

PRESIDENT DECLARES HE WILL NOT ACCEPT CONGRESS COMPROMISE

Informing Chairman Flood Today That He Desires Direct Vote on Resolution of Warning.

CHAIRMAN SUBMITS DECISION TO COMMITTEE

Ten Members of House Committee Said to Favor Reporting Oht Resolution While Nine Oppose Action.

Washington, Mar. 2.—President Wilson told Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee early today that he would consent to no compromise on the armed ships issue and that he desired a direct vote on a resolution warning Americans to keep off the armed merchantmen belonging to belligerents.

Chairman Flood took the decision to his committee.

It was reported to the administration today that there were yesterday ten members of the house foreign affairs committee which were in favor of reporting out the McLemore resolution warning Americans of armed merchantmen and nine members against it.

President Wilson made his position clear to congressional leaders last night in unequivocal terms, as the climax to a day of confusion, uncertainty and political maneuvering that marked the opening of his first real fight with congress.

The whole situation in congress, confused by the president's call for a vote, was thrown into a sharp yesterday when at an early morning conference the president outlined his position to Chairman Stone and Flood and the foreign affairs committees, Senate Leader Kern, Speaker Clark, House Leader Kitchin and Acting Chairman Fox of the house rules committee.

As soon as the delegation returned to the capitol with news of what the president had said, it was apparent that some of the leaders who had secretly supported the anti-administration forces, and under administration pressure had pocketed resolutions in committee when there was danger of their being passed, realized that the president and his friends had suddenly rained the whip hand.

It was plain that they at once devoted their efforts to attempts to avoid a defeat at the hands of administration forces by sidetracking the main issue and making the fight turn to a vote on a resolution of confidence for the president in which they could join without compromising their position in support of warning Americans to avoid belligerent armed ships.

Practically in control of the machinery of the house these leaders held the situation in deadlock all day, while they conferred and sought for some proposal which would satisfy the president and still save their positions.

Friends of the president, watching the maneuvering closely, saw the object and from the white house came the word that there should be no compromise.

The president's friends openly charge that resistance to his program is purely political and say he does not intend to let the question be passed over by a compromise and risk being embarrassed later in his negotiations with Germany by having the agitation come up again to weaken his hand.

They point out that the extent of the opposition the president faces may be judged from the fact that the chairmen of the foreign affairs committees in both branches of congress, and even Speaker Clark, were lukewarm in their support of him.

Robert W. Patton of this city announced today that he would be in the race for the office of county tax collector at the primary.

Pres. Wilson Faces Crisis Of His Administration

Special to The Times. Washington, March 2.—President Wilson today faces the most critical period of his administration. With congress insisting that any resolution that is passed must carry a warning to Americans and at the same time give a vote of confidence to President Wilson and the president flatly refusing to accept anything less than a straight out and endorsement of his position, the situation which yesterday was considered critical today is worse.

Late German Assurances Short Of U. S. Requests

Not So Broad as Assurances Given Originally as Result of Lusitania Negotiation, But No Action Will Be Taken Till President Is Sure He Will Not Be Embarrassed by Congress.

Washington, March 2.—Germany's latest assurances on the conduct of her submarine warfare as presented to Secretary Lansing by the German ambassador, are not so broad as the United States desired, but it was indicated that no further steps will be taken until the president is certain that his action will not be embarrassed by congress.

N. Y. Democrats Endorse Wilson's Administration

Syracuse, N. Y., March 2.—In keynote speech and platform democrats of New York state, assembled in informal convention, last night ratified the administration of President Wilson and took steps to bring about his re-election. Harmony marked the convention's deliberations, every proposal being adopted unanimously.

Southern Railway Has Created Welfare Agency

Atlanta, March 2.—The Southern Railway company has announced the appointment of a "welfare agent" at a salary of \$2,500 per year to "provide employees with better opportunities for moral, social and industrial uplift."

Colonel Again Refuses To Permit Use Of Name

New York, March 2.—Theodore Roosevelt's determination not to allow his name to be used as a candidate for the presidential nomination in the spring primary elections, was emphasized today by the announcement that his secretary, John W. McGraw, had directed the withdrawal of Mr. Roosevelt's name from the Illinois primary.

BICYCLE STOLEN FROM DRUG STORE

Last night about 7:30 o'clock a young white boy grew tired of walking and finding a good strong bicycle standing near the College street entrance to Teague & Oates' drug store, he mounted it and went on his way rejoicing.

This morning Officer T. R. Parker secured a warrant for the youth supposed to be guilty of stealing the ride as well as the machine and it is thought that he will be arrested today in the Leicester section.

GERMAN RAIDER TAKEN; TEUTONS RENEW ATTACK

Reports of the capture of a German sea raider, either the auxiliary cruiser Moeve or the cruiser Roon came to hand today from South American sources. The capture is said to have been made by a British cruiser, which took its prize to the Trinidad island, off the Venezuelan coast.

It was the crew from the Moeve that brought the British steamer Appam as a prize into Hampton Roads sometime ago.

After a lull in the infantry operations in the vicinity of Verdun since the early part of the week, there has been a resumption of the German offensive in the Woerze region. A violent bombardment has been followed by a spirited attack on the French lines ten miles southeast of Verdun.

Paris reports the driving out of the Germans from the few positions to which they had penetrated in the assault.

Possibly significant in this connection in the French official statement that there are signs of German preparations behind the front west of Pont-a-Mousson, 18 miles south of Metz and in the Moselle river section.

The French guns have been pounding the second and third lines of the German positions here, while interdictive bombardment has been going on at various points between Regnyville and Remanville, some half a dozen miles west of Pont-a-Mousson.

Apparently the recent German attack in the Champagne region was nothing more than one of the numerous local operations such as the Germans have carried out in several sections from time to time within the three weeks preceding the Verdun offensive, as it was not followed up.

Paris dispatches declare the situation north of Verdun is satisfactory to the French, who have strongly fortified their positions from Cote du Poivre, four miles due north to Druumont and three miles to the east along which line the German pressure has been heaviest.

Today marks the opening of the new German submarine campaign in which armed merchantmen are to be considered as warships and treated as such. The report that the British steamer Thornaby of 132 tons has been sunk came today from London, but the dispatch did not reveal whether the steamer was armed or whether it was sunk before or after the new submarine policy went into effect.

In the Italian parliament, which reassembled today, it was expected that the question of the declaration of war by Italy on all the foes of the entente powers would be brought up. Italy has never declared war on Germany.

The time for volunteer enlistment in Great Britain expired today. London advices reported that a considerable number of recruits were presenting themselves during the last few days, but that there was no overwhelming rush to enlist.

MRS. F. A. PERLEY DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Frederick A. Perley died at the Clarence Parker Memorial hospital at Biltmore yesterday after a few days illness. Mr. Perley left yesterday afternoon for Williamsport, Pa., with the body of his wife and the funeral services and interment will take place at that city, which is the old home of the deceased.

Mr. Perley came to this section a few years ago from Pennsylvania and with Mr. Crockett formed the firm of Perley & Crockett, a company organized to carry on timber and lumber operations on a large forest boundary near Black Mountain.

VANDERBILT ESTATE HAS PAID BIG TAX

Inheritance Tax of \$45,529.06 on Property in Buncombe Received by Clerk.

BUNCOMBE GETS 1,365.87.

Clerk John H. Cathey of Superior court, has just received a check for \$45,529.06 from Mrs. Edith S. Vanderbilt, as the executrix of the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt, as the inheritance tax contributed by the estate to the state of North Carolina. Of this sum, which is the largest that has ever been paid in North Carolina, Buncombe county will receive \$1,365.87 as her share.

The tax is on property that is owned by the estate in Buncombe county and other counties of the state where property is located receiving their pro rata of the tax which will be paid to the state.

The check which has been received here is in final settlement for the inheritance of the estate, the first payment being \$500, which was made about two years ago.

The check for the tax was received several days ago, but owing to the fact that it was made out to the state treasurer, and not to the county clerk, it was sent back to New York to be corrected and the corrected copy of the check has just been received by Kingsland Van Winkle, attorney for the estate here and turned over by him to Clerk Cathey.

CHURCH TO RECEIVE CLASS OF THIRTY

Rev. F. W. Stanton of First M. E. Church Prepares a Large Class for Sunday.

Rev. F. W. Stanton, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church on North French Broad avenue, has been preparing a class of young people for several weeks to be received into the church next Sunday.

Most valuable instruction has been given in the class on church doctrines and polity, and the class will be receiving a far better knowledge of what they are doing, than would have been the case otherwise, it is stated.

There are over thirty members in the class. Next Sunday will be observed as "membership day," and Mr. Stanton's theme at the morning service will be "Why I Am a Methodist." A baptismal service will also be conducted by the pastor.

O. C. WILSON BACK FROM FLORIDA

Says Asheville Will Be Visited by Many Now In That State.

O. C. Wilson of the City Ticket office force of the Southern Railway company returned yesterday afternoon from Florida where he has been assisting Division Passenger Agent James H. Wood in conducting an advertising campaign in the interests of Asheville among the winter tourists in that state.

Mr. Wilson states that the land of flowers appears to be overrun with visitors and that it is estimated that Florida is entertaining 100,000 people who have gone there to escape the rigors of the northern winter.

The Southern Railway representative thinks that the chances are good that a large number of tourists will visit this city en route home a few weeks hence.

BUTLER FORCES DEFEAT DUNCAN IN CONVENTION

BUNCOMBE BOYS' FINE CORN RECORD

Corn Club in This County Led State In Number of Bushels.

LARGEST ENROLLMENT.

T. E. Browne, agent in charge of Boys' Corn club work in North Carolina, has sent out his final report by counties for 1915.

In Buncombe county 153 enrolled and 58 made final reports, the 58 showing a total of 4,040.2 bushels raised on the 58 acres, an average of 69.6 bushels per acre, raised at an average cost of 41.4 cents per bushel. The total cost of the 4040 bushels was \$1674.98, leaving a net profit on the 58 acres yield of \$2,365.22.

Buncombe boys made the largest total yield in the state. Eight other counties lead Buncombe in the average production, but having only a few boys enrolled, as follows: Beaufort 4 boys with 93.7 bushels average; Pasquotank, 2 boys, 89 bushels; Pamlico, 3 boys, 82 bushels; Swain, 2 boys, 75 bushels; Haywood, 4 boys, 72.7 bushels; Avery 8 boys 70 bushels; Sampson, 22 boys, 70 bushels. These figures indicate that garden spots were used, Buncombe boys were enrolled from all parts of the county.

The accomplishments in this county last year are very gratifying to Farm Demonstrator E. D. Weaver as well as to all those who are interested in agricultural development. The plans for the present year have been made with the determination of scoring even better at the next meeting in Raleigh when the reports for 1916 are made up.

CIVIL COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

Term Is For Three Weeks and Criminal Term Follows On April 3.

The next term of Superior court for this county will convene next Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the trial of civil cases. The term is for three weeks and will be followed by another term of three weeks for criminal cases which convenes on April 3.

Judge W. F. Harding will hold both of these terms and the terms for Madison county until July 1, when he will be transferred to another district.

Already the criminal docket of Buncombe county is crowded with cases, despite the fact that a long term and a special term for criminal cases has just been held. But as the April term has a grand jury, it is expected that the docket will be greatly relieved and that the majority of the cases will be removed from the docket.

TWO BOYS BORN ON FEBRUARY 29

Two sons born on the same day to two families living in the same house at Bee Tree, N. C., will have February 29 as their birthday this year in the records of vital statistics.

Two Leaders Fight For Control of G. O. P. State Convention and Former Senator Is Victorious.

TURBULENCE MARKED REPUBLICAN GATHERING

John Motley Morehead Elected to Succeed E. C. Duncan as National Committeeman —Thompson Hissed.

Raleigh, March 2.—National Committeeman E. C. Duncan's dramatic challenge to Marion Butler, as the two occupied the same platform and fought for control of the republican convention, overshadowed all the events yesterday which saw the final obscuration of the Duncan star.

It may or may not have been good politics for Mr. Duncan for it gave to that turbulent body its first opportunity to show wisdom and good manners. The Duncan fortunes were about to be swept from him. The Morehead boom for national committeeman had overwhelmed the former congressman and former opponent of the defeated national committeeman. A great republican leader was being deposed. Morehead was the sole man between Butler and Duncan and Morehead declined the terms of his convention ally, Mr. Duncan.

The convention had recorded its willingness to send eight delegates at large to the convention and the next move was to elect the election of a national committeeman. Manifestly the body did not know what it was doing. Marion Butler came in and started the fight for reversal of its earlier action. Tom Settle even more powerfully argued against the eight and the doom of delay was disclosed.

A. I. McCaskill candidate for congress against Goodwin, really started the revolt. As a manufacturer of revolutions he should be highly satisfied with himself. He fiercely assaulted Mr. Duncan and hammered the alleged democratic allies. Mr. McCaskill merely paved the way.

Cy Thompson had been hooted down and Cy was much the cleverest speaker who took part in the unending brawl. Judge Gudger went down in the heroic effort to gain the ear of the body. Senator Butler said never a word. The jury was manifestly of mind made up and the count alone was to follow.

It came after two sergeants at arms had been called to clear the convention of disorder and after appeals of Chairman Seawell to sit in silence while the vote was being delivered. The Duncan men were able to hear their returns without emotion, but each Morehead vote was the cause for a demonstration. Long before the secretaries could add the ballots the defeat of Mr. Duncan was foregone. The vote was: Duncan, 335—Morehead, 761.

Up to that time nothing of policy, expediency, platform, ticket, or anything else had even been hinted at. The axe-old fight for the "churman" as Aycock was wont to call him, had sent everything else to the kitchen while the leadership of the legions and dispensary of patronage loomed high and large. That over the convention settled down to real work and after six hours it began anew.

The names of John A. Morehead, Marion Butler, Tom Settle and Charlie Reynolds were offered by Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson "as the big four." They were the big four in another factional substitution of the big eight. One by one new names were offered. Tom Harkins pleaded for Congressman James J. Britt and an unknown delegate who had aided in the slaughter of Mr. Duncan asked that the convention choose "that great republican" as one of the four. Dr. Cy Thompson withdrew the name of Mr. Duncan as did Ike Meekins.

Linney is Re-elected. Secretary Grissom read the call and the chairman called for nominations for state chairman. Jake Newell of Charlotte, handsomely presented Frank A. Linney and A. H. Ragan, of High Point, seconded. The convention rose and unanimously elected Mr. Linney again. The chairman thanked the body and said that while he could not speak now, he hopes to talk to them later "and to about 90,000 more during the campaign." The Executive Committee. The district executive committee was named as follows: First district, Hugh Paul, of Washington; second, George W. Stanton, of Wilson; third, J. S. Basnight of New Bern; fourth, J. J. Jenkins of Siler City; fifth, William Grissom, of sixth, A. F. Searies, of Dunn; seventh, R. H. Heisecker, of Lexington; eighth, J. D. Dorsett of Spencer; ninth, J. M. Morehead (Continued on page two).