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## OFFERS TERMS OF PEACE TO RUSSIA

Evading the Issue—Momentous Happenings May Follow

## CAUSED STORM IN REICHSTAG

GERMAN CHANCELLOR MAKES NO GENERAL TERMS

Members Attack Chancellor for

By International News Service.

Berlin, May 15.—Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg refused in the Reichstag today to give Germany's terms of peace. Instead he offered peace to Russia only, on condition that Russia renounce her aims of conquest.

When the chancellor ended, a storm broke loose, the chancellor being attacked for evading the issue. Hollweg is still chancellor, but the atmosphere is surcharged with feeling and momentous happenings are expected.

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Germany, offered Russia peace today, but failed to hint what were the terms and if the terms of peace were with Russia separately or with the Entente generally. He refused to commit himself.

## BIG CONTRACT FOR WOODEN VESSELS

Another gigantic shipbuilding plant for New Orleans which will construct wooden ships and which has government contracts for \$2,500,000 worth of wooden merchant ships was announced yesterday by Walter Cooke Keenan, naval architect, who has just returned from Washington.

Besides Mr. Keenan, Crawford Ellis, of the United Fruit Company, and H. M. Field, contracting engineer, are the heads of the new company. The contract which the company received is similar to that recently received by Ernest Lee Jahncke.

One thousand men will be employed at the yards and they will work in three shifts of eight hours each. Engineers are already making soundings and completing plans for pilings and shops and writing so that night work can be carried on.

Each of the six ships will contain 2,000,000 feet of lumber, all native Louisiana woods, pine, cypress and oak. They will be 26 feet deep, 46 feet in beam and 260 feet in length. They will carry a cargo of 3600 tons, will have from 1400 to 1500 horse power, and develop a speed of 14 knots an hour.

## FAREWELL TO THE FIVE CENT LOAF

BAKERS AGREE TO ELIMINATE IT FROM THEIR LIST

## PRICE OF MATERIAL IS CAUSE

Committee of Workmen Call of City Council for Investigation—New-

man to Grant a Hearing

By International News Service.

Five-cent bread practically will be unknown in New Orleans starting tomorrow. Of the 110 bakers of the city 105 have agreed to discontinue the baking of the five-cent loaf. This is the result of a conference held by bakers a short time ago when it was decided for economic reasons that five-cent bread would be discontinued. The reason for this change, according to the bakers, is that the price of bread materials have increased to such an extent that it is necessary to increase the price of the retail product.

Joseph Reuther, Henry Weil and George Lendenheimer, three of the city's largest bakers, left yesterday

Chicago. A special committee, representing 2000 laborers, appeared before the city council yesterday morning and asked the city to make an investigation into the price of bread, saying that it would add to the difficulties of living if the increase was made. After some discussion, Commissioner Newman announced that he would make the investigation, beginning this morning at 11 o'clock. The hearing will be held in his office.

## ESCAPADE WITH 15 YEAR OLD GIRL

Louis Welken, an electrician, 611 Chartres street, who has a wife and two children, was arrested at that address yesterday afternoon with 15-year-old Vivian Harvey, whom he is alleged to have induced to leave her home at Gulfport, Miss. His family is at Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Detectives Stubbs and Behrman, who made the arrest, say they have letters written to the girl by Welken in which he begs her to come to New Orleans, but said he was afraid to send her transportation because of the Mann white slave law.

Vivian Harvey is a pretty little blonde with a soft voice and modest demeanor. She cried profusely when arrested, but did not take long to master her emotion.

"Yes, I know Louis was married," she said in answer to a question by a reporter for The Bee. "And I came down here of my own free will." "Are you going to prefer any charges against him?" was the next question.

## GRAIN DEALERS BOW TO THE STORM

AGREE TO KEEP DOWN PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS

## COMMITTEE TO GO TO CAPITAL

To Consult With Government Officials—Blame Wheat Prices on Short Crop and the Railroads

By International News Service.

Chicago, May 15.—The leading grain traders this afternoon took steps to co-operate with the government to keep down the prices of foodstuffs and decided to send a committee to Washington to confer with the government officials.

## BELTRAN ESCAPES WITH LIFE TERM

Two murder cases were disposed of by the Criminal district court yesterday, one of the accused pleading guilty and the other being convicted of manslaughter.

A. J. Belmont, 26, 939 Hazan avenue, pleaded guilty of murdering his 16-year-old wife last August and was sentenced to life imprisonment by Judge Christian in Section A.

Ernest Carson, 50, 3412 Dumaine street, was placed on trial yesterday morning on a charge of killing Henry Milton, 26, 939 Hazan avenue. Shortly after noon the case went to the jury and not long after a verdict of manslaughter was returned, accompanied by a recommendation to Judge Baker for mercy. The killing occurred June 20, 1916.

Beltran, in the beginning, had pleaded not guilty, but as soon as the trial opened yesterday his lawyer, Henry Rhodes, announced that his client's plea had been changed to guilty. Judge Baker at once passed sentence.

Beltran fatally injured his wife during a quarrel in Carroll street, near Poydras, a few paces from her home, exchanged shots with Patrolman Eadie Davis when the officer came to arrest him. Davis was unhurt, but a bullet pierced the lapel of his coat. Mrs. Beltran died in the charity hospital last day.

The young couple had been separated. Beltran called to see the girl at 82 Carroll street, where she was living with her mother. At his request, she came out and walked down the street toward Poydras. A quarrel followed which ended in the shooting.

## MANY THEFTS OF BRASS AND COPPER

CAUSED THREE ARRESTS ON ALGERS SIDE YESTERDAY

## JUNK DEALER AND 3 PATRONS

Taken Into Custody by Vigilant Officer—Believes Series of Thefts Will Come to an End

By International News Service.

In the arrest yesterday of a junk dealer and three other men in Algiers, police believe they have broken up a gang of copper and brass thieves who have been plying their illicit profession to advantage of late and that they have located the "fence" where the stolen goods were being sold.

Antonio Estabate, 921 Patterson street, Algiers, is the junk dealer. He was charged with having in his possession property known to be stolen. Others, booked for being dangerous and suspicious characters pending investigation, are Frank Neufus, 140 Pacific avenue; Henry Bohler, living at the head of Patterson street; and Mack Hill, negro, Wagner and De la Haye streets.

Corporal Hattier, of the eighth precinct station, had the junk shop under surveillance for some time. In his report of the arrests, he said he saw Bohler enter the shop with a pocket and emerge empty-handed. While interviewing Estabate, Hattier says, Frank Neufus came along with some copper piping and could not give any satisfactory account as to how he came in possession of it. Hill is said by Hattier to have taken to the junk shop a sack containing \$12 worth of copper ingots.

The piping Neufus had was afterward learned to have been stolen from the Algiers Railway and Light company, and the ingots brought to the shop by Hill was the property of the Southern Pacific railroad, according to the police.

Brass and copper thieves had been active on the other side of the river for some time, but were clever enough to evade the police. Information that suspicious characters visited Estabate's junk shop resulted in the arrests.

## FIRST LOUISIANA IS 200 SMALLER

Because approximately 200 soldiers in the First Louisiana infantry have dependent relatives or families, the number was discharged from service yesterday. A recruiting campaign immediately was launched and efforts will be made to fill up the ranks to offset this loss.

The machine gun company yesterday was making its last efforts to enlist about twenty men to bring it up to the required war strength demanded by the government.

# GLOOMY NEWS FROM RUSSIA CAUSES U. S. TO HURRY ACTION

Foreign Mission To Be Dispatched at Once. --- Record War Budget Reported On in Congress. Food Legislation Planned.

By International News Service.

Washington, May 15.—The receipt of further unfavorable news from Russia caused the State Department to hurry arrangements for the departure of the mission headed by former Senator Root. Some dispatches indicate that Germany is leaving no stone unturned to break down the Russian government with the object of forcing separate peace.

Washington, May 15.—The Appropriations committee of the senate today reported on the most gigantic war budget ever proposed by this or any other country. It carries a total of \$3,390,340,381.22 in appropriations. The President was clothed with sweeping powers to spend millions for ships and force the builders to construct them.

Washington, May 15.—Thirty-seven senators and representatives, members of the house and senate agricultural committees, Secretary Houston and Herbert Hoover, consulted with President Wilson tonight at the White House on plans for rushing food legislation.

After two hours the conference determined that minimum food prices be fixed and Food Dictator appointed. Hoover will be the dictator. The conference was the first of a series the President will hold to speed up war legislation.

Washington, May 15.—The United States is forced to go to France for Aeroplanes. Machines of American manufacture fail to meet the War Department test. The contract for supplying the entire army of 1,200,000 will be placed abroad. The initial order of 1,800 has already been placed. In addition to the Cadet training school, several air mobilization camps for regulars and guardsmen are to be established, one near New York, another near Chicago, and a third in Texas.

Petrograd, May 15, via London.—It became known here today that just before the resignation of the provisional minister of war, General Guehloff, was announced yesterday General Alexis Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies on the southwestern front, and General Gurko, the commander on the Russian front, asked to be relieved of their commands. The resignations of these two army officers will be considered after the successor of General Guehloff has been appointed.

Washington, May 15.—President Wilson this afternoon warned the nation to be prepared to make heavy sacrifices to insure victory over Germany. In addressing the Labor committee of the Advisory Board on Council of National Defense, labor representatives and capitalists at the White House, the President declared that the United States must steel itself to meet the "turbulent pressure of suffering of pain of war." British and Canadian labor members, Samuel Gompers, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Daniel Guggenheim and others pledged the co-operation of capital and labor.

## NO DAIRYMEN'S STRIKE

Milk Dealers Are Doubtful About Paying Advanced Rate

Daitymen will not strike, although milk dealers are somewhat split among themselves whether they will pay six and one-half cents per quart butterfat to the producer or not. Beginning to-day J. W. Carman will pay the price demanded by the country producer.

Cleveland Dairy, however, announces that it will stand pat for the old price. The president of the company announced that the company had received letters from many people in the country that they would continue to supply milk at the old price. A few, however, have notified the company that they will discontinue shipping milk unless the new price demanded is paid.

N. O. Nelson has not decided what action he will take in the matter. Neither is it known where the price to consumer in the city will be raised. Milk dealers of the city soon will hold a conference and decide upon this matter.

## TO STUDY QUESTION FURTHER

The billboard ordinance being drafted by Commissioner Newman will not be presented to the commission council for the present. This announcement was made yesterday morning at the session of the council by Commissioner Newman, who explained that he wanted to get more information from other cities that have billboard ordinances before he drafts the measure for New Orleans.

## U. S. AVIATORS MEET

MISHAP: ONE KILLED

Columbus, N. M., May 15.—Lieut. Melchior Eberts was killed and Captain James Dunswoth was injured, both of the First aero squadron, when an aeroplane crashed to earth today.

## IDaho TOWNS FLOODED

INHABITANTS FLEE

Spokane, Wash., May 15.—The towns of Kellogg and Wardner, Idaho, have been flooded by the Couer d'Alene river. A thousand homes have been deserted.

## AMERICAN HELP NEEDED

Mexico Now Ready to Welcome Outside Investors

Mexico has a government that has things well in hand and all that is needed in the southern republic is American interests to aid in the development of the country. This, in the opinion of Dr. V. A. Rendon of Yucatan, Mexico, who is

Only a short time ago Fr. Rendon held a conference with First Chief Carranza in regard to affairs in the southern republic. He stated that Villa practically had been eliminated from the country. He declared that Villa was on the verge of smuggling more arms over the border, but that his government could not afford to do this.

General Carranza has met all the stipulations made by the United States two years ago," said Dr. Rendon. "Elections have been held, a constitution adopted and under it officials elected."

## DECISION EXPECTED THURSDAY

Decision in the Business Men's Raising Association case, the directors and owners of which are charged with violation of the Locke law at the Fair Grounds, will be handed down Thursday.

## LIVE ASSES START A FIRE

The throwing of some live asses against a fence to the rear of 1625-1625 Marigny street, started a fire last night which did about \$150 damage to the double cottage. The building is owned by Mrs. S. Manaragua.

## TWELVE FIREMEN HURT AT ROCHESTER BLAZE

Rochester, N. Y., May 15.—Twelve firemen were injured in a fire which destroyed the Wood wholesale house, causing a \$200,000 loss.