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WEATHER REPORT
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GERMANY AND UNITED STATES

Confident There Will Be No Trouble With This Country

ANXIETY AT CAPITAL

Bernstorff Will Explain to Secretary Lansing The Kaiser's Position In Note on Arabic Case

Washington, Sept. 13—German Ambassador Berstorff will tell the State Department today it is learned, that such incidents as that of the Arabic will continue to occur until Great Britain disavows orders to commanders of merchantmen to ram submarines on all occasions.

The State Department will be given to understand that Germany looks to the United States to undertake to obtain such a disavowal from the British as a means, according to the German viewpoint, of proving America's real neutrality.

It will also be stated that, by "full satisfaction" for such incidents as that of the Arabic, Germany means only "full regrets."

Arbitration, it will be pointed out, will be absolutely necessary, as Germany views the matter, to settle controversies over the loss of American lives in disasters like the Arabic's, inasmuch as the Kaiser positively will not recognize Americans' rights to traverse the war zone in belligerent ships.

There is the best ground for belief that Ambassador Bernstorff had been definitely "turned down" by his government on the "full satisfaction" issue.

Captain von Papen, military attache to Bernstorff's embassy, will be sent home, if the State Department wishes, it was ascertained, without further discussion, on the sole condition that he be given a safe conduct.

New York, Sept. 13—"There will be no war between the United States and Germany if I can prevent it." This statement was made by Count von Bernstorff to a friend at the Ritz-Carlton before the publication of the interview in which the German Ambassador was quoted as saying that a severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany would precipitate war within two or three days. Ambassador Bernstorff denounced this interview as an imposture.

The count's sudden departure for Washington yesterday closely following the repudiated "war statement," caused widespread discussion among his friends and prompted one to explain the whole situation. The alleged misquotation of the Ambassador's position, however, led to the revelation of what is said to be his real attitude.

"Count von Bernstorff does not believe that a war between Germany and this republic possible," said the friend of the Ambassador. "He has frequently told me that his chief aim at present is to prevent a rupture in the diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"In his efforts to maintain peace Count von Bernsstorff has been told by his home government that it stands firmly behind him. The count has frequently stated to me that England's agents in this country are doing all they can to embroil the United States in the present conflict and align her on the side of the allies.'

"Count Bernstorff feels that the work of German officials here in protecting their interests have been maligned without reason. Because England controls not only the seas but the ports of the United States through her consuls and their numerous agents, every act of German officials here must be guarded. This caution has been misconstrued and simple German agents have been denounced as spies.

"All these points the Ambassador desires to discuss with Secretary Lansing and President Wilson if necessary. That is the reason he left for Washington today."

Washington, Sept. 13—Count von Bernstorff, of the German Ambassador, came to Washington yesterday from New York to discuss with Secretary of State Lansing the recent not of Germany on the Arabic case and the discloures affecting Capt. Franz von Papen, the German military attache. He will call upon Secretary Lansing today.

The conference will be of great importance. It is expected to clear up materially the situation existing by reason of the doubt created in the minds of the officials of the State Department as to the exact meaning of Germany's latest communication.

The German Ambassador will explain to Secretary Lansing the position which Germany has taken in the note. This position, as the Ambassador will outline it to Mr. Lansing is as follows:

"Germany stands by her recent agreement that no passenger ships shall be torpedoed without warning, until she endeavors to resist or escape.

Germany holds, however, that her liability for the payment of indemnity for the lives of any Americans lost in the sinking of the Arabic is a matter to be settled by arbitration.

ELKS ON CLAM BAKE

Alexandrians Join Washington Lodge in Outing on Potomac.

When the big sidewheel steamer, 'St. John's", landed at the Cameron street wharf yesterday morning the Alexandria Elks who were to board the boat for the annual clam-bake of Washington lodge of Elks were given an enthusiastic reception by the 750 Washington Elks who were already on board.

In the Alexandria party were Mayor Thomas Fisher, City Councilman James W. Bales, Joseph C. Gates; Ernest W. Richter Dr. Otterback, J. Porterfield Steiner and Lucian A. Davis. Mayor Fisher had as his guests Dannie Moehler of the Washington baseball team and Ray Chapman, the premier shortstop of the Cleveland team. Mr. Chapman came to Alexandria on Saturday night and spent the night with Mayor Fisher.

After leaving Alexandria breakfast was served and the boat continued to Indian Head, returning to River View where the clam-bake was served. The menu consisted of clams, lobster: chicken; corn; potatoes; watermelon with many trimmings. In the afternoon there were athletic events and the party returned early in the evening, reaching here at 8:30 o'clock.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

The following cases were disposed of at this morning's session of the police court:

William Lomax, colored; assault on Cora Lomax; forefited collateral of $5.

Edward Clark, drunk and disorderly conduct, forfeited collateral of $5.

Frank Powers, drunk and disorderlq conduct; forfeited collateral of $5.

Irene Carlise, drunk and disorderly conduct; dismissed upon promise of returning to Washington.

Annie Jordan and Mamie Saunders colored; disorderly conduct in a house on south Columbus street, fined $5 each.

Conway Nalls and James Wilkins, fighting in Chinese restaurant on Royal street. Wilkins forfeited collateral and Nalls was fined $5. The latter was also fined $5 for taking fruit from a fruit stand and refusing payment. Mrs. Yow, the wife of the proprietor of the restaurant was fined $5 for pointing a revolver at Nalls.

Four young white men charged with fighting had their cases continued until tomorrow.

LOCAL BREVITIES

J. T. Preston, Jr. returned last night from a week's visit to Fredericksburg.

Charles Bendheim, assistant district attorney of the District of Columbia, with Mrs. Bendheim and son, are at the Overbrook Hotel, Atlantic City.

Samarian- Rebecca Lodge will meet tomorrow afternoon at which time the state president, Mrs. Lora Coleman, of Lynchburg will pay an official visit to the lodge.

The body of Silas D. Tripp, who died at Falls Church and whose funeral took place yesterday from the Episcopal Church at Falls Church, was brought here and placed in the receiving vault in Bethel Cemetery It will be taken to New York for burial.

POLITICS IN OLD DOMINION

Contest For Governor of Commonwealth Promises to be Lively

BYRD NON-COMMITTAL

Situation Becoming Interesting With Ellyson, Pollard and Davis Training for the Ring.

Richmond. Sept 13—That Richard Evelyn Byrd, former Speaker of the House of Delegates, had decided not to be a candidate for Governor in the 1917 primaries is the substance of statements attributed to Senator Thomas S. Martin during his visit to Richmond last week. The senior Senator, who was in the city for several days with Senator Claude A. Swanson, is quoted as saying that Mr. Blrd would not enter the primaries, and it was plainly indicated that the former Speaker would support Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, who has already announced his candidacy.

Rumors to the effect that Mr. Byrd would not be a candidate have been current in political circles for several weeks, but were not generally credited until Senator Martin arrived in the city. Political leaders from all sections of the State conferred with the Senators. Following interviews with Senator Martin, several men prominent in Virginia politics told friends that the former Speaker had renouncedance intentions of entering the gubernatorial race at this time.

Mr. Byrd, who became United States attorney for the Western District of Virginia last year, has been out of the city for the past month, the greater part of which time he has spent at Mountain Lake, Giles County, for the benefit of his health. In reply to inquiries the following telegram from Mr. Byrd has been received.

"I have authorized no one to make any statement for me as to my intention in regard to a candidacy for nomination for Governor. I will announced my intention in my own way and my own time."

The former Speaker has never made formal announcement of his condidacy, but it has been well understood that he was seriously considering the proposition. When Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson and Attorney-General John Garland Pollard made their announcement six months ago, followed by Westmoreland Davis, it was expected that Mr. Bryd would also enter the race, but he declined on each occasion to make any statement. He said that the primaries were too far in the future to begin a fight. At the same time it is known that many friends of Mr. Byrd had pledged him their support and confidently expected him to be a candidate when he considered the time propitious.

If the statements attributed to Senator Martin are correct, political lines in the primaries will be drawn as closely as the two leading factions in Democratic politics can make them. Mr. Ellyson, who has been State chairman for tweuty years or more, will receive the full support of Senator Martin and Senator Swanson, while Mr. Pollard will be backed by the anti-organization forces. Westmoreland Davis, who made his announcement early in the summer, expects to draw his strength from both factions.

Political observers are confident that if Mr. Byrd is not a candidate Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson's chances for the nomination will be considerably strengthened especially in view of the fact that Congressman Hal D. Flood, Mr. Byrd's brother-in-law, will support the State chairman. On the other hand, friends of Mr. Pollard see a gain for him in the so-called progressve vote, much of which Byrd has corralled by reason of his support of President Wilson in 1912. Mr. Byrd has enrolled by reason of his Wilson men in Virginia.

The prohibition question will enter sharply into the race between Ellyson and Pollard. As president pro tem of the Senate, Mr. Ellyson broke the tie which resulted in the passage of the enabling act adopted by the General Assembly in 1914. While it has been generally understood that certain leaders of the Anti-Saloon league are committed to Mr. Ellyson's candidacy, friends of Mr. Pollard do not concede by any means that the Lieutenant-Governor will be indorsed by the league in any official action.

Both Mr. Ellyson and Mr. Pollard are prominent members of the Baptist Church.

WAR MUNITIONS

Alexandrians Excited by Stories That Supplies Were to be Made Here

The war faker got busy Saturday night and had Alexandria needlessly excited over two tales concerning the manufacture of war material in this city. One report was to the effect that the Dupont Powder Co. had purchased several hundred acres of land at new Alexandria and would erect buildings for a plant. Thousands of men were to be employed and a larger city than Hopewell was to spring up within the next few weeks. One well known business man who was quoted as authority for the story had even seen the deed which had been signed and delivered.

As the story spread Saturday night the greatest excitement prevailed in certain quarters. In some of the saloons the foundations of many of the buildings were laid at 10 o'clock the roof was on by 11, and by midnight the finished product was shipped.

Sad to relate the story could not be substantiated this morning, and the only source for its foundation was the fact that several weeks ago a well known gentleman, who is vitaly interested in Aexandria brought the New Alexandria site to the attention of the Dupont people and was informed by them that when they were ready to build another plant in a new location they would consider that property.

Another story that was given wide circulation but which proved practically baseless was that the Emerson Pump and Valve Co. which occupy the building on upper King street formerly occupied by the Emerson Steam Pump Co. had received an enormous order for shrapnel for the allies. According to the report J. P. Morgan and Co., had deposited $250,000 wth a local bank to pay for the shells in advance. It was also said that officers of the Company left this morning to buy machinery and that within a few weeks at the most hundreds of men would be employed in making munitions for the European war. An investigation of this report at the Emerson factory brought forth the fact that an inquiry had been received by the company as to whether or not they could manufacture shrapnel.

STEAMER AFIRE AT SEA

Several Ships Rushing to Aid of FabreLiner Sant Anna

New York, Sept. 13—Several steamers are believed to be rushing to the aid of the Fabre liner Sant Anna, afire at sea, 1,000 miles due east of New York.

Between 1600 and 1,700 Italian reservists and forty other passengers including anumber of women and children, are aboard.

Officers of the Fabre line said they were positive several large liners were near Sant Anna and had caught her 'S. O. S." They mentioned, among others, the Baltic, of the White Star line, the Cunarder Saxonia, and the White Star liner Adriatic.

The Italian liner Ancorna is believed to have caught the Sant Anna's wireless call for assistance, flung out late last night. The Ancorna left New York for Paples last Wednesday and is believed to have been less than 200 miles fro mthe French steamer when thefire broke out.

BURNING OF A BOX CAR

The alarm of fire shortly before three o'clock this afternoon was caused by a fire in a box car on Union street, between Wolfe and Wilkes. The flames were soon subdued by the fire department. The damaged car is one of a number of discarded ones, they having been taken from the tracks and placed upon the property of the Southern Raiway Company.

Crabs in all styles at the Hotel Rammel.

JUDGE KEITH IS UNDECIDED

President of Supreme Court May Not Offer For Re-election

NEW PENSION BILL

Judge Sims, of Louisa, Mentioned as Probable Candidate in event of Keith's Retirement.

It is reported that Judge James Keith, president of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has not yet determined whether he will be a candidate for re-election at the coming session of the General Assembly. His terms ends February 1, 1916, and the election for the new twelve-year term will be at the hands of the General Assembly, which convenes in January

At his home in Warrenton on Saturday Judge Keith declined to express himself as to whether or not he will be a candidate for re-election, but indicated that he would make a definite announcement as soon as his mind is made up. He is seventy-six years of age and has served on the Supreme Bench for twenty years.

There is said to be a distinct movement on foot to secure the repeal of the act which provides that judges of the Supreme Bench who have served for a period of twelve consecutive years, and who attained the age of seventy years, shall be allowed to retire on an annuity of $3,000 a year.

Judge John A. Buchanan retired at the end of his term last year under this provision, after a notable career on the bench. He was succeeded by Judge Joseph L. Kelly, of Bristol, elected by the General Assembly of 1914.

The objection to the statutes is mainly on the ground that it is the entering wedge for a general civil pension system which would prove a heavy burden for the State. There is said to be no more reason for retiring with pension Supreme Court judges who receive $5,000 per annum than there is for granting pensions to Circuit Court judges whose compensation is much less than that figure.

The other members of the court are not yet eligible to take advantage of the retirement act, even if they wished to do so, as they are not yet seventy years of age. Judge George M. Harrison was born February 14, 1847 and is sixty-eight; Judge Stafford G. Whittle was born December 5, 1849, and is in his sixty-sixth year, while Judge R. H. Cardwell was born August 1, 1846, and is now sixty-nine years old.

While elected at large, unwritten law and a custom more or less observed provide for the representation on the bench of the five grand divisions of the State. Judge Keith is from Fauquier, Judge Cardwell from Hanover, Judge Kelly from Washington County, Judge Harrison from Henry. Complaint has been made that Tidewater is without representation, Judge Cardwell being its nearest resident judge.

Prominently mentioned in connection with the possible rtirement of Judge Keith at the end of his term is Judge Frederick Wilmer Sims, of Louisa, who was a candidate before the session of 1914 at the time of the election of Judge Kelly. In the event that Judge Cardwell should decide to retire on reaching the age of seventy, report at the Capitol has it that Judge Jesse F. West will be a candidate. Judge West was also in the race in the contest of 1914.

Should Judge Keith announce his determination to retire, it is more than probable that friends of other wellknown lawyers and judges in the State would bring their names forward as candidates before the General Assembly meets in January.

CHOICE PEACHES

Dr. Outcalt will have daily shipments of those choice peaches for canning and table use. Call or phone early, as they will only last a week or 10 days. Bell Phone 298 and 554J. CHAS. E. OUTCALT. 3t.

Oyster Season open, Rammel Cafe.

DEATH OF COLIN STUDDS

Assistant General Passenger Agent of Pennsylvania Railroad Dies of Pneumonia

Colin Studds, assistant passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, died from pneumonia at his home in Wayne, Pa., near Philadelphia, early Saturday night. The deceased is survived by a widow and two children. He was born in Fairfax County Va., near Alexandria November 23, 1861 His father was Henry Studds, of London, England, and his mother Janet Auld, of Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr. Studds was virtually an Alexandrian, as during his younger days he was as familiar a figure on our streets as those native and to the manner born.

He began his railroad career in the telegraph department of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad at Washington. In 1893 he was promoted to district passenger agent at New York and became assistant general passenger agent in 1913. Mr. Studds, was a member of the Lotus Club, the Traffic Club, the New York Railroad Club, the Friars' Club, the Lambs' Club, the New York Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

CATTLE PENS GO

Mayor Fisher Orders Removal of Eyesore from Market Court.

The cattle pens, which for some time have been an eysore at the western end of market court are no longer in existence. This morning Mayor Fisher gave an order for their removal and within a short time they were demolished.

In connection with their removal the Mayor today gave out the following statement:

"On May 25th, last Mayor Fisher sent to Council a short communication calling attention to this cattle pen, in which he in part said: "The pen has long been of little use to the city, and is now an eyesore and a receptacle for refuse. The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund did not erect it and have never assumed control of it. I have no authority, at least, I would not care to order its removal. I enclose a resolution which is sufficient to remedy the evil at once.

"The Mayor's statement that he doubted his authority to order its removal has owing to the long time that has elapsed to do what can be done in half hour, been modified, and today he ordered its demolishment, a move that will no doubt meet with general approval.

"The Mayor called attention to a paper offered in Council March 23rd, last by a member from the 3rd Ward which reads as follows: "Resolved —That the Sinking Fund Commissioners and the Committee on Public Property report upon the advisability of tearing down the sheds over the fish benches and putting a proper pavement at that part of the market to accommodate teams, and further, That stands in the Cameron street wing of the market be equipped for fish stands."

"Commenting o nthis resolution Mayor Fisher suggested that he could not recall that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund had ever been called upon to consider the resolution. The Committee on Public Property, however had a right, as the paper was referred to them, to report as they might choose and the report of the Public Property Committee on the Mayor's communication and the resolution as to the fish benches was referred with discretion to the City Engineer as to plans, cost, etc.

Mayor Fisher said there were some other facts bearing on the case that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund were more familiar with than some other persons. That is, the rental and leases of certain fish benches and other tenants."

SOLDIERS SHOT BY MEXICANS

Only Bare Report Received of Battle Between Border Bandits and Troops

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 13—Three American soldiers are reported to have been wounded in a battle with Mexicans near Los Indios.

Details are lacking and the extent and importance of theclash is not yet known.

Paul Barrett returned on the Norfolk boat this morning from his vacation spent at Cape Henry.

WILL PROCEED WITH HIS WORK

Examiner of Records Sands Will Not Heed Circular of Board

TO REPORT MILLIONS

People in Richmond Believe That City Will Be Made to Bear Burden of Taxation.

Richmond, Sept. 13—"Yes, I have read the circular issued by the State Advisory Board on Taxation," said Major William H. Sands, Examiner of Records, "and, construing the laws as I do and as the Attorney-General does, with due regard to my oath of office, I proceed with my work."

He added that he had information in his office that will enable him to show millions of dollars not yet reported. In due time he will make a report on this hidden wealth.

To this time Richmond is the only city in the State which has made a complete report on intagibles incomes and merchants' licenses for the current and preceding years.

Should the next General Assembly take any action looking to restraining the examiners of records and the commissioners of the revenue from "going after" omitted taxes it will mean that the State of Virginia will lose many hundreds of thousands of dollars, possibly millions, in revenue.

It will mean also that those counties and cities, which have been active, will have to pay what the examiners of record and commissioners of the revenue have unearthed, and where the officers have been negligent, dilatory or careless the counties and cities having such indifferent officers will not have to pay their fair and equitable proportion of taxes.

Yesterday the State Advisory Board on Taxation declined to say just how far back examiners of record could go. They refused to pass on that point. The law provides that they have the right to go back as far as 1876. As a rule, however, the examiners have been "reasonable," and they have gone back for a comparative short time. They prefer to give the dodgers a show and to work no great hardship.

The board urges that the examiners and commissioners shall exert every influence to getting all data and full assessments for the year 1915. They make it plain that such a step would not in any way release property owners from liability for omitted taxes in past years.

Should the interpretation of the law or its construction or effect be that indicated by the suggestion of the State Advisory Board on Taxation property owners in the city of Richmond would be dealt a blow which would hurt. Millions of dollars in values have been assessed in this city. That work was done by Examiner William H. Sands. The assessments have been approved and the taxes will have to be paid. In very many other sections the examiners and commissioners have done little or nothing. Thus the city of Richmond, which has always paid around one-sixth or one-seventh of the total paid to the State would be called on to pay about one-fifth of the entire taxes of the State. Other sections would fatten at the expense of Richmond.

NATIONAL-WIDE FIGHT ON FLY

New York Association Will Mak Effort to Reduce Sickness and Death Among Children.

New York, Sept. 13—In an effort to reduce sickness and death among children from diseases caused by flies the New York Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor will begin a nation-wide campaign this week against the house fly, it was announced. Hospitals, physicians, public libraries, social welfare associations and institutions for the care of children will be asked to aid in the movement.

A called meeting of Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 120, A. F. and A. M., will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock