positive promise with reference to these recommendations, we will accept your resignation to take effect at the close of the present school term. Yours very truly, W. L. Plonk, Chairman. M. E. Herndon, Secy. In closing I would say that I have spent a pleasant two years with you and that the Kings Mountain children will always have a tender spot in my memory. With best wishes for you and yours. I am, R. A. Yoder, supt.