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MEXICAN AMERICAN CONGRESSWORKS TO COMMISSION ENDS AVOID EXTRA MEET

FORMALLY ADJOURNS ITS SESSIONS AFTER FOUR MONTH CONFERENCE.

MEMBERS ARE DOWN TO HARD WORK IN EFFORT TO FINISH LEGISLATION.

PROBLEMS UP TO PRESIDENT

With Dissolution of Commission, Settlement of Mexican Problems Are in Hands of Wilson.—Recommend Withdrawal Pershing's Troops.

New York.—The Mexican-American Joint Commission, which failed to effect an adjustment of the questions at issue between Mexico and the United States after a series of conferences that began four months ago, was formally dissolved.

Secretary of Interior Lane and the other members of the American commission, Dr. J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray, told the Mexicans that they had recommended to President Wilson the dispatch to Mexico of Ambassador Fletcher and the withdrawal of the American troops.

The Americans impressed upon the Mexicans that with the dissolution of the commission, the Mexican problem reverted to President Wilson. They were careful not to leave in the minds of the Mexicans the conviction that President Wilson would accept the recommendation that an accredited diplomat be sent to Mexico and that General Pershing's force be withdrawn, but the intimation that he would do so was conveyed.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, and Ignacio Bonillas and Alberto J. Pani, the other members said they expected to leave within a week or ten days for Mexico.

The session continued through most of the day. The Americans explained that they regarded further discussion by them impracticable.

SENSATIONS RIFE WHEN LAWSON RESUMES STAND IN 'LEAK' PROBE

Tells Committee Its Chairman, Henry W. Aldrich, Name

Washington.—Thomas W. Lawson, hailed before the House Rules Committee to tell what he knew or had heard about a stock market leak on President Wilson's peace note or the mysterious Congressman who told him a Cabinet officer, a Senator and a banker were engaged in a stock gambling pool was none other than Representative Henry, chairman of the committee.

Then, before his hearers had time to recover from the shock, Lawson sprung one sensation after the other by declaring that the Cabinet officer referred to was Secretary McAdoo; that the banker was H. Piny Fisk of New York, and that he knew the Senator only by the initial "O."

To complete the explosion, Lawson went on to charge that Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, had knowledge of the leak machinery, repeated a rumor that Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, had made two millions in the stock market, and to mention a list of well-known men whom he thought should be questioned.

Mr. Lawson said he had been told that Malcolm McAdoo, the Secretary's brother, knew of the leak as did C. D. Barney & Co. and Stuart G. Gibbons of New York. A Mrs. Ruth Thomason Viscount of this city, he said, had declared to him in the presence of her attorney that Secretary Tammuly received his "bit," and that W. W. Price, one of the "white houses" correspondents, was "the go-between for Tammuly and others."

DECLINE NOTES IN PRICE OF COTTON.

New York.—A decline of 43 a bale in cotton under last week's closing price was the outcome of heavy selling on this market due to weather conditions over the belt and small consumption figures from American mills for December, announced by the census bureau.

ENTENES REPLY BARS FURTHER POSSIBILITY FOR PEACE

Berlin, Sunday, via Saville.—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the German Foreign Minister, informed the Associated Press that in his opinion the Entente reply to President Wilson's peace note bars the possibility for the present of further German steps to bring about peace. In particular, he said, it precludes any direct announcement by Germany of her peace conditions, in answer to the terms set forth in the latest Entente note.

Fire starting in a pile of rubbish destroyed a building at York, S. C., that contained a bank, library, postoffice and theatre. Loss \$100,000 or more.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This State That Are of Interest to All the People.

Many new homes are being erected at Mt. Holly.

Ten farm loan associations have been organized in Union county.

The pupils in the public schools of Fayetteville are undergoing medical inspection.

The local bond issue of \$25,000 for school improvements at Bladenboro has been sold.

The tenth annual convention of the N. C. State Optometric Society will meet in Raleigh January 23 and 24.

The Southern Railway pay roll at Spencer amounts to more than a quarter million dollars this month for the first time.

On his arrival at his home in Asheville Governor Craig was presented with a handsome gold watch by citizens of Asheville.

While playing around a fire under a washing kettle in the yard, the two-year-old child of a Mr. Carmichael of Aberdeen, was so badly burned, when his dress caught fire, it died a few hours later.

It was reported in Washington that R. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem contemplated building a paper mill in Washington county, N. C. He has purchased land there for \$50,000 about which there is much timber.

A charter was issued for the Lloyd Cotton Mills, Inc., of Gastonia, capital \$50,000 for a general cotton spinning and textile business, including dyeing and bleaching of fabrics. The incorporators are Lueco Lloyd, A. E. Waltz, F. L. Wilson.

The Seaboard is pushing its work rapidly at Mt. Holly, and in a short while barring accidents and strikes will soon be ready for putting down the bridge work. Three piers are finished, fourth has cribbing and other work done. The dirt train is filling in the approach from the Mecklenburg side.

Rev. Milton Webb, aged 35, father of Congressman E. Webb, and one of the pioneer Baptist ministers in North Carolina, died at the home of his son, at Shelby, following a second stroke of paralysis. The death was expected, as the attending physicians had announced, earlier in the day. It was only a matter of a few hours until the end would come.

The members of the personal staff of Hon. Locke Craig, the retiring Governor, presented him with a superb silver service as a token of their affection for him and their appreciation for personal and official courtesies during the Craig Administration just closed. The members of the staff went to the Governor's mansion and presented the service just before the arrival of Governor-elect Bickett and his party.

Thursday was truly an epochal day for Raleigh and North Carolina, marking it did the passing of the Craig Administration and the induction into the high office of Governor Thomas W. Bickett and the adjustment of the state legislature to the new conditions as to legislation brought about by the immediate operation of the constitutional amendment ratified at the last election. The Craig Administration passed out with its record of road building and general business progress, and Mr. Bickett, the new transition of tenants into landlords, making country life as comfortable as town life and an appeal to sustain interest in every worthy individual and collective enterprise. The inaugural ceremonies were most successful in every detail, closing with a brilliant reception at the mansion by Governor and Mrs. Bickett and the other state officers and their wives to members of the General Assembly and citizens in general, and the ball in the auditorium.

Chairman Heriot Clarkson and Robert Runk, of special committees from the State Bar Association and State Municipal Council, returning from Raleigh to their homes at Charlotte and Wilmington, said that the committee will return to Raleigh within ten days with the perfected bills they will offer to the Legislature for enacting the machinery for control of municipal charters and municipal finances under the operation of the constitutional amendment which has just become operative.

For the first time in the history of Catawba county, thrifty, progressive, self-supporting farmers have bought corn and had it shipped in for feed. Some of the best farmers in the county who always have cribs bursting with corn are buying it this winter. The grain is being bought by the association of sweet potato growers, who are able to obtain it for \$1.13 the bushel. The reason for their purchases is the July flood, which swept the corn from practically every piece of bottom land in the county.

FORMER OFFICERS OF VILLA ARMY IS SHOT.

Mexico City.—Marcelo Caraveo, a former Villa general, who was imprisoned in Chihuahua City by General Trevino and liberated when Villa attacked the town last September, was shot at Tezcuilcan, del Guzman, Oaxaca, General Caraveo, soon after being liberated by Villa, surrendered to the Carranza authorities and was brought to Mexico City and confined in the penitentiary. He had escaped from the penitentiary last week.

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"GOOD HEALTH GOVERNOR"

Plenates State Board of Health—Endorses Work of Board and Recommend That It Be Enlarged.

Board of Health Bulletin.

The State Board of Health made the statement to-day that it was highly pleased that the State's new Governor, Thomas W. Bickett, has been given the name of the "good health governor." The Board welcomes the idea that during the next four years the health of the people of North Carolina is to receive the attention that heretofore other questions of vital importance have been wont to receive. It values the Governor's views and recommendations along the line of constructive health work, and greatly appreciates his endorsement of the work of the Board.

The Governor in that part of his inaugural address which dealt with health and health work, wore no gloves for "quacks and quackery." He said in part:

"I am in favor of a law making it a felony for any man to sell, offer for sale or advertise for sale in North Carolina any proprietary or patent medicine purporting to cure cancer, consumption, diabetes, paralysis, Bright's disease, or any other disease for which the North Carolina Medical Association and American Medical Association declare that no cure has been discovered."

Again he said, "I am earnestly in favor of a law requiring all vendors of proprietary medicines to file with the State Board of Health a statement showing the exact composition of such medicines, and that the State Board be empowered to forbid the sale of such proprietary medicines in the State of North Carolina, if in its opinion it is without curative value in the treatment of the disease it purports to cure."

Another health measure advocated by Governor Bickett was that every child who enters the public schools should have at least twice a year a careful, physical examination. He not only endorses the work that has been done by the State Board of Health in the past but recommended that it "be given ample funds to continue and enlarge its work."

EXPLOSION WRECKS MUNITIONS PLANT

MILLIONS IN MUNITIONS AND POWDER ARE LOST IN BIG FIRE.

TWELVE INJURED, 2 MISSING

Plant of DuPont Company at Haskell, N. J., is Almost Totally Destroyed.—No Estimate of the Loss is Obtainable.

New York.—Four hundred thousand pounds of powder was destroyed by fire and explosion at the Haskell, N. J., plant of the du Pont Powder Company. Officials of the company declared, after checking up the members of the night shift at the works, that only two men were missing. Twelve others were cut by flying debris, but none of them was seriously hurt. No estimate of the loss was obtainable.

Until investigation is completed no further statement will be made as to what evidences of incendiaryism have been found, an officer of the company said.

It was explained that the danger of fire or explosions from purely accidental causes was reduced to a minimum by the fact that no completed ordinance was on hand at the plant.

The officers said the propelling charges for the shells were not attached until they reached the battlefield, and that the same was true as to the detonating caps by which the trinitrotoluene in the shell bodies is exploded.

The statement said the Kingsland plant was used for the assembling, packing and preparing of these shells for shipment. Large quantities of these shells have been shipped to Russia.

"The buildings destroyed were valued at \$750,000. The value of the contents destroyed amounted approximately to \$15,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 belonged to the company. The company was protected to the amount of about \$3,000,000 in insurance on buildings and contents. The rest is a total loss.

"So far as we have been able to ascertain, no one was killed or seriously injured as a result of the fire and subsequent explosions.

"An examination into the circumstances attending the origin of the fire in building No. 30 has created the impression that it is possible, if not probable, that the fire was of incendiary origin."

SITUATION AS TO PEACE UP AT SESSION OF CABINET.

Entente Reply Given Over in Detail.—In President is Only Hope of Peace.

Washington.—At the Cabinet meeting the peace negotiations were discussed in general terms, but afterward Secretary Lansing remained for a conference with the President, and it was understood they went over the Entente reply in detail.

The attitude of President Wilson toward the replies of the warring nations to his suggestion that a preliminary peace conference be held, was a subject of not unimportant importance when they are specially in the event.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson III.—First Quarter, For Jan. 21, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John 1, 30-51. Memory Verses, 30-37—Golden Text, John 1, 43. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

One of the wonderful and most interesting things in this first chapter of John is the many different names of the Lord Jesus. In this respect it is somewhat like Rev. I. He is called the Word of God, the Word made flesh, the Son of God, the Son of Man, the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the King of Israel, Jesus of Nazareth and other names, and each one bears a different revelation of Him to our souls. Let us hear heart cry ever be, "That I may know Him!" until we can say from the heart, "Yes, He is altogether lovely; this is my Beloved and this is my friend." (Phil. iii, 10; Song v, 16). When we are fully occupied with Him all else will seem different. As John cried the next day, "Behold the Lamb of God!" two of John's disciples followed Jesus, and when He turned and said, "Why seek ye?" they replied, "Where dwellest thou?" To which He answered, "Come and see!" This led to probably many hours with Him, for it was about the tenth hour (verses 35-39), which was not as in the margin, two hours before night, but, as we count time, 10 a. m.

It is easily proved by John xix, 14, where, at the sixth hour, which must have been 6 a. m., Jesus was still before Pilate, that John uses Roman time as we still do. Matthew, Mark and Luke use Jewish time, counting from 6 a. m. (Roman time) as the beginning of the day, so with them the third hour would be 9 a. m., the sixth hour our 12 noon, and so on. Jesus was crucified at the third hour Jewish time, or 9 a. m. Roman time and our time. The darkness began at the sixth hour and continued till the ninth (Jewish time) or noon till 3 p. m. our time, when He died (Mark xv, 25, 33, 34; Matt. xxvii, 45, 46; Luke xxiii, 44). He met the woman at the well at 6 a. m. or 6 p. m. (John iv, 6), not at noon. Just remember that John counts the hours of the day as we do. What our Lord talked about in this interview we may imagine from the previous chapter (Luke xiv) where we read of His conversation on the way to Emmaus, and in the upper room that same evening. We know that one of the two men on this occasion was Andrew, and we may safely conclude that the other was John himself (verses 40-42), for the evangelist here is in general agreement with his own names when they are specially in the event.

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Production by states, with last year's crop figures for comparison, follow:

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| Alabama | 29,000 | 19,500 |
| Arkansas | 646,000 | 529,494 |
| California | 2,891,000 | 1,132,919 |
| Florida | 43,000 | 47,831 |
| Georgia | 525,000 | 1,020,839 |
| Mississippi | 800,000 | 953,965 |
| Louisiana | 440,000 | 341,063 |
| Texas | 3,775,000 | 3,227,460 |
| Arkansas | 1,145,000 | 816,909 |
| Tennessee | 378,000 | 302,420 |
| Missouri | 62,000 | 47,999 |
| Oklahoma | 835,000 | 639,626 |
| All others | 60,000 | 28,551 |
| California | 8,000 | 7,149 |

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