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THIS COUNTRY TO INSIST ON RIGHT OF SHIPS TO ARM

UNITED STATES DETERMINED TO RECOGNIZE MERCHANTMEN'S DEFENSE PRIVILEGE

PROTECTION BY EITHER FLIGHT OR RESISTANCE

Right to Sink Neutral Ships Declared Doubtful By U. S. Declaration in Any Case.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—An official declaration of the United States to ward armed merchant ships, made public by Secretary Lansing today, reiterates the purpose of the American government to recognize the right of merchantmen to carry arms for defense. The declaration also sets forth the conditions under which the United States submarines may attack a merchant craft.

The right of armed merchantmen, without losing its peaceful character, to protect itself either by flight or by resistance is insisted upon. Again, while an attacking ship may use force against a resisting merchant ship, the attack is to cease as soon as the merchantmen's resistance stops. Only when it is impossible to take a captured enemy merchantman to port may it be sunk, and in such cases persons aboard must be taken to a place of safety.

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More Serious View.
Geneva, Switzerland, April 26.—German newspapers are now taking a more serious view of the German-American situation. They say Emperor William is expected to return to Berlin from the general headquarters. In the meantime, Americans attempting to leave Germany via Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many are held at Constance, the Baden frontier, having been closed since yesterday.

Another Zep Raid.
London, April 26.—Zeppelins which raided the east coast last night remained at a great height, probably due to the violent fire of anti-aircraft guns. The raiders were favored by the dark night and a light wind, but were forced to flee after a short time. Casualties and the extent of damages is not ascertained.

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INVESTS THOUSANDS IN PIEDMONT LANDS

Greenville, April 26.—C. Brewster Chapman, millionaire cellulose manufacturer of Asheville and New York, who was one of the organizers and principal owners of the Chick Springs company, has purchased 1,461 acres of land in the upper section of Greenville county along the Greenville & Western railroad, near Marietta, according to definite announcement secured today. The property was sold by J. A. Bull, H. T. Shedd, H. N. Berry and S. L. Stroud, in exchange for four-fifths interest in the Chick Springs hotel property. The deal involves a consideration of \$65,000, which was the valuation placed upon the North Greenville plantation, inclusive of other considerations upon which the sale was based.

Mr. Chapman purchased the property for development purposes, according to very reliable information. When asked what he intended to do with the vast acreage, he replied, "I'm going to keep it and develop it."

The land is situated in South Saluda river, to the left of Mt. Cato, and is a portion of the area which was recently surveyed by engineers,

BY THE CENSOR

(By Associated Press.) London, April 26.—Martial law has been declared in the city and county of Dublin as the result of revolutionary outbreaks. Several positions taken in the city, including St. Stephens-Green, have been recaptured by the government forces and the Liberty hall headquarters of the Sinn Fein party has been seized. Lieutenant Ireland says the present situation in Dublin is satisfactory and reports from the provinces reassuring.

Both Lowestoft and Yarmouth were bombed by a German cruiser squadron which attacked the English coast Tuesday. Four were killed and twelve wounded in the attack. Berlin reports the steamer King Stephens sank and her crew captured in this raid. Also a destroyer and scout boat were sunk and a cruiser set afire. Great Britain admits two cruisers and destroyers were hit, but none sunk. The King Stephen trawler, which recently refused aid to Zeppelin L-19 is adrift in the North Sea. Germans report that a British destroyer and another vessel were sunk in an engagement off the Flemish coast Tuesday. London, Colchester, Blackwater and Ramegate, and the British supply depot at Staples, France, were attacked by Zeppelins also.

The British admit that a hundred bombs were dropped in this raid, but no casualties.
Paris says two British soldiers were killed at Staples.
Berlin claims the capture of French trenches northeast of Colles in the Vosges mountains, while violent artillery action continues on the Verdun front. There were no infantry attacks of consequence recently.
No reports of important events from other theatres.

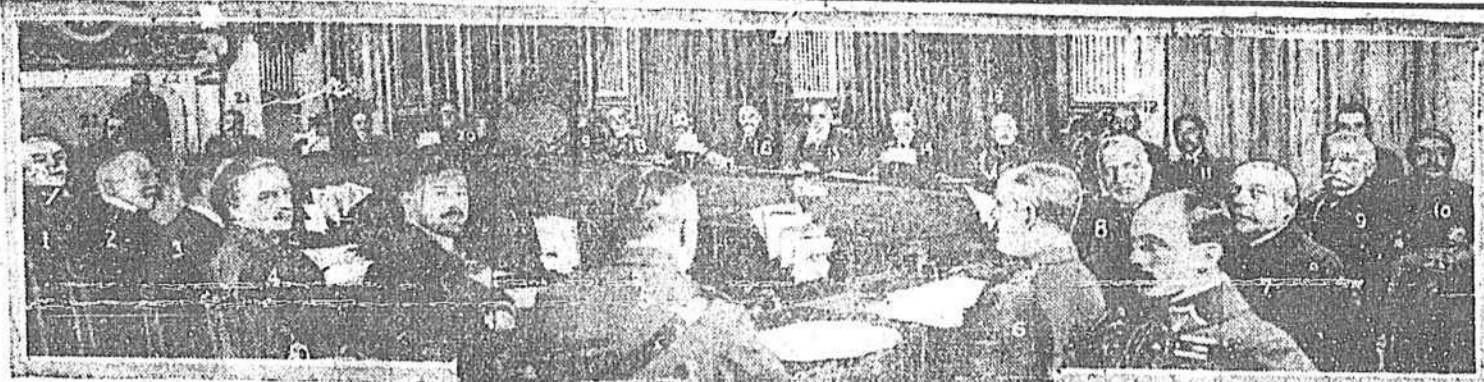
LYNCHING PARTY GOES FROM KANSAS TOWN TO GET GIRL'S MURDERER

(By Associated Press.)
Topeka, Kas., April 26.—Several automobile loads left here tonight for Lawrence, Kansas, with the avowed intention of lynching Fred Bissell, charged with the murder of Miss Dinsmore, nine years old. Later word from Lawrence said the sheriff fled from there with Bissell in an automobile.

Georgia's Flower.
Atlanta, April 26.—What is the state flower of Georgia? It has none. What should it be? Various flowers are urged. The club women of Atlanta, through the Federation of Women's clubs, have launched a movement to have the Cherokee rose adopted as the official flower of the state, and school children throughout Georgia will be asked to petition the legislature to pass an act adopting it.

and the object of which survey nothing ever has been given out.
Four hundred acres of the land is in cultivation, and the rest is good wooded land.
To Electrify Section.
It is understood that the tenants of the property have been advised to remain there as plans are considered for important developments in that section. It was reported that arrangements are to be made for a supply of electricity to the houses there with other modern conveniences.
No definite announcement has been made as to what development is proposed until certain plans are crystallized.
Rumors of extensive developments in that section have been current for us when it was known that a party somewhere had received quite an impression of men came to Taylors in a private car and rode through the country in the direction of Marietta. A survey of the G. & W. railroad and country around the terminus was made last winter.
Mr. Chapman, as is known, is an intimate associate of J. B. Duke, the head of the Piedmont & Northern railway electric system and Southern Power company.

GREAT WAR COUNCIL OF LEADERS OF THE ALLIES IN PARIS



(1) Premier Asquith of Great Britain; (2) Lord Bertie; (3) Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister; (4) David Lloyd-George, British minister of munitions; (5) Lord Kitchener and British military aide; (6) Sir William Robertson, British chief of staff; (7) Premier Salandra of Italy; (8) Ambassador T. Cal; (9) Baron Sonnino, foreign minister of Italy; (10) General Cadorna, Italian commander-in-chief; (11) Mr. Mat-

suil, representing Japan; (12) General Chagas; (13) M. Isvolzky; (14) General Gallinski; (15) Premier Paschitch of Serbia; (16) General Vesnitch; (17) General Yavnovitch; (18) General Roehitch; (19) General De Castellnou of France; (20) General Joffre, French commander-in-chief; (21) Premier Briand of France; (22) General Roques, French war minister; (23) General Bourgeois.

NATION'S BIG PROBLEMS UP

President and Senator Stone Discuss International Questions Facing Country

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—International questions facing the United States were discussed tonight by President Wilson and Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee. The conference, which touched Mexico and Japan's protest to the immigration bill, dealt mainly with the submarine issue. President Wilson told Stone that the future course of the United States depended entirely upon the German reply to the American note demanding immediate abandonment of Germany's present methods of submarine warfare. Stone will lay the results of the conference before the foreign relations committee. Von Bernstorff has sent to his foreign office suggestions which he believes will help to avoid a break between the two nations.

WOMAN WAS HELD INSANE

Mrs. Rogers, Who Poisoned Her Two Children, Freed By Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press.) New York, April 26.—Mrs. Shiffen Walters Rogers, who poisoned her two children in December, 1914, was given her freedom in the supreme court here today when a jury acquitted her of the murder of her two-year-old son, John. The verdict of not guilty was returned on the ground of insanity. The court dismissed the other indictment charging her with the murder of her eight-month-old daughter, Florida. She collapsed, but soon revived and left the court with Lerlys Elton Rogers, an attorney, who is now her husband and was the father of her two children.

OUTLOOK FOR COTTON GOOD

Most of Cotton Planted and Georgia Chopping Is Now Under Way

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—The national weather and crop bulletin today says that cotton planting is nearly completed in the southern part of the region and is progressing well in the central and northern districts. Excellent stands are reported and chopping has begun in Georgia. Some lack of rainfall is reported in the eastern part of the region.

THE LAWLESS OPPOSE TOWN

West Greenville Man Says Effort Made to Return to Old Conditions

(By Associated Press.) Greenville, April 26.—T. A. Honour, a citizen of West Greenville, declared today that he is very strongly opposed to the proposed surrendering of the charter of West Greenville, and that in his opinion the people of West Greenville had rather live in mud up to their necks, than to return to the old conditions that the town was incorporated to correct.
The city council of West Greenville recently ordered a special election to be held on the 16th of May, on the question of whether or not the town's charter should be surrendered in order that the territory embraced in its corporate limits may be subject for road improvement under the county good road bonds.
Twenty-six out of the 60 people who signed the petition for the election, declared Mr. Honour, are colored people, and colored property owners, he said, were induced to sign the petition in order that the requisite majority might be obtained.
Although some of the better element of the citizens of West Greenville are in favor of abolishing West Greenville as an incorporated community, Mr. Honour expresses the opinion that the proposed surrendering of the charter will be strongly supported by the lawless element, in order that a return to the old conditions may be brought about.

SLAYER OF NASHVILLE ATTORNEY RELEASED ON BOND OF \$25,000

(By Associated Press.)
Nashville, April 26.—Charles C. Trubue, prominent Nashville attorney, who this morning shot and killed Harry S. Stokes, chief counsel for tax payers in the Chancery court investigation of city conditions made bond of \$25,000 tonight and was released from the county jail. Trubue's bond was said to have been signed by men whose wealth runs into the millions.
Trubue is one of Stokes' legal opponents in the trial of tax payers suits.
There is said to have been blood between the two but the definite motive for the shooting is not known. Trubue went to Stokes' office, fired three shots, two hitting Stokes. Trubue refused to talk, but he said he might make a statement later.
To this end, it is stated, Innes intended to attempt to establish an alibi by showing that he was in Oregon, or Texas, at the time he is accused of being in Atlanta, and owing to his impoverished financial condition it was necessary for Fulton county to pay the expense of securing interrogatories, records, etc. If such evidence were to be introduced.
It was made known yesterday, however, by the board of county commissioners that they will make no appropriation for such an expenditure.

INNES ONLY KNEW THE NELMS WOMAN AS HER LAWYER IN UTAH STATE

Atlanta, April 26.—Although Fulton county, through appointment by Judge Ben H. Hill of Fulton superior court, has furnished Victor E. Innes and his wife two of the ablest lawyers in the state of Georgia to defend them in their trial on charges of larceny after trust in connection with the mysterious disappearance of the Nelms sisters, the county will not appropriate money to bring evidence from Texas or Oregon for the purpose of establishing an alibi for the defendants.
Appreciating the fact that they will in a sense be accused of the murder of Beatrice and Eloise Nelms, though nominally on trial for larceny after trust, Innes and his wife have planned to make the defense that Innes knew Eloise Nelms only as her lawyer in the state of Utah while securing her divorce from her husband, and that he had absolutely no dealings with her after the divorce verdict was obtained.
In order to support this contention, it was the plan, it is stated, of Innes to deny that either himself or his wife were ever in Atlanta previous to their present sojourn here, and to deny that either of them had ever had any communication with Eloise Nelms or Beatrice Nelms, after the divorce suit in Utah.
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BATTLE IN MEXICO SHOWS VILLA BANDS ARE YET POWERFUL

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, April 26.—News here of a battle in which Col. George A. Dadd routed 200 Villa adherents with six killed and a loss to Americans of two killed and two wounded, is taken here to mean that Villa bands are still powerful. It is believed the activity of American troops, resulting from the Parral incident, has caused the bandits to reorganize and start anew with the idea that the Americans have been defeated and will withdraw.
According to reports from Torreon tonight, American Consul Coen at Durango City advised all Americans to leave the city and expects to go himself. Anti-American feeling aroused by newspaper reports there is strong.

Zep Battle

Paris, April 26.—A French aeroplane and a Zeppelin fought a duel four thousand metres in the air off Zeebrugge today. The aeroplane fired nine incendiary shells at the Zeppelin which appears to have been damaged.

Eleven Irish Killed

London, April 26.—The following telegram received from Baron Timborne, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, dated Dublin: "Situation is satisfactory. Stephens Green has been occupied. Eleven insurgents have been killed. Provincial news is reassuring."

THE LARGEST SOUTHERN MASONIC DELEGATION TO ATTEND NAT'L MEET

Atlanta, April 26.—Shriners from all parts of Georgia and adjoining states are coming to Atlanta to join Jaarah Temple on their trip to the national meeting in Buffalo in July. Potentate Walter P. Andrews says the southern delegation will probably be the largest that has ever gone to an imperial council meeting. Under the administration of Potentate Andrews Jaarah Temple has made remarkable strides and promises to make a tremendous hit at the Buffalo meeting.
There will be two or three special trains of Shriners from Atlanta, via the Seaboard, both leaving Atlanta at 9 a. m. and 11 a. m. Saturday morning, July 30th, arriving at Buffalo the following afternoon. After the meeting at Buffalo the specialists will return through Philadelphia to Atlantic City and will spend 18 hours there on the beach before returning home on the 15th or 16th. These trains will consist of new Pullman compartments, observation diners and baggage car.

CONDITION MR. ASHLEY APPEARS TO BE CRITICAL

The condition of Mr. Josh Ashley, who has been ill at his home at Honey Path for the past several months, was reported as being very unfavorable at 7 o'clock last evening. It is said that he is very low. Mr. Ashley was formerly a member of the South Carolina legislature and is one of the best known men in this section of the state. News of his condition will be awaited with anxiety.

WITH 600 WIVES THIS KING RIVALS SOLOMON

British Headquarters, Fumban Kamerun, Africa, April 26.—A reception and dance was given to the British force by the King of Fumban shortly after the capture of this province from the German forces. The function was featured by a speech from the throne and the taking of a photograph of the king and his 600 wives and 140 children.
Soon after the last of the fighting in the province the conquerors accepted an invitation from the king to visit palace grounds which open on the market place. Here they were met by the king dressed in new flowing robes of blue with a blue muffler tied round his neck. After the soldiers were lined up at seats on either side of the market place the king made a short speech, first in his native tongue and then in pidgin English, admonishing his subjects to be kind and courteous to the new conquerors.
Then the dance began. The orchestra was made up chiefly of various sized drums made of hollow trees and stretched skins. The only other instrument was a specie of rattle with which most of the natives were armed and with which they kept remarkable time.
The men advanced to the king, rubbed their masks in the dust and then started the double shuffle. After doing this for some time the orchestra and the native audience getting more and more excited, six of the king's ladies appeared on the scene. They were covered much like the men except that on their heads they wore curious masses of wood fibers topped by large bunches of black feathers. They went through the same motions as the men for nearly an hour before making way for the king's photographer.
The king keeps his own private operator for photographing his hundreds of wives and many children. After they formed a semi-circle group and were taken the king expressed a desire to be photographed with the soldiers. His throne was brought up and placed in front of the line for the operation.
The throne is a very crude, slummy affair, the seat being made of cowrie shells, the back and footstool of roughly hewn wood, all of which is covered with colored beadwork.
After the picture-taking the king consented to smoke his pipe measuring seven feet, six inches long with a bowl that would easily hold two pounds of tobacco and which was brought to him by the royal pipe bearer. The pipe was of brass

U. S. WILL ASK UNITY IN TAKING OF BANDIT

SCOTT AND OBREGON TO DISCUSS BASIS FOR CO-OPERATION

NO WITHDRAWAL

American Troops to Act as Buffer Until Carranza Soldiers Are Successful

(By Associated Press.) Washington, April 26.—Instructions for General Scott as to his conference with General Obregon were drafted today by Secretary Baker after a conference with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. Obregon was due at Eagle Pass tonight, but no definite word has been received as to the time or place of meeting. Secretary Baker said the instructions were to discuss a basis for the most cordial and complete co-operation between American and Mexican forces "for the attainment of their common object."
However, it is considered certain that Obregon will carry back to Mexico City a definite impression that American troops will remain in positions General Funston is shifting them as a buffer between the disturbed Mexican area and the border, until the Carranza forces are successful. To this extent the conference is expected to give Carranza advance notice on the attitude the United States will take in replying to his note of April 12th, suggesting the withdrawal of American troops.

BAR ALL "GREEDY" AND RECKLESS JITNEY BUS DRIVERS FROM ASS'N

Atlanta, April 26.—The associated Jitney bus owners and operators of Atlanta, perceiving in the overcrowding of certain cars a menace to the continued existence of their business, on yesterday took action disbaring from membership in the association a number of drivers who try to haul too many passengers and who drive their cars recklessly through the crowded streets.
The association emphasized the fact that overcrowding an automobile is the poorest sort of economy and that reckless driving puts the jitney bus business in bad repute with the public and authorities alike. The city of Atlanta has undertaken to tax and regulate Jitneys ever since they made their appearance, but up to date the associated Jitney owners have succeeded in preventing the enforcement of all city ordinances by means of injunction proceedings.
Oh to See Emperor.
Berlin, April 26.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral von Holtzendorff chief of the naval general staff departed last night for headquarters to consult with Emperor William regarding the reply to the American note. The chancellor's conference with the American Ambassador Gerard this afternoon lasted half an hour.