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PRICE TWO CENTS

A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE THE BRITISH PREMIER

Three Women and a Man Arrested at Derby Charged With Conspiring.

THOUGHT THEY INTENDED TO POISON THE PREMIER

Three Suffragists and a Man Conscientiously Opposed to War Being Held.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Lloyd-George, the English Premier, is reported by the Daily Sketch, which says the arrest of three suffragists and a man opposed to military service has been made.

Three Women and a Man. Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters, and the husband of one of the daughters, Albert Mason, were today charged at the Guild Hall with conspiring to murder Lloyd-George, the English Premier and Sir Arthur Henderson, of the House of Commons and a member of the war board.

After formal evidence had been submitted concerning the charge on which the arrest was made the case was postponed till Saturday. On being arrested the defendants denied all knowledge of the charge and declined to make a statement.

Unearthing a Deep Plot.

London, Jan. 31.—In the story on the conspiracy the Daily Sketch says that the persons charged with the crime are three women and a man, and the evidence is at hand to show that a remarkable plot conspiracy is to be charged, the paper saying that the morning papers all carry the story of the plot.

The Daily Sketch says: "The police have unearthed what is believed to be a plot to murder the premier with the result that Mrs. Wheelton, of Derby, Miss Hettie Wheelton, her daughter, Mrs. Mason, another daughter and the latter's husband, Alfred Mason, have been arrested and taken to police headquarters and formally charged with conspiring to murder Lloyd-George. They will be taken before a magistrate today and only formal evidence be submitted, but later the charge will be given a thorough investigation.

The details are not known yet, but it is understood that the conspiracy intended that the Premier should be put to death by poison.

Wheelton Case Set for Saturday.

Derby, England, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Albert George Mason, were charged at Guild Hall here today with conspiring to murder Lloyd and Arthur Henderson, of the House and War Council.

After formal evidence concerning the arrest had been given the case was adjourned until Saturday.

On being arrested the defendant denied all knowledge of the charge and declined to make a statement.

No details were disclosed in police court proceedings but it is understood the charge will be made that the defendant purposed to use poison. The inquiry by Scotland Yard began during the week end.

MEXICAN DELEGATES

Representatives to the Constitutional Assembly Complete Labors After Two Months and Place Signatures to Important Document. (By Associated Press.)

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 31.—The delegates to the constitutional assembly which concluded its labors last night assembled at 11 o'clock this morning and signed a constitution on which they had been working for two months. The ceremony was attended by great enthusiasm.

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR NAVY INCREASE.

According to the \$351,000,000 naval bill completed yesterday the committee authorizes the construction in 1918 of the following warships: 42,000-ton battleships. One battle cruiser. Three scout cruisers. Fifteen destroyers. One destroyer tender. One submarine tender. Eighteen 800-ton submarines.

Completion of this program, according to naval experts, will put the United States in second place relatively among the naval powers of the world. Great Britain alone exceeds in naval strength and Germany following with France, Japan, Russia, Italy, and Austria-Hungary in succeeding order.

Mayor Woodson to Be Candidate

The municipal election is drawing near, will be held the first of May, the primaries for the nomination of candidates for mayor and eight members of the board of aldermen will be held in April, the exact time being only about six weeks off, and the citizens are beginning to discuss the question, and a Post representative inquired of Mayor Woodson this morning as to whether or not he would offer for a third term and he stated that he would be a candidate for nomination and re-election.

Mayor Woodson is now rounding out his second term, four years, as chief executive of Salisbury. Several important changes have taken place in city affairs during his administration: The city limits have been extended; several thousand people have been added to the city's population as a result of this; the territory has been greatly enlarged and the taxable value of property in the city has been greatly increased. A \$200,000 bond issue was carried for schools, a modern water system, streets and sewerage.

Mayor Woodson took a leading part in these matters and feels a pride in them, and the improvements in the building of new schools, the water system and extension of sewers and water mains, lighting system and paved streets is now in progress and well under way. Having taken the initiative in these matters, all of which are for the betterment of a bigger and greater Salisbury, Mayor Woodson naturally desires to see them through and complete; under his administration, and it is for these reasons that he will again seek election as mayor of the city.

There is another matter that will come up within the year and that is the question of the form of city government to be adopted by the citizens. By an act of the legislature this city, as well as others, will likely vote in September on the adoption of its future form of government—aldermanic or commission—and there is a probability that the commission form may be approved by the voters.



In this event the term of office of the mayor and board to be chosen in May would expire one year from the date of election, and the new form become operative. Should Mayor Woodson be chosen to succeed himself in May and the commission form carry he would have then served the city as mayor five years. The additional year to the four already served would suffice to complete improvements now under way and close up the work he had in mind and at heart when he first aspired to the office of chief executive of the city. Should the commission form not prevail he would serve a full two year term and thus still complete the work mapped out and now under way.

It is known that several members of the present board of aldermen will again be before the people for endorsement, but as to the board as a whole the matter of their running is not known. In fact none have as yet been questioned by the Post as to this.

COMPLEX SITUATION IN TWO COUNTIES

Eight Mile Long Lake Made by Big Dam at Badin Will Close Number River Crossings.

A JOINT MEETING OF TWO COUNTY BOARDS IS HELD

Some Want Crossing Just Below Dam, Others Object to This and Matter May Go to Courts.

(Special to the Post.)

Albemarle, Jan. 30.—Quite an interesting meeting held here today was a joint session of the Board of Commissioners of Stanly and Montgomery counties for the purpose of considering the question of a crossing on the Yadkin river which runs between the two counties.

The aluminum company building the big dam at Badin will have a lake seven or eight miles long and this lake will shut off several crossings now in use, especially at Pennington's Ferry. The facts brought out at the meeting today seems to be the aluminum company desires to change the crossing from Pennington's Ferry to Stokes' Ferry, which is about eight miles above. This would, as many think bottle up more or less the residents in both counties residing between Stokes' Ferry and Lowry's Ferry, and the space of 12 to 15 miles along the Stanly and Montgomery borders would be shut off from a crossing.

The Montgomery people want the bridge built just below the dam at Badin rather than at Stokes' Ferry, and they are up in arms at the idea of anything to the contrary.

A large delegation from Montgomery was here today, consisting of some of the leading citizens, and they made no hesitancy in saying that rather than have the crossing changed to Stokes' Ferry they will take the matter in court.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery county, N. M. Thayer, said at least 75 per cent of the Montgomery people were against the Stokes' Ferry crossing and this statement was concurred in by Hon. Charles Armstrong of Troy.

There are also many people here who think the crossing at Stokes' Ferry would work great hurt to Albemarle and this section of the entire country, and there will possibly be interesting developments in the near future. It is said the Aluminum company at Badin favor the Stokes' crossing rather than the crossing just below the dam and herein will develop the fun doubtless in the near future. A committee was named by the joint board consisting of six leading citizens both counties, three from

\$10,000 SUIT FILED AGAINST SPARKS

Winston-Salem Man Seeking Large Damages for Injuries Alleged Sustained in 1915.

CLAIMS HE FELL FROM TOP OF RAILROAD CAR

Papers Have Been Filed in Forsyth Superior Court and Summons Served on Mr. Sparks

The following interesting item is taken from the Winston-Salem Journal:

Attorney W. J. Swain will file the complaint in a few days of a \$10,000 damage suit against the Sparks' World Famous Shows. The suit is for the recovery of this amount for W. W. Potest, by his next friend, Willie Craddock.

Mr. Swain stated yesterday that the complaint would be filed, probably next week and that it was for alleged serious and permanent injuries, which the plaintiff is alleged to have received while traveling with the defendant show in 1915.

It is alleged that the plaintiff, who is a minor, was a member of the show troupe at the time of the accident and that, while riding on a flat car, claiming that the show offered no place to sleep, that he was thrown from the train, while it was in motion near a granite quarry, near Greensboro and sustained a broken leg, a bruised arm and internal injuries.

The plaintiff is from Mount Airy, but is at present making his home in this city.

Summonses have been served on defendant company but the date of the trial cannot be ascertained as the Superior Court docket is crowded it is understood.

Summons in the above case was served on Manager Chas. Sparks of the Sparks circus, the headquarters of which are in Salisbury, yesterday. It is said the civil docket of Forsyth Superior court is pretty well crowded and it is not known when the case will come up.

Let another year pass with the decrease in crime continuing as it has during the last 12 months and there will be almost enough cells to supply private quarters for each criminal," said Warden Murphy last night.

each, and this committee will investigate the situation and report back soon to another joint meeting of the two boards.

"DAYLIGHT SAVING" RECEIVES ATTENTION

Congress May Be Asked to Officially Authorize Setting All Clocks Ahead One Hour.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND MR. TAFT ARE SPEAKERS

National Defense, Foreign Relations and Preparation for Business After War are Topics.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—Congressional action to authorize the setting of all clocks one hour ahead was recommended to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States today at the opening of the fifth annual meeting by a committee on "daylight saving." As an alternative the committee suggested the plan between April 1st and December 1st. Eight hundred national and local commercial organizations were represented.

The railroad situation is the topic of tonight's session and the result of the referendum of members on railroad strike prevention and other labor problems will be announced.

National defense, foreign relations and preparations for business after the war will be considered later in the week and President Wilson and former President Taft are speakers on the program for the concluding dinner Friday night.

HORNE BILL KILLED IN THE SENATE

Would Give Right of Appeal in All Cases Decided Adversely by the Corporation Com.

DECLARED ITS PASSAGE RESULT DISASTROUSLY

Vote Was 95 to 7—Amendment to Usury Law Killed on Second Reading.

(Special to the Post.)

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—By a vote of 95 to 7 the House today killed the bill introduced by Representative Horne of Anson giving people the right of appeal in all cases decided adversely by the Corporation Commission. The House debated the measure as if it were the most important one offered during the session. Lawyers almost exclusively discussed it but Representative Page fought it as a layman. All declared its passage would wreck the commission's usefulness and so crowd the courts with petty litigations as to make impossible the dispatch of legal business.

In the Senate the bill introduced by Representative Clark of Pitt, a nephew of the Chief Justice, amending the usury law, was killed on its second reading by a vote of 32 to 13.

Jones of Eufaula championed the bill. He quoted dissenting opinion of Supreme court showing the need therefore and saying it was the purpose of the bill to put the poor man who mortgages his home for security for debt on the same footing as other borrowers.

Harding of Pitt reviewed the case of Corey against Hooper in which the dissenting opinion was filed as brief for the bill. This case was decided on equity and not under usury law, he said.

Person, Franklin, said he would not vote to make a dissenting opinion of the Supreme court the law of the land. He disliked the bill, especially on its paternity.

A "BONE DRY" BILL FOR ALASKA IS PASSED

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Senate today passed the Jones "bone dry" bill to make Alaska prohibition territory.

The bill would prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor in the territory and transportation thereto also. It now goes to the House.

A SEVERE COLD WAVE.

Washington, Jan. 31.—A cold wave, severe and prolonged in most sections, will spread the Southern and Eastern States by Thursday night or Friday, the Weather Bureau announced in a special bulletin today.

The cold wave is expected to reach the Middle West and Southwest tonight and Thursday.

HUTTEN EVIDENCE BARREN OF RESULT

George Ellis Who Wrote Warning Telegram Regarding Peace Note is to be Summoned.

CONNELLY DENIES THAT BOLLING GAVE A TIP

Customers of Hutton Company Had an Hour's Leeway in Which to Get Busy.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 31.—Further examination today of E. F. Hutton was a bare result as far as showing the origin of the information on which E. F. Hutton & Company warned its customers that the Wilson peace note was to be issued. The congressional leak investigation committee then decided to summon George Ellis, Jr., member of the firm who wrote the warning telegram. Ellis, according to Hutton, is ill in Georgia, but the committee decided that he must appear.

F. A. Connelly, head of the Washington firm which furnished Hutton the information, is expected to take the stand later today. Connelly on arrival from Washington denied that the information came through R. W. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law and a member of his brokerage firm. He said that it was gathered merely from general talk around Washington.

Hutton said today that although having information as to the President's note at least two hours before the market closed on December 20th no member of his firm had taken advantage of it. His customers had an hour's leeway to sell before the market closed. They were long in the aggregate about 340,000 shares. He was of the opinion that few heeded the warning but promised the committee to furnish the exact number of selling orders.

FULL RECOGNITION FOR MEXICO

Washington, Jan. 30.—Full diplomatic relations with Mexico are to be resumed immediately in an effort by the United States to solve through formal channels the troublesome questions pending with the Carranza de facto Government, and for its moral effect in aiding Carranza to restore order and set up constitutional Government. It was announced after today's Cabinet meeting that Henry P. Fletcher, confirmed as Ambassador to Mexico months ago, would leave for his post in a few days, accompanied by his Embassy staff.

There has been no American Ambassador at Mexico City since Henry Lane Wilson was recalled after the killing of Madero and Huerta's assumption of power, and formal diplomatic intercourse has not existed.

New Ground Has Been Gained Along the Kacoben Railroad Where They are Pushing.

1,150 MEN PRISONERS AND 12 MACHINE GUNS TAKEN

There Has Been Sharp Fighting on the Lorraine Frontier on the French Front.

(By Associated Press.)

The Russian offensive on the northern end of the Russian front has been resumed with some measure of success. New ground has been gained along the Kacoben railroad where the Russians are pushing westward.

Berlin today concedes the capture of a point of support in the vicinity of Vale Putna. This town is near the point of the junction of the boundaries of Bukovina, Transylvania and Moldavia. The previous advance here was effected by the Russians in a battle fought Saturday when the tenuous position on a front of two miles was pierced, according to Petrograd, and 1,150 men and 12 machine guns captured.

On the north end of the Russian front the Germans again took the offensive and stormed the Russian position on the east bank of the river An southwest of Riga, taking more than 900 prisoners and capturing 15 machine guns.

There has been sharp fighting on the Lorraine frontier on the French front. The French penetrated two lines of German trenches here, Paris reporting the routing of the French garrison and taking of prisoners. Berlin records this operation as French attack which was repulsed.

SERBIA SENDS MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES



L. Mihailovitch, who has just arrived in Washington as minister to the United States, has presented his credentials to Secretary Lansing. The only other Balkan state which sends a minister here is Bulgaria, whose minister has been here about two years.

since Huerta handed Charge Nelson O'Shaughnessy his passports April 23, 1914, upon the landing of American marines at Vera Cruz. Since the recognition of the de facto constitutional Government subordinate officials have been in charge of the Embassy.

Ambassador Fletcher will go by steamer from New York to Vera Cruz and from there to Queretaro or to Mexico City if by that time General Carranza has re-established his Capital there. He is expected to arrive at his post a few days after the last American soldier has crossed the border into the United States. Capt. Frank R. McCoy, of the Third Cavalry, has been detailed as military attaché of the Embassy.

Although no official notification of the intention of General Carranza has been received, it is taken for granted that he will at once send to Washington an accredited Ambassador, Eliseo Arredondo, now in Mexico on leave of absence, has been here as Ambassador designate for more than a year.

It was indicated that the sending of Ambassador Fletcher would be followed by an order for the return of many consuls to their posts. Consular representatives at all interior posts were withdrawn last Summer.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR S. S. WORKERS

Will Meet for Organization and Recitation Thursday Evening at 7:30 O'clock.

TEACHERS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

Registration Fee is Fifty Cents and May Be Paid to the Treasurer, Miss Vera Ruth.

The Training School for Sunday school workers will meet for organization and recitations at the court house at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. The work will begin as follows:

Primary Department—Mrs. T. E. Johnston, teacher.

Junior and Intermediate Department for Boys—Mr. E. M. Hoffman, teacher.

For Girls—Mrs. Frank R. Brown, teacher.

Adult Department—Mr. A. L. Smoot, teacher.

Officers Department—A. T. Allen, teacher.

Tre International Uniform Lessons—Dr. Florence E. Harsham, teacher.

Study of the Book of John—Rev. C. B. Heller, teacher.

It is very desirable that everybody interested in this school should be present for the organization meeting and to find out the general plan of the work. The registration fee is 50c. This can be paid to the Treasurer, Miss Vera Ruth, at Judge Carlton's office, at any time when convenient to her. She also will have the books and books may be purchased at the time of registration. Please do not forget the hour, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 1, 1917, at the court house.

THE ETERNAL HOG QUESTION UP AGAIN

A Delegation From Chestnut Hill Appeals to Aldermen to Outlaw Swine Family.

MINORS PROHIBITED FROM POOL ROOMS OF CITY

Committee to Go Before County Commissioners to Ask Help of Chain Gang on North Main.

There was a lengthy and important meeting of the board of aldermen at the city hall last night with Mayor Woodson presiding and various city officials being present in addition to the members of the board.

After the reading of the minutes of last meeting, which were approved, the board got down to real business.

Mr. B. R. Ketchie appeared before the board in behalf of some work on the street and sidewalk on North Shaver street, running in front of Park Avenue Methodist church and parsonage and a motion carried to do this work at once.

The report of the finance committee showed expenditures in all departments, including the several bond issues, from June 1st to January 1st, to have been \$84,478.65.

The reports of the various standing committees were received and accepted, including that of the city treasurer.

The bill of total cost of paving Council street district No. 1 was submitted by City Engineer Webb adopted and he was instructed to make calculation as to each property owners part of this expense.

Mrs. Linten, secretary of the associated charities, was vested with authority in the nature of an officer. This was done because in her official capacity as secretary to the charities board and having much of the work in hand frequently needed some authority in her work.

The matter of sand or white finish walls for the new school buildings and also several other matters in connection with material to be used in these houses was referred to the building committee to make report at a meeting to be held Thursday night.

Representatives from North Main street, near the new school building appeared in behalf of a wider street at the big fill and also sidewalks. The mayor stated that this was an urgent matter and that the county would be asked to assist in this work and a committee consisting of Aldermen Ludwick, Ruffy and Hennessee and any other members of the board was named to appear before the county commissioners Monday and asked the assistance of the chain gang in widening the big fill just north of Mr. C. M. Henderlite's.

A letter was read from Mayor Burton of Spencer asking that a committee be named to join a similar committee from the Spencer board to go before the county board asking cooperation in work on the highway connecting Salisbury and Spencer, and the above committee will constitute the Salisbury representatives.

A delegation of leading citizens from Chestnut Hill was before the board on the "hog question." They wanted the hog outlawed. This committee said it did not want to do any one an injustice and thought that before people began purchasing pigs was the time to act. They are connecting up with sewerage, live in a congested district and asked for relief. There was some discussion on the matter, and the sentiment seemed to be to give people in thickly settled districts relief, there is a well grounded belief that a specified distance in which a hog pen can be maintained to a residence, will be established. However, the matter went over until tomorrow night.

Salisbury banished the hogs years ago but when the limits were extended a year or more ago the new territory was not made forbidden ground for hogs.

Alderman Ludwick, stating that the matter had been overlooked when the policemen and fire station men's salaries were raised, made a motion to raise the salary of Mr. S. C. Miller, janitor at the city hall, and Sanitary Officer W. W. Poole \$10 each a month. This carried after being made applicable also to Superintendent of Cometeries M. A. Shank.

There was much discussion on lights, and the aldermen were almost a unit in asserting that the new lights being placed in the new territory should hang over the center of the street and not be suspended from a rod hung on a pole. The location of a number of new lights was also discussed and the whole matter finally went over until Thursday night.

A motion was made and carried to ask the Public Service Company to let passengers along the Chestnut Hill cemetery block off the car on the cemetery side instead of the street side as is now the custom.

It was voted to donate to the fair.

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