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GERMAN PROPAGANDA IN FULL OPERATION

Appeals for Food Supplies
Have Definite Purpose,
It is Said

PLAY FOR SYMPATHY IN UNITED STATES

Wireless Communications From
Dr. Solf Not Likely to Have
Any Beneficial Results.

Washington.—In the almost hysterical appeals of the German provisional government for supplies of food and for permission to address itself directly through a commission to the American public, officials here see a purpose to excite the sympathies of a large element of the American population more or less connected by blood ties with Germany. With such sympathies aroused the German government, it was said, undoubtedly hopes to influence the approaching conference towards leniency.

Such appeals as those which have been sent by wireless by Dr. Solf, German foreign secretary, to Secretary Lansing were said to be quite unnecessary and not likely to have any beneficial results. President Wilson has already promised to do everything possible to prevent suffering among the civil population of the conquered states. The entente powers have indorsed this attitude, not so much from considerations of mercy or sympathy with the foe as from a genuine conviction that a starving and desperate people would make dangerous neighbors; reader any satisfactory peace impossible and by appeals to the internationalist spirit endanger the security of the entente countries themselves.

The design of the conservative elements in the entente states is understood to be to avoid raising any new issues that would aggravate these conditions.

It is known officially there is sufficient food in Germany to meet immediate needs. The supreme war council is planning to supply food in the future and before the present stocks are exhausted, assuming the exercise of wise economy in food distribution.

Therefore, it is said to be quite unnecessary for the German government to send the proposed commission to the United States to arrange for the purchase of food. Mr. Hoover and the agencies behind him will attend to all of that.

To correct what appears to be a general public misunderstanding on the subject it may be authoritatively stated that none of this food to be sent from America to Germany or Austria will be given away. It must be paid for by the governments of these countries. Possibly that can not be done in German cash, for it is believed the store of gold in the Reichbank has been practically exhausted through the heavy purchases which Germany has been obliged to make from neutral countries for which she has had to pay in coin for the most part to establish a German credit, but if this is done it will be the act of the supreme war council as part of its function in carrying out the terms and spirit of the armistice. America will not have to bear these burdens or assume the risk alone.

Rapid development of the new German government on democratic lines as recorded in the press dispatches is viewed with satisfaction here. Disposition of the new cabinet, including as it does sane and conservative elements enough to enliven the whole, is taken as a guarantee against Bolshevik control; and it is hoped that with the assurance of not

FARMER TAKEN ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Criminal Assault Brought
Against Noah Skipper Who
Is Arrested For It.

Noah Skipper, a farmer of this county, was arrested and lodged in the county jail early this week charged with assault with intent to ravish. The defendant as well as the prosecutor was in Conway last Saturday, and it is said that some of the parties were under the influence of whiskey.

It was on last Saturday night, after the parties returned to their homes that the criminal assault is said to have taken place.

INFLUENZA CLAIMS HEAVY DEATH TOLL

Washington.—The recent epidemic of influenza in the United States caused more deaths than occurred among the American expeditionary forces from all causes from the time the first unit landed in France until hostilities ceased.

This announcement by the census bureau was based on unofficial estimates of the total casualties among the overseas forces and reports from 46 cities having a combined population of 23,000,000, which showed 82,306 deaths from influenza and pneumonia from September 9 to November 9.

FOOD PROBLEM IN EUROPE IS ACUTE

London.—John Robert Cynes, British food controller, says the food situation in Europe continues to be serious, necessitating larger shipments until spring. He said he confidently expected America to back up any British sacrifices which might be necessary in behalf of the needy peoples of Europe recently from German domination.

Mr. Cynes remarked that the situation had been prevented from becoming critical only by the fact that a certain amount of wheat flour reserves had accumulated in England.

MOVE TO TRY GUILTY RULERS

Paris.—Several members of the Chamber of Deputies today proposed in the Chamber a resolution requesting the Government to enter into an agreement with the other Allied Governments for the trial of all former rulers who were responsible for the great European war.

Under the resolution, the extradition of the rulers would be requested, no matter in what country they have taken refuge.

B. C. Stroud spent a day in this section recently.

an abundance of food but sufficient to avert famine at least, the new government can be assured of more permanency than marked the advent of the first revolutionary government in Russia.

Secretary Lansing made public today the text of his reply to radio communications from the German government seeking modifications in the terms of the armistice with Germany and Turkey. It announced that the requests would be referred to the allied governments and the supreme war council, and pointed out that such communications should be sent to the associated governments instead of only to the president of government of the United States, and should come through established diplomatic channels instead of by wireless.

LIFT QUARANTINE EARLY NEXT MONTH

Arrangements are being made to hold an interesting and important meeting at the Jefferson Hotel November 30, to celebrate the fact that the State is from this time forward to be free from the cattle tick quarantine. This does not mean that South Carolina is free at that time from the cattle tick, but that the quarantine which prohibits the shipment of cattle from South Carolina is to be removed, and that the State will be admitted into respectable company, so to speak, in that cattle can be shipped from South Carolina to other States.

HOLD COTTON FOR FOR BETTER PRICE

Cotton growers from every section of South Carolina in conference in Columbia Monday pledged themselves to hold the crop off the market until the staple is selling at 35 cents a pound, middling basis.

A resolution was also adopted, authorizing the executive committee of the State Farmers' Union to call on President Wilson to abolish at once the two boards dealing with cotton of which Brand and Page are chairmen. This committee was also authorized to call on Chairman Brand of the cotton purchasing committee to furnish the names of the parties in the South who sold cotton short the last few weeks, thereby causing such a disastrous slump in the cotton market.

SAY AMERICANS TURNED THE TIDE

German officers who met the American forces at Boulogne were eager to hear about the latest developments in Germany. They say that news has been kept from them and for days prior to the signing of the armistice they had heard no details of what was going on.

Lieutenant William Schmidt, one of the German officers, told the Americans their entrance into the war unquestionably turned the tide against Germany.

The people of Germany will suffer nothing on account of the war except hard times while they are working out the taxes that they will have to raise to pay for their crimes in France and Belgium.

PERMANENT CAMP MADE OF JACKSON

Washington.—Announcement made here by Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, that the various military camps throughout the country would be quickly demobilized and room made for returning soldiers from France came as a surprise, it having been understood heretofore that nothing of this kind would be done for at least some weeks.

Special investigation made today failed to show any special plans with reference to either Camp Sevier or Camp Wadsworth, and they will undoubtedly follow the lines indicated by General March, but with Camp Jackson it is different.

The department expects to keep Camp Jackson as a center for field artillery training. The new land which has recently been acquired will be kept. There is no reason at this time to expect that it will be given back.

CONFUSION REIGNS IN GERMAN CAPITAL

Berlin newspapers and dispatches indicate that there is great confusion in Germany over the powers to be given the various councils, committees and officials.

The dispatches indicated that there is chaos in government affairs owing to the formation by the Spartacus group of a new political party which has reduced the strength of the Independent Socialists. How strong this new party will be is not known.

WILL TAKE GERMAN FLEET THURSDAY

London, Monday, Nov. 18.—The program for the surrender of the German fleet, as the result of conferences held between British and German naval authorities, is that the ships will leave German ports on Wednesday and will be taken over by the Allies on Thursday.

King George and the Prince of Wales will review the grand fleet at Rosyth on Wednesday. Later the fleet will sail for the rendezvous assigned for the surrender ceremonies.

Now that the war as to actual fighting is over, we will go in and feed our enemies. This is the Christian way to do it. Heap coals of fire on their heads.

COX IS FORCED TO DELIVER CASH

By Three Highwaymen Last
Sunday at the Point of a
Pistol.

A white citizen farmer by the name of Cox was in Conway the first of this week to have warrants issued for three men who held him up on his own door steps last Sunday and robbed him of his money. Cox's home is between Loris and Tabor, N. C. He was reading a newspaper while sitting on his own door step, when three men appeared one of whom drew a pistol on him, and made him hand over the cash. Cox claims to know the names of the three highwaymen, and will put the law to them.

RESTRICTIONS NOW MUCH LESS RIGID

All industries whose peace time output has been curtailed in the interest of the nation's war program may now increase their output 50 per cent. of the amount of restriction imposed by the board, while all restrictions are removed against the building of farm or ranch buildings, structures, roadways or plant facilities for railroads and other public facilities and the construction, maintenance, improvement or development of federal, State or municipal authorities of highways, roads, boulevards, bridges, streets, parks, playgrounds and public utilities, including water, sewerage, light, power and street railways.

M'ADOO TO HANDLE ROADS AS IN WAR

Washington.—Regardless of the ending of hostilities Director General McAdoo intends to continue to unify railroad operations and pool facilities throughout the period of government control, which under the law will end twenty-one months after peace is formally declared. This policy it was stated, has been adopted definitely, and the railroad administration will not limit its changes in the interest of economy to those contributing directly to winning the war.

COURT AT ADRIAN BRINGS COMPROMISE

Magistrate J. J. King opened his Court at Adrian last Saturday to try a case of trespass against Alva Chestnut, as well as a Warrant, charging that he tore down a fence and permitted stock to enter into a field. The prosecutor in both of these criminal cases was H. Fred Chestnut, a brother of Alva Chestnut. Recently Alva Chestnut had indicted H. Fred Chestnut for removing a land corner, these papers having been handled by Magistrate W. H. Chestnut in Conway, and H. Fred Chestnut had given bond for his appearance at the Court of General Sessions at the next term.

All of these prosecutions have grown out of a dispute about a land line between the two farmers, the land in dispute covering somewhere between three and five acres of land, the dispute existing for a number of years, breaking out at intervals into lawsuits.

Last Saturday morning the cases were not tried but the parties got together and agreed to divide the disputed land equally between them, have a Surveyor run the line, and make deeds to each other, which will forever settle the boundaries. All of the prosecutions were withdrawn.

CONWAY ALMOST HAS ONE RAILWAY STRIKE

Agent J. T. Mishoe Goes to
Jacksonville as Chairman
of Committee

TELEGRAM RECEIVED IN NICK OF TIME

Depot and Telegraph Office
Here Would Have Closed
for a Time at Least

Mr. J. T. Mishoe returned last Wednesday night from Jacksonville, Florida, where he went to attend a meeting of the Committee of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, which order comprises the Agents and Telegraph Operators; for the purpose of deciding upon a strike of all the Agents and Operators because of the refusal of the Railroad Administration to grant the same increase of pay to the members of their Order, the Agents and telegraphers, as had been granted to other Railroad employees. The strike was ordered to go on at eight o'clock last Thursday morning unless, of course, word had been received from General McAdoo that their demands had been granted. Mr. Mishoe got back on the midnight train and did not intend to go to work on Thursday morning until he was informed by the Telegraph Operator that a telegram had been received the night before to the effect that the demands had been granted and that there would be no strike.

In connection with the Government running of the railroads, a Board had been formed for passing on grievances and differences between the employees and the railroad. This board several months ago, it is explained, granted an increase of pay of 40 per cent to all employees; basing the increase of 40 per cent upon the wages the employees were receiving in 1918 with exception of the Agents and Operators whose 40 per cent was based on the wages they received in 1915. This made a difference in Mr. Mishoe's salary of only a little over \$9.00, whereas, if his 40 per cent had been worked on his wages as they stood in 1918 as a basis he would have had an increase of about \$35.00 per month. The same thing occurred in regard to Mr. Welton's increase. A clerk and other minor employees for the greater part of 1918, about ever since the Government took charge, received more pay than the Railroad Agent.

Several attempts made by the Order to get the matter adjusted on a different basis had failed, hence the declaration of a strike last Thursday if no relief had been obtained.

DRAFT BOARDS REST AFTER LONG LABORS

Washington.—Provost Marshal General Crowder today ordered the discontinuance of physical examinations of draft registrants and of all work by district draft boards on the classification of registrants. The physical examinations have been given only to youths of 18 under orders issued upon cessation of hostilities.

District draft boards, General Crowder said, have been instructed to complete all records of cases before them which relate entirely to granting of occupational exemptions or the consideration of appeals from local boards on dependency claims.

All records of the exemption boards are to be preserved for further disposition and the classification of the 19 to 37 year old and 19 year old groups is to be completed at the earliest possible moment.

Owing to delays in the mails and the extension of time to Wednesday, Nov. 20th for the close of the Drive the reports by School Districts on the Amount subscribed for the United War Work Fund will be listed in these columns next week showing just how much each District has raised on its allotment.

Please see that full report is sent in from each District by Saturday, Nov. 23rd, so that same will be entered correctly next week.

The Official Report from the Chairman will be the basis of this report.

Many Districts have already "Gone Over the Top" to give Christmas Cheer to the boys Over There, and we hope to find many more "Over the Top" on the final report

THE UNITED WAR WORK FUND

By A. E. Goldfinch, Chm. C. H. Snider, Treas.