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ACCEPTS PRINCIPLE WASHINGTON SEEKS GERMANY ACCEDES TO PROPOSAL FOR SAFETY AT SEA.

Kaiser's Navy Will Sink No More Passenger Vessels Without Warning and Safety for Passengers.

Washington, Sept. 1.—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 submarine 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 me made to the last American note on the sinking of the Lusitania, that official frankly admit their gratification over the changed position of the imperial government.

Secretary Lansing said in a formal statement 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, which included Chief Justice White, Secretary McAdoo and Senator Tillman of South Carolina. Everywhere in official circles there was a visible relaxation.

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.

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:

"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 noncombatants, 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 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."

The municipal building, New York, is the largest structure under the jurisdiction of the bureau of public buildings and offices. It contains about 1,000 offices and has about 10,000 visitors daily. It is the world's largest building of its kind.

NEWS OF LITTLE MOUNTAIN

New Management For Oil Mill—Many People Who Are Coming and Going.

Special to The Herald and News. . . . Little Mountain, Sept. 2.—We are having fine weather now, although it is pretty cool.

The farmers are selling cotton right along. They ginned four bales here today. It was sold and brought 8 1-2 cents. The first new bale was sold here Saturday. The prospects are fine for a good price for cotton. We hope to see it bring 10 cents.

Mr. Robert L. Feagle returned to his work in Columbia. Mr. Feagle has been home for a week or more.

Mr. J. C. Sample was in town several days this week. He is having the roads put in good shape in and around Little Mountain. We are glad to see him fix them up, as they had gotten almost past going.

Misses Katie Mae Nance, Caro Wyche and Grace Julian were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Feagle.

Mr. A. H. Shealy, Hon. A. F. Lever and Dr. J. W. Wessinger were in town Wednesday on oil mill business.

Miss Belle Riser is visiting her uncle, Mr. Jacob A. Shealy.

Miss Alda Rae Wheeler is visiting Miss Virginia Lee Kinard.

Mrs. J. K. Derrick spent the day in Newberry Monday.

Mr. J. J. Shealy has been in bed with fever.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Baland of Savannah, Ga., are visiting his parents.

Mr. Hubert Boland of Charleston is visiting his father. He will be in town several days.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lathan as spending a few days with their parents.

Mr. Banks Harmon and Mr. A. L. Aull were in town this week.

Mr. John W. Balentine is spending a few days with Mr. John A. Shealey.

Mr. V. B. Sease is spending a few days in Columbia.

Mr. J. H. Wise and family went to Columbia in an auto yesterday on business.

Mrs. J. H. Wise is in New York buying fall goods.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Derrick and little Carroll left yesterday for Washington, D. C.

We had a large crowd of people in town Wednesday attending on oil mill meeting.

We have two new families in town now, Mr. J. W. Washington and his son, Butler Washington. Mr. J. W. Washington is superintending the oil mill. Mr. Washington says he likes it fine here so far. We all hope him and his family much success.

Miss Minnie Lee Shealy will leave now soon for Sandy Springs, where she will teach school.

Miss Virginia Lee and Doris Kinard have returned home from Prosperity. We are glad to see them back. Miss Virgie Lee Kinard has been on a month's vacation.

Misses Mary Epting and Kathleen Counts will leave in a few days for Summerland, where they will attend college.

Mr. W. P. Derrick went to Columbia Tuesday in his auto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Derrick spent Monday in Newberry.

Mr. J. C. Epting, Jr., is keeping books at the oil mill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Calhoun left Wednesday for their home in Barnwell.

They spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lathan.

Trustees' Meeting.

There will be a trustees' meeting held in the Newberry court house on next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, September 6th. Mr. J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, has written that he will be present and will make an address. Dr. Geo. Y. Hunter, president of the county trustees' organization, will speak on "The Educational Needs of Newberry County." "Plans for the Year" will be discussed by the county superintendent, Mr. Barre.

Some weeks ago, notice of the meeting was given by letter to each trustee. Many have signified their intention to be present. It is, therefore, expected to have a large number in attendance. The trustees compose one of the most important and efficient organizations in the county for the advancement of the public schools and the cause of education generally.

NEWS OF UNION ACADEMY.

Cotton Crop Good—Farmers Raising Home Supplies—Many Items of Personal Interest.

Prosperity, Sept. 2.—This cool weather reminds us that the "good old summer time" has about left us for autumn to begin.

Cotton picking has begun and the crop through this section is fairly good. We hope to see the price keep on the rise for a while now.

Last year was a lesson to farmers to raise their home supplies and a great many more eatables were raised this year on account of this lesson.

If cotton was to reach 15 cents again we don't think the farmers would go back to the all cotton system any more.

Mr. D. A. Quattlebaum of Bishopville and little son spent a few days of last week with relatives in this section. Alonzo is a fine, healthy looking fellow and holds a responsible position with a bank at Bishopville. His mother, Mrs. Mattie Quattlebaum of Columbia, has also been spending some time with relatives through this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawes Gallman recently returned from a trip to Augusta, Ga., where they had gone on a visit to Mr. N. G. Gallman.

Mrs. J. B. Baker of near Whitmire returned home Monday, after spending a while under her parental roof. Her sister, Miss Bonnie going back with her.

Messrs. R. H. Kibler and Clarence Glenn of the Beth Eden section spent a while recently with Mr. T. L. Epps.

Mrs. G. S. Enlow, who has been spending some time with relatives near Whitmire, returned home Sunday, her sister, Mrs. Mattie Baker, and husband bringing her in their Ford.

Mrs. T. E. McCullough of Columbia visited relatives in this section recently.

We are glad to notice the editor had an enjoyable trip on attending Children's day at Bachman chapel Sunday and was so favorably impressed with the progress of the church. We notice though that he wasn't quite so well pleased with the condition of the road which leads out to the church. This road should have attention at once, as it is in bad shape in several places.

It seems that the present system of working roads isn't very satisfactory. We hope to see a road tax levied to hire the roads kept in good shape.

Mr. Carlton Paysinger was elected to represent Colony at conference, which meets at Little Mountain Lutheran church from Friday until Sunday next.

Woman's Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary society of Central Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock with Mrs. C. H. Cannon. Mrs. Dibble will have charge of the literary program.

Banks to Close.

The banks of the city will all close on next Monday as that is labor day. If you have business with any of them you better look after it, so as not to expect them to be open on Monday.

Attention Confederate Veterans.

The Confederate veterans of the several townships will meet next Saturday, September 4, at 3 o'clock, to elect one delegate from each township whose duty it will be to meet at Newberry on Monday, September 6, to elect a pension board for the year 1916. The veterans of No. 1 township will meet at the opera house Saturday, September 4, at 6 o'clock.

W. G. Peterson,
Chairman Pension Board,
Newberry County.

No Use Talking.

A young man trying to get a certain number on the telephone had been repeatedly told by central that the line was busy, relates the Louisville Times. Persistence finally won, and the young man heard the receiver click as a party picked it up. "Hello, hello," said the young man.

"There's your party," said central. "Hello, hello," said the young man, his voice rising, but he got no further than this, for he was interrupted by a loud and squeaky voice, apparently that of an old woman. "I'm deaf, and can't hear nothing," came the voice over the line, followed by the bang of the receiver.

AMERICAN TONNAGE SHOWS INCREASE

Old Glory Floats Over 2,768 Vessels Engaged in the Foreign Trade.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The American flag now floats over more ships in the foreign trade than at any time since 1863.

Figures made public today by the department of commerce show a record increase in American shipping for the year ended June 30. On that date there were registered in the foreign trade 2,768 ships, totalling 1,813,775 gross tons, an increase of 363 ships and 737,623 tons for the year.

Practically all the increases are due to the new American registry law. Assistant Secretary Sweet of the department of commerce said in a statement today:

"This is about triple the increase in registered tonnage for any previous year in American history. Our registered tonnage is now much greater than at any time since 1863, when we had 2,026,114 gross tons in foreign trade. It is many times more efficient, however, as the steam tonnage now amounts to 1,273,067 gross tons, while in 1863 it amounted to only 133,215 tons.

"The increase from the ship registry act of August 18, 1914, to June 13, 1915, was so rapid that tonnage under the American flag now employed in foreign trade is nearly equal to such tonnage under the French or Norwegian flags. British tonnage, of course, is more than ten-fold greater."

Herbert Moses Resigns.

Herbert A. Moses of Sumter announced today that he has resigned as secretary to Governor Manning, effective the end of the week. He will be succeeded by O. K. LaRoque of Marion.

"I resigned some weeks ago," said Mr. Moses this morning, "but Governor Manning and myself agreed it would be best for me to remain while he was away on his recent trip. My resignation was caused by the necessity for me to return to my home in Sumter."

Governor Manning announced that he had appointed Mr. O. K. LaRoque of Marion as private secretary to succeed Mr. Moses.

Mr. Moses has been the private secretary to the governor since his inauguration in January. He is well known throughout the State and during his stay in Columbia has made many friends who regret to see him leave official life and who wish him success in his private business.

Col. LaRoque is a resident of Marion and is well known throughout the State. He is what is known as a "live wire" in his work, and will make Governor Manning a first class office man.

At present he is the head of a hail storm insurance company and is chief of the Marion fire department which, largely through his efforts, has made a great reputation. Col. LaRoque carried a portion of the department into Indiana on a tour this spring and made quite a hit, being enthusiastically received.

In his campaign last year, Governor Manning never had a more loyal or more useful supporter than Col. LaRoque.

Rev. E. W. Leslie Returns.

There will be services in Grace church, Prosperity, Sunday night, September 5th, at 7:30. Conference will be held at Little Mountain September 3-5. We expect to reach Prosperity September 1st at 2:30 p. m. We are having delightful vacation, but will be glad to get back home.

Sincerely,
E. W. Leslie.

Missionary Institute.

There will be a missionary institute of the Presbyterian church held at Morris chapel, Chappells, S. C., on Friday, September 10.

This will be an all-day meeting with dinner served on the grounds.

Each Presbyterian church in Newberry county is requested to send two representatives whether it has a missionary society or not. Those going will be met at Chappells and entertainment will be provided. Every one is cordially invited. The program will appear later.

THE PROHIBITION ELECTION.

Newberry County Faces a Situation of Very Vital Importance.

Elsewhere in this issue The Herald and News publishes an advertisement against "State-wide prohibition." The advertisement is published because it purports to be an argument on an issue where the general assembly has submitted to the people; it is couched in parliamentary language, and it is paid for at space rates which were quoted to those inserting it.

There has been considerable criticism of newspapers taking this anti-State-wide prohibition advertising. As a matter of fact, this criticism is unjustified. Here is a matter submitted to the people of the State by their representatives in the general assembly. If those on one side or the other want to submit their argument to the people of Newberry county, and will do so in such manner that we feel no hesitancy in placing their statement in the homes which this newspaper reaches, The Herald and News will take their advertising. If the State-wide prohibitionists want space in this newspaper at the rates which are being paid for other advertising they can have it.

Nor is there an apology for this advertisement. The Herald and News is against the State-wide movement, and desires in this connection to state the reasons which seem logical to it upon which its position is based:

Taking up the matter in a local way:

1. Newberry is now a prohibition county, the dispensaries having been voted out overwhelmingly by the qualified electors of the county.

2. Most of the counties of the State are now prohibition counties, by the will of their qualified electors.

3. If State-wide prohibition is voted in an "off election" year, the liquor question will again be paramount in the next State campaign.

4. The counties which now have prohibition are satisfied with it. If they are not, they would vote the dispensary back in, as Newberry would have done last year if she had wanted the dispensary system.

5. The counties which have dispensaries, numbering about one-third of the counties of the State, want the dispensary system, in the interest of temperance, or otherwise they would vote out the dispensaries, as they have the right to do under the present local option law. It is fanatical to charge that the majority of the voters of those counties are influenced by the liquor interests. The people of South Carolina can not be bought.

6. If Newberry, Saluda and other "dry" counties, would vote State-wide prohibition upon Richland and Charleston, these two counties and the other dispensary counties are not going to be satisfied. We will have another liquor campaign next summer. By the vote of the prohibition counties the movement will have been made State-wide, and the dissatisfaction with a State-wide prohibition regime will force liquor on Newberry and Saluda and other counties which now have prohibition.

7. Newberry county now has what she wants; what her people have voted for—and why try to force other counties to her way of thinking, thereby giving the other counties, when the turning point comes, as it surely will, the right to force her to their way of thinking?

The Herald and News is a friend of temperance. Even from the standpoint of the intemperate prohibitionist, the question is settling itself. The counties are gradually, of their own volition, voting out whiskey. This movement to force them is going to react, and react heavily.

Self-government is dear to the heart of Southerners. That was what the people of the South fought for from 1861 to 1865. We now have self-government and local option on the abominable liquor question. By making it State-wide we will upset that principle, and we have to abide the consequences.

The State of Georgia is a good example. The biggest illegal liquor shipment which has been seized in South Carolina since the first of January was a shipment in Charleston of a sloop which came from the "dry" port of the "prohibition" State of Georgia.

These are among the reasons which

HAS BEGUN DUTIES S. C. BAPTIST HOSPITAL

REV. L. J. BRISTOW PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON.

A "Token of Remembrance" From Many Church Members and Other Friends.

News and Courier. . . . Abbeville, Aug. 30.—The Rev. Louis J. Bristow closed his pastorate of the Baptist church here yesterday with a sermon at the morning service. He will leave tomorrow with his family for Columbia, where, on September 1, he will become the superintendent of the South Carolina Baptist hospital.

The retiring pastor preached from the same text that he used in his first sermon here five years ago, Acts 20:32, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

At the conclusion of the sermon, very much to the surprise of Mr. Bristow, Deacon J. W. Nichols arose and stated that the church desired to adopt certain resolutions, which were presented and read by Deacon J. S. Stark. The resolutions were very appropriate, reciting the appreciation of Mr. Bristow's services, and expressing regret at his leaving.

Before Mr. Bristow could arise from his seat Dr. C. A. Milford, another deacon, approached the pulpit, and in a beautiful and touching speech presented Mr. Bristow with a large silver pitcher, a token of love and appreciation of the congregation and other friends. Dr. Milford said the pitcher represented the gifts of more than 300 individuals. Mr. Bristow responded feelingly to the resolutions and the presentation speech, and the congregation sang, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

The inscription on the silver pitcher is as follows:

"Presented to Rev. and Mrs. Louis J. Bristow by the members of Abbeville Baptist church as a token of remembrance for loving service rendered, 1910-1915."

PROF. E. M. RUCKER WEDS IN ALABAMA

Married at Florence to Miss Mary Mitchell Martin, Formerly of Marion.

Cards were received in Columbia Monday announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Mitchell Martin to Prof. Elbert Marion Rucker of the University of South Carolina law school. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Robert Manier Martin, in Florence, Ala., last Thursday evening. Prof. and Mrs. Rucker are now in Asheville, and in about ten days will be at home on the university campus.

Mrs. Rucker is a graduate of the Alabama State Normal college and of Columbia university. She taught in the graded schools of Birmingham, and more recently has taught in the graded school of Marion, this State. For the past two summers she has been on the faculty of the State summer school for high school teachers, which is held at the University of South Carolina.

Prof. Rucker was for many years a member of the Anderson bar, and represented his county in the South Carolina general assembly. He held the honor of chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives and was prominent in up-State politics. Several times by appointment he has sat upon the South Carolina supreme court bench in special cases. Prof. Rucker was called to a professorship in the school of law of his alma mater several years ago, and he has served this institution with distinction.

The Herald and News sees against the State-wide movement.

Newberry county has nothing to gain and may lose everything along this line. The State, in our judgment, is bound to be the loser, from a temperance standpoint, no matter what the result.

That is our position.