

FULL SATISFACTION

BERLIN GOVERNMENT IS READY TO MAKE REPARATION.

HEAVY WAR TAX ON LIQUORS

Expects to Gain Big Revenue From Liquor Trade—Pershing Family Perish by Suffocation From Fire.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Germany's intention to offer full satisfaction to the United States for the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic with the loss of two American lives formally has been communicated to the state department by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, acting on instructions from the foreign office of the imperial German government. The memorandum read to Robert Lansing, secretary of state, by Count von Bernstorff outlined the position of the German government in the Arabic case and promised that in the event it is found that the Arabic was attacked without warning, the imperial German government not only would disfavor the act, but would give the United States "full satisfaction."

This, it is well known, would have to include reparation for the Americans lost and assurances that such tragedies would not be repeated.

Pershing Family Almost Obliterated.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mrs. Frances Warren Pershing, wife of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, U. S. A., for several years stationed as commandant of the cadet corps at the state university, and well known throughout Nebraska, and three of her four children, were suffocated to death in their quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco early Friday morning.

Their bodies were badly burned. Mrs. W. O. Boswell, a relative, and her two children escaped, as did Warren Pershing, five years old, and three servants. The fire is believed to have been caused by a night lamp, although this was said to be only conjecture.

General Pershing, who is in command of the American troops on the Mexican border, left El Paso for San Francisco immediately on receipt of news of the tragedy.

HEAVY WAR TAX ON LIQUORS.

France Expects to Gain Big Revenue Therefrom.

Paris.—The minister of Finance, Alexandre Ribot, has introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill providing for a comprehensive reform in the liquor trade. The measure contemplates suppression of the privileges enjoyed by private individuals who are now permitted to distill brandy from their own fruits, and for an increase in the tax on alcohol from 12 francs (\$2.40) to 25 francs a gallon. To this is added a tax on consumption of 5 francs a gallon on appetizers and liquors.

Memoranda attached to the bill contains an estimate that if consumption of the articles affected should decrease by one-half the government would nevertheless receive increased revenue to the amount of 10,000,000 francs.

Democratic Editors to Meet.

Lincoln.—President J. M. Tanner and Secretary Gene Walrath have issued a call for a meeting of the Nebraska Democratic Editorial association here Tuesday evening, September 7. The meeting will be held at the Lindell, beginning at 5 p. m., and at 6:30 the assembled editors will sit down to a supper. Arrangements will be made, if possible, to have one of the speakers secured for "Wilson Day" at the state fair, address the assembled editors. A short program of toasts and responses will be arranged for the banquet.

Storm's Toll of Lives Lost.

Houston, Tex.—According to a careful checking up of all published figures based on official statements from the cities and larger towns and localities involved, and accounting for all persons listed as missing, who have subsequently been found safe, the tropical storm that visited the Texas coast took 275 lives, 206 on land and sixty-nine on water. The same list shows 102 other persons still unaccounted for.

Drop Bombs Near Constantinople.

London.—Bombardment of the outskirts of Constantinople by a Russian aeroplane squadron, resulting in the death or injury of forty-one persons, is announced in a dispatch from Athens to the Central News. According to these advices, the attack was made on the Asiatic suburbs of Constantinople. A number of bombs were dropped, throwing the people into a panic. Thirty Turks, eight Greeks and three Armenians were killed or wounded.

Washington.—Consul Stillman at Vera Cruz has cabled the state department a communication from Jesus Acuna, General Carranza's foreign minister, asking that he inquire whether Secretary Lansing and the Latin-American diplomats acted in their official or private capacities in addressing the recent appeal to Mexican leaders for a peace conference. This was the first word from the Carranza government concerning the pan-American appeal, and it was accepted as an indication that the formal reply probably would not be forthcoming for another week.

TWO SOULS WITH BUT A SINGLE THOUGHT



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WILL PROTEST THE REPORT

GERMANS CAPTURE MAIN RUSSIAN FORTRESS.

Missouri River Cities Want Reakyne Report Set Aside—No Intent to Take Lives of Americans.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—Brest-Litovsk, the main Russian fortress and concentration center for the Bug river line of defense, is now occupied by the Austro-Germans. While the Russians offered stout resistance to the invaders during their approach to the fortress it is apparent that they did not attempt to defend Brest-Litovsk itself, but evacuated it as they did Osowetz in conformity with their intention indicated in the dispatches from Petrograd to take up new positions further east. The Germans are now in possession in the whole line of railway from Chelm to Bialystok. The Russians having already evacuated the latter city, in the lesser fortress of Grodno and Orlita are now the only strongly defended positions remaining in the hands of the Russians.

Plan to Meet Disagreements.

Washington.—Important developments in the relations between the United States and Germany have further reduced the intensity of the situation and were taken to foreshadow a declaration from Berlin on the subject of submarine warfare which would eliminate that source of discord between the two countries. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called upon Secretary Lansing and informed him that the statement presented by direction of the Berlin foreign office saying there was no intent to cause the loss of American lives when the White Star liner Arabic was destroyed was intended to imply that German submarine commanders had been ordered to attack no more merchantment without warning.

TO PROTEST THE REPORT.

Missouri River Cities Hope to Have Adverse Report Disregarded.

Kansas City, Mo.—The army engineers river and harbor board at Washington, D. C., has notified Congressman Borland it would hold a hearing at Washington, October 12, on an appeal from a recent report of Lieutenant Colonel Deakne that the Missouri river is not navigable and cannot be made so except at prohibitive cost. The appeal is by cities of the river from St. Louis to Omaha. They hope to get the board to disregard the Deakne report and approve a large appropriation for river improvement work, and thus help boat lines which have been started at Kansas City, Omaha and other cities. If the fight is lost before the board it will be taken into congress.

Big Peace Scheme.

London.—A new "big peace scheme" is being developed in Berlin, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. The scheme will be disclosed to the world within a fortnight if German plans do not miscarry, the correspondent says.

Washington.—Valuation of cattle, horses and other animals in live stock shipping contracts made by forty-five railroads west of Chicago have been declared to be unjust and unreasonable and ordered cancelled by the interstate commerce commission.

Copenhagen.—Germany has apologized to Denmark for violating Danish neutrality in entering Danish territorial waters last week to shell the British submarine E-13, which went around. The Danish minister to Berlin has so notified the government.

Lincoln, Neb.—That Lincoln will some day be chosen as the capital of the United States is the belief of Tilden Stearns, a St. Louis attorney, who is in the city on a brief visit. "This country must sooner or later move its official center from the effete Washington," said Mr. Stearns, "and nothing is more natural than that when that step becomes necessary the approximate center of the United States be selected for the place. Lincoln comes as near being the center as any other town. Likewise its name is in its favor."

BIG TRADE BALANCE

UNITED STATES BECOMES A GIANT IN EXPORTS.

CHINA MAY BUY SUBMARINES

Mongolians Negotiating Purchase of Submarines—England May Take Over Coal Mining Operations.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Exports of the products of American farms and factories in July—valued at \$267,978,990—were the greatest ever recorded in that month. The nearest approach of the new record was made in July, 1913, when American shipments abroad reached \$160,990,778. The trade balance for the month—the excess of exports over imports—was \$124,879,370, compared with a balance of \$21,929,008 in July, 1913. One year ago in July exports were less than imports by more than \$5,000,000.

Exports for the first seven months of the year—valued at \$1,959,787,495—gave a balance of trade in favor of the United States only a little short of one billion dollars. The total was \$960,878,054, compared with \$60,388,789 in the first seven months of 1914. July imports were valued at \$143,099,620, compared with \$159,677,921 last year; for the seven months, \$1,088,909,441, against \$1,140,693,373 one year ago.

May Take Over Coal Mines.

London.—Fear that the Welsh coal strike may spread to the important coal regions of England has increased the prospect that the government may be forced to take over control of all the coal mines for operation for the remainder of the year.

Officials let it be known that the government will not tolerate a closing down of the collieries because the mill owners and the men cannot agree to terms. If the conferences to be held here this week fail to end the disputes, the government is expected to serve notice on the operators that if they fail to come to terms with the men within a few days, the mines will be taken over under the "defense of the realm" act without waiting for the next meeting of parliament early in September.

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Reported to Be Negotiating for Purchase of a Hundred.

New York.—Financial circles here are interested in a rumor that the Chinese commission of naval experts recently sent to this country were negotiating for the purchase of 100 submarines at a total cost of \$75,000,000. While the representatives of one New England submarine building company admitted that some of the Chinese had inspected his plant, he denied that any contract has yet been signed.

Greeks Protest Turkish Outrages.

Athens.—Greece's threatened embolism with Turkey overshadows all other news from Balkan capitals. Premier Venizelos held informal conferences with members of the news ministry and it is reported that the draft of a note protesting against Turkish outrages against Greeks in Asia Minor was gone over. The note probably will be dispatched next week. If Turkey ignores the Greek representations, severance of diplomatic relations is deemed probable. That a diplomatic break would be followed by declarations of war is almost a certainty.

Gold Flowing Into French Treasury.

Paris.—Gold continues to flow into the Bank of France at the rate of 90,000,000 francs a week. Two and a half million francs have been received thus far from the reconquered part of Alsace. The new 25 franc and 5 franc bonds put on sale last week have given a fresh impetus to the movement among the working classes for investment in war loans and started a flood of touching letters from children who wished to empty their savings banks into the public treasury.

Proclamation of Neutrality.

Washington.—President Wilson has signed a proclamation giving notice of the neutrality of the United States in the war between Italy and Turkey. The proclamation followed the lines of the others already issued.

Lincoln, Neb.—Adjutant General

Hall and other officers of the national guard returning from Crete, where the Fifth regiment camp was held, expressed much satisfaction over the success of the camp. "The drill was excellent and the aeroplane features added much to the camp," said the adjutant general. The guard is now preparing for policing the state fair grounds during fair week. Captain Brown of Hastings and Captain Todd of Omaha will have charge of the day and night forces on the grounds at that time.

University Place, Neb.—Mrs. Mamie

M. Claffin has issued the following announcement to members of the Nebraska Dry Federation: "In view of the magnitude of the coming meeting of the Nebraska Dry Federation, it has been thought best to call together the 200 men and women who have signed the call for this great meeting on September 29 and 30. Hence this committee is asked to meet at the Y. M. C. A., Omaha, September 7, at 10 o'clock, to consider a program and other necessary preliminary arrangements."

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Hyannis will celebrate Home day, September 24.
Humboldt Odd Fellows are laying plans for a new home.
Owing to inability to secure a speaker, "Wilson day" at the state fair will probably be abandoned.
The democratic state editorial association will hold its annual meeting in Lincoln, September 7.
Frank Cline, proprietor of a "soft drink" emporium at Elm Creek, is under arrest, charged with selling the real article.
A wrestling match between Joe Stecher and Dr. Roller may be arranged for the entertainment of state fair visitors.
The Lincoln postoffice has received authority from the department to again give a parcel post demonstration at the state fair.
J. A. Yager, president of the state horticultural society, says Nebraska has the largest apple crop in the history of the state.
M. M. Wilson was seriously injured when he was thrown through the windshield of his car in an auto collision at Lincoln.
Carl Gravert, living near Broken Bow, was attacked by a vicious hog and seriously torn and mangled by the infuriated animal.
Cuming county now enjoys the distinction of being one of the very few counties in Nebraska that are completely out of debt.
Robert Malone, for thirty years a resident of Lincoln and well known over the state, is dead at his home of Bright's disease.
Thayer county's new \$5,000 agricultural building will be dedicated the first day of the fair, August 31. Governor Morehead will deliver the address.
A South Omaha firm has just made a contract to furnish \$1,000,000 worth of horses to the French government. The order must be filled in ninety days.
An automobile belonging to Mont Shrader, a liveryman at Weeping Water, caught fire on the road near that place and was burned to a mass of scrap iron.
Thomas Sargent of Cortland was badly burned when a can of gasoline exploded as he was carrying it from a building that he had discovered to be on fire.
Petitions, signed by 3,650 voters, protesting against the operation of the jitney traffic regulation Omaha ordinance, have been received by the city commission.
Mrs. Nora King, 38 years old was found dead in bed at Lincoln, with her 2-year-old son clasped tightly in her arms. Poison tablets were found on a stand nearby.
The Lincoln Brass Foundry has been given a contract to furnish \$2,500,000 worth of brass casting for shrapnel shells for one of the belligerent countries of Europe.
Miss Viola Weeks of Lincoln was seriously injured in a coaster car collision at a local pleasure resort. Her spine was badly hurt and her lower limbs paralyzed.
Richard Hughes of Nemaha county has successfully grown a half dozen Spanish pimento plants. It is said this is the first time the plant has been grown in this state.
Miss Lucy Griswold, 80, for twenty-five years a teacher in Fremont's schools, and who afterward served as a member of the board of education, is dead at her home there.
Notice has been sent from the postal department at Washington that after September 1 fourth class mail matter shall not be registered but may be insured against loss equal to the value.
The agricultural extension service of the university farm has just completed arrangements for the holding of a week's agricultural course at Sargent from October 4 to 8 inclusive. The sessions will be devoted to a study of soils, grains, farm buildings and equipment, and home economics.
Because he was six feet and a half tall Lars Selmudsen was "turned down" by a recruiting officer at Omaha. The hammocks on war vessels would hold a man that long.
W. H. Henry is in an Omaha hospital suffering from a complete loss of memory, the result of an injury received when he was thrown from a buggy in which he was driving.
When George H. Haller, at Omaha, looked up and found himself staring into the muzzles of three revolvers, he decided to do as a trio of highwaymen requested and put up his hands. He was relieved of \$4.
W. H. Hahn was instantly killed when a Missouri Pacific train struck him, near Eagle.
Mrs. O. B. Franks, of Omaha, is in a critical condition from blood poisoning, the result of a scratch from a wire "fly swatter."
State Veterinarian Anderson has tested 1,602 horses in five counties of the state and finds twenty-eight affected with dourine. Three cases were uncertain. The counties are Cherry, Grant, Hooker, Thomas and Blaine. The state pays two-thirds of the value of the horses killed because of the disease.
Mrs. Phillip Rhin was painfully bruised when she stepped between the rafters in the attic of her home at Plattsmouth and plunged through the ceiling into the room below.
Dependency over unrequited love was responsible for the forging of a check for \$12.50 by Earl King, a Lincoln colored boy. Payment was refused, and love is still agnawin'.
Art treasures, aggregating \$107,000 in value, will be exhibited at the Nebraska state fair, September 6-11. State fair patrons have never before been given an opportunity to see these masterpieces.

MUCH SPECULATION AT STATE HOUSE

ARTHUR COUNTY OMITTED FROM THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources at State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Attorney General Reed's opinion declaring the offices of state railway commissioners to be vacant because they have not filed an official bond, was the cause of much comment at the state house and of much speculation, but it is now regarded by the best informed state officials as a good joke. It has transpired that his opinion is based on the assumption that the constitutional amendment creating the railway commission is not a part of article five of the constitution, and it is beginning to dawn upon everyone that the commissioners are not required to comply with that section of article five which says all officers mentioned in this article shall give a bond. The railway commissioners are not mentioned in "this" article five. They were created by an amendment to the constitution that does not amend any section or article. The amendment creating the railway commission is an addition to the state constitution, but some recent statute compilers have placed the amendment in article five.

Arthur County Was Omitted.

The omission of Arthur county from the judicial apportionment bill passed by the last legislature has been discovered and is causing trouble. T. F. Barnes of Holdrege, an attorney, called at the attorney general's office to report that he had a lawsuit in prospect in Arthur county in the district court, but Judge Grimes of the Thirteenth district, has expressed doubt as to his jurisdiction because Arthur county was omitted from the list of counties comprising that district. The apportionment bill as it finally passed the legislature was intended to transfer Cuming and Stanton counties from the Eighth district to the Ninth district, and give the Ninth one additional judge, making two judges for the Ninth instead of one. No changes were intended in any other judicial district, but by mistake Arthur county was omitted from the Thirteenth district.

The state fair to be held September 6-11 provides a splendid opportunity for a week's outing which is superior to any other chance you may have during the year. Secure a tent, prices for which will be found elsewhere in this paper, and write to V. Arnold, Verdon, Neb., for a location. A splendid camping ground is located within the fair grounds enclosure, and the only charge for same is \$2.00 for a season ticket, which each person over the age of twelve must have. Children under twelve are admitted free of charge. Why not camp for a week and visit the wonderful Nebraska state fair, the state institutions and the city of Lincoln?

The fish exhibit in charge of Supt. O'Brien will be well worth seeing this year. New aquariums have been built to prevent the breaking of the glass with the consequent loss of fish. The new aquariums are so built that the weight of the fish and the force of their movements will not break the glass. By all means see the fishery exhibits this year.

Must Not Shoot Plover.

Recently the agricultural department at Washington notified State Game Warden Rutenbeck that under a new ruling of the department doves are not protected by the federal game regulations, but that plover are protected. A more recent notice from the department received by the state game warden says the government regulations protect upland plover continuously up to September 1, 1918, a period of three years. Mr. Rutenbeck is of the opinion that this ruling will practically shut off plover shooting in this state, because the upland plover is about the only kind that can be found in Nebraska. The department at Washington has decided that the upland plover is a shore bird, although it is seldom seen in Nebraska except upon dry hillsides or meadow land, far from water.

The state food commission has received a report from Merna, stating that Ira Harris, charged with having for sale a quantity of beverage known as "Golden Robin," pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs. Golden Robin is the so-called near beer which contains alcohol. One sample of Harris' stock contained 2.45 per cent alcohol and another 5.2 per cent alcohol.

Secretary of State Pool has received word from the general headquarters of the Rock Island railroad at Chicago that it proposes to stand pat on the payment of \$2,500 occupation tax which the secretary of state is demanding. The Rock Island tendered Pool a check for \$550, which he refused to accept. Officials of the road claimed it should be taxed only upon the amount of capital stock representing an actual investment in this state. All of the other lines operating in Nebraska have paid the \$2,500 tax provided for.