

GERMANY'S ANSWER

REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR.

RELIES UPON UNITED STATES

Dutch Government in Accord With Us on Neutrality—German Papers Speak in Friendly Trend.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Berlin.—Germany's offer, embodied in the reply to the United States' note regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and submarine warfare, has been delivered to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, and contains the following:

First: Reiterated assurances that American ships engaged in legitimate trade will not be interfered with nor the lives of Americans upon neutral ships be endangered.

Second: That German submarines will be instructed to allow American passenger ships to pass freely and safely, Germany entertaining in return the confident hope that the American government will see that the ships do not carry contraband, such ships to be provided with distinguishing marks and their arrival announced at a reasonable time in advance. The same privilege is extended to a reasonable number of neutral passenger ships under the American flag, and should the number of ships thus available for passenger service prove inadequate, Germany is willing to permit America to place four hostile passenger steamers under the American flag to ply between North America and Europe under the same conditions.

Berlin.—A review of the opinion expressed by the Berlin press relative to the German reply to the American note concerning the sinking of the Lusitania and Germany's submarine warfare, shows that aside from a few irreconcilables the newspapers generally give favorable comments on the concessions offered, the United States. They seem to be sincerely desirous that a way may be found of this or perhaps a modified basis to preserve the friendly relations with the United States and satisfy the just wishes of America and other neutral countries without putting into effect what would be virtually "a partial disarmament of Germany in the midst of the war."

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Dutch Government in Accord With This Country on Neutrality.

New York.—Holland is relying on the United States firmly to establish the rights of neutral nations in war, according to Rev. Testius Van Dyke, who for six months acted as secretary to his father, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to Holland and Luxemburg. In his first published address since his return from Holland, delivered here, the Rev. Mr. Van Dyke said that the Dutch government is in accord with President Wilson's policy as outlined in the American notes to Germany.

"Holland is still apprehensive," he said. "Her army, mobilized at full war strength, is, I believe, a factor to be reckoned with. I do not think that 350,000 is too high an estimate of the number of men the kingdom can mobilize."

Unearth Plot to Destroy Ships.

New York.—The existence of a well defined plot to destroy ships carrying munitions to the allies is said to have been uncovered here by secret service men who have been investigating the finding of unexploded bombs on three ships reaching Havre in May. The names of the vessels and details are being kept secret. The missiles on the three ships were placed aboard at ports in this country before sailing.

Indian Commissioner Resigns.

Washington.—The office of the Indian commission has announced the resignation of Fred H. Abbott, formerly of Lincoln, as secretary of the department. The resignation went into effect July 1, and Abbott has taken his departure for Chicago, where he is said to have entered land development business.

Fierce Fighting is Raging

London.—Special correspondents in Petrograd telegraph optimistic predictions concerning a coming Russian campaign for the defense of Warsaw, which forms the center of a vast circle of 100 miles of strong fortifications. Even the fall of the fortress of Ivanogorod, according to these correspondents, would not mean the loss of the Polish capital. Fighting, described as desperate in the official Petrograd reports, is raging between the Vistula and the Bug rivers.

Montenegrins Allowed to Go.

Washington.—Although the department of justice officials are confident they have nipped in the bud a plan to ship large numbers of Montenegrins back to their native country to join the colors, it is said there is no present intention of preventing the departure of Montenegrins who already have been induced to start for home. Officials here, therefore, were not surprised to learn that 145 recruits held up in Portland, Ore., had been allowed to proceed.

FROM ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Hastings is agitating for a municipal gas plant.

A farmers' union has been organized at Murdock.

A modern \$45,000 school building will be erected at North Platte.

The forty-third annual hellness camp meeting is in session at Epworth park at Lincoln.

Sunday was the coldest Fourth of July on record, the weather bureau at Lincoln reporting 48 degrees.

Preparations now being completed along several innovations give promise of the greatest state fair in its history.

Gilbert Donze, 18 years old, was struck by lightning during a recent heavy storm at Johnson, and instantly killed.

Gertrude Keller, of near Plymouth, was seriously injured when her arm got caught in the gearing of a cream tester.

Dick Rutherford, at one time Cornhusker football coach, is now a member of the life saving crew at Long Beach, Cal.

Jess Osborne, one of the passengers on the torpedoed Armenian, was a Nebraska boy, a graduate of the Sidney high school.

Ferdinand Anderson, 15-year-old Waverly boy, is dead as the result of injuries received in a fall from a motorcycle.

Lewis Debbin, a farmer near Elwood, was dragged to death when a cow he was leading ran away, tangling him up in the rope.

Damages to the extent of \$2,000,000 was done to crops in an area twenty-five miles square near Hastings by the hail storm of last week.

Estimates of what Nebraska farmers have lost by hail to date are raised from half a million two weeks ago to one and a half millions.

Ferdon Cook, a fourteen year old Omaha lad, is dead as the result of the accidental discharge of a revolver with which he was playing.

Plans are already being formulated for the 1916 Lincoln pageant to be presented next June. The pageant this year was somewhat of an experiment.

Frank W. Brown, postmaster at Lincoln, and for twenty years prominent in Nebraska business and politics, is dead after an illness of several months.

John Cutright, editor of the Daily Star, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for postmaster at Lincoln to fill the vacancy caused by the death of F. W. Brown.

The Wayne Commercial club has appointed a committee to solicit \$1,100 among the business men for the establishment of a system of electroliers.

E. H. Westerfield, a prominent Omaha attorney, disappeared from sight during a business trip to Chicago, and no trace of him has yet been found.

Undermined by the recent rains, the walls of the College bookstore, at Lincoln, fell in with a crash Tuesday night, causing a loss of several hundred dollars.

Twenty-two Nebraska counties, represented by nearly a hundred people, were in evidence at the Sacramento, Cal., annual picnic of the state association held recently.

Earl Brannon, athletic coach of the Arkansas agricultural college, is seriously ill at his parent's home at Lincoln, from blood poison, caused from infection of a blister on his hand.

Membership has tripled within the last year in the boys' and girls' clubs of Nebraska, which are conducted co-operatively by the United States department of agriculture and the agricultural extension service of the college of agriculture.

Drug fiends broke into Coughlin's pharmacy at Omaha and carried off several hundred heroin tablets, two and one-half ounces of powdered opium, 100 codeine tablets, several ounces of morphine and a quantity of derivative drugs.

George Hartz, an aged recluse, who for many years has made his home in a cave near Lincoln, dropped dead of heart disease as he was delivering a basket of vegetables to a neighbor.

Joe Stecher, a Dodge boy, is champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, having defeated Charles Cutler of Chicago before an audience of 10,000 people at Omaha the Fourth.

Omaha will be in its gayest attire for the Saengerfest of the Northwest Saengerbund, July 21 to 24, when six of the world's greatest singers will appear in conjunction with the Saengerfest concerts.

Roy Tevis, a 10-year-old Omaha boy, is dead, following an amputation of the left arm, the result of a fracture when he fell from a tree a few weeks ago.

The four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Donlor, near Avoca was severely scalded when she knocked the plug from a washing machine, the hot water drenching her.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the hardware store of W. A. Compton and the grocery and notions store of Bertz & Meehan, at Cortland. Buildings and contents were a complete loss.

During an electrical and hail storm that visited the western portion of Jefferson county, the home of M. J. Harms, near Gladstone, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

The first public market day of the Lincoln Garden club, composed of children of the city schools, was a success from every standpoint, and it is thought it can be perpetuated.

Twenty-five clergymen, fifty lay delegates and about as many unofficial visitors are expected to attend the state conference of the German Congregational church at Hastings, July 8th to 11th.

VILLAGE PAINTER SEEKS CITY BRIDE

Belles of Town He Ornaments With Brush Do Not Appeal, Hence the "Ad."

Good Ground, L. 1.—James C. Cook, the leading painter of Good Ground, who made most of the houses and barns hereabout what they are today, seeks a bride. So determinedly is he seeking the woman who is to share his joys and sorrows, ladders and turpentine that he has gone to the trouble and expense of advertising in the weekly newspaper, stating in his best handwriting the type of a girl that causes him to fall off a scaffolding on sight.

Mr. Cook has made it clear that his



He Says He is Thirty-Two Years Old and Handsome.

wife must be tolerable as to face and form and must be, above all things, "cityish." This demand is made after Mr. Cook has carefully observed the unleased belles of Good Ground, and what they think of him and his advertisement is something to consider. The last requirement mentioned by Mr. Cook is usually set up automatically by printers familiar with matrimonial advertisements—it is that the ideal mate who is to be Mrs. Cook shall have sufficient funds for her modest needs and one or two of Mr. Cook's.

The European war has blurred the paint business considerably and Mr. Cook, who hasn't wet a brush for some time, is willing to make any sacrifice to assure commercial advancement, he declares.

After explaining the sort of bride that would not annoy him, Mr. Cook has added a note regarding his own qualifications as a candidate for the romp altarward. He is thirty-two years old and, as he says himself, handsome. He has never tasted whiskey. He never swears and has never chewed tobacco in his life, even though the painter's colic has driven thousands of good brush welders into the unspeakable cigar stores. He has led a good and upright life and declares after carefully snapping his fingers that no one can say that (bang) about him.

So far nothing definite has developed for James. One girl only from the city has made the trip to Good Ground. James rejected her. He found she painted.

REPORT OF DEATH MISTAKE

Church Filled With Mourners for the Funeral When Announcement is Made.

Rockville, Md.—Montgomery county negroes are great on attending funerals. When one of their number dies there is always a large outpouring at the funeral. Several days ago it was announced that James Brown, an aged colored resident of the vicinity of Ednor, had died and that his funeral was to take place from Round Oak Baptist church, near Spencerville.

At the hour set the church was crowded and everything was in readiness to give the old man a good "send-off," when some one arrived and announced that the report of Brown's death was all a mistake and that he was well and hearty. Instead of a funeral service an experience meeting was held during which Myerly Jackson, one of the best known colored residents of that section of the county, while addressing the gathering, fell dead.

SUES FOR DIVORCE AT 79

Well-to-Do Kansas Farmer, Married at Seventy-seven, Says Wife Has Deserted Him.

Parsons, Kan.—Married when more than seventy-seven years old, William R. Lackey, a well-to-do farmer, who lives near Edna, south of here, is now suing for divorce at the age of seventy-nine. He alleges his wife lived with him only 30 days after their marriage in June, 1914.

Lackey's first wife died two years ago. His second wife has been a neighbor for 15 years. She was fifty years old when they were married.

How to Stick a Stamp.

One of the young men who assist Mr. Burleson in the conduct of the United States postal service has explained to the Sun that the gum on postage stamps, the apparent stickiness of which has caused much irritation, and, regrettably enough, no little profanity, is in fact of excellent quality, sufficient in quantity and of a superior adhesiveness.

This authority declares that the difficulty of which numerous complaints are made arises from the fact that attackers of stamps wet the gum too much. He recommends moderation in the use of the moistening fluid, and asserts that those who merely dampen the glue will find it sturdy and tenacious in the accomplishment of its purpose, while those who flood it will dissolve from its reverse side the mucilaginous coating which Mr. Burleson applies to his stamps.

In the interest of good temper and fair language Mr. Burleson's young assistant urges all patrons of the post to correct their habits, and conform to the enlightened suggestions thus unofficially set forth.

The London Tram.

The London tram was not kindly received on its first appearance in the city in 1861. It aroused much the same indignation among citizens as the advent of the first motor bus. The form of rail first introduced was considered so dangerous that the tramways soon had to be removed, after one of them had been successfully indicted as a nuisance. However, they returned again in ten years, lines from Brixton to Kennington and from Whitechapel to Bow being opened in 1870. And as proof of the growth of our tram system all over the country since the '70s it may be mentioned that whereas in 1878 146,000,000 passengers were tram travelers, by 1909 the number had risen to 2,659,891,136.—London Chronicle.

Good Fortune.

"I found a four-leaf clover on my lawn today," said Mr. Crosslots.

"I suppose you think that's lucky?"

"I do. I'm lucky to find anything in that lawn except dandelions and ragweed."

If she is the right sort of woman the same man never says the wrong thing to her more than once.

If a ten-year-old boy had the privilege of selecting his parents he would pick out a different set.

WAITED LONG FOR PROBATE

After Twenty Years Son Produces Father's Will—Testator's Instructions Had Been Obeied.

Undiscovered for nearly twenty years after his death, the will of Johann Michael Muller has been offered for probate at Baltimore by his son, John G. A. Muller. The testator died March 13, 1896, having made his will on May 31, 1889.

The paper, yellow and musty with age, left all Mr. Muller's property to his wife, Elizabeth Barbara Muller. She died April 30, 1915, and her son was appointed administrator of her estate. He had known of the existence of the will for several months prior to his mother's death, but since all the property had been enjoyed by Mrs. Muller as her husband had desired, it was not thought necessary to probate the will at that time.

The son says the property will now be divided between his two brothers and himself, since his mother died intestate. The exact value of the estate has not been determined, but it is made up almost entirely of parcels of real estate.

Temporary Reverse.

Fogarty (a moderate drinker)—I'll bet yo th' Rooshians are beginning t' feel th' loss iv vodka.

Flaherty (warmly)—Don't ye lose any slape over it. Marrk me wur ruda, they'll retake it ag'in before long.—Puck.

The War Zone.

"Have a piece of this old English cheese?"

"Why, it looks like Swiss cheese; it's full of holes."

"Yes, I know; it got riddled coming over."

The Result.

"Sire, the allies' aviators have dared to bombard us."

"Ha! Then they shall Karlsruhe it."

On the Farm.

Stella—You have been running.

Bella—Yes, the milk condenser chased me.

But there are as good compliments in the social swim as ever were fished for.

When a man's sins find him out they are apt to hang around until he comes in again.

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Exceptional Luck.

A vehement argument, in which two racehorse players were defending their judgment, was overheard last night.

"Why, nobody but a sucker would have played that horse," said the first.

"Well, he won, didn't he? You can't get away from that. How about this bank roll?"

"Well," said No. 1, as he looked rather longingly at the money; "well, all I've got to say is this: Most any old blind hog will dig up an acorn some day."—Louisville Times.

Hard on Her.

"This ten o'clock closing is a nuisance," observed a shawled lady to her neighbor.

"Well, what difference does it make to you, seein' you never drink?"

"Why, once my 'usband always come 'ome at eleven after we was all in bed, and glad he was to get any bits of supper left for 'im. But now he's in at ten, and the trouble I 'ave to get anything he fancies you can't imagine."

Consequences.

"How uppish that girl is!"

"No wonder. Her father made his money building skyscrapers."

That's All.

"What were you doing so long at the photographer's?"

"Merely awaiting developments."

And most of the people who try to vindicate themselves by saying they did the best they could, didn't.

Many a man has thought he had found a good company because its promoter was good company.

Builders of the "Big Ditch"

There has just been issued by the Historical Publishing Company of Washington, D. C., a magnificent illustrated history of the construction and builders of the Panama Canal. The editor of this great history is Mr. Ira E. Bennett, with associate editors, John Hays Hammond, celebrated mining engineer; Capt. Philip Andrews, U. S. N.; Rupert Blue, Surg. Gen. U. S. Public Health Service; J. Hampton Moore, Pres. Atlantic Deeper Waterways Ass'n; Patrick J. Lennox, B. A., and William J. Showalter.

One of the most interesting portions of the book is that dealing with the feeding of the immense army of laborers. A few paragraphs concerning one of the foods chosen and supplied by the Commissary Department, are quoted (beginning page 428) as follows:

"Visitors to the canal who were privileged to get a glimpse of the routine inner life will recall a familiar picture of workmen going to their places of labor carrying round yellow tins.

"Often, as they went, they munched a food poured from the tin into the hand. This food, which played no inconsiderable part in 'building' the canal, was the well-known article of diet, 'GRAPE-NUTS.'

"The mention of Grape-Nuts in this connection is peculiarly pertinent. Not merely because Grape-Nuts is a food—of course proper food was an integral part of the big enterprise—but because it is a cereal food which successfully withstood the effects of a tropical climate. This characteristic of Grape-Nuts was pretty well known and constituted a

cogent reason for its selection for use in the Canal Zone. . . .

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