

KAISER DIDN'T CARE

Paid No Attention to President Wilson's Offer.

President Wilson's peace offer was a matter of little concern to the German emperor, according to the evidence presented before the subcommittee investigating the war. Furthermore, the intervention of the United States apparently was not seriously considered by the emperor.

The incident caused a sensation and occurred during the examination of Count Bernstorff, former ambassador at Washington. The socialist deputy, Dr. Sinsheimer, turned toward Von Bernstorff, and said:

"The kaiser's telegram, to which you refer dated January 16, (1917), and addressed to Herr Zimmerman (foreign secretary) says literally:

"His majesty instructs me to thank you for your communication. His majesty does not care a bit about President Wilson's offer. If a breach with America cannot be prevented it cannot be helped, events are developing."

There was much excitement at the hearing when the message was read, Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice chancellor, whispered "nonsense."

Dr. Sinsheimer maintained that the peace conditions sent to President Wilson on January 28, 1917, which were said to be the same as those Germany offered on December 13, 1916, were really nothing like them.

Every one present appeared astounded at this statement and Count Von Bernstorff exclaimed excitedly "then I am told this today for the first time."

Under cross examination Von Bernstorff quoted the German emperor

and Gen. Ludendorff on his (Bernstorff's) return from Washington. The emperor said Von Bernstorff had failed on two points, first, in allowing the British to confiscate the trunk with a Swedish diplomats papers thought to contain his Mexican telegrams, and, second by permitting the United States to send James W. Gerard to Germany as ambassador.

Replying to another question the former ambassador said:

"Without America's help the Entente could not have vanquished Germany. If we had succeeded in preventing war with America, a peace of understanding would at least have been possible."

HENRY L. DOMINICK

KILLED BY AUTO

G. H. Bolt of Laurens was Driving Machine to Columbia—Jury Says Accident Unavoidable.

Henry L. Dominick, 41 years old, prominent farmer living near Prosperity, died last night at the Columbia hospital from injuries received on the Newberry road about 17 miles from Columbia. Mr. Dominick was struck by a motor car being driven by G. H. Bolt of Laurens county as he stooped over in the road to pick up a knife. The blow caused a fracture of the skull.

Mr. Bolt was on his way to the fair and Mr. Dominick, accompanied by his wife and son, were returning home from the fair. The Dominick party stopped by the roadside for water, and Mr. Dominick left his machine to pick up a knife. Mr. Bolt was coming down the road and his machine struck Mr. Dominick as he stooped over on the road.

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Columbia officials of the express company are anticipating instructions along this line, though up to Friday noon no such advice had been received by Superintendent Ferrell, of the company.

The express company, it is stated,

expects to refuse any shipments offered and will then go to the courts for a determination of the question of its right to refuse such shipments. By this means it is hoped that the national prohibition law may become effective before the courts render an opinion, and the company will then be relieved of its burden.

It is a matter of fact that the American Express Company has long regarded the liquor business as undesirable, especially since several of the states cut the supply down from gallon lots.

The company claims, it is said, that the hauling of the quart packages caused a loss of money through breakage, stealage and the extra help required to handle them.

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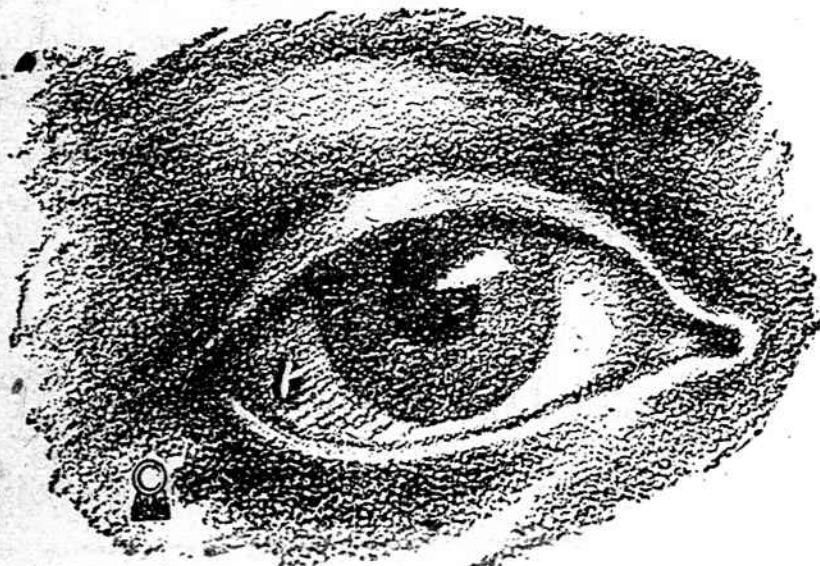
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