

GERMANY'S BELGIAN POLICY.

GERMAN POLICY IN BELGIUM WILL BE EXPEDITED ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Terms Named, However, are Subject to German Control and Belgium Would be in Reality a German Province of the Kaiser.

London, Sept. 26.—Germany has agreed to evacuate Belgium on certain conditions, it is declared in a German official statement, according to a dispatch from Bern today given out by the Wireless Press.

Germany, it is stipulated, must give the right to develop her economic enterprises freely in Belgium, especially in Antwerp.

The proposal was made in a supplementary note to the vatican, referred to in the peace initiative of Pope Benedict. It was in the form of a verbal communication made by Foreign Secretary Kiehlmann to the German ambassador at Munich, wherein the German secretary specified the conditions under which Germany was willing to conclude peace on the basis of the evacuation of Belgium.

Belgium must undertake to maintain administrative separation of the provinces and districts, introduced by Germany, the verbal note says because this separation corresponds to the wishes of a majority of the Belgian people and because Germany desires such separation on account of racial sympathy.

The verbal note to the papal nuncio said Germany would contribute a share of the compensation to be paid to Belgium for war damages. Belgium would be required, it is said, to give a guarantee that any such damage as that which threatened Belgium in 1914 would in future be repaired.

A German official communication in the German press in explanation of the German proposal says the government intentionally avoided making more clearly the conditions which were named. The conditions are said to be compatible with the dignity of Belgium.

Germany avoided mentioning the question of the throne, because this was a Belgian domestic matter, Germany, the communication says, will agree to any government in Belgium which accepts the conditions set forth. The principal question is how the guarantees enumerated can be formulated.

TO SEVER RELATIONS.

Uruguayan Congress Called to Special Session.

Montevideo, Sept. 25.—The Uruguayan congress has been called to meet in special session Saturday to vote on the question of severing relations with Germany. This action was decided upon by the Uruguayan government as the result of the steps taken by the Argentine congress. The foreign minister will explain the government's plans for a break with Germany at the opening of the special session.

JAMAICA STORM SWEPT.

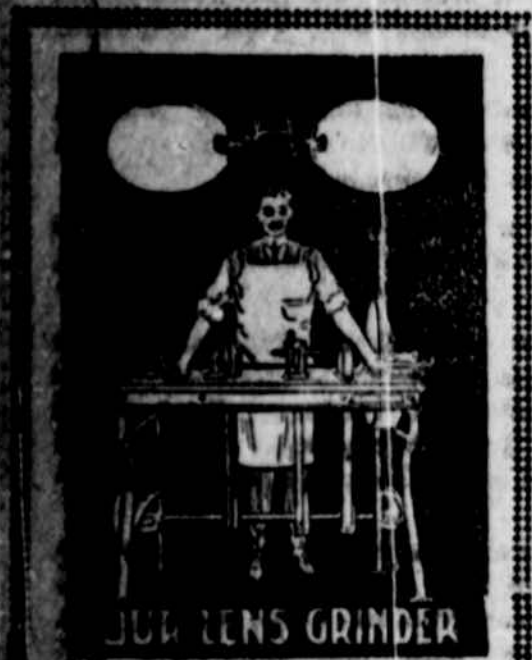
Hurricane Did Great Damage Sunday, Destroying Fruit Crop.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Jamaica suffered severely from the hurricane, which struck the island Sunday, and is now sweeping across the gulf. The fruit crop was almost totally destroyed. No reports of life lost have been received from the American consul at Port Antonio.

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JOE JACKSON EXEMPTED.

Famous Ballplayer of Greenville Exempted on Ground of Dependent Wife.

Greenville Piedmont.

In the last list of registrants discharged from military service by local board Number 2, the name of Joe Jackson, the noted centerfielder and slugger of the Chicago White Sox, appears in the columns of those exempted on the ground of dependency, as the famous Greenvillean is a married man. The prospective stellar light of the approaching world's series has evinced a lively interest in the draft proceedings from the first, he being one of the first local registrants to write Clerk of Court Dargan for his "number." It is highly probable, however, that Joe will not know whether or not his exemption claim has been sustained by the district board for some time. The district board places a very strict interpretation on the rules of exemption on the grounds of dependency and it is yet possible that the famous slugger's work in the next world's series may be eclipsed by even more sensational series between Democracy and Imperialism is being staged.

GOVERNMENT DENIES FALSE REPORTS.

Rumors That Preserved Foods Are to Be Taken From Housewives Vigorously Branded as False.

Clemson College, Sept. 26.—What is believed to emanate from German sources is a widely circulated statement that the government expects to take food supplies from the housewife. Both the food administration and the department of agriculture join in making an emphatic denial of the report and urge that the information be disseminated as widely as possible.

In addition to the rumor that the government intends to take from every family all canned goods put in excess of one hundred quarts there are other rumors. Another statement is that the government has been urging the canning, drying and preserving of fruits and vegetables so that they will be in convenient form to handle and transport when the government takes them away from the people. Further elaboration is that these goods are to be taken from the American homes and shipped to England. All these rumors are vigorously denied.

In one instance a motorist stopped at a farmhouse to fill the radiator of his automobile. In the course of conversation he casually inquired whether the farmer's family was canning all surplus fruits and vegetables in order to help conserve the food supply. He was informed that the farmer was not doing this because the government intended to take all the canned goods away except a small part of it actually needed by the family itself.

The authorities state emphatically that no such course has ever been contemplated by the government. On the contrary, it is strongly urging housewives to can and preserve especially at this time, all surplus fruits and vegetables in order that the households themselves may have a cheap and plentiful supply of food.

MINERS DEMAND INCREASE.

Indications Are That the Coal Operators Will Refuse Demand.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Immediate wage increases from 20 to 70 per cent, will be demanded by the country's coal miners, it was announced here tonight after a preliminary meeting of operators' and miners' representatives of the central competitive field in Washington to discuss a general wage readjustment.

The demands were formulated by the miners' representatives tonight and will be presented at a joint meeting tomorrow. There is every indication that the mine owners will refuse flatly to meet them, first on the grounds that they are too high and second that the recent fixing of coal prices by President Wilson will not permit of any increases.

The increases asked, while stipulated for the central field, comprising Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania, will serve as a basis for the entire country, and if granted would have to be met by other districts.

Today's joint conference was opened with a speech by Dr. H. A. Garfield, the fuel administrator, who urged both sides to let no differences stand in the way of capacity production of coal.

The miners' position was presented by John P. White, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who called the conference. Liberal wage increases, he declared, were necessary to prevent men from leaving the mines to go into munitions and other work which pays higher wages.

MUST DICTATE PEACE.

NO COMPROMISE WITH GERMANY CAN BE CONSIDERED BY AMERICA.

Former President Taft Declares Peace on the Basis of Restoration of the Status Quo Would be a Victory for Germany and be the Beginning of Preparation for Another World War Instead of a Permanent Peace.

Montreal, Sept. 26.—"Those who favor permanent world peace must oppose with might and main the proposals for peace at this juncture in the war whether made in socialistic councils, in pro-German conferences, or by Pope Benedict," declared William H. Taft, president of the League to Enforce Peace, in an address he delivered here tonight before the General Conference of Unitarian and Other Christian Churches.

"America and her allies cannot concede peace until they conquer it," he said. "When they do so it will be permanent. Otherwise they fail."

"Peace now," continued Mr. Taft, "even though it be made on the basis of the restoration of the status quo," "without indemnities and without invasions, would be a failure to achieve the great purpose for which the Allies have made heart-rending sacrifices. Armaments would continue for the next war and this war would have been fought in vain. The millions of lives lost and the hundreds of billions worth of the product of men's labor would be wasted. He who proposes peace now, therefore, either does not see the stake for which the Allies are fighting, or wishes the German military autocracy still to control the destinies of all of us as to peace or war.

"The Allies are fighting for a principle, the maintenance of which affects the future of civilization. If they do not achieve it, they have sacrificed the flower of their youth and mortgaged their future for a century, and all for nothing.

"The vortex of death and destruction for the peoples of the world, which the breaking out of the war portended, roused these peace lovers and promoters to devise a plan for avoiding war after this should end," said Mr. Taft. He then described the organization and purpose of the League to Enforce Peace in the United States and of the League of Nations society in England, and added "Whatever the detailed stipulations of such a League, however, its operation and success must depend upon the obligations of treaty stipulations. Unless their binding effect is recognized by the nations as a sacred principle, the stipulations of the League will be 'written in water.' The revelations and disclosures of this war satisfy the members of the League that as long as the present military caste controls the German military and foreign policy, the League is impracticable, and would not be worth the parchment on which its obligations would be recorded.

"Intrigue, dishonesty, cruelty, have characterized the entire military policy of Germany. And now her Emperor, her present military caste and her wonderful but blinded people have the blood of the millions who have suffered in this world catastrophe on their hands. It is not that the nature of the German people generally is cruel—that is not the case. But the minds of the German people have been poisoned with this false philosophy.

"President Wilson," the speaker continued, "says the Allies are fighting to make the world safe for democracy. Some misconception has been created on this head. The Allies are not struggling to force a particular form of government on Germany. If the German people continue to wish an emperor, it is not the purpose of the Allies to require them to have a republic. Their purpose is to end the military policy and foreign policy of Germany that looks to the maintenance of a military and naval machine with its hair trigger preparation for use against her neighbors.

"Men who see clearly the kind of peace which we must have in order to be a real and lasting peace, can have no sympathy therefore, with a patched-up peace, one made at a council table, the result of diplomatic chattering and bargaining. Men who look forward to a League of the World to Enforce Peace in the future can have no patience with a compromise that leaves the promoting cause of the present awful war unaffected and unremoved. This war is now being fought by the Allies as a League to Enforce Peace. Unless they compel it by victory, they do not enforce it.

"When the war is won," said Mr. Taft in conclusion, "the United States will wish to be heard and will have a right to be heard as to the terms of peace. The United States will insist on a just peace, not one of material conquest. It is a moral victory the world should win. I think I do not mistake the current of public sentiment throughout our entire country,

in saying that our people will favor an international agreement by which the peace brought about through such blood and suffering and destruction and enormous sacrifice shall be preserved by the joint power of the world. Whether the terms of the League to Enforce Peace as they are will be taken as a basis for agreement, or a modified form, something of the kind must be attempted.

"Meantime, let us hope and pray that all the Allies will reject all proposals for settlement and compromise and adhere rigidly and religiously to the principle that, until a victorious result gives security that the world shall not be again drenched in blood through the insanely selfish policy of a military caste of a nation ruling a deluded people intoxicated with material success and power, there will be no peace."

This was Mr. Taft's first public appearance since a sudden illness last month forced him to abandon a speaking tour in the central western States. The speech was the first of a series Mr. Taft will make during the fall and winter in support of the administration's war policy and in explanation of the attitude of his organization regarding the war.

NEGROES FOR ARMY.

South Carolina Draft to Be Mobilized at Camp Jackson.

Columbia, Sept. 27.—Railroad schedules were framed yesterday for the mobilization of negro troops next Wednesday when 2,618 from South Carolina will begin their movement upon Columbia. The mobilization is to continue through five days. Should negro troops be brought to Columbia from North Carolina and Florida on these dates, the 26 per cent, to be mobilized at this time will approximate 8,000. North Carolina's apportionment would be 4,153 and Florida's 1,645.

The quotas from Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties will move as follows: Sumter, 69 men, leave Southern 3.25 p. m., October 5. Arrive Camp Jackson 6 p. m.

Lee—Bishopville, 52 men, leave Atlantic Coast Line 8.20 a. m., October 7. Arrive Camp Jackson 11.05 a. m.

Clarendon—Manning, 78 men, leave Atlantic Coast Line 2.45 p. m., October 7. Arrive Camp Jackson 5 p. m.

BAKERS BEING INVESTIGATED.

Food Administration Planning to Reduce Price of Bread.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The trade commission is making an investigation of the cost of baking bread. Based on its reports the food administration will soon recommend to bakers, retailers and consumers measures of cooperation to reduce prices.

Sunday School Day.

Columbia, Sept. 26.—Hon. Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, has issued the following proclamation calling upon the people of South Carolina to observe Sunday, November 4, 1917, as "Go-to-Sunday School Day."

To the People of South Carolina: The supreme need in our State today is that the forces which make for character and Christianity shall control the forces which make for intelligence and patriotism. It is the duty of every commonwealth to encourage and support in every possible way every institution that helps to meet this great need.

The Sunday School is the Bible School of the Church, which aims, through the teaching of God's word, to produce intelligent and efficient Christian citizens and to train them for the largest possible service. The Sunday school is our greatest agency for promoting religious education among all the people, and for producing Christian citizenship.

The South Carolina Sunday School Association has appointed Sunday, November 4, as "Go-to-Sunday School Day." This day will be observed not only in South Carolina but throughout North America as "International Go-to-Sunday School Day," and efforts will be made to secure thousands of recruits for the Sunday schools.

Believing implicitly in the great work being done in our Sunday schools, and desirous of encouraging those who are contributing their time, energy, and money to this great cause, I, Richard I. Manning, governor of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim and set apart November 4, 1917, as "Go-to-Sunday School Day" for South Carolina. On that day, I earnestly urge all South Carolinians, as well as all visitors within her borders, to attend the Sunday school of their choice, and I trust that they will unite in the hearty support of this great agency which makes for character and good citizenship.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia on this twenty-second day of September, 1917.
(Signed) Richard I. Manning.

CHARGED WITH SEDITION.

Demand Made That Senate Expel La Follette.

St. Paul, Sept. 25.—Expulsion of Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin from the United States senate is demanded in a petition addressed to that body today by the public safety commission. Senator La Follette is accused in the commission's resolution of making an address of a disloyal and seditious nature at the Non-Partisan League convention here last Thursday night.

The commission also referred to the United States district attorney the matter of the conduct of Senator La Follette and others, at the same time making a request that the parties, if found to have violated any federal statutes, be vigorously prosecuted.

The commission's action came at the close of an executive session given almost exclusively to consideration of the La Follette speech and examination.

PERU WILL BREAK.

Ultimatum Sent to Germany That Means Severance of Relations.

Lima, Peru, Sept. 26.—The Peruvian government has instructed its minister at Berlin to demand of Germany satisfaction for sinking the Peruvian bark Lorton within eight days. If the demand is not met relations will be severed with Germany.

Break Has Been Expected.

Washington, Sept. 26.—A break in the relations between Germany and Peru has been considered probable since August, when the German prize court rendered an adverse decision in the Lorton case.

BIG MERCHANT FLEET.

United States Will Have Sixteen Hundred Ships Next Year.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Within a little more than a year the United States will have a merchant fleet of more than 1,600 ships of a tonnage of more than 9,000,000, the shipping board announced today after a conference.

AMERICAN AVIATOR KILLED.

Douglas Macmonagle's Mother Arrived in France on Day of His Death.

Paris, Sept. 26.—Almost at the moment that Sergeant Douglas Macmonagle was killed in a fight with two German airplanes, his mother arrived at the end of a six thousand mile journey from her home in San Francisco to see her only son.

Siam Calls for Volunteers.

London, Sept. 25.—The Siamese government, according to a dispatch from Bangkok to Reuter's, has called for volunteers who may be sent to the western front. The volunteers, the dispatch says, will be commanded by officers trained in Belgium.

Jolly Gyms' Meeting.

On Wednesday, September 19th, the first meeting of the Jolly Gyms for this year was held. The most important part of the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Miss Sallie Rembert.
Vice President, Miss Lydia Richardson.

Secretary, Miss Hannah Kristianson.
Treasurer, Miss Ruby Oliver.
Reporter, Miss Effie Rose.

Our retiring president, Miss Lydia Richardson, in a short talk stated her appreciation of all assistance given her in the past year and suggested some things that might be helpful during the coming year.

After our new president advised us what she wished we might do during the coming year we adjourned to meet again Wednesday, the 26th, at which time we hope all Jolly Gyms will meet us.

Dr. J. A. Mood narrowly escaped serious injury Monday night when he drove his car into a deep clay pit on the Manning road that had been left unmarked when the chain gang quit work for the day. At the point where the accident occurred the chain gang is widening the roadway and digging clay to be used on other sections of the road. The clay pit is in a part of the widened roadway and unless it is barricaded or marked with a light there is nothing to prevent anyone using the road from driving into it. Dr. Mood shut off his engine promptly as the car went into the pit and by good fortune escaped injury.

Public Notice.

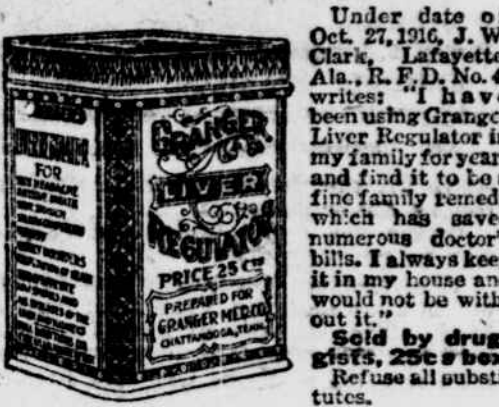
Notice is hereby given that the regular fall examination for teachers will be held in the court house at Sumter, Saturday, October 6th, beginning at 9 o'clock. The examination will be taken from the books used in the public schools of the State.

J. H. HAYNSWORTH,
County Superintendent of Education,
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

Sumter County Council of Defense Will Meet Tuesday Next.

The monthly meeting of the Sumter County Council of Defense will occur on next Tuesday, October 2nd, at 10 o'clock, a. m. at Sumter Chamber of Commerce rooms, and a large attendance is expected.

Several matters of country-wide importance will be up for consideration. The advisory committee of the Council of Defense meets tonight to map out in systematic manner the work of the general council next Tuesday.

Chairman A. C. Phelps of the Sumter County Council of Defense has been appointed County Chairman for Sumter county, to handle the food conservation campaign of the National State Councils of Defense. He will have something of importance to tell the local county council, and will request the hearty cooperation of the members of the county council of defense.

The formation of the cooperative produce marketing association to sell grains, live stock, poultry, eggs, butter, vegetables, and the canned goods of the farmers, the home demonstration, girls' canning and tomato and boys' pig clubs will be up again for action under the resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the Sumter Council of Defense on September 10th in the county court room when Dr. Long, of Clemson College, and Farm Demonstrator J. M. Napier, of Darlington county addressed the council.

The completion of the plans of organization of this important marketing association, and of the Tri-County Cotton Marketing Association, plans for patriotic meetings at every rural school in Sumter county, and distribution of important war literature among the teachers and pupils for redistribution in the homes, will also be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting. Other matters of importance will be presented.

The County Council of Defense, together with the advisory committee appointed, and the five new members from Oswego section of Sumter county now comprise about 120 leading farmers and other business men of Sumter County.

FAMOUS FLYER DEAD.

Captain Guynemer Killed During Flight Over Flanders.

Paris, Sept. 25.—Captain George Guynemer, the famous French aviator, is believed to be dead.

Captain Guynemer is thought to have been killed during a reconnaissance flight over Flanders, on which he left Dunkirk September 11. Nothing has been heard of him since and it was assumed that he had been lost, but not until tonight did army headquarters issue a confirmatory report.

The cotton market shows indications of weakness, but the reaction is believed to be only temporary after the rapid advance last week and the result largely of the taking of profits of speculators who were riding the advancing market.

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