

INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS UP

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Has Before It Data on Controversies With England and Germany.

SENATE DISCUSSES U. S. NEUTRALITY POLICY

Senator Works Declares U. S. is Really Participating in War—No Division of Party Lines.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The general international situation including the crisis in the relations between the United States and the central powers over the questions of submarine warfare, will be considered at tomorrow's meeting of the senate foreign relations committee. The meeting was called by Chairman Stone. The committee has before it a mass of data bearing on Great Britain's attitude toward neutral shipping and on the negotiations with Germany over the submarine question. The information was sent by Secretary Lansing in response to a senate resolution. All available data on the destruction of the British liner Persia also was said to be before the committee.

GREEK DEMAND SENT ENTENTE

The Greek government has made vigorous protest to the entente powers against the arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, according to an Athens dispatch, and energetically demands their release immediately.

PEKING NEWSPAPER HAS BEEN SUSPENDED

Peking, Jan. 6.—The government has suppressed the Peking daily news paper Tsin Thoo-pa at the request of Eli Hsiao, the Japanese minister to China, because that paper published the charge that Japan was promoting the revolution.

ROOSEVELT TO MAKE TRIP TO WEST INDIES

New York, Jan. 6.—Colonel Roosevelt will start on February 15 on a trip to the West Indies from which he will not return until April 1, it was announced today. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

NO EVIDENCE YET IN PERSIA CASE

Penfield Asks Austria for Information—Survivors' Affidavits Are Insufficient.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Ambassador Penfield cabled the state department today that he had presented informally to the Vienna foreign office, the American government's request for any information concerning the destruction of the British steamer Persia and at the time of filing his dispatch had received no reply.

COMMITTEES CONSIDER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Secretary of War Garrison is Star Witness on Military Affairs.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The question of national preparedness again occupied the center of the stage of congressional committee activity. Hearings on the administration's national defense program were begun before the house military affairs committee with Secretary of War Garrison as the star witness. The house naval affairs committee is hearing on the annual naval appropriation bill.

WILL ARRANGE A BOWLING TOURNEY

Seven Cities, Including Asheville, May Enter a Telegraph Tourney—List.

The secretary of the Y. M. C. A. has just received a letter from the secretary of the association at Spray, N. C., in which it is proposed that another telegraph bowling tournament be organized. Active on this suggestion Secretary Brown is writing to the associations at Sumter, S. C., Lynchburg, Va., Bristol, Chattanooga and Kannapolis, asking them if they will organize teams to take part in such a tournament.

PRESIDENT NOMINATES JOHNSON FOR U. S. JUDGE

Washington, Jan. 6.—President Wilson has sent to the senate the nomination of Joseph Johnson of Spartanburg as United States judge for the western district of South Carolina.

Oren Cline aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cline died at the Mission hospital Tuesday, following an illness of several days. The body was shipped to Elm, N. C., for interment by Hare and company.

WAKE OFFICERS ANSWER NORRIS

Solicitor Had Criticized Co. Officials for Extravagance and Other Conditions in Their Offices.

RECORDS DEFENDED BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Norris Had Warned That the "Evils" Must Be Corrected by Democrats or Another Party Will Do So.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—One after another county officers stood up before the commissioners of Wake yesterday and defended his record against Solicitor H. E. Norris who warned the county servants that if such evils as he has discovered are not corrected by the democrats another party will do so.

FUNERAL OF LAMAR HELD AT AUGUSTA

Services For Late Justice Attended by Three Supreme Court Colleagues.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—The funeral of Associate Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar of the United States Supreme court was held yesterday at the Christian church of which the late jurist had been a member for years.

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Consuls Instructed to Get Affidavits From the Survivors of the Disaster.

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Reported Here That He Has Left the State, But Will Return Next Week.

A capias for the arrest of George Cathey, under sentences aggregating 27 months on the county roads for violation of the liquor laws was issued yesterday afternoon by John H. Cathey, clerk of Superior court and Sheriff E. M. Mitchell is now in search of Cathey. At noon today it was reported that George Cathey could not be found in the city.

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COMPULSION BILL PROVISIONS GIVEN

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London, Jan. 6.—Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill introduced in the house of commons, all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them are liable for military service.

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