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POPE'S PEACE PROPOSAL REJECTED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson has rejected the Pope's peace proposals.

In a note dispatched last night and made public here tonight, the President says that while every heart not blinded and hardened by the terrible war must be touched by the moving appeal of his Holiness, it would be folly to take the path of peace he points out if it does not in fact lead to the goal he proposes.

To deal with such a power as the present rulers of Germany upon Pope Benedict's plan, declares the President, would involve a recuperation of the strength and renewal of the world domination policy of that power, now balked, but not defeated after sweeping a continent with the blood of innocent women and children, and the helpless poor, as well as of soldiers.

Permanent peace must be based upon the faith of all of the peoples and upon justice and fairness, and the common rights of mankind, he adds, and we cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purpose of the German people themselves, as the other people of the world would be justified in accepting.

The text of the note follows:

"To his Holiness—
"Benedictus XV Pope:
"In acknowledgment of the communication of your Holiness to the President of the United States, dated August 1, 1917, I am pleased to transmit the following reply:

"Every heart that has not been blinded and hardened by this terrible war must be touched by this moving appeal of his Holiness. The Pope, must feel the dignity and force of the humane and generous motives, which prompted it, and must fervently wish that we might take the path of peace, he so persuasively points out. But it would be folly to take it, if it does not in fact lead to the goal he proposes.

Our response must be based upon the same facts and upon nothing else. It is not a mere cessation of arms he desires; it is a stable and enduring peace. This cannot be achieved through the will of a few men, but it must be a matter of sober judgment what will insure its attainment.

"His Holiness in substance proposes that we return to the status quo ante bellum, and that there be a general condemnation, disarmament and a concert of nations based upon an acceptance of the principle of arbitration; that by a similar concert freedom of the seas be established; and that the territorial claims of France and Italy, the perplexing problems of the Balkan States, and the restoration of Poland be left to such conciliatory adjustments as may be possible of the peoples whose political fortunes and affiliations will be involved.

"It is manifest that no part of this program can be successfully carried out unless the restitution of the status quo ante furnishes a firm and satisfactory basis for it. The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry the plan out without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long established practices and long cherished principles of international action and honor; which chose its own time for the war; which stopped at no barrier either of law or of mercy; swept a whole continent within the tide of blood—not the blood of soldiers only, but the blood of innocent women and children also, and of the helpless poor; and now stands balked but not defeated, the enemy of four-fifths of the world. This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. It is no business of ours how that great power came under its control or submitted with temporary zest to the domination of its purposes; but it is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling.

"To deal with such a power by way of peace upon the plan proposed by his Holiness the Pope would so far as we can see involve a recuperation of its strength and a renewal of its policy; would make it necessary to create a permanent hostile combination of nations against the German people, who are its instruments; and would result in abandoning the new born Russia to the intrigue, the manifold subtle interference and the certain counter revolution which would be attempted by all the malign influences of late accustomed the world. Can peace be based upon a restitution of its power or upon any word or honor that could be pledged in a treaty of settlement and accommodation?

"Responsible statement must now wherever we see, if they never saw before, that no peace can rest securely upon political or economic restrictions meant to benefit some nations and cripple or embarrass others, upon vindictive action or any action of any sort, or any kind of revenge or deliberate injury. The American people have suffered intolerable wrongs at the hands of the Imperial German Government, but they desire no reprisal upon the German people, who have themselves suffered all things in this war, which they did not choose. They believe that peace should rest upon the rights of peoples, not the rights of governments—the rights of peoples great or small, weak or powerful, their usual right to freedom and security and self-government and to a participation upon fair terms in the economic opportunities of the world—the German people, of course, included, if they will accept equally and not seek domination.

"The test, therefore, of every plan of peace is this: Is it based upon the faith of all the peoples involved or merely upon the world of an ambitious and intriguing government on the one hand, and of a group of free peoples on the other? This is a test which goes to the root of the matter; and it is the test which must be applied.

"The purposes of the United States in this war are known to the whole world—to every people to whom the truth has been permitted to come. They do not need to be stated again. We seek no material advantage of any kind. We believe that the intolerable wrongs done in this war by the furious and brutal power of the Imperial German Government ought to be repaired, but not at the expense of the sovereignty of any people—rather a vindication of the sovereignty both of those that are weak and of those that are strong. Punitive damages, the dismemberment of empires, the establishment of selfish and inexpedient and in the end worse than futile, no proper basis for a peace of any kind, least of all for an enduring peace. That must be based upon justice and fairness and the common rights of mankind.

"We cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purpose of the German people themselves, as the other peoples of the world would be justified in accepting. Without such guarantees, treaties of settlement, agreements for disarmament, covenants to set up arbitration in the place of force, territorial adjustments, reconstitution of small nations, if made with the German Government, no man, no nation could now depend on. We must await some new evidence of the purposes of the great peoples of the Central Powers. God grant it may be given soon and in a way to restore the confidence of all peoples everywhere in the faith of nations and the possibility of a covenant peace."

Dr. Sorrell Will Remain Here.

In response to a call from Mr. L. J. Gulon about fifteen farmers from all sections of the county assembled at the Court House on Wednesday to meet with Dr. W. W. Long of Clemson College.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. L. W. Boykin, Chairman and in a brief address Dr. Long stated that the object of the meeting was to determine whether the people of this county wished to retain Dr. Sorrell as demonstrator or if they would allow him to be transferred to another County. He stated that he had realized for a long time that Dr. Sorrell was worth more money than was being paid him but that the government appropriation was not sufficient to pay him what he was worth, and that unless this appropriation could be supplemented by the citizens, he would of course be forced to transfer. Dr. Sorrell to Charleston county as there he would receive more money than he was getting here and a man of less experience would be placed in this county.

A motion was carried empowering the chairman with Messrs. F. M. Woolen and L. J. Gulon to canvass the county to secure subscriptions from the farmers to guarantee the payment of \$500.00 per year to Dr. Sorrell in addition to his present salary. At a later date the Kershaw Delegation will be asked to secure an appropriation from the Legislature to reimburse the subscribers to this fund.

Free Beds For Tuberculars.

Free beds at South Carolina Sanatorium for tuberculous maintained by following cities and counties, will be available on September 1st.

Treatment to be given to tubercular patients in South Carolina who need assistance. Application blanks to be obtained from Dr. Ernest Cooper, Superintendent South Carolina Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, Rfd. 3, Columbia, S. C.

Counties: Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Georgetown, Orangeburg, Union, Williamsburg, Charleston, Aiken; Cities: Newberry, Laurens, Darlington, Beaufort, Georgetown, Bennettsville, Camden, Greenwood, Abbeville, Sumter, Anderson.

Came Near Being Killed.

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"Victor D. Gifford of Mahopac Falls met with an accident one day the past week while on his way down to Mahopac Lake for a swim. Near the dock was a live wire which had fallen in one of the past storms. Mr. Gifford stooped to throw it out of the path, not thinking it was charged, and it gave him a terrific shock which sent him to the ground. He regained his strength in a few minutes and was able to get to his bungalow a few rods away. No serious damage was done with the exception of one hand being burned. It was said if Mr. Gifford had not had a pair of rubber soled shoes on his feet his life would have been taken."

Had Exciting Trip Across.

Lieut. Commander Wm. Anrum who was called to join the American fleet in English waters, under Admiral Sims several weeks ago, did not reach his destination without exciting adventure. According to a letter received by his wife which was written at sea, the armed merchant liner on which he sailed was attacked one Sunday morning by a real live U-boat, and they had a running fight which lasted three quarters of an hour. The German boat was large and long and had two periscopes, and two mounted guns and she shelled them from a distance of two miles. No shots struck the ship though some fell within a few feet, but by putting on full steam and zigzagging she escaped the German devil. Two British destroyers answered their S. O. S. call to come full speed to their aid. All passengers had on their life belts and the life boats were made ready, but providentially were not needed.

Warning Against Propaganda.

Washington, Aug. 26.—Warning against a German propaganda seeking to stir insurrection among American negroes in a statement issued tonight by the Patriotic Education Society. Anonymous postal cards and letters urging negroes to rise against the whites and promising there will be no color line when Germany rules, the statement says, have been brought to the attention of the officials by the secretary by negro leaders.

His Automobile Wrecked.

A Ford auto belonging to Mr. J. S. Halsall was struck Monday morning near Blaney by a Reo touring car belonging to Foreman-Howard Co., of Columbia. The Reo car occupied by two men was attempting to pass Mr. Halsall from the rear where the road was narrow. Mr. Halsall's car was turned over throwing Mr. and Mrs. Halsall, Mrs. W. G. Wilson and Mrs. Belle Alexander to the ground. Fortunately Mrs. Alexander was the only occupant injured, sustaining the fracture of a small bone in her shoulder. The other members were slightly bruised. The occupants of the Reo car did not stop and the names of the men could not be learned. Mr. Halsall's car sustained considerable injury.

Notice.

Tomorrow Sept. 1st we will begin weighing cotton on the public weighing platform located in the rear of Burch Nettles Co. Wagons coming to platform will have to go in by the brick store formerly used by Roberts as a meat market.

L. M. West Weigher.

MRS. GEISENHEIMER DEAD

Well Known Hebrew Lady Expired Suddenly Friday Morning.

Mrs. William Geisenheimer one of the best known and most highly respected Hebrew ladies of Camden died quite suddenly at her home on North Broad Street last Friday morning. Mrs. Geisenheimer was seated in her chair and asked for a glass of water and expired in a few minutes.

Mrs. Geisenheimer was sixty-two years of age and born in Schmehelm Baden, Germany. She came to this country in 1875 where she was married and has resided in Camden the greater part of that time. She is survived by her husband and four children—Misses Tillie, Rosa, and Helen Geisenheimer, and Mr. A. L. Geisenheimer, who has been a teacher in the Charleston High School for a number of years. All of her children were with her at the time of her death.

The funeral services occurred from the residence at five o'clock on Sunday afternoon being conducted by the Rev. H. A. Merfeld, of Greenville, S. C., who was in Norfolk, Va., at the time of her death. The funeral services were postponed until he could reach Camden. The burial was in the Jewish cemetery of Camden, the following named gentlemen acting as pallbearers: David Wolfe, Jake Hirsch, George Levkoff, J. M. Lazarus, M. Mogulesen and Mannes Baruch.

Mrs. Geisenheimer was a devoted wife and mother and a kindly neighbor and her passing away will be regretted by a large number of city and county people who always held her in the highest esteem.

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KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

J. W. Welsh, Representative C. F. Clyburn and P. L. McNaughton are fox hunting in Williamsburg county. They carried about twenty hounds and will no doubt have great sport.

Mrs. May Clyburn has moved to her new home on West Richland street, which she recently purchased from T. J. Gregory. She had as visitors last week her brother-in-law and sister Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Rankin, of Greeleyville; and her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Croxton, of Heath Springs.

G. F. Latimer has arrived in Kershaw to become secretary of the Kershaw Cotton Mill in place of York Wilson, who resigned to take the course at the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. Mr. Latimer is not a stranger in Kershaw for he was bookkeeper for the Health Supply Co., and it was here that he was married to Miss Almetta Welsh; and he and his family will be cordially welcomed as citizens of Kershaw again.

A. L. Humphries, who has received an appointment to the second officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, was a visitor in Kershaw Friday.

Mrs. H. W. Pace and children were in Charlotte last week to visit Mr. Pace, who has been very seriously ill at the Presbyterian hospital in that city. We are pleased to note that he was improving at last accounts.

Prof. and Mrs. J. Gardner Richards returned to Kershaw last week and will remain until next week when they will go to Camden, where Prof. Richards has been elected superintendent of the city schools.

J. Edward Jones, who had the misfortune to break his arm recently, went to Fennell's hospital in Rock Hill last Friday for an X-Ray examination.

Roy Truesdel, son of B. H. Truesdel, who is a member of the engineering corps now in camp at Long Island, N. Y., was home last week to visit his father.

Carl A. Horton, York Wilson and Townley Redfern left Friday to enter the officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe.

Sheriff I. C. Hough of Kershaw County was in Kershaw yesterday afternoon on official business. He is making a faithful and conscientious officer.

Mrs. Reid Williams killed a hawk in her back yard Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Williams was present when the hawk swooped down and seized a chicken. As he started up with it in his talons he became entangled in a bush and Mrs. Williams took advantage of the situation to kill him with a stick. It was a large hawk.

Small Cottage Burned.

A five room house belonging to K. S. Villeplaque situated just a short distance north of Camden was destroyed by fire early last Thursday morning. The origin was unknown. A small barn was also destroyed. The place in former days was known to many as "Traveler's Rest". About nine hundred dollars was carried on the house and furniture.

Death of an Infant.

A two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Benton, of the Wateree Mill Village died last Thursday morning and was buried at the village church on Friday.

Day of Special Prayer.

Governor Manning issued a proclamation Saturday, designating next Sunday, September 2, as a day of special prayer for those who are to be called into the national army by the selective service law. The governor calls upon the ministers of all denominations and all Christian people to make special intercession for the soldiers on that day.

Appreciates Service.

In sending the members of the Southern Bell Exchange at this place a token of appreciation of their services in their recent bereavement the family of Mr. W. Geisenheimer accompanied the token with the following much appreciated note:

"We would indeed be ungrateful should we fail to offer you some expression of our appreciation for your fine and unselfish efforts in our behalf during our time of sorrow. Realizing that your position subjects you to all the whims of human nature and that often you are blamed when you are putting forth your very best efforts, we want particularly to have you know that not always do you go unappreciated. We thank you not only for your recent kindness but for the prompt and courteous attention you have extended us always when we needed you most."

Seriously Ill At Greenville.

It has been learned in Camden that William Hasty, a member of Company M from this place is desperately ill at Greenville. His father, Mr. W. T. Hasty, of one of the mill villages was summoned to Greenville this week. It is said that the young man had been operated on for appendicitis and that there was scarcely any likelihood of his recovery.

First Men Who Will Report.

The local board has practically completed its work for this county and finds that they now have 254 men accepted. This leaves a surplus of 74 who may be released for causes or be exempted by the district board. The first nine men who will comprise the first quota for Kershaw county have been selected—some of the men requesting that they be sent over first. They will report to the local board on September 4th and will be sent to Camp Jackson on the following day. The list follows, all are white men:

- W. D. Trantham, Camden
- John F. Jones, Kershaw
- Robt. E. Bell, Camden
- Floyd M. Gifford, Camden
- Demphster H. Belk, Camden
- Chas. Roland Little, Camden
- Grover H. Jones, Kershaw
- John Knox DeKay, Camden
- Karl T. Roseboro, Lugoff

Up Before Recorder.

John Hinson, E. C. Zemp, Vernon McDowell and David Alford were before Recorder Goodale on Saturday charged with driving autos without mufflers. All plead guilty and were fined \$2 each, except Hinson, who plead not guilty, and was discharged.

These are the first cases brought by the police for this offense. Officers were stationed in the residence section where the numbers were taken as they went by. Now that they have begun on this ordinance the long suffering business men around the corner of Broad and DeKalb will hope that the police keep a watchful eye and not discriminate.

Nearly every day the ordinance against stopping cars at this corner while drivers go in to get their mail at the postoffice is violated. If the law is to be enforced there should be no discrimination.

Notice J. O. U. A. M.

To the farmer members of Hope Council No. 131 J. O. U. A. M.: You are urgently requested to meet the Council at Beaver Dam School House on Monday night Sept. 3rd at 8:30 o'clock. This council having been recently reorganized it is important that all the former members be present and all wanting to join will please come. Refreshments will be served.

L. T. Anderson, R. S.

Elected New Officers.

At a call meeting of the Camden Chamber of Commerce held last Monday Mr. William King was elected to serve as president to take the place of Mr. E. C. vonTresckow, who is now in service of the National Guard as Major. Mr. E. N. McDowell was selected to serve as secretary and treasurer in the absence of Mr. T. K. Trotter who has been assigned to the second officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. No other business came before the body at this meeting.

Open Air School To Open.

The Open Air School will begin on Sept. 10th. No beginners will be taken after the first two weeks.

Miss E. L. Zemp.

Released On Bond.

W. H. Barnes, the young white man arrested here last week on the charge of trying to defraud the government out of \$25 by making false claims as to a registered letter mailed here some time ago was released this week upon bond in the sum of \$500. I. J. McKenzie and T. B. Blyther were the bondsmen. Barnes has retained Attorney M. M. Johnson for a hearing in Sumter next Monday. The case will likely come up at the November term of Federal Court in Columbia.

Submarine Losses Increase.

London, Aug. 29.—An increase in the number of British vessels sunk last week by mines or submarines is shown by the weekly admiralty statement issued tonight. Eighteen vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sent to the bottom, as compared with fifteen the previous week, and five vessels less than 1,600 tons, as against three the previous week.

May Go To Baltimore.

Rev. F. H. Harding, rector of Grace Episcopal church of this city last Sunday notified his congregation that he had received a call to the pastorate of a church in Baltimore Md. Mr. Harding will leave tonight for Baltimore to look over the field offered him and will be away from the city about two weeks. He has the matter under consideration, but his many friends in Camden hope he will decide to remain here.

Extremely Ill.

The condition of Mrs. B. H. Baum who has been ill for a long period is reported as being extremely desperate. Since last Friday she has been unconscious, unable to take any nourishment and the end is expected at any moment.

Red Cross Meeting.

The Red Cross Chapter will hold its regular monthly meeting at the grammar school on Thursday, Sept. 13th at 6 p. m.

CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE LET TO AUSTIN BROS.

Kershaw County on Monday through its county board of commissioners met at the Wateree river bridge site for the purpose of letting the contract for the construction of a steel bridge over the river. The contract went to Austin Brothers, of Dallas, Texas, at a cost of \$93,000. There was only one other bidder, that of the Virginia Bridge and Iron Co., whose representative put in a conditional bid. Frink & Plimmer, of Norfolk, Va., were the consulting engineers.

The new structure will span the river near the mouth of Twenty-Five Mile Creek, one mile and a half north of the old bridge site, and three-quarters of a mile north of the Seaboard Railway trestle, necessitating construction of one mile of new roadway on east approach through lands belonging to Geo. T. Little. Mr. Little very generously donated this right of way to the county through his land. On the western side of the river three miles of new roadway will have to be constructed through the lands of A. D. Kennedy, Sr., and lands belonging to the Burdell estate. The right of way through the Burdell estate was also donated to the county. Leading from Camden to the new bridge the road will turn abruptly to the right just south of Camden and continue through Mr. Little's place to the new site. On the western side it will pass through the Burdell and Kennedy lands and come out into the main road leading to Columbia.

A certified check for \$10,000 was deposited by Austin Bros. that work will be commenced within twenty days and that the bridge will be completed within twelve months from day of letting.

An approach of nine hundred feet of creosoted timber trestle work will have to be constructed on the east side with fourteen hundred and twenty-five feet on the west side.

The crossing at this point is one of the most important in the state, being used by a large majority of the county people on the West Wateree side as well as large numbers of automobile tourists traveling from the North to Florida. It will be good news to everyone to know that the contract has been let and that work is to start so soon.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND

Former Camden Lady Writes Harvest Will Be All That Is Wanted.

When it is so hard to obtain accurate or first hand news about the food conditions in England, it is cheering to hear from reliable authority through a letter received recently by a Camden lady from a relative in London that the crops are good. She says "we are having some very hot weather of late, which has matured the crops earlier than usual and the harvest will be all that is wanted which is very cheering to us."

The writer was Miss Anna McCrea and is well known here and has many relatives among Camden people. She formerly visited her uncle Mr. Colin McCrea, and after her return to Scotland, she married Sir Allen Colquhorm and lives a part of her time in their London home and then in her country home on Loch Katerine. She has two brothers in the "Black Watch" which is the King's Guard, also two stepsons and three nephews, all officers in the same regiment and of one she writes "Brother John's youngest boy Arthur won the Victoria Cross some time ago and has since won the Military Cross which is very gratifying as he is so young, and such a splendid boy." She also says "We are indeed having a trying time, but with God's help all will yet be well. It is splendid to think we are one with America, in every thing, but it harrows my heart to think of your dear country having to give up her splendid men."

First Bale of Cotton Sold.

Springs & Shannon Thursday bought the first bale of cotton for this season. It was grown by Jim Gripper who lives on J. L. Gettys land in West Wateree. Cotton graded middling and brought 21 cents per lb. Bale weighed 530 lbs.

Edward Reed, a negro, who resides near Cantey Hill, reports that he had the first bale ginned at the Camden Oil Mill about eleven o'clock Thursday morning, claiming the first for this section. The bale weighed 382 pounds.

To Have New Manager.

After September 1 Mr. A. J. Beattie will be the manager of the Camden Loan and Realty Co., to succeed Mr. H. H. Cauthen who has tendered his resignation and will return to his home at Fort Motte, S. C. This company does an insurance and realty business and is composed of the following officers: C. J. Shannon, Jr., president; E. A. Wittikowsky, vice president; John T. Mackey, secretary and treasurer. It formerly had a capital of \$10,000 but has lately been increased to \$25,000.