

BERLIN CONFESSES HOSTILE PLOTTING

Zimmermann Admits Wilson Charge Against Germany is Well Founded—Claims the Right to Make Such Plans.

Berlin, March 3.—The following was given out today by the Overseas News agency (the official German news bureau):

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann was asked by a staff member of the Overseas News agency about the English report that a German plot had been revealed to get Mexico to declare war against the United States and to secure Japan's aid against the United States. Secretary Zimmermann answered: "You understand that it is impossible for me to discuss the facts of this 'revealed plot' just at this moment and under these circumstances. I, therefore, may be allowed to limit my answer to what is said in the English reports, which certainly are not inspired by sympathy with Germany. The English report expressly states that Germany expected and wished to remain on terms of friendship with the United States, but that we had prepared measures of defense in case the United States declared war against Germany. I fail to see how such a 'plot' is inspired by unkindness on our part. It would mean nothing but that we would use means universally admitted in war, in case the United States declared war.

"The most important part of the alleged plot is its condition and form." (The version of the Zimmermann statement cabled from London reads in this sentence "the most important part of the alleged plot is its conditional form.")

"The whole 'plot' falls flat to the ground in case the United States does not declare war against us. And if we really, as the report alleges, considered the possibility of hostile acts against United States, then we really had reasons to do so.

"An Argentine newspaper a short while ago really 'revealed a plot' when it told that the United States last year suggested to other American republics common action against Germany and her allies. This 'plot' apparently was not conditional in the least. The news as published by La Prensa (Buenos Aires) agrees well with the interpretation given, for instance, by an American newspaper man, Edward Price, in Berlin and London, who said that the United States was waiting only for the proper moment in order opportunely to assist the entente."

(The London cabled version reads "in order openly to assist the allies.")

"The same American stated that Americans from the beginning of the war really participated in it by putting the immense resources of the United States at the entente's disposal and that Americans had not declared war only because they felt sure that assistance by friendly neutrality would be during the time much more efficient for the entente than direct participation in the war. Whether this American newspaper man represented the facts exactly we were at a loss to judge in satisfactory fashion, since we were more or less completely cut off from communication with the United States.

"But there were other facts which seemed to confirm this and similar assurances. Everybody knows these facts and I need not repeat them. The entente propaganda services have sufficiently heralded all these pro-entente demonstrations in the United States. Ad if you link these demonstrations with the actual attitude of the United States, then it is obvious that it was not frivolous on our part to consider what defensive measures we should take in case we were attacked by the United States."

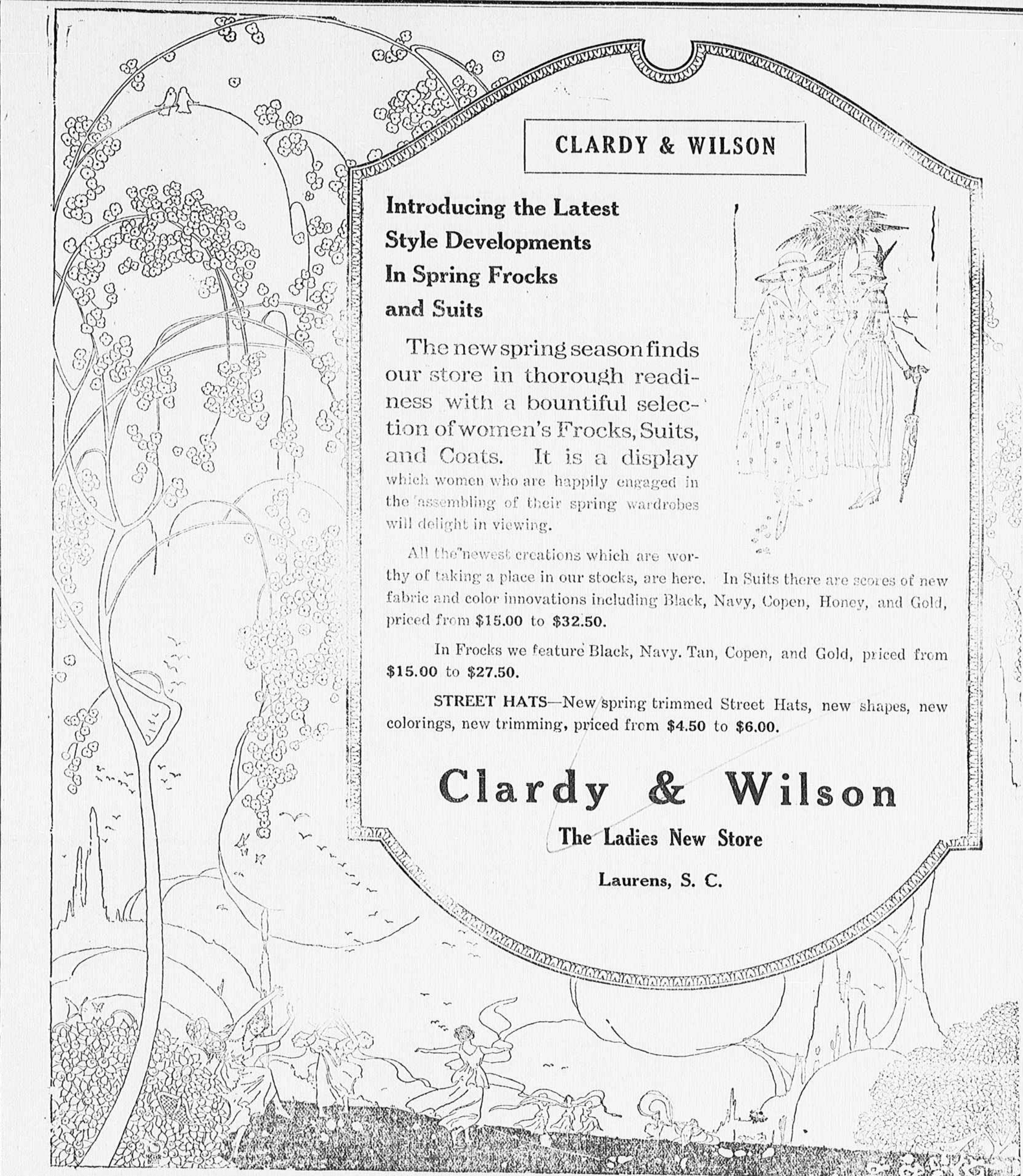
NATION'S KITCHENS WASTE MILLIONS

Secretary Houston Estimates Annual Loss to American Families at \$700,000,000, Urges Better Practice of Economy.

Washington, March 2.—Greater food crops and practice of household economies were urged by Secretary of Agriculture Houston today to help reduce the cost of living. American families, he estimated, waste in their kitchens annually more than \$700,000,000 worth of edibles.

There is nothing in the situation to justify hysteria, he declared, because there is no real shortage of food in the country.

Mr. Houston emphasized the importance of the food cost investigation directed by President Wilson and held out hope that increased acreage this year may insure greater food supplies. Wheat and potatoes, he said, were unusually short last year, but there would be enough to supply virtually nearly normal needs.



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Urging inquiry into the causes of advancing prices, he said:

"A full and satisfactory explanation of prevailing prices is not possible on the basis of existing knowledge. Where the food supply is located, who owns it, what may be the difficulties of getting it, whether the local market conditions are due to car shortage, whether there is artificial manipulation or control, no one can state with certainty. It is essential that we have the facts because of the light they might throw on present conditions and because they are requisite for the working out of a permanent, just and economical system of marketing.

"The investigation directed by the president ought to be made promptly and congress ought to give the federal trade commission and the department of agriculture the necessary funds."

TRAGIC DEATH OF BAPTIST MINISTER

Rev. J. M. Mitchell, of Columbia, Struck by Piece of Wood Thrown from Window by Wife. Prominent in Prohibition Fight.

Columbia, March 2.—The Rev. J. M. Mitchell, pastor of the Riverside and Colonial Heights Baptist churches in Columbia, who was injured yesterday

when his wife, not knowing that he was below, threw a sick of wood out of a second story window, hitting him on the head, died early today at a Columbia hospital. He never regained consciousness.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell was a native of Spartanburg county. He was graduated from Furman University and later taught school at Bath, in Aiken county. He married in Aiken.

The screams of Mrs. Mitchell brought neighbors to the house, and Mr. Mitchell was rushed to the Baptist hospital, where an operation was performed.

Although still a young man, the life of James M. Mitchell has been one of activity. About four years ago, at the age of about 29 years, he came to Columbia to engage in mission work. His first work was the organization of a Sunday school where the Riverside Baptist church is now located. Realizing the needs of a place of worship in this part of the city he determined that it should have a church. The church was erected. About the same time he also became pastor of the Colonial Heights Baptist church, and although he has since had several offers of more lucrative pastorage he has declined them.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell was born in Spartanburg county. He went to school there and is a graduate of Furman university. He taught school at Bath, Aiken county, for several terms, and was married in Aiken county. He afterwards became city editor of the Greenville News, of Greenville. He was for a long time traveling representative for the Baptist

Courier and did valuable service in that capacity. Since his residence in Columbia he has been a leading figure in the prohibition fight, and last December he introduced a resolution before the Baptist State convention at Newberry asking that a committee be appointed to appear before the governor and the legislature urging bone dry prohibition.

The Rev. John H. Mitchell, of Scranton, arrived in Columbia last night and spent the night at the bedside of his unconscious brother. Mrs. Mitchell has been prostrated and has required almost constant attendance of a physician. They have four children.

The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

LANFORD NEWS.

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Lanford, March 5.—The continued rains have put a stop to all farm work.

A few were able to re-sow oats that were killed by the recent heavy freeze but many were unable to get seed oats before the rain came.

The loss of the oat crop of this section is heavy.

Wheat is looking better now and we hope for a good yield.

We still have several cases of measles. Miss Belle Patterson, Frank and Wilkes Burgess and the children of Mr. T. M. Burnett are the latest victims.

Mr. and Mrs. John Godfrey entertained a few friends at an o'possum dinner on the 1st inst.

The festive board was heavily laden with good things but the place of honor was held by a huge, juicy, tender 'possum.

Mrs. Godfrey is past master in cooking his marsupial highness. Those enjoying the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cooper and son Joe, Mr. J. T. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson

and Mr. Compton. All report a very pleasant time.

Miss Fannie Harmon visited Mrs. Alice Mills one day last week.

Mrs. O. F. Fowler has moved to Mr. J. M. DeShield's place.

STUDENT ARRESTED ON GRAVE CHARGES

S. Dabney Crenshaw Accused of Larceny and Burning Virginia Laboratory.

Charlottesville, Va., March 3.—S. Dabney Crenshaw, 4th son of S. Dabney Crenshaw, secretary of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company of Richmond, was arrested here today charged with grand larceny and maliciously burning the chemical laboratory of the University of Virginia. He was released under \$10,000 bond furnished by his father.

It is charged that young Crenshaw, a fourth year student at the university, stole about \$2,000 worth of platinum from the laboratory and that he started the fire which destroyed the laboratory to cover up the theft. A portion of the platinum, it is alleged, was found in Crenshaw's room in a fraternity house. The laboratory was burned January 26, last.

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