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BREAKS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

ATTITUDE STILL DECLARED TO BE ONE OF WAITING.

But Most of Cabinet Meeting's Attention Was Given to Hearing Reports of Department Heads; Little Weight Attached to Seemingly Favorable Interview.

On last Saturday President Wilson addressed a joint session of Congress on the German situation concerning the general U-boat blockade order in which he stated he had delivered to Ambassador Von Bernstorff his passports and had severed diplomatic relations with the Imperial German Government.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Every phase of the situation which at any hour may bring the United States to war with Germany was discussed by President Wilson and his advisers at today's cabinet meeting.

In some quarters here the interview given by Foreign Minister Zimmermann in Berlin expressing a friendly feeling toward the United States was viewed as a favorable sign.

Evestone Incident Not Important

Preliminary reports of the sinking of the British steamer Evestone and the killing of an American negro seaman are not regarded as establishing such a case as will be the signal for hostilities.

Position One of Waiting.

The position of the government was said to be still one of waiting after the cabinet meeting. It was stated officially that there had been no developments to change that attitude.

Entente diplomatic representatives here allowed it to become known during the day that while highly gratified over the break with Germany, they were not at all anxious to see the United States actually drawn into the war.

munitions and supplies from the allies.

Country is Self-Sustaining.

Secretary Houston told the Cabinet today that data in the hands of the Department of Agriculture shows the United States can be self-sustaining whatever may happen to cut her off from the rest of the world.

Attorney General Gregory reported on bills which will soon be pressed in Congress strengthening the hands of the government in many directions. These include a measure for suppression of spying. Plans for increasing the force of special agents employed by the Department for Secret Service Work already have been made.

No Definite Word Yet.

So far, it was indicated after the cabinet meeting no definite word has been received by the State Department that any other neutral nation contemplates severing diplomatic relations with Germany.

The question of severance of relations with Austria-Hungary still remains undecided. It was admitted officially for the first time that the dual monarchy had sent a note somewhat similar to Germany.

Preparations Go Vigorously Ahead.

Washington, Feb. 6.—All precautionary and preparatory steps the military arms of the government have been authorized to take are under way, and little remains to be done now unless actual war should follow the break with Germany.

Woman's Club Meets.

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting Friday evening, February the second, with a dozen members present, notwithstanding the extremely disagreeable weather.

Mrs. Turner made a short talk on the Social Service Conference which she attended at Raleigh. This club has no active Social Service committee, but does a great deal of the work that comes under this head through the other departments.

After the business part of the program was completed, Mrs. White read a very fine paper on "Responsibility." She showed that the whole world is just outside our door, needing and wanting us, just as we need and want it: that Life was not necessarily to those who live in cities or palaces, but to those of us who are citizens of the world.

Mrs. Parham then read a charming article, full of sunshine and flowers, called, "To Plant or Not to Plant," telling us that perhaps we want flowers, but hesitate to plant them in ground which is not our own, because we may not remain long enough to enjoy them.

ness." After a very interesting presentation of her subject, she closed with the question, "What work should our club as a whole, concentrate on for the summer?" Without one dissenting vote, the cemetery was unanimously chosen.

Mrs. J. E. Malone's subject for the next talk was "Civic Beauty," and she discussed in her own attractive way the beauty (?) of Louisburg. "Are there places in our town that we would be ashamed for strangers to see? What are some of the beautiful sights we would be glad to show them?"

Mrs. Ivey Allen had the last subject on the program, "Recreation." She told us that recreation was necessary for everyone, and showed the difference between recreation and dissipation. She confined her ideas and plans for recreation largely to the children, and young people, though the elders came in for some very helpful suggestions.

Town Commissioners.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Friday night with Commissioners Allen, Ford, Wheelock and Williamson present.

A motion prevailed that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate the matter of allowing the Standard Oil Co. to put in tanks on the Hal Mann property.

Private Hurley Cooke Gets Hand Badly Mashed.

A letter from Private Hurley Cooke, of Co. D, 3rd Infantry, N. C. N. G., Louisburg Rifles, to his father, Mr. D. F. Cooke, the past week, bears the information that during a recent sham battle on the border he had the misfortune of getting one of his hands badly mashed while assisting with the operation of a machine gun.

70 Years Old Friday.

The many friends of Mr. John J. Allen, the champion speller, are extending congratulations upon the occasion of his 70th birthday, which arrived on last Friday.

Crew of Housatonic Was Given Warning.

London, Feb. 4.—The crew of the American steamship Housatonic has been landed at Penzance, England. The Housatonic was warned by the German submarine which sank her, according to John G. Stevens, American consul at Plymouth.

25 Cent Telegraph Rate.

Beginning with Thursday, February 1st, 1917 the telegraph company recognized Louisburg's claims to be put on an equal with the other parts of the State, and reduced the rates for telegrams from this point to a 25 cent basis, by discontinuing the local charge of 15 cents for all messages going over the Louisburg and Franklinton line.

Mr. Sawyer Here in Interest of Street Paving.

Mr. W. H. Sawyer, of Raleigh, who is with the R. G. Lassiter Co., of Oxford, was in Louisburg on last Friday and attended the meeting of the Town Commissioners that night, where he discussed with them the proposition of paving the streets.

Medical Society Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the Franklin County Medical Society held at the office of Dr. R. F. Yarborough in Louisburg on Monday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. R. F. Yarborough; 1st Vice President, Dr. R. B. Henderson, Franklinton; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. E. M. Perry. Dr. S. P. Burt was elected delegate to the State Medical Society with Dr. J. E. Malone as alternate.

Valentine Party.

We are requested to announce that there will be a "Musical Valentine Party" at Sandy Creek Academy on Friday night, Feb. 16th. Admission 10 cents. Everybody is invited, especially those who play any kind of music.

Utility Shoe Scraper.

We bought a large size scrubbing brush, turned it upside down and nailed it to the floor of the back porch. It made an excellent shoe scraper, being particularly useful in winter season with its wet and snowy weather.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Two Good Roads Elections Ordered—Several Reports Received—Routine Business.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present except Winston. After reading and approving the minutes of the preceding meetings business as follows was disposed of:

Upon order all of the members of the Louisburg and Franklinton military companies, who went to the Mexican border were allowed their poll tax for 1916.

Ordered that Adlovin Mitchell and children be allowed to go to county home.

P. B. Griffin, Treasurer, was allowed to the first Monday in March to make settlement.

H. A. Kearney was relieved of tax on 98 acres of land in Sandy Creek township.

It was ordered that the Solicitor after each term of the criminal court be paid his fees direct by order of Clerk of Superior Court on Farmers and Merchants Bank.

R. L. Stokes was authorized to repair the Louisburg bridge as he thinks necessary.

The report of Dr. J. E. Malone was received and filed.

W. G. Watkins was sworn in as Constable of Hayesville township. Special road elections were ordered for Harris and Dunns townships to be held on Saturday, March 17th, 1917.

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

Heavy Cold Wave.

Possibly the heaviest cold wave that has visited this section in many years came on Sunday night and lasted through Tuesday. On Sunday night the government thermometer registered 3 1-2 degrees above zero and on Monday night it registered 6.

Quite a number of water systems in town froze up and many of them bursted. Among those doing damage were those belonging to Mr. S. J. Parham, Mrs. A. M. Hall, Const. R. W. Hudson and Mr. W. B. Cooke. The accident at Mr. Parham's came near being serious as the explosion occurred while the cooke was getting breakfast and it made a complete wreck of the stove. The cook was in the room at the time and escaped with only a small bruise on the leg.

Mr. Riggs With McKinne Bros Co

Mr. S. G. Riggs, formerly with the Carolina Hardware Co., of Raleigh, arrived in Louisburg the past week and accepted a position with McKinne Bros. Co., where he will have charge of the hardware department. Mr. Riggs comes highly recommended as one of the best hardware men in the State, whose knowledge has been gained by long experience. Louisburg extends to him a hearty welcome.

Midwinter Concert.

We are requested to state that on Monday night, February 12th, the annual midwinter concert of Louisburg College will be held in the college chapel. The public is invited to attend.

CELEBRATES 7TH ANNIVERSARY.

Boy Scouts to Attend Special Services—Other Scout News.

In commemoration of the 7th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America the Louisburg Troop No. 1 will observe a week of events. A social will be given the membership of this troop in the Armory on Friday night, which will begin the observance of the anniversary.

On Sunday morning a special sermon will be preached at the Baptist church by Pastor W. M. Gilmore for the Scouts and also a special sermon will be delivered at the Methodist church that night. At both of these services the members of Louisburg Troop No. 1 will attend in a body dressed in regulation uniform.

Seven Paths Items.

The weather is still bad and "Roads worse."

Another move has been made on the repairing of the church.

Our school is progressing nicely. Domestic science is being taught to a success, and from now on when a man gets for himself a wife from this school he can rest assured that she can cook as well as spell and arithmetic. That is the most important thing to him. In the near future we hope that the Farm Life School will be added which will mean much to our boys.

It was quite a surprise Saturday, when Mr. Tom Wilder and Miss Viola Sykes drove over to Alton Wilders and were married.

The debating society has added much to the school.

We have moonlight school every night and right much enthusiasm and interest is taken in it. There are several scholars who attend regularly.

Our meetings are: Sunday P. M. 2:00, Sunday school. Sunday night 7:00 o'clock B. Y. P. U. Second Saturday P. M. 3:00 o'clock, Fourth Saturday night 7:00 o'clock, Farmers Union.

There is to be preaching at the church Sunday evening at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. Wallace Hartsell.

The Seven Paths McNeal debating society debated on last Friday. Resolved, "That Cypress Creek township should vote bond issue for Good Roads." The debate, which was on the affirmative side, that won the prize will be published next week.

Bann High School.

On Friday night the play Miss Fearless and Company was given. Despite the fact that it was the coldest night for many a year a large crowd was present. The exercise was of high order. After the play Supt. E. L. Best made a splendid talk, telling our people why they have to raise money for the school. Then we had some packages and a novelty was conducted. Also home-made candy was sold.

The quilt, that contains more than 342 names, was sold to the highest bidder. The ladies secured \$73.26 for names and the quilt sold for enough to make the whole amount even one-hundred dollars. Anyone wishing to know the plan we would be glad to tell them, for we have no patent at all.

A new music room is being talked very much, and it is thought that within a few weeks our music department will have new quarters.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for Feb. 8th 1917:

Mrs. Noble Baker, Mr. E. H. Carter, Miss Anlaura Davis, Miss Henrietta Denton, Mandy Fogg, Maggie Foster, Mrs. Lula Belle Foster (2), Grover Green, Mr. Jordan Holman, Mr. Bud Hockaday, Harrison Drug Co., Mr. Daniel Harris, Mr. J. H. Harris, Mr. Dock Haywood Leavister, Mr. E. Norwood, Miss Ida Pender, John Scott, Mr. Zeke Strickland, J. B. Strickland, Miss Theosa Stokes, Mrs. Lucy Wright.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Revs. W. M. Gilmore, M. Stamps and Mr. Ivey Allen went to Raleigh Wednesday.