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BRIEF REPLY MADE TO BRITISH NOTE

Bryan Appreciates Friendly Tone it Conveys.

AWAITS THE DETAILS

Ambassador Foreign Delivers Answer to British Note at London. Detailed Answer Expected from England.

Washington, Jan. 14.—In a note delivered today by Ambassador Page at London, Secretary Bryan acknowledged receipt of Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American protest against British interference with neutral commerce.

Further comment, Mr. Bryan said, would be immature at this time in view of the intention of the British government to reply in detail.

"The friendly spirit in which the British government received the American note of December 28th, is appreciated.

"No doubt is entertained by us that the cordial relations between our governments will continue pending diplomatic discussion. This government notes with satisfaction that the principles of the international law as set forth in the American note are accepted by the British government.

"It is the intention of this government to consider in connection with the further reply of the British government the points raised by Sir Edward Grey, in connection with the preliminary answer."

JUDGE WHEDBEE HOLDS COURT.

Next Week's Court in Pitt.

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 14.—Owing to the sickness of Judge Connor, Governor Craig commissioned Judge Whedbee to hold this term of Pitt superior court. He convened court Monday morning and held a very short session as it was not expected there would be any court and all jurors had been notified not to attend.

Next week is for criminal cases. Judge Whedbee has to go to Burgo to hold Bender court, but expects to finish up there in a day or two and be back here Wednesday.

W. H. BRITT MUCH WANTED.

Charged with Crime in North Carolina and Florida—Arrested. (Special Star Correspondence.)

MUCH DEPENDS ON STEAMER MUDDLE

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The Post says of the whole question is "thorny and difficult, the more so as it has certainly been contrived by Germany to embroil Great Britain with the United States."

CEMENT PRODUCTS COMPANY.

New Wilmington Concern That Will Manufacture Septic Tanks.

AVAILANCES IN ALPS RESULT FROM EARTHQUAKES.

Geneva, Switz., Jan. 14 (via Paris).—Earthquake shocks in the Mount Bianco range and the Swiss and Italian Alps along the frontier yesterday morning caused huge avalanches which isolated Alpine villages and destroyed forests.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank, American National Bank.—Advertisement.

FARMERS UNION URGES RURAL CREDIT SYSTEM

Land Segregation and Repeal of Crop Lien Law.

Also a Measure for Government of Co-operative Enterprises—State Council Decides to Center on Four Issues.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—The State council of the North Carolina Farmers' Union decided today to center the attention of the General Assembly, so far as the matter is concerned, upon four big issues: Rural credit system; land segregation, or permitting white communities to limit their land sales to white people; repeal of the crop lien law; and a measure for government of co-operative enterprises.

They will want 12 months time for the application of the crop lien law change.

Participating in the conference today were Dr. H. Q. Alexander, Dr. J. M. Templeton, E. C. Fairles, J. Z. Green, W. B. Gibson, Clarence Poe, C. C. Wright and R. W. H. Stewart. Resolutions were adopted urging the use of the Torrens system of land titles and setting out that, whereas, some lawyers are reported to be advising farmers that such titles cost \$100 the fact is, according to Attorney General Bickett, that the titles should not cost over \$25, and asking that farmers patronize lawyers friendly to the Torrens system.

SECRETARY BRYAN CHARGED WITH LENDING

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so-called money trust" asked Commissioner Phelan.

"He did," replied the witness. The Jarvis interests were piqued, he said, because the National City Bank had handled a \$1,500,000 loan for the government in which Michelena acted as its agent.

WEEK AGAIN ON STAND.

Vick testified today that Secretary Bryan at the recommendation of Boas Long, until lately head of the Latin American department, "and a friend of J. G. Gray, who was a great friend of the finance nation crowd," had appointed Charles M. Johnston of Indianapolis as financial expert for the republic.

AMERICAN AID IS ASKED

Red Cross Society Requests Aid for Earthquake Sufferers.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The American Red Cross tonight issued an appeal for funds to aid those rendered homeless by the earthquake in Italy. The organization announced it would be glad to transmit relief contributions to the Italian Red Cross. The appeal said:

COMMITTEE TO GO LATER

Senator Simmons Requested That They Postpone Trip to Washington.

At the request of Senator Simmons in a personal letter to Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of a committee appointed to go to Washington for the purpose of discussing plans for beginning work on the new Customs house building, the committee did not go to Washington yesterday as had been planned.

NEW WILMINGTON CONCERN THAT WILL MANUFACTURE SEPTIC TANKS.

The Cement Products Company is the name of a new Wilmington concern that will manufacture septic tanks and sanitary privies. These are intended for suburban buildings of all kinds and are built to provide a sewage disposal plant at small cost.

GREENVILLE RECORD LAST YEAR.

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 14.—Greenville had a fine fire record last year. Out of risks aggregating near \$150,000 the actual loss paid for was \$3,325. This is a good record for the insurance companies. In 1914 there were 98 building permits issued, the amount for them being in round numbers \$400,000. The permits for 1913 ran much ahead of this number, and also in amount.

CHAMBER TO APPOINT CHARTER COMMITTEE

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The General Assembly of 1913 passed a resolution directing the Corporation Commission with the assistance of the Attorney General to investigate the dismemberment of the Reclamation of Arid, Semi-Arid, Swamp, and Overflow Lands Through District Organizations, and Authorizing Government Aid Therefor.

The following resolution in memory of the late Capt. Jesse Wilder was adopted by a rising vote:

"Whereas, Death has again visited the Chamber and removed from our midst one of our esteemed and most respected members, Mr. Jesse Wilder, the business community, good citizen and a man of sterling worth and character, pleasant and social in his intercourse with his fellows and friends, by whom he will indeed be missed.

"Resolved, That we strongly commend the findings of the Attorney General and his action in recommending that the Federal government assume the land in the sale and dismemberment of the roads.

"Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senators and Representatives from this State with the request that they use their efforts to the best advantage in the Department of Justice."

The repeal of section nine of the Justice Freight Rate bill was urged by Mr. J. Allan Taylor, who had introduced it and which was adopted after being seconded by Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., reading as follows:

"This Chamber contemplates with no small interest the fact that the Justice Freight Rate bill has proved open to all the indictments made against it, and that now by common consent the commercial interests of the State demand the repeal of the objectionable features. The representatives of this Chamber pointed out and persistently urged that Section nine of the bill, known as the Long and Short Haul Clause, revolutionary in principle and would prove so in practice, and was the work of a theorist in blind disregard of transportation principles and without advance to the State.

"In view of the injustice of the bill as shown by its operation for several months, this Chamber urges the General Assembly to repeal Section nine and make any amendments which experience has shown to be desirable and necessary.

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Senator from this district and Representative from this county with request that they take prompt action to carry it into effect."

In connection with another matter Mr. Taylor called attention to the fact that Wilmington was the only city in the State that made a fight on the original passage of the bill and that the short roads which are now urging the repeal of the long and short haul clause did not have a representative at Raleigh during the last Legislature.

WANT CORPORATIONS TO HELP.

The following resolution was prepared by the Streets and Sanitation Committee at a meeting yesterday morning and after being read by the secretary was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The Streets and Wharves Committee of the City of Wilmington has information that the Atlantic Coast Line proposes to replace their present rail on Water street, from Dock Street north with heavy rail, and that the City of Wilmington propose to do the same thing with the track north of Fourth street, from the railroad bridge to Nixon street, and we are further advised that the City of Wilmington is preparing to proceed at once with the work of placing blocks and brick after the work is completed and in view of the number of men in Wilmington now unemployed and in urgent need of work, be it resolved:

"Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce endorse this proposed work and respectfully request the Atlantic Coast Line and Tidewater Power Co. to proceed immediately with whatever work they intend to do on these streets, so that the city can do their part of this work, thereby giving work to the unemployed, which is so urgently needed at the present time.

"Resolved, further, That the Streets and Wharves Committee of the City of Wilmington be requested to see that this work is done as quickly as possible, in view of the great need of workmen and the cheapness with which it can be done at the present time."

GOVERNMENT GIVING REPORTS.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the Traffic Committee, called attention to the fact that the government estimates the cotton crop in the United States to be 14,000,000 bales, and introduced the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. C. A. Price and adopted by the Chamber:

"There is good ground for the opinion that the estimate of the cotton crop is over-estimated. The fact that the promise of a late crop has not materialized owing to protracted wet and cold weather, and that the cotton yield has been greatly impaired, and it is of the first importance that the actual facts be made officially known at the earliest possible moment."

"Resolved, That the Bureau be requested to make no ginning report after January until March, which latter date is the final report for the crop year; and in view of the fact that the emergency of the situation requires that government estimates be given very rapidly, while unfavorable weather has undoubtedly resulted in the abandonment of a considerable portion of the crop, it is obviously desirable that there should be twinning reports between February and March in order to disclose the true facts as to the volume of the crop.

"Resolved, That the subject be brought to the attention of the proper authorities, and that a copy of this action be certified to the Senators from this State with request that they take the matter up promptly and advise with the Department of Agriculture."

DRAINAGE LEGISLATION.

The following resolution was introduced at the instance of the Agricultural and Immigration Committee and was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, There is now pending before the Congress of the United States a bill known as Senate Bill No. 8827 which relates to government aid and co-operation in the financing on favorable terms of drainage works undertaken under the laws of the several states, and

"Whereas, The State of North Carolina has a drainage law under which such districts are being formed, and

"Whereas, The reclamation of wet lands in this State by the formation of drainage districts is a work in which the people of the State are vitally interested, and

"Whereas, The proposed bill if enacted into law will provide a means whereby, in many cases, the work of erecting drainage works may be financed on a 4 per cent basis and be greatly to the advantage of the people of North Carolina, now be it

Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington, North Carolina, endorse the proposed bill as to Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, which relate to government aid in the establishment of drainage districts in the several states; and that the secretary be instructed to furnish a copy of this resolution to the Senators and Representatives from North Carolina and to write to each of them a letter urging their active support toward the enactment of law of Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Senate Bill No. 8827, entitled 'Relating to the Reclamation of Arid, Semi-Arid, Swamp, and Overflow Lands Through District Organizations, and Authorizing Government Aid Therefor.'"

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OYSTER ROAST YESTERDAY

Enjoyable Affair Given by Officers and Men of Street Department.

Councilman B. A. Merritt in charge of the department of streets and wharves, Mr. John C. McAllister, superintendent of streets, and the regular members of the street forces were the hosts to hundreds of city property officials and employees and other friends at enjoyable oyster roast at the city stables yesterday afternoon.

Present were the Mayor and all members of City Council, many of the officials, an approved of the other municipal departments; Sheriff S. P. Cowan and a number of other invited guests, about 30 in all, in addition to the street forces.

Steamed oyster sandwiches and other refreshments were served, and during the course of the feast Mayor Moore and the members of Council made short talks, in which they were unanimous in the praise of the street department and the splendid work that the forces have accomplished under the guidance of Councilman Merritt and superintendent McAllister.

Other invited guests were Sheriff Cowan, Superintendent McAllister, Mr. Percy Wells, Mr. J. O. Brown and a number of the other guests.

All voted the occasion one of unalloyed pleasure.

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY

Will Discuss Proposed Street Commission.

City Council will meet this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of discussing with a committee of citizens the suggestion made to the body at a meeting a few days ago that a Street Commission be appointed to have charge of the expenditures of the amount of the proposed bond money for the improvement of streets and sidewalks as a means of furnishing employment for those out of work here.

The meeting was to have been held last night, but was postponed until this morning on account of the fact that several members were not present.

It has been suggested that the proposed commission be composed of Councilman B. A. Merritt, chairman; Messrs. J. Allan Taylor, C. McQueen, M. J. Corbett and Sam Bear, Jr.

Over 100 Extra Men.

Mr. John C. McAllister, superintendent of streets, stated last evening that the street department now has employed, in addition to the regular force, 109 extra men, added since Council authorized an appropriation of \$5,000 a month for not more than three months, in order to furnish employment for those out of work.

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