

DETAILS OF ALLIES' PLANS.

BRITISH ORDER IN COUNCIL SOON TO ISSUE.

Reply to United States' Note Suggesting Removal of Stringency Measure Will Explain Plan.

London, March 3.—The order in council putting the English declaration against German commerce into effect, it is stated authoritatively, will explain details of the admiralty's retaliatory plan.

The exact date of the order has not been decided on, but it probably will be published in a few days.

Great Britain has not prepared an answer to the American proposals regarding the withdrawal of the submarine blockade and the continuance of food movements to the German civil population. The publication of the text of the American note and Germany's reply in the London papers has attracted wide attention.

The English view, which undoubtedly will be embodied in the note to the American government, is that the suggestions propose that Great Britain shall virtually forego the strength of her position due to her superior navy. Great Britain feels that Germany is trying to have the neutral states perform duties for her which she could possibly carry out had she a superior navy.

Furthermore the British government, it is asserted, will ask what assurances the United States can give that Germany would not resume her submarine activities after she had obtained sufficient food to enable her to carry on the war indefinitely.

England's reply to the suggestion that the belligerents discontinue the use of floating mines will be that she has never used them.

The English position to the use of neutral flags and the arming of merchant ships is that no general order has been issued for the use of the flags of neutral states and that merchant ships were armed only after Germany had declared a submarine blockade.

PROMOTES FLORIDA RAILROAD.

W. B. Wilson of Sumter One of Those Interested in East and West Coast Line.

It is always a great pleasure to note the progress that any of our Clarendon boys make in this world, and especially those away from home. The Evening Journal published at Bradenton, Fla., contains nearly three columns about a jubilee to take place on the completion of the East & West Coast Railroad that will be in operation between Bradenton and Arcadia within the next thirty days. One of the main promoters of this road which traverses through piney woods, fertile hammock and fruit fields, and promises marvelous riches to the entire section which will be developed, is Col. William B. Wilson, a son of Captain Thomas Wilson, now living in Sumter, but formerly a Clarendon citizen, at Wilson's Mill. Col. W. B. Wilson has for several years been in Florida where he and his father have large landed and timber interests, and much of his time has been given to the development of the section of his adopted home. He is vice president of this new railroad, and its principal manager. What Col. W. B. Wilson has done can be done by any other boy who has the stuff in him to grasp difficulties with a determination to hold on tight until he has accomplished his purpose, all may not be able to build railroads, but all can do something for the betterment of mankind, and what it takes to do it, is to cultivate the characteristics of true manhood.—Manning Times.

SUNFLOWER SEEDS WANTED.

Feed Manufacturer Suggests New Crop for South Carolina Farmers.

Columbia, March 3.—One of the largest mixed feed manufacturers in South Carolina has written Commissioner Watson as follows:

"We find that we are now having to pay enormous prices for feed grain, such as sunflower seed, kafir corn, millet seed, milo maze, etc. As these grains are usually considered a cheap crop and there being a continuous demand, it seems to me it would be a good idea for you to encourage the farmers to put in a small acreage. I am sure that if they will try sunflower seed, particularly, we can handle hundreds of thousands of pounds and get them to the eastern markets at better prices than they can from the west."

It was pointed out that experiments made in Beaufort county at Bluffton by H. C. Laineau in the growing of the huge Russian sunflower seed demonstrates the success of this crop. All of those mentioned in the above letter can be grown in South Carolina. The sunflower seed is used in the manufacture of chicken feed and heretofore the greater part of it has been imported from Russia.

GEN. J. W. FLOYD DEAD.

Was Former Adjutant and Inspector General of the South Carolina Militia.

Tabor, N. C., March 1.—Gen. J. W. Floyd of Liberty Hill, S. C., died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock, after an illness lasting about three years. Gen. Floyd was prominent in county and State affairs in South Carolina for a number of years. He served as a member of the legislature from Kershaw county and was a member of the constitutional convention. He was twice elected adjutant and inspector general of South Carolina and at the time of his death was chairman of the board of trustees of the State negro college at Orangeburg. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and served through the greater part of the war with distinction. He was several times wounded, and at Chancellorsville suffered the loss of his right arm, which rendered him unfit for further active service. Even then he refused to leave the service and served in the commissary department until the close of the war. At the close of the war he moved to Liberty Hill, where he resided until the time of his death. Gen. Floyd had the love of the typical Virginian for the lost cause, and requested that he be buried in his Confederate gray uniform. Gen. Floyd is survived by his wife, who was Miss Pettit of Frederick, Md., and seven children—Miss Anna Floyd of Frederick, Md., Mrs. Hammond Wrenn of Frederick, Md., Dr. J. W. Floyd of Tabor, N. C., W. A. Floyd of Greenville, S. C., Mrs. J. T. Lewis of North Carolina, F. B. Floyd and Miss Bessie Floyd of Liberty Hill, besides a loving family, a host of friends over the State who will mourn his death.

HOCK HILL'S COMMUNITY Y. M. C. A.

Campaign Opens to Raise Funds to Carry on Work for Two Years.

Rock Hill, March 2.—A campaign to raise \$7,000 to maintain the community Y. M. C. A. for another two year period was inaugurated in this city this morning, and by noon nearly \$4,000 of the amount desired had been pledged. This was the announcement made at the luncheon served in the Chamber of Commerce hall at 1 o'clock to the workers engaged in pledging the funds for this work. More than 50 leading citizens of the city, divided into ten bands, are visiting the people of Rock Hill and securing the pledges.

It is believed that by noon tomorrow the amount it is desired to raise will be pledged. This sum will guarantee the continuance of the work during the next two years.

The Y. M. C. A. work, known as the community boys' department, was inaugurated in Rock Hill two years ago, after a campaign in which \$6,000 was pledged to promote it for two years. C. W. Blakey, who is now connected with the Y. M. C. A. State organization in Tennessee, was the first secretary of the local organization. Through his efforts, in cooperation with a board of directors composed of some of the most prominent business men of the city, President D. B. Johnson of Winthrop college being chairman of the board, rapid progress was made in the development of the idea. Several months ago Mr. Blakey left this place for Nashville, Tenn., and was succeeded as secretary by Herbert B. Tucker of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Tucker has successfully directed the movement and great progress has been made under his leadership.

Rock Hill is the only city in South Carolina having a community boys' Y. M. C. A. The organization's purpose is to develop the boys of the community; to organize them for play; to supervise their amusement on the school grounds; to attract them to the Sunday schools and church services—and in every possible way in which the movement can touch their lives, to develop the boys physically, mentally and spiritually.

FOR COMPULSORY LAW.

First Steps Taken in Spartanburg County.

Spartanburg, March 2.—The first steps towards the adoption of the compulsory education law recently enacted by the legislature in Spartanburg were taken today when petitions were distributed over the city to be signed by the qualified electors. The petition reads:

"We, the undersigned qualified electors of the school district of the city of Spartanburg, district No. 34, respectfully petition that the compulsory school attendance law adopted by the legislature at the session held in 1915 be made operative in this school district from and after the first day of July, 1915."

The petitions have been placed in convenient places in the city and some are being circulated by students of the high school. A majority of the qualified electors of the district is necessary to put the law into effect.

ASYLUM REGENTS NAMED.

DR. S. C. BAKER OF SUMTER AND B. W. SEGARS OF LEE COUNTY ON BOARD.

Body of Able Men to Control State Hospital for Insane—T. J. Strait Remains at Head as Superintendent.

Columbia, March 4.—Gov. Richard I. Manning yesterday appointed the board of regents of the State Hospital for the Insane. The regents were named in accordance with the reorganization act which was passed at the last session of the general assembly. The appointments were announced by the governor after giving the matter considerable thought and attention.

The new board will be composed of the following members:

J. E. Sistine of Greenville, R. B. Scarborough of Conway, C. Fred Williams, M. D., of Columbia, S. C. Baker, M. D., of Sumter, B. W. Segars of Lee county.

Under the terms of the act one regent was appointed for two years, two for four years and two for six years. The terms of office of the regents will later be fixed by the governor.

Until the constitution is amended the superintendent will be appointed by the governor. The place is now held by T. J. Strait, M. D., of Lancaster.

Gov. Manning said he realized that the work of reconstructing the asylum along modern lines was of great importance. Since the passage of the reorganization measures he has been considering many names and believes that he has appointed a board well qualified to care for the State's unfortunate wards to the best advantage.

"I believe," said Gov. Manning, "that the new regents are in thorough sympathy with the plans for improving the asylum in all of its departments."

J. E. Sistine is a well known and successful civil engineer of Greenville. There will be much work of a constructive nature at the asylum and Gov. Manning believes that Mr. Sistine will prove of great assistance.

R. B. Scarborough is a successful attorney and business man of Horry county. He is a former lieutenant governor of South Carolina and also served as a member of the senate from Horry county. Mr. Scarborough was elected to congress from his district, but retired to engage in business. "He is a man of high character and broad vision," said Gov. Manning, referring to Mr. Scarborough.

C. Fred Williams, M. D., and S. C. Baker, M. D., will represent the medical profession on the board. Gov. Manning has great faith in the ability of the two physicians. He characterized the work of the two members as "eminent."

B. W. Segars is a farmer, residing in Lee county. He personally supervises the operation of his farm which is one of the largest in the county. "Mr. Segars will prove of great assistance in developing the farm colonies at the asylum," said Gov. Manning.

APPOINTS CONSTABLES.

Bates Will Work for C. C. & O. Railway.

Columbia, March 4.—R. M. Bates has been appointed as special constable for the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio railway by Gov. Manning. The appointment was made upon the recommendation of L. H. Rhetepiece, general manager.

The governor has named W. Y. Stewart as township assessor for Cross Keys township, in Union county, to take the place of Edward Betsall.

Barn and Stables Burned.

The barn and stables belonging to Mr. T. J. Tisdale, a highly esteemed farmer, living about five miles west of Manning was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. He lost about 500 bushels of corn, 5 tons of cotton seed meal, besides quantities of hay and other forage.—Manning Times.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer. Good Middling 7 7-8. Strict Middling 7 3-4. Middling 7 5-8. Strict Low Middling 7 1-8. Low Middling 6 5-8. Staple Cotton, Nominal.

New York Cotton Market.

Open Close. March 8.54 8.40. May 8.69 8.56. July 8.94 8.80. Oct. 9.18 9.05. Dec. 9.37 9.28.

Chicago Produce Market.

Special to The Daily Item. Chicago, March 4.—May wheat \$1.43; corn 73 5-8; oats, 56 5-8; pork, 17.30; lard, nominal; ribs, 9 3/4.

TERMS FIXED BY GOVERNOR.

State Tax Commission Meets Shortly—Office Leased by Chairman in Columbia.

Columbia, March 2.—Length of the terms of the members of the State tax commission has been fixed by Gov. Manning.

A. W. Jones of Columbia, chairman, will serve until February 22, 1922. John Pickens Derham of Horry county will serve until February 1, 1922.

W. G. Query of Spartanburg will serve until February 1, 1918.

Chairman Jones has already furnished bond in the sum of \$20,000. The other members will furnish bond in the sum of \$10,000 each. The amount of the bonds was fixed by Gov. Manning.

It was announced yesterday by Chairman Jones that he had secured an office on the 13th floor of the Palmetto building.

Members of the commission will be called to Columbia during the week. Organization will be perfected at this meeting.

NOT "AT PRESENT" SELLING LIQUOR.

Won't Run Blind Tiger While Manning's Governor, Says Old Offender.

Columbia, March 1.—Gov. Manning's campaign to establish law and order everywhere and to run the blind tigers out of business is meeting with some response. The sheriff of one of the counties of the State raided an old offender against the law, and this is the letter which the sheriff received from the offender after the raid:

"I beg to advise you that I am not at present engaged in the sale of whiskey, and under this administration will not sell any of it in any form. I want and intend to abide by the law, so you won't have any more reports against me in this line. Thanking you for your visit here in search of this matter, and you can write Mr. Manning that I will not sell anything that is unlawful, as I hope him a successful administration."

The sheriff sent this very interesting letter to Gov. Manning, and this concrete evidence of results of his programme for law enforcement gratifies the governor very much.

SAYS GUILTY IS PATENT.

Justice Gage Affirms Judgment Against Charleston Liquor Seller.

Columbia, March 3.—"There is no room for parley, the defendant is guilty by his own mouth," says Associate Justice Gage in an opinion affirming the judgment of the Charleston county court in the case of the State against S. T. Schiadaressi. "This is a case of novel impression," says the court.

"The defendant was tried in the recorder's court on the charge of selling alcohol. Later the defendant was convicted in the circuit court. There were 11 exceptions in the appeal. It would be frivolous to consider the exceptions in face of the defendant's own admission on the witness stand." The sale was charged to have been made on Sunday, October 23, 1913. Continuing the decision says: "The defendant testified, 'there was no drinking in my bar Sunday at all. I only sold it myself the next morning when I was there.' The language of the seventh exception smells of the gutter."

SHOULD BE COURTEOUS.

Bryan Regrets Newspaper Liberties With Foreigners.

Washington, March 1.—Commenting on a published report that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, was to be recalled, and another newspaper statement purporting to quote Admiral Dewa of Japan as criticizing the American government for lack of courtesy during his visit here, Secretary Bryan today authorized the following statement:

"I greatly regret that the newspapers should take liberties with persons representing foreign governments in this country."

Mr. Bryan said the state department had no information concerning the Bernstorff report. He added that he had been assured by a telegram from Admiral Dewa that the report concerning him was groundless.

DIRECTOR OF CENSUS NAMED.

Samuel Rogers of North Carolina Lands in Good Job.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson today named Samuel Rogers, of North Carolina, as director of the census, succeeding William Harris, of Georgia.

Retains Office as Postmaster at Boykin.

Washington, March 1.—Julius M. Green has been reappointed postmaster at Boykin, Kershaw county.

NOTED HORSES IN WAR.

American Thoroughbreds Ridden By French Officers.

Washington Post.

"The American thoroughbred and the sportsmen of the United States are playing a large part in the European war, but their gallantry will probably not be published until history has begun to be written," said Preston Bureh, an American trainer of racers, who has returned recently from France, at the Shoreham. "At the outbreak of the war the French government called for all mares and geldings 5 years old and over, and among those chosen were such well known American racers as Scarpia, California King and Mellowmint. Cooper, a six-year-old gelding, a product of the Huricana farm, at Amsterdam, N. Y., has the distinction of carrying Captain Raoul of the Seventh French Cavalry. Captain Raoul was training a string of thoroughbreds at Maisons-Lafitte when the war broke out. He went in as a lieutenant, but was soon promoted for gallantry. I received a card from him from Belgium, in which he said that Cooper had made the whole campaign. Another French officer, who rode an old American steeplechaser, told me the horse had saved his life by clearing a high fence at a critical moment when a slip would have meant certain death. So you see the American racer has distinguished himself in the war.

"John Sanford, owner of the Huricana farm and a former member of the house, has one of the largest strings of American thoroughbreds in Europe. He was unfortunate in selecting last year to make his debut on the French turf. He began by buying 10 of the finest French yearlings at the 1913 summer sales at Deauville, paying for one filly \$3,000, the highest price ever paid for a yearling filly in France. Mr. Sanford later sent over from America older horses, among them that great old horse Voter. Voter is now at Mr. Sanford's farm at Cheffreville with a lot of brood mares. He has the nucleus for one of the greatest American stables in France, and doubtless when racing is resumed his colors will be as prominent as those of W. K. Vanderbilt and H. B. Duryea.

"When the German army was within 50 miles of the French capital I took the Sanford horses, then at Maisons-Lafitte, which is 10 miles from Paris, and started for Cheffreville by road, a distance of 150 miles. There were no railroads to ship them by, and with a large force of stable boys we set out on August 31, arriving at our destination five days later. My move was followed by a great many other trainers, until about all the thoroughbreds had been transferred from Chantilly and Maisons-Lafitte to the rich pastures of Normandy and to safety.

"Before leaving France I drove my automobile in the service of the American ambulance corps, with which I left it. On a trip to the front, on the line between Armentiers and La Basse, where the fighting was hot, I had opportunity to observe the work of the American volunteers in the American Red Cross work, and I was thrilled with pride. On the roll call were the names of 18 young men, and a more sturdy lot of young fellows could not have been found. Among them were graduates of Yale, Harvard and Cornell. These boys slept, 18, on the floor in an attic room of an old house, with no mattresses and not much covering. Their orders were to turn in soon after dark and get up before daybreak. Their rations were 'bully beef,' canned corn beef made into stew, hash and other plain dishes, but there was no complaint. Jam and cheese were served for desert, and sometimes in the morning they would get a slice of bacon for breakfast. No one who has not seen them at work can realize what the American ambulance corps has been and is doing in the name of the American Red Cross. 'Uncle Sam' can proudly say:

"One of my gifts to humanity is the American ambulance corps at Neuilly, France."

Thrown from Buggy.

Mr. Isaac Reese, of Alcolu, came near meeting with a very serious accident in Manning last Friday, by the horse he was driving becoming unmanageable, running away and throwing him out of the buggy. Fortunately for Mr. Reese the horse slowed up somewhat as he was making a turn around a corner and this affected the fall when the buggy struck a post, and turned over throwing him out with only a jar and no bruises.—Manning Times.

Chase Appointed to Florence Office.

Washington, March 2.—John A. Chase has been appointed postmaster at Florence.

Col. T. J. Counts, a prominent citizen of Bamberg and a former senator from Barwell county, died in Florence Wednesday, aged 87 years.

COAST LINE TRAIN DITCHED.

No. 88 Wrecked Through Striking Freight—Engine Slightly Hurt—No Other Casualties.

Florence, March 1.—The Atlantic Coast Line's Tourist train, No. 88, from New York to Jacksonville, was wrecked at Dillon last night through striking a freight train. No one was seriously hurt.

From what can be gathered here No. 88 ran into an open switch as it was speeding through Dillon at the rate of 25 miles an hour, crashing into a freight train of several cars that had just pulled in the siding a few minutes before. As the result No. 88's engine and the baggage car were ditched and badly damaged. Some of the sleeping cars are said to have been damaged more or less. Eight box cars are said to have been almost completely demolished.

The wreck occurred about 12 o'clock and the wrecking crew was dispatched from here and had the main line clear by 10 o'clock this morning.

Engineer Clark of this city was in charge of No. 88's engine and escaped with only slight injuries. No others were hurt.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM EGYPT.

Cotton Land About Ready for Planting—With the Visitors and Home Folks.

Egypt, March 2.—For three weeks now we have had ideal weather for working and the farmers have made use of it. Most of the cotton land is ready for planting and some farmers have their corn land ready—the grain crop is looking well.

Mrs. S. A. White, who has been sick for several weeks, is rapidly improving.

Mr. W. T. McLeod spent Friday in Bishopville.

Messrs. L. A. White and Dr. E. M. Carson spent last Thursday in Columbia.

Mr. H. H. Carson spent Thursday in Camden.

Among the visitors in Egypt last week were Mrs. Clara Latham of Camden, who spent the week at the home of Mr. L. A. White, and Dr. S. C. McCaskill of Camden, who spent Friday with his father, Mr. W. M. McCaskill.

Rev. Mr. Morrison filed his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening.

Mr. Luther Mosley and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. L. A. White.

Prof. B. F. DeShields was a visitor in Egypt Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Britton, after spending several days at the home of Mr. F. G. Peebles, returned to her home at Chesterfield last week.

Among the Egyptians in Camden Saturday were Mr. W. M. McCaskill and daughter, Miss Eva; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Weldon, Mrs. L. A. White and Mr. J. R. McLeod.

Dr. T. D. Foxworth moved last week from his home at Smithville to his place near Mannville. We wish him much happiness and success in his new home.

Quite a crowd from here attended the quarterly Conference at Bethel church last Monday. Dr. Bays, the presiding elder, congratulated the stewards on their report and said it was the best made by any charge during this quarter in the Sumter District.

GIVEN PROMOTIONS.

South Carolinians in Consular Service Advanced in Rank.

Washington, March 1.—Under a reorganization of the consular service, announcement was made here today that Lewis W. Haskell, now at Belgrade, would go into Class 6 with Douglas Jenkins at Riga. A. B. Cooke, now at Patras, and Claude I. Dawson of Valencia will go into Class 7. By this method those named get a slight promotion.

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