

May Withdraw British Soldiers From Cologne

British and French Ministers Trying to Find Way to Solve the Transportation Problem in Ruhr.

SITUATION NOW REGARDED SERIOUS

Believed the British Rhine Forces Will Be Recalled if the Situation is Not Soon Changed.

London, Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—British and French cabinet ministers met today in a conference which, it is felt to evolve a program for British co-operation with the French and Belgians in solving the Ruhr transportation problems, is considered likely to result in the early withdrawal of the British troops from the Cologne area.

The British ministers at the meeting in Downing street were Bonar Law, Lord Curzon, the secretary of foreign affairs, and the Earl of Derby, the secretary of war. The French cabinet was represented by M. T. Trochu, the minister of public works.

VESSLS IN DISTRESS OFF PACIFIC COAST

Four Vessels Have Sent Calls For Aid During the Past Four Hours.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 15. (By the Associated Press).—Out of the wind-whipped waters of the Pacific off the Washington coast came a series of wireless appeals today that told of two freight steamers on the rocks, a third drifting helplessly, a fourth aground, and a further more mysterious report of a glaze south of Cape Flattery, that looked like a ship afloat at sea.

IRA HARRISON TO PAY DEATH PENALTY

Probably Will Have to Be Carried to Electric Chair on a Cot.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 15.—Ira Harrison, condemned as one of the slayers of J. G. Arnette, Columbia gasoline filling station proprietor, was carried to the death cell in the state prison here today on a cot.

BODY OF GRISSOM GOES TO GREENSBORO

Body Was Found Floating in Creek in Florida by Farmer Yesterday.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 15.—The body of H. A. Grissom, Greensboro, N. C. druggist, found late yesterday floating in Thomas Creek, will be sent to Greensboro for burial.

THE "AMERICANIZATION BULLETIN" WELCOME

First Journal of Its Kind in the World Has Been Started in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 15 (Capital News Service).—Published by the pupils of the Washington Americanization schools, the Americanization Bulletin, first journal of its kind in the world, has been successfully launched.

Head Bloes Senate Work

Washington, Feb. 15.—Objection of Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, blocked efforts today of the Senate to publish and democratic leaders to arrange for a vote tomorrow on the British debt funding bill.

Street Car Fare in City Will Be Reduced on February Twentieth

Another public utility in Concord has decided to reduce its rates, the North Carolina Public Service Commission in this city, announcing that on Feb. 20 after February 20th, street car fare in the city will be 7 cents instead of 10 cents, the present fare.

MAN RUNS AMUCK; CAUSES ONE DEATH

Negro Stabbed to Death and Six White People Wounded in Little Rock Affair.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 15.—One negro was stabbed to death and three white men and three white women were seriously wounded here early today when Eddie Reason, negro, ran amok in the residence section here. Reason was shot and taken to a hospital in a dying condition.

North Carolina is Now Empire State of South

Official of State University Says Old North State Generally Recognized as One of Most Progressive States in the Entire Union at Present.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 15.—"North Carolina is attracting more attention throughout the nation than any other southern state," according to S. H. Hobbs, Jr., of the editorial board of the University of North Carolina News Letter.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE IN PACKING PLANT

Three 9-Story Buildings of Armour & Company at South Omaha Destroyed by Fire.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15.—A fire that still was burning fiercely early today and that was called by veteran packing men the most destructive in the history of America's packing industry had destroyed three 9-story buildings of Armour & Company's plant in South Omaha, with an estimated loss of \$2,000,000.

COL FORBES RESIGNS

Resignation of Director of Veterans' Bureau Now in the Hands of President.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The resignation of Col. Charles B. Forbes, as director of the Veterans' Bureau has been placed in the hands of President Harding, and the president now is considering appointment of one of three former overseas service men to the directorship, it was said definitely today in administration quarters.

McHargue Planning Now For Defense of His Life

After five days, he broke his strike and upon advice of his father and wife employed counsel in Salisbury.

McHargue Planning Now For Defense of His Life

Salisbury, N. C., February 15.—Lee McHargue, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Will E. Probst and whose trial has been postponed until the May term of Rowan superior court, no longer thinks of hunger strikes but is engaged in preparing the fight he is to make for his life.

TESTIMONY TAKING IN THOMAS TRIAL HAS BEEN STARTED

Jury Was Selected Yesterday and the State Swore in 37 of the First Witnesses to Be Used.

MRS. LOWE WILL PROBABLY TESTIFY

Though It Was Reported Yesterday That She Was Ill, She is Expected to Arrive During the Day.

Salisbury, Feb. 15.—The state called 37 witnesses into court today for presentation of its case charging murder against O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, who is alleged to have killed Arthur J. Allen, a master plumber of Concord, a year ago.

The jury, consisting of ten married men, a widower, and a single man, chiefly farmers, was completed late yesterday after the dozen had told the defense that charges at the time of the shooting Thomas, a married man, was riding with a married woman, would not prejudice them against him.

Thomas, who was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary at the first trial, claimed that when Allen approached him in the night of October 21, 1921, he thought he was going to be robbed, and fired in self defense.

Mrs. Robert Lowe, who testified in the first trial, and who was said to have been automobile riding with Thomas the night of the killing, was reported yesterday to be ill in Nashville, Tenn., but it was said later that she would be here for this trial, probably arriving some time today.

J. W. Swine, a Kammopis policeman, the first witness, told of going to the scene of the killing, and of being told by Thomas that he shot a man who tried to hold him up.

Dr. T. N. Spencer, corner, testified that Allen died of paralysis of the heart caused by bullet wounds, and James Kimpson, undertaker, said there were no powder marks on Allen's body.

Jury Selected. Salisbury, Feb. 14.—Selection of a jury to try O. G. (Red) Thomas for the murder of Arthur J. Allen, master plumber of Concord, on the night of October 25, 1921, near Kammopis, was accomplished in the superior court here today, after 66 of the special venire of 150 men had been exhausted. Judge James L. Webb adjourned court at 5 o'clock this afternoon after 37 state's witnesses had been sworn, until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

The jury is composed of H. A. McNeely, farmer; C. H. Heilig, farmer; N. M. Yost, farmer; U. P. Kuyken, farmer; L. O. Beck, farmer; F. A. Danjef, railroad shopman; D. A. Poole, mill worker; R. G. Williams, railway shopman; R. G. Fleming, farmer; C. H. Lyerly, merchant; P. H. Bernhardt, merchant; G. W. Stewart, farmer, with the exception of Poole, all the jurors are married.

Defense exercised 11 of its 12 rights to peremptory challenges, and the state exercised a four, nine veniremen were opposed to capital punishment, six had expressed views that Thomas was not guilty, and 16 had expressed the opinion that he was guilty. One man was of the opinion that Thomas, being alleged to have been riding around with a married woman on the night of shooting, would render it impossible for him to give him a fair and impartial trial.

Thomas was accompanied by Mrs. Thomas and two sisters, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Glass, of Spartanburg, S. C. Mrs. Allen was in court, accompanied by Mrs. Myers, wife of a Concord inmate. Mrs. Robert Lowe, alleged to have been with Thomas when Allen was killed, is ill in Nashville, it is reported.

Mrs. Lowe is expected here tomorrow morning. In answer to a question propounded by every venireman by T. S. Linn, deceased.

CONSTRUCTIVE STEP IN IMMIGRATION LAW

New Quota Japanese Exclusion, Certificates of Entry, Proposed.

Washington, Feb. 15 (Capital News Service).—The House Immigration Committee has completed its proposed immigration bill, which will immediately be reported to the House. It translates into law the terms of the "gentlemen's agreement" existing between the United States and Japan, by forbidding entry into this country of aliens not entitled to such citizenship.

The bill reduces the quota from its present 3 to 2 per cent of aliens in this country, and bases computation on the census of 1890 instead of that of 1910.

It further provides that all immigrants must procure a certificate of entry from American consulates before embarking, and fines steamship companies giving passage to immigrants not provided with such certificates.

Under the new permanent plan Italy's quota will be reduced from the present 42,000 to 5,000, while the quota for Germany will be increased from 55,000 to 65,000. The quotas for Great Britain, France, Belgium, and the Scandinavian countries also will be increased, while those for Poland, Russia, and the Balkan States will be decreased.

Like the present temporary restriction law, the act will not operate against immigration from Canada, Newfoundland, Mexico, Cuba, and Central and South America, provided immigrants had been residents in those countries for a period of five years.

SPECIAL TAXES FOR ALL BACHELORS IN STATE IS PROPOSED

Bill to Tax All Single Men in State Over 40 Years of Age is Presented to the Lower House.

Measures Causes Much Merriment

Bill Would Tax Men Not More Than \$100 a Month, Money to Go to Some Maiden Lady Over 30.

Raleigh, Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—The House of Representatives of the North Carolina Legislature today was thrown into convulsions of laughter over the introduction of a bill by Representative Hanner, of Stokes County, which would provide for the taxation of single men over the age of 40 years in an amount not to exceed \$100 per month, the amount to be paid to the support of a maiden lady over 30 years until she marries.

The bill was put to passage under suspension of the rules, and after three amendments were voted down it passed its second reading and went on the calendar for final action tomorrow.

Discussion Prohibition Law. Raleigh, Feb. 15 (By the Associated Press).—After a motion to table was voted down 107 to 3, the committee substitute for the original house bill to bring the state liquor laws into conformance with the Volstead act was laid open to discussion in the House today, but no action was taken when adjournment was moved after an hour's debate to allow the speaker to attend a banquet which citizens of Kinston are giving in his honor.

The reading of the bill evoked the motion to table which was made by Representative Ervin, of Burke County, but after he motion had been killed Representative Burgwyn of Northampton County sent in the first objection which he aimed at Section 6, and which deals with the seizure of property belonging to another which might have been used in the transportation of liquor without the knowledge of the owner.

Representative Turlington, of Iredell County sought to explain the provision and after considerable debate Mr. Turlington announced the proposition of the measure would accept an amendment which would provide that a jury could settle the question as to whether the vehicle was used without the consent of the owner and to return the vehicle to the owner without cost to him.

The amendment was sent in by Representative Dillard, of Cherokee, but no action was taken pending explanation of the bill, section by section, by Mr. Turlington.

The motion to adjourn set the continuation of discussion on the order for 8 o'clock tonight, after which the Bowie railroad bill, which had already been set for that time, will come under consideration.

Citizen Police Force for Speeders

Indianapolis, Feb. 15.—A newly organized citizen police force, its identity unknown even to members of the regular traffic department, is lending valuable aid to the authorities in rounding up speeders and other violating the traffic law here, according to Captain Michael Glenn, head of the police traffic department.

Approximately one hundred citizens are members of the new force, it was said. Under the system, the citizen policemen, seeing a violation of the traffic law, writes the license number of the automobile on a postal card provided for the purpose, also checking the nature of the violation and the place where it took place. He signs the card with his number and sends it to the traffic department.

Members of the traffic squad then take charge of the case, identifying the owner of the automobile. The owner is notified by postcard that he has violated the traffic rules and is ordered to appear before Captain Glenn. A second violation results in the driver being ordered into city court for trial.

Four Negroes Burned to Death at Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—In a fire tonight in Waughtown, suburb of Winston-Salem, Melissa Grant, negro woman, and negro children, Moses and Mary Smith, twins, were burned to death. Belle Lindsay, a negro woman, was burned and died while being hurried to the hospital. The building caught fire from a heating stove and being a light frame structure, was wrapped in flames before help could be summoned.

Drop in Temperature

Washington, Feb. 15.—A drop in the temperature tonight in the East Gulf States, and in the Atlantic States south of Maryland is forecast by the weather bureau which also predicts the colder weather will continue through Friday in the Southeastern states.

Permits Issued for New School Buildings in Winston-Salem

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—Permits to build two new school buildings here have been issued by the city. The buildings will cost approximately \$200,000.