

Merry Christmas

PEACE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GERMANS TUESDAY

Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg Receives Representatives of the United States, Spain and Other Neutral Countries and Signifies Willingness on the Part of Central Powers to Enter into Peace Negotiations.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which have restrained the United States as well as other neutrals from offering mediation. The whole German view of the peace move is that it is a step toward a discussion of peace terms, which if it amounts to anything, ought to show some definite progress early in January. There is said to be no possibility of a peace conference being held in the United States. Berné and the Hague are mentioned as most likely places and it is not doubted that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here, would go as one of his country's representatives. His attitude was expressed tonight in the following statement: "I am, of course, extremely gratified at the step that has been taken. I hope that it will be successful. Even if it does not lead to peace it offers proof that Germany wants peace, even after a victorious campaign, and does not desire responsibility for further suffering of mankind, loss of life and property. Germany wants peace and does not desire conquest. I can not say anything about the terms."

be ready to relinquish the claim on Kiau Chau. The security of Turkey in possession of Constantinople probably would be insisted upon by the central powers, as well as the restoration of Albania. The establishment of independent kingdoms in Lithuania and Poland would be one of the factors in the German proposal, although that part of Poland possessed by Germany at the outbreak of the war would not be included. What adjustment would be made to cover the Tremino region between Austria and Italy, or any provisions affecting Egypt, the Suez canal, Mesopotamia or the gateways of control to the Indian empire are not made clear in German quarters here. The Balkan situation is considered so delicate it would have to be untangled in the peace conference. The whole German view of the peace move is that it is a step toward a discussion of peace terms, which if it amounts to anything, ought to show some definite progress early in January. There is said to be no possibility of a peace conference being held in the United States. Berné and the Hague are mentioned as most likely places and it is not doubted that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador here, would go as one of his country's representatives. His attitude was expressed tonight in the following statement: "I am, of course, extremely gratified at the step that has been taken. I hope that it will be successful. Even if it does not lead to peace it offers proof that Germany wants peace, even after a victorious campaign, and does not desire responsibility for further suffering of mankind, loss of life and property. Germany wants peace and does not desire conquest. I can not say anything about the terms."

MORE TOURISTS ARRIVE. Hobkirk Inn Register Shows Number of New Arrivals.

Hobkirk's register for the first of this season certainly points to a banner year. The North cottage and annex having been open since November 1st is now filled past its capacity and the improvements on new office and parlors are being rushed through so as to be able to transfer the guests into the main hotel before Christmas. The big bungalow on the Hobkirk grounds has just had two baths and rooms added, and newly shingled with asbestos shingles which adds greatly to its looks. The following is a list of arrivals at Hobkirk for this season so far: Mr. M. H. Bridgeman, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. J. Hall Dow, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cook, John A. Cook, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chas. E. Goodspeed, New York; Mrs. T. A. Lawton, Newport, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hopkins, Wilmette, Ill.; Raif W. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo; Mrs. M. J. Delano, Miss Howland, Asheville, N. C.; L. B. Ault, Fred Von Steinhilber, Cincinnati; W. B. Plumber, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Baker, Hackensack, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Harris E. Skinner, Yonkers, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. Tudor, Boston; Mrs. White, Miss Williams, Geneva, N. Y.

AN AMUSING INCIDENT. An Augusta toll operator relates the following amusing incident:

A few days ago, on responding to the call for long distance, a voice at the other end said: "What is your rate to Millen, Ga., please?" and on being given the rate said, "Now, Miss Long Distance, the party I want to talk with stutters very badly. Will you charge me for the time it takes to understand him?" After it was explained to him that he would be charged with the time he talked, or used the line, he said, "I thank you," and hung up.—Southern Telephone News.

POOR OLD TURKEY. Turkey's interests are considered a minor affair and not fully developed in consideration of peace.

The attitude of the Balkan nations of the Germanic allies, it is expected, will be set forth in the notes which have been dispatched from Sofia and Constantinople and nothing of them is known at the Balkan legations here, except that Bulgaria probably will expect to get Macedonia and Dobruja, which formerly belonged to her, making the Danube the boundary between Bulgaria and Roumania and shutting the latter from the Black sea.

GOOD ROADS INCREASE VALUE OF FARMS. Clemson College, S. C., Dec. 12.—After making an economic survey of eight counties, specialists of the Office of Public Roads determined the dollars and cents effect of good roads on land values. Improvement of the main market roads increased the selling price of tillable farm lands from 25 to 194 per cent.

DEATH OF MRS. KENNEDY. Mrs. Adelaide E. Kennedy, died at about midnight Monday night at the residence of Mr. T. H. Clarke on Church street, where she has been in declining health for several months.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS. At the regular meeting of Live Oak Camp No. 49 W. O. W. held Dec. 7th 1916 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. F. Bate-

ANOTHER FIRE AT CANTLEY. Fire near Cantley Hill on Thursday completely destroyed the school house at that place. It was a two story wooden structure and all of the contents of the building were consumed.

VALUABLE HORSE DEAD. Bessie, the handsome black mare belonging to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg died last Friday from lockjaw. It was a most valuable animal, being a family pet, and is a great loss to these people.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES. A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Dec. 14.—At the regular meeting of Lynchwood Lodge, No. 197, A. F. M., held last Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Wm. Thompson, W. M.; J. A. McCaskill, S. W.; A. T. Bethune, J. W.; N. K. McClunon, treasurer; S. T. Gardner, secretary. The entertainment to be given tomorrow night by the pupils of the high school in the auditorium promises to be a most enjoyable affair. A delighted audience heard the lecture of Dr. W. S. Currell, president of the South Carolina University in the school auditorium last Friday night. Rev. A. M. Gardner, who was returned by the annual conference as pastor of the Bethune Methodist church will have charge of five churches the coming year, viz: Bethune, Bethany, St. Matthews, Lucknow and Sandy Grove, the latter having been added to the work. Mr. B. F. Bolton and family, who have resided here the past year, moved to Mr. J. C. Josey's farm, near Turkey Creek church, on Tuesday. We regret to learn that Mrs. M. E. C. King, of Camden, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Watkins, in Darlington county, has been seriously ill for several days. At last accounts, however, she was slightly improved. The Christmas tree which is to be given for the Sunday School children of Bethune and vicinity, will be held at the Bethune Baptist church on Christmas afternoon at 4 o'clock. An attractive programme has been arranged for the occasion.

MAY PURCHASE TRUCK. Supervisor West and Commissioner T. R. Horton, accompanied by Messrs. W. R. DeLoache and S. L. Perry, made a trip to Gaffney Monday in Mr. Perry's Dodge car, to inspect a truck now being used on the county highways of Cherokee. Mr. West is contemplating buying one for the county gang, and the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Board. He says with the use of a quick movable truck he can keep his gang camped at a central point and work the roads quickly in all directions. As it is now the men and road machines have to be moved by mule teams, and is necessarily slow. This truck would be a great time saver and increase the efficiency of the county road forces.

EMPLOYEES OF FIRST NATIONAL BUSY THIS WEEK PAYING CHRISTMAS CHECKS. The employees of the First National Bank have been working late at nights getting ready to pay off Christmas savings club depositors, and on last Monday and Tuesday many persons were made happy when they were paid their savings. All club members could not be waited on Monday and Tuesday and the bank people tell us several hundred members are yet to receive their savings. Many members are calling daily and getting their money or transferring it to regular bank account.

PAROLES TO FOUR. W. E. Arledge, of Camden, Among those Granted Clemency. Governor Manning Monday granted paroles in four cases. Each prisoner was liberated during the good behavior. They are: Melie Andrews, convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill during the October, 1914 term of court for Greenwood county and sentenced to three years. W. E. Arledge, convicted of violation of the prohibition law during the July (1916) term of court for Kershaw county and sentenced to six months. J. S. Sullivan, convicted of violation of the dispensary law during the March (1916) term of court for Oconee county and sentenced to one year. York Bradham, convicted of larceny during the January (1916) term of court for Bamberg county and sentenced to 18 months. The paroles were granted on the recommendation of the state board of pardons.

NEW EXPRESS AGENT. Mr. P. N. McCorkle, of Athens, Ga., has taken charge of the Camden office of the Southern Express Company. He succeeds Mr. N. O. Epps who resigned several weeks ago to go into business at Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. McCorkle has been in the express service for several years.

SHEPARD SUNDAY SCHOOL. Cassatt, S. C., Dec. 13.—Our Shepard Sunday School is progressing fine. Organized July 30th, by Mr. Earle K. Hyatt, Missionary for the American Sunday School Union. The officers and teachers are: J. T. Poplin, superintendent; H. B. Elliott, teacher of Bible class; Miss Blanche Poplin, teacher of Junior and primary classes; Miss Nora Tidwell, teacher of card class. All are invited to come and take a part.

ROLL OF HONOR. For Camden Graded Schools For The Month of November.

- Grade 1.—Susie May Bateman, Clara Bruce, Coline Campbell, Carolyn Heyman, Billy Lindsay, Virginia Nettles, Virginia Nicholson, Willie Porter, Walter Rhame, John W. Richardson, Clara Sowell, Bessie Truesdale, Mary Thompson. Grade 2.—Moultre Burns, Harvel Clarke, Davis Jung, Jack Kirkland, Mary Cureton, Sarah DePass, Lavina Gibson, Mary Goodale, Jumelle Halle, Frederick Kirkland, Daisy Lang, Mary Frances McCoy, Harriett Whitaker, Carolyn Wooten. Grade 3.—Margaret DeLoache, Elizabeth Clarke, Lucy Harding, Elizabeth Lewis, Mary Moore, Martha Singleton, Cora Williams, Henry Hardy, Boykin Rhame, Ellhu Schlosburg, Alfred Shannon, Charles Shannon. Grade 4.—Miriam Bruce, Mildred Gardner, Helen Hinson, Louise Hirsch, Ethel Smith, Harriett Steedman, Thoburn Bond, Stephen Condon, William Nettles, Cecil Wittkowsky. Grade 5.—Andrew Burnet, George Coleman, Laurens Mills, Virginia Clarke, Estelle Harding, Nellie Kirkland, Estelle Williams. Grade 6.—Joyce Steedman, Elizabeth Workman, Josephine Cureton, Cecil Truesdale, Henry Clarke, Thoruwell Hay. Grade 7.—Sara Clyburn. Grade 8.—Christine Jones, Emma Villepique, Hannah Lazarus, Rebekah Lazarus, Mabel Lee. Grade 9.—Paul Twitty, Clara Cureton, Jimmie Griggs, Mary Kirkland, Corinne Lewis, Mable Pate, Olive Rhame, Winnie Boykin, Mary Clyburn, Mary Rush, John DeLoache, Everett Schenk. Grade 11.—Ernestine Bateman, Bessie Block, Nancy Lindsay, Margaret Taylor.

BERSHAW NEWS NOTES. Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas, Westville, Monday, Nov. 27, 1916, a son, Albertus Lorenda. Mr. R. N. Montgomery, who resided in Kershaw the past four years at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Samuel McNeich, died here last Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Montgomery was a soldier in the Confederate Army, being a member of Company I, 5th South Carolina Reserves, Capt. Jas. Small's Company. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. S. McNeich, of Kershaw and Mrs. J. N. Harris, of Camden; one son, Robt. A. Montgomery of Sumter; two sisters, Montague Margaret Dunlap of Clarksville, Ark., three brothers, Merris, D. Pressley, Calhoun, S. C., Thomas, Havana, Ark., and Jefferson, of Texas. The remains were interred in the Kershaw cemetery Wednesday afternoon after funeral services by Rev. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the Kershaw Baptist Church. Hon. W. U. Clyburn, who bought the Brewer Gold Mine property about five years ago, has been offered \$125,000 for it by a syndicate of northern capitalists. A representative of the capitalists from Philadelphia visited Mr. Clyburn recently in person and made an offer of \$100,000 for the property, and the larger offer has been made by letter since his visit. Mrs. D. E. Craft mother of Mrs. S. O. Gregory, and the latter's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shofield, and another aunt, Mrs. E. C. Cobb, all of Swansen, motored to Kershaw last week and spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Gregory. Mary Beckham, colored, was accidentally shot in the right wrist Sunday morning at her home at Westville by a boy who was fooling with a loaded shot gun. After passing through the wrist the lead plowed an ugly gash in the bicep of the right arm. Drs. Brasington and Gregory, who attended the woman, had to take off the right hand just above the wound. She is getting along as well as could be expected. C. P. Nanny has resigned the management of the Kershaw Coca Cola Bottling Works to take effect January 1. He will be succeeded by S. L. Blackmer, who is already familiarizing himself with the details of management. Mr. Nanny will leave Kershaw to engage in the bottling business in York. Rev. J. E. Mahaffey and family passed through Kershaw last Friday in their car on their way to York, where Mr. Mahaffey will be stationed as pastor of the York Methodist church. Mr. Mahaffey was pastor of the Kershaw Methodist church about twenty years ago, when the church was included in the old Hanging Rock circuit, and lived in the home now occupied by J. W. Powers and family. Carl A. Horton and Walter Floyd, of Kershaw, and Cavitt Jordan and Tillman Hilton, of Westville, who were with the Kershaw Guards on the Mexican border are back at home and their friends are glad to see them again. Miss Mary Hayes of Camden, and Miss Nancy Hayes of Whitthrop College, were home Sunday to see their uncle and aunt, who were visiting here.