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PRESIDENT ASKED TO SEVER RELATIONS WITH MEXICO

Resolution Offered by Senator Fall—Congress Aroused and Resolution Finds Favor.
Washington Dispatch, Dec. 3.

President Wilson was requested in a resolution introduced today in the senate to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico.

The resolution was offered by Senator Fall, republican, of New Mexico, who, as chairman of a sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation, declared evidence had been found which "would astound the world." It also asked that the President withdraw recognition of the Carranza government.

Senator Fall boldly charged that the Mexican embassy, the consulate-generals in New York and San Francisco, and the consulates along the border, with the knowledge and consent of President Carranza had been actively engaged in the spreading of bolshevik propaganda in the United States. Evidence, it was said, would be forthcoming to bear out the charge.

By this resolution, which was sent to the foreign relations committee of the senate for consideration tomorrow, the whole Mexican problem, admittedly grave, in view of the refusal of the Carranza administration to release Consul Agent Jenkins from the penitentiary at Puebla, will be put before congress.

Submitted Monday.

The latest note from the state department calling for the immediate release of Jenkins was laid before the Mexican government on Monday. Word to this effect reached the department today, but there was no intimation as to when an answer might be expected.

An early report from the committee on the Fall resolution is expected and this will put the question squarely before the senate, aroused to a high pitch by recent murders of Americans in Mexico and the treatment of the American consular agent.

While Senator Fall did not indicate the exact nature of his evidence, it was said he had obtained photographic copies of correspondence which would clearly show secret operations of the Mexican president and his official representatives in this country.

Ashurst Resolution.

There also was introduced in the senate a resolution by Senator Ashurst democrat, of Arizona, authorizing the secretary of war to use the nation's forces for protecting its people on their own side of the border. For eight years, Senator Ashurst said, he had been waiting for the army to protect American rights along the border, and he felt that the time had come for action.

In the house also there was a flare-up of the Mexican situation, Representative Caldwell, democrat, of New York, declaring it was so bad that before many days the country might be at war. Since the opening of the session there had been indications that congress would take the Mexican bit in its teeth, demand the release of Jenkins and protection of lives of Americans in Mexico, but the resolution requested the president to break off relations, the next thing to an actual declaration of war, showed that action of some sort would not be delayed.

WILSON DECLARES CAUSES OF UNREST SUPERFICIAL AND TEMPORARY

Message to New Congress Pleads for Regulations Looking to an Early, Harmonious Adjustment—Treaty to Be Discussed Later.
Washington Dispatch, Dec. 2.

A diversified legislative program to restore a peacetime business status, revise the tax system, curb unrest, reduce the cost of living and rectify labor and farming conditions was recommended by President Wilson in his message to the new session of Congress.

The President asked for a tariff law based on the nation's changed relation to the rest of the world, suggested that the income and excess profits tax schedules be simplified, advocated steps to improve rural condition and promote production and declared for a "genuine democratization of industry to protect both labor and capital."

The railroad problem, he reserved for a future message, and he made no statement of his intentions regarding the peace treaty or Mexico. Many of his recommendations were the same as those submitted to the special session last spring and several of them are embraced in legislation already being formulated in the two houses.

To meet the cost of living the President asked extension of the wartime food control bill, federal regulation of cold storage, readjustment of food transportation and establishment of a system of federal licensing for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

Causes Temporary.

He declared the causes of unrest to be superficial and temporary, and made his only reference to the senate's failure to ratify the peace treaty in saying that restlessness was due largely to the nation's hesitation in determining its peace policy. The federal government, he declared, should be armed with full authority to deal in the criminal courts with those who promote violence.

In an extended discussion of labor conditions he declared the workers had just cause for complaint in many matters and that there should be a "full recognition of the right of those who work, in whatever rank, to participate in some organic way in every decision that directly affects their welfare." He asserted that the right of individuals to strike must be held inviolate, but added that there must be a firm stand against "the attempt by any class to usurp a power that only government itself has a right to exercise as a protection to all." Finally he suggested the establishment of a tribunal for peaceful decision of industrial disputes.

Urges Budget System.

He renewed his recommendation for a budget system of national finances asked for special protection to promote the dyestuff and chemical industries and declared the administration bill providing farms for soldiers should be passed without delay.

AYCOCK SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY DECEMBER 19TH.

Day Will Be Fittingly Observed in Lumberton Schools—L. R. Varner to Speak—Books to Be Contributed to School Library.

North Carolina Day, or Aycock School Improvement Day, will be fittingly observed in the Lumberton graded and high schools on December 19. Special exercises by the school and an address on "The Life and Works of the Late Chas. B. Aycock" by Mr. L. R. Varner will make up the program. Mr. Varner will speak at 11 a. m.

A collection will be taken for the Aycock memorial fund and patrons and pupils of the school will be asked to contribute books to the school library. The exercises will last through the regular school hours, beginning at 9 a. m.

GENERAL PERSHING AT TOMORROW

After Inspecting Camp Bragg Will Be Guest of City for Several Hours.

General John J. Pershing will inspect Camp Bragg tomorrow and after the inspection will be a guest of Fayetteville for several hours, according to dispatches sent out from Fayetteville. He will arrive in Fayetteville from Camp Lee, Va., at 7 a. m. and will go at once to Camp Bragg. Later he will be the guest of honor at a barbecue to be given by the citizens of Fayetteville. General Pershing will be accompanied by ten members of his staff headed by Brigadier General Fox Conner, chief of staff.

MACHINE FOR LOADING TRUCKS WILL BE PURCHASED BY ROAD BOARD

Mr. W. B. Covington, county superintendent of roads, was authorized Monday by the county road board to purchase a machine for loading trucks. The machine will cost around \$300 and will prove a great labor saver, according to Mr. Covington.

FIRST MEETING OF READING CIRCLE CLUB SATURDAY

All public school teachers belonging to the Lumberton group of the Reading Circle club are requested to meet in the high school auditorium in Lumberton Saturday of this week at 11 a. m. Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, is leader of the group.

MR. E. F. PREVATT OF R. 2, FAIRMONT, WAS AMONG THE VISITORS IN TOWN TUESDAY.

Mr. E. F. Prevatt of R. 2, Fairmont, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

DOG TAX PAST DUE.

Have you paid your dog tax? If not you are liable to a fine of \$50. Many people, according to Sheriff R. L. Lewis, think that their dog tax is figured together with their general State and county tax. This is not true. The dog tax is not included in the State and county tax. The law says all dog tax must be paid before December 1. If you have a dog and failed to list him, or if you listed him and have not paid the tax, it would be well to look after the matter at once. In fact, it might save you \$50.

EGGS WORTH \$4.35 FOUND IN ONE NEST.

Did you ever find a hen's nest with \$4.35 worth of eggs in it? A Robeson farmer reports that he recently found a nest in which was 87 eggs. Eggs are selling for 60 cents the dozen or 5 cents each, and at that price the eggs are worth \$4.35.

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MODIFY ORDERS FOR CONSERVING COAL

Public Utilities and Private Plants Operated Solely by Hydro-Electric Power Exempted.
Atlanta Dispatch, Dec. 3: Public utilities and private plants operated solely by hydro-electric power were exempted from shortened hours by the Regional Coal Commission today and in industries, stores and other places of business were authorized to remain open between 4 p. m. and 9 a. m. provided that during the latter hours they use no heat, light or power derived in any fashion from coal, wood or gas. Grocery, meat and milk stores, barber shops and places of public amusement may be operated out of their hours provided they comply with the same regulations.

Hydro-electric plants will be required to show that no coal, wood or gas is used in generation of their electricity and that no coal, wood or gas is used in any way outside the regular hours. Heads of such plants were asked to come to Atlanta and furnish such proof to the committee as soon as possible.

Certain businesses and organizations were added tonight by the committee to those classes that are permitted to be operated at any time. These are wholesale druggists, drug manufacturers, churches, fraternal organizations, social clubs, coal mines and coal mine commissaries and other necessary branches of coal mines. The committee added that gasoline filling stations may be operated until 9 p. m. and garages with the necessary safety lights at all hours.

NEW ORDER ALLOWS LOCAL BUSINESS MEN TO KEEP OPEN AFTER 4 P. M.

Lumberton uses hydro-electric power and local merchants and other business men will be allowed under the new order to remain open after 4 p. m. and before 9 a. m., provided they use no coal, wood or gas between the hours 4 p. m. and 9 a. m. Local merchants and business men generally have been complying with the first order and only keeping their places of business open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Divorce Cases Given Right-of-Way—Four Couples Released From the Bonds of Matrimony and One Fails in the Attempt.

Hearing divorce cases has made up the work of the jury in Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which convened Monday. The following divorce cases have been disposed of:

Henry Hammonds vs. Roosevelt Hammonds; divorce granted.

Lula Mahn vs. J. W. Mahn; divorce granted.

Vernie Bell vs. Sam Bell; divorce granted.

Luke Galbreath vs. Hannah Lee Galbreath; divorce granted.

Annie L. Mercer vs. Donnie Mercer; divorce not granted.

A number of judgments have been signed.

This is a two week's term and Judge Thos. H. Calvert of Raleigh is presiding.

FEDERATED CLUBS MET HERE YESTERDAY

Annual Meeting of Twelfth District Held in Municipal Building—Many Delegates Here For Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Federated Clubs of the Twelfth district was held in the municipal building here yesterday. The meeting was attended by more than 100 ladies, many attending from other towns in the district.

A most interesting and profitable program was carried out. Luncheon was served by the Lumberton Research club and the convention was given a reception at the home of Mrs. H. M. McAllister, Chestnut and Seventh streets, at 4 p. m.

A fuller report of the meeting will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

NOTED TRAIN ROBBER CAUGHT.

Douglas, Wyo., Dispatch, Dec. 2.

William Carlisle, the artful train robber, who for three weeks had laughingly defied civil, railroad and private detectives, was captured today near Clend, Wyo., after he had been seriously wounded.

The well-known bandit, who had secluded himself in the cabin of Frank Williams, about 18 miles from Douglas, fought desperately the posse which had been in pursuit until he fell from his wounds. He was shot through one lung and while it was thought at first that the wound might cause his death, doctors later declared it their belief that it would not prove fatal.

Suffering from his wound, and benumbed by the extreme cold, Carlisle when brought to the Douglas hospital, said:

"I am glad the chase has ended." Carlisle attracted nation-wide interest when, after escaping from the penitentiary in this State, he held up and robbed the passengers on a Los Angeles limited on November 18.

COTTON BREAKS RECORD.

New York, Dec. 1.—December cotton sold at 38.60 cents a pound on the cotton exchange today. This was reported to be the highest figure at which any contract ever was sold on the exchange.

Covering by shorts in response to extremely bullish spot cotton news from the south was said to be responsible for the record sale.

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MR. J. W. D. MCLEAN OF ROWLAND, R. 3, WAS A LUMBERTON VISITOR YESTERDAY.

Mr. J. W. D. McLean of Rowland, R. 3, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

Special School Tax Election Ordered In St. Pauls District No. 1—Printing of Annual Statements Awarded to Scottish Chief—Other Matters.

At their regular monthly meeting Monday the board of county commissioners ordered a special school tax election in district No. 1 St. Pauls township. The election will be held January 2 and the proposed special levy is not to be over 30 cents on the \$100 valuation and 90 cents on the poll. Mr. T. R. Moore was appointed registrar and Messrs. B. F. Watson and J. E. Lewis judges of election.

The report of the grand jury for the November term of criminal court was read before the board.

The annual reports of M. W. Floyd, register of deeds and C. B. Skipper, clerk of the court, were approved and the printing of the statements was awarded to The Scottish Chief, the bid being \$250.

The monthly reports of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Sheriff R. E. Lewis were ordered filed.

Harrison Chavis was exempted from paying poll tax on account of the loss of an arm.

The regular monthly allowance of Nancy Moore was increased from \$4 to \$6.

The regular pauper list was ordered paid.

A list of the bills ordered paid will be published in Monday's Robesonian.

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS.

The State Commission is Seeking to Raise \$90,000 by the Sale of Nine Million Christmas Seals to Fight Tuberculosis in the State.

Sanatorium, Dec. 1.—The following proclamation has been issued by Rupert Blue, Surgeon-General, United States Public Health Service:

"Over one hundred and fifty thousand Americans die annually from tuberculosis. This is an appalling waste of life when we consider that tuberculosis is classed as a preventable disease. Moreover, because this loss of life occurs almost entirely in the ranks of the young adult population, health authorities the world over have come to consider the control of tuberculosis as still the most pressing health problem confronting them.

Every year the National Tuberculosis Association by selling Red Cross Christmas Seals raises a considerable sum of money to be used in a nationwide campaign to combat tuberculosis. This year a special effort is being made to interest school children in this work and December the fifth, sixth and seventh have been designated as days on which the seals are to be sold in the public schools, synagogues and churches. Because of the seriousness of the situation, I trust that the campaign this year will be particularly successful."

In North Carolina the State Red Cross Seal Commission is seeking to raise \$90,000 by the sale of nine million of the Christmas seals for the work of combating tuberculosis in this State. This disease, which is curable and preventable, is the greatest menace to the health and prosperity of every citizen of the State. Last year it cost in economic waste more than \$15,000,000, while there were over 27,000 needlessly ill with the disease and more than 3,000 laid down their lives, a useless sacrifice upon the altar of the "Great White Plague."

RESPONSE UNPRECEDENTED.

A Great Start, But Goal Not Reached—Canvassing Teams Urged to Work Till Last Minute.
BY T. W. CHAMBLISS.

Raleigh, Dec. 3.—The response to the call of the Baptist 75 Million campaign on the first day of the final dash was unprecedented. North Carolina Baptists responded nobly—but the goal has not been reached. The words "over the top" do not, after all, mean the accomplishment of the task. The command to "go over the top" was the order to leave the trenches and go after the objective—"going over" was simply the start. The Baptist host started Sunday, November 30th. The objectives will not be reached until every Baptist in North Carolina is personally visited, canvassed and persuaded to contribute to the success of the world program which has been launched by the Baptist churches of the Southern States.

Incomplete reports from less than half of the Baptist associations received at Raleigh headquarters of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign show signed pledges for about four million dollars. The minimum asked is six million and this state should raise much more. The 6 million can be raised if every canvassing team of every Baptist church in the State will work until the last minute—six o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 7.

Arrangements have been made with the Western Union Telegraph Co. for their Raleigh office to remain open next Sunday night until the last message has been received. It will be the final report—see to it that every church reports. Local church directors report to associational directors. Associational directors report direct to the Raleigh headquarters either by telephone or telegraph.

FRED BROWN IS ALMOST GLAD HE GOT HURT

Taking a High Dive From a Barn Loft is a Dickens of a Way to Come to Lumberton, But Better That Way Than Not At All.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Since we can remember, coming to Lumberton was always an eventful epoch in our life. Before the days of rapid transit by automobile and even before there was a railroad in upper Robeson, we used to arise early in the morning (even before the stars had thought of retiring from the firmament) and journey with our father to Lumberton. It was our nearest cotton market, and place of general trading. The Robesonian was then edited by the late W. W. McDiarmid; Wash McQueen was Lumberton's only barber; Mrs. Comfort Robeson row, was then considered one of the best eating houses in this section.

So when a boy we formed the habit of coming to Lumberton and we've been coming ever since, but we had never come to be patched up till a few days ago, after taking a high dive from a barn loft which for the time being prevented our traveling, and so when it was decided we must go to a hospital we at once decided on Lumberton, for several reasons.

One was, we thought we'd rather die in Lumberton than to have a chill in many other places we know, we came and are glad we did as our means of transportation have now wonderfully improved and we are on for a fellow that can be done and the eve of checking out. Dr. Thompson and his assistants do everything make his stay as pleasant as can be under the circumstances. You can get as good attention here as you get in Richmond or Baltimore, with as skilled nurses and physicians. Not only this, but the good people of Lumberton don't forget you after you are placed in the hospital walls, they do everything they can to while away the lonely hours and to help appease any appetite you may have. This was our first experience as an inmate of a hospital and we're glad since we had to come we came to Thompson's at Lumberton. We hope we have our hospital diploma. If we haven't, or if we have any post-graduate work, we are coming back to Thompson's where they can almost make a fellow over and make even the old man feel young.

Bazaar at Parkton.

Parkton, Dec. 2.—The ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church will give a bazaar and supper, the supper consisting of stewed oysters, chicken salad, and ham sandwiches, etc., Friday evening, Dec. 5, beginning at 5:30 p. m. Everybody invited.

MR. W. J. EDWARDS OF R. 1, CLARKTON, WAS AMONG THE VISITORS IN TOWN TUESDAY.

Mr. W. J. Edwards of R. 1, Clarkton, was among the visitors in town Tuesday.

MR. DR. W. MERCER OF R. 5, LUMBERTON, WAS AMONG THE VISITORS IN TOWN YESTERDAY.

Mr. Dr. W. Mercer of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

MR. J. K. BASS OF ORLAND, WAS AMONG THE CALLERS AT THE ROBESONIAN OFFICE YESTERDAY.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Henry Brisson and Pearl Cain.

—Mr. E. J. Glover has accepted a position with the fire department as truck driver.

—There will be a box supper at Bloomingdale school house tomorrow (Friday) evening. The public is invited.

—The Alfred Rowland Carter, U. D. C., will meet in the municipal building tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:30.

—Regular meeting Maccabees tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30. Officers will be elected and all Maccabees are urged to be present.

—Charles, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. West, died Monday afternoon at the home of his parents in Wishart township of colitis.

—Mr. T. T. Walters of R. 1, Barnesville, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Walters will move with his family in a few days to Fair Bluff.

—The music class of the Barnesville public school will give a recital tomorrow (Friday) evening. Miss Virginia Wilkes is teacher. The public is invited.

—Mr. L. P. Odum of Buie, R. 1, left Monday morning for Lexington, Va., to spend a week with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander A. Odum.

—Mr. H. W. Ivey, and family moved Tuesday from the John Smith farm, Howellsville township, to a farm belonging to Mr. E. D. Pittman, near Back Swamp church.

—Mr. J. W. M'White of R. 1, Lumberton, was among the callers at The Robesonian office Tuesday. Mr. M'White killed 8 1-year-old hogs recently that netted 1,756 pounds of pork.

—Messrs. J. H. Walcott and J. L. Collins of Boston, Ga., have leased the Biggs building, South Chestnut street, and will open a Chero-Cola plant in the building about the first of the year.

—Messrs. Miles and L. T. Johnson and their families, formerly of the Barnesville section, left Tuesday for Uvalda, Ga., where they have bought farms. Mr. Miles Johnson sold his farm near Barnesville to Mr. E. T. Lewis.

—Is it an unusual thing for turkeys to lay eggs before spring? Mr. I. S. Britt of Cerro Gordo, Columbus county, says it is, but his turkeys have been laying for several weeks. Perhaps they noted the high price of eggs.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, left Tuesday night for Washington, D. C. Mrs. Sharpe left last evening for Washington to join Mr. Sharpe. They will spend a few days in Washington and will probably visit Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York before returning home.

KRYL'S SEXTET FINE; GREAT LAKES QUARTET TONIGHT

Kryl's orchestral sextet, the second number on the Redpath Lyceum course, delighted a fair-sized audience at the graded school auditorium Monday evening. Every member of the company is an artist and every number on the continuous program of two hours was a treat. Miss Irene Stolofsky, leader of the sextet, gave an exhibition of superb work with her violin that was pure delight. Popular and classic music were given in enjoyable proportions and the audience enquired every number.

The famous Great Lakes string quartet will be the attraction at the school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. A chamber music recital will be given. Chamber music is the highest form of musical art. This famous quartet played for President and Mrs. Wilson on their two trips across the Atlantic on the U. S. S. George Washington and are now on a trans-continental tour. This no doubt will prove one of the best of the Lyceum attractions. Single admission is 75 cents for adults, 35 cents for children.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mr. Joseph Sessoms of East Lumberton.

Mr. Joseph Sessoms, aged 63 years, died yesterday morning at his home in East Lumberton of paralysis. Interment was made in the family burying ground in Howellsville township today at 11 a. m.

Mr. A. W. McLean and son, Master A. W. Jr., arrived this morning from Washington and will spend a few days here.

Mr. J. E. Gilmore of Whiteville spent Tuesday and yesterday here on business.

Mr. R. M. M'White of the Barkers section was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.

Mr. T. L. Johnson will make an address at Big Branch Baptist church, Orrum, next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mr. F. Currie of Lumber Bridge was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.