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U.S. REGARDS GERMAN REPARATIONS SITUATION AS VERY SERIOUS

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FINISHED UP BUSINESS AT NOON TODAY

ATTENDANCE AT FINAL SESSION WAS VERY SMALL

Forest City Offers Convention \$50,000 For a Home For Motherless Children

Rev. J. M. Arnett Reported That 77 Individuals Receiving Aid Through Ministerial Fund; Biblical Recorder Editor To Use Waste Basket More Often Hereafter

After a touching memorial service in which the convention stood with bowed heads as Dr. W. R. Cullom, of Wake Forest, read the long list of those who have passed over during the past year, the ninety-second annual convention of North Carolina Baptists adjourned this noon to meet in Gastonia one year hence.

The morning session was given over to the discussion of secondary schools, and the transaction of the final details of the convention.

By a rising vote the Baptists expressed their appreciation of the splendid hospitality tendered them by Salem Baptist church, the members of all other churches, the citizenship in general, the newspapers of Winston-Salem, the state press and the Winston-Salem Kiwanis club. The resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh.

C. W. Mitchell, Jr., of Aulander, and J. F. Fleetwood, of Hertford, were elected to fill vacancies on the board of trustees of Chowan College. President Vann, of the college, told the members of the institution, and of improvements that have been made during the year.

The convention appointed Dr. W. L. Potat, Dr. Livingston Johnson, and Hon. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, as a special committee to refer to the state legislature to adopt more stringent prohibition laws.

Rev. E. K. Jester, J. A. Campbell, G. A. Martin, R. L. Moore and W. R. Cullom were appointed to confer with the board of education with reference to granting enlarged assistance to the high schools and academies.

BITTER ATTACK MADE ON SHIPPING BILL BY SENATOR LA FOLLETTE

SAYS IT IS WORST BILL EVER BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS

Severely Criticizes President For Pushing It, When He Knows People Oppose It

Washington, Dec. 14.—Opening the attack of the progressive bloc against the administration shipping bill, Senator LaFollette, Republican, of Wisconsin, declared in the senate today that the "measure is contrary to the expressed will of the American people and that the action of the president and his sponsors in attempting to force its passage at this time is an open challenge to the people and a violation of the trust reposed by the people in their delegated representatives."

The Wisconsin senator denounced the bill in bitter terms, criticized the president and Chairman Lasker, of the shipping board, in sharp language regarding the message to congress urging enactment of the legislation, and charged Mr. Lasker with having "made a highly improper proposal" in order to obtain the support of organized labor.

"I don't believe a worse bill than this ever came before the senate of the United States for its consideration," he asserted. "It represents a policy that has been repeatedly rejected by the people of this country. Public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed to it today."

"It simply means turning over the people's property to favored interests for a few cents on the dollar and a tax of millions of dollars levied annually in order to pay a subsidy to those who take the ships practically as a gift. It means millions of dollars in taxes in refund to the shipping interests. It does not even promise, much less guarantee, cheaper rates for ocean commerce. It proposes to destroy our army and navy by turning this great agency of potential defense over to private ownership. It does not guarantee the building of a single new ship or the maintenance of those we have. It is wholly bad and the attempt to force it upon the American people cannot be too strongly condemned."

The senator enumerated a long list of farmer and labor organizations opposed to the bill and declared he was prepared to make the statement that three-fourths of the American people had signed a record as opposed to a ship subsidy and more particularly to the terms of this bill. He added that Chairman Lasker sought a conference with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and made a highly improper proposal to a group of labor officials that they disregard the will and interests of their membership and support the pending bill.

"Let it be said to the everlasting credit of the representatives of the working men of this country that they spurned this bare-faced proposal," he added. "Chairman Lasker found he could not buy American labor. The Wisconsin senator, in concluding, took up the bill sections by sections, criticizing its provisions and pointing out what he contended were dangers in it."

KELLER DEFIES COMMITTEE BY FAILING SHOW UP

Daugherty's Accuser Declares He Has No Chance Before The House Committee

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Kellar, of Minnesota, failed to appear today before the House Judiciary Committee in response to the summons served on him late yesterday after he had refused to participate further in the presentation of his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

James A. Vahey, an attorney of Boston, handed to Chairman Volstead a letter from Attorney Jackson H. Ralston announcing that Mr. Ralston had been retained as counsel by Mr. Kellar and asking a postponement of further proceedings until tomorrow.

Chairman Volstead said the letter gave no excuse for non-appearance and directed the sergeant-at-arms to call Mr. Kellar's name three times. This was done but without response and there followed a discussion as to what should be done.

Representative Graham, of Pennsylvania, ranking Republican of the committee, asked that it report to the House with recommendation for action against Mr. Kellar for contempt. Other members, however, suggested that the postponement be granted and Mr. Graham said he would not press his motion.

At Representative Kellar's office afterward it was stated he decided definitely not to respond to a subpoena served upon his late yesterday, after he had dramatically announced his withdrawal from further participation before this committee.

Whether the committee will undertake to compel his presence or take him before the bar of the Senate for contempt was not decided at the time of adjournment when he was granted the postponement asked for.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Characterizing the proceedings before the House Judiciary committee as a "barefaced attempt to whitewash Harry M. Daugherty," Representative Kellar, of Minnesota, has refused further to assist in the presentation before that committee of the impeachment charges against the attorney general.

AMERICA'S "EYES" AT LAUSANNE



Seated, Left to Right: Admiral Bristol, Ambassador Child (to Italy), Minister Grew (to Switzerland), Standing: Lieutenant Wheeler, Mr. Heck, Mr. Amory, Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Bell.

The influence of the United States is expected to be a determining factor in the final decisions of the delegates meeting at the Lausanne Near East peace parity. The not officially represented at the deliberations, the American observers, led by Ambassador Child and Minister Grew carry considerable weight among the delegates and already have caused a split between the Russian and Turkish delegations by their insistence on the freedom of the Dardanelles.

Gov. MORRISON RINGS CLEAR ON STATE'S POWERS

Still Believes Each State Can Take Care Of Its Lawless Elements

White Sulphur Springs, Va., Dec. 15.—State executive, attending the fourteenth annual conference of governors, were turned from their conference discussions today to consideration of coal-mining following the first flurry of debate which had marked the sessions.

Prohibition and the ku klux were two questions which brought a clash of views when the meeting was thrown open to debate shortly before midnight after an address by Governor O'Leit, of Oregon, in which he assailed the klan as a national menace.

Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, taking the floor, declared he opposed introduction into the conference of either the klan or prohibition questions, which previously had been brought up by Governor Parker, of Louisiana, in an address in which he declared prohibition was almost a farce and that the klan should be curbed by federal legislation.

NEW BERN'S MAYOR THANKS SENTINEL AND ALL WHO AIDED IN THE RELIEF FUND

The Sentinel has received the following expression of appreciation from Mayor Edward Clark, of New Bern, to this publication and the people of Winston-Salem, for their effort, thru The Sentinel Relief Fund, for the relief of the fire-stricken people of his community.

Without your aid the task would have exceeded our ability to have fully accomplished the stupendous work confronting us in alleviating the suffering in our midst. Your generous contributions and the magnificent spirit which you have shown has incurred a debt of gratitude and appreciation of our entire citizenship that will last for all time to come.

Feeling deeply grateful in terms of unmeasured gratitude for your aid, loyalty and patriotism I have the honor to be, sincerely yours, EDWARD CLARK, Mayor.

CO-OP MARKETING DISCUSSED TODAY

Washington, Dec. 15.—Group meetings for the discussion of co-operative marketing problems by representatives of the various associations handling the same commodities, followed the first flurry of debate which had marked the sessions.

HARVEY CALLED TO WASHINGTON BY SEC. HUGHES

Presumed His Advice Is Needed On General Situation In Europe

Washington, Dec. 15.—The European reparations tangle, which is threatening a break between Great Britain and France, is understood to have been discussed by President Harding and his cabinet today at a meeting which lasted more than two hours.

One of the questions touched on in the cabinet discussion was said to have been the proposal to send International Harvester to Germany to stabilize her finances, reported in financial circles, to prevent her collapse. It was declared, however, that no complete proposal for such a loan had come to the attention of an international body to permit Germany to stabilize her finances, reported in financial circles, to prevent her collapse.

The president and his official family also had before him a picture of Germany's financial troubles as given by the German ambassador, Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt, in a long conference earlier in the day with Secretary Hughes, where it was understood that there had been no final decision as to the policy of this government toward the present difficulties. There were evidences, however, that the administration was preparing to send International Harvester to Germany to stabilize her finances, reported in financial circles, to prevent her collapse.

London, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press)—Ambassador Harvey has been called home for consultation. It was stated at the American embassy this afternoon.

He will sail on the Berengaria December 23. It was not accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, who will leave the preceding day for a visit to Madeira.

The nature of the consultation for which the ambassador was summoned was not known at the embassy, where it was said the meeting was calling him to America and it was for a "consultation." It is presumed the discussions with Secretary Hughes will cover the whole range of European affairs, reparations, allied debts and kindred subjects.

It had been stated in administration circles here that the Washington government regards the reparations difficulty as the "most acute" of all the problems today, and is anxious to afford any aid toward settlement. In view of these utterances the expectation is that the ambassador's visit will have a direct connection with that question.

7 Days Left for Christmas Shopping

BOLD BANDIT RAIDED FORD'S PLANT; GOT \$5,600

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Little progress was reported by Detroit and Highland Park police early today in their efforts to run down the bandit who terrorized 15 employees of a bank of the Ford Motor Company's plant yesterday, seized \$5,600 in currency of large denominations, fired a few shots from a sawed-off shot gun, and then called upon a Ford employe to help him out of the building.

DR. CLARK INAUGURATED AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Washington, Dec. 15.—Dr. Lucius C. Clark, of this city, was inaugurated today as chancellor of the American University in the presence of educators representing colleges and universities in all sections of the country. The installation was conducted by Bishop William Frazer McDowell, president of the board of education of the archdiocese of Washington, and the president of the university, a Methodist Episcopal institution, is the "only exclusive graduate school in the country," the new chancellor expressed a hope for endowment to permit its expansion, saying "there is an unexplored opportunity and an opportunity upon the American University for undergraduate work."

RUSSIAN REFUGEES STILL ON THE VESSELS

Shanghai, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press)—The Russian refugee fleet of fourteen ships, loaded with the destitute remnants of the White guard forces at Vladivostok, which arrived here a few days ago out of fuel and provisions, still is lying at anchor in the river unable to proceed further and barred by Chinese from landing its human freight.

LABORITES FAILED IN EFFORT TO HOLD IT UNTIL RELIEF GIVEN TO THE UNEMPLOYED

London, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press)—The British parliament was prorogued today until February 3. The program for the adjournment went through without a hitch, despite the widely heralded efforts of a small body of the left wing Labor members to prevent the rising of the house of commons until a remedy was found for the unemployment situation.

GEORGIA MAN IS DEFYING KLUXERS

Winder, Ga., Dec. 15.—Resolutions branding charges of lawlessness in Barrow county as false were adopted at a law and order meeting held in the county courthouse here today. More than 300 persons attended the meeting.

ABANDONS PLANS

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Herald says today that the Standard Oil company has abandoned its plans for developing the oil resources of Czechoslovakia, according to reports.