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ARABIC INCIDENT CLEARING.

High Government Officials Construe German Notification Favorably.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Strained relations between the United States and Germany over submarine warfare apparently passed into history today after Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, informed Secretary Lansing in writing that prior to the sinking of the Arabic his government had decided that its submarines should sink no more liners without warning.

Oral assurances to this effect had been given by the ambassador last week, but it was not until Count von Bernstorff, after a call at the State Department to-day, returned to the embassy and sent a letter to Mr. Lansing quoting instructions from Berlin concerning an answer to be made to the last American note on the sinking of the Lusitania, that officials frankly admitted their gratification over the changed position of the imperial government.

The Next Step.

The next step, it is stated, will be a formal communication from the German government disavowing the destruction of the Arabic and tendering regret and reparation for American lives lost in the disaster if the attack was made by a German submarine. Even if the submarine that torpedoed the liner subsequently was sunk by a British man-of-war, as has been suggested both from Berlin and London, the Berlin foreign office is expected to send its disavowal as soon as a reasonable time has passed without a report from its commander.

Once the situation growing out of the Arabic incident has been disposed of, the response to the long unnumbered American note on the Lusitania will be dispatched, and if Germany's explanation and proposals in this case are accepted by the United States both officials and diplomats here expect the way to be cleared for a complete understanding between the two governments on the subject of freedom of the seas.

In German circles it is freely admitted that in Berlin a hope prevails that such an understanding would be followed by insistent action by the United States to stop the allies' interference with neutral commerce, which prevents Germany from importing food for her civil population.

Bernstorff's Letter.

Count von Bernstorff's letter, which revealed for the first time that Germany had prepared an answer to the Lusitania note, which was about to be dispatched when the Arabic was destroyed, reads:

"My Dear Mr. Secretary: With reference to our conversation of this morning I beg to inform you that my construction concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contains the following passage:

"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

"Although I know that you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred.

"I have no objection to your making any use you may please of the above information.

"I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, very sincerely yours,

"J. Bernstorff."

In connection with the letter Secretary Lansing made the following statement:

"In view of the clearness of the foregoing statement it seems needless to make any comment in regard to it other than to say that it appears to be a recognition of the fundamental principle for which we have contended."

Peaceful Merchant Vessels.

Secretary Lansing interpreted "liner" as used in the letter to mean all peaceful merchant ships. Later in informal conversation, the German ambassador explained that regular

JOHN H. EARLE SUICIDES.

Prominent Greenville Attorney Shoots Self, Dying Later.

Greenville, Sept. 4.—John Herriot Earle, member of a distinguished South Carolina family, former Railroad Commissioner and prominent member of the Green, He bar, shot himself in the head a few minutes before 8 o'clock to-night. Attending physicians state that he has no chance for recovery and that he cannot live more than a few hours. The bullet, fired from a 11-calibre derringer, entered just behind the right temple and went into the brain. L. O. Patterson, another lawyer, was standing in the door of Mr. Earle's office when the shot was fired.

John H. Earle is a son of the late United States Senator Jos. H. Earle. He was graduated from the Citadel, read law in his father's office and was admitted to the bar about 19 years ago. He served as major of the First South Carolina Volunteers in the Spanish-American war. While his father, who died in 1897, was Senator, Mr. Earle served as his secretary and as correspondent of the State from Washington. In 1901 he was married to Miss Eliza Mays Beattie, of Greenville, who died ten months later. In 1902 he was elected State Railroad Commissioner and served from 1903 until 1909.

24 Hours Later.

Greenville, Sept. 5.—The powerful physique of John H. Earle, who on Wednesday night sent a bullet through his brain, has enabled him to linger for more than 24 hours at the point of death. Shortly after midnight attending physicians announced that he could live only a few hours more. During the forenoon he seemed to rally slightly, his pulse being stronger and his eyes re-asserting themselves to some extent. To-night, however, his coma deepened, his pulse weakened and his respiration is not so good as it was. An X-ray photo showed that the large calibre bullet passed through both lobes of the brain. It entered just behind the right temple and rests nearly against the skull behind the left ear.

The injured man, who shot himself because of despondency, is not paralyzed. This morning his muscles relaxed to some extent and at times he moved his arms.

No cause has been ascertained for the attempted destruction of his own life save that he was despondent. He is said to have telephoned to a sister that "It would soon be all over" and to the public service man who brought him from his home to his office he bade farewell.

Major Earle Dead.

Greenville, Sept. 5.—John H. Earle, major of the First South Carolina Infantry during the Spanish-American war, who shot himself here Wednesday night, died this morning.

passenger vessels were meant. There seemed to be no disposition, however, to question Berlin's intention to grant the fundamental demands of the United States. It was pointed out, too, that the cases at issue between the two governments concern passenger liners, and that so far no question had arisen as to a freight vessel carrying Americans in her crew.

It is generally acknowledged that in agreeing to the contentions of the United States Germany expects President Wilson to renew his representations to Great Britain against interferences with the neutral trade. The President has steadfastly declined to conduct one negotiation in a relation to the other.

The new American note to Great Britain making representations against the restrictions imposed by the orders in council is almost ready to go forward to London.

The Way Opened.

The immediate effect of to-day's developments is to open the way for a resumption of negotiations between the United States and Germany for an agreement upon the rights of neutral shipping. The State Department had decided to have no further exchange of notes with the German government, as officials concluded that the apparent disregard of American rights, as shown by the sinking of the Arabic, demanded a severance of diplomatic relations unless some satisfactory explanations were volunteered by the German government. It is understood that the next step will be to clear up any possible misunderstanding as to the extent of the concessions.

Ambassador Bernstorff has a general and longer communication from the foreign office dealing with the case of the Lusitania, which is intended to clear up any doubt as to the extent of the German concessions. In German quarters it is insisted they will be satisfactory.

Chief Justice White, who was among Secretary Lansing's callers, declared the outcome was the greatest diplomatic achievement of the United States in a generation.

AS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Superintendent of Education Issues Circular to Oconee School Workers.

The following circular letter is being sent out to the trustees and others interested in educational matters in Oconee:

To the Trustees, Teachers and Patrons of the Schools of Oconee:

The time for the opening of the public schools is at hand. I hope that each of you has had a pleasant vacation, and that you are now ready for business, with a mind to work in the interest of your school.

I am planning to make this scholastic year the best in the history of our county. I cannot accomplish my purpose alone, but must have the hearty co-operation of trustees, patrons and teachers. Let us catch the spirit of Nehemiah when he undertook to build the walls of Jerusalem under the greatest opposition and difficulty. Nehemiah succeeded in rebuilding the walls because he and his workmen had a mind to work. If the trustees, patrons, teachers and Superintendent will have a mind to work, and will pull together, Oconee county will see the best and most progressive school year in her history.

I trust that you have exercised the greatest care in the selection of your teacher. This is a matter of the greatest importance. An incompetent teacher will set his pupils back one year instead of advancing them to a higher grade.

Salary warrants for teachers who fail to have their certificates filed in this office and properly endorsed will not be honored until the law is complied with. Section 1761 of the General School Law of South Carolina, printed in 1912, clearly shows that it is the duty of every Board of Trustees to employ only those teachers who have certificates. In the second place, a number of the districts secure help from the State, either under the High School Act, Rural Graded School Act, or Term Extension Act, and before this aid can be secured the State Board of Education requires that the teachers in the district have valid certificates recorded in the office here. The trustees of every school district should, therefore, see to it that every teacher, principal and assistant, white and colored, has a valid South Carolina certificate recorded here.

Trustees sometimes neglect to see that their teachers give me a full and correct report of their schools at the close of the year. This is a very, very important matter: First, I am required by law to make an annual report to the State Superintendent of Education, which I cannot make—certainly not an accurate one—unless teachers give me full and accurate reports; and, secondly, the amount of money your district gets depends on the enrollment in your district. Therefore, you should see to it that I get a complete and accurate report of every school in your district.

Very respectfully,

Thos. A. Smith,

County Superintendent of Education.

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Family Falls Through Bridge.

Union, Sept. 2.—R. L. Rochester, his wife and several children, one an infant, fell through the bridge into the "Forest" Sunday afternoon when they attempted to drive over Rice's bridge in a wagon. The bridge gave way and the team, wagon and occupants fell a considerable distance into the stream. They were severely bruised and the infant came near being drowned.

September.

(Danbury, N. C., Reporter.)

Fox grapes and wild muscadines clustering in the fields; perfect days with wine-like sunlight after the dreary months of rain; mirror streams in the dreamy woods; chinquapins, squirrels and watermelons—then, night with her glorious harvest moon; fires gleaming from a hundred hills in the tobacco country, and the plunkety-plunk of the merry bajiyo talking to your heart—ah, September, queen of all the months of the year!

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GEN. OROZCO KILLED IN TEXAS.

Believed He Was Trying to Foment a Revolution in Texas.

Sierra-Blanca, Texas, Sept. 1.—Men at Big Bend county are under arms fearing reprisals by friends of Gen. Orozco, who, with four companions, was killed by officers and ranchers in Green River canyon yesterday.

Soldiers have been requested. Ranchers heard raiders in Big Bend section Sunday and picked up their trail late Sunday afternoon. They followed it until Monday, when they found five Mexicans secreted in the canyon, apparently fleeing safe from attack. The ranchers crept within range and fired, killing one. A battle started between the Mexicans behind boulders and ranchers, also protected by rocks. One by one the Mexicans were killed.

It is believed Gen. Orozco was trying to foment a revolution in Texas and intended joining Carranza if the latter refused Pan-American proposals.

Story of Man Hunt.

The story of the 24-hour man hunt, which ended in the death of Orozco in Green River canyon, reads like a page from a border romance. The chase was through the wildest part of the Big Bend country. Twenty-four ranch owners, cowboys, custom house officials and troops from the Thirteenth participated.

News that raiders were in the vicinity spread over rural telephone wires Sunday noon. At the warning every ranch house became a scene of activity with preparations to ride to the ranch attacked.

The raiders were first discovered as they approached the Love ranch Sunday afternoon by Deputy Sheriffs R. C. Love and Wm. Shock. Orozco and his companions mounted hastily, sent a shower of shots at Love and Shock and made a cunning fight for liberty.

Love sent out an alarm and then took up the chase with Shock. A posse of ten men, organized quickly here, rode to the Love ranch and picked up the trail. As each ranch house was passed additions were made to the posse.

The trail ran through Eagle mountains, over perilous paths on high ridges. When dawn broke the posse found it still held the trail, which now led across a plain to Green river canyon, in the high Lonesome mountains.

Found the Mexicans.

At the entrance to the canyon, the posse found a campfire glowing and an advance guard was thrown out to search for the Mexicans. By 3 o'clock the guard returned with news that the Mexicans were encamped in a box canyon apparently feeling secure from pursuit. Their horses were unsaddled and hobbled at some distance from the campfire. The posse advanced stealthily, dismounted and climbed the rugged sides of the mountain until they gained a ridge around the canyon. From this point a volley was poured down upon the Mexicans.

At the first volley one Mexican was killed and the rest dashed for the protection of boulders and returned the fire. The posse killed one of the remaining four at the next volley. Orozco and a companion then attempted to secure the shelter of a small draw.

Orozco's companion was riddled as he stepped from the shelter of his rock. Orozco fell dead, struck by four bullets.

The surviving Mexican returned shot for shot from behind a boulder. Presently he made a dash to climb the side of the canyon. He had ascended some distance when a volley tumbled him dead to the rock basin below.

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Peace Talk is in the Air.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Cardinal Gibbons has conveyed to President Wilson a suggestion from Pope Benedict that the time is ripe for proposing discussions having as their purpose the cessation of hostilities. The cardinal, admitted that he told the President the United States was placed in an advantageous position to be of service in bringing an end to the conflict, owing to the apparent settlement of the submarine issue between the United States and Germany, which had greatly aided the cause of peace.

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GALILEE NOW IN WAR ZONE.

Ruins of Capernaum Among Relics Endangered by Mines and Bombs.

(Missionary News Bureau.)

Very interesting, from a Scriptural standpoint, is the news that comes from Egypt, where the British forces are facing the Turks. The Sea of Galilee, sacred through its many associations with the earthly ministry of the Prince of Peace, is in the war zone.

The hill around Nazareth, where the boy Jesus spent his early years, and among which doubtless he roamed with others of his age, have become arsenals of destruction. The ruins of Capernaum are among the relics of the past endangered by mines and air bombs. Among other sites of Bible history now become a battleground of modern times is that where we are told Moses received the Ten Commandments, as well as the territory over which the Israelites wandered, and Hebron, where Abraham was buried. Added to these is the place where archaeologists claim was located the Garden of Eden, between Annah and Hit on the Upper Euphrates. The Turks and the British make the former garden of love and beauty a place of death, where human hate visits its terror upon man. These are strange and tragic days.

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Delaware Powder Mills Blown Up.

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 29.—Two workmen were killed and considerable damage was done to property by an explosion of two black powder mills of the Dupont Powder Company, near here, to-day.

Several hundred pounds of powder exploded, completely destroying the mills. Windows were damaged over a wide radius. Officials say the explosion probably was due to a spark or to grit in the powder.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1915, at the voting precincts fixed by law in said county, upon the question as to whether the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and beverages shall be prohibited or continued in this State, as provided by Act No. 76, to submit to the qualified electors the question of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and beverages in the State and to provide for the carrying of these provisions into effect, approved the 16th day of February, A. D. 1915.

The qualifications for suffrage are as follows:
Residence in State for two years, in the county one year, in the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote, four months, and the payment

six months before any election of any poll tax then due and payable. Provided, That ministers in charge of an organized church and teachers of public schools shall be entitled to vote after six months' residence in the State, otherwise qualified.

Registration.—Payment of all taxes, including poll tax, assessed and collectible during the previous year. The production of a certificate of receipt of the officer authorized to collect such taxes shall be conclusive proof of the payment thereof.

Before the hour fixed for opening the polls Managers and Clerks must take and subscribe to the Constitutional oath. The chairman of the Board of Managers can administer the oath to the other managers and to the clerk; a Notary Public must administer the oath to Chairman. The managers elect their chairman and clerk.

Polls at each voting place must be opened at 7 o'clock a. m., and closed at 4 o'clock p. m., except in the City of Charleston, where they shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 6 p. m.

The managers have the power to fill a vacancy; and if none of the managers attend, the citizens can appoint from among the qualified voters, the managers, who, after being sworn, can conduct the election.

At the close of the election, the managers and clerk must proceed publicly to open the ballot boxes and count the ballots therein, and continue without adjournment until the same is completed, and make a statement of the result, and sign the same. Within three days thereafter the Chairman of the Board, or some one designated by the Board, must deliver to the Commissioners of Election the poll list, the boxes containing the ballots and written statements of the result of the election.

Managers of Election.—The following Managers of Election have been appointed to hold the election at the various precincts in said county:

- Clemson College—J. B. Whitten, L. A. Seise, S. M. Martin, Damascus—M. H. Lee, D. F. Carter, J. T. Rhoetter.
 - Double Springs—W. B. Mongold, J. F. Hamby, J. T. Lyles.
 - High Falls—O. C. White, J. M. V. Clark, Edward Gant.
 - Earle's Mill—L. O. Bruce, W. D. Giles, Elias Earle.
 - Fair Play—J. S. Glynn, A. R. Maret, Dr. W. C. Mays.
 - Friendship—L. C. McCarty, W. Campbell, H. D. Grant.
 - High Falls No. 2—R. E. White, T. M. Elrod, John A. Kelley.
 - Holly Springs—W. H. Blackwell, R. E. Long, Roland Cobb.
 - Jocassee—Henson Chapman, A. L. Whitmire, B. M. Fisher.
 - Little River—D. E. Nicholson, Jas. Cantrell, D. O. Sheppard.
 - Long Creek—W. P. Barker, Geo. Matheson, M. D. Lee.
 - Madison—J. D. Hull, G. J. Ramsay, J. A. Cook.
 - Newry—C. L. Anderson, C. E. Gaillard, J. T. Dyar.
 - Oakway—W. H. Cole, H. J. Myers, W. N. Bruce.
 - Picket Post—Noah Tollison, T. Y. Chalmers, A. A. Hubbard.
 - Providence—W. T. Hunt, J. B. Ligon, W. O. Prater.
 - Richland—J. P. Stribling, W. H. Hughes, N. M. Driver.
 - Salem—M. A. Moss, S. S. Meroney, W. H. Talley.
 - Seneca—M. A. Wood, J. M. Barron, W. F. Austin.
 - South Union—M. W. Gibson, T. D. Maret, E. B. Keese.
 - Tabor—D. H. Stancel, W. T. Tannery, Earle King.
 - Tugaloo Academy—J. P. Powell, W. Y. Smith, J. S. Denney.
 - Tamassee—J. W. Grogan, J. J. D. Cowan, J. E. Kelley.
 - Tokeena—J. A. Callahan, James Bates, C. M. Abies.
 - Westminster—J. G. Breazeale, M. A. Terrell, J. T. Bryant.
 - West Union—J. E. Vaughn, W. W. Fowler, John M. McHinn.
 - Cherry Hill—J. L. Hudson, D. P. Grant, Jesse Lay.
 - Walhalla—W. M. Brown, W. A. Smith, Jas. M. Moss.
- The managers at each precinct named above are requested to delegate one of their number to secure the boxes and blanks for the election at Walhalla Court House, on Saturday, September 11th, 1915, from the Clerk.
- G. B. WATSON,
R. H. BOYD,
Commissioners of State and County for Oconee County, S. C.
D. A. SMITH, Clerk.
Aug. 18, 1915.