

GERMANY BANISHES THOUGHT OF PEACE

**Thinks Only of Carrying Out
Submarine Policy, Gerard
Tells Washington—Short-
age of Food Declared
Very Serious.**

Washington, March 14.—Former Ambassador Gerard, fresh from Berlin, reported to the state department today that when he left there was every evidence that Germany fully intended carrying out her ruthless submarine campaign regardless of the prospect of war with the United States and that talk of peace had been abandoned. The former ambassador did not see President Wilson because the president is still confined to his room, but he conferred at length with Secretary Lansing and Counselor Polk and went over with them in detail events leading to the break in diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States.

Mr. Gerard reported that German officials apparently considered the effects and consequences of submarine ruthlessness before proclaiming it and so far as he could learn were confident of its success. When he left Berlin, however, the campaign was only in its second week and the Germans were still predicting the destruction of a million tons of shipping a month, the amount admitted by Teutonic experts to be essential for an effective starvation blockade of England. Since then the average destruction has been below half that.

Food Situation Serious.
Food conditions in Germany when Mr. Gerard's party left were reported as serious but not necessarily critical. This question is looked upon by the American government as very important because of its bearing on the possibility of further peace moves by Germany in the near future.

The former ambassador arrived here from Key West, Fla., shortly after noon and was met at the station by a group of officials, including Counselor Polk and Assistant Secretary Phillips of the state department, Secretary McAdoo, Secretary Tumulty and Senator Hughes of New Jersey. A formal statement was given out by Mr. Gerard saying he would make his report to the government and would not talk for publication. During the remainder of the day and night he held to this determination. He remained over here tonight and will go to New York late tomorrow in time for a formal reception to be tendered him there Friday.

The report made by the former ambassador to the state department was understood to deal particularly with the treatment accorded him and other Americans following the break in diplomatic relations, the efforts of the German government to get him to reaffirm the old treaty of 1825 with extensive changes, the general attitude of the German government and public towards submarine warfare, peace and relations with the United States and conditions in Germany.

CHINA BREAKS ALL BONDS WITH THE GERMAN EMPIRE

Washington, March 14.—American Minister Reinsch at Peking today reported to the state department relations with Germany and that the German minister had been handed his passports.

China has taken possession of all German merchant ships in Shanghai, about six in number, placed their crews on shore under guard, and placed armed guards on the vessels. Advice to the navy department from the senior officer in Chinese waters gave no further details.

China's severance of relations has been expected here for weeks. The action of the United States in breaking relations was received with acclaim by Chinese officials and press.

Feeling against Germany has run high, not only because scores of Chinese on the way to Europe have been killed in German submarine operations, but from memory of the kaiser's order to his Boxer punitive force to make the word German dreaded in China for a century, and the seizure by Germany of the whole province of Shantung for the murder of two missionaries.

Seizure of the German ships may be taken by Germany as an act of war as in the case of Portugal.

China's action may be followed by seizure of German property in China, which is very extensive.

HONOR ROLL SARDIS SCHOOL.

- First—Newton Clark.
- Second—Mabel Clark.
- Third—Paul Burgess, Lewis Edwards, Clyde Edwards, Inez Young.
- Fourth—Nina Betenbaugh, Sara Sims, Ralph Gregory.
- Ninth—Walter Jolly.

Mr. B. W. Whitlock of Jonesville, route 1, was a visitor to Union Wednesday.

GOOD WORK BY CHAIN GANG.

The county chain gang is doing a fine piece of work in constructing a new road from the old Knight place up to Carem. This new road will eliminate two dangerous railway crossings, and has been graded and top-soiled. Mr. Bailey Lawson, who is in charge of this work, feels quite proud of this piece of road building, and he has a right to be. The work was almost wholly done during February, and it was a most unfavorable period for road work. The stretch of road is more than a half mile in length, is 30 feet wide and has no very steep grade. The top-soil is about 12 inches thick. The force on this road work was 20 men and 10 mules, and shows just what can be done with the material at hand in the way of road-building.

Mr. Lawson is to be congratulated upon this fine piece of work, as you will yourself say when you see it.

ASKEW ELECTED COMMISSIONER

The election in Pinckney township for a commissioner to fill the unexpired term of W. H. Barnes, deceased, held Tuesday resulted in the selection of J. V. Askew. His opponent was W. F. Farr. The contest was quite lively, the friends of both candidates taking a great deal of interest in the election. The vote was as follows:

Adamsburg	24	49
Kelton	73	79
Lockhart	127	77
Total	224	205

Askew won by 19 votes majority.

PHILATHEA CLASS ENTERTAINS.

The Philathea class of the First Baptist church held its social meeting last Friday evening at the home of Miss Ida Clement and a large number of the members attended, and a few visitors.

The officers of this class are: President, Miss Alsie Smith; vice president, Miss Mae Edenfield; secretary, Miss Nina Sexton; treasurer, Miss Mae Smith, and leader, Rev. George P. White.

The class contributes liberally to the support of Miss Lora Clement, its representative on the foreign field, and to the poor and needy in the community, and is composed of wide-awake and earnest young women.

When the work baskets had been put aside the hostess served tempting refreshments.

TO MINISTERS AND SCHOOL TEACHERS OF UNION COUNTY

The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, of Boston, Mass., is appealing to the ministers, school teachers and Christian people throughout the United States for the annual observance of "Be Kind to Animals" week and "Humane Sunday." The dates for this year are April 16-21 for the "Be Kind to Animals" week, and April 22 for "Humane Sunday." All newspapers are requested to publish the notices of these dates as this is a work of great educational value and one in which every State in the American Union is interested. Last year official proclamations setting apart the "week" and "Humane Sunday" were issued by the governor of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Ministers are asked at once to set aside April 22nd, the 4th Sunday of the month, as "Humane Sunday" and either to preach a special sermon on kindness to the weak and defenseless or to present the subject at least one service.

All school teachers and societies of young people are asked to devote one day (preferably April 17) of the "Be Kind to Animals" week to special instruction in kindness to animals. A sample copy of the 16 page pamphlet used on Humane Day in Massachusetts will be sent free to any teacher or school official who applies for it to the editor of "Our Dumb Animals," published at Boston, Mass., 180 Langwood Ave.

The American Humane society and the Humane association will send suggestive and special literature if requested to do so.

A series of messages to teamsters has been sent out by the society. Here is message No. 1:

Your Silent Partner.

He toils with you day after day, rain or shine—never complains, helps you to make up time when you are late—waits for you when you are not in a hurry. There is never any rest for him—the same old grind day after day. Did you ever stop to consider what an important factor your horse really is in your life's work? He deserves your kindest consideration. Favor him whenever opportunity presents itself. Be good to him—he can't complain. Be kind to your horse!

It will pay to call attention to this line of work to impress upon our children and young people the duty and beauty of kindness to the helpless.

Mrs. B. G. Clifford.
Clifford Seminary, Union, S. C.

Appeal to Workers Fails to Move Them

New York, March 14.—An appeal to the patriotism of the members of the four great railroad brotherhoods to refrain from any "rash movement" which would bring on industrial warfare in the present national crisis, was made here tonight by the national conference committee of railroads on the eve of the conference tomorrow with the chiefs of the trainmen's organization. There were additional indications, however, that the brotherhoods were determined to call a strike unless their demands were granted.

After a meeting here with several hundred general chairmen and chairmen of locals in the brotherhoods' organizations on lines entering New York, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, announced that unanimous support had been voted the brotherhood chiefs in the demands they intend to make at tomorrow's conference.

These demands, he said, would be based on the modified demands of last December which called for a basic eight hour work day and pro rata day for overtime.

Officials of the federation's railway department, representing more than 400,000 shop employees, switchmen, telegraphers and maintenance-of-way laborers not affiliated with the brotherhoods, conferred at length on the situation during the day. Although no formal announcement was made, it was said the first move if the strike comes will be to admonish all union men not to offer their services to take the place of strikers.

STUDIES BARRIE.

The Bronte club held a very enjoyable meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Eloise Beatty. This year the club is studying the modern drama, and Miss Young read a paper on "The Charm That is Barrie," and Miss Beatty told the story of "Peter Pan."

Current events were exchanged and those present were: Mrs. J. F. Walker, Miss James, Miss Mary Jones, Mrs. Thomson, Mrs. W. T. Beatty, Mrs. Evelina Rice, Miss Sarratt, Miss Duncan, Miss Harris, Miss Pansy Watson, Mrs. Mixson, Miss Jordan, Miss Beatty and Miss Young.

CLUB ENTERTAINS.

The Euterpean Music club was delightfully entertained by Miss Frances Nicholson at her home Saturday morning. The following members were enjoyed:

Piano Solo—Hunting song—Mendelssohn—Miss Edith Smith.
Vocal Solo—Kiss Me—Victor Herbert—Miss Katherine Layton.
Piano Trio—Poet and Peasant—Mrs. F. H. Garner, Misses Vivian Sarratt and Maude Garner.

Vocal Duet—Sympathy—from Firefly—Mrs. J. F. Walker and Miss Katherine Layton.

Violin Solo—Aloha Oe—Miss Katherine Thomson.
The hostess served a tempting salad course.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE MEETING.

The Union County Equal Suffrage League held their regular monthly meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on Friday afternoon, March 9th, Mrs. T. C. Duncan in the chair. Quite a number were present and much interest shown.

A letter from the State president, Mrs. Lynch, was read, telling of a central organization looking to the offering of the services of women in case of war, and asking the cooperation of this league when the proper time arrived.

It is needless to say that every woman in our league stands ready to do all in her power for her country's aid in time of need.

Mrs. W. T. Beatty, chairman of the committee to get out in suffrage edition made her report.

The league has adopted a course of 12 lessons prepared by the headquarters in Washington, and will study one lesson at each meeting.

In the enforced absence of Mrs. L. M. Rice, the first lesson was taught by Mrs. J. W. Mixson.

Plans for raising money were discussed, and the league hopes to put on a play at an early date.

The next meeting will be on the second Friday in April.

A Montana forestry official has devised a light and compact telephone instrument which is portable and will be part of the equipment of all government rangers in the future.

A school of aviation will be established in Lima, Peru. The government has passed a law providing for an annual appropriation of \$24,392 for its maintenance.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway has completed plans to extend its road to Mill Creek, Tenn., where it is asserted there are 25,000 acres of coal lands awaiting developments.

When a man is never idle, he has no time to be mean.

OLL WEEVIL CONFERENCE CALLED FOR SATURDAY

**ominent Speakers Invited to Attend.
Farmers of the County Urged
to Turn Out.**

A number of the leading business men of Union have issued a call to farmers and all others interested in farming to meet in the courthouse Saturday, noon, March 17th, to discuss the boll weevil menace. Speakers expected to be present are: W. W. Smith, W. R. Elliott and Hon. A. F. Leve from out-of-town, and several Union county men who are interested in the question. The farmers particularly should heed this call and attend the meeting Saturday.

HEAD CAMP, W. O. W. MEETS AT GREENWOOD

Head Camp, W. O. W., Tuesday morning, March 20. M. W. Bobo, district manager, has sent out to the various Sovereigns of the order in the district the following notice:

"March 13, 1917.

"Esteemed Sovereign:
"The Spartanburg delegation to the Head Camp, W. O. W., at Greenwood, S. C., I will leave Spartanburg Monday afternoon at 3 p. m., March 19th. And we will be delighted to have your delegates join us at Spartanburg and go over with us to Greenwood. However, if it is impossible for you to get off on Monday, you can leave Spartanburg at 6:45 Tuesday morning but this will put you in Greenwood a little late.

"Be sure to come to Spartanburg and go over with us Monday afternoon, if possible.

"Fraternally yours,
"M. W. Bobo, Dist. Mgr.

EASTER SUNDAY ON APRIL 8.

Easter Sunday falls on April 8 this year, and on that day the Lenten season ends. This date was fixed A. D. 325 by Constantine, emperor of Rome, at the gathering of the historic Council of Nice. The council met for the purpose of settling the question as to the conclusion of the Lenten season and the dates decided on are the ones now used in all sections of the civilized world. In the earlier days considerable discussion reigned in the churches regarding the day on which Easter Sunday was to be celebrated. Many plans and rules were submitted and the problem was not settled until the rules adopted at that time have been carried out. It was decided that Easter Sunday would fall on or after March 21. It may occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 23, which is about the latest date on which it can fall.—Spartanburg Journal.

GRADY-BOBO.

Mr. S. C. Grady and Miss Lillie Mae Bobo, of Cross Keys, this county, were united in marriage by Rev. L. L. Wagon at his residence on South Church street, in this city, Wednesday afternoon, March 14, 1917.

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AT CHURCH OF NATIVITY.

Daily services are held in the Church of the Nativity during Lent.

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This year "The New World," by Dr. Arthur Gray is being studied. This book deals with our neighbors, the Latin Americans, and tries to impress the responsibility of the United States towards these people.

SALVATION ARMY.

Mrs. Maggie Moss of Columbia spent Saturday and Sunday in Union with the Salvation Army, and rendered us great assistance, and I desire to thank the people for their kindness to her and to the Army since we have been in charge. We need the help and assistance of the good people of the city, so as to enable us to do the work satisfactorily. Anything the people may give to the Salvation Army to help the sick or the needy will be appreciated by the officers in charge.
W. H. Windsor.

A GRUESOME FIND.

The dead body of an infant, wrapped in paper, was found last Friday afternoon under a small quantity of trash under the eaves of a house occupied by colored people beyond the ice plant. The officers of the law are following up several clues that may lead to the location of the parties involved in the transaction. The coroner, the city police and the sheriff are making effort to locate those responsible for this outrage.

WILL SPEAK HERE APRIL 15TH.

W. D. Upshaw, "The Georgia Cycyone," who was to speak in Union and Kelton last month, and who was unavoidably detained, will come Sunday, April 15th. He will speak at Mt. Joy Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m.; in The Edsonia Theatre in the afternoon at 4 o'clock and at some nearby point Sunday night. If arrangements can be made, he will speak at Buffalo that night.

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MOVE FOR A BETTER SCHEDULE ON SOUTHERN

DELEGATION NAMES HIGHWAY COMMISSION

**Men Who Will Have Charge of Road
Building in Union Township if
Bond Issue Carries.**

The Union county delegation has named the highway commission that will serve if the bond issue carries in the township on March 20th, the day of the election. The election to be held on that date is to decide whether the township shall issue \$125,000 in bonds for the purpose of building good roads in the township. The bill, authorizing this election, as passed by the last legislature, was published in last week's Times. The county delegation has named the following citizens to have charge of the matter, providing, of course, that the election carries: A. G. Kennedy, Geo. W. Goins, E. W. Stone, J. T. Bradley, G. P. Godshall, T. K. Foster and J. B. Betenbaugh. The commission is a good one, and will have the confidence of the voters of the township. If the election goes against the bond issue it will not be because of the lack of confidence in the commission, but simply because the people do not desire that a bond issue be carried, no matter who is to have charge of the business.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET.

The Union County Teachers' association held their monthly meeting in the auditorium of the high school here last Saturday. An interesting address was delivered by Dr. Henry J. Harms, president of Newberry college.

The report of the committee to prepare a program for Field Day in April, was adopted by the teachers, and a very interesting program will be carried out. This custom has come to be established, and it is worthy of the support of all the schools in the county.

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E. F. Kelly, a Progressive Business Man of Union, Takes Up Matter With Railroad Commissioners—Letter Written Asking For Relief.

E. F. Kelly, one of Union's leading business men, has interested himself and has secured the cooperation of a number of Union people, in a move to get better schedules for Southern passenger trains going East. There is a period of 15 hours in each 24, during which there is no train from Jonesville and Spartanburg to Union. Mr. Kelly, with a number of other Union citizens went to Columbia Wednesday to appear before the commissioners in behalf of better service.

The letter to the commissioners mailed on March 8, is as follows:

"Union, S. C., March 8, 1917.

Board of Railroad Commissioners,
Columbia, S. C.

Gents:

Re Schedule Southern Passenger Trains Between Spartanburg and Columbia.

Trains leaving Union for Columbia:

No. 42 for Columbia 11:50 AM

No. 28 for Columbia 2:38 PM

No. 10 for Columbia 9:15 PM

You will see from the above schedule we have no train for Columbia after No. 11 passes at 9:15 P. M. until the next day at 11:50, which is 14 1/2 hours between trains for Columbia.

On the other hand, beginning with No. 43 we have three trains for Columbia during the next 2 1/2 hours, then none (as above stated) for the next 14 1/2 hours.

Now frankly, don't you agree with me, that this is about as poor schedule as it would be possible to make, running that number of trains?

I have no "kick" coming on the schedule going in the opposite direction.

If it is the duty of you gentlemen to see that the travelling public get "what's coming to them" at the hands of the railroad company, you will certainly have them give us an early train on this road to Columbia—one to leave Spartanburg, say between 6 and 7 o'clock A. M.

Yours very truly,
E. F. Kelly.

SEEK NEW TRAIN FROM SPARTANBURG

(Thursday's State)

After a series of conferences and hearings, it is practically certain that an additional passenger train will be inaugurated between Spartanburg and Columbia. The proposed schedule provides that the train leave Spartanburg at 7 a. m., arriving in Columbia shortly after 10 o'clock.

"The commission feels that with the evidence before it this is a just request and we hope that you can give the matter favorable consideration," says a letter from the commission to the Southern railway officials.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY IMPROVE.

Very few of the schools of the county will have to shorten their terms, and even these may find a way out of that necessity by meeting the condition that the State will give a dollar for every dollar the patrons raise by private subscription or otherwise. Superintendent of Education Jas. H. Hope says that quite a goodly number of schools have consolidated this year, and will, next year be able to qualify as rural graded schools, thus enabling them to receive not less than \$200 a year, whereas heretofore they received no aid from the State. In the course of a few years the one teacher school in Union county will be the exception and not the rule. The money paid to the rural graded schools on March 17 will far surpass any amount so received in the history of the schools.

Superintendent Hope says that it is through the hearty cooperation of the patrons and trustees that such advances in the schools of the county have been made possible.

So far as mechanical equipment, the schools of Union county, in the opinion of the State officers who have visited the schools, have expressed the opinion that Union county is now ranking with the best in the State, and they have also expressed the opinion that the teaching force of the county ranks with the best in the State.

WORTH KNOWING.

A friend of The Times told us this week that the famous Kudzu vine, so much used for quick shade, contains a quantity of sap that makes an indelible stain. Very few people know this and the information is worth passing on.

We are obliged to have the Kudzu vine put on your old clothes when you trim it and don't go near it with a white skirt on, for nothing will remove the stain made by this sap.