

UNWARRANTED OF PRESS OPINION

On Situation Precipitated by Germany's Announcement.

Highly Gratifying to Administration—President Doesn't Wish to Out-Do Public Opinion.

Washington, Feb. 2.—All Administration officials are gratified and surprised at what they interpret as a practically unanimous opinion of the country on the situation so unexpectedly precipitated by Germany's sudden declaration of war.

One official said today that this viewpoint, which had been awaited before any definite announcement, had a great effect on the formation of his decision.

European sailings of all ships flying the American flag should be postponed, according to the opinion of the State Department.

The State Department feels that the sailing of vessels, the departure of Americans from Germany, and the safe passage of other Americans across the Atlantic should for the moment be left entirely to the discretion of the individuals concerned.

Germany is understood by officials to be in the dark as to America's probable position. Not till the American course has been formally announced at home, it is understood, will Germany receive her answer.

Shipping Stopped. The German declaration is thought to have had the immediate effect expected in the temporary stopping of much neutral shipping.

CO-OPERATIVE CREAMERY PROVING SUCCESSFUL. Special to The Observer. Shelby, Feb. 2.—John Blanton, secretary and treasurer of the Mooreboro Creamery, was in Shelby this week when asked how that co-operative institution was getting along.

TROUBLE WITH SIGNAL SYSTEM DELAYS TRAINS

Passengers on Board No. 35 From Raleigh Reported Accident of Some Kind to 'Blocks.'

Because of a reported accident to the "block" signal system of the Southern Railway between Charlotte and Raleigh, train No. 35, due to arrive in this city at 12:15 p. m., did not arrive until nearly 1 o'clock this morning.

LITTLE GIRL TELLS OF AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Four People Implicated by Her Story and New Bern Man and Woman Arrested.

Special to The Observer. New Bern, Feb. 2.—As the result of investigations which have been in progress for the past 10 days, Mrs. Garnett Bain, whose home is at 56 Broad street, is under arrest, charged with slandering the character of Miss Nina Hoffman, a pretty little 15-year-old girl of this city, and also with aiding and abetting W. R. Pate, a dairyman, in attempting to commit a criminal assault on the little girl.

Both Mrs. Bain and Pate deny that they know anything in regard to the affair and will fight the case to a finish, while the investigators of the incident have declared that they will leave no stone unturned to bring them to justice if the story told by the little Hoffman girl is true.

The Hoffman girl told the investigators of a trip to Thurman with Mrs. Bain, Pate and another man, and claims that at that time the alleged attempted assault was made upon her. She also told of an auto trip to Glenburnie Park, near the city, with two men and another woman and in two well known citizens are implicated.

TAR HEELS GIVE BANQUET IN HONOR OF ROBERT PAGE

Representative Webb Offers Resolutions of Regret on Retirement of Mr. Page.

Special to The Observer. Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—North Carolinians held a banquet tonight in honor of Robert N. Page, who is retiring from Congress. Two hundred invited guests were present.

SPENCER Y. M. C. A. TO BUILD AN ADDITION

Institution Is a Business Concern Doing Over \$100,000 Annually—Doctor Ball Visits.

Special to The Observer. In Spencer contemplates the erection of an addition to its present commodious building at a cost of some \$20,000 to \$25,000, and with a view to this end Dr. William H. Ball, of New York, spent Thursday here in conference with Secretary B. F. Stevenson and the newly-elected board of directors.

MAIN ST. BUILDINGS WILL BE PUT IN LINE

Special to The Observer. Charlotte, Feb. 2.—Mr. Hyder, a contractor of Forest City, has had his men at work here this week, taking off the front of A. H. Hume's brick store building, now occupied by Allen Drug Company. This puts the building on Main street in line.

EDUCATION BILL RE-INTRODUCED

Purpose Is to Save It From Parliamentary Tangle.

Bill to Reduce School Books Will Also Figure Prominently.

Special to The Observer. Raleigh, Feb. 2.—The education bill was reintroduced into the lower house today. The purpose in this was to get it in shape for discussion and save it from a parliamentary tangle.

The usual full report of the Legislature was not available last night. On account of delayed trains, the mail with the full day report did not reach the Observer, and, when it was discovered that the letter could not be had, the Raleigh telegraph office had already closed.

JAP QUESTION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO FRONT AGAIN

Protests Registered Against Alien Land Ownership Legislation in West.

Boise, Idaho, Feb. 2.—The State Department at Washington, it became known today, has sent telegrams to members of the Legislature and to Governor Alexander, protesting against the passage of the bill pending in the Legislature to bar subjects of Japanese from land ownership in this State.

OREGON ANTI-ALIEN BILL IS WITHDRAWN

Salem, Ore., Feb. 2.—Oregon's anti-alien land bill was withdrawn from the Legislature here today by Senator George R. Wilbur, Democrat, who introduced it, because, as he said, he did not want to handicap President Wilson with possible Japanese complications during the present international crisis.

STATE OF FEELING SAID TO BE RUNNING HIGH

Washington, Feb. 2.—Japan's representations to the United States against the anti-alien land bills pending in the Idaho and Oregon Legislatures are considered no less serious at this critical juncture of international affairs than her protest against the California laws four years ago.

THE WEATHER

Washington, Feb. 2.—Forecast: North Carolina and South Carolina—Fair and cold Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

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The soothing, healing Resinol medication in Resinol Soap, combined with its freedom from harsh, irritating alkali, gives to red, rough and pimply complexions that whiteness and velvety softness which women crave.

GREAT THROUGS TO URGE BUILDING OF ROADWAY

People of Stanly County Want Bitulithic Paved Road From Albemarle to Badin.

Special to The Observer. Albemarle, Feb. 2.—One of the biggest throngs ever given an official body in Stanly County will be that imposed upon the board of county road supervisors and the county commissioners of Stanly County on next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ATTEMPTED TO AID PRISONER TO ESCAPE

Special to The Observer. Forest City, Feb. 2.—Tom Hayes was placed in the city lock-up two days ago by Officer Manley, charged with entering several stores in the lower end of the county, Mike Morrow, who is a friend of Hayes, purchased, it is alleged, three hack saws from a local dealer, and in pushing them to his friend was seen by a small boy.

CONFIRMATION BLOCKED

Washington, Feb. 2.—An effort to confirm President Wilson's nomination of Dr. Cary T. Grayson his naval aide, to be a rear admiral was blocked in the Senate tonight by Senators Lodge and Weeks.

SERIOUS COMPLICATION CREATED BY EXTENSION OF DANGER ZONE FOR SHIPS

Owing to British Blockade Policy Requiring Vessels to Call at Port of Kirkwall.

London, Feb. 2.—The German danger zones have created a serious complication concerning shipping between American, Scandinavian and Dutch ports, owing to the British blockade policy, requiring ships bound eastward or westward on that route to enter Kirkwall.

DEFINITE DEVELOPMENTS ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITED

Stock Market Still Weak and Nervous—Stocks Weakest at Closing Hour.

New York, Feb. 2.—While traders anxiously awaited some definite developments in the international situation, the stock market was weak and nervous again today. Stocks were weakest in the final hour when the Cabinet was in session in Washington.

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including so-called reorganizations also suffered general impairment. United States Steel was almost the only stock of importance which failed to fall under yesterday's lowest quotations.

MRS. E. M. BREWSTER DIED IN SHELBY YESTERDAY

Special to The Observer. Shelby, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Eliza Mayer Brewster, mother-in-law of President Charles C. Blanton, of the First National Bank, of this place, died this morning at 7 o'clock in her apartments in the Central Hotel.

Advertisement for Chalmers Six-30 car. Features: Now \$1090 after March 1st, \$1250. Buy now and save \$160. The Highest-Grade Low-Priced Six-Cylinder Car. Built for those who want a thoroughly reliable, powerful, six-cylinder car at a reasonable price. Wanted in every county—in every township—in America. No other car so perfectly fits the needs of many thousands of buyers. It has size, beauty, power. It is economical and dependable. It can be bought at a moderate price.