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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OBJECTS TO PRIZE COURT

Insists That Frye Case is Not Subject for Prize Court.

By agreement with the German Foreign Office the State Department made public the text of the note sent on June 24 by the United States asking Germany to reconsider her refusal to settle by direct diplomatic negotiations instead of by prize court proceedings, the claim presented on behalf of the captain and owners of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich. Ambassador Gerard cabled that he had delivered the note last Saturday afternoon. The American Government declares that inasmuch as Germany has admitted liability for the sinking of the Frye under the treaty of 1823, prize court proceedings are unnecessary and not binding upon the United States.

As to the question of how indemnity should be paid, the note brings out clearly the refusal of the United States to accept the contention that Germany has a right to stop the carrying of contraband by American ships, by the destruction of the contraband and the ship carrying it. While no mention of submarine warfare was made in either the last

German note or the present reply, occasion was taken to deny this right because of a belief that admission of it now might in the future be used as a justification for submarine attacks on American ships.

Fair Officers Elected.

A meeting was held in the Chamber of Commerce last Saturday for the purpose of making arrangements for the Catawba Fair this fall. The following officers were elected. John W. Robinson, president; N. W. Clark, vice president; J. J. Willard, treasurer; A. C. Henderson, secretary. The directors are J. D. Elliott, S. E. Killian, H. C. Lutz, H. P. Williams, W. R. Lutz, J. Shuford, J. W. Shuford, Enloe Yoder, John Mouser and Geo. E. Bisaner. A committee will be appointed to select a first, second and third vice president from different parts of the county, and also to decide on the date the fair is to be held.

We want to see this fair the greatest of any ever held in Catawba county, and in order to do this we must all pull together and show the people of the State what Catawba is doing. We hope to see the time come when we can have a permanent fair ground in Hickory.

We hope to be able to give the date of the fair some time in the near future so every one can make arrangements to attend and bring something to place on exhibition.

ORGANIZE AT RALEIGH BUREAU OF PUBLICITY

John C. Forester, of Greensboro, is Made Secretary, and Other Officers Elected.

Raleigh, June 29.—The North Carolina Bureau of Publicity for Agriculture and Industry—try it on your piano—was the name selected for the organization formed here today for the purpose of setting the resources of this commonwealth and its opportunities before the world at large. The main objects are to advertise the state, secure settlers, industries, to prevent exorbitant prices for farm lands, and otherwise to open the door of opportunity for all who will knock. Dr. Edward K. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, was called to the chair, and John C. Forester, secretary of the Greensboro chamber of commerce, stated the objects of the meeting. A good representation was present.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Henry A. Page, Aberdeen; vice presidents, Prof. E. C. Branson, Chapel Hill; A. E. Tate, High Point; F. R. Hewitt, Asheville; Clarence Poe, Raleigh; O. L. Joyner, Greenville; A. W. McLean, Lumberton; secretary, John C. Forester, Greensboro; treasurer, Alf A. Thompson, Raleigh.

Places Valuation on Dam.

Newton, June 20.—The tax-lister in Catawba Township, this county, following the lead of Iredell County, has placed a valuation of \$100,000 on that part of the Lookout dam of the Southern Power Company lying in Catawba County, making the total assessment for 1915 \$200,000; and the dam is still unfinished. The subject may come before the board of equalization next Monday, as it is stated there will be objection to valuation.

The controversy over the county line is at a standstill, though it is talked around and about that Catawba may stand Iredell a lawsuit before she concedes the middle of the river to be the county boundary. There appears pretty strong proof, however, that the center is the line. Cornfield authority holds that the north bank is the boundary, which would throw about all the development in this county.

The Floor Did.

Jimmy, five years old, had discovered that he could do a few turns on the swinging rings in the gymnasium of the Boy's Club, following the athletic example of his older brother, relates The Montgomery Advertiser. But as all joy must end, so ended the happiness of the young swinger. His hold slipped and he landed on the floor. His brother rendered first aid. "Did the rings hit you?" he asked. "No," Jimmie replied between sobs, "but the floor did."

Farmers' Institutes.

Farmers' Institutes will be held in this county at St. James Wednesday, August 4, and at Dr. Dr. Foard's Store, Thursday August 5. An institute will be held at Lenoir College in September, the date to be announced later. It is hoped that a large attendance will be at each of these institutes.

Reunion Date an Error.

In the article in Tuesday's paper giving the date for the annual Confederate reunion at Newton this year, the date should have been August 12, instead of August 19. Readers will please govern themselves accordingly.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic

Take Groves' Tonic. The Old Standard Groves' Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Baraca-Philathea Notes FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Furnished by the Class Reporters

Sunday morning, June 27, the new officers of the young men's Baraca class of the First Methodist church took their offices.

Short talks by the new president, Mr. Leslie, and vice president, Mr. Hoffman were very much enjoyed by the class. Both speakers suggested some new plans for getting young men in Sunday School that do not attend any where.

The following were appointed a social committee by the president, Jo Sharpe, Clifford Abernethy, C. C. Greene and Lawrence Crouch.

There were forty-three members present and two visitors were welcomed by every member of the class. All young men are cordially invited to join or visit our class.

Philathea Class.

Last Sunday we decided to start an attendance contest through the summer months. We decided to take a trip to the California Exposition, so divided the class into two parties, the reds and the blues. We have a scale of miles and two trains traveling the same way. The converted into so many miles traveled and the first party to reach the exposition will be entertained by the less fortunate ones. We hope you will be there each Sunday in time to not miss your train.

The class was glad to receive cards from our absent member, Miss Hannah.

West Hickory Items.

West Hickory, June 29.—The Ivey Mill Company shipped 38 bales of cloth Saturday, the average being 1750 yards to the bale. The work is running fine with plenty of help.

Capt. H. W. Warner and Messrs. J. M. Freeman, D. B. Abernethy and J. B. Clay attended the meeting of the Textile Association at Asheville Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maurice of Rockingham, are visiting Mr. Maurice's sister, Mrs. Aurora Perdue.

Mrs. W. N. Cook spent several days with her father, Mr. Bean, at Lenoir last week.

Mr. Warren of Whitesel, spent a part of last week here with his cousin, Miss Pauline Abernethy.

Mrs. Alice Pipes has been quite sick for several days.

The many friends of Mrs. A. J. Drum will be glad to know that she is improving.

Mrs. Josie Baker and children of High Shoals, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Abernethy.

Miss Zula Mull of Rhodhiss, spent the past week with Mrs. Roby Hanby.

Miss Vida Abernethy is in a hospital at Asheville learning to be a trained nurse.

Mrs. Cleve Teague of Rhodhiss, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Starnes.

We are sorry to say that Miss Virgie Hicks is very sick with typhoid fever. She was at Boone attending the Appalachian Training School when she was taken ill. She was brought home last Friday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ANXIOUS OVER MEXICO

No Direct Reports From the Capital Have Been Received for Nearly Ten Days.

Washington, June 29.—In the absence of direct reports from Mexico City, which for nearly 10 days has been cut off by rail and wire from the outside world, there was much anxiety in official quarters today concerning conditions in the old capital and its vicinity. From previous dispatches, it is known that the food supply is short and that the danger of military operations being carried into the city itself has caused grave apprehension among foreigners.

The state department's only information during the day came from American consular officers at Vera Cruz, whose reports were summarized in this statement:

"The department's latest advices regarding the Mexico City situation are to the effect that General Carranza is massing a large number of troops and expects to take the city within two or three days. He has issued instructions to protect noncombatants."

Officials were gratified by press dispatches indicating that the diplomatic corps was active in trying to arrange for the safety of foreigners in case of fighting in the city, and for the protection of private property in the event of an evacuation.

Attention, Farmers!

Some years ago the Commissioner of Agriculture drew a bill, which was unanimously passed by the Legislature, to reduce the cost of legume inoculating material from the exorbitant price of two dollars an acre to a price at which he felt the average farmer could afford to use it. The effect of this bill was to reduce the price of this material not only to the farmers of North Carolina, but to those of the entire South as well, and a number of the other southern states have since followed the lead of North Carolina, in reducing the price of this material to their farmers also.

At first the Commissioner placed a cost price of fifty cents an acre on the material with the determination to reduce the price lower and lower as the demand increased. During 1914 the Department distributed nearly 8,000 acre bottles from August to December, thus effecting a direct saving to the farmers of the State of over \$10,000 in less than four months. During the past six months the distributions has reached around 1200 acres and the season has hardly opened. The Commissioner feels, therefore, that the time has come to make another cut in the price, and he now plans to reduce the cost price of the material from fifty cents an acre to forty cents an acre, beginning July 1, 1915.

The Dreadful.

London Tatler tells of this nursery dialogue:
Ethel (aged five)—"Mother, shall I go to heaven when I die?"
Mother (reading)—"I hope so."
"And you, too?"
"I hope so."
"I hope so, too; it would be awful to be pointed out as the little girl whose mother was in hell."

Tired Aching Muscles Relieved

Hard work, over-exertion, mean stiff, sore muscles. Sloan's Liniment lightly applied, a little quiet, and your soreness disappears like magic. Nothing ever helped like your Sloan's Liniment. I can never thank you enough," writes one grateful user. Stops suffering, aches and pains. An excellent counter-irritant, better and cleaner than mustard. All Druggists, 25c. Get a bottle today. Penetrates without rubbing.

A Cough Remedy That Relieves

It's prepared for the healing Pine Balsam, Tar and Honey—all mixed in a pleasant, soothing Cough Syrup called Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Thousands have benefited by its use—no need of your enduring that annoying Cough or risking a dangerous Cold. Go to your dealer, ask for a 25c. original bottle Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, start using at once and get rid of your Cough and Cold.

Do We Want A Wide Open Sunday In Hickory?

Mr. Editor:—I wish through your paper to sound a word of alarm.

The City Council is now revising the laws and ordinances of the City, and I understand an effort is being made by certain elements to have these ordinances so framed as to permit a wide open Sunday. If the citizens of Hickory are opposed to this, it is time they were speaking out in no uncertain tones and let the members of the City Council know how they feel about it. Sabbath breaking is getting to be the great sin of the age, that is debauching the youth by weaning them from the church and starting them into a life of evil associations and moral depravity.

The City Council, I am sure, will be glad to respond to the moral sense of the community, if it is made known to them in a proper manner.

The Council is composed of men who know the right and will dare to do it, if they feel they are supported by the good people of the City.

Every observing citizen must know that we have now practically a wide open Sunday in which all kinds of things are sold.

If you do not believe it, just take a look any Sunday at your drug stores, restaurants etc., where your boys congregate on Sunday. If we want this thing stopped, now is the time to speak out and speak loud enough to be heard.

Yours for a Christian Sabbath and a Clean City,
W. H. NICHOLSON.

CLAREMONT COLLEGE TO OPEN SEPT. 7

Dr. Murphy to Remain President With Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly As Principal.

We are pleased to make the announcement that Claremont College will be opened Sept. 7, with a carefully selected faculty and fully equipped for the next year's work in every respect. Owing to the uncertain action of the North Carolina Classis many of the friends were anxious to know what the next year would have to offer, and it will be a source of gratification to them to learn of the favorable prospects.

The Rev. Prof. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., has been secured as principal of the school, and while Dr. Murphy's name will still stand as president of the school, he will devote his time entirely to the work of the pastorate.

Dr. Lyerly has had much experience in school work and has met with marked success. He founded and conducted for many years the Crescent Academy which had an enrollment of nearly three hundred students, more than one hundred of whom were boarding students.

Dr. Lyerly will have associated with him an able faculty, the announcement of which will be made later.

Dr. Lyerly has been here this week in consultation, looking over the grounds and making preparation for the opening in September. Hickory will give him and his family a warm and cordial welcome.

Claremont has been a prominent factor in the educational work of the "City of Hickory" and we believe and hope that our citizens will rally to the support of Dr. Lyerly in his new undertaking.

Our schools are worth more to our town than many of our citizens believe.

Let us help our schools.

Huss Memorial Day.

Next Sunday is Independence Sunday and as such is a day of interest to our nation. It is also the 500th Anniversary of the martyrdom of John Huss, the Bohemian reformer. The Reformed and Presbyterian bodies throughout the world have designated that special services be held in memory of Huss on this day. John Huss was born at Hussentz, Bohemia in 1373. He studied at the university of Prague from 1390-1396. In 1402, he was elected preacher of the Bethlehem Chapel at Prague, where he defended the doctrines of Wickliffe, the Morning Star of the Reformation. He preached against the selling of indulgences by the church, besought the people to turn to Christ and to live the pure and simple life. For this he was declared a heretic and on July 6, 1415, was burned at the stake.

His death was one of the most dramatic and heroic in the history of the church. He died for protestant principles—for the supremacy of the Bible and Christ ever against the errors of the papacy. He was a hundred years ahead of Martin Luther. Huss prepared the way for the Reformation of the 16th Century.

The local Reformed congregation will observe with appropriate services the martyrdom of Huss next Sunday morning. The pastor, Dr. Murphy, will deliver an address on the life of Huss and the lessons which he taught us.

A Good Household Salve

Ordinary ailments and injuries are not of themselves serious, but infection or low vitality may make them dangerous. Don't neglect a cut, sore, bruise or hurt because its small. Blood Poison has resulted from a pin-prick or scratch. For all such ailments Bucklen's Arnica Salve is excellent. It prevents and heals and prevents dangerous complications. Good for all Skin Blemishes, Pimples, Salt Rheum, Eczema. Get an original 2-ounce 25c. box from your Druggist.

Reductions in Some Freight Rates As They Apply to Hickory

Secretary Joy of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce, wrote to Mr. J. T. Ryan, Secretary of the Southern Furniture Manufacturer's Association, asking for information as to points covered by the Cleveland-Detroit territory. In answer to this letter, Mr. Ryan writes as follows:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant, with reference to the reductions which will be made in the proportional rates from Virginia Cities as basis for making rates to Hickory.

The reductions will affect the rates from all points which base on Virginia Cities combination. It is not possible to state with accuracy just what points will be affected without carefully checking the rates from each point, for the reason that in some cases the rates from a given point on one commodity will base on Virginia Cities combination, and on another commodity, on the Ohio River combination. Roughly, the reductions in rates will affect shipments from all points bounded by a line drawn from Buffalo, N. Y., through Pittsburg, Pa., to

Charleston, W. Va., thence following the Ohio River to the Mississippi River (not including the cities on these rivers, from which the rates were reduced June 20, 1914), thence north to Chicago, Ill., (not including that point), thence following the East bank of Lake Michigan to the Canadian line back to Buffalo. The reductions would only affect such points located in this territory from which the rates were not reduced in the adjustment of June 20, 1914.

Some of the important points to be affected by this adjustment are as follows: Buffalo, N. Y., Pittsburg, Pa., Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing, Mich., Cleveland, Niles, Toledo, Marietta and Zanesville, O., and Richmond at Fort Wayne, Ind. The importance of the adjustment is emphasized by the fact that it covers the great manufacturing sections in the central States from which a large part of our manufactured product is secured.

The following illustrates some of the reductions resulting from this adjustment:

Rates in Cents Per Hundred Pounds From Cleveland, Ohio.			
	Present	Proposed	Reduction
Varnish, in barrels, less carload,	97.4	87.4	10
Varnish, in barrels, carload,	75.3	67.3	10
Furniture Trimmings, less carload,	107.4	94.4	13
Hardware, less carload,	107.4	94.4	13
Beans, carload,	62.3	56.3	6
From Detroit, Mich.			
Automobiles, carload,	144.4	130.4	14
Beans, carload,	62.6	56.6	6
Matches, carload,	85.7	75.7	10
Pickles, carload,	53.6	47.6	6
Pianos, less carload,	132.5	124.5	14
Pianos, carload,	130.3	116.3	14
Window glass, carload,	62.6	56.6	6

The above illustrates the proposed reductions on a few commodities which move from the territory involved. The amount of the reductions can be better realized when taken in connection with carload shipments. For instance, the reduction on automobiles is \$14.00 per carload of 36 feet in length, with greater reductions on longer cars. The reduction on carload shipments weighing 30,000 pounds of beans amounts to \$18.00; of matches, \$30.00; varnish, \$30.00, etc. I am confident that the readjustment in rates proposed to

Hickory will be of great value to both shipping and manufacturing interests in your city, and will result in great saving. I am very glad to have been able to be of assistance to both the Chamber of Commerce and our members located at Hickory in connection with this adjustment.

As soon as the effective date of the adjustment is determined, I will be very glad, indeed, to write you fully.
Yours truly,
J. T. RYAN,
Secretary.
High Point, June 28, 1915.