

Germany Accedes to America's Demands

Imperial Government Accedes to Proposal for Safety at Sea.

Official Announcement to American Government That Kaiser's Navy Will Regard Laws of War Puts Recent Crisis Into Category of History.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Strained relations between the United States and Germany over submarine warfare apparently passed into history today after Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, informed Secretary Lansing in writing that prior to the sinking of the Arabic his government had decided that its submarines should sink no more liners without warning.

Oral assurances to this effect had been given by the ambassador last week, but it was not until Count von Bernstorff, after a call at the state department today, returned to the embassy and sent a letter to Mr. Lansing quoting instructions from Berlin concerning an answer to be made to the last American note on the sinking of the Lusitania, that officials frankly admitted their gratification over the changed position of the imperial government.

Secretary Lansing said in a formal note that the letter "appears to be a recognition of the freedom principle for which we have contended." He immediately sent the letter to the White House and discussed it in cheerful vein with his callers, who included Chief Justice White, Secretary McAdoo and Senator Tillman of South Carolina. Everywhere in official circles there was a visible relaxation.

TO OFFER REPARATION.

The note, it was said, will be a formal communication from the German government disavowing the destruction of the Arabic and tendering regret and reparation for American lives lost in the disaster if the attack was made by a German submarine. Even if the submarine that torpedoed the liner subsequently was sunk by a British man of war, as has been suggested both from Berlin and London, the Berlin foreign office is expected to send its disavowal as soon as a reasonable time has passed without report from its commander.

Once the situation growing out of the Arabic incident has been disposed of the response to the long unanswered American note on the Lusitania will be dispatched, and if Germany's explanation and proposals in this case are accepted by the United States, both officials and diplomats here expect the way to be cleared for a complete understanding between the two governments on the subject of freedom of the seas.

In German circles it is freely admitted that in Berlin a hope prevails that such an understanding would be followed by insistent action by the United States to stop the allies' interference with neutral commerce which prevents Germany from importing food for her civil population.

Count von Bernstorff's letter, which revealed for the first time that Germany had prepared an answer to the Lusitania note which was about to be dispatched when the Arabic was destroyed, reads:

SAFETY FOR PASSENGERS.

"My Dear Mr. Secretary: With reference to our conversation of this morning I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contains the following passage:

"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants, provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

"Although I know that you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above because this policy of my government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred."

"I have no objection to your making any use you may please of the above information."

"I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, very sincerely yours,"

"J. BERNSTORFF."

In connection with the letter Secretary Lansing made the following statement:

"In view of the clearness of the foregoing statement, it seems needless to make any comment in regard to it other than to say that it appears to be a recognition of the fundamental principle for which we have contended."

Secretary Lansing interpreted "liner" as used in the letter to mean all peaceful merchant ships. Later in informal conversation the German ambassador explained that regular passenger vessels were meant. There seemed to be no disposition, however, to question Berlin's intention to grant the fundamental demands of the United States. It was pointed out, too, that the cases at issue between the two governments concern passenger liners, and that so far no question had arisen as to a freight vessel carrying Americans in her crew.

RETURNS TO UNION

Mr. F. J. Parham, prominent in life insurance circles, has moved with his family from Union to Columbia, and will open an office for the Philadelphia Life Insurance Co., of Philadelphia. Mr. Parham has not yet secured a house in which to reside, but will begin working for his company at once. He was a resident of Union for some time several years ago, moving from here to Columbia. He is one of the most progressive insurance men in the State.

TEACHERS MEETING

Superintendent Davis Jeffries requests the announcement be made of the teachers meeting to be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 5 o'clock in the high school building. All teachers are urged to be on hand.

TO SPEAK TWICE IN UNION

Hon. J. C. Otts, of Spartanburg, will deliver two addresses on prohibition in Union Sunday. At 3:30 o'clock he will speak at Tabernacle Baptist church and at 8:00 he will speak at Mon-Aetna Baptist church. Mr. Otts is a native of Union county, and is well known to the people of the county. He was for several years solicitor of this circuit, and is one of the leading attorneys of Spartanburg. He is a speaker of more than ordinary ability and has for years been a prohibitionist from conviction. He will be heard with interest Sunday.

Wilson-Ellis

Miss Maggie Ellis, and Mr. James Wilson, of Union, S. C., were quietly married by Rev. L. L. Wagon of this city at his residence, August 19th, 1915.

A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC

Travel Along Public Highway Made Unsafe by Drunken Rowdies. Gasoline and Booze is a Dangerous Mixture.

Complaints are constantly reaching us of the reckless manner half drunken automobile drivers are speeding up and down the highways of the county. The reckless driving is often accompanied by loud cursing and boisterous talk. It is positively dangerous for a horse and buggy to travel the highways and particularly on Sunday. Recently at midnight on a Saturday night a car stopped in Jonesville and made night hideous with foul oaths and boisterous shouts for half an hour. And recently an automobile filled with drunken madmen passed a house in the country, one of them threw a bottle he had just emptied at a little girl who was playing in the walk in front of the house. The gentlemen who gave us this information says further: "It's almost an every day occurrence for men in autos to pass cursing along the highway." From many quarters these complaints have reached us, and something should be done to put a stop to such conditions. Gasoline and whiskey makes a dangerous mixture.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR GREENVILLE

Miss Mattie Emma Sammonds Meets Death. Car Overturns as Occupants are Going to Church Seven Miles in Country.

Greenville, Aug. 22.—Miss Mattie Emma Sammonds was instantly killed this morning about 11 o'clock when the automobile in which she had two of her brothers were riding turned over in a ditch on the Sandy Flat road some six or seven miles from Greenville. The young people started to the Mountain Creek church, and the driver of the machine was attempting to pass a buggy. Some weeds grew on the side of the road and these concealed the ditch into which the machine plunged. The stem of the car crushed against the neck of the young woman, breaking her neck and killing her. One of her brothers was injured. The accident cast a gloom over the community, and especially did it affect the large congregation which had assembled for special services at Mountain Creek church. The Sammonds' home is seven or eight miles from Greenville.

Presbyterian Church Reopened

Rev. John F. Mtheson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church requests The Times to say that the regular services of this church will be resumed next Sunday morning and evening, and that a most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship at this church.

Mr. Matheson and little daughter, Miss Elizabeth, have been spending the past several weeks at Cheraw with Mr. Matheson's mother.

Mabry-Gallman

Miss Mamie Gallman and Mr. R. N. Mabry, both of Jonesville, S. C., were united in Holy Matrimony, by Rev. L. L. Wagon, at his residence on South Church street, Union, S. C., on the evening of August 24th, 1915.

APPALLING WAR LOSSES

The computations of the bloody costs of war recently submitted to the French senate, though said to be based on the best available information, seem to be excessive. The casualties of killed, wounded and missing among the allies are estimated at 5,463,000 and for the Teutonic alliance 9,030,000, grand total of about fourteen and a half millions. The death list of the allies is believed to have risen to 1,739,000 and that of the Teutons to 3,350,000. The killed are distributed as follows: Belgians, 49,000; Turks, 110,000; English, 180,000; French, 460,000; Russians, 1,250,000; Austrians, 1,610,000; Germans, 1,163,000. The Serbian and Italian dead are not given in detail.

A record of fourteen and a half million killed, wounded and missing for seven of the nations engaged in war for little more than a year is appalling, and many will be glad to think there is a reason to believe that he figures are in considerable part the result of guesswork. Some weeks ago it was reported that Germany had stopped publishing casualty lists and Russia and France were said to have avoided such publication from the outset. Even England sought to veil the naked horror, apparently, by publishing in installments. Why the French senate sees fit to make public such appalling figures now we can only conjecture. Although it seems safe to conclude that such an estimate is exaggerated, even if cut down one-half the total would be horrifying.—Spartanburg Journal.

FELL THROUGH RICE'S BRIDGE

L. Rochester and Several Members of Family Fall Into Forest Stream While Attempting to Drive Across Bridge.

Mr. R. L. Rochester, his wife and several children, one an infant, fell through the bridge into the Forest Stream yesterday afternoon when they attempted to drive over Rice's bridge in a wagon. The bridge gave way and the team, wagon and occupants fell a considerable distance in the stream. They were severely bruised and the infant, particularly, came near being drowned. They were on their way to Sardis to attend religious services.

ANNUAL MEETING WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Union County Baptist Association met with the Jonesville Baptist church Aug. 3 and 4th.

By 10 o'clock Tuesday morning quite a number of delegates and visitors had assembled notwithstanding the inclement weather.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. W. W. Finley. After which a hearty welcome was given the Union by Mrs. John T. Scott, to which was responded to by several in the absence of Mrs. Preston Bobo to whom the pleasure had been assigned.

Our Union is composed of 38 societies, 16 W. M. S., 7 Y. W. S., 1 G. A., 1 R. A., and 12 Sunbeam Bands. Every Society sent a report and with a few exceptions all were represented by one or two delegates. The W. M. S. and Y. W. S. did not reach their's. A great deal of interest and pleasure were added to our meeting by the presence of Mrs. C. E. Watson, vice-president of Northern Davidson. Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Southard two of our former Supts.

Mrs. Addie Brown, Supt. of Broad River Association, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ezel were also among our visitors. Mrs. Watson gave us a most interesting and helpful talk on Methods Means, Ideals, and the various other subjects on the program were responded to with excellent talks.

A beautiful lunch provided by the ladies of Jonesville was served both before and after the meeting. This special hour gave opportunity for renewing friendship.

The hospitality of Jonesville can not be excelled judging from the many courtesies extended the visitors and delegates during the meeting.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. O. B. Fant, Supt.; Mrs. J. F. Caudie, Associate Supt.; Y. W. S. Mrs. O. L. P. Jackson, Associate Supt.; S. B. Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Mattie Wilson, President division 1 Miss Hendley; division 2, Miss J. M. Little; 3, Miss Annie McArthur; 4, Miss Iris Wilburn; 5, Miss Carrie Hawkins.

The Union accepted an invitation to meet with the First Baptist Union first Tuesday and Wednesday of August 1-16.

JURY TO DECIDE VAUGHN'S SANITY

To Pass on Prisoner's Mental Condition.

Greenville, Aug. 31.—T. U. Vaughn, sentenced to death some years ago for a crime committed against a girl inmate of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage home, was brought into court here today having failed. It was decided, however, that there was question as to his sanity and upon the order of Judge Prince a jury will determine probably at the next term of the general sessions court whether Vaughn is simulating insanity or is really deranged. Vaughn was taken back this afternoon to Columbia, where he will be confined at the penitentiary. Apparently he is helpless. Two men picked him up bodily and carried him into the court and then brought him out again.

Gault-Little

Miss Myrtle Gault and Mr. Robert C. Little, were married Thursday morning at the home of the brides' father Mr. M. C. Gault, the ceremony being read by Rev. W. B. Justus, pastor of the Jonesville Methodist church. Mrs. Little is the daughter of Mr. M. C. Gault and is an attractive young woman.

Mr. Little is a prosperous planter and both young people have hosts of friends throughout the county to wish them perpetual joy. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Little left for the mountains of North Carolina to spend their honeymoon.

Death of Mrs. H. L. King

Mrs. H. L. King died at the Excelsior Knitting Mills, on August 25, 1915, after five weeks illness. She leaves mourn her death. She was a member of the Gaddeston Baptist church of Georgia and the family had only been here a short time.

She was borne June 2, 1878, and was 37 years of age. The funeral services were conducted at the grave on account of one of the children being sick with fever. May God richly bless the bereaved family.

D. W. Garvin.

SECOND BOOSTER TRIP THROUGH PIEDMONT

Monarch Mill Village Fair

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Monarch Mills Fair, held Thursday evening, August 26, it was decided to offer the following prizes.

For the best and greatest variety of garden products—An up-to-date plow.

For the finest cow—A sack of cotton seed meal.

The finest chickens, two hens and a cock—50 lb sack chicken feed.

For the best and greatest variety of pantry supplies—A nice piece of wear-ever aluminum.

For plain sewing, the greatest number of nicely made garments—A nice pair of shears.

For the best collection of preserves, pickles, jellies—A two burner oil stove.

The best collection of canned goods—A two burner oil stove.

The best collection of fancy work—A nice jardener.

In all these collections, quality will be considered as well as quantity.

First and second premium will be given for various single articles.

There will be various outside attractions, and such as races and other athletic sports. Quite a feature of this department will be an aeroplane fight. Mr. Pope Nabors, one of the Monarch boys, who has been making his aeroplane for sometime, will give his first exhibition on Saturday afternoon.

Those who attended the Fair years ago know what a high class of exhibits were displayed. The fair this year will surpass the first one. So don't forget to attend the Monarch Mills Village Fair Saturday, October 9th.

COURT CONVENES HERE SEPTEMBER 7.

Court convenes here Tuesday, Sept. 7, Judge John S. Wilson presiding. The following is the jury list for the first two weeks:

FIRST WEEK JURORS

P. B. Bobo, Cross Keys.
R. G. Haney, Pinckney.
L. C. Parr, Monarch.
C. W. Cain, Union school district.
A. B. Lee, Union school district.
C. L. Graham, Cross Keys.
W. Y. Meadors, Lockhart.
W. T. Holcomb, Pinckney.
J. C. Bevis, Jonesville.
C. D. Broom, Lockhart.
J. N. Fowler, Pinckney.
H. L. Kitchens, Lockhart.
C. T. Murphy, Union school district.
W. F. Farr, Pinckney.
R. B. Smith, Jonesville.
J. F. Fincher, Cross Keys.
M. V. Going, Pinckney.
R. J. Black, Jonesville.
Robt. Wilburn, Pinckney.
Robt. W. Scott, Jonesville.
J. P. Holcomb, Union.
J. P. Hopkins, Bogansville.
G. P. McKowen, Lockhart.
F. G. Gossitt, Union school district.
J. L. Hodge, Jonesville.
S. H. Wilburn, Bogansville.
J. L. Eison, Union school district.
C. M. Bailey, Union.
J. N. Gallman, Pinckney.
R. B. Inman, Lockhart.
D. B. Free, Jonesville.
J. T. Carter, Union school district.
T. M. Sims, Union school district.
R. G. Gregory, Union.
W. F. Doggett, Bogansville.
L. E. Garner, Pinckney.

SECOND WEEK JURORS

J. N. Eison, Jonesville.
Thos. Jenkins, Santuc.
B. F. Gregory, Jonesville.
J. D. Jones, Union school district.
Chas. D. Bogan, Bogansville.
B. H. Bobo, Buffalo.
R. C. Bishop, Bogansville.
Frank Turner, Union school district.
Jessie DeBruhl, Lockhart.
C. W. Ivey, Santuc.
W. S. Lawson, Bogansville.
H. H. Jones, Monarch.
Barth Vaughn, Lockhart.
M. A. Kendrick, Union school Dist.
J. C. Crocker, Santuc.
W. A. Turner, Union school district.
D. Fant Gilliam, Union school Dist.
J. E. Mabry, Jonesville.
E. E. Comer, Pinckney.
Jno. R. Mathis, Union school Dist.
W. B. Todd, Buffalo.
P. H. Jeter, Carlisle.
D. J. Estes, Cross Keys.
F. W. Perrin, Union school district.
A. J. Bailey, Cross Keys.
J. H. Alman, Jonesville.
C. M. Young, Union.
James Carter, Lockhart.
W. B. Hill, Cross Keys.
J. R. Hix, Union school district.
J. H. Burgess, Jonesville.
D. L. Carlisle, Union school district.
J. Leonard Keasler, Union.
W. C. Pool, Bogansville.
W. T. Levister, Fish Dam.

BAPTIST AT BEULAH

On the third Sunday in September there will be two services at Beulah church, with dinner on the grounds. There will be candidates baptised in to Beulah church. It is planned to have a day of good speaking, and that during the program the pastor of each church will baptize the candidates for membership in that particular church. It is planned to have besides the pastor other speakers. It is intended that the day be made both interesting and profitable. The public is invited.

Commissioner E. J. Watson and Others Make Another Trip Through Union in Interest Appalachian Highway—Party Entertained Here and at Glenn Springs.

The second booster trip in the interest of the Appalachian Highway was here Friday afternoon last week. The party was led by Col. E. J. Watson. Upon arrival here the boosters were represented by quite a crowd of Union citizens. At Union the visitors were given a lunch by the Chamber of Commerce. At Glenn Springs the entire party was treated to a tea party, this was furnished by the Glenn Springs Community Club.

Speeches were made at Whitmire, Union, Buffalo, West Springs and Glenn Springs. There were twenty five automobiles in the party when Glenn Springs was reached. Newberry was largely represented in the party. The party was made up of representative business men. It now seems an assured fact that the highway will pass through Whitmire, Union, Buffalo, West Springs and Glenn Springs. Union citizens here subscribed \$1500 to the fund to help on this work. They were asked for \$1000. Great enthusiasm were manifested in the undertaking by the citizens all along the line.

FORMER FURMAN STUDENT SURPRISE OF CHECKER CONTEST

Chick Springs, Aug. 24.—The checker tournament for the championship of South Carolina was opened at Chick Springs Hotel this morning. No scores were available this afternoon. Mr. Feaster, of Union, a former Furman student, is the surprise of the tournament. He stands an excellent chance of nosing out some of the old timers in the running for the higher honors.

Chick Springs, Aug. 25.—The State Checker Tournament was concluded early this morning with S. Hallman of Spartanburg winning first place, E. E. Styles, of Greenville, second place, and W. L. Feaster, of Union, third place. The association elected Mr. Hallman as president and Mr. M. D. Fulmer, of Greer as Secretary.

The results of the checker championship for the South were as follows: Capt. F. B. Fishborne, Champion, with Hallman of Spartanburg, second and Feaster, of Union, third. The Southern Checkers Association Elected S. S. Hallman, President, and W. L. Feaster, Secretary. The association will meet next year at Chick Springs the fourth Tuesday in August. All players are urged to be present and take part in the contests.

Heading Either Way

The Daily Field, published at San Francisco, Cal., had the following story which is of interest to the people of Union:

"E. K. Cumming and W. F. Going, of the Missouri State Life are two of the members of the San Francisco trip which the company's \$100,000 club members will carry home with them. In the business sessions of the convention these two gentlemen were assigned to speak on the question, 'How success begets business or nothing succeeds like success.'"

Cumming and Going, was a combination designed to catch prospects heading either way."

Dr. J. H. Hamilton Returns

Dr. J. H. Hamilton has returned from Morganton, N. C., where he has been visiting and taking treatment for several weeks. The physician in charge of the sanitarium at Morganton, is a personal friend of Dr. Hamilton's and it was upon his invitation that he visited him. The stay proved very beneficial and his many friends are delighted to see him out on the streets again.

Rutledge Lawdon Wins Scholarship

Mr. Rutledge Lawdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lawson of this city has been successful in passing the examination of the Citadel scholarship for Union county and will attend that institution this session. Rutledge attended the Sumter High School the past session.

Jefferson Davis Chapter

The Jefferson Davis Chapter Children of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms for the first fall meeting. All members are urged to be present.

Clifford Seminary Opens Sept. 22

Clifford Seminary will open for the fall and winter session on September 22, 1915.

The primary department under Miss Lucile McCants, will be open to a limited number of pupils and engagements should be made early.

A man of ability is one who is able to draw his pay regularly. The man who judges his future by his past is apt to become discouraged.