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SEC. BRYAN RESIGNS

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON REPLY TO GERMANY.

Mr. Bryan Unwilling To Sign Response Which Had Been Prepared To The German Reply To The Lusitania Note; Believed It Might Possibly Draw United States Into War Prevention of Which He States Is The Cause Nearest To His Heart, His Retirement Sincerely Deplored By President.

(By Associated Press.)—Washington, D. C., June 8.—William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned today as Secretary of State as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the President. The Cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting-Secretary



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

Robert Lansing will sign the document, and tomorrow it will be cabled to Berlin.

Returns to Private Life.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life tomorrow when his resignation takes effect. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the President.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the Cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war."

President Deeply Regretful.

The President accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affection. The letters, constituting the official announcement of Mr. Bryan's departure from the Cabinet to private life, were made public at the White House at six o'clock tonight.

Letter of Resignation.

Secretary Bryan's letter of resignation was as follows:

"My Dear Mr. President:
"It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of Secretary of State with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration.

"Obedient to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German government a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be an obligation to my country and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the Cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war.

"I therefore respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect when the note is sent, unless you prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchantmen, we find ourselves different irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed.

"It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation; I consider it to be none the less my duty to endeavor as a private citizen to promote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use.

"In severing the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past two years, permit me to acknowledge the profound satisfaction which it has given me to be associated with you in the important work which has come before the State Department, and to thank you for the courtesies extended.

"With the warmest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear Mr. President,
"Very truly yours,
(Signed) "W. J. BRYAN,"

The President's Reply.

The President's letter to Mr. Bryan was as follows:
"My dear Mr. Bryan:

"I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than

deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful to me. Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purposes of the administration has been generous and loyal beyond praise; your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of every great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now we are not separated in the object we seek, but only in the method by which we seek it.

"It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the Secretaryship of State goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must and wish to bid you God-speed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same causes even when we do not work in the same way.

"With affectionate regard,
Sincerely yours,
"Woodrow Wilson."

Another Statement Coming.

Secretary Bryan said at his home when told of the formal announcement of his resignation:

"In view of the announcement of my resignation I will say that letters being made public therewith state my reasons, but I will have a more complete statement that will be given out when the American reply to the German note is sent which probably will be tomorrow.

"My resignation takes effect as soon as the note has been forwarded."
Mr. Bryan added that he probably would remain in Washington for a while.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

Mayor Turner Resigns and Capt. L. L. Joyner Elected Mayor.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Friday night with all present except Newell. After approving the minutes the following business was transacted:
R. C. Beck was unanimously elected Superintendent of Light and water plant.

The Clerk was ordered to rent the Opera House to the highest bidder. It was ordered that the remainder of the rents for the Opera House be collected from bondsmen.

Report of J. C. Pace, Chief of Police, for May was received and filed. He reports collecting costs \$9.60; fines \$15.00; part rent on Opera House \$34.12; license, pool room \$10.00; making total of \$68.72.

Report of J. C. Tucker, former Chief of Police, received and ordered filed. He reports collecting costs \$5.00; fines \$10.00; minstrel show license \$5.00; making total of \$20.70.

Report of A. W. Alston, Clerk was received and ordered filed. He reports collecting light rents \$552.97; water rents \$305.32; making total of \$858.29.

Report of E. S. Ford former treasurer, was received and a committee composed of Allen, Wheelless and Hicks were appointed to Audit same and make final settlement.

The military company was allowed to have target practice in their Armory provided necessary precautions were taken.
Ordered that Ford, Hicks and Williamson figure on what it will cost to hire convicts to work on streets.

At this point Commissioner Williamson was asked to take the chair and Mayor Turner handed in his resignation as follows:
"To the Honorable Board of Town Commissioners for the Town of Louisburg:

"Gentlemen:
"Owing to the fact that in the future my insurance business will keep me out of town for over half the time, I have after careful consideration, arrived at the conclusion that it will be impossible for me to give the required time to the office of Mayor and in view of these circumstances it would become necessary that I neglect either the affairs of the Town or my own personal business.

"I deem it therefore, the part of wisdom to tender to you herewith my resignation as Mayor, to take effect immediately.

"In taking this action, I wish to thank each of you for the many courtesies shown me, and bespeak for my successor the same loyal support that you have always accorded to me.
Yours very truly,
"J. A. Turner."

The election of a Mayor being in order Mr. G. W. Ford placed the name of Capt. L. L. Joyner in nomination and his election was made unanimously.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to its next regular meeting.

Breaks in Store.

Some unknown person broke into the store of Mr. O. H. Harris on Main street Wednesday night by breaking out a glass in the front window. From what can be learned about \$9.00 in cash was taken and 76 pounds of sugar and two hams. As yet no clue has been found. This makes the fourth time this store has been robbed since last November.

The dove of peace flies out of sight.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ONLY ROUTINE BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD.

A Special Tax Election Granted in Epsom School District—Corrections in Taxes—Meet Again June 21st.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. After reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting the following business was transacted:
It was ordered that C. T. Cheaves be allowed fifty pounds powder to blast rock out of road near Poplar Springs church, in Dunns township.

J. P. Jenkins was relieved of tax on bank stock in Franklinton township having paid same in Granville county. C. E. Richards was relieved of special school tax in New Bridge tract.

Ordered that Sam Pernel, of Sandy Creek be relieved of poll tax, on account of the loss of arm.

Report of E. N. Williams, Superintendent of County Home, was received and filed. He reports 11 white and 17 colored inmates.

Report of Dr. J. E. Malone, Superintendent of Health, was received and ordered filed.

The allowance of Rachel Malone, outside pauper was increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month.

Ordered that Mary Glenn and four children be allowed \$1.00 per month as outside pauper.

John Young was allowed a rebate of the county's part on an overcharge in taxes.

Ivey Allen was relieved of tax on \$400.00—mistake.

Walter Brown was relieved of taxes on one lot in Dunns township—listed twice.

Phi Tomlinson was relieved of Graded school tax in Louisburg District—not being in same.

Mrs. Algie Davis was relieved of taxes on lot listed by Hettie Bell.

A. F. Hayes was relieved of taxes in Franklinton township—listed twice.

An election for special tax in Epsom school district was granted.

After allowing a number of accounts the adjournment to meet again on Monday June 21st, 1915.

Mrs. Crowell Honored.

On Thursday afternoon the home of Mrs. R. C. Beck was the scene of much merriment and pleasure when Mrs. A. J. Cooke and Miss Virginia Foster entertained at Auction Bridge in honor of Mrs. Richard Crowell, of Thomasville.

The spacious parlors were never more beautiful than on this occasion, glowing with the light colors of crimson ramblers, to rich foliage of many ferns and soft glow of candles, handsome costumes and beautiful women made the occasion one of great beauty. Five tables were placed for the game and a more enthusiastic one is seldom played.

At the close of the game a delightful salad course was served.

Those enjoying this delightful afternoon's entertainment were the guest of honor, Mrs. Richard Crowell and her hostess, Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. A. J. Cooke and Miss Virginia Foster, and Mrs. R. G. Allen, Miss Annie Green, Mrs. Joe Barrow, Miss Julia Barrow, Miss Annie Allen, Mrs. Jim Allen, Miss Clara Stambaugh, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Mrs. S. J. Parham, Miss Kate High, Mrs. J. R. Collier, Mrs. John Yarborough, Miss Eleanor Yarborough, Miss Elizabeth Jones, of Oxford and Mrs. Joe Mann.

House Party.

Mrs. Glenn Crowell is pleasantly holding a house party this week for several of her friends.

Those attending are Miss Selma Young, of Raleigh, Miss Ametia Woolley, of Long Branch, N. J. and Miss Lena Lambertson also of Long Branch. Miss Annie Belle King and Miss Julia Barrow, of Louisburg. Since the arrival of these young ladies until the present moment there has not been a dull or uninteresting minute.

Laughter, music, singing, cards, dances, auto rides, "The movies," pictures etc., have filled every minute and the wonder is what can be more delightful tomorrow than what we have had today. The young men of the town have vied with each other in their efforts to make the stay of these young ladies one of pleasure, and right loyally are they succeeding.

Moor's Pond Dynamited.

On Sunday night about twelve o'clock the dam of Moore's pond was dynamited and destroyed to such an extent that the entire pond will in all probability be ruined. Moore's pond is a delightful fishing spot owned by a Wake Forest stock company. It is situated about five miles from town and was the resort of many happy parties.

The owners have no clue at present as to who committed the crime. The miller who lives near is reported as having heard an automobile go to the place between ten and eleven. At about twelve this terrific report frightened the community for five miles. One person sleeping at the miller's house was shaken from the bed, it is claimed—Wake Forest correspondent, News & Observer.

Woman's love is like the sea—you never touch bottom.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR

MEETING IN COURT HOUSE ENTHUSIASTIC.

Only Small Number Present—But Action Was Taken—Committee Appointed.

Owing to the fact that Saturday was such a pretty day after such a long spell of weather and the farmers were eager to get to work, only a small crowd was present at the meeting Saturday to discuss the preliminary plans for organizing a County Fair Association. The meeting was held however and about half the townships represented. Quite an interesting discussion was had which resulted in a motion that Mr. J. A. Boone appointed a committee of five to be known as a ways and means committee, whose duty will be to appoint one other member from each township to assist them in ascertaining all the information necessary, such as probable grounds, cost of arrangements, etc., and to report back to a meeting of the citizens of the county to be held in the courthouse in Louisburg on Saturday, June 19th at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Boone appointed the committee as follows: Supt. E. L. Best, Messrs. P. S. Allen, J. A. Turner, A. F. Johnson. This committee met in Mr. Turner's office on Monday and appointed the additional members as follows: Dunns, J. N. Harris; Harris, J. H. Fuller; Youngsville, J. W. Winston; Franklinton, W. J. Strickland; Hayesville, J. T. Weldon; Sandy Creek, Graham Person; Cedar Rock, W. R. Fulghum; Gold Mine, A. J. Joyner; Cypress Creek, C. P. Harris; Louisburg, Rev. M. Stamps. This committee will meet as a whole to begin its work on Saturday, June 12, 1915, at 2:30 o'clock at Mr. J. A. Turner's office.

It now begins to look like something is doing and that Franklin county will have a fair this fall.

BICKETT DENIES

WING CANDIDACY

Says His Hope Is To Wipe Out Factions in The Party in North Carolina.

Attorney General T. W. Bickett was seen in his office on Saturday evening. He had just returned from Mecklenburg and Union counties, where he had been spending several days. Upon being asked about the gubernatorial situation Mr. Bickett said that he was deeply gratified at the warm and generous support he was receiving in every section of the State. He then added that he would like to give out the following interview:

"I deplore the persistent efforts made by sundry individuals to perpetuate factional lines in the Democratic party. On account of the European war conditions have arisen which the Republican organization is seeking to convert into political capital. It is plotting to inject into the minds of the people the insidious suggestion that the Democratic party is in some vague way responsible for the conditions brought on by the most colossal war in the world's history. In the face of this movement it behooves all good men who love justice and who are at all capable of appreciating that man, sent straight from God to guide this nation in a perilous hour, to bury all personal differences and rally to the colors.

"I want to say with all the emphasis that I can command that as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor I am not running as the champion or exponent of any wing, faction or division of the Democratic party, but my hope and reliance is to wipe out all factional lines, weld together every discordant element in the party, and present a united front to the common foe. That foe is even now girding himself for the coming conflict. As surely as the sun rises unity leads straight to victory; as surely as the sun sets, division spells disaster. In this crucial hour I call on every Democrat in North Carolina to harken to the immortal Aycock of the immortal Aycock.

"The Doones are in the valley! I pray you, gentlemen, train your guns little lower."

Announcement Party.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week Miss Annie L. Allen was hostess to the Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club in honor of Miss Clara Amelia Stambaugh, of Baltimore.

The guests entering the porch were charmed by its beauty of roses and wisteria and were gracefully served a refreshing fruit punch, by Misses Mattie Allen and Lula Bet Person.

The guests were charmingly welcomed in the hall, by the hostess and presented with dainty hand-painted score cards and were then shown into the library where tables were placed for the game.

The rooms were beautiful in a profusion of sweet peas and roses and the beauty of handsome gowns and beautiful faces made the scene one of exquisite pleasure.

A six round game was played and Mrs. A. W. Person having made the highest score was presented with a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas and a water-color of herself as a bride, which she with a few graceful remarks presented to Miss Stambaugh, the guest of honor.

At the close of the game delightful refreshments were served and here

LOUISBURG DEFEATS ROANOKE

RAPIDS 4 to 3.

The Prettiest Game Played Here in Several Years—Witnessed by Big Crowd—Everything Pleasant—Good Playing.

Possibly the prettiest game of baseball that has been played on the local diamond here in several years was the first of a series of games with Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday, when Louisburg was victorious in a score of 4 and 3 in the tenth inning. The game was an especially pretty one, everything being pulled off smoothly and in the best of feelings, with only a very few errors and a lot of good ball playing. The two teams were evenly matched as the score indicates and the visitors did some fine work, especially their battery. The main feature for the home boys was the fine work of the battery, Messrs. Allen and Hart and the control of their hits, Roanoke Rapids got three hits while Louisburg got eight, three of which were two-baggers. There was only one score made in the first seven innings and that was captured by the home boys in the second. In the eighth the visitors took over three runs and succeeded in shutting out the home boys. In the ninth the home team shut out their opponents and succeeded in tying the score, which made the tenth inning necessary. With everybody on their feet and almost frantic with interest the tenth inning was begun. The visitors sent up their men and they were soon retired without adding to their former score. Then the home boys had another show and made good use of it when after one man was out and three men on bases Julian made a drive through second that scored the winning run. The game was a fine one and was witnessed by about 150 people. Mr. M. McKinne umpired the game. The line up and score by innings was as follows:

Roanoke Rapids—	Louisburg—
Grimmer, 1b	Holden, 1b
Rivers, ss	Carlisle, ss
Smith, 2b	Hale, 2b
Thomason, 3b	Kearney, 3b
Kelly, lf	Julian, lf
Speed, cf	Ruffin, cf
Purcell, c	Hart, c
Brown, rf	Weaver, rf
Pace, p	Allen, p

Score by Innings:—
Roanoke Rapids 000 000 030 0—3
Louisburg 010 000 002 1—4

Cherry relieved Speed for the visitors and Paul and Aycock were listed as substitutes for the home team.

The game Wednesday was anything except a good game. The visitors started off all right in the first inning but soon lost their cue and fell completely, while Louisburg took advantage of the situation, and proceeded to pile up the scores. Louisburg entered the game with a feeling of uneasiness as they learned they would have to go up against Rivers as pitcher, whose reputation as a league player is fine, but the boys soon found they could bat him about as easy, if not more so than some others and proceeded to make all the hits necessary. The score was 16 and 7 at the end in Louisburg's favor.

This being a hit and run game there were no real features of any note. Quite a good crowd witnessed the game and everything went off smoothly.

Miss High Entertains.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter of the U. D. C's were most delightfully entertained on Thursday afternoon by Miss Lillian High, at her beautiful home on Middle street in honor of Miss Jessica Randolph Smith, better known as "The Daughter of the Stars and Bars."

At the close of this most interesting program delicious ices, and a salad course were served, and rendered doubly attractive by the beautiful little favors, tiny hand-painted flag. "The Stars and Bars."

Among those present were the guest of honor Miss Jessica Randolph Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Joe John Allen, Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Miss Eleanor Cooke, Miss Annie Allen, Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. J. J. Barrow, Mrs. J. S. Barrow, Mrs. A. W. Person, Mrs. W. M. Person, Mrs. M. S. Davis, Mrs. J. A. Turner, Mrs. Joe Bobbitt, Mrs. Mattie Hawkins, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. K. P. Hill, Mrs. E. Perry, Mrs. S. J. Parham, Mrs. Georgia Boddie, Mrs. W. B. Morton, Mrs. A. W. Alston, Mrs. W. E. Uzzell, Mrs. Asher Johnson, Mrs. David Pearce, Mrs. J. R. Collier, Mrs. J. E. Malone, Mrs. W. H. Ruffin, Mrs. J. L. Palmer, and visitors other than the daughters, Miss Sue Alston, Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. Al Hodges, Miss Margaret Hicks, Mrs. John Yarborough, Mrs. Gus Cooke, Miss Virginia Foster, Mrs. Sarah Williams, Mrs. Perry Neal, Miss Mary Williams, Mrs. Jim Allen, Mrs. Fowler, of Raleigh, Mrs. Geo. Cralle, Mrs. J. B. Cheatham, of Atlanta, Mrs. John King and Miss Edith Yarborough.

Mr. W. L. Craven, of Concord, representing the Luter Bridge Co., of Nashville, Tenn., was in Louisburg the past week looking into the matter of the new bridge. We learn it is contemplated to build a concrete bridge with a twenty foot drive way and with two six foot sidewalks.

Another Carrier Pigeon.

Dr. R. P. Floyd was in town Monday and informs the editor that a carrier pigeon was found on his plantation in Harris township the past week in an injured condition. He is taking care of the bird, and the owner can get same by calling on him and reimbursing him the cost of maintenance. The bird had a brass band on one leg with the following inscription on same: "A. B. S. 35949" and a "J" in a peculiar character. On the other leg is a silver band.

Allen's Theatre.

P. S. & K. K. Allen's moving picture theatre is nearing completion, and we learn will be ready to run within the next ten days. The main auditorium will have a seating capacity of 230 and the gallery 85; both of which will be equipped with opera chairs. The piano and the machines are here and will be put in position in a few days.

There will be two Powers 6A motor driven machines, which are among the best.

When completed it will be one of the most modern places of its kind in the State.

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Mr. L. D. Allen, of Chicago, Ill., is on a visit to his uncle, Mr. J. J. Allen, near town. Mr. Allen is a son of Mr. W. S. Allen, of Missouri, who was a former Franklin county boy. This is his first visit to Louisburg.

Mexico is creeping into the headlines again.