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BREAKS RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

ATTITUDE STILL DECLARED TO BE ONE OF WAITING.

But Most of Cabinet Meeting's Atten tion 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 Uboat blockade order in which he * stated he had delivered to Ambassador Von Bernstoff his passports and had severed diplomatic rela-* tions with the Imperial German * Government. This action was * enthusiastically cheered by Congress and has met a popular approval from all parts of the Un-ion. The President declared he would use every effort and means * to protect the honor and integrity of the United States and if neces-* sity arose he would appear before Congress again and ask for such means as was necessary.

Washington, Feb. 6 .- Every phase of the situation which at any hour may bring the United States to war with Carmany was discussed by President Wilcon and his advisers at today's cabinet meeting. The faint hope that Germany after all might modify her new submarine campaign so as to avoid making an active enemy of America was touched upon, as was the probable position of other neutrals. But most of the cabinet's attention was given to reports by each member upon the energetic efforts of his department of the government to prepare for war if it is to come

In some quarters here the interview given by Foreign Minister Z'mc'crmann in Berlin expressing a friendly feeling toward the United States was viewed as a favorable sign. Little weight was attached to it by the cabinet, however, for the foreign minister's remark that he hoped the American government would understand Germany's reasons for inaugurating unrestricted warfare on the sea was construed as meaning that no change of course was to be expected.

Eavestone Incident Not Important

Preliminary reports of the sinking of the British steamer Eavestone and the killing of an American negro scaman are not regarded as establishing such a case as will be the signal for hostilities. A brief dispatch from Consul Frost at Queenstown today announced the destruction of the ship and the killing of the American sailor by shells striking a boat which had just left the vessel. A complete report will be awaited, but officials believe that circumstances surrounding this incident indicate an attempt on the part of the Eavestone to resist or escape from an attacking submarine There also is involved the question of whether the ship was in the ser vice of the British government. Tag consul's disputch referred to her as "provisional collier," but as the term. "collier" Is used abroad in speaking of coal carrying craft generally, not much significance is attached to the consul's description. Moreover, it is suggested that the message might have been garbled by skeletonizina for the cable.

Position One of Walting.

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 It also was explained authoritatively that the next step of the United States, if one is necessary, will be taken without addressing any inquiry to Germany. If American lives or ships are illegally destroyed by the Germans, action will follow as soon as the fact is established to the Prestdent's satisfaction.

Entente diplomatic representative. here allowed it to become known during the day that while highly gratifled over the break with Germany, they were not at all anxious to see the United States actually drawn into the war. They frankly, expressed a growing fear that Germany deliber ately precipitated the rupture for the e of starting military prepara-

munitions and supplies from the al-

Country is Self-Sustaining.

Secretary Houston told the Cabinet Department of Agriculture shows the 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. Secretaries Daniels and Baker went over the plans, previously taken up in detail with the President himself for strengthening the army and navy. Secretary Daniels said that as soon as Congress gives the necessary authority, work on ships under construction will be rushed.

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. From the first it has been doubted in some official quarters whether any of the neutrals would take decided action.

The question of severence 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. It was explained that the note was not identical and that the purpose was not entirely clear. Inquiries have been sent to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, asking for a more complete and detailed statement of Austria's posi-

Preparations Go Vigorously Ahead Washington, Feb. 6 .- All precautionary and preparatory steps the mititary 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. On the surface, the War and Navy Departments fell back today to almost the quiet routine of normal times.

Woman's Club Meets.

The Woman's Club held its regular neeting Friday evening, February the second, with a dozen members present, notwithstanding the extremely disagreeable weather. The subject for this meeting was Civics, and Mrs Cralle, chairman of the department had the program in charge. Watson read the minutes of the January meeting which were approved. They were not only accurate, most interestingly presented. ports from the three special committees appointed at the last meeting were then heard.

Mrs. Turner madé a short talk or the Social Service Conference which property. The Mayor appointed Comshe attended at Raleigh. This club has no active Social Service committee, but does a great deal of the work the other departments.

After the business part of the program was completed. Mrs. White read 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 world. "Every little thing you do brings new friends, viewpoints, ideas, opportunities. You reach out to help. and it is Life, itself, that answers

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. "Go ahead and plant for yourself and future generations. It is pure selfishness not to." This piece was followed by a general discussion, and it was decided to urge every home-maker in Louisburg to plant flowers this spring; fill your front yards, back yards, porches-just every available space with flowers, and see the effect it will have in your home, on your children, your neighbors, your friends even "the stranger within your gates," will feel happier for having seen them.

Mrs. Cralle discussed the first of who are extending hearty congratuthe three talks of the evening on Civ- lations and hope he may see seventy tions in America and thereby cut off ics, her subject being "Civic Useful- more years as useful as the past.

ness." After a very interesting presentation of her subject, she closed with the question, "What work should our club as a whole, concentrate on today that data in the hands of the for the summer?" Without one dissenting vote, the cemetery was unan-United States can be self-sustaining imously chosen. We all felt that the conditions there were a shame to our town, and we believe we will have the unanimous support of every person in Louisburg, in our effort to make this sacred spot more beautiful. Mrs. W. P. Neal is chairman of the Cemetery committee, and will soon have her plans made, as to how and when

work should begin. 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?" This talk also brought forth much discussion, and we through Mrs. Malone's helpful suggestions to have before long a town nore beautiful; for when a town is morally, mentally, and physically clean it is beautiful.

Mrs. Ivey Allen had the last sub-ject on the program, "Recreation." She told us that recreation was neeessary 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. She felt that while Louisburg was certainly a town of many clubs, there was need for one more, a Mother's Club. This point was discussed with interest, and it was decided that unless a separate club of this kind was started, that a Mother's Department should be added to our Woman's Club. This will be decided on at our next meeting. Several matters were brought up by the members present that will call for further investigation, and two measures suggested by Mrs. A. M. Hall will be acted on at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Turner, Friday afterngon, March the second, at four o'clock. The program will be on Health, and in charge of the Chair man of the Health Committee, Mrs. W. E. White. Let every member bear the date in mind, and attend if lossible. New members will heartily welcomed.

Town Commissioners.

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session on Fridday night with Commissioners Allen, Ford Wheless and Williamson present Atter reading and approving the minutes of the previous meeting business as follows was disposed of:

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 missioners Allen, Ford and William-

A motion prevailed that if the Star costs, that lights be put on at 2:30 p. m., if they will not, lights to be put on at 5 o'clock, p. m.

The report of A. W. Alston, Clerk was received. He reports collecting as follows: Lights \$845.59, water \$354.71, taxes \$1,396.98.

The report of D. C. High was re ceived. He reports collecting costs \$66.85, license pool rooms \$20.00, auc tioneers \$2.50.

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

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, Mr. Allen is one of a family of six sons all of been landed at Penzance, England. whom have lived to pass their seventieth birthday. We igin the many

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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 preceeding meet ings business as follows was dispos-

Upon order all of the members of the Louisburg and Franklinton muitary companies, who went to the Mexican border were allowed their poll

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

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 Creck township. It was ordered that the Solicitor af ter 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 re-

pair the Louisburg bridge as thinks necessary. The report of Dr. J. E. Malone was

eccived 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.

Mr. Sawyer Here in Interest of Street Paving.

Mr. W. H. Sawyer, of Raleigh, who s 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. He recommends the use of Warranite at a cost of \$1.95 per square yard, and the system of the town paying one-half and the abutting property on each side of the street one-fourth each. We understand he estimates the cost to each property owner at about \$1.30 per front foot. He also agreed to return to Louisburg either this week or next and take measurements and figure out the exact cost to each property owner and to see how many citizens would sign a petition for this

We understand that the commissioners estimate that this work can be done at no appreciable increase of taxation as after the streets are paved there will be enough money saved from street work to almost pay the interest on the bonds and create a sinking fund.

We are also informed that there ill be no trouble in handling the oonds at a good advantage and the citizens will be given the opportunity of either paying cash, or given any number of years up to ten to pay their proportional part

This to us seems to be the proper course to pursue to get our streets in good condition at a small cost to each individual. As they are now they are never satisfactory. In the winter they are muddy and in the summer they are dusty, each of which are undesirable both to business and pleasure, as well as detrimental to health.

Lets everybody get ready to sign up the petitions when Mr. Sawyer returns and get the work started just as soon as the weather will permit.

25 Cent Telegraph Rate.

Beginning with Thursday, Febru ary 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. The announcement of this change was made in these columns about thirty days ago, and it gives us pleasure to be able to state now that the new rate is in operation.

Crew of Housatonic Was Given Warning.

London, Feb. 4 .- The crew of the American steamship Housatonic has The Housatonic was warned by the German submarine which sank her, according to John G. Stevens, American consul at Plymouth. Mr. Stevto the Associated Press:

"Total crew of 37 of Housatonic landed at Penzance Saturday. Vessel torpedoed by a German submarine 12:30 Saturday. Warned. Crew towed 90 minutes by submarine toward land."

Mr. Stevens telegraphed today Robert P. Skinner, the American consul-general, that the Housatonic was halted by a German submarine at noon and that, after being warned, the crew took to the boats. The Housatonic was then torpedoed and sunk and the submarine towed the boats to a point off the English coast.

Brazil Will Back American Position

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 4.-Dr. Lauromuller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, held a lengthy conference today at Petropolis with the various South American diplomatic representatives with special reference to the questions which have arisen between the United States and Germany.

The Havas News Agency has been authorized to declare that the Brazilian government considers the German note as a fact entirely new, negessitating the modification of the attitude of all neutrals, in particular Brazil, whose national policy, independently of all continental considerations has ever been based on the most rigorous respect for signed conventions. The agency says that although practical acts do not appear as yet to have been contemplated, there is every reason to believe that the protest which will form the substance of Brazil's reply embodies full approbation of the attitude of the United States.

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 regis tered 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.

Medical Society Elects Officers.

At a meeting of the Franklin Cour: ty Medical Society held at the office of Dr. R. F. Yarborough in Louisburg on Monday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Prosident, Dr. R. F Yarboruogh; 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. Owing to the extreme weather conditions only a small number of the members were present and no business of special importance was

Mr. Riggs With McKinne Bros Co

Mr. S. G. Riggs, formerly with the Carolina Hardware Co., of Raleig., 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. Lbuisburg extends to him a hearty welcome.

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

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 shoescraper, being particularly useful in winter season with its wet and snowy weather.

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 invitens today sent the following telegram | ed to attend.

CELEBRATES 7TH ANNIVERSARY.

Boy Scouts to Attend Special Services Other Scout News.

In commemoration of the 7th Apriversary of the Boy Scouts of Am 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 Paston 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.

On Monday the boys will take an ail day hike into the country.

Seven Paths Items.

The weather is still bad and "Roads worse."

Another move has been made on the epairing 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 regu-

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

There is to be preaching at the church Sunday eveing 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.

Bunn 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 gove was conducted. Also home-made candy was sold.

The quilt, that contains more 342 names, was sold to the highest bidder. The ladies secured \$73.26 for names and the quilt sold for chough 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.

Our school is progressing very nicely now. Come to see us.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louis burg, N. C, not called for Feb. 9th 1917:

Mrs. Nobie Baker, Mr. E. H. Carter, Miss Anlaura Davis, Miss Henrietta Denton, Mandy Fogg, Miggie 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.