

CLAUDE KITCHIN SNUBS POSTMASTER GEN. BURLESON

Congressman Lets Cabinet Officer Cool His Heels in Lobby of House

THEN HE MAKES HIM COME TO HIS OFFICE

BURLESON SEEKS TO IMPRESS KITCHIN WITH REASONS WHY CONGRESS SHOULD PASS THE SHIP PURCHASE BILL—CONGRESSMEN DON'T LIKE BURLESON'S LOBBYING

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Albert Sidney Burleson, Postmaster General in President Wilson's cabinet, has been snubbed with neatness and dispatch by Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, the House leader-elect. Kitchin was the first man to show openly the extreme disapproval and resentment felt by the House Democrats generally toward Burleson's insistent efforts to dictate their vote upon measures before the "Party Boss of the House."

Burleson, since his appointment as Postmaster General, has divided his time between his office and lobbying about the House. He has worn a well beaten path between the White House, where he consults and advises with President Wilson regarding administrative measures before Congress, and the House of Representatives, where he buttholes members and tells them the way the President wants them to vote. Then he returns to the White House and advises President Wilson how many votes he may expect on a certain measure.

For a time after March 4, 1913, the plan worked well. The Democrats had just returned to power after 16 years and there was an all round feeling of party harmony, and desire in both the House and Senate to stand firmly by President Wilson even if they differed with his views. Then the Congressmen found that Burleson was not following their desires in regard to the appointment of postmasters and conduct of the postal business in their districts, but was exceedingly arbitrary and disregarding of their wishes.

Several Congressmen, whose anger Burleson has engendered, accuse him of acting contrary to their wishes in their districts, in an effort to compel them to vote the way he wanted them to. Naturally, it was but a short time before the Congressmen listened passively to Burleson's argument when he called on them in the House cloakroom, gave him little assurance, and voted with no regard for his wishes.

The continuance of Burleson's efforts to "boss" the House by innumerable visits to the lobby, and requests by mail that they call on him at his department where he would urge them to vote for or against this or that bill soon resulted in his advice being absolutely ignored. Many Congressmen openly refused his invitations and some avoiding visiting the department on postoffice business, but left the matter with their clerks, because every time they called to talk over postoffice matters Burleson would bring up legislative business and insist they vote this way or that.

"HOME-RUN" BAKER QUILTS BASEBALL

Athletic Third Baseman Will Devote His Time to His Farm

Philadelphia, Feb. 16.—Frank, "Home-Run," Baker, star third baseman of the Philadelphia American League club, has decided to retire from baseball and will not appear with the team next season, according to an announcement made here tonight by Manager Connie Mack, at the dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' Association.

SHIPPING BILL IS INDORSED BY THE LEGISLATURE

North Carolina General Assembly Goes to the Aid of Wilson

A BILL TO ANNEX LITTLE YADKIN

REPRESENTATIVE MICKLE INTRODUCES BILL TO ANNEX LITTLE YADKIN TOWNSHIP TO FORSYTH COUNTY—SENATOR WEAVER WITHDRAWS HIS CHILD LABOR BILL

Raleigh, Feb. 16.—The Senate and House both passed today a joint resolution endorsing the administration ship purchase bill pending in the United States Senate. Senator McMichael opposed it as a "slap in the face" for Congressman Kitchin, floor leader in the House, but Senator Ward, author of the bill, insisted that no reflection of Congressman Kitchin was intended, but that he and others in North Carolina had a right to differ with him on any measure.

Child Labor Bill Withdrawn Senator Weaver withdrew his child labor bill from the calendar where it was a special order for noon today. This was at the request of Governor Craig who believes that within the next few days there can be an agreement reached between the advocates of further child labor legislation and the manufacturers. Weaver and his supporters intend to stand out for mill inspection by the State.

The Snow and the Cooper bills for the election of members of the school boards in Wake and New Hanover counties by vote of the people in spite of the State policy of legislative appointment of such boards, were set as special orders for Friday.

The House took up at noon the Seawall bill for giving the State department of insurance power to raise or lower rates of fire insurance and generally revise the State insurance laws. (Continued on Page Seven)

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The Democrats opposing the resolution are Overman, Clark of Arkansas, Bryan, Shields, Tillman, Culberson, Bankhead, Hardwick, Hoke, Smith, Camden and Hittcock. All but Hittcock are Southerners.

DR. L. L. HOBBS HAS RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT OF GUILFORD

Greensboro, Feb. 16.—Dr. L. L. Hobbs has resigned as president of Guilford College and will be succeeded by Dr. Thomas Newlin, now president of Whittier College, Pasadena, Cal., who was sometime dean of Guilford College. This news leaked out here today, though the resignation of Dr. Hobbs was acted upon several days ago by the trustees and his successor then elected. Dr. Newlin will assume his new position with the opening of the next college year.

WANT THE WORK ON N. CHERRY STREET STARTED AT ONCE

However, Will Have to Await Erection of Bridge Over Railroad

WIRING ORDINANCE WAS ALSO PASSED

CONTRACT FOR WORK ON NORTH CHERRY STREET WAS ORDERED SEVERAL YEARS AGO BUT ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF IT WAS COMPLETED AT THE TIME—MATTERS ACTED UPON

Many citizens residing on North Cherry street with Hon. A. J. Eller as spokesman appeared before the Board of Aldermen and asked the board to complete the permanent paving of that street as soon as possible. The original contract called for the paving of the street to Peter's Creek but only about two-thirds of the work was completed.

Mr. Eller stated that all signed the petition asking for the permanent work on the entire street to Peter's Creek, and that they desired the work done. Mayor Eaton in answering Mr. Eller stated that the board has decided to proceed under the State law in securing the bridge over the Southern Railway tracks and that just as soon as the bridge can be secured that the city will proceed with the work.

The work was ordered done when the other permanent street paving work was ordered.

NEW FILTERS

Determining that some new filters must be installed at the Salem pumping station before summer if the best results are to be obtained, Alderman Fred Fogle was asked to continue his negotiations with Mr. Wiley to determine upon some definite plan to purchase.

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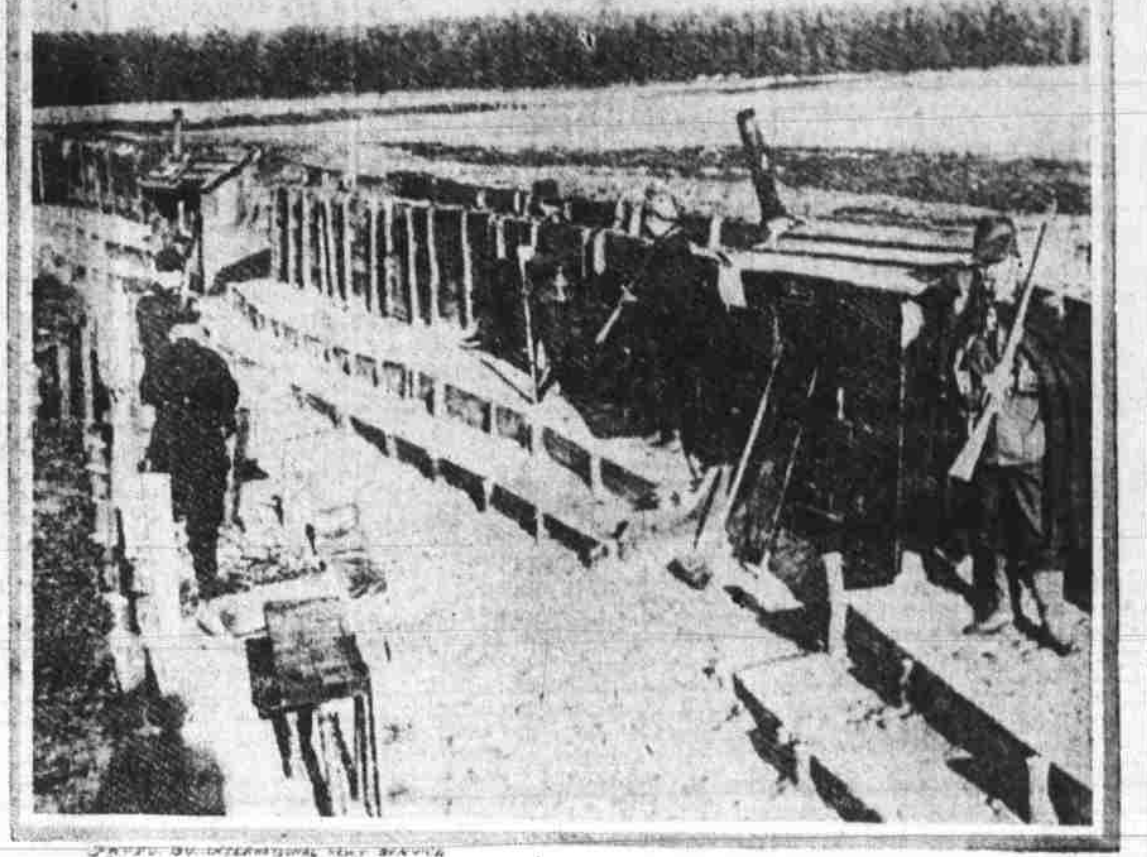
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ENGLAND SEEMS DETERMINED TO INSIST UPON HER RIGHT TO STARVE THE PEOPLE OF GERMANY; GREECE AND TURKEY AT PARTING OF THE WAYS

Section of German Trenches in Russian Poland



This glimpse of a section of the line of German trenches thrown across Russian Poland by Von Hindenburg's army depicts how war today has lost the glamor and dash of former conflicts. No flaunting banners wave in the breezes, indeed, the main requirement in the trench is that it be as nearly invisible as possible. The Germans have reinforced the sidewalks of the trench with planks. For hundreds of miles in the eastern and western theaters of war the ground is furrowed with these strongholds, some built even more elaborately.

OVER 3,000 HEAR DR. JOHN R. MOTT IN CHARLOTTE

He Speaks to Great Convention of Laymen in Session There

Charlotte, Feb. 16.—Dr. John R. Mott who has just returned from a visit to the battlefields of Europe spoke to over three thousand people in the auditorium tonight on "The Message of the Hour." So many were turned away that an overflow meeting was held in the First Presbyterian church where he also spoke.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS

With this peep of victory from 2,900 delegates and as many more non-delegates; with the band from the Southwestern University of Clarksville, Tenn., playing "Onward Christian Soldiers," in the street immediately in front of the big auditorium, the convention hall, with scores of banners fluttering in convention hall bearing their messages from "the front;" with hundreds of lights flashing from walls and ceiling, and with an atmosphere at once inspiring and beautiful in its spirit of brotherhood, and oneness of heart and purpose, the fourth general convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Presbyterian church in the United States, was opened this morning at 11 o'clock, the scene being notably inspiring and without precedent in the history of Charlotte.

As the immense audience rose to its feet to sing the great hymn of the church, "Come Thou, Almighty King," Dr. J. N. Mills of Washington

Coming back to the program for the morning, Dr. McCallie's talk being a clever and needed interpolation, Chairman Rowland requested the convention to unite in responsive Scripture reading, and following this was an earnest fervid prayer by Rev. Dr. D. H. Moxton of the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Dr. J. H. Mills, minister, layman, traveler, gave the convention a wonderful and fascinating picture of "A Tourist's View of Missions." "I am simply a traveler," said Dr. Mills, in introducing his talk, "not a missionary. I spent several years in touring, and studying the work in the foreign fields, at my own expense. We have all heard of foreign missions through missionaries, and preachers, but seldom from tourists."

EARTH SHOCKS AGAIN SCARE THE PEOPLE OF CENTRAL ITALY

Rome, Feb. 16.—Another earthquake in the province Aquila today damaged many houses, making a number of these dangerous for habitation. The population was greatly alarmed, and has even abandoned the undamaged houses, fearing another catastrophe.

HOUSE PASSES SHIP BILL BY OVERWHELMING VOTE; WILSON SURE OF SUCCESS

SHIP BILL PASSES HOUSE 215 TO 121

Washington, Feb. 17.—The government ship purchase bill, as an amendment to the weeks naval auxiliary bill, was passed by the House at 1:20 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, by vote of 215 to 121. The passage bill came after fourteen hours of parliamentary struggle.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Democratic leaders in both houses of Congress are agreed tonight that the government ship purchase bill will either be before President Wilson for his signature within a few days or dead so far as this session is concerned.

The majority leaders spoke confidently today of the prospect of victory. President Wilson, after a conference with Senator Kern, told callers the bill would be passed.

On both sides of the Capitol, belief is current that if the present plans of the Senate fail, the ship bill will be abandoned and all efforts will be centered upon disposing of the appropriation bills and make unnecessary an extra session.

TAR HEEL CONGRESSMEN DEFEND SHIP PURCHASE MEASURE; WEBB ANSWERS A QUESTION

(By George H. Manning.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Representatives Webb, Poin and Small spoke in the House today in favor of the administration ship purchase bill. Representative Webb made the opening speech for the bill and consumed more time than any other speaker.

The principle objection to the Gore bill, he said, was that it was permanent and not temporary. Yet the present House disposition, he said, provided that two years after the war the Gore bill should be supplemented by the Weeks bill. What more could the Republicans ask? Representative Campbell drew a hot reply, when he asked the following question: "Has the gentleman from North Carolina observed in the press that some proposed builders who had contemplated giving orders for four ships have cancelled these orders pending the legislation now under contemplation?"

Greek Minister Leaves Constantinople—England Won't Hear to Germany's Offer, But Will Blockade Ports

GERMANS PRESS YET FARTHEREAST

Russians are Being Driven Back All Along Line in Poland and in East Prussia—They Hold the Carpathian Pass

BRITISH AND FRENCH AIRCRAFT MAKE RAID

London, Feb. 16.—Forty British and French aeroplanes and seaplanes today attacked the German positions at Ostend, Middelkerke, Chistelre and Zebrugge in Belgium, and, according to the official report, the results were good. Bombs were dropped on gull positions, trawlers, barges and also on an aerodrome.

London, Feb. 16.—Diplomatic questions, centering around Germany's declaration of war zone waters around the British Isles and Great Britain's attitude on foodstuffs for Germany, for the time are arousing more interest than the fighting in the European conflict.

Important Military Movements Military movements, however, of first importance are taking place, especially in the east. The German offensive, strongly supported by fresh troops, is being pushed with great vigor, both along the East Prussian frontier, in Poland and north on the lower Vistula. The Russians have evacuated East Prussia, except for a small area near Lyck and they also are apparently falling back in North Poland, for the Germans today announced the occupation of Plock, Bialsk, which the Russians re-captured from them recently.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN DEEP SNOW

Heavy fighting continues in the Carpathians and Bukovina. In Bukovina, the Russians are also falling back, but continue to hold the Carpathian pass farther west. Here, the armies are fighting in deep snow and both the Austro-Germans and Russians are suffering severely.

Military observers believe the large number of troops the Germans are using in the east will prevent for some time any German attempt to break the western deadlock. The Paris official communication tonight says that nearly two miles of German trenches have been taken in Champagne.

GREECE MAY FIGHT TURKEY

The relations between Greece and Turkey are apparently becoming more strained. Although Turkey has offered reparations for the insult of the Greek military attaché at Constantinople, it is reported that the Greek minister has left the legation in charge of his secretary. The Turkish minister has also left Athens.

STILL FRICTION WITH CARRANZA

Diplomats Are Advised to Leave Mexico for Vera Cruz

Washington, Feb. 16.—Further indications of friction between the Carranza officials and the diplomats in Mexico City were contained in the official advice today to the State Department. At Vera Cruz, the seat of the Carranza government, several newspapers are said to have printed articles intimating that diplomats should transfer their activities to Vera Cruz, or leave Mexico.