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Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong. —Stephen Decatur.

The German Reply

Enough is now known of the contents of the German reply to the American note regarding Germany's submarine warfare that we may understand that the next move and, necessarily, a decisive one, has been put up to this government.

The reply means, also, that, meanwhile, German submarines will sink all British vessels occupying a status similar to that of the Lusitania whenever they can, whether they carry American passengers or not.

The reply puts forth the contentions that the Lusitania was on the auxiliary list of the British navy; that she was armed and carrying munitions of war and Canadian reserves for the forces of the allies; that she sailed from New York in violation of the laws of the United States.

If the dispute should finally go to The Hague, all these contentions but one would be stoutly opposed by this country, for, if sustained, the blame for the disaster would rest wholly upon our country.

But what will become the chief thing in the dispute was not touched upon in the note, and was therefore not included in the reply—the new place of the submarine in warfare. The president unintentionally alluded to it in the note in the statement that the Lusitania and the Falaba had been sunk without the passengers having been given time to escape.

The reply, when its contents have been fully made known, will be what we might have expected it to be—a refusal by Germany to relinquish an advantage in warfare that her superior submarines have given her.

Beyond Legislative Power

Among the recommendations in the governor's call for a second extraordinary session of the legislature is one for the abolition of capital punishment and the substitution of "life imprisonment for the crime of murder when there are no extenuating circumstances."

We believe that a bill imposing life imprisonment without hope of pardon, if such a restriction were possible, would pass the house, might pass the senate and we feel sure would receive the endorsement of the people.

serious doubt whether the legislature would have power to enact a law with such a provision, for it would amount to an amendment by the legislature of the constitution which gives the governor power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after conviction.

"Restrictions and limitations" were fixed by the first state legislature, so that while this power has not been taken away from the governor and can be taken away from him only by an amendment of the constitution, he can exercise it only upon the recommendation of the board of pardons and paroles.

The board of pardons and paroles was created by a referred act with which, under an amendment to the constitution, adopted last November, there can be no interference by the legislature.

Then it must be evident that the legislature could do no more than to abolish capital punishment. It would hardly care to assume that responsibility so soon after the submission of the question to the people and we do not think that the governor, himself a strong advocate of popular rule, means to suggest to the legislature action on that bare question.

It is now up to the United States government to let bygones be bygones. Huerta is said to have saluted the American flag at the late naval review at New York.

Mr. Marconi is carrying his inventions too far. He has recently announced the discovery of a device by which one can see through a solid brick concrete or wooden wall or partition. Well worth the day when through the devilish ingenuity of this Italian we shall be living in glass houses.

The legislature cannot complain that Governor Hunt has not cut out plenty of work for it, considering the time of the year.

In Germany it is late paraphrased: "Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees not another British battleship undone."

THE MOST COMPLETE

The Salt River Valley edition of The Arizona Republican issued Sunday is one of the most complete of the kind ever issued in the state. Every section is full of interesting facts in connection with the state of Arizona.

A CREDITABLE NEWSPAPER

The special edition of The Republican issued last week was by far the best of its kind ever issued in Arizona. Such publications cannot but be beneficial to the state, as practically every industry in the state was handled in a masterly manner.

LANDLORDS BAR BIG FAMILIES

At Richmond recently it was stated by Warrant Officer Taylor that if people had more than three children, landlords in the Richmond district would not let them have a house. The statement was made in connection with proceedings brought by the Richmond town council against six persons for failing to leave their houses in accordance with the closing order.

A NEW SORT OF CURRENCY

Waynesboro, Ga.—For the first time in the history of the state a pickaninny has been used here as currency. A Burke county negro who owed a bill to Dr. J. M. Byrne, called to tell why he couldn't pay it. He had with him a woolly-headed boy.

A YOUNG DIPLOMAT

"Is that small boy of yours taking music lessons?" "No. He got a spanking yesterday and persuaded his sister to play an accompaniment on the piano so that he could tell the boys who heard him that he was only practicing vocal exercises."—Washington Star.

THE PRESS IN A CRISIS

The press of the United States in a great crisis has been a credit to it. The occasion has been so big as to make even the narrowest partisans ashamed to display too much bias against an administration not of their making.

DELIVERS EULOGY AT ANNUAL PYTHIAN MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



Dr. L. D. Dameron

PYTHIANS PAY TRIBUTE

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Chancellor Commander Howard B. Clifton, assisted by his officers. The words of the ritual were read in clear tones and added to the impressiveness of the occasion. Particularly pleasing were the notes by Mrs. L. D. Dameron and Mrs. Hunter.

Paul writes to the Hebrews: "Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees not another British battleship undone."

Who can tell what word or deed of mine has changed the whole life of a man for good or ill? I shot an arrow into the air. I felt it fall, I knew not where; I breathed some into the air. I felt it fall to earth. I know not where. Long long after in an oak, I found the arrow still unbroken, and the song from beginning to end I found again in the heart of a friend.

Through the centuries the great Mississippi river has maintained its course carrying upon its bosom the commerce of the world, and finally discharging its waters into the sea. Yet we are told that near its source a few specks of earth would change the whole course of this mighty river.

MEMORIAL DAY

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and experiences of past memorial days. An anthem, "Praise to the Father," was rendered by the choir of the Congregational church and then Mayor Nydzich was introduced and delivered a striking address on the occasion.

We rejoice that in the great scheme of Almighty God that it should please Him that men have believed such orders as we represent. An order founded upon love of our fellow man. An order whose every teaching is for the betterment of humanity.

ON THE FILLING OF THE DAM

(By G. M. Willard)

Here within this mighty chasm Where rock-ribbed mountains tower, A child born of the storm-king Lies chained by human power.

Who chained and timed the lightning, Who cleaves the heaven's blue, Who salts the ocean's bottom, Might dare this thing to do.

Oh, the lovely captive waters, Whose captivity was planned By the boldest of bold dreamers, In the services of man.

By the hand of man here halted In their journey to the sea, And the hand that made them captive In good time will set them free.

When released from their confinement, On their mission they will go, And give life to thirsting farm lands, Lying many miles below.

Till he's ready for their service, They must wait for his commands, And then go where he directs them, To his fields and orchard lands.

To his fields of green alfalfa And his plots of waving grain, That will give them joyful greeting On a distant desert plain.

All the implements of science And the modern engineer, After years of patient effort Were at last assembled here.

Here the white man and the redman Oft engaged in deadly strife; Later joined their strength and labored Till this mighty mass arose.

And this pile of rock and cement They have thrown across the stream To impound the precious waters,— 'Tis true the dreamer's dream.

Now they reach the rocky bottom With an awful denfening sound; And in the spray ascending Myriad rainbows now abound.

And I reach and grasp a rainbow Scarce a yard before my eye, But the shutting of the vapor Promptly robs me of my prize.

Then I turn and grasp another That hangs dangling on my left, But again 'tis disappointment, For again I am bereft.

Oh, you tantalizing beauties, Oh, you impis of gorgeous hue, I've been chasing you a lifetime And I've now come up with you.

Yet as soon as I lay hold of you, So soon you slip my hold; And away you go a-dancing With your pots of yellow gold.

As I view the scene enchanting, Every fiber feels the thrill; And I'm drinking, drinking, drinking, But I cannot drink my fill.

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The government of the United States proceeds on the assumption that the Lusitania could be regarded as an ordinary unarmed merchantman.

The Imperial German government further has the honor to direct the particular attention of the American government to the fact that the British mercantile shipping not only to seek protection under neutral flags and distinguishing marks, but also, while thus disguised to attack German submarines by ramming.

The Imperial German government also offered high prizes and has already paid such rewards.

The Imperial German government in view of these facts indubitably known to it is unable to regard the British merchantmen in a zone of naval operations specified by the admiralty staff of the German navy as "undefended."

Germany will take the same view of the case and let us know in what points their understanding of the facts differs from the German viewpoint as set forth in the note, and on what points they agree before looking for a direct answer to their communication.

LUSITANIA CASE

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cases in which it has been shown by its investigation that a neutral ship, not itself at fault, was damaged by German submarines or aviators, has expressed regret over the unfortunate accident and if justified by conditions has offered indemnification.

The cases of the Cushing and Gutlieb will be treated on the same principles. Investigations of both cases are in progress, the results of which will presently be communicated to the embassy.

From previous knowledge of Mr. Wilson's position generally it is predicted a prompt answer will be sent to Berlin, perhaps within 24 to 48 hours.

MIGHTY BATTLE

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that after a ten hour artillery attack to the east of the Yser canal the allies were repulsed.

The steamer Tullochmor was sunk by a German submarine. ... British Steamer Sunk BARRY, Wales, May 28.—The British steamer Tullochmor was shelled and sunk on Friday evening by a German submarine. The crew was landed here. She was steaming off Ushant Island on the coast of Brittany France. The submarine was only fifteen yards distant and the crew of 26 was given ten minutes to leave the ship. Captain Holford says the Germans did not attempt to board the boat and that he was not asked to show his ensign or tell the nationality. Forty shots were fired from the submarine.