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## START DRIVE FOR ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ST. MARY'S

District of Columbia Committee Gives Dinner at the Army and Navy Club

**RALEIGH WOMAN JOINS  
DEMOCRATIC SIGNERS**

Miss Mary Owen Graham Lends Influence To Have Meeting of National Committee Held in St. Louis; Nothing Serious, Declares National Committeeman McLean

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., BY JOE L. BAKER. (By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, Feb. 8.—The drive for a \$300,000 endowment fund for St. Mary's school at Raleigh was opened tonight with a dinner given at the Army and Navy Club by the District of Columbia committee.

About thirty covers were laid for the dinner. Among the guests were Mrs. Alfred I. Harding, of Washington, Rev. Warren W. Way, rector of St. Mary's school, who made the principal address and Miss Emily Myatts McVea, president of Sweet Briar College, an alumna of St. Mary's school, and its former lady principal. Secretary Daniels also made an address.

Mrs. William G. Rivers, wife of the commandant at Fort Myer, opened the dinner program by introducing Mrs. Cary H. Brown, wife of Major Brown, engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, who presided and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Rivers is chairman of the endowment fund committee for the district, including the District of Columbia, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Plan of Campaign.

Under the plan adopted for the campaign each alumna will be responsible for raising \$250 for the endowment fund. Under this apportionment, about \$5,000 will be raised in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. William G. McAdoo is chairman of the National Committee in charge of the campaign, but is now in Mexico. Mrs. McAdoo and Mrs. A. S. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster General, both attended St. Mary's school, but were prevented from attending the dinner tonight. Mrs. Burleson by a previous engagement.

An examination to obtain eligibles from which list to fill the vacancies in the postmaster's office at Belmont has been ordered to be held March 16. The examination will take place at Gastonia. The Belmont postmaster's office carries a salary of \$1,000.

Fred W. Kluttz has been appointed to the postmaster's office at Rockwell, Rowan county, vice George H. Wheeler, resigned.

Alex J. Kirby has been commissioned postmaster at Edmonds.

Press Club Celebrates.

Distinguished guests were entertained tonight by the members of the National Press Club post of the American Legion, on the occasion of the installation of officers. The guests included General John J. Pershing, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, Major General Lejeune, of the Marine Corps, and Admiral Cootz. Secretary Daniels made an address on "The Press in the War."

For the event, the Press club had lavishly decorated its quarters in patriotic colors.

Miss Graham Joins Signers.

The name of Miss Mary Graham, North Carolina's Democratic National Committeewoman, was today added to the list of those joining in the telegraphic demand upon Chairman George White that he call a meeting of the national committee for March 1, at St. Louis or some other central city, that the committee may be reorganized.

Following the original telegram with the names of forty-nine of the 100 members of the committee appended, which went to Chairman White Sunday, six additional names were telegraphed yesterday. Mrs. Graham's name was a total of 56 that have been appended to the call for a reorganization meeting.

Nothing was given out here about Miss Graham joining in the request except the mere fact that she had added her name to the list of those asking that the meeting be held.

It is assumed that Mr. White will call the committee together on or about date requested, it being held by some of the party leaders in Washington that he has no alternative, the request having been made by more than a majority of the committee members. It is not believed by these leaders, however, that the call will be issued prior to the meeting of the executive committee which Chairman White has called to be held February 17th in this city. The matter will no doubt be taken up at that time, and action taken to meet whatever situation presents itself to the executive committee.

No Serious Schism.

Of the reported schism in the committee, Ang W. McLean, National Committeeman for North Carolina and a member of the executive committee, in discussing the situation with the News and Observer correspondent, said that he did not see that there was any serious difference presenting itself, certainly none that indicated any split in the party and nothing that cannot be adjusted. The only difference in opinion, as our members of the committee that has been disclosed as yet, Mr. McLean thinks, is one as to the time when the committee shall get down to work, preliminary to the 1922 congressional campaign. Those who are arguing that the committee be called to meet on or about March 1st hold that organization for the next campaign should begin coincident with the opening of the Harding administration.

## German War Plot That Failed Revealed By Shipping Board

Four Defective Bolts, Taken From Machinery of Transport Mount Vernon, Tell Story Of Effort Made To Send American Soldiers To Watery Grave—But The Break Down Never Came.

New York, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—A German war plot that failed was revealed here today. Four defective bolts, taken from the machinery of the transport Mount Vernon, told the tale. They were discovered by the engineering forces of Commander R. D. Gatewood, director of the shipping board's division of construction and repair, and placed on exhibition at his office.

Here is the story. After the Mount Vernon—formerly the Kronprinzessin Cecile, the famous "gold ship" that raced into Bar Harbor in the early days of the war—had been seized as a troop ship, her German crew cut two-thirds of the way through the four six inch bolts that connected the engines with the main crank-shaft. The skillfully-made cuts remained hidden by the fittings of the engines, and were only discovered recently when the engines were taken apart.

It is to be presumed that in certain American detention camps there were trained German engineers who waited eagerly for reports which did not come of "something happening" to the converted troop ship. For it is believed that the bolts were left barely holding with the hope that the craft would just creep out into the harbor and then fall prey to the undersea craft when sudden strain on the engines came with an order for full speed ahead.

But the break down never came. Luck or toughness of steel permitted the liner to make a dozen round-trips through submarine-infested seas carrying on each voyage from 3,000 to 4,000 men. Just to round things out, she encircled the globe to bring troops home from Russia.

The Mount Vernon had several narrow escapes. Once she was torpedoed and 35 of her crew killed, but made her way to a French port.

## Give Hens More Light and Get More Eggs, Says Dr. B. F. Kaupp

The slogan apparently adopted by a pen of 30 Rhode Island hens at the State College poultry plant, according to Dr. B. F. Kaupp who has just completed an experiment with artificial light extending over a period of one year.

Two flocks of thirty hens each were given the same amount of feedstuff and identical care and attention. One pen was lighted with a 120 watt electric light from sundown until about 9:30 p. m., or long enough to give the hens fifteen hours of light in which to work. The other pen was not lighted, the hens being kept under natural conditions.

The flock given fifteen hours of light, day and artificial laid 147 eggs per hen. The other flock averaged 110.

## HOUSE VOTES TO ALLOW PART PAYMENT TO ROADS

Action of Previous Day Rescinded, By Congress After Extended Debate

Washington, Feb. 8.—Brought up under a rule giving it privileged status, the Wadsworth bill authorizing partial payment to railroads under the guaranty section of the transportation act was passed today by the House.

The bill was defeated yesterday when voted on under suspension of rules, which required a two-thirds vote on passage. Some Democrats who led the fight against it then on the ground that effort was being made to rush it through turned about and supported it today after opportunity had been given for debate and amendment.

There was plenty of debate, but only one amendment, designed to protect the government against over-payment, was adopted.

Chairman Eeck of the interstate commerce committee, which reported the measure said legislation was needed because the treasury had refused to accept the ruling of the interstate commerce commission that about \$350,000,000 due the carriers should be paid now, as the law which he helped frame, stipulated.

By giving the roads the money due them, Representative Bayburn, Democrat, Texas, a member of the committee, declared they would be able to operate on a sane basis, free from entanglements with the government.

## HARDING BIDS FAREWELL TO HIS VACATION SHIP

Daytona, Fla., Feb. 8.—After a day's outing in Seabreeze and Daytona, President-Elect Harding returned to his stranded home boat Victoria in Mosquito Lagoon tonight to pack his baggage and to finally bid farewell to the vacation ship. All efforts to pull the Victoria out of the mud failed today, and Mr. Harding decided not to wait longer for her to resume her northward cruise. He expects to come ashore tomorrow morning and complete his trip up the coast to St. Augustine by train.

The President-elect's return to the house boat involved many difficulties, the party threading a narrow jungle trail and picking a precarious way along a rickety pier to board the Victoria. The trip furnished a familiar companion piece to Mr. Harding's experience last November when he attempted to leave Point Isabel, Texas, after similar bad luck had broken up his vacation there.

## FOUR KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING IN VIRGINIA

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 8. Four people were instantly killed early this morning at a grade crossing near Wellsville, Va., 25 miles west of here, when a Norfolk and Western passenger train struck an automobile in which they were riding. They were the only occupants of the machine.

The dead are: Mrs. Cole, 23; Ellis Cole, 17; and Mr. and Mrs. Hodges Jenkins, all of whom live near Crewe. Their bodies were badly mutilated by the impact, and the machine was totally wrecked. A freight train went bound, out of the view of the passenger, and while attempting to cross the tracks after the freight train had passed, they were struck by the passenger train.

South Carolina Beats Citadel.  
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 8.—The University at South Carolina basketball team defeated the Citadel, the military college of South Carolina, by a score of 28 to 22 here tonight.

## PREMIER DEFENDS COALITION RULE IN GREAT BRITAIN

Lloyd George Declares Political Unity More Important Than His Fortunes

## DESCRIBES WORLD AS REELING UNDER BLOW

Coalitionists Have Given Ireland Greater Measure of Home Rule Than Either Gladstone or Asquith, He Says; Condemns Irish For Refusal To Accept Offer

London, Feb. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—"We are engaged in a terrible task," said Premier Lloyd George in a speech today to the Welsh National Liberal Council, in which in impassioned words he defended the coalition government and pleaded ardently for a continuation of political unity.

"It is something more important than defending myself and my administration," he said, "that the need for unity had passed, and exclaimed: 'I wish to God everybody could, because it worries me; it fills me sometimes with dread.'

"If someone could tell me that the danger is past, someone with authority someone with vision, someone whose word we could take, I should be so glad that I would sign my resignation tomorrow."

A world reeling under the most terrible blows since the war was the way he described the situation of today; gigantic events were in the making, and old factional fights among the various parties should not be resurrected until the peril was over.

The premier's speech was in answer to recent vigorous attacks against the coalition and the breaking away of some of the important coalitionists who have decided that the time has come to stand for their own party.

Alluding to Ireland he said the coalitionists had given Ireland a greater measure of home rule than either Gladstone or Asquith had proposed.

"But," he added, "they say they won't take it. They must have an Irish republic; an Irish army, an Irish navy. They won't get it, and they don't get it, we are told, they will kill our policemen, our soldiers—not in open fighting, but hiding in homes, walking as respectable tenant farmers or swaggering along the road until they come to a hiding place, where they find rifles, passing perhaps the very policemen they are about to murder, as though they were innocent men.

"Are we to allow that sort of thing to be done without protecting the people we are sending there? (Cries of 'No!') There is no issue between us and our political opponents on home rule. We have gone one better than the Gladstonian home rule.

"There is an issue about setting up an independent country by our very gates—by the places where submarines are used to lurk and sink our ships and endanger our commerce and the life of the nation. There is an issue as to whether the policemen and soldiers who are there upholding the honor of our flag are to be shot down by men who lurk in houses. I know of no other issue."

## SENATE COMMITTEE NOT AGAINST CAPITAL SHIPS

Concludes From Testimony of Experts It Would Be Unwise To Have Recess

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Senate naval committee has concluded from testimony of naval experts that it would be unwise and inadvisable to stop work for six months on capital ships building for the navy while experts study the question of best types based on the lessons of the world war.

In response to Senator Borah's resolution of inquiry as to the advisability of such a move, the committee will report its conclusions to the Senate, probably tomorrow. Its report will be prepared by Senator Poindester, Republican, Washington, who was instructed to draft it after final committee action on the proposal today.

The committee acted in executive session, but so far as could be learned there was no division of opinion at least as expressed in the vote cast. Action was taken soon after members of the navy general board appeared to oppose the proposal. Previous to that the committee had heard Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral W. S. Sims, president of the Naval War College, at Newport, R. I., and Bradley A. Fiske, retired, former aide for operations.

The House naval committee continued today its study of the disarmament question, hearing Sir Philip Gibbs, British war correspondent, who said Great Britain would not enter a race with the United States for sea supremacy. England, he said, did not have the money and, he added, most Englishmen do not regard an American navy as a menace.

## SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY VOTES FOR A TARIFF

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 8.—At a called meeting here today of the executive committee of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina reported to be the oldest agricultural organization in the United States, a resolution was adopted asking the Senators from this State to vote in favor of the emergency tariff bill or any other legislation which would afford protection to American farm products at the present. The rice and peanut industries in this State were emphasized at the meeting as being especially hard-hit by Japanese competition. Unofficial reports made at the meeting also stated that many carloads of turnips and cabbage on South Carolina truck farms are rotting in the fields owing to a stagnated condition of the markets.

## ONE KILLED IN WRECK ON SEABOARD RAILROAD

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 8.—One man killed and eleven persons injured when Central of Georgia box cars ran into the rear coach of a Seaboard Air Line passenger train at the crossing of the two roads two miles west of Savannah tonight. The dead is R. L. Wilson, flagman on the Seaboard train. His home was at Darlington, S. C.

The injured, who have been taken to Savannah hospitals, are listed by railroad officials as follows:

B. Fellow, H. J. Paigett, C. M. Cooler, E. L. Bennett, J. J. Sims, C. Y. Butler, A. H. Shaffer, Sam Uman, J. M. Fowler, J. R. Russell and S. M. Gibson.

The extent of their injuries is not known at this time.

## SAYS MCADOO WILL TAKE OVER MEXICAN RAILROADS

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 8.—Former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo is in Mexico for the purpose of taking charge of the reorganization and reconstruction of the National railways of Mexico, according to an announcement today by Lio Antonio Campuzano, who represented the Mexican minister of communications at the convention of the Confederated Mexican Chambers of Commerce, which yesterday closed its sessions here.

Barratt Wendell Dies.  
Boston, Feb. 8.—Barratt Wendell, professor emeritus of Harvard University, where he had taught English literature for 37 years, died at his home here today. He was 66 years of age.

## RULES AGAINST SHIPPING LIQUOR THROUGH AMERICA

Washington, Feb. 8.—Transshipment of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes from one foreign country to another through the United States is prohibited by the National prohibition act, according to an opinion of Acting Attorney General Nebeker, made public today.

## REVALUATION ACT SUSTAINS SECOND FARMERS' ATTACK

Four-Hour Barrage of Resolutions and Speeches Before Committee

WANT 50 P. C. REDUCTION OF VALUES IN COUNTRY

Biggest Delegation Before Legislative Committee in Recent Years Crowds Senate Chamber; Bailey Declares North Carolina Among Poorest States in the Union

## REGRET APOLOGY MADE TO GERMANY

American Legion Executive Bergdoll Incident

Washington, Feb. 8.—Regret that the American government saw fit to apologize to the Berlin government for the attempt of Americans to capture Grover C. Bergdoll, wealthy American draft evader, was expressed in a resolution adopted today by the executive committee of the American Legion in session here.

The resolution offered by Thomas W. Miller of Delaware, and ordered sent to members of Congress, approved the proposed Congressional investigation of the circumstances surrounding Bergdoll's escape from custody.

Efforts to put the legion on record as opposing the non-Partisan League were made by members from Oklahoma and other states where the league is active, but after considerable debate various resolutions were voted down and tabled. The committee then voted unanimously to uphold F. W. Galbraith, National commander, in his stand against State commanders of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma that the Legion itself should take no active part against the league as an organization.

Correspondence with respect to the non-Partisan League question which began with an appeal from the Ballou, Kansas, Post, for support from the National committee in a fight against the league, was read. Other similar appeals had followed from Western and Southwestern posts and all were shown to have been given the same answer by the commander.

Speakers urging the Legion to go on record opposing the League declared that its leaders were disloyal and were using the league to cloak seditious activities. Opponents contended that such action would be considered by many farmers and other members of the league, who themselves were loyal, as indicating opposition of the legion to the economic and political policies of the league. All speakers agreed that the legion should not oppose the league's status as a political party.

Announcement was made at today's meeting that efforts would be made to have the Knights of Columbus remove certain conditions from their offer to the Legion of \$5,000,000 for construction of a war memorial in Washington. The committee last night voted to refuse the offer unless made unconditionally.

## TOO BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS TO HANG NEGRO

Baton Rouge, La., Feb. 8.—Because he was too busy with "criminal and civil matters," T. A. Grant, sheriff of Ouchita parish failed to hang Lonnie Eaton, negro of Ouchita, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged February 4.

The information that the sheriff had failed to hang Lonnie Eaton came to Governor Parker this morning in a letter from the sheriff, who said that he had been so busy on February 4, the date which the governor had set for the execution, that the fact that the negro was to be hanged "completely escaped his mind."

The sheriff now appeals to the governor to know just what to do with the negro, and the governor has put the problem up to Attorney General Cocco.

## GERMAN DELEGATES WILL ATTEND LONDON MEETING

Berlin, Feb. 8.—Dr. Walter Blumens, the foreign minister, today handed to the French Charge d'Affaires the following note announcing the German government's acceptance of the invitation to take part in the approaching conference in London on reparations:

"With reference to the conversations between the French ambassador and the German foreign minister, the German government accepts the invitation conveyed to it by the ambassador and will on March 1 send qualified delegates to London, provided negotiations are based on proposals which the German government reserves to itself the right to lay before the conference."

Brothers Play In Tournament.  
Cleveland, O., Feb. 8.—Francis and Edgar Appleby, of New York, brothers, met in the first of today's games in the National Amateur 18.5 ball links billiards tournament being held here, Francis winning by a score of 900 to 250. Francis had an average of 7-13-11 and high runs of 55, 45 and 46. Edgar's average was 5-34-43, with high runs of 55, 38, and 57.

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