

TEXT OF GERARD'S BERLIN ADDRESS

Is Substantially Same As Newspaper Reports, Say Officials.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 13.—Ambassador Gerard's much-discussed speech on his return to Berlin, in which he was quoted as saying that "never since the beginning of the war have the relations between the United States and Germany been as cordial as now," was reported substantially as made, it was said at the state department today. The full text of his speech has been received at the department and officials declared that on first examination it appeared to be practically as contained in news dispatches.

The text will be examined carefully and it is probable some announcement will be made later.

Ambassador Gerard's speech has caused more comment abroad perhaps than any utterance by an American diplomat since the war began. The German newspapers attached much significance to it, especially as it followed Ambassador Gerard's visit to President Wilson here. In general the German chancellor's supporters and those looking to an early peace approved it, while the chancellor's enemies and those urging vigorous warfare regarded his suggestion that so long as the present German officials continue in power no trouble was likely as an undue interference in Germany's internal affairs which should justify his recall.

Allied press comment divided somewhat similarly. The bitterly anti-German papers took offense at his statement that relations with the United States were more cordial now than at any time during the war, while some of the more liberal papers interpreted his hint about the continuance of Bethmann-Hollweg in power as a threat by this country that the overthrow of that government by a more radical administration would strain relations with this country to the breaking point.

Just what the administration will do in the circumstances if it is shown that the ambassador was correctly reported is unknown, though it is intimated some sort of statement will be made.

MAY STOP SHIPMENTS INTO NORTH CAROLINA

Senator James A. Gray, Jr., came in last night from Raleigh for a week-end visit. He will return to the capital city Monday morning. The upper branch of the legislature adjourned yesterday for a recess until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. On account of the rush of local bills since the general assembly convened the representatives have found it necessary to work "overtime" in order to dispose of all the bills dropped into the hoppers of the two houses.

During the coming week some bills of state-wide interest and importance will be taken up. The Anti-Saloon League will meet in Raleigh the first of the week and, according to reports, the organization will ask the legislature to enact a temperance law that will be "extremely strenuous," according to a statement made this week by a strong advocate of prohibition. It need not be surprising if the general assembly should be asked to pass a bill which would prevent the shipment of whisky and beer into North Carolina. Anyhow, this belief is being expressed in Raleigh and in other parts of the state. Superintendent R. L. Davis, of the Anti-Saloon League, is "on the job" and has prepared a bill which has "teeth" in it, it is said by those who have seen it.

DECORATOR AND ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR MEYERS STORE

Mr. J. M. Ellis, of Richmond, Va., has arrived in the city and has assumed the duties as decorator and advertising manager for the department store of Meyers Brothers. Mr. Ellis has for several years held a similar position with the Meyers department store in Greensboro, and was connected with that firm when they conducted a branch store in this city, under the firm name of the Hitchcock-Trotter Company. At that time Mr. Ellis visited the Winston-Salem store at intervals, and will be remembered by many, whom he came in contact. He is a genial young man, and is pleasantly remembered by many who will welcome him as a citizen of Winston-Salem. Prior to his coming to Greensboro he was connected with Miller & Rhodes, large merchants of Richmond. Mr. Ellis says that he will be joined at an early date by Mrs. Miller and their daughter, little Grace. They will, however, remain in Greensboro until he can secure a location.

MORE THAN \$2,000,000 SUBSCRIBED TO FUND

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Jan. 13.—More than \$2,000,000 has been subscribed toward the fund for retired ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph B. Hingley, corresponding secretary of the board of conference chairmen.

In addition Dr. Hingley said that large contributions toward the fund have been provided for in wills. The amount actually distributed to the retired ministers and widows by the church exceeds \$1,400,000.

W. C. Briggs and John L. Lee, of Lynchburg, were among the visitors to the city today.

W. F. Carter, of Mt. Airy; H. P. McDonald, of Monroe; G. T. Roth of Elkin, and W. B. Lyon, of Danville, were among the visitors to the city last night and today.

NO DEATHS FROM THE EXPLOSION

About a Dozen Persons Slightly Injured at Powder Plant.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Jan. 13.—It appeared today that there was no loss of life in the powder explosions at the plant of the Dupont Powder Company at Haskell, N. J., last night. About a dozen persons were slightly injured. No estimate of the damage was given by Haskell officials.

Haskell, the scene of other explosions which have cost lives, did not witness the spectacular incidents which accompanied the fire and explosion on the day before at Kingland, another New Jersey town. There were no shells stored awaiting shipment for war purposes in Europe and the devastation was not so widespread.

Only powder was being manufactured at Haskell. After nine explosions within ten minutes, ten after ton of powder flared up until the blaze burned so brightly that it was visible many miles away. Several of the detonations were heard as far north as Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Haskell residents who fled from the scene found their homes wrecked when they returned today. In other towns the deputy sheriffs spent the night guarding banks, public buildings and dwellings where all glass panes had been shattered.

LITTLE SENTINELS

Seriously Ill.—Mr. Gus Reich, widely known as "the wizard of the Blue Ridge," one of Winston-Salem's oldest and most esteemed citizens, is seriously ill at his home in Salem.

To Address Ministers.—Dr. John Thames, city health officer, will address the meeting of the Ministerial Union to be held at the Y. M. C. R. building Monday morning at ten o'clock. Dr. Thames will talk of the health conditions in Winston-Salem.

Sister Ill.—Mr. C. A. Kent has been called to Lynchburg, Va., on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. A. M. Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is well known in this city, having frequently visited here, and her many friends regret to learn of her illness.

Boy Scouts Meet.—Several Winston-Salem troops of Boy Scouts held weekly meetings last night, among them being the Salem troop, known better as the Wolf patrol, gathered in their headquarters and elected the following officers: Troop leader, Charles Chinnard; assistant troop leader, Ralph Spangh; scribe, William Vogler; treasurer, Jay Vance.

Funeral of Mr. Nifong.—The funeral services over the remains of Mr. Noah Nifong, announcement of whose death is made in another column, were conducted first from the home, at two o'clock, and from the New Philadelphia Moravian church at three o'clock this afternoon by Rev. J. K. Pfuhl, assisted by Rev. James E. Hall, of Clemmons.

Masons Going to Raleigh.—The Grand Lodge of Masons will convene at Raleigh on Tuesday of next week. A number of Masons from Winston-Salem will attend. Among them will be Mr. George S. Norfleet and Mr. Leon Cash, members of the body, and officers of the local lodges as follows: Worshipful Master, S. C. Whiteheart, Junior Warden Charles R. Fogle, and Mr. H. M. Brandon, representing the senior warden of Salem lodge; Worshipful Master M. C. Johnson and Senior Warden R. D. Shore, of Winston lodge. Probably others will attend. Mr. P. T. Wilson will be in Raleigh on Monday on business and expects to remain for the sessions of the Grand Lodge, if possible.

ILLINOIS TWO-CENT FARE SUSTAINED

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Jan. 13.—The supremacy of the Illinois two-cent rate for passenger travel within the state was affirmed today by Judge Landis in federal district court when he dismissed for want of equity the petition of twenty-eight railroads operating in Illinois, for an injunction to restrain the state authorities from prosecuting them for establishing a 2-cent rate, indirectly authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Argument of the case centered upon the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to authorize railroads to authorize state rates above the point established by the state law.

Judge Landis held that the Interstate Commerce Commission had no power under the guise of removing discrimination against points outside the state to repeal the Illinois two-cent rate law and that the roads could have relieved discrimination by reducing the interstate rate.

BRITISH VIEWS OF NOTES TO NEUTRALS

(By Associated Press)
London, Jan. 13.—An authoritative statement issued here today gives the British view of the German and Austrian notes to neutrals. It repeats the assertion that Germany was responsible for starting the war, inasmuch as the proposal for a conference was rejected.

This refusal, it is pointed out, was given on July 27, 1914, while it was not until July 31 that orders were given for a general mobilization by the Russian government. The statement deals at length with the German charge that the proposals of the allies regarding the rights of small nationalities lacked sincerity.

To Move Tailor Shop.

Herald & Silverstein, tailors, will have their shop upstairs in the building on Liberty street, just north of the Thompson drug store.

NEW BRIEF FILED BY GOVERNMENT

Machinery for Putting Adamson Law Into Effect Is Suggested.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Jan. 13.—In a supplemental brief in the Adamson law case, received today at the supreme court for formal filing next Monday, the department of justice makes suggestions for machinery to put the law into effect.

Under existing railroad wage contracts, the brief declared, the phrases "day's work" and "day's wage" have a well recognized meaning in most freight service contracts to be "100 miles or less at 10 miles per hour." By substituting a 12 1/2 mile per hour "speed basis" for the existing 100-mile ten hour day scale, the brief asserted, the Adamson eight hour standard can be generally put into practical operation.

The following proposed endorsement on existing ten hour contracts was submitted to the court: "Whenever by this schedule more than eight hours constitutes a day's work, the same is hereby reduced to eight hours, whether herein stated in terms of hours or in terms reducible thereto; and all overtime shall be paid pro rata."

Regarding this proposed effect, the brief added:

"The Adamson act declares in effect that every employe of the class affected, no matter what his task, shall be considered at the end of eight hours to have earned the contract price payable for a day's work. If he is worked longer and he may be, such work will constitute overtime and entitle him to extra pay. The economic burden of this extra pay is counted on to produce an actual shortening of hours, and this shortening can be effected without curtailing the mileage of the day's trip if the speed per mile is increased.

"If, however, like passenger engineers and conductors, the employe is laboring at a task which can be and usually is accomplished in less than eight hours he is of course unaffected by the act. The purpose was to decrease, not increase the hours of actual labor. It is only when set to a task of longer duration than eight hours that the act steps in and penalizes the employer by imposing overtime."

CITY TO ISSUE BONDS TO PAY FOR NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

The certified copy of the act authorizing the city to issue bonds in the sum of \$50,000, passed by the general assembly, was reported to the board of aldermen at their meeting in the council chamber last night. The bonds are authorized to meet certain expenditures for necessary and permanent improvements made during the past two years. The bill was one of the first introduced at the opening of the general assembly last week.

The board authorizes the finance committee to arrange the preliminaries for the negotiation of the bonds at once, and to report back to the board.

Several minor matters were acted upon by the board.

Mayor O. B. Eaton, who has just returned from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the State Association of Mayors, gave some interesting facts affecting the legislation pending before the present session of the general assembly. Bills providing a solution for governmental problems have been drafted, and are receiving consideration, but the most important and far-reaching are those affecting the finances of cities. Included are provisions classifying municipal bond issues, with the length of time for which they may run limited and graduated according to the character and life of the improvement for which they are issued.

The legislation, if enacted, will also prohibit municipalities from issuing bonds for a floating debt, demanding that some other means be adopted to meet the expenses of a city or town. All towns with heavy floating debts will be given an opportunity to liquidate them, however, within a given period following the enactment of that bill.

In commenting upon the proposed municipal legislative program Mr. Eaton declared that it is the most far-reaching ever contemplated in the history of the state.

INSTANCES OF SUPPORT OF PLAYERS' FRATERNITY

(By Associated Press)
Boston, Jan. 13.—Two instances of support by major league players of the Baseball Players' Fraternity demands in behalf of minor league members developed here today.

Harold Janvrin, who played second base for the Boston Americans in the last world's series, announcing dissatisfaction with the terms of his preferred contract, said he would not sign it until permission was given him by President David L. Fultz, of the fraternity. His statement followed closely the refusal of J. Carlisle Smith, third baseman of the Boston Nationals, to sign a contract during a conference with President P. D. Haughton, also Smith said the terms were satisfactory.

Most of the members of the local teams are members of the players' organization.

WINSTON-SALEM'S NOTABLE RECORD

Chief Thomas Tells How Crime Is Decreasing Here—No Murders During 1916.

Not a single malicious killing is the record of Winston-Salem during the year 1916.

Police Chief J. A. Thomas said this morning that this was the first year since his connection with the department, and the chief has been affiliated with the promotion of law and order in Winston-Salem for many years, that there have not been one or more murders or homicides.

There was one killing, but it was not done maliciously, or with an intent to violate the law. Rather it was done in the efforts of a patrolman to preserve law and order in the community. Patrolman E. E. Wooten shot and killed a negro man one Sunday night early in the year. It happened in the northern part of the city and was not done until after the negro had advanced on the officer with an axe handle. This killing was in self-defense.

Considering all conditions, the record of 1916 is a most remarkable one. It is extremely doubtful if it can be equaled by many cities with a population of between 35,000 and 40,000 people. Certainly there are but few that can say they have seen a year go by without a killing of one kind or another.

All hopes the police department may have had of duplicating this record in 1917 were shattered last Sunday afternoon, when the badly-cut body of Neal Gray, colored, was found lying in a creek in the northern part of the city. Gray was killed by Sherman Crews, also colored, who is now awaiting trial in the superior court, to which he was sent from the city court.

But the police are of the opinion that from now on the number of murders will grow less each year. The faster the country goes for prohibition, the faster will the number of crimes decrease, not only in Winston-Salem, but in every other city, as well, in the view of the officers.

It is a known fact that few crimes are committed by absolutely sane men, that is, men who are sober and in their right senses. The records of most of the big crimes committed in Winston-Salem will show that the murderer was under the influence of either liquor or cocaine nine times out of ten. With these two perils out of the reach of the people, human lives are much safer than when liquor and cocaine could be bought in Winston-Salem, it is held.

Police Chief Thomas attributes the wonderful record of 1916 entirely and without reserve to the absence of liquor and cocaine in Winston-Salem.

With cocaine out of the way, whiskey out of Virginia, and a law that only permits one quart in fifteen days, rigidly enforced, even a greater decrease in crime may be expected in Winston-Salem in the years to come, the officers believe.

SERVICES SUNDAY AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

State Secretary E. C. Ware, of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention will preach at the Fourth Street Christian church at 7:30 Sunday night. Rev. Mr. Stoney will occupy the pulpit at eleven a. m. and conduct the communion service. Superintendent G. H. Crumpler, of the Bible school, contributes the following:

Some folks may think that church members have nothing to do when there is no regular pastor, but others realize it is more necessary than ever to keep plodding away. There are those in every walk of life and in almost every institution who are perfectly willing to let the "other fellow" do it. A note of warning along this line might be helpful to the entire membership of the Fourth Street Christian church at this time, since they have no pastor. The following from Farm Life refers primarily to the "country church," but is applicable to the "city church" as well.

"The pastor of a country church writes us that the greatest obstacle to the success of his work lies in the fact that so many people are indifferent to church activities. The brother has put a sure finger on a very common human failing. Indifference has always been the great obstacle to progress in every line of life. The enthusiasts are the salt of life, the leaven that keeps the world from growing stale. The indifferent man is not only a poor churchman; he is a poor merchant, a poor student, a poor farmer, a poor citizen, a poor lover. We might pray to the Lord to deliver us from the evil of indifference. We might well do our part by cultivating our enthusiasms and giving them a practical turn. Fortunately for ourselves and for the world, we all have matters in which we take a natural interest, approaching the point of enthusiasm. These are the matters we should cultivate. They offer us success along the line of least resistance."

WANT INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
London, Jan. 13.—The Scandinavian socialist organ has received a telegram from American socialists asking its assistance in calling an international peace conference at The Hague for June 3, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Copenhagen Social Democrat says that there are good prospects that the three Scandinavian countries will support American effort in this direction.

WILL RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA

Mr. W. M. Armistead, Well-Known Advertising Man of Reynolds Co., to Move Headquarters.

W. M. Armistead, who for the past year has been connected with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, has decided to remove to Philadelphia the latter part of this month, where he will again join N. W. Ayer & Son.

Since the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company became national advertisers, N. W. Ayer & Son have placed their advertising, and have been represented, from the beginning, by Mr. Armistead.

Mr. Armistead said that he regretted exceedingly to give up his residence in Winston-Salem, but felt that his service could be of more benefit to the R. J. Reynolds Company by making Philadelphia his headquarters, and visiting here frequently, which will not cause any change in his present pleasant business relations.

"For six years before moving to Winston-Salem," said Mr. Armistead, "it was my privilege to come here at regular intervals; therefore, when I became a resident of your city I did not feel that I was among strangers. My year's residence in Winston-Salem has been a source of much pleasure and gratification to both Mrs. Armistead and myself, as we have enjoyed the delightful hospitality of your citizens, which represents the 'Old South' in all of its cordiality, and our consolation is the anticipated pleasure of frequent visits here in the future."

"Winston-Salem is a great city," continued Mr. Armistead, "as compared with its future, you might say it is just shaking off its swaddling clothes. It is now by far the largest manufacturing tobacco center in the world, and its production of heavy-weight cotton-ribbed, knit underwear is also the largest in the world. In addition, there are various other lines of industry that are growing at a remarkable pace.

"Winston-Salem is no longer local or sectional in its reputation, because it has gained, within the last five years, an international reputation. The advertising that is done by the Winston-Salem manufacturers circles the globe and helps to carry their products into every corner of the world.

"During the next ten years, I predict that Winston-Salem will show greater growth than it has in the last thirty years, and its growth during that time has, as you know, been remarkable. Regardless of where you may travel, mention Winston-Salem and your introduction is sufficient. It is hard for anyone to understand or appreciate the importance to commercial life of the great industries located in Winston-Salem without an intimate knowledge of their persistent growth.

"The citizens of Winston-Salem can talk and write about their town enthusiastically without exaggerating it in the least, and none should overlook an opportunity either in personal conversation, by letter, or in the printed page, of further informing the citizens of the United States what Winston-Salem offers as an industrial and residential city. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco, as well as other cities, have a tremendous number of important industries. There are industries in Winston-Salem, however, that surpass anything on the face of the earth for importance and volume of business. The fact that Winston-Salem and her industries are favorably known throughout the world should cause the blood of her citizens to tingle with pride.

"The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company for a number of years has been a consistent user of daily newspapers and mediums of a national character, in exploiting its products, and has never overlooked an opportunity of furnishing newspapers with news and interviews concerning the importance of Winston-Salem as a manufacturing city. In this way, Winston-Salem has received many thousands of dollars' worth of publicity, in addition to the publicity gained by the general advertising that is done by your various industries.

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While, as Mr. Armistead says, his primary object in leaving the city is to enable him to render more efficient service to the Reynolds Company, his departure will, nevertheless, be the cause of sincere regret among his wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Armistead and little daughter expect to leave for Philadelphia in about ten days or two weeks. They will carry with them the best wishes of their many friends here.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN ARBITRATION MATTER.

(By Associated Press)
Nashville, Jan. 13.—There were no public developments today in the situation that has arisen before the special arbitration board which has been hearing testimony regarding the controversy between the Nashville Terminal Company and discharged firemen. Following the refusal of the company to produce letters asked for and the announcement that the firemen would withdraw from the arbitration as a result the special board telegraphed the board of mediation at Washington asking instructions. A reply was received, asking for more details.

The special board this morning met and adjourned till Monday afternoon.

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.
MEYERS BROS.
(INCORPORATED)
DEPARTMENT STORE

Our Suit Department Has 33 Suits on Hand
We are Making Very Special Prices

The Season's Latest and Best Models. They are in fact

LOT NO. 1 are suits sold up to \$22.50. Special for Saturday \$13.95

LOT NO. 2 are suits that sold up to \$29.50. Special for Saturday \$16.95

11 SPORT COATS in all wool zibeline, worth up to \$9.50. Special purchase enables us to re-mark these for Saturday \$4.95

Our entire line of high grade Coats at 20 per cent off; only 31 left. Come early.

Two light plaid and striped Chinchilla Coats, regular price \$22.50. Special Saturday \$14.95

All Silk and Serge Dresses specially priced. Each dress has a red ticket attached to former ticket which shows the reduction.

One lot \$3.95 Silk Crepe de Chine Waists, only 33 left, your choice \$2.49 Less than manufacture's cost.

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MUNICIPAL COURT

Action was taken in the following cases that appeared on the docket in Judge Vogler's court this morning:

William Tuggle, colored, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, twelve months in the county reformatory. An appeal to the superior court was taken and bond required in the sum of \$200.

Clarence Hoover, colored, who was found guilty of the same charge, received a sentence of thirty days on the roads. He appealed to the superior court but could not file a bond of \$50.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Jess Isaacs with gambling.

R. C. Childress was charged with gambling. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in the case of Bailey Newberry, colored, who faced a charge of assault.

The case in which Otis Scales, colored, was charged with larceny, was not pressed with leave.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate.
Met at noon.
Took up bill giving American citizenship to Porto Ricans.
Resumed consideration Walsh water-power bill.

Interstate commerce committee decided to act early next week on supplemental railroad legislation.
Commerce committee continued consideration of nominees for shipping board.

House.
Met at 11 a. m.
Continued consideration of postoffice appropriation bill.
Rules committee agreed upon plans for re-opening and broadening "leak" inquiry.

MISS MARY R. ROTHROCK DIES AT HOME WEST OF THE CITY

Miss Mary R. Rothrock, highly esteemed resident of Forsyth county during a lifetime of usefulness, died at 9:30 last night at her home, about seven miles south of the city, following an illness of only a few days of pneumonia. She was seventy-eight years of age and the last of her family.

Friday Afternoon.
Lindsay Lowe, colored, on false pretense, had judgment pronounced upon the payment of \$100 from Libes was found guilty of a charge of vagrancy.

For forty years she was a faithful member of the Lutheran church, from which she is to be held Sunday afternoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. E. A. Holtz officiating. Interment in the church graveyard.

During the many years she took an active part in the church life of the community. Rothrock made a most creditable record in the county and her death proved a distinct loss to the community. Those desiring to send flowers to the funeral should send them to the funeral parlors before Sunday for conveyance to the city.

FATHER OF MRS. T. H. DIES AT ROCKFORD

Mr. B. D. McNaughton, Mrs. T. H. Cash, of this city, his home at Rockford, after a lingering illness of several weeks, died at his home in Rockford, Ill., on Sunday, Jan. 14, 1917. The deceased was one of the well-known citizens in that city and he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He always lived at the old home where the end came.

Besides the aged wife, who is in her eightieth year, Mr. McNaughton is survived by his daughter, Cash, who was with him at the time of his death, and his father, passed away several years ago. Rev. J. A. McNaughton, of Va., and Mr. H. D. McNaughton, of this city, are engineers on this division of the Rockford and Danville Railway. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

CLOSE OF FIRST WEEK OF SUPERIOR

When Forsyth superior court convened at 2:30 this afternoon, the final session of the first two weeks' term, the case of Motley, colored, with a wife, was called. The case will go to the jury this afternoon. A verdict in the case of K. Penn, colored, with a wife, the search and seizure of goods and intoxicants, which was yesterday afternoon, was pronounced this morning, but not held at the opening of the afternoon session.

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