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REPUBLICANS TRY TO GET TOGETHER ON PEACE MATTER

Plans For Declaration at Standstill as Leaders Hold Meetings

AGREEMENT EXPECTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Several Causes Lead To Decision To Have House Act Before Senate On Resolution, If President Vetoes Declaration Senator Thomas Says It Will Be Dead

Washington, March 24.—With plans for a peace declaration at a standstill in the Senate, Republican leaders of the House conferred today on means of hastening action on the declaratory resolution at their end of the Capitol.

There was no final decision on the form of the resolution or the time of its presentation, but it was said an agreement probably would be reached within a few days. Several suggested drafts are under consideration, all of them following in some respects the Knox resolution, which has been approved by the Senate foreign relations committee.

Various constitutional points have been raised, all of which the leaders want to meet in the draft which they finally will lay before the House. It is expected that the resolution will be put into form in the foreign affairs committee, and then will be brought up on the House floor under a special rule to expedite its adoption.

House To Act First. Several causes are understood to have contributed to the decision that the House should act before the Senate, one being the absence of so many Senators that muzzling a quorum would be difficult.

While the House is at work on the resolution, the Senate will continue informal conferences on the subject, but no move on the Senate floor is expected until the latter part of next week at the earliest.

FIRST SKIRMISHES IN DELAWARE

Dover, Del., March 24.—Friends and foes of woman suffrage both claimed points in today's preliminary skirmishes in the Legislature to make Delaware the thirty-sixth State needed for ratification of the equal suffrage amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Introduction today of ratification resolutions in both Senate and House opened the actual struggle. Plans to delay a final vote until next week were made by the suffragists, while the opponents pressed for decisive action on Friday.

BERLIN SEEMS TO BE QUIET AFTER STORM

Berlin, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Berlin seemed this morning to have resumed work. Roadworkers were busy moving a fortnight's collection of litter, including numerous proclamations of the Kappists and others connected with the short-lived revolution, from men were repairing the tracks for an increased service and the railroads were running with more regularity.

STEAMER REPORTED AFBIR FOLLOWING ABANDONMENT

New York, March 24.—The American auxiliary schooner City of St. Helena, from Memphis and Orono, for Beaumont, Texas, has been abandoned and is on a 250-mile off the Georgia coast, according to a wireless message received today by the naval communications service.

Steel Earnings Decrease

New York, March 24.—Earnings of the United States Steel Corporation for 1919, aggregated \$122,239,523, a decrease of \$25,529,065 from 1918, according to the official report issued today.

ALL EYES TURNING TO THIS STATE AS SUFFRAGE FACTOR

Delegation in Washington Are Keenly Watching Developments in Delaware

AMENDMENT BE BEFORE SPECIAL SESSION HERE

Connecticut Will Have Chance To Turn Trick; Republicans Claiming Credit For Giving Women Vote and North Carolina May Yet Help To Silence Them

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, March 24.—Should Delaware fail to ratify the suffrage amendment which appears likely tonight, and Connecticut's Governor definitely decides that an emergency does not exist, the legislature of North Carolina may prove the deciding factor in the race for ratification of the 19th amendment in time to participate in the summer and fall elections.

The North Carolina delegation is watching the developments with keen interest. The race for ratification has grown spectacular with the feat of West Virginia's favorite action gradually disappearing in the latest developments. Governor Bickett has announced that he will include the suffrage amendment in the special session of the Tar Heel Assembly.

The possibility of ratification by the Connecticut legislature follows the meeting of the Republican State convention today when virtually unanimous approval was given the 19th amendment in a resolution calling upon the Governor for an immediate special session of the legislature to ratify the proposed amendment to the constitution.

Senator L. H. Mail, Republican of Delaware, returned to Washington today after a rapid-fire appeal at Dover for favorable action on the 19th amendment. He came into the Senate chamber late this afternoon, and greeted Senator Lodge, the Republican leader.

Should fate decree that North Carolina become the 36th State to ratify, considerable wind will be taken from the sails of the Republican organization which is now claiming all honors in giving women the legal right to vote.

North Carolina paid in income and excess profits taxes \$6,880,056.02 from January 1 to March 20, 1920, which shared a large part of the total revenue from this source throughout the country, amounting to \$608,829,172.13.

REP. BROWNING OF N. J. DROPS DEAD

Washington, March 24.—Representative W. J. Browning, of Camden, N. J., dropped dead today in the barber shop at the Capitol.

Mr. Browning was about to step out of the barber's chair when he was stricken with an attack of heart disease. He died before physicians could reach the shop.

SAYS ATLANTIC COAST TRAFFIC IS MENACED

Commerce Commission Told Higher Freight Rates Is The Only Cure

New York, March 24.—Atlantic coast steamship traffic from Maine to Mexico is likely to be tied up indefinitely by the strike of longshoremen unless higher freight rates are granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, William Z. Ripley, chairman of the National Adjustment Commission, said today.

Not only has the strike stopped the movement of perishable food from the South, he said, but it has cut off lumber being shipped from the North to the South as the building season was about to start, and even the movement of manufactured goods to the Pacific Coast has been prevented.

The high cost of living for the harassed consumer is forcibly accentuated, he continued. The country, producer and consumer alike, is in dire need of an immediate resumption of this traffic.

LABOR ASKS ALL CANDIDATES IS FURNISHING CAMPAIGN MONEY

Washington, March 24.—Another questionnaire for presidential aspirants, this time relating to campaign expenditures, was made public today by Labor, a weekly paper published by the fourteen recognized railroad labor organizations.

For Sworn Returns. "Second—Are you willing to join in an appeal to Congress to immediately enact legislation which will compel all candidates for the presidency to make sworn returns to some official of the National government showing all moneys expended by the candidates, or any one acting in their behalf, together with the names of all contributors to the candidates campaign fund, or to any fund which may be raised in their behalf?"

"We want to assure you that this letter is not to be construed as an indictment of the methods of any candidate."

HEARING ON RAIL VALUATION ENDED

Representatives of Executives Make Final Arguments To Commission

Washington, March 24.—Hearings before the Interstate Commerce Commission to determine methods of railway valuation prior to adjusting rates to give the standard return under the transportation act, were concluded today with the representatives of the carriers, security-holders and the majority of the shippers favoring the investment securities method of value against determined opposition by the State railroad commissioners.

Final arguments of the three-day session were made by S. T. Bledsoe, of Chicago, and P. H. Wood, of New York, for the Association of Railway Executives. Denying the contention of the State commissioners that the accounts are not evidence of value under the law, Mr. Bledsoe declared the "book accounts" were nearly approximated the value than any other evidence.

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Mr. Browning had represented the first New Jersey district in Congress since 1911, having been elected while serving as chief clerk of the House of Representatives. He was the ranking Republican of the naval committee and handled the naval bill in the House, where it was passed late yesterday.

TODAY IS DOLLAR DAY

The Raleigh Merchants are ready with Special Dollar Day Bargains for those eager to knock the High out of old H. C. L.

The Earlier You Shop, the Better the BARGAINS

FORMER ASSISTANT NAVIGATION CHIEF JOINS IN CHARGES

Tells Committee Navy Department Was Slow In Preparing For War

"CALLED" BY SENATOR WHO EXHIBITS LETTER

Asked If Missive Wasn't In Contradiction of Many Charges, Captain Laning Answers In Negative; Letter Said Some of Sims' Recommendations Very Wrong

Washington, March 24.—After Captain Harris Laning, former Assistant Chief of Navigation, had told the Senate committee investigating the Sims-Daniels row today that the navy had been without a comprehensive plan for the war and that chaos virtually existed, Senator Trammell, Democrat, of Florida, confronted the Captain with a letter he had written to Admiral Sims on August 15, 1918, saying he was "not convinced" that the Bureau of Operations "had erred in its general plans," and saying also that had some of Sims' recommendations been adopted they would have been "disastrous."

Senator Trammell contended that Laning's letter was a complete contradiction of some of the Sims charges and also some of the charges in Laning's statement of today, but the Captain contended his letter referred to a period in the war later than that involved in the charges by Admiral Sims.

Not only was the Navy Department without a comprehensive plan for naval participation in a war when the United States severed relations with Germany, but Secretary Daniels disapproved the general plan drawn up by the Bureau of Operations and submitted in March, 1917, Captain Harris Laning, former assistant chief of navigation, today told the Senate investigating committee.

As the result of this alleged lack of preparation, the witness said, the Navy Department virtually was in a state of chaos the day the United States declared war.

Personal characteristics of Secretary Daniels often made it impossible to obtain approval of important plans and policies, Captain Laning asserted, as the personal interest taken by him in minor affairs "occupied so much time that he never had much left to give us for really important problems."

Captain Laning testified that at the time war was declared there was not a sufficient reserve of 14-inch shells to refill the magazines of the dreadnaughts and that the Bureau of Ordnance had to obtain the aid of the Bureau of Operations to bring the matter to the Secretary's attention.

In a memorandum Admiral Benson gave Secretary Daniels the admonition that "without shells for the guns battleships are worthless" and that "they not only cannot defend themselves but cannot fight to save the country."

Refused to Prepare. Other charges made by the witness were that the Department in the years immediately preceding the war did not advocate legislation and policies that would prepare the navy for hostilities; that when it was apparent war could not be avoided the Department still refused to prepare; that lack of co-ordination in the Department during the early months of the war reduced the effectiveness of American participation and added to the cost and that when war was declared the Navy Department took at least 100 days to prepare even the latest ships for active service.

"Called" By Senator. Senator Trammell, Democrat, Florida, read a letter written by the Captain to Rear Admiral Sims in August, 1918, apparently in answer to a letter from the Admiral criticizing the Department for

TAXES AGGREGATING NINE HUNDRED MILLIONS PAID

North Carolina Among Leading States Paying On Incomes and Profits

Washington, March 24.—Income and excess profits taxes aggregating \$908,829,056 of the nation's tax bill installment of the nation's tax bill for 1919. While these figures do not represent an exact one-fourth of the tax as for last year, they indicate collection for the entire year of approximately \$3,500,000,000, Treasury officials said tonight.

St. Petersburg, Fla., March 24.—Indictments against five alleged "wire tappers," who are alleged to have obtained money under false pretenses from tourists, were returned today by the grand jury at Clearwater.

The men were placed in the county jail under bonds of \$15,000 each and are to be tried tomorrow. They gave their names when arrested as O. Williams, New Orleans; George Waterman, Louisville; H. Manton, Chillicothe, Ohio; W. Williams, Downs, N. Y.; and Edward Brown, "somewhere in France."

ADMIRAL BENSON WHO GAVE FAMOUS WARNING

HONEST TAXATION FUNDAMENTAL TO SOCIAL PROGRESS

Governor Addressing Conference at Goldsboro Eulogizes Proposed Reforms

DR. POTEAT ADVOCATES METHODS OF JESUS

Inspiring Address By Dr. Edward T. Devine of New York Who Compliments State On Its Health, Educational and Welfare Legislation; Sessions Last Through Tonight

By JOHN A. LIVINGSTONE (Staff Correspondent)

Goldsboro, March 24.—Special service so much talked about and so often misunderstood in this state assumed a very practical meaning tonight with Gov. T. W. Bickett's declaration that an intelligent and equitable taxation system forms the basis for all well ordered society and preachment by President William Louis Poteat of Wake Forest College that the world must go back to Christianity as taught by Jesus of Nazareth at the opening session of the eighth annual meeting of the North Carolina conference for social service.

Ideals of public service as splendidly exemplified health, educational and welfare legislation in North Carolina were emphasized in an inspiring address by Dr. Edward T. Devine, associate editor of the Survey, of New York, who made the concluding address of the evening at the meeting held in the court house which was crowded to overflowing in spite of a competing musical comedy across the street. Dr. Devine praised this legislation in high terms as an evidence of a state that is moving forward and not backward.

Goldsboro overflowed early in the day but the people of the city busied themselves in providing homes for the visitors. The address of welcome by Mayor R. H. Bain was couched in happy terms and was backed up admirably. This afternoon the women's club held a reception in their large club room and made the visiting welfare workers feel at home.

Governor Bickett presided at the meeting and replied to the address of welcome. He offered apologies for discussing taxation, declaring that finances must ever furnish the basis of society because it provides for the ways and means. He urged the adoption of the income tax amendment as a means of simple justice because it enables the General Assembly to tax unearned as well as earned incomes.

He was vigorously applauded when he said "I want you all to go home and vote for this measure, and I use the term advisedly for I believe all of you will vote in the next election."

The Governor, in his defense of the revaluation act which he had brought on a considerable amount of profanity, declared that he had expected opposition, but that he could not, after having gone all over North Carolina preaching courageous devotion to honesty, pass the buck to his successor. Inspired, perhaps by his attentive audience, and by the example of Ayecock, to whom he paid warm tribute, he preached honesty of tax values with more boldness than usual. He received a cordial response from his audience as he condemned unreservedly a system which is nothing more than a shell of immorality.

Urges Honest Tax System. The Governor pleaded for a system that is honest and straightforward and that treats all alike. Under the old system, the people of this state could never become great, he declared. He wanted a system that was in keeping with the high purposes of such a body of people as those attending the conference and worthy of the boys who had given their lives overseas, that a world might be better.

The Governor discussed the revaluation act briefly and asked the congressional privilege of extending his remarks through means of his recent pamphlet on the revaluation, which was distributed to the audience in large numbers.

"I believe your sins are just as high and your motives just as pure as were the sins and motives of those who went overseas to fight that the world might be at peace," declared the Governor in his tribute to the welfare workers.

"The Old Method for a New World," was the theme chosen by President Poteat for his address. Dr. Poteat expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him in his election as president of the conference, and commended the organization in the highest terms for its part in securing progressive public welfare legislation. He was given a cordial reception by the audience as were the Governor and Dr. Devine.

Discussing social service in its broader aspects as leading up to a disorderly society its ill in order that they may be remedied intelligently, Dr. Devine's address was heard with close attention. As editor of the leading social service magazine of merit, he has had wide opportunity to study social conditions, and does not hesitate to give praise to it.

Prof. Wade Brown, of the North Carolina College for Women, in his own inimitable style, conducted a brief song service and soon had the audience following him with right good will in singing, "There Are Smiles" and other songs.

Beasley To Close Session. The conference continues through tomorrow night, closing with an address by Beasley.

COLBY TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY

Secretary of State Accepts Invitation To Deliver Commencement Address

News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. Washington, March 24.—Bainbridge Colby is to be heard in an address in North Carolina this summer. It is the University of North Carolina which has the good luck to draw the new Secretary of State as its commencement day orator. Secretary Colby will speak at Chapel Hill on June 16, and it is certain that he will be heard by a great and representative North Carolina audience.

Secretary Colby accepted the invitation today. On behalf of President H. W. Chase, of the University, it was extended by Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the new Secretary of State saying that he would be delighted to make the commencement address. That it will be virile in tone can be expected, for Secretary Colby is a direct talker, and when he speaks he has something to say worth hearing. The university is to be congratulated in securing his acceptance, and North Carolina will show its appreciation of his visit to the State.

NEWBERRY NOT BE ASKED TO RESIGN

Michigan Governor Says Campaign of Henry Ford Should Now Be Probed

Lansing, Mich., March 24.—Until the United States supreme court passes over the verdict of the jury in the Newberry election conspiracy trial at Grand Rapids, none of the 17 men found guilty of criminal conspiracy will be asked to relinquish any public office they hold, Governor Sleeper said today.

The Governor said he believed the campaign of Henry Ford, Senator Newberry's Democratic opponent in the 1918 election, should now be investigated.

Senator Newberry, Richard H. Fletcher, state labor commissioner and myself have been attacked by the press in and out of the state since the trial closed," said the Governor. It has been suggested that Newberry and Fletcher should resign. I see no cause for this until the Supreme court makes known its findings. If I make any requests at present, one will be that the Federal government conduct just as active an investigation into the campaign conducted by Henry Ford as by Senator Newberry. If the government is sincere in its investigation it should not stop with investigating the campaign of the winner, but should probe the campaign of the loser as well."

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Besides Senator Harding, the members of the sub-committee were Senators New, Republican, Indiana, and Williams, Democrat, of Mississippi. The report was unanimous.

Many witnesses were heard by the sub-committee, which was appointed by the foreign relations committee last fall to consider the subject matter of Senator Williams' resolution to authorize the President to send to Armenia such military forces as he might deem necessary to maintain order. It was said by committee members tonight that a substitute for this resolution probably would be drafted embodying the recommendations of the sub-committee.

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