

### SUBSTITUTE FOUND FOR COTTON BY GERMAN CHEMISTS

New Product May Prove Nation's Salvation and Be Means of Paying Its Enormous Debt.

By John Grandens  
(United News Staff Correspondent)  
Berlin, May 15.—While German statesmen are pondering over the problems of financial restitution to the allies, pleading dire poverty as a ground for making a minimum reparation in their proposals to be advanced at the Spa conference, her business chieftains are engaged in developing a new industry—ersatz cotton—which may eventually repay all her debts and put her on her feet.

This ersatz—or substitute—cotton is an outgrowth of the war. When Germany was unable to get importations of cotton to use in its manufacture of gun cotton her chemists developed a wonderful substitute consisting of wood cellulose, which looks and feels like the real material.

The manufacture of the substitute has now reached such a point of perfection that its promoters claim it may be adapted to any use to which real cotton is put, and that if it is mixed with a little of the genuine material, or with wool, it can be water-proofed.

Some leaders in the industry declare that just as beet sugar was developed after the war of 1870, just so is ersatz cotton destined to "arrive," making Germany wealthy and eventually meeting the world's cotton shortage. It is also pointed out that much land now devoted to cotton raising might be put to other agricultural purposes.

It is known that the Du Ponts in America have been striving for a similar development of the substitute, but the Germans claim they have not reached a satisfactory solution of the various problems involved.

### Zeppelin Factory May Be Transferred To United States

By Karl H. Von Wiegand  
Berlin, May 15.—Allied pressure to forbid Germany to construct any aerial craft whatsoever, together with Germany's fear that the government may be forced to obey such a permanent injunction, may elevate the United States to the foremost nation in the construction of airships and make America the home of the Zeppelins and Schutte-Lans Air Cruisers, conceded the most modern in the world.

The director of the Zeppelin works is now on the way to New York and Professor John Schutte, head of the Schutte-Lanz Airship Building yards, leaves for New York soon, both with the view to negotiating the transfer of their respective work to America.

The Zeppelin works have two large passenger craft completed, but they are not operating largely because of the allied attitude.

The Germans insist that the Versailles treaty does not prohibit Germany from having a commercial air fleet. On the other hand, they realize the allies may interpret the treaty provision to that effect, and that Germany in that case will be able to do little more than protest.

For that reason, preparations are already being made to transfer the airship and airship building yard to America.

### German Protest on African Troops Is Declared Unfounded

(United News Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, May 15.—German protests against alleged outrages on white women by African negro troops in the extended zone of occupation were answered by the foreign office today with a denial given to the United News.

These charges were grossly exaggerated, the foreign office declared, and in the isolated instances of outrage the offenders were punished. It was pointed out that the negroes have all been withdrawn from the extended zone and that most of the negro garrison has left the regular zone of occupation, being replaced by white troops.

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### NEW CHIEF SECRETARY OF IRISH AFFAIRS



Sir Hamar Greenwood

### FRENCH TIRES OF IRISH VICEROYSHIP

Field Marshal to Get Another Billet Because of Inharmony in English Ranks.

By Robert J. Prew  
London, May 15.—As soon as another lucrative post has been found for him, Field Marshal Lord French will be relieved as viceroy of Ireland, it is learned from a trustworthy source.

Lord French, it is understood, is unable to work with the new chief secretary, Sir Hamar Greenwood, and with the new British military commander in Ireland, Sir Nevill Macready, both of whom are represented by authentic advice from Dublin as being "disgusted" with the inefficiency of the present governmental methods of Dublin Castle.

Macready is now in London. Both he and Greenwood, it appears, are in favor of a sterner regime, despite recent reports that they were planning a conciliatory policy.

Sir Nevill said to be about to send a number of cavalry regiments to Ireland shortly to patrol the outlying districts, where the Irish Republicans have recently been raising incendiary havoc with the police barracks.

Sir Hamar, it is learned, is insisting in his advice to the government on drafting in sufficient force to smother the Sinn Fein movement, whose grip on the country is reflected anew by the revolt in that Sinn Feiners are now administering their own system of justice by secret courts.

### World Overlooking Ten Commandments, Says English Critic

London, May 15.—(L. N. S.)—A scathing attack on modern morals is made by Agnes Edgerton Castle, famous British novelist, in an article in the Daily Express. She said, in part:

"A startling gospel is being preached nowadays. It is a gospel very far from the message in the Sermon on the Mount. It is designed to fit in with the frantic desire for pleasure, at any cost. Everything that is irksome or entails self-sacrifice is to be cast aside. It is interesting to watch the trend of the new teaching as it appears in modern fiction, journalism and on the lecture platform. The old code, based upon the Ten Commandments, is now derided as out of date. Morals must be 'modern and new-fashioned.' You can scarcely open a book or a newspaper nowadays without seeing something that our forefathers would have condemned as blasphemous. The suffragettes seek to abolish all restrictions on divorce.

"They contend these restrictions are the cause of unhappy marriages. You might as well say, as some persons do: 'Make new laws and then none will be broken.'"

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### BRITAIN HAS KEEN DISPUTE OVER OIL ALLIANCE PLANNED

Observer Editor Says England Must Choose Between Gas of Rockefeller or the Shells.

By A. E. Johnson  
(United News Staff Correspondent)  
London, May 15.—Interest in the future of Great Britain's oil supply is becoming intense, arousing a bitter controversy between adherents and opponents of the government's proposal for an "oil alliance" with foreign nations.

Opponents of the plan have grave fears of foreign control of the supply under any such scheme, while defenders of the proposal advance the argument that Great Britain's output is but 2 per cent of the total world's production and regard such an alliance as indispensable for army, aviation and the navy.

Some of those who are keenest in their opposition to the alliance point out that Great Britain has a monopoly of the Mesopotamia fields, but others point out that it would take years to accomplish the full development of this territory, and in the meantime Great Britain would be entirely dependent upon outsiders for its oil.

Proponents of the alliance argue that the question is not what may be done ten years hence, but what may be done at once.

"We can't suspend all use of oil during the next decade," they declare.

J. L. Garvin, editor of the Observer, who is very close to Lloyd George, reviewing the situation, declares that Great Britain depends absolutely upon foreign oil for automobiles, her oil-driven ships and for aviation purposes, and must choose between the Rockefeller interests and the Royal Dutch controlling the Shell interests. Rockefeller is impossible, he says, because his vast interests cannot be controlled, and also because he cannot deliver the goods.

The United States, he charges, is recklessly using up her oil supplies and is soon destined to become a consumer rather than a producer.

ALTERNATIVE FOR ALLIANCE  
The other alternative is an alliance with the Shell interests, which control world-wide supplies.

The editor congratulates the ministry upon its preparations for some kind of an agreement, and urges Lord Northcliffe to suspend the feud with Lloyd George to aid in making it effective.

He concludes that the alternative commercial jingoism will increase the risk of "hamstringing the entire transport air service."

### Sailing of Pilgrims Will Be Celebrated

London, May 15.—(L. N. S.)—The Congregational union of England and Wales has appointed committees and has plans far advanced for a celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the sailing of the Pilgrim Fathers for America, starting September 3. A series of celebrations is planned, the first to be a reception by the lord mayor of Plymouth. A three-day programme is planned there, and on September 7 the tercentenary will be observed in many other English towns.

### Wilson's Boundary Suggestion Granted

Coblenz, May 15.—(L. N. S.)—The British Army Dramatic company gave their Yankee cousins a treat, producing for the doughboys Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man." It had run 200 performances at the British "front" and got an enthusiastic reception from the Americans.

In Scotland there has been built a draw bridge in which all the work of opening and closing it and guarding traffic over and through it is done by electricity.

### Prince of Wales Makes Real Hit As Jazz Drummer

London, May 15.—(L. N. S.)—The Prince of Wales, who is now on a visit to Australia, became an expert "jazz drummer" during the long voyage to the other side of the world, according to news from Auckland. The officers on the battleship Repulse, on which the prince is making his journey, have a "jazz band" and the royal guest insisted upon beating the drum, an instrument upon which he became quite proficient.

### NITTI IS BLAMED FOR OWN DEFEAT

Premier Forced Minor Issue to Avoid Larger Issue Attacking His Policies.

(By United News)  
Rome, May 15.—Commenting upon the defeat of the government, the Jopolo Romano observes that Premier Nitti himself forced the vote on the minor question involved, in order to avoid a more explicit issue condemning both his internal and foreign policies. It adds that the country cannot stand with him in the encouragement of disorder and a seditious attitude on the part of state employes.

The Messagero regrets that a debate on the domestic policy was prevented by the vote, realizing Nitti's sincerity, and says that the crisis has hurt those who provoked it.

Writing of the origin of the crisis, however, the Popolo Romano maintains that the real motive inspiring the opposition was the fear that Foreign Minister Scialoja might have irrevocably compromised the country's interests, and adds that the fact that the Jugo-Slavian delegation was composed of Italy's bitterest enemies produced a bad impression.

"The vote in the chamber," it says, "was nothing but a revolt of national public sentiment against the Pallanza conference."

Following a cabinet meeting, Premier Nitti visited the king and informed him that he had decided to resign. Consultations over the new government will begin today.

### East Against West Will Be Next War, Says Paris Editor

(By United News)  
Paris, May 15.—It is not Turkey, Greece, Italy, Jugo-Slavia, France and England or the central empires who will set the stage for future wars.

In world politics there will be only three protagonists: America, which becomes more powerful every day; Asia, which is organizing, and Europe which is declining.

The war has transferred the balance of power to the Far East and the Far West and only future generations will see the ultimate winner.

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(By United News)  
London, May 15.—The Evening News prints a Paris dispatch reporting that the Italians and Foreign Minister Trumbitch of Jugo-Slavia have reached a decision at Pallanza regarding frontiers along the lines suggested by President Wilson. The town of Piave would remain under Italian sovereignty, while the port would be controlled by the League of Nations.

### French to Evacuate German Cities Soon, Foreign Office Says

(By United News)  
Paris, May 15.—The foreign office announces that the French will evacuate the recently occupied German cities as soon as an officer now in the Ruhr district completes a verification of the assertion that the German effectives have been reduced in accordance with the agreement of August.

The foreign office believes that the withdrawal will probably begin next week.

The German delegation has declined to begin negotiations on the economic situation scheduled to open on May 16, until the French have evacuated Frankfurt. The investigating officer was dispatched to the Ruhr district last night.

### French Black Troops Not to Be Recalled

(By United News)  
London, May 15.—Replying to questions in the house of commons, Bonar Law declared the government had no intention of making representations to France on the removal of black troops from German territory.

British aviation scientists claim to have demonstrated that the easiest flight is one along an undulating course, like that taken by birds and fish.

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