

BRYAN RESIGNS THE CABINET BECAUSE HE DON'T LIKE GERMAN NOTE

Dramatic Sequel to Secretary of State's Disagreement With President Wilson and Fellow Cabinet Members Over the Manner in Which This Government Should Deal With Germany—Great Political Sensation.

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 Tuesday 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.

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."

The president accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affection.

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 differing irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed.

"It falls to our 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 heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear Mr. President,

"Very truly yours,

"W. J. BRYAN."

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 Godspeed 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."

Caused a Sensation...

Dramatically the official relation of Mr. Bryan with the administration of the man whose nomination he assisted so materially in bringing about at the Baltimore convention of 1912 came to an end. It caused a sensation in the national capital scarcely paralleled in recent years. Ambassadors, ministers and diplomats from foreign lands, officials of every rank and station, heard the news as it was flashed by newspaper extras. They interpreted variously its effect on the delicate situation that had arisen between Germany and the United States. The resignation of the staunchest advocate of peace in the president's official family spread broadcast the belief that the policy of the United States as definitely determined upon would assert and defend the rights of the United States in any eventuality that might arise.

Just when the subject was first broached between the president and Mr. Bryan is not known definitely, but the fact that Mr. Bryan would resign was known to a small circle of officials as early as last Sunday. When the principles on which the note to Germany should be based were discussed at the cabinet meeting of Friday Mr. Bryan found that he could not reconcile his own position with that of the administration. Work on the note went forward, however, Mr. Bryan keeping his secret, as did other officials, awaiting the hour when the communication would be ready to be cabled.

It was learned that with the knowledge that his resignation had already been accepted by the president, Mr. Bryan felt it would be indelicate to attend Tuesday's session unless his presence was desired by the president. When Mr. Wilson telephoned an invitation the secretary hurried to the White House, his face somewhat drawn and pale. When the cabinet adjourned shortly after 1 o'clock Mr. Bryan entertained seven of his colleagues, all who could attend, at luncheon at the University Club. The luncheon was in the nature of a farewell.

That there had been friction between the president and Mr. Bryan has been the undercurrent of comment for several weeks, but as the president heretofore had always been able to secure the acquiescence of the secretary in his point of view, talk of resignation was discounted generally. It came to light that the position of Mr. Bryan in the cabinet recently has become very embarrassing—his advocacy of peace being so pronounced that other members of the cabinet who felt that the United States should assert its policy, irrespective of the consequences, were understood to have on one occasion declared their intention of resigning if a policy of firmness and vigor were not adopted.

When the Friction Began.

The real disagreement dates back to the famous session of the cabinet when the note of May 13, following the sinking of the Lusitania, was drafted, informing Germany that the United States would not omit "any word or any act" to protect its rights. At that time Mr. Bryan made a speech counselling peaceful measures and cautious action. He gave his consent to signing the note only after it was tentatively arranged that a statement be issued at the White House and transmitted to the German government announcing that in-

asmuch as Germany had accepted the principle of the peace treaties negotiated between the United States and other countries that differences between the two nations might be adjusted by a commission of investigation. Opposition to this course was most vehement in some cabinet quarters, and the president, after having considered at length Mr. Bryan's suggestion, finally disapproved it at the hour the note was sent. Some cabinet officers argued that such an appendix to the note of May 13 would be construed abroad as a weakening of the American position and their counsel prevailed.

Since then the official relations of Mr. Bryan with the president and the other cabinet officers have been somewhat strained, although the closest personal friendship has been maintained.

Lansing Acting Secretary of State.

Robert Lansing, counselor of the state department, will act as secretary of state until an appointment is made by President Wilson.

While there is much gossip already as to President Wilson's probable selection for the secretaryship, it is said to be the president's plan to make no immediate appointment. It would not be surprising if he made no change in the present status of the department's personnel for two or three months.

Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the interior department, has been frequently mentioned as a possible successor to Secretary Bryan, but the belief exists that he will not be chosen on account of his Canadian birth, and the fact that the president would find considerable difficulty in finding a man to take over Mr. Lane's important work on the Alaskan railway and other projects of the interior department.

It is considered highly probable that the president will make no shift in his cabinet at all but will choose a new man to fill the vacancy. In well-informed quarters it is considered very likely that he will retain Mr. Lansing as secretary. To do so would require search for another counselor, a post difficult to fill.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Deeds transferring real estate have been filed with the register of deeds this week as follows:

Carolina Real Estate Company to A. N. Dobson, a lot on Grove street, 150 by 150 feet, city of Greensboro, \$600.

C. A. W. T. and F. G. Basher to W. E. Kennedy, a lot on Woodrow avenue, 50 by 175 feet, city of Greensboro, \$1,000.

C. A. Barber to W. E. Kennedy, a lot on Woodrow avenue, city of Greensboro, 50 by 175 feet, \$1,000.

C. J. Fowler to J. F. Fulton, 1.82 acres, in Monroe township, \$10 and other considerations.

Alfonso A. Ellison to H. C. Pelt, two lots in High Point, on East Commerce street, \$150.

George T. Wood to A. L. Ellison, two lots on Commerce street, city of High Point, \$121.

H. C. Pitts to L. H. Davis, two lots in High Point, on Commerce street, \$150.

C. Dunbar to J. A. Dunbar, tract of land in High Point township, 71,565 square feet, \$800.

John M. Dick to Mary E. Armstrong, a lot on Gilmer street, city of Greensboro, 40 by 67 feet, \$230.

Teachers of City Schools Elected.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Mann, the city commissioners have elected the following teachers of the Greensboro graded schools for next year: Misses Rosa Abbott, Sarah DeMoss, Elizabeth Evans, Gertrude Frazier, Olivia Patton, Ruby Pulliam, Mary Boyles, Ida Byerly, Catherine Hull, Irene Boyles, Evelyn Morris, Florence Gray, Vera Wharton, Jessie Wicker, Beulah Davidson, Clara Clapp, Theresa Wicker, Edna Gilliland, Mary Strudwick, Minnie Brown, Isla Stratford, Cordaye Olive, Kathleen Hall, Hazel Stephens, A. R. Williams, Lydia Berg, Nell Bondurant, Ada Waterhouse, Ada Michael, Frances Sutton, Bessie Howard, Louise Alexander, Bertie Freeman and Maggie Coble.

Principals of the schools were elected as follows: W. F. Warren, high school; Miss Hunter Irwin, Lindsay street; Miss Nell Clark, Simpson street; Miss Theresa Cooke, West Lee street. Miss Janet McKenzie was elected supervisor of primary instruction.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF FORM

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE READERS OF THE PATRIOT FAR AND NEAR.

Children's Day.—Children's day services will be held at Morehead's chapel next Sunday, beginning at 10.30 A. M. and continuing through the afternoon.

Summer Holidays.—Most of the grocers of Greensboro have signed an agreement to close their stores at 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon during the summer months.

Revival Meeting.—The revival meeting that began at the First Baptist church the fifth Sunday in May is still in progress and a number of professions of religion have been reported.

Special Meeting.—The county commissioners are holding a special meeting today for the purpose of placing orders for some road-building machinery. It is expected that two auto trucks will be among the equipment purchased.

K. of P. Grand Lodge.—A number of members of the order in Greensboro have gone to Salisbury to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, which convened Tuesday night and will be in session through today.

Dead at 85 Years.—Dr. and Mrs. Albert R. Wilson were called to Virginia Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wilson's father, Mr. C. H. Price, who died at his home near Charlottesville. He was 85 years old and is survived by his widow and six children.

Died Suddenly.—Mr. J. N. Payne, the father of Mrs. J. Ed. Albright and Mr. Max T. Payne, of this city, died unexpectedly Monday at his home in Morganton. Mr. Payne was 67 years of age and had been engaged in business in Morganton for a number of years.

Superior Court.—Satisfactory progress is being made in disposing of the docket at this week's civil term of superior court. Several cases have been disposed of by jury trial and otherwise, none of them being of any public interest. A week's term of criminal court will begin Monday morning.

Voted Bonds.—The people of Burlington Tuesday voted \$50,000 in bonds for the proposed Atlantic, Danville and Ohio railroad, and also authorized an issue of \$40,000 for a new graded school building and \$10,000 for a city hall building. The bonds were carried after a pretty strenuous fight.

Berbert Stern.—Mr. Robert Berbert, of Pocahontas, Va., and Miss Freda Stern, of this city, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. David Stern. Rabbi Joseph Friedlander performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the young couple.

Alamance Boosters.—A delegation of about 50 citizens of Alamance county visited Greensboro Tuesday afternoon as guests of the Graham Commercial Club in the interest of good roads between this city and the capital of Alamance. The party traveled in automobiles and Tuesday morning made a similar trip to Durham.

O. E. S. Meeting.—The following were among the members of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star who attended the meeting of the grand chapter in Winston-Salem Tuesday and yesterday: Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Miss Blanche Johnson, Mrs. C. W. Fowler, Miss Willard White, Mrs. Amos Connor, Mrs. Susan Matthews, Mrs. J. A. Fowler and Miss Mary Banner.

Was Noted Surgeon.—Dr. Jacob Michaux, a cousin of Dr. E. R. and Mr. John S. Michaux, of this city, died Monday night at his home in Richmond, Va. He was in the sixty-fourth year of his age and had been afflicted with heart trouble for some time. He was a noted surgeon and enjoyed a large practice. The funeral and interment took place in Richmond yesterday afternoon.

In Federal Court.—The criminal docket of the United States District court will probably be finished this afternoon or tomorrow, after which the court will take up the trial of a number of civil cases. No criminal cases of special interest or importance have been tried. The jury has convicted several defendants of illicit distilling, violation of the postoffice laws, etc., and these will be sentenced by Judge Boyd before the adjournment of court.

Death of Aged Woman.—Miss Acanath Cox, an aged and eccentric woman of Randolph county, died Monday at the home of Squire Henry Garner, in Grant township. She was 88 years old and a woman of many peculiarities. In the course of a long and industrious life she accumulated a considerable estate, and many stories were circulated concerning her stores of hidden wealth.

June Wedding.—A wedding that was beautiful in its simplicity took place in the Friends church at Guilford College Tuesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, when Miss Christine Frazier, daughter of Mr. J. G. Frazier, became the bride of Mr. Daniel H. Brown, of Woodland. Miss Mabel Frazier, a sister of the bride, was the maid of honor and Mr. J. P. Brown, a brother of the groom, was the best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph H. Peele.

On Western Trip.—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wharton left yesterday on an extended trip to the West. They will go first to Colorado Springs, Col., where they will spend some time for the benefit of Mrs. Wharton's health. Later they will visit the San Francisco exposition, the Yellowstone national park and other places of interest in the West. They will also visit Mr. Wharton's two brothers—Mr. J. R. Wharton, of Butte, Mont., and Mr. W. S. Wharton, of Newberg, Ore.

Editor in Hospital.—Mr. J. M. Reece, editor of the Daily Record, accompanied by Dr. John A. Williams, left Tuesday night for Baltimore to enter Johns Hopkins hospital for surgical treatment. Some years ago Mr. Reece fractured a small bone at the kneecap of the left leg, but at the time the injury did not appear to be at all serious. Recently the old wound has been troubling Mr. Reece a great deal and he has been able to walk only with the assistance of a crutch. It is thought that an operation will relieve the greater part of the trouble.

W. H. Williams Dead.—Mr. W. H. Williams, who had made his home at Glenwood, a suburb of this city, for some years, died suddenly yesterday morning at 2.30 o'clock at the home of a son he was visiting near Goldsboro. The body was brought to Greensboro yesterday and the funeral was held at the First Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock, followed by interment in Greene Hill cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Melton Clark and Rev. R. Murphy Williams. The deceased was 66 years old and is survived by his widow, one daughter and five sons.

Safes Robbed.—Tuesday night safe-crackers entered the local offices of the Standard Oil Company and the Texas Oil Company and blew open the safes in both offices. The sum of \$47 was taken from the Standard Company and \$43 from the Texas Company. The safes were blown open with nitroglycerine and the indications are that both robberies were committed by the same persons. Recently several safes in the city have been blown open with nitroglycerine, and the belief prevails among the officers that several professional or semi-professional yeggmen are making headquarters in Greensboro.

Standing Examinations.—Nearly 150 young graduates in medicine are in Greensboro this week taking examinations for license before the state board of medical examiners. The examinations, which are being conducted in the Spring street high school building, were begun Tuesday afternoon and probably will be concluded this afternoon. Dr. J. F. Highsmith, of Fayetteville, is president and Dr. Hubert A. Royster, of Raleigh, secretary of the board of examiners, the other members being: Dr. John G. Blount, of Washington; Dr. Charles T. Harper, Wilmington; Dr. John Q. Myers, Charlotte; Dr. M. L. Stevens, Asheville, and Dr. Isaac M. Tayloe, Morganton. It is expected that the names of the successful applicants will be announced at the opening session of the North Carolina Medical Society, which will convene in this city Tuesday.

Englishman Killed in Mexico.

An Englishman was killed Sunday in Tuxpam, Mex. Four other British subjects were probably fatally wounded. Among them were a woman and a boy.

The message was from Tampico. It said the casualties occurred during a fight between Carranzistas, who held the town, and Villistas, who wrested it from them.

The British victims were shot while fleeing to shelter.

PRISON COMMISSION IS AGAINST LEO M. FRANK.

By a vote of 2 to 1, the Georgia prison commission yesterday recommended to Governor Slaton that Leo M. Frank's death sentence not be commuted to life imprisonment. A further hearing on the case, however, will be heard by the governor, with whom rests the final decision.

The appeal to the governor is Frank's last fight against his execution, which is set for June 22.

Former Congressman Howard will conduct Frank's case before the governor and Solicitor General Dorsey will oppose clemency. Mr. Howard said he proposed to argue that the record in the case shows the evidence against the prisoner was circumstantial and that this, together with the trial judge's doubt of Frank's guilt, was sufficient to warrant the executive in extending clemency. Mr. Dorsey declined to outline the points he planned to emphasize in his argument.

The majority report of the prison commission, opposing commutation, held that neither the grand jurors who indicted Frank, the trial jury nor the prosecutors had asked for commutation; that all the courts, state and federal, which reviewed the case, had upheld the verdict; that no new evidence or facts bearing upon the prisoner's guilt or innocence had been shown and that they saw no reason to interfere with the court's judgment.

The dissenting report held that the evidence against Frank was circumstantial; that the trial judge entertained doubt of the prisoner's guilt and that the record in the case justified the governor in commuting the sentence.

HUNGRY MEN AND WOMEN IN MEXICO CRY FOR CORN.

A press dispatch from Mexico City, says: For the last three days the sessions of the so-called National convention in the Chamber of Deputies building have been scenes of the wildest disorder. Not only the galleries, but at times the floor and the speaker's tribune have been rushed by hordes of hungry men, women and children.

The shouts of "We want corn" drowned all others, and even the show of bayonets and the firing of the soldiers over the heads of the mob have not checked their vain and piteous search for food. The Red Cross has been kept busy carrying off women and children, and some cases old men, crushed or overcome in these manifestations.

Ten thousand gathered outside of the chamber today and nearly 300 were carried off on stretchers. Acting President General Roque Gonzalez Garza appeared before the convention delegates and a portion of the mob to tell them that the treasury was empty, the fields laid waste by the contending revolutionaries and that the only thing of the coming winter was that all Mexicans lay down their arms and begin the tilling of the fields. Repeatedly the crowds answered him saying, "Give us corn. Our women and children are dying of hunger; give us corn."

Crops Never Were Better.

In his report to the state board of agriculture, in semi-annual session in Raleigh yesterday, Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham declared that he does not think that there has been a year when the stand of all crops was better, although some are now somewhat "in the grass." He says floods have done damage in some localities, but that the oats crop, which a month ago appeared to be a failure, is fully up to the average and that the same development applies to wheat. The commissioner estimates the reduction of the cotton crop in this state at about 20 per cent.

Plans For School.—In the event the \$60,000 school bond issue to be voted on by the people of Greensboro July 13 is carried, and so far no opposition has been heard, the city commissioners plan to extend greatly the school facilities of the community. It is said that a new building will be erected on East Bragg street, not far from the Asheboro street school; the West Lee street school building will be enlarged, and a ward school building will probably be erected on Fifth avenue. The Lindsay street school building will either be enlarged or a new building erected.