

**STAND TOGETHER FOR PEACE.**

**BERLIN AND VIENNA IN PERFECT ACCORD.**

Conferences between Bavarian and Austro-Hungarian Ministers Reported Fruitful.

London, May 3.—The conferences that have been held in Vienna between Count von Hertling, the Bavarian premier, and Count Czarin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, shows that a perfect agreement concerning questions of peace, according to a semi-official telegram from Vienna forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Amsterdam.

The Vienna cabinet, adds the message, realizes that German newspaper criticisms are merely expressions of private opinion and it "insists that Germany and Austria must hold together to the end, as otherwise no peace will accrue for either power in the future."

A Budapest telegram quotes the Countess Lloyd as saying that Count Czarin, the Hungarian premier, has offered seats in the cabinet to Counts Istvan Esterhazy and Stephen Bethlen. Count Esterhazy is to deal with the policy to be adopted in the transitional period after peace is declared and Count Bethlen to deal with the rebuilding of Transylvania. Both are said to have asked for time to consult former Premier Julius Andrássy, who at present is in Vienna.

**ATROCITIES IN FRANCE.**

**German Soldiers Have Carried Off Many French Girls.**

The pitiful plight of the French civil populations which had been under German rule before the recent Allied thrust, is told in the report of Mme. Alex Carrel, who has been working with her husband, the noted American surgeon, in a hospital in Compigne. The report was made to the American fund for French wounded and was given out by that organization. It follows in part:

"We found ourselves in Noyon only 24 hours after the last German had moved away. They had begun their retreat on the night of the 17th, and the work was over on Monday, the 19th.

"Noyon was a city of some 7,000 or 8,000 inhabitants, but when we got there we found at least 12,000 people in the town, as those from the neighboring villages had crowded in for shelter and for help. They were in the cellars, they were in the out-houses, in fact, had crawled in everywhere they could, and then a tale of horrors was unfolded to us such as our ears had never heard before.

"Every woman between the ages of 14 and 30 had been carried off by the Boches nine days before the retreat began. The young women who were left in Noyon were all about to become mothers by German fathers.

"Thus all these poor people whom we found crowded in the cellars had hideous tales to tell. In the first place none of the French civil population had any meat of any kind for 17 months.

"They have lived on black bread and rice, and many had died in their struggle to keep alive, and the mortality amongst the children had been terrible. The bodies of those who had died had been kept for five days unburied in the midst of the living.

"In the orphan asylum, in a small room, the beds were so close together that they touched, and on these beds were children who had slept without mattresses, pillows or covering since the month of December, in their clothes, unwashed, unkempt, and uncared for. No words can describe the filth of their condition. They were covered with vermin, and the beds were nothing but a little heap of filthy straw.

"The wounded French who were still in the hospital had not been cared for and were being slowly evacuated into our own hospital at Compigne, which is 23 kilometres from Noyon. It took us twelve hours to make the journey, as the roads were all plowed up.

"The men who were brought in at midnight had been reduced to the last gasp. They seemed only skin and bones and they, too, were covered with vermin. The stench produced by their condition was so terrible that our nurses could hardly stand it. I tried to clean them and wore my rubber surgeon's gloves, but even then the vermin crawled up my bare arms, making my work more than unbearable."

**CENSORSHIP FEATURE ELIMINATED.**

**House Votes to Remove Objectionable Clause from Espionage Bill.**

Washington, May 4.—The house eliminated the censorship feature from the espionage bill by a vote of two hundred to one hundred and sixty-seven.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.**

**END COMES TO SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SPARTANBURG.**

M. F. Ansel, Former Governor, Made President of State Association—Election of Other Officers.

Spartanburg, May 3.—The 40th session of the South Carolina Interdenominational Sunday School association closed very successfully here tonight. About 900 delegates from all parts of the State attended the convention and meetings were characterized by the hearers as great successes.

The following officers were elected: Ex-Gov. Martin F. Ansel, Greenville, president; J. D. Cappelmann, Charleston, first vice president; Dr. B. H. DeMent, Greenwood, second vice president; J. T. Fain, Rock Hill, recording secretary; S. T. Reid, Spartanburg, treasurer.

R. D. Webb of Spartanburg was re-elected general secretary and the Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton of Spartanburg was again chosen as chairman of the executive committee.

A resolution was adopted in favor of national prohibition as a war measure for the protection of the soldiers and the conservation of grain.

Every county in the State with the exception of Georgetown was represented at the convention.

Many delegates left for their homes tonight over a special train for Columbia.

**GIVES GRADUATING RECITAL.**

**Miss Florence Shaw of Sumter to Entertain Monday Night.**

Greenville Piedmont.

On Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, F. W. Kraft, director of the Conservatory of Music of the Greenville Woman's College will present Miss Florence Shaw in graduating recital in the auditorium of the college. This promises to be an unusually delightful occasion. Miss Shaw has numerous friends in the city who will be interested in her graduation in this department.

Ushers—Miss Ethel Simpson, Miss Isabelle Thomas, Miss Willie Bryan, Miss Mary Gambrell, Miss Jennie Sue Way, Miss Mamie Bryan.

Program.  
MacDowell—"To the Sea," opp. 55.  
Beethoven—"Sonata" opera 10, No. 3.  
Allegro, Largo-e-Mesto, Minuetto-Allegro, Rous.  
Rouald—"Love I have Won You"—Miss Mary Jane King.  
Chopin—"Etude opera 10, No. 5; Etude opera, 25, No. 12.  
Leon—"The Birth of Morn"; Rogers (b) The Star—Mary Jane King.  
Liszt—Concert, Etude in D. Flat; Maszkowski, Waltz—A Flat.

**TO DISTRIBUTE CABBAGE PLANTS.**

**Enterprise Company to Give Poor Opportunity of Providing Food for Themselves.**

Through the liberality of Messrs. J. J. Brennan, W. P. Rivers, and E. M. Hall, of the Enterprise Company, of Sumter, the Chamber of Commerce will distribute, free to those too poor to purchase, fifty thousand cabbage and twenty-five thousand potato plants.

Beginning at 11 A. M. Tuesday, May 8th, the Chamber of Commerce will distribute cabbage plants to those who called and left their names for today. Cards are being mailed out today to the applicants telling them to call at the commercial organization rooms, second floor of the "Skyscraper," City National Bank building, next Tuesday, at 11 o'clock for their cabbage plants.

The Enterprise Company will also furnish for free distribution on next Tuesday at Chamber of Commerce starting at 11 A. M. five thousand additional cabbage plants, free (first come first served) to those who are too poor to purchase and who did not apply at the commercial organization heretofore.

The potato plants have been or will be shipped direct to the applicants from the Enterprise Company's agencies in Florida.

Several thousand potato and cabbage plants will also be delivered next Tuesday to Mrs. Dr. H. M. Stuckey, president of the Sumter Charity Association, for distribution among the poor of the city who are charges of this association. These plants are also supplied as a contribution by the Enterprise Company, of Sumter.

**CONFIDENCE BY SMALL MAJORITY.**

**Council of Workmen and Soldiers Has Small Majority in Favor of Government.**

Petrograd, May 5.—The Council of workmen and soldiers delegates passed a vote of confidence in the government by a majority of thirty-five out of twenty-five hundred votes.

**LIQUOR FOUND ON ISLAND.**

**HEAVY SEIZURE IS MADE BY STATE CONSTABLES.**

Owners of Staff Not Known—Boat Near the Contraband, but no Liquor on Board—Seizure Valued at \$3,400.

Charleston, May 4.—Late Wednesday afternoon the State constables operating here under Chief Constable S. M. Duncan found and confiscated a total of 423 gallons of whiskey and sixty bottles of beer on Folly Island. The liquor was brought to Charleston, the State boat, the Seabird, landing at West Point about midnight of Wednesday. It was later hauled to the constables' office on Court House Square and will be destroyed later.

Officers taking part in the raid were Messrs. G. D. Buchanan, H. L. Bell, W. C. Eichelberger and S. J. Looper. It is estimated that at the present retail price of whiskey here, 50 cents per one-half pint, that the seizure represents approximately \$3,500. No arrests have been made as it is not known who owns the liquor seized.

The whiskey was found on the island, the constables having heard that a boat load of the contraband left Jacksonville recently and was bound for this port. A boat was found on the island, but no whiskey was found on board. After considerable searching the big haul of contraband was found. It is not known whether it was that recently reported to have been shipped from Jacksonville or not.

During August of last year the constables under Chief Duncan seized a carload of whiskey and beer near the Navy yard. No prosecution in the case has been made.

**TO MURDER THE JEWS.**

**Terrible Turkish Plan Reported in Palestine.**

London, May 4.—According to The Jewish Chronicle the Turkish governor of Palestine has publicly proclaimed the intention of the authorities mercilessly to destroy the Jewish population, applying the same policy in Armenia. The Chronicle says that many thousands of Jews in Palestine are starving and homeless.

**To Explain Peace Terms.**

Copenhagen, May 5.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will make a plainer declaration of Germany's peace conditions within a fortnight. The chancellor's decision to define Germany's aims is a result of pressure from all sides.

**News and Views of Pisgah.**

Pisgah, May 4.—Generally there is a good stand of cotton. The late planting is not up, owing to the dry weather. Corn looks very well. If we don't raise it, we will go hungry next year and deserve to be if it is our fault. The peach trees are loaded with young peaches and with no disaster there will be a fine crop. Everything for man and beast is being planted by the wide-awake planters. Of course there are a lot of people that never think of the future and will continue to live from hand to mouth, as they have always done with no ambition to better their condition. Such people are beyond the reach of reason. With the bright prospects ahead, I hope we can feed ourselves next year without always depending on the west for our living in a large measure.

Miss Flossie Williams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Kenney, has returned home. She is one of the pretty young ladies of Rowlesville, Orangeburg county.

Misses Lula and Carrie Baker and J. E. DuPre attended the closing exercises of Bever Dam school in Kershaw county last Friday evening and spent the week-end there visiting relatives and friends. They had a fine time.

Our section heard last Saturday with profound sorrow that Mr. H. H. Evans had passed away, near ninety years old. He lived here nearly all his life, was born in Fairfield county. In the war he was overseer of several large plantations which furnished a large amount of provisions to the Confederate government. He was the soul of honor and hospitality and liberal to all worthy needs. No one was ever turned from his door that needed his help. As a neighbor he was kind and good. As a friend he was true and sincere. We will miss the kindly greeting and open hospitality of his home. He was buried at Pisgah church Monday morning in the presence of a large congregation who came from different counties to pay the last sad farewell to their friend, after divine services by Rev. S. D. Yates, assisted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Lyles. He had long been a member of Pisgah Baptist Church and died in the faith of that faith. His Masonic brethren put him away in the always beautiful and solemn ceremony of the order. Peace to his ashes.

**SUMTER DISTRICT CONFERENCE.**

**EPWORTH LEAGUERS TO GATHER IN MANNING MAY 10-11.**

Program of Exercises is Strong One—Addresses to Be Made to Body by Leading Members of Organization—Dr. Truesdale to Be One of Speakers.

The Epworth League Conference for Sumter District will be held in Manning, May 10-11, beginning Thursday night and closing Friday night. Following is the program for the conference.

**Thursday Night.**

Service 8:30, conducted by Dr. Watson B. Duncan.

Song service, 8:30-8:45.

Addresses of Welcome: Town of Manning—Mr. E. C. Horton.

Baptist Young People's Union—Miss Daisy Barrineau.

Christian Endeavor Society—Mrs. Herman Huggins.

Manning Methodist Church—Hon. Charlton DuRant.

Manning Epworth League—Mr. J. B. Cantey.

Response—Mr. F. H. Burns, Sumter. Special Music.

Address—"The Place of the Epworth League in the Church" by Rev. John Paul Patton, College Place, S. C.

Appointment of Committees. Announcements.

Epworth League Benediction.

Friday Morning: Service 10:00. Devotional Service, 10:00-10:15—Led by Rev. G. F. Kirby, St. Matthews.

Business Session, 10:15-11:00. Institute:

First Department—Spiritual Work—Led by Miss Eula Winn, College Place, S. C.

Second Department—Social Service—Led by Miss Mamie Chandler, Manning, S. C.

Epworth League Finance—The Budget System—Led by Dr. S. J. Summers, Conference President, Cameron, S. C.

Address—"The Recreational Life of Our Young People"—Mr. H. L. Birchard, Secretary Sumter Y. M. C. A.

Epworth League Benediction.

Friday Afternoon—Service 4 o'clock. Devotional Service, 4:00-4:15—Led by Rev. J. S. Rice, Sumter, S. C.

Business Session, 4:15-4:30. Institute:

Third Department—Recreation and Culture—Led by Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Manning, S. C.

Fourth Department—Missions—Led by Miss Anna Brown, Sumter, S. C.

The Epworth League Council—By Dr. S. J. Summers, Conference President, Cameron, S. C.

Address—"The Epworth League in the Rural Community"—By Rev. S. W. Henry, Oswego, S. C.

Special Music.

Junior League Demonstration—By Trinity Junior League, led by Mrs. W. B. Samsnet, Junior Supt., Sumter, S. C.

Epworth League Benediction.

Friday Evening 8:30 o'clock. Devotional 8:30-8:45—Led by Rev. G. P. Watson, Bishopville, S. C.

Unfinished business, 8:45-8:55. Address—"Our Africa Special" by Dr. J. W. Wollong, Elloree, S. C.

Special Music.

Address—"Our Motto, 'All For Christ'"—By Dr. R. S. Truesdale, Sumter, S. C.

Consecration service. Adjournment.

**FOUR MEN LOSE LIVES.**

**J. W. Sellers of Cowpens One of Ill Fated Party.**

Asheville, N. C., May 4.—J. W. Sellers of Cowpens, S. C., in charge of the boys' home and farm connected with Dorland institute at Hot Springs, N. C.; Miss Lauren Davis, matron, of Sturgis, Ky.; Miss Feren Wilcox of Lansing, Mich., teacher, and Edgar Nichols of Schoolfield, Va., a student, were drowned in the French Broad river two miles west of Hot Springs late last night when their boat filled with water and sank. Miss Carroll and Carroll Willard, a student, who were in the boat were able to swim to safety. All the bodies except that of Miss Davis have been recovered.

**NEW CABINET FORMED.**

**Greek Premier Finally Assembles Government.**

Athens, May 4 (via London).—Alexander Zaimis, the new minister, has formed the following cabinet: Premier and foreign minister, Alexander Zaimis; minister of interior, Phocian Negris; minister of war, Col. Haralambis; minister of navy, Capt. Pericles; minister of shipping, M. Bettevdjis; minister of finance, D. G. Rhallis; minister of justice, Constantine Libourakis; minister of communications, M. Argyropoulis; minister of national economy, M. Callyphas; minister of food, M. Drosoulidis; minister of education, M. Genitilis.

**SAILORS GET RAISE TOO.**

**House Committee Agrees to Amend-ment Increasing Pay of Navy's Men \$15 a Month.**

Washington, May 3.—A \$15 increase in the pay of all the enlisted men of the navy during the war was agreed upon today by the house naval committee, as an amendment to the naval bill. It equalizes the enlisted pay of the army and navy.

**An Amazing Prophecy of War.**

This article, quoting a war prophecy said to have been made over 300 years ago, is reprinted in the London newspapers from the London Daily Call of October 22.

The origin of this amazing document is not very clear, but the manuscript, in Latin, was found among the papers of the late Odrien Peladen, author of a work on "Prophecies," and the editor of a review, "The Annals of the Supernatural." It was found by his son, who had it translated into French, and it was published in the "Figaro."

According to the son, M. Peladen came into possession of the manuscript through a monk of Saint-Michael de Frigolet, near Tarascon, who, in turn, received it from Abbe Donat, a learned priest, who died at a very great age.

**Allegory Deciphered.**

In deciphering the allegory it must be remembered that

France is represented by a Cock. England is represented by a Leopard.

Russia is represented by a White Eagle.

Germany is represented by a Black Eagle.

Austria is represented by the "Other Eagle."

The Lamb stands for Justice, Mercy and Truth.

**Here is the Prophecy in Full:**

1. Several times has one seemed to recognize him, because all the slayers of the Lamb resemble each other, and all the wicked are the persecutors of officers, and princes will receive burial, for to the carnage caused by firearms will be added those who perished by famine and plague.

2. The veritable Anti-Christ will be one of the monarchs of his time, a son of Luther; he will invoke God and call himself his messenger.

3. The prince of lies will swear by the Bible; He will call himself the arm of the Most High, chastising corrupted people.

4. He will have only one arm, but his innumerable armies, who will take as their motto, "God is with us," will seem like infernal legions.

5. For a long time he will act by ruse and treason; his spies will spread over all the earth; and he will be the master of the secrets of those in power.

6. He will have theologians in his pay to certify and prove his celestial mission.

7. A war will furnish him with the reason for lifting the mask. It will not be one which he will make against the French monarch, but another which will be easily recognized by the fact that in two weeks' time it will have become universal.

**Will Carry Eagle.**

8. It will call to arms all Christians, all Mohamedans, and other very distant peoples. Armies will be formed in the four parts of the world.

9. For men's minds will be opened by angels, and in the third week they will understand that this is the anti-Christ, and that they will all become slaves, if they do not trample down this conquering one.

10. The Anti-Christ will be recognized by several marks; he will chiefly massacre priests, monks, women, children and old people. He will show no mercy; he will pass along holding a torch like the barbarians, but invoking the name of Christ.

11. His false words will resemble those of the Christians, but his acts will be those of Nero and the Roman prosecutors; there will be an eagle in his coat of arms, and there will also be one in that of his confederate, the other wicked monarch.

**The Pope's Bull.**

12. But this one is a Christian, and he will die cursed by Pope Benedictus, who will be elected at the beginning of the reign of the Anti-Christ.

13. Priests and monks will no longer be seen confessing and absolving the combatants, because for the first time priests and monks will fight with the other citizens, but also because Pope Benedictus having cursed the Anti-Christ, it will be proclaimed that all those who wage war against him will be in a state of grace, and should they die, will, like martyrs, go straight to heaven.

14. The Pope's "Bull" proclaiming these things will make a great sensation, and will cause the death of the monarch, and the Anti-Christ's ally.

15. In order to conquer the Anti-Christ, more men must be killed than Rome has ever held. It will require an effort from all lands for the Cock, the Leopard, and the White Eagle would not suffice to overcome

the Black Eagle if they were not helped by the prayers and devotion of all the human race.

16. Never before has humanity been in such peril, for the triumph of the Anti-Christ would be that of the demon, in whom is incarnated.

17. For it has been said that 20 centuries after the incarnation of the Word, the Beast in his turn would be incarnated, and would threaten the earth with as many evils as the Divine Incarnation brought it graces.

**Britain The Ally.**

18. Near the year Two Thousand the Anti-Christ will appear; his army will surpass in numbers anything heretofore imagined; there will be Christians among his hordes, and amongst the defenders of the Lamb there will be Mohamedans and savage tribes.

19. For the first time the Lamb will be entirely red, in the whole of the Christian world there will not be a space that will not be red; and the heavens, the earth, the water, and even the air, will be red, for blood will flow in the sphere of the four elements at the same time.

20. The Black Eagle will throw itself upon the Cock, which will lose many of its feathers, but will strike heroically with its spurs. It would be soon annihilated were it not for the help of the leopard and its claws.

21. The Black Eagle, which will come from the land of Luther, will surprise the Cock by another side, and will invade one-half of the land of the Cock.

**Russian Invasion.**

22. The White Eagle, which will come from the land of the north, will surprise the Black Eagle, and will completely invade the land of the Anti-Christ from one end to the other.

23. The Black Eagle will be forced to leave the Cock to fight the White Eagle, and the Cock will pursue the Black Eagle into the land of the Anti-Christ to help the White Eagle.

24. The battles waged until then will be small in comparison to those that will take place in the land of Luther, because the seven angels will at the same time pour fire from their burners on the impious land (image taken from the Apocalypse), which means that the Lamb will order the extermination of the Anti-Christ's race.

25. When the Beast sees he is lost he will become furious; during months the beak of the White Eagle, the claws of the Leopard and the spurs of the Cock must harass him.

26. Rivers will be crossed over masses of dead bodies, which in some places will change the course of the waters. Only great noblemen, superior the Great Wicked One.

27. The Anti-Christ will several times ask for peace, but the seven angels who precede the three animals, defenders of the Lamb, have declared that victory shall only be accorded on the condition that the Anti-Christ be crushed, like straw on the threshing-floor.

28. Executors of the Lamb's justice, these three animals cannot stop fighting as long as any soldiers remain to the Anti-Christ.

29. The reason the sentence of the Lamb is so implacable is that the Anti-Christ has pretended to be a Christian and to be acting in His Name, so that if he did not perish, the fruit of the Redemption would be lost and the gates of Hell would prevail against the Savior.

**End of the Anti-Christ.**

30. It will be seen that it is not a human combat which will be waged where the Anti-Christ forges his arms. The three animals, defenders of the Lamb, will exterminate the Anti-Christ's last army; but the battlefield will become an altar of sacrifice, larger than the greatest of cities, and the corpses will have changed its shape by raising in it chains of mounds.

31. The Anti-Christ will lose his crown, and will die demented and alone. His empire will be divided into 21 States, but none will have either a royal house, an army or vessel.

32. The White Eagle, by Michael's order, will drive the Crescent from Europe, where only Christians will remain; it will occupy Constantinople.

33. Then an era of peace and prosperity will commence for all the universe, and there will be no more war, each nation being governed according to its wish and living in justice.

34. There will be no more Lutherans or Schismatics. The Lamb will reign, and the joys of humanity will commence. Happy they who, escaping from the perils of the prodigious time, can taste of the fruit, which will be the reign of the Eternal Spirit, and the sanctification of humanity, only to be achieved by the defeat of the Anti-Christ.—The above was taken from the Kalamazo Gazette, Thursday, December 22, 1914.

Now is the time to set out sweet potato sprouts. Everybody should have a potato patch and the bigger the patch the better.