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AMERICA'S LAST WORD READY

Final Note to Berlin Soon Will Be on Its Way.

Washington, April 16.—The communication in which the United States will call Germany to account for the numerous recent submarine attacks upon merchant ships carrying American citizens is understood to be ready for transmission to Berlin. Officials indicated tonight that it might go forward at any time.

President Wilson devoted nearly the entire day to completing the case of the United States for presentation to the German government. He has before him a mass of evidence and memoranda submitted by the State Department.

The communication in its completed form, it was said authoritatively tonight, is to be emphatic in its declarations, and possibly will recall statements made by the United States in previous correspondence on the subject of submarine warfare. It is designed to be the final word of this government on the subject.

Secretary Lansing has been in almost constant communication with President Wilson in the last two days. The secretary said tonight that no additional information of value had been received. Press dispatches indicating that German officials were much perturbed over the situation were widely commented on in official quarters today.

Announcement is made by the Turks that the Russian hospital ship, sunk in the Black Sea last month, was torpedoed by a Turkish submarine.

Mulberry and Western Bates.

Dr. J. C. Sageser, of La Cygne, Kansas, was visiting old neighbors in this vicinity the latter part of the week.

Stanley Morewood came down from Chillicothe Thursday for a visit and to eat some of ma's cooking on his twenty-first birthday Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Nichols visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lope-man, in Amoret Saturday and Sunday.

Thomas N. Nelson and family visited at the W. F. Stilwell home Sunday.

Andy Morewood and family and Albert Morewood, wife and three children of Amsterdam were guests at the Harry Morewood home Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle Welton visited at the home of her brother, John H. Braden and family of Amsterdam Saturday and Sunday.

Charley Weller and Mrs. Mae Vance were visitors at Dan Garrens' Sunday.

Claud Morewood and Marvel Fail visited with Inez Beck at the W. F. Stilwell home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leiner were callers at the J. C. Rauscher home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hockett were visitors at the pencil pushers' Sunday evening.

A. F. Shesler was trading in Amoret Saturday.

Clint Jones ate dinner at David L. Clark's Sunday.

Rambler, wife and daughter, Elizabeth, ate dinner at the F. C. Ewbank home Monday and brought home a bushel basket full of strawberry plants. Here is hoping that 1917 will be a good year for short cake.

John Taute has a new wind mill so he will not have to do the pumping act for old Dobin and Bossey any longer.

Messrs. Fred Carpenter and Ira McChesney are hauling corn from the John T. Hensley farm.

Henry K. and John Dykman and their families and Mr. and Mrs. R. Bohlken were guests at the A. J. Meints home Sunday.

Sunday, April 16th, was the seventh birthday anniversary of Miss Maggie Dykman. Mr. and Mrs. Dykman invited in a few of their friends for supper that evening.

Will R. Bohlken is laid up with a sprained ankle.

Claude Cooper made a business trip to Butler Tuesday.

RAMBLER.

Mound Pickups.

The weather is still very changeable. We are having plenty of rain.

Miss Alta Brown called on Mrs. Eli Reed last Monday afternoon.

Miss Lola Coop has the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Edson Snyder and daughter, Ruth, were Butler visitors Monday.

Miss Maggie Shonk visited Mrs. Frank Christopher one day last week.

The writer and sister visited Miss Lucile West Sunday.

There will be Easter exercises at the Passaic church Sunday night. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mrs. L. C. Eichler and daughter, Lucy, visited Mrs. J. H. O'Dea one day last week.

Mrs. Webb Shelby and Mrs. Sam Holwell visited at J. N. Sharp's Sunday afternoon.

Master Robert Snyder visited his aunt, Miss Elva Church, Monday.

J. H. O'Dea, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Welch and the writer were at the county seat on business Saturday.

Lester Johnson of Butler visited Harvey Ruddell Sunday.

Misses Verna and Vera Wilcox visited Master Sherman Reed Monday.

J. R. Baum was a county seat visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Jas Chambers and Miss Prue Sharp visited at Archie Gregg's one day last week.

Mrs. B. E. Lockard and Miss Gracie Fulk visited at Joe Coop's one day last week.

Mrs. Webb Shelby called on Mrs. J. B. Rice one day last week.

Lost—Between Butler and Passaic, an overcoat. Finder please leave at Wm. Rices' store at Passaic and receive reward.

TO CLOSE ST. CLAIR BOND CASE

Compromise Issue May Be Voted on in December.

Unless the voters of St. Clair county prefer an earlier date, a compromise bond issue to settle the famous St. Clair County bond issue cases may be submitted next December, says the Kansas City Times of the 21st inst.

Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh of the United States District Court, who is acting adjudicially as arbiter to bring contending interests to an agreement conferred yesterday with Lee Crook, prosecuting attorney of St. Clair county; John H. Lucas, also representing the county, and representatives of the holders of judgments against the county which total, with interest, 4 million dollars.

In 1871 the county judges of St. Clair county voted a bond issue of 1-4 million dollars to assist the promoters of the Nebo & Neosho Railroad. The road never was built and only \$19,000 worth of the bonds were paid, leaving \$231,000 of the original debt. Judgments were taken and these, with interest, amount to sixteen times the size of the initial bond issue.

It is understood between the parties that Judge Van Valkenburgh will submit a sum as a basis for a settlement. What this sum will be was not discussed at yesterday's conference.

Elkhart.

We are having plenty of rain out in this part. The wet weather has stopped farming.

John Barton and family spent last Sunday at the home of Jim Kershner.

Guss Bruner called at Clem Custers last Sunday.

Jake Jundy and wife and John Stephens and wife all spent Sunday at the home of W. F. Stephens.

Deacon Fritts called on John Barton one day last week.

Charley Pointer died at Nevada one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Stephens has got 100 young chickens and it keeps her busy tending to them.

Mrs. Cora Custer called on Mrs. Guss Bruner one evening last week.

The writer spent last Saturday at the home of W. F. Stephens.

Mrs. Albert Roby is reported on the sick list.

George Halbert is reported to have a bad case of the measles.

Guss Bruner and his brother, Bill, went fishing one day last week. They made a very good catch.

Mrs. Mag Keeton visited at her mothers one day last week.

John Barton, Guss Bruner and the writer all took in the sights at Butler last Thursday and you bet we had a time.

G. W. Armentrout was trading in Butler last Thursday. We think that they got a little damp before they got home.

Miss Nellie Bruner was out calling on some of her friends one day last week.

Mrs. Rome Morris called on Mrs. John Barton one evening last week.

The report about Miss Beck having the measles last week was a mistake.

Mr. Dawson came home last Sunday evening riding a fine sorrel filly that he had bought in Butler Saturday.

The township court will meet the 19th to fix up the road basis. We hope that they will fix up some of the bad places in the road in Elkhart.

JOHNNY.

Oak Grove Items.

Mrs. Charley Wigger and mother, Mrs. Moore, called on Mrs. Geo. Sargent one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCook called at the John Ferguson home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Beerman and Mrs. Sarah Quick called on Mrs. Joe Frey one evening last week.

Mrs. Clara Batchelor and Dudley Cumpston spent Thursday at the W. G. Cumpston home.

Miss Grace Randall spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Claude Quick.

M. N. Evans helped G. W. Keen repair a fence one day last week.

Will Lawson spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. A. L. Gilmore and family.

A. L. Gilmore sawed wood for John McCook one day last week.

Misses Martha and Mattie Gragg spent Sunday afternoon with their sister, Mrs. Cleve Hunter.

Geo. Ferguson was a Montrose visitor one day last week.

Cal Ferguson and family called on his brother, Geo. Ferguson, and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Will Wigger was shopping in Spruce one evening last week.

PANSY.

Post, Offered Ras Pearson.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 17.—Gov. Major has tendered to Ras Pearson of Louisiana, the appointment of Assistant General Counsel to the Public Service Commission. On May 1, A. Z. Patterson, who is filling the position, becomes General Counsel, succeeding William G. Bushby, who will become chairman of the Commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John M. Atkinson.

The position as assistant counsel carries a salary of \$3,600.

ATTEMPT TO KILL GEN. PERSHING

Pursuit of Villa at a Standstill Because of the Fear of Armed Opposition by Carranzists.

El Paso, Tex., April 18.—The American troops in southern Chihuahua have retreated almost 50 miles northward, owing to evidences of increased hostility on the part of the Mexicans and lack of supplies.

An attempt to assassinate Gen. Pershing was made by snipers near Providencia while he and his escort and a small body of cavalry, were on their way back to the base at Namiquipa from the front.

Bullets suddenly began to spatter around Gen. Pershing, as the Americans arrived at the outskirts of the village.

The Americans dismounted instantly and returned the fire. Most of the snipers were silenced. Those who continued to fire were driven from their adobe shelters by soldiers who crept upon them and ejected them by a flank fire.

The Americans are reported to have taken several prisoners without suffering any loss from killed or wounded. The detachment then continued its northward journey.

General Pershing now is back at his headquarters and making plans for meeting the critical situation which has arisen.

The pursuit of Villa is at a standstill because of the unprovoked attack upon the American troops at Parral by Carranzistas.

At Gen. Pershing's headquarters there was no intimation of when it would be resumed, while there were many indications that armed resistance would be offered by de facto troops.

Carranza soldiers apparently have taken the first chief's demand for withdrawal of the United States troops as their cue for ceasing to co-operate in the hunt for Villa.

While not openly hostile, they at least are not doing anything to aid the Americans.

American officers are very skeptical about the report from Mexico that Villa had died as a result of wounds received in a fight with Carranza troops about a week ago. It is feared that the report is inspired by Villa sympathizers so that the U. S. troops will be recalled from Mexico.

Mt. Carmel News.

Well, we are still blessed with plenty of rain but very little sunshine. If the weather does not clear up soon we will be awfully late getting our corn in.

Mrs. Larris Wheatley and children went to Butler Monday to spend a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mullis, and to have her teeth worked on.

Word was received here Monday that Mr. and Mrs. Mason R. Darnes and son, Geo. R., who left last Wednesday for their new home near Harper, Kas., arrived there Thursday night all O. K.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Burk were called to Kansas City Wednesday of last week on account of the illness of her sister's husband.

Fletch Hays, of near the State line, spent Sunday with Ed Corlett and family.

Charley Wolfe, of the Virginia neighborhood, and Arthur Hardinger spent Saturday night at the home of Lee M. Hardinger and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Eggleston of Johnstown, Mo., are the proud parents of an eight pound girl which was born Thursday, April 13. Orland formerly lived in this neighborhood.

Ralph Corlett, who has been sick with the rheumatism, was able to be out to Sunday school Sunday.

W. G. Sellon purchased 200 bushels of corn from M. Hardinger Monday.

UNCLE HENRY.

Does This Mean You.

The inspection committee reports there are quite a number of places where there has been nothing done toward cleaning up premises yet. Why not do it today.

Dress Up for Easter

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