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## BRYAN RESIGNS AS MEMBER OF CABINET

### Disagreement With Wilson's Views as Expressed in Second Note to Germany Causes Secretary of State to Send in His Resignation.

William Jennings Bryan, three times democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned late Tuesday as secretary of state as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the president. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note.

Secretary Bryan was returned to private life. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the president.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war."

The president accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affection. The letters, constituting the official announcement of Mr. Bryan's departure from the cabinet to private life, were made public at the white house.

Dramatically the official affiliation of Mr. Bryan with the administration of the man whose nomination he assisted so materially in bringing about at the Baltimore convention of 1912 came to an end. It has caused a sensation in the national capital scarcely paralleled in recent years. Ambassadors, ministers and diplomats from foreign lands officials of every rank and station, heard the news as it was flashed by newspaper extra. They interpreted variously its effect on the delicate situation that had arisen between Germany and the United States. The resignation of the staunchest advocate of peace in the president's official family spread broadcast the belief that the policy of the United States as definitely determined upon would assert and defend the rights of the United States in any eventuality that might arise.

Originally it was the intention of the president and Mr. Bryan to have the announcement of the resignation made simultaneously with the dispatch of the note to Germany, but when Mr. Bryan did not attend the cabinet meeting today until President Wilson sent for him, rumors that the president had been unable to bring the secretary of state to his point of view filled the air. Finally, the news leaked out and was confirmed.

Just when the subject was first broached between the president and Mr. Bryan is not known definitely, but the fact that Mr. Bryan would resign was known to a small circle of officials as early as last Sunday. When the principles on which the note to Germany should be based were discussed at the cabinet meeting of Friday Mr. Bryan found that he could not reconcile his own position with that of the administration. Work on the note went forward, however, Mr. Bryan keeping his secret, as did

other officials, awaiting the hour when the communication would be ready to be cabled.

Tuesday the cabinet assembled for a final reading of the note. Mr. Bryan was absent. He declined to receive newspaper men or callers and sent out word that he had been delayed on account of important business. At the white house no word as to the reasons for his failure to appear at the meeting were given, but after the cabinet had been discussing the note for an hour Mr. Bryan arrived, telling the newspaper men at the white house that he regretted being late.

It was learned that with the knowledge that his resignation had already been accepted by the president, Mr. Bryan felt it would be indelicate to attend today's session unless his presence was desired by the president. When Mr. Wilson telephoned an invitation, the secretary hurried

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### Wished His Deeds Had Been Recorded

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside S. R. Ahrens, an Arkansas farmer, advises other farmers to be careful about the recording of deeds, and tells the following story of some of his own personal experiences: "Nearly thirty years ago I recorded papers that I supposed were the deeds to two tracts of land I had bought. Twenty years later a neighbor discovered a part of one of the tracts had been recorded as being a tract of land a mile from its proper location. "This mistake caused me to look up the registration of the deed of the other property I bought at the same time. The county records showed me owning only one half of the tract of land I had purchased thirty years ago. Both of these deeds I had recorded properly with correct descriptions.

"Some time ago I bought a 40 acre tract of land for my brother and a 40 acre for myself. One of the tracts adjoined land I owned. The land agent said he would have the deed to that 40-acre tract made to me. By mistake he had the deed made out to my brother. I didn't discover the mistake until gas was discovered on the tract."

Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
Rev. E. J. Sox, Pastor.  
Next Sunday, June 13.  
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.  
Preaching service at 11:00 a. m.  
A sermon by the pastor on the theme. The utter folly and the awful danger of excusing oneself from the service of God's House.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Jesus.

Gastonia's New Paper.  
We were pleased to receive this week a copy of The Gastonia, a new paper published at Gastonia Mondays and Thursdays by Messrs. Brumley and Crooks.

It is a clean, newsy sheet and bids fair to run a better race than its predecessor, The Gaston Progress.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PADO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest, 50c.

### WIDE OFFENSIVE MOVE INITIATED BY FRENCH

#### Series of French Attacks Appears to Be Under Way on the Western Front.

London, June 8.—Virtually the entire western line of battle, except that part held by the British and Belgian troops, is the scene of what appears to be a series of offensive movements initiated by the French.

In the region of Arras the French have extended the area of attack while pressing the Germans all along the battle front from the angle of the Aisne and the Oise in a northerly direction as far as the British positions near La Bassée.

While the British have been lying apparently quiescent for the past three weeks the French have been advancing slowly but steadily in the country north of Arras, where they have met determined resistance from the Germans, especially at the works known as the "Labyrinth," part of which however, is under their control.

The French troops have taken many prisoners. At Hebuterne the French took 400 prisoners and at Soissons they took 250.

Desperate German counter attacks, according to the French reports were made without success and at terrible loss to the attackers.

The German official announcements make but brief reference to the events on the western front, merely recording repulses of French attacks.

Rivers figure more or less prominently today in reports from both sides on the eastern front. The Russians claim to have pushed their offensive movements across the River Pruth, near Kolomea, while Petrograd admits that the Austro-German forces have crossed the River Dniester in Galicia. The River Dubysa has changed hands five times in one day with the Russians finally in possession, and the Isonzo is the scene of the most important Italian advance into Austrian territory.

Undine, Italy (Via Chiasso, Switzerland and Paris) June 7.—A general Italian advance proceeds across the Isonzo river from Caporetto to the sea, a distance of about 40 miles. The movement is one of importance and there has been hard fighting at Gradisca.

The Italian authorities are drawing tighter the screen of secrecy over Italian operations. Nevertheless, it may be said that masses of Italian troops are being concentrated along the roads from Cormons, Palmanova and Servignano.

The resistance of the Austrians is daily becoming stronger. This, Italian leaders declare, has had the effect of making their men more determined.

Rome, June 7.—Serbian forces continue their advance in Albania from two directions and are now only two days' march from Scutari, according to a dispatch from that city to the Giornale D'Italia.

### Russians Lost Many Guns.

Berlin, June 7.—A special dispatch from army headquarters says that the Teutonic allies took 7000 prisoners, 31 cannons and 31 machine guns when they entered Przemysl. The Russian garrison had received orders to hold Przemysl to the last man, but they were overwhelmed by the terrific artillery fire.

There is every indication that

the Teutonic allies have begun their Galician campaign with a promising outlook. The Russians have lost their line on the San and apparently are about to lose their positions on the Dniester.

These same advices indicate further that the Russians to the east and northeast of Czeronowitz have already begun to retreat.

### Allied Troops Driven Back.

Constantinople, June 7.—The allied troops on the Gallipoli peninsula have been driven back with heavy losses, according to an official statement issued yesterday by the Turkish war office.

London, June 7.—A telegram from Vienna, says that Lemberg, the capital of the Austrian crownland of Galicia, now in the hands of the Russians may be taken at any time, according to a dispatch to the Exchange telegraph company from Copenhagen. One message from Vienna says the Austrians are now only 25 miles from the town while others say they are only 10 miles distant.

### Ivey Dots.

West Hickory, June 8.—The West Hickory Band furnished the music for an ice cream supper given here Saturday night on the vacant lot near Ed. Hahn's.

Miss Vida Abernethy is spending a few days with friends at Asheville.

Mrs. Charlie Jones is very sick, and her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Tessie Butler has also been right sick the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Lowman have returned from Alta Vista, Va.

Miss Rosa Hudson of Henry River, spent the week-end with Miss Mary Cook.

Miss Mary Propst of Newton, spent last Saturday here.

Mrs. C. M. Ervin has moved from her farm near here back to her cottage in Longview.

Mr. Robert Fowler of Kings Mountain, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Josephine Starnes.

Master George Sharpe of Granite Falls, is visiting his cousin, Miss Ruth Starnes.

Mr. Dan McKenzie of Rock Hill, S. C., has been here several days visiting his brother, Mr. Make McKenzie.

Mr. John Lackey and wife and children were here Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. Lackey's mother, Mrs. M. J. Lackey.

Miss Myrtle Mace of Enola, Saturday and Sunday here visiting relatives and friends.

### Firemen's Relief Fund Ready for Distribution.

The Firemen's Relief Fund, which is collected by the State from the insurance companies doing business in the State, is now ready for distribution. This fund is one-half of one per cent. of all the premiums collected by foreign companies. The State companies do not come under this law. The total amount to be distributed is \$9,690.97. Charlotte heads the list with \$967. Other towns as follows: Burlington \$106.66; Concord, \$86; Elizabeth City \$209.76; Hickory, \$84.90; High Point \$325.38. The statement is made that the better the fire department the less is the amount received, from the fact that the town is a better risk and the amount of premiums are not as large. This fund is to be deposited in a bank and is for the support of disabled firemen, or firemen who have spent ten years in the service, if they ever get where they would be a charge on the county in which they reside. In other words, it means that a man who has served ten years in a fire department shall never go to the county home.

### Neuralgia Pains Stopped.

You don't need to suffer those agonizing nerve pains in the face, head, arm, shoulders, chest and back. Just apply a few drops of soothing Sloan's Liniment; lie quietly a few minutes. You will get such relief and comfort! Life and the world will look brighter. Get a bottle to-day, 3 ounces for 25c., at all Druggists. Penetrates without rubbing.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAKE TAX LEVY

#### Road Commissioners Instructed to Place Signs at all Cross Roads

In monthly session the county commissioners made the annual tax levy, and at the call of the county board of education increased the special school tax from 6 to 8 cents, in order to take care of the farm life school at Startown. The levy for 1915 will be as follows:

State and pensions 27 2-3 cents on the \$100; county tax, 19; roads 20 cents; special school tax 8 cents, total of 94 2-3 cents. The poll of \$2.18 was increased to \$2.24 to keep the equation made necessary by the increased school tax.

All road supervisors were instructed to place signs with distances at all cross roads. In lieu of the \$175 to be paid by Hickory to Jacob's Fork for road work territory ceded, that amount is to be taken from the Hickory automobile apportionment and paid over to Jacob's Fork. The sheriff is to select a jury to assess damages, if any, on road survey across lands of C. H. Drum and Miss Sue Abernethy from Catawba to Central highway. Petitions for change on road from G. W. Pope's to Claremont, and for road near S. L. Leffers on Jasper Johnson's lands, were filed. W. H. Holdbrooks was ordered paid \$300 for concrete piers across Terrapin creek.

C. D. Drum was relieved of \$1.11 tax error; C. W. and Chas. Huffman were relieved of \$2.65 and 64 cents, respectively, being outside special tax district.

The county physician was instructed to visit Jennie Arrowood, at Oliver's, and if found physically incapacitated, to have her sent to the county home, Mahala Gantt was ordered back to the home and W. M. Harrison paid \$2 monthly for support.

O. F. Lackey of Hickory, taxed on \$3,000 property he didn't have, was relieved of \$27.80. C. L. Hawn was exempt from peddler's tax. The funeral expenses of John Anthony, \$5.80, and Pearl Whitener, \$7, were paid.

The county surveyor was instructed to locate a site for a bridge near Plateau roller mill and survey a road from Ed Blackburn's to Geo. Cansler's.

The jury for July court was drawn yesterday, the jurors being as follows, those after the dash being for the second week: Catawba: T. E. Harwell, R. L. Setzer, James Christenbury, Newton: Carl Asbury, Z. P. Drum, W. A. Williams, A. M. Deal, L. M. Pharr, D. E. Abernethy, Z. N. Whitener, C. E. Smyre—W. R. Lutz.

Hickory: J. B. Adams, J. P. Boggs, N. O. Coffey, E. D. Eckard, Wellington Barger, G. H. Geitner, A. W. Buff, G. P. Campbell, H. E. McCombs, Sanford Anderson, J. N. Deaton—Avey Baker, O. V. Yount, C. H. Geitner, J. Q. Deal, J. L. Eaves, H. F. Fry, W. A. Stine.

Jacobs Fork: C. C. Coulter, G. H. McCaslin, C. R. Scronce, L. L. Hill—D. A. Goins, C. F. Weaver.

Clines: Lewis Little, M. L. Holler, J. M. Setzer—N. L. Deal, J. V. Roseman, W. M. Dellinger.

Caldwell: A. F. Taylor, Marcus Beal, J. R. Link.

Bandy: A. F. Wood, C. M. Rhoney, A. M. Want, D. A. Williams, A. M. Reinhardt.

Mt. Creek: E. J. Sherrill, T. E. Sherrill, S. S. Goodson, all for second week.

An election was called in district No. 8, Newton, for 25 and 75 cents for schools, J. A. Deal registrar and J. N. Setzer and W. J. McRee, judges.

The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the State department of agriculture, for road demonstration work sometime this summer. The department is establishing a boy scout patrol to maintain roads. Road dragging will be

done and the boys organized in Catawba.

The board instructed the jailor to file his bills for keeping prisoners with the county court when prisoners are under the jurisdiction of that court.—Enterprise.

### Deeds Filed For Record

The following deeds have been filed with the Register of Deeds: Martha C. Miller to D. W. Kistler for \$10 and consideration of support 7 acres adjoining Henry Sigmon.

T. L. Henkle to Mintie B. Boyd for \$300, half interest in lot 1, block A, Townsend property.

Wm. H. Woods of Patrick county, Va., to Wm. F. Fogle for \$6,620, tract of 10 1/2 acres adjoining C. H. Geitner and others.

R. O. Colt of Mecklenburg, to W. S. Stroup for \$5,000, tract of 121 acres adjoining L. C. Yount and others.

W. S. Stroup to R. O. Colt for \$1,000, lot 300x300 feet in Longview.

J. F. Abernethy, Z. B. Buchanan, commissioners, to C. H. Abernethy, for \$551.25, lot 12, Margaret Fry lands in Longview.

W. F. Fogle to Samuel Goodson for \$535, lot on Thirteenth Street Hickory.

### John Henderson Wins a Prize

Mr. John L. Henderson of this city, won the prize at the State University for the highest general average made in pharmacy covering the two year's course. Mr. Henderson has completed the course.

### Campbell-Miller.

Mr. Leonard A. Campbell and Miss Bessie Miller, daughter of Mr. Frank Miller of the South Fork section, were married Sunday morning by Rev. J. E. Barbe, at his home in this city. The Democrat extends congratulations.

### Pithy Paragraphs.

Some of the weather bureau's worst predictions come true.

Among the common mental diseases include cold feet.

Laziness is a spring fever that has reached a chronic stage.

There never was an excuse as interesting as a duty well done.

A peace-loving person doesn't have much chance to make a noise.

Fishing is about the most peaceful pastime, provided one goes alone.

In the country a hired girl is a hired girl. In the town she is a maid.

Paying the expenses of the European war will be a big job for prosperity.

Genuine civilization is not the kind women and children have right to fear.

Nobody objects to "broken English" when it voices solid American sentiment.

Sometimes the man who likes peace most fights hardest when war comes.

Count among the heroes the man who can keep sweet under great provocation.

Age brings wisdom, but most men would rather have youth than be wise old ovals.

Many of the good things to be said about men are held for release until they die.

If there were not two sides to every question the lawyers would have nothing to do.

### INTERESTING ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

#### Condensed Paragraphs of Important Happenings the World Over.

General Villa has decided to ask General Carranza to agree to a neutral territory for a conference to consider the suggestions contained in President Wilson's note.

Three Mexican generals and ten other Mexicans, connected previously with the army of General Eulalio Gutierrez, were executed by Indians composing part of Carranza's army, according to a dispatch from Matamoros.

The hearing in prize court of the cases affecting the cargoes of American meat on the steamships Fridland, Bjornstjerne, Bjornsen, Kib and Alfred Nobel, was postponed for three weeks according to a dispatch from London.

The signing at Kiakhta, Siberia, by representatives of Russia, China and Mongolia of a treaty establishing the status of Inner-Mongolia marks the removal of one of the main obstacles of a complete understanding between China and Russia.

Department of Justice agents are seeking to locate K. N. O. Booth, former internal revenue agent for Alabama-Tennessee district, for whom a warrant has been issued in connection with the alleged whiskey tax frauds, through which the government is said to have lost about \$100,000.

The governor of Ceylon reports that on the 28th of May, the birthday of Buddha, Moslem shops in Kandy were looted by Buddhists. The outbreak was quelled in Kandy, but was diffused throughout the central province where it was arrested by the arrival of a military detachment.

The National American Women Suffrage League in conference at Chicago, went on record as opposed to attacks by the Congressional union on the democratic party. A resolution, adopted unanimously, also declared that the congressional union had failed of benefit in suffrage states and worked harm in states where women were still seeking the ballot.

The will of Elbert Hubbard and his wife, who lost their lives in the sinking of the Lusitania, divides the estate equally between the two children by Hubbard's second marriage. Several children by his first marriage are not mentioned. The value of the estate is problematical but is known that Mr. Hubbard carried insurance to the amount of \$100,000 and owned considerable real estate around East Aurora, N. Y.

Reginald A. J. Warnford, a young Canadian sub-lieutenant in the royal navy of England, single-handedly destroyed a huge German Zeppelin, and for the first time on record proved the superiority of an aeroplane, in which he accomplished the task, over the huge airships in use by the German forces. He succeeded in getting far above the Zeppelin in the air and dropped bombs on the airship which caused its destruction.

### Constipation Cured Overnight

A small dose of Po-Do-Lax tonight and you enjoy a full, free, easy bowel movement in the morning. No gripping, for Po-Do-Lax is Podophyllin (May Apple) without the gripe. Po-Do-Lax corrects the cause of Constipation by arousing the Liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is nature's antiseptic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile, digestion in bowels is perfect. No gas, no fermentation, no Constipation. Don't be sick, nervous, irritable. Get a bottle of Po-Do-Lax from your Druggist now and cure your Constipation overnight.

All of the rulers claim they were forced into the war. No one has yet offered a reward for the fellow who did the forcing.