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SECRETARY OF STATE HUGHE

ARGUMENTS OF ALLIES

Has Long Statement To Be Read

At Conference Monday.

It Is Doubtful Whether Conference Will Listen To Argu-

ment By Germans.

Should the Statement Be Read It Prob-ably Will Be Followed By Coun-, ter Proposals Which Would Be Rejected,

London, March 5 .- (By Associated

e Germans, through Dr. St. Haner

The Germans, through Dr. St. Han the German ambossador at London, a Lord D'Abernon. British ambassador Germany, have made efforts to get touch with the allies for private of versations with some measure of moraling hetween Promiers Lie George and Briand and Dr. Histons has a supplementations of the promiers and promiers are supplementations.

Berlin, March 5 - Chancellor Pehres

Berlin, March & Chancellor Fehren-bach informed the relebstag today that the cabinet did not propose to inter-fere with Dr. Simons the German fur-eign secretary, and his fellow dele-sates to the Louidon reparations con-ference. He declared the cabinet was confident that the foreign recretary would make every effort to negotiate within the limits set. The chancellor made his approprietations in the course

made his announcement in the cour of a carefully formulated stateme upon the reassembling of the reig

filment of an impossible demand.

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PRESIDENT HARDING SETS FAST PACE IN DISPOSING OF WORK

FIRST DAY TAKES HIM **OVER USUAL ACTIVITIES** OF A CHIEF EXECUTIVE

mong Other Things He Disniches First Diplomatic Note. CONFERS WITH ADVISERS

With White House Gates Open To Public, Visitors Flock In By the Hundreds.

RECEPTION IN EAST ROOM

in Airedale Pup From Ohlo In Pre-seated the President as a Mascot. Quarton of Special Session Is Talked Over. (By Associated Press.)
Washington, March 5.—President

jarding's first day in the White House a fast record of Presidential activand about covered the whole range experiences to which chief excurmes ordinarily fall heir.

Besides disputching his first dip-matic note, he found time to inquire to the condition of every one of the is the condition of every one of the government departments, canvass the institution in Congress, consider the respansation of the national political assilinery of this party, dictate a big sheaf of letters, shake hands with several hundred of his fellow citizens, install a new White House mascot and ward the theater.

and the theater.

While he was at work an order he
used yesterday, opening the White
use gates to the public, gave a new
the of life to the executive offices
grounds. For the first time in mi grounds. For the first time in eaths visitors flocked in hundreds to he white House doors and into the seeving room of the President's ofpresenting a picture in striking rast to the quietude of the closing rast to the quietude of the cases of the Wilson administration.

The Harding's work day began early, ore 3 o'clock he was at his desk was wading through the first in of mail to come to his attention. hief executive. After an hour's tion he began a succession of con-ices with his newly installed cabofficials, and kept to an unbroke e of appointments with mem-1 1380, when he took an hour for h with members of his family. In afternoon he and Mrs. Harding their first reception in the east standing for more than two while guests, invited and unin-passed by in line.

Attend Musical Comedy.

the the new President and first

ed by Will H. Hays, the new poster general. The conference gave nuch speculation in regard to possible part Mr. Harding will take eard the choosing of the new chaig-lat but there was nothing to indicate the had made a decision regarding

stions about the special sesof Congress were heard from Senator Ledge, etts, and Representa chusetts. Representative isli, of Wyoming, senate and house blican leaders. They came to-ir to present their views on the igress should be called togeth and to inform the chief executive situation that will confront f program at the special ses-was said afterward that no ould be set until there had bee conferences, although it a decision probably would be sched in time to permit issuance of

Big Public Reception.

Harding's afternoon reception

Aide To Mr. Hughes In Harding Cabinet



Henry P. Fletcher, former American ambassador to Mexico, is to be under-secretary of state in the Harding administration, according to a report from Washington. It was formerly reported that Mr. Pletcher might be named ambassador to Tokio, but his selection as under-secretary of state is said to be definite. Mr. Pletcher, who is from Pennsylvania, has been in the diplomatic service for many years, serving under the Wilson administration until recently, when he resigned.

As a Result British Officials View Situation In Russia More Seriously.

ARE FIGHTING IN MOSCOW

it evidently is not the result of a con-crete plan, an undermining of seviet rule and are beginning sto question rule and are beginning sto question whether the soviet government retains enough power to crush the unrest in

the authorities and the strikers, much the same as occur in better governed federal jobs.

Telegraphic communication between North Caro

Telegraphic communication between Moscow and Reval has been severed, to consequently officials have discounted news dispatches supposedly coming from Moscow via Reval. Communication still is open between Moscow. Petrograf and Heisingfors.

THE IMPORTANT THING RIGHT NOW IS A FAIR

More Important Than Patronage Says Mr. Linney.

ASK FEDERAL AMENDMENT JURORS SIGN A PETITION

To Corrupt Practices Act Which Messrs. Hodgin, Langley, Reaves Would Penalize "Stealing Of Elections."

DOUGHTON MAKES DENIAL TO BE HEARD IN 20 DAYS

Hotly Denies Campbell's Charge That tees, Were Voted-Mr. Daniels

Comes Home,
Daily New Bacau and Triegraph Office,
The Blaze Building (By Leased Wire) By THEODORE TILLER.

Washington, March 5 .- John Morehead, Republican national committeeman from North Carolina, and Frank Linney, state chairman, left for their homes tonight after conferring here for several days with national Republican leader and attending the Harding inaugural.

Before leaving for home, Mr. Linney had a conference with Representative Slemp regarding an amendment to the federal corrupt practices act, which would penalize the "stealing of elec-tions" in the south or anywhere else, Mr. Morehead was not a party to this conference, but is expected to back up Mr. Linney.

Mr. Morehead was not a party to this opnference, but is expected to back up Mr. Linney. "One of the most important things right now," said Mr. Linney, "is not the distribution of patronage, but an amendment to the federal elections laws that will insure fair counting of votes throughout the country. The pressent laws provide penalties if anbedy purchases votes or expends too much money, but the federal government can take no action if an election official counts out a candidate. The law should be amended to bring about a fair count as well as to prevent the corrupt use of money. One of the objects of my visit to Washington was to urge Mr. Slemp and his subcommittee to take up this legislative necessity." o take up this legislative necessity Mr. Siemp is chairman of the special subcommittee of the national Republican committee that was designated to report on questions of building up the Republican party in the southern

states. The Slemp subcommittee is also to make recommendations regarding a re-duction of southern representation in the national conventions so that states in the south having few Republican votes cannot wield such influence in

votes cannot wield such influence in the party conventions.

"Fair Count" Demanded.

When Chairman Linney made his observations regarding the necessity of an amended corrupt practices act he was surrounded in a hotel room by several prominent Republicans from his state. They all seemed to agree that a "fair count" was essential to the Republican party, particularly in the southern states. Chatting with Mr. Linney at the time were James D. Dor, sett, of Spencer, recently campaign manager for Dr. Ike Campbell; I. D. Tucker, of Whiteville; W. D. Allen, of Wimington.

London. March 5—British officials are viewing the Russian situation with largeaing seriousness and today, for the shad over general conditions and Toutsky have faced. This change of stated over general conditions and any problem that shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading confirmation of reports that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading to the hierarchical state of the propose of states and today are the shading of the Russian situation with shading of organisations. Asking for stitled has come about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading to the been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith the foreign office has been done about notwith shading that the foreign office has been done about notwith shading the foreign

running for the same place in the east-era district; that Col. Figdell Meares will be recommended as an assistant attorney general in the department of justice in Washington. There are a number of applicants for marshalship appointment in the western and east-ern districts, with Brownlow Jackson and J. D. Parker in the front ranks. enough power to crush the unrest in the army, force the Moscow unienists back to their jobs and surpress the peasants.

To what extent disaffection has spread in the army cannot be gauged from reports available here, but apparently a certain number of troops in Moscow still are willing to fight for the soviet. One brief official message today said fighting was in progress in Moscow between workers and troops, but no great importance is attached to it officially. It is believed to be probably the usual strike froutgles between workers and troops, that no great importance is attached to it officially. It is believed to be probably the usual strike froutgles between workers will ground town in North Carolins. It is known that both workers authorities and the strikers much Mr. Morehead and Mr. Linney are swamped with mail on the subject of

Doughton Hotly Denies Charges. North Carolina politics furnished further entertainment here today, when tepresentative Robert L. Doughton etty challenged certain statements attributed to Dr. Ike Campbell, Repub-lican, who is contesting Doughton's election. Mr. Doughton dissents em-

in the Republican national composition of the Republican national compositions which are not to the Republican national compositions of the Republican national compositions of the Republican national compositions which are not the Republican national compositions which are not to the Republican national compositions which are not to the Republican national compositions which are not designed in the Republican national compositions which are not designed in the Republicant national compositions which are not designed in the Republicant national compositions which are not designed in the Republicant national compositions which are not designed in the Republicant national compositions which are not designed in the R

SENSATIONAL REPORTS IN VARNER LITIGATION

Affiants Allege Misconduct Of Deputy Marshal Roane.

and Starmer Want Verdict Set Aside.

Copies of Affidavita to Be Presented tense, Which Will File Counter. Eldavitz, Followed By Henring. Judge Boyd to Investigate. Affidavits, Follo

The noted Varner litigation was sen sationally revivined yesterday morning in federal court when O. L. Sapp, chief cornsel for Mrs. Florence C. Varner. who was convicted week before last of improper conduct with Baxter McRary, wealthy mulatto, offered a motion praying the court to set aside the verdict of the jury, and a new trial be granted. He based his prayer upon alleged improprieties on the part of certain members of the jury, and the alleged misconduct of Deputy Marshal C. T. Roans, who had charge of the jury part of the time. Moreover, he declared that he believed he could produce newly discovered evidence that would discredit testimony given by a several witnesses for the defendant, H. B. Varner, of Lexington.

Mr. Sapp also read a petition, signifed by four members of the jury, T. E. Hodgin, L. H. Starmer, J. H. Langley and M. C. Reaves, requesting that the verdict be set aside and give the plaintiff another trial, declaring: "There was sickness in the families of some of the jurors, and we also understood that we had to decide the case and it was for that reason that the case was decided as it was."

Judge James E. Boyd, of the western of its affidavits to the defense, who in turn will file counter-affidavits; one from Costa Rica was described as one from Costa Rica was described as it was." wealthy mulatto, offered a motion

G. C. Thomas With Juroral
The first affidavit read was signed
by C. W. Edwards, of Greensboro,
president and general manager of the
Gate City Motor company, in which he
declared that either on Monday or
Tuesday of the second week of the
trial, he carried a letter to F. J.
Thomas, a juror, who was at the hotel,
where the jury was housed, and that
upon entering the room he found in
it G. C. Thomas, a brother of the juror.
The affidavit, moreover, saled that on

mark was heard by each of them and that it was said in a tone loud enough for members of the jury to hear it; that as soon as Mr. Roane had made the alleged remark he then said to some members of the jury; "Excuse me, gentlemen, I did not know you were so close."

Mr. Sapp declared that Ulrich Wood, also a barber in the same shop, now absent from the city, would sign the

Mr. Sapp read a telegram from Mrs.
A. L. Cates, of Salt Lake City, Utah, aunt of Mrs. Varner, declaring that she could positively prove that Mrs.
Varner had visited Salt Lake City twice since 1908, the last time being n 1917. It will be recalled that Mrs. Varner testified that she had visited her mother in 1917, while Mr. Varner's testimony ran counter to that of his on a visit to her mother since the year Mr. Sapp termed this bit of alleged

new evidence as being of extreme im portance to the case.

Try to Discredit Petty.

Costa Rica and Panama Warned to Make Peace

HUGHES' FIRST ACT

This Country Ready, If Neces-sary, To Enforce Peaceful Solution Of Dispute.

TWO WARSHIPS EN ROUTE

Washington, March 5,-Cossation of hostilities between Costa Rica and Panama is demanded in identic notes which, it was learned tonight at the state department, had been dispatched today to the governments of two countries by Charles Evans Hughes, the new secretary of state. This action was the first of the Harding administration in the realm of for-eigr affairs, and was said to have been based on the grounds of broad expedi-ency, as the dispute between the Cen-tral American republics involved American interests in the Panama Canal Zone.

DR. SIMONS PLANS TO

tiff another trial, declaring: "There was sickness in the families of some of the jurors, and we also understood that we had to decide the case and it was for that reason that the case was for that reason that the case was decided as it was."

Judge James E. Boyd, of the western district of the United States court, directed the plaintiff to deliver copies of its affidavits to the defense, who in turn will file counter-affidavits; then, the attorneys for both sides will appear in court and argue the case. The jurist told the lawyers that he would open court daily for 20 days to await their coming. He also declared that he intended getting to the bottom of the alleged improprieties if it requires a year or longer.

E. T. Cansler, chief counsel for the defendant, stated that he wanted it distinctly understood that if there has been any misconduct relating to the verdict the defense doesn't want it to stand.

G. C. Thomas With Jurust 1

President Harding and his advisers were said to have given their approval of the steps already taken to protent American interests in the zone of hostilities, and indicated that unless the two American warships now an their way south groved adequate to accomplish that purpose a larger force might follow them.

President Harding has taken a keen personal interest in the situation, and

ate.
Grook was disarmed by men attract
ed by the shot and the screams o
stenographers who ran from the offic
into the hall, and was turned over to have not been taken into account by the allies.

It is a question, however, whether the conference will listen to such arguments as these. The French premier, M. Briand, is credited with the assection that all the Germans have been summoned for on Monday is to notept or reject the terms of the allies as laid down at Paris with the modifications mentioned in Mr. Lloyd George's speech.

The Germans, through the St. Mannet. the police. Mr. Henderson said the man had been treated in Nevada for mental trouble. According to the police the prisoner told them that some 25 years ago Mr. Henderson was counsel for him in a suit involving a tract of land and that the shooting grew out of that of that.

The bullet passed through the fiest of the former senator's forearm. Sena-tor Ball, of Delaware, who is physician, dressed the wound and then sent the patient to a hospital for an ex-ray examination. This was said to have disclosed no broken bones and Mr. Henderson went to his home, where he was reported tenight as resting easily.

PAYS COSTS AND \$3,000 TO

George and Briand and Dr. Himona at the residence of Fari Curzon, but nothing is forthcoming as to what was actually accomplished.

Mr. Lloyd George has gone to Chequiers Court, his summer home. M. Briand and his colleagues will spend the week at Lympne, while Count Sforza and M. Jasper will be entertained privately in town.

A report emanating from Greek circles that the niles have withdrawn that offer of an inquiry by a special sission into conditions in Smyrna and Turkish quarters. MOTHER OF BOY HE KILLED Durham, March 6.—A. B. Vickers, wealthy Durham county farmer, who cecently ran down and killed a mail boy with his automobile, was today allowed to plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter in Superior court. He was let off upon payment of the cost and \$2,000 to the mother of the boy. POUR MILITARY MEN KILLED WHEN PARTY IS AMBUSHE

Dublic, March 5.—Two officers and we members of the ranks were killed BERLIN CABINET IS NOT TO INTERPERE WITH DR. SIMONS when 35 men, comprising a military party, were ambushed this afternoon between Killarney and Buttevar Fighting is still going on according an official statement of the affair i ued tonight.

Dr. Gambrell Is Recovering. Nashville, Tenn., March 5.—Dr. J. M. Gambrell, president of the Southern Baptist convention, who has been critically ill at Dallas, Tenns, for the past 10 days, has now passed the crists and has averallest days. as excellent chance for an early reovery in the opinion of his physicians according to information received here today by the headquarters office of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign.

"In accordance with the directle Housing Plan Abundened.

Durham, March 5.—The Liggett and free Tobacco company Branch in this ity today amounced abandosment of ts pinn for furnishing homes for its peratives, through the sale of more han 50 residences to a local trust com any. More than \$100,000 was involved n the transaction.

Planters Accept Lower Wage.
Mobile, Ala., March 5.—The plumber
ho went out on a strike on last
'ednesday because wages were coom \$2 to \$5 returned to work toda t the latter scale. The plumbers wil scrive \$1 per day in the future. V. M. L. Defeats V. P. L.

Roansks, Va., March 5.--Virginia

ANOTHER AD VALOREM DASH BY DOUGHTON IS

In Footbali Vernacular, It Now Fourth Down.

WHOLE DISTANCE TO GAIN

Means Defeat Of Legislation Providing For Payment Of State's Bonded Debt.

EDUCATION BILL ADOPTED

Program of the State Department of Education New Recomes Law, Machinery Act In Passed By the Lower House, The Greenshore Daily News Burens, 308 Merchants National Bank Bid

By W. T. BOST. Raleigh, March 5 .- Grand Old Mas Rufe Doughton made an ad valorem tash this morning and gentlemen of

the house who had been playing football with the tax threw him for the second big loss, lt is now fourth down with the whole distance to gain. The serial attack has failed and the forward pass has been twice execrably fumbled. Straight football, line-plusging and open play alone can save the game. As it stands this afternoon Carolina has lost and but a few minutes are left for play.

Stated in legislative rather than vernacular, the lower house has killed.

Brated in legislative rather than vernacular, the lower house has killed the second effort of Lender Doughton to make the state's wast hond facus salable and payable. Last night following the grand hoodum holiday—the inassacre of the minority—the Grand Old Man did the perfectly obvious thing. He introduced a bill to amend the constitution by giving to the state an additional power of tax—ation designed solely for the paymont of its debts. The belated recognition of the fact that bonds must be peid and that arrangements must be made, made the amendment a welcome evidence of statemanship. Tobe Conner was delighted that the house was about to come to his view that the state must without providing a way to pay. This did it.

But the misority was mad. IT MAY NOT BE ALLOWED MAY ENFORCE PENALTIES Press.)-Unless new instructions are

Press.)—Unless new instructions are received from Berlin. Dr. Bimons, the German foreign, secretary, and head of the German delegation on reparations, will on Monday read a long statement designed to refute the argument made by Premier Lloyd George before the conference on Thursday. This, statement will probably be followed by counter proposals, which even the meet onlimistic of the delegation do not believe the allies will accept. In such a case, the reparations conference will break up, the German delegates will return home and the penalties outlined by Mr. Lloyd George enforced.

penaries outlined by Mr. Lioyd George enforced.

Dr. Simons and his colleagues, in collaboration with the Berlin cabinot, with which the foreign minister is in continual touch by wireless, have spent the greater part of the time fince the dalivery of the uitlinatum in drawing up a reply thereto. The foreign minister will present figures in an endeavor to grove that Mr. Lloyd George's statement respecting German taxation was inaccurate, and will ask the allies to suggest a means whereby Germany can meet their economic demands. He will point out that while the German income tax is small, German income tax is small, German income are proportionally small owing to Impoverishment due to the war.

Claims Large Sum Due Germany. Minority Sees Its Elever. The amount the Germans assert has already been paid on account of reparations will be restated and Dr. Simons hopes that he will be allowed to repeat his arguments made at the

minority.

But it told the Democracy that the state gament build 8,000 miles of hard surface roads through North Carolina without exacting told from those who have their groporty multiplied in value by those concrete drives. So the minority has instated daily that the legislature levy an ast valorem tax. One day the word would so dut that the tax would be laid, the next day it would be denied. Six different stories were sent by the Daily News. And all repeat his arguments made at the opening of the conference, that large sums are due to Germany on account of state property ested in German colonies and other territories, of which she has been deprived and which have not been taken into account by the allies.

(Continued on page ten.) HOSPITAL AT BILTMORE IS DAMAGED BY FIRE South Wing Is Dostroyed With Low Estimated at \$75,005—Is the Second Fire This Year,

Fire Tain Tear.

The diversely tree:

Asheville, March & -- Pire at 10 oclock this morning destroyed the south wing of the Clarence Barker Memorial hospital at Hilmore, entailing losses estimated at \$15,500. None of the patients confined in that wing were injured, due to the quick work of resouth parties on removing them to the north wing, beyond the danger of spreading flames. It is stated that the entire loss will be covered by insurance, On the floor burned were located the operating rooms and private rhoms, which were almost completely destroyed. It had not been determined late this afternoon just how great the damage would be to the operating instruments and equipment.

This is the second fire the Biltmors hospital has experienced since the first of the year. On this occasion the contral section, embracing the saministrative offices and experimendant's quarters was rased to the ground during a fire breaking out during the early hours of the morning while patients were asleep.

Heroic work of the nurses and fire-

hours of the morning while patients were asiece.

Heroic work of the nurses and fremen prevented the flames from spreading to other portions of the building.

Although there were six fires in Ashaville, the others were of a minor nature.

SMALL BOY DEFENDS SISTERS

Witmington, March 5.—When a rabid dog attacked his two amail sisters while the califoren zone on their way home from school at Burgaw, markers, Lon Carr, aged nine, grasped the animal about the neck and threw it is the ground, and, although bitten in five places, refused to let go until help came, and his sisters escaped unharmed. The boy is urder treatment and is doing ulcely, according to reports from Burgaw lonight. FROM ATTACK OF MAD DOG approved by the releasing he said.

"Dr. Simons was authorized to with-bold his signature from any obliga-BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

he unable to fulfil. These instructions have not been and will not be changed. The cabinet is confident Dr. Simons will utilize to the utenest every opportunity to conclude negotiations within the limit set."

Herr Febrenback concluded by declaring he was convinced the German people would acknowledge the signature of their agent in London if it movered as additional to the control of the control of the control of the converse of the control of the cont GOES TO THE UNIVERSITY
Taleigh, March 1—The University of
North Carolina tonight won the collegiate baskethall championship of North
Carolina by defeating Trinity college,
55 to 16. The game was the third of
the season between the two quints,
such being won on its own court. The
championship chalm of the university
is undisputed by any other team in
the state.