

PEACE PROPOSALS PRESENTED BY POPE BENEDICT OF ROME

Proposed to Be Another Attempt Through Austria and Will Very Likely Be Unwelcome to Allied Nations While Germans Are Invaders.

The outstanding feature of the war this week is the peace proposals by Pope Benedict of Rome. The Russo-Rumanian forces for the time being have checked von Mackensen's drive in Southern Moldavia. The Associated Press dispatch from London dated Aug. 14, says: "Peace proposals made by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerent governments. The Pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia, and Rumania and a final solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Bosnia according to reports received from London sources. The Pope's peace appeal proposes that there be no annexations and no indemnities except in special cases such as Belgium and Serbia, the return to Germany of her colonies in the occupied departments, freedom of the seas, disarmament and the formation of a permanent court of arbitration for the settlement of future international disputes. Distinct German Flavor. London, Aug. 14.—The so-called peace terms have a distinct German flavor." This reply was given in an explanatory quarter in London to a question by the Associated Press in regard to the Vatican proposals. The opinion was expressed that the restoration for the peace move probably emanated from Austria and was the nature of a trial balloon, as a guide to more definite propositions from the Central Powers to the Allies. Not Unexpected. Washington, Aug. 14.—Pope Benedict's peace proposals were not unexpected to the United States or to any of the Allies. The possibility of a peace move was discussed with British Foreign Minister Balfour and Vice Premier Vivanti in the British and French official sessions were in Washington, and it is agreed that all allies, including the United States, should refuse to discuss peace terms while Germany occupies the territories she had taken by force, and thereby avert what the Allied statesman considered a German peace. Now, the Pontiff's proposal presents a question in a somewhat different light, difficult perhaps to meet, because it offers to a war-weary world a hope of peace. American and her allies are expected simply to accept the Pope's proposals. American officials acknowledge that the Vatican's proffer is of a nature fitting for a reply. Diplomats of the United States voice nothing but unambiguous opinion that it will be rejected. American officials realize that a convincing reply is required for the world's page of history. That the proposals cannot be accepted as they stand is certain. That they will not be accepted at all is probable. An unofficial outline of the Pope's communication was received here today. Members of the President's Cabinet said it had not been discussed at his afternoon's meeting, but some of the President's official family gave the gist of the difficulty which it has presented. Tonight the official text had been received and it had not been established whether it would come from the Spanish ambassador or the British minister. Spain and Switzerland are the only two European neutrals having relations with the Vatican. The first appraisal of the proposal by officials and diplomats was that it was another attempt by Germany, this time working through Austria because of the latter's close relations to the Italian, to accomplish what she failed in her first offer of peace—the assembling of peace delegates at a round table conference, where the interest of one ally could be played on against the other with the disruption of the grand alliance as the stake. In no position is there any disposition to question in any way the good faith of the Vatican, although the peace initiative of the Roman Catholic elements in Germany and Austria have been prominent for several months. But as the unofficial outline disclosed the terms of Pope Benedict's proposals, officials were astonished to realize its similarity with some of President Wilson's declarations on the subject. International agreement to force peace, reduction of armament and recognition of the national aspirations of the small peoples, all were brought forward by the President in his address before Congress. Although the proposals to leave for diplomatic discussion such great questions as Italy's irredenta, a free Poland and Alsace-Lorraine might be rejected on many grounds close observers fore-

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

W. T. Baker who operates a shingle mill in the Shamrock section had two fingers of his left hand cut off by the saw last Wednesday morning. As a result of the evangelistic services being conducted at Pleasant Plains church by Rev. J. P. Tucker, there have been thirty-four conversions up to this time. Large crowds are attending the services. The meeting will close this week and the ordinance of Baptism will be administered Sunday 20th inst. The public is cordially invited to attend the remaining services of the meeting. Miss Ruth Allen, of Washington, D. C., who has an official position in the Department of Labor, children's bureau, was in Kershaw Monday to inspect the Kershaw Cotton Mill. The work done by Miss Allen is preparatory to putting into effect of the new Federal law, which prohibits the shipment in interstate commerce of any goods manufactured with the help of children below a certain age. Miss Allen has the inspection of all mills in South Carolina, except those in the counties of Spartanburg, Anderson and Greenville. At the State Council Junior Order meeting in Rock Hill last week, J. S. Wilson, of Lancaster, was re-elected State Secretary, and Jas. H. Hamel of Kershaw, State treasurer. Miss Marie Willingham of Winnsboro is visiting friends in the Hanging Rock community. Miss Willingham has been re-elected teacher of the Hanging Rock School. Chas. A. Cramminger of Needles, Cal., who has been visiting relatives in Lancaster county, was the guest of his cousin Mrs. A. J. Neal, near Kershaw, several days last week. Mr. Baker is a conductor on the Sante Fe road and is taking his vacation. He will leave Wednesday to return to his duties. Rev. J. B. Caston is assisting Rev. J. M. Neal in a protracted meeting at Oak Ridge Church. The meeting will last through the week and services are being held at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McManus, of Jackson, Fla., are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cunningham in the White Bluff community. Mrs. Elizabeth Hinson, aged 59 years, died at Rock Hill Friday night and her remains were brought here for burial in the Hilton graveyard in the Flat Creek section. She was the widow of the late Rich Hinson. Dr. W. C. McDowell has purchased a 7-passenger Chandler touring car. It was delivered last week. Mrs. W. C. Clyburn has purchased of T. J. Gregory the cottage on West Richard street which he bought some time ago from Mrs. H. E. Beckham. Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gibbons and Misses Connie and Rosale Gregory visited Bishopville and at the home of Dr. Sykes, president of Coker College, in Hartsville the past week. The home of Frank Williams on John Croxon's place in the Bethel section was completely destroyed by fire last Sunday. The fire started about the time preparations were being made to cook dinner and the flames made such headway that nothing could be saved. Died at Mill Village. Mr. William Lloyd, a resident of the Wateree Mill village died Sunday after an extended illness. He was fifty-nine years of age and leaves a wife and ten children, one of his sons being a member of the Kershaw Guards now at Greenville. The funeral and burial occurred at the village church, services being conducted by Rev. F. A. Lyles. Youthful Couple Married. Mr. Lee Smith and Miss Francis Trapp, both of Camden, surprised their friends here Sunday by going to Florence where they were married in that city. Miss Trapp is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Trapp of Camden, and is only fifteen years of age. Mr. Smith is employed at the Camden Furniture Co., and gave his age as eighteen. They returned to Camden Monday and will reside in this city. Off to Buy Cattle. Dr. Walter Sorrell had Mr. F. M. Wooten of the Consolidated Farms Co., left last Saturday night for points in Tennessee and North Carolina looking over the cattle fields of that section. It is Mr. Wooten's intention to purchase one hundred head of fine steers in that section to be placed in his excellent pastures below Camden for fattening this fall. Mr. Wooten already has a large herd of thoroughbred cattle on his farm and intends to add many more in the next year. Preaching at Baptist Church. Rev. S. W. Hough, of Charlotte, N. C. will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening. The ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service.

CAMDEN MEN GET COMMISSIONS

Have Been at Fort Oglethorpe Since Middle of May

Many South Carolina men have been appointed as commissioned officers of the officer's reserve corps and of the national army as a result of the training camp held at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. These men will be given commissions as captains, first and second lieutenants, to date from August 15, when the camp will close and arrangements will actively begin for the second training camp to open August 27 when 382 other South Carolina men will become candidates for commissions. The present camp at Fort Oglethorpe opened in the middle of May, most of the accepted candidates being late in reporting on account of the delay in sending out the official notices. It will close Wednesday. The list of men who will be commissioned was yesterday announced by the commanding officer of the camp on orders from Adj. Gen. McCain, of the United States army. It is expected that these men will be permitted to visit their homes and wind up their business and professional affairs, furloughs to be granted. Assignments of these reserve officers will be announced later. Of the South Carolinians the following are from Kershaw county: To be first lieutenant, infantry section, officers reserve corps: Henry Bissell Kennedy, of Camden. To be second lieutenant infantry section, officers reserve corps: Thomas Rolland Shiver, of Company M., First Infantry South Carolina National Guard, of Camden. To be second lieutenant, field artillery section, officers reserve corps: Ralph J. Syfan, of Camden. To be first lieutenant of field artillery in the national army: Eugene S. Boykin. To be first lieutenant, cavalry section, officers reserve corps: Lynch D. Boykin, of Boykin. Ralph Nesbit Shannon, cavalry section officers reserve corps, assigned from Tennessee, but native of Camden, S. C. Gasoline Shortage Likely. Washington, Aug. 13.—Warning of the possibility of drastic government action against the excessive use of gasoline for pleasure riding was issued by the director of the mining bureau mines today. He suggested that joy riding cease, and that the man who takes his family out on Sunday cut down mileage. He says that the warning does not mean that the owners of steamships lay up their cars, but asks for cooperation in saving. TO TRAIN AS OFFICERS Number of Camden Men to Report at Fort Oglethorpe. Charleston, Aug. 10.—The list of South Carolinians chosen to attend the second Officer's Reserve Corps training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., beginning August 27, was announced here tonight by Lieut. Harry T. Pillars, C. A. C., examining officer. South Carolinians quota is 333, an addition of 30 per cent, having been directed by the war department. Notices to report at the camp will be mailed to the men chosen. The camp, the second of the series designed to supply officers for the National Army and to fill vacancies in the regular army and the National Guard troops will last three months closing November 24. The following men were selected from Kershaw county for this camp: Ben W. Gettys of Lugoff. Carl A. Horton, of Kershaw. Joel Hough, of Camden. Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., of Camden. William T. Redfern, of Kershaw. Stephen M. Richards, of Liberty Hill. Thomas E. Salley, of Camden. Thomas K. Trotter, of Camden. York L. Wilson, of Kershaw. Edward O. White, of Camden. Joseph Brevard K. deLoach, of Camden. Some Fishermen. Chatham, Mass. August 14th.—T. Edmund Krumbholz and Henry Savage of Camden, S. C., are visiting Joseph B. Crocker at his summer place here this week. Mr. Crocker caught a 12 pound Plaice fish this morning, and Mr. Krumbholz was unpolite enough to beat him by pulling in a record breaker weighing 16 1-4 pounds. Watch this fish grow next winter. First Bale New Cotton. The first bale of new cotton was received yesterday by express from George J. McKeel, of Marion, and was sold at the Cotton Exchange to Messrs. W. Gordon McCabe & Co., for forty cents a pound. It had been shipped to the same concern. The bale weighed 364 pounds and the auction took place yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the exchange. Thursday's News and Courier. The German commercial submarine Deutschland, which visited the United States before that country entered the war has been converted into a war submarine according to reports from Copenhagen.

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

A Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., Aug. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Davidson of Camden were in town Thursday. Mrs. W. Hearon of McBee spent a few days of last week with relatives in town. Little John Stevens Davidson returned to his home in Camden last Thursday after spending some time with his uncle, Mr. W. M. Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Clyburn are visiting Mrs. Clyburn's sister in Atlanta. Miss Marian Clarke of Trenton, S. C. is spending the week with Miss Mallinda Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Newman and child moved to Columbia last Wednesday where they will reside. Mr. Newman has been running one of the barber shops here for a number of years. Mr. L. D. Robertson left last Thursday for Carnegie, Penn. where he will visit his son, Mr. H. N. Robertson. Mrs. C. M. Wilson returned to Newberry last Friday after a week's visit to relatives here. Mr. Will McCoy of McBee was in town Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Mark King returned to Neeces Friday after spending several days at the home of Mr. N. A. Bethune. Masters Ernest, Jr. and Neil Truesdale have been visiting relatives in Camden. L. T. Smith of Bishopville was in town Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cooley and little daughter of Leesville are visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yarborough and children returned to their home in Hartsville Monday. Miss Kate Yarborough is visiting at the home of her brother Mr. Leonard Yarborough in Hartsville. Miss Alene McDowell left Monday for Camden where she will visit her sister Mrs. L. A. McDowell. A meeting is being held at the Bethune Baptist Church this week. Rev. J. K. Hair of Chesterfield is conducting the services. Mrs. Alonzo Belch and little son of Garland, N. C. are visiting at the home of Mrs. Belch's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Alex McNaughton, of Great Falls, have been visiting in town. Rev. and Mrs. James Bradley and children returned to their home in Monticello, Ga., after visiting Rev. Bradley's sister here. Little Robert and Basil Bruce have returned to Camden after several days' visit to relatives in town. The following is the list of the teachers for the Bethune graded and high school for the 1917-18 term: Prof. J. Gary Allen, of Columbia, principal; Miss Sue Anderson of Timmonsville, 8th 9th and 10th grades; Miss Lucile Williams of Columbia 6th and 7th grades; Miss Florrie Bethune, of Pavo, Ga., 4th and 5th grades; Miss Lillian McDaniel, of Rydal, Ga., 2nd and 3rd grades; Miss Ruth McDonald, of McBee, 1st grade. To Represent The Government. Hon. Thos. J. Kirkland, of this city has received notification of his appointment to represent the government in the matter of those who seek exemption from military duty. The full text of the letter notifying him of his appointment is as follows: "Columbia, Aug. 9, 1917. "Mr. Thos. J. Kirkland, Camden, S. C. "Dear Sir: "By direction of the Governor of South Carolina and by order of the Provost Marshal General, I take pleasure in notifying you that you have been designated to represent the Government in the jurisdiction of the local board through which this notice is sent. You are also to serve in the capacity of local agent for the District Board. "This letter is authority for you to administer oaths necessary in the Selective Service Act and to take affidavits for the purpose of giving information upon which appeals in the name of the Government may be taken. "The law, regulations, rulings and files of the local board, as well as their mental assistance, and experience, is at your disposal. "Your appointment is made under section 27 of the Regulations. "Yours very truly, "Richard I. Manning. "Governor."

CAMDEN WELL REPRESENTED

Number of Young Men Hold Important Offices in Army and Naval Circles.

If the list of names published of South Carolinians commissioned from officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe the name of Ralph Nesbitt Shannon, of Camden, was omitted as he had registered from his college at Sewanee, Tenn. Mr. Shannon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shannon, Jr., of Camden, and was commissioned second lieutenant of cavalry. In this connection it might be of interest to know that Camden shows up well in the number of men furnished in the naval and military forces of the nation. Of those who have gone from this city are: Lieut. Commander W. A. Ancrum, U. S. N.; Major Calhoun Ancrum, U. S. Marines; Capt. B. O. Kennedy, U. S. A.; First Lieut. Creighton Williams, U. S. A.; Major E. C. vonTresckow, Capt. W. M. Young, Lieut. H. H. Brehm, Lieut. Alfred McLeod, all of National Guard of South Carolina; Capt. Andrew Ancrum, Commissary Department; Lieut. William Wallace, Paymasters' Department; Lieut. William DeSaussure Boykin; Capt. E. B. Cauty, machine gun company N. G. S. C.; Louis Stoney, second lieutenant of officers reserve corps; Dr. W. J. Burdell, first lieutenant medical reserve corps; Dr. J. C. Pearce, lieutenant officers reserve corps; Dr. Irving Boykin, now in France with the American Medical Corps; Malcolm Bateman, first lieutenant in aviation corps; Tillman Myers, lieutenant in aviation corps; D. A. Spencer, officer in U. S. navy; John North Heath, officer in U. S. Navy; John Heath, midshipman in U. S. Naval Academy; Cassels Zamp, sergeant in U. S. Cavalry stationed at Panama; R. C. Johnson, sergeant Virginia militia; Doris Mitcham, first sergeant with engineering corps, North Carolina regiment. NO SPECIAL TERM Bar Association Petitions Judge Smith To Call It Off. Attorney Laurens T. Mills, secretary of the local bar, has directed the following to Judge M. L. Smith and to Jas. H. Clyburn, Clerk of Court. The order of Judge Smith also follows: "Dear Sirs: "I beg to inform you that at a meeting of the Bar Association of Camden, held in the office of T. J. Kirkland, Esq., on this date, a resolution was passed that the Secretary of the Association request Hon. M. L. Smith, Judge of the 5th Circuit to pass an Order revoking the former Order of the said Judge, calling and ordering a Special Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Kershaw County to convene on Monday, Sept. 3, 1917, and that the said Special Term of said Court be not held. This motion was based on the unsettled condition throughout the Country arising from the mobilization and selection of the United States Army under the selective draft act." Very respectfully, Laurens T. Mills, Secretary Camden Bar Association. ORDER "Upon the request of the Camden Bar Association, and in accordance with the resolution of the said Bar Association passed this 16th day of August, 1917, notice of which action has been transmitted to me by Laurens T. Mills, Esq., Secretary of said Association: It is Ordered, "That the Order heretofore made by me, of date July 10th, 1917, ordering a Special Term of the Court of Common Pleas for Kershaw County to convene at Camden, S. C., on Monday, Sept. 3, 1917, be revoked and rescinded, and that the said Special Term of the said Court be not held as there-in ordered. "It is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court to give notice through the public press of the County that the said Special Term will not be held. Mendel L. Smith, Judge of the 5th Circuit." Camden, S. C., August 16th, 1917. G. ERNEST BATEMAN DEAD Had Been Police Officer at Camden and Kershaw County for Many Years. Mr. G. Ernest Bateman, of this city, died Saturday evening at the Columbia Hospital after a long illness. Mr. Bateman was 41 years of age and for many years had been an officer on the police force in Camden and had for the past few years done special police work. For several years he was chief of police at Kershaw. He also at one time conducted a bakery in Camden. His remains were carried to Kershaw on Sunday where the funeral and interment occurred. Mr. Bateman is survived by his wife and three children, also two brothers, both of this county. He was a member of the Camden Baptist Church and also a Woodman of the World. Get Twelve Day Furlough. Chattanooga, Aug. 14.—The 1,600 men commissioned at the Fort Oglethorpe training camp have departed for their homes and will report to duties assigned them in various branches of the army after a 12 day furlough.