



CARRY FIGHT FOR CREDIT FOR SOUTH TO THE PRESIDENT

Southern Senators Will Insist On Lower Rediscount Rates At Reserve Banks

INCREASE IN GOLD RESERVE POINTS WAY

Senator Smith Estimates Gain At Over Two Million Dollars; Democrats Complete Organization of Washington Headquarters; Navy Reduces Prices For Clothing

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Washington, April 17.—The fight of Senators from the agricultural states for more liberal credits and a lower rediscount rate at the Federal Reserve Banks will be taken direct to President Harding.

CONDITION OF SHAVER CONTINUES SERIOUS

High Point, April 17.—Henry Shaver, who was wounded when Dr. J. W. P. Cook, prominent Thomsville physician, killed Chief of Police Taylor in that city yesterday morning, was still in a serious condition tonight in a local hospital, where he was brought from the abdomen when he went to the assistance of the policeman.

Raleigh Possesses Youthful Musical Prodigy of Its Own

Ruth Ann Nowell, Age 5, Has Been Singing Faultless Alto Two Years

PLAYS ACCOMPANIMENTS FOR HER SELECTIONS

Since Age Of Three Years She Has Been Able To Repeat Selections Once Heard

Every now and then you folks read in the papers about some youthful prodigy who has been discovered in Spokane, or Chicago, or Miami, or somewhere or other on "tother side of Hillsboro," who can beat twenty-five gray-beards at chess simultaneously or add up a twelve point column of figures at a mere glance or play a concerto in X Major by instinct.

DEATH TOLL WILL REACH 100 LIVES

Loss To Property and Crops From Tornadoes and Storms Mounts Into Millions

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—That the death toll from tornadoes and heavy rain storms which swept over six Southern states late Friday and Saturday will reach 100 was indicated by reports from isolated sections tonight while the loss to property and crops will run into the millions.

Arkansas—Pike county 1 dead; 2 injured, four probably fatally. Yell county 1 dead, 10 injured, two probably fatally; Miller county 10 whites and 7 negroes dead, 22 seriously injured; Pope county 3 dead and a number seriously injured; Hempstead county 20 white persons and 8 negroes dead; 14 seriously injured, several fatally.

Alabama—Five dead at Cave Springs, near Tuscaloosa; five at Ralph, Tuscaloosa county; three at Sulligent, Lamar county and one in Dallas county. Torrential rains which followed the wind in all the states hit by tornadoes have delayed relief work and hindered the compiling of accurate list of casualties.

Mississippi—Five dead at Steen one at Sontag, one at Rural Hill and one in Railroad Wauhat near Mosell.

Texas—Avinger, 6; Atlanta, 1; Queen City, Cass county, 2; and several missing, and probably three near O'Farrell.

CONTROL PRICES BY DATA EXCHANGE, COMMISSION SAYS

"Open Price Associations" Charged With Helping To Maintain High Prices

Federal Trade Commission Recommends Legislation To Eliminate Unnecessary Brokerage Transactions and To Facilitate Distribution of Data

Washington, April 17.—Legislation to eliminate unnecessary brokerage transactions, to facilitate a wide distribution of information regarding market conditions and to strengthen the powers of the Federal Government in its price investigations is recommended by the Federal Trade Commission in a report on the general industrial situation.

"Open price associations," which operate within the law to keep their respective members advised confidentially of one another's price schedules, are accused by the commission of contributing to the maintenance of unduly high retail prices.

Shrinkage in Values Inevitable. "It should be said," the report concludes, "that following the disordered condition of the world's affairs, a shrinkage in values is inevitable and that normal conditions will be the most quickly restored if the producer, the laborer, the manufacturer, the jobber and the retailer will each share at once in the unavoidable loss, and further, that any effort by any element to place its share of the common loss on the shoulders of others, and particularly of the consumer, can but result in a continuation of the conditions under which the country is now suffering."

Declaring that the cost of commodities to the consumer has not, broadly speaking, been reduced in proper proportion to the decline in agricultural and other raw materials, the commission sets forth its belief that, "in general, it would appear that the movement toward the reduction of prices to the consumer is retarded chiefly at the retailing stage, and that relief at this point would be reflected back in increased production, which would reduce the production cost check upon the manufacturer and by increasing the demand for raw materials would react upon the producer."

Steady Market Prices. "One of the purposes of these associations," the report continues, "is to determine uniform cost accounting methods and to steady the market by furnishing the supply which it can readily absorb.

Order for Mobilization. My own apprehension that relations might be broken off induced me to take immediate steps to have the fleet in readiness. The navy department made complete plans for mobilization, and on April 27 I approved the order, and it was forthwith sent to every ship. It was accomplished by the mobilization

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How Close We Came to War in 1916, Is Told by Daniels

Cabinet feared war in April 1916—Navy was ready and under mobilization orders—Details of preparations for hostilities a year before war came and now told for the first time—President's Sussex note was ultimatum—Had Germany declined to abandon ruthless policy President was determined to sever relations—Daniels confident in crisis because of early plans made to have fleet ready for any emergency.

By JOSEPHUS DANIELS Former Secretary of the Navy

The Navy prepared for action in April, 1916, for war seemed almost as imminent then as it did the next year. When President Wilson sent his Sussex note to Germany, declaring that relations would be broken if ruthless submarine warfare was not stopped, we made all plans to mobilize the fleet.

The sinking of the Sussex was the biggest jolt which had come to the peaceful hopes of Washington since the sinking of the Lusitania. It so plainly disregarded the American position as defined in the President's Lusitania note that it could not be ignored. Either Germany must repudiate the Sussex incident as typical of a policy, or continued relations would be impossible.

It was about this time, I do not recall the exact date, when the president, after dwelling upon the extreme gravity of the situation, said to us solemnly: "I hope that those of us who believe in prayer, will ask divine guidance."

Wilson Reads Ultimatum. The Sussex was torpedoed on March 24. When all the facts were in the possession of the State department, and no satisfactory explanation had come from Berlin, the president called us together to read to us the ultimatum which he had prepared to serve upon Germany.

Rest Eases on U-Boat. When we listened to the reading of these words and realized what they meant and the tremendous possibilities they implied, everyone of us was profoundly moved, and there were some, of optimistic temperament, who hoped that this first threat of America's action would result in a complete abandonment of Germany's warfare on merchant shipping.

War Staved Off For Year. But this I want to emphasize—if Germany had declined to abandon the sort of warfare the Sussex sinking represented, President Wilson would have sent Berestorf home in the spring of 1916.

On March 13, 1915, the board, then headed by Admiral Dewey, furnished the desired plans. I sent them to each bureau chief

FORMER EMPEROR FOLLOWS BODY OF WIFE TO STATION

Striking Contrast Between Former Glory and Present State of Humiliation

ENTRUSTS COMPANION TO SONS AND FRIENDS

Funeral Procession Arrives At Little Dutch Town in Darkness; ex-Kaiser Leads Way To Cars, Becomes Dimly Visible For Moment To Crowds Then Returns To Seclusion

Doorn, April 17.—(By the Associated Press).—Never was contrast between former glory and present state of humiliation more accentuated than when Wilhelm the former German Emperor followed the body of his wife, Augusta Victoria, to the station at Maars, where he entrusted the faithful companion of his grandfather and his sorrow to his sons and friends to take back to the fatherland.

Funeral Party Arrives. The funeral procession arrived at the little station at Maars in darkness broken only by the light from lamps on the railway embankment.

Ready For Emergency. This, as the order itself indicates, was a strictly confidential communication. Congress alone has power to declare war, and no war order may be issued until it has given authority.

When all had collected around the coffin, Court Chaplain, Dr. Dryander, his voice vibrating with emotion delivered a brief oration. The coffin was then placed in the railway carriage, which Wilhelm, Frederick William and Princess Louise entered, remaining for a few moments. Then the former Emperor led the way to the cars in which the other members of the party were to sleep tonight and remain during their journey.

Affecting Memorial Service. A service in mourning for the former Emperor was held in Doorn Station this morning attended by all the members of the family, some of its most intimate friends and several officials of the Dutch government.

Well Known Farmer of Wake Commits Suicide. George W. Shearon, well known farmer of Wake county, ended his life with a shotgun at his home two miles northwest of Wake Forest Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

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