

BONAR-LAW REFUSES TO SERVE AS PREMIER

LLOYD GEORGE MAY BE MADE NEW PREMIER

Believed That the Task of Reorganizing the British Cabinet Will Fall Upon Him.

(By United Press)
LONDON.—That Andrew Bonar Law, the Unionist leader of the British cabinet, has definitely declined the offer from the King, made last night, that he form a new ministry, was authoritatively stated today.

Apparently Law's decision in declining to accept the premiership and form the new cabinet is construed to mean that Lloyd George will be called upon to perform the task. There seems to be little doubt but that the latter will accept and that he will be the next prime minister.

King Summons Lloyd George.
LONDON.—King George today summoned Lloyd George, whose resignation as minister of war forced a shake-up in the British cabinet, to the palace for a conference. Such summons at this time is looked upon here as an indication that Lloyd George will be offered the Premiership.

Lloyd George, early today, also conferred with Bonar Law, who refused to become premier.

Cabinet Members Summoned.
LONDON.—King George this afternoon summoned coalition cabinet members in council at the palace to discuss the situation.

RESOLUTIONS OF PEACE ARE INTRODUCED

Want House and Senate Committees to Confer so That the People May Know.

WASHINGTON.—Resolutions, calling for an immediate conference of the Senate committee on foreign relations and the House committee on foreign affairs with the President, to formulate plans to bring about peace negotiations among the warring nations of Europe were offered in the House today by Representative Lindenbergh.

The resolutions also provide that if it is impossible to obtain speedy action toward ending the war, the committees report back so that Congress may then proceed to regulate commerce and business.

"The people should not be forced under existing circumstances to contribute any longer to the expensive carrying on of the inhuman and senseless wars that are now raging," declares Lindenbergh.

Hero From Blounts Creek.
C. R. Gallagher and daughter and W. R. Gallagher and his daughter are in the city today from Blounts Creek.

THE LADIES AID SOCIETY

of the First Baptist Church will conduct a Christmas Fair in the Rodman building on West Main street beginning Thursday night at 8 o'clock and continuing through the week.

McADOO CRITICIZES EXPENDITURE FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WASHINGTON.—In his annual report to Congress, Secretary McAdoo criticizes the "pork" system and pleads for a more scientific, business-like method. His observations are based on a study of the public building question for the past three and a half years and experience gained in the administration of the law relative to the designing, construction and operation of public buildings through the supervising architects' office.

"I am convinced," he declares, "that the methods pursued by the Congress for the past 15 years of providing federal buildings through so-called omnibus public building bills have resulted in the construction of many public buildings in small towns and localities where they are not needed, and at a cost which is clearly unjustifiable by any actual requirements of the communities in which they are erected. The conclusion is irresistible that authorizations for public buildings in those small communities are too frequently dictated by local reasons and without regard to the best interests of the government.

"In the past two decades," he continues, "the Congress has authorized and appropriated approximately \$180,000,000 for public buildings and the major part of this great sum has been expended on costly structures in small localities where neither the government business nor the conveniences of the people justified their construction, and while the initial cost of these buildings represents a large waste of public funds, this is not the worst of it. The most serious aspect is this: the annual operation and maintenance of these buildings impose on the treasury a permanent and constantly increasing burden.

"There are now more than 1,000 federal buildings to be operated and maintained and this number is being increased at the rate of a new building every fourth day in the year. Meanwhile, the cities and larger towns have outgrown their government buildings and nearly every populous center in the United States is today acutely in need of additional space to meet the demands of greatly increased and constantly increasing government business.

To such an extent has the government business outgrown the old structures in the cities that the rentals for outside space now amount approximately to \$3,000,000 annually. This capitalized at three per cent represents \$100,000,000 and is doubtless the amount required to provide the facilities sorely needed for the prompt, efficient and economical conduct of the public business in the great centers and large cities of the country.

"Common sense and business judgment would seem to demand that structures for the transaction of the government business should be authorized only in localities where they are imperatively needed, and that buildings should not be erected where public necessity cannot be shown."

MACHINE GUNS AND SHELLS GO TO AMERICAN ARMY

EL PASO.—Thirteen motor trucks loaded with 3-inch shells, 23,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, 150 miles of ground wire for field telephones, machine guns and other military supplies, left for the American army field headquarters in Mexico yesterday, so army officers arriving here from Columbus, N. M., the field base, reported today.

There was unusual activity in both the Ordnance and Quartermaster Departments at the Columbus base, they said.

CONGRESS TO BE GOVERNED BY PRESIDENT

Mr. Wilson and Cabinet to Make Recommendations Regarding Food-Price Regulations.

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Action by Congress on any food-price regulation will await a recommendation from the President and his cabinet. Such recommendation will be based on reports, some of which Mr. Wilson has already been receiving for several days from various governmental departments that are conducting the investigations.

This plan, it is stated on the best of authority, has the approval of Congress and will get the full support of Democratic congressional leaders. They believe that they can take care of the food embargo agitators until a detailed plan has been decided upon.

WOMEN SPENT \$50,036.15

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The National Woman's Party expended \$50,036.15 during the campaign, according to a statement that was filed with the House today. They have a balance of \$1,000 to their credit of the amount which was collected. \$24,284 of the total sum was in amounts of \$100 or more.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN COMMUNITY TREE

Many Citizens Have Expressed their Willingness to Assist in the Work.

Continued and increased interest continues to be manifested in the Community Christmas tree project and a number of prominent residents of the city have expressed themselves as being ready and willing to do their part in making it a success.

While no location for the tree has been definitely decided upon, several places have been suggested and it is not believed that any difficulty will be encountered in this direction. H. R. Charles, superintendent of the light and water department, has already announced that he would be willing to provide the tree and light it. It is probable that a meeting will be called next week at which time it will be formally decided whether Washington is to have the tree or not.

AMUNDSEN BUYS FIFTY TONS OF FOOD FOR DASH

CHICAGO.—Fifty tons of food were purchased here today by Captain Roald Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, in preparation for his expedition to the North Pole. Provisions will be taken, he said, for a six-year stay in the North. The supplies include ten tons of canned meats and twenty tons of flour.

U. S. JUDGES LOSE RIGHT TO SUSPEND SENTENCE

WASHINGTON.—Federal Judges, the Supreme Court held today, do not possess inherent power exercised for a century without authority, to indefinitely suspend execution of criminal sentences imposed in their respective courts.

"Of course, there is a discretion lodged in every court," Chief Justice White said, "but that's a judicial discretion, a discretion to enforce the law—not to refuse to enforce it."

SIMMONS IS OPPOSED TO FOOD EMBARGO

Misses Small Arrive in Washington. Congressman Small Stated for Chairmanship.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Simmons said today that he is bitterly opposed to Congress passing a law putting an embargo on foodstuffs going to foreign countries. The senator thinks the farmers and other producers are not responsible for the present high cost of living and that they are entitled to get a fair price for what they have to sell.

Senator Simmons is strongly of the opinion that commission merchant, or some other "middleman" is more or less responsible for the high cost of living which so much interests the public at this time. He will vote against any plan to place an embargo on shipments from this country and is prepared to even filibuster in order to prevent such a law being passed.

Misses Mary Belle and Katherine Small, daughters of Representative Small, and Mrs. Small, reached Washington today and will remain until the latter part of the month.

Small for Chairmanship.

There is every indication now that Representative Small will become chairman of the rivers and harbors committee next December unless the Democrats fail to have a majority in that body. Every one here believes now that the Democrats will have control, and if this is true, there is no doubt about another big chairmanship being annexed by a North Carolinian. The state now has practically every committee that is worth having and the river and harbor assignment will about make a "full house."

The chairmanships have been turned over to North Carolina congressmen and senators mainly because the people of the state have not "traded horses" too often. By keeping their senators and congressmen here for a long time they have been able to rise to a point where their services are valuable and consequently the state is honored by her representatives being placed at the top of nearly all big committees.

AURORA SOCIETY NEWS

AURORA, N. C.—The most brilliant social function of the season up to the present time was the party given Thanksgiving eve to the Woman's Club by Miss Adelaide Watson and Mr. R. T. Bonner at the Bonner residence.

The guests were received by Miss Watson assisted by the Misses Bonner. The library and reception hall were beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants.

Miss Kathleen Pike won a prize for the best reading of one of Uncle Remus' poems and Mrs. L. T. Thompson won the literary prize, a silver bonbon spoon.

In the midst of an interesting programme the guests were invited to the dining room which was decorated to represent an old time Puritan Thanksgiving scene. In the center of the table, there was a Puritan church and figures dressed to represent Puritans going to church. There was a little lake back of the church with canoes floating about.

Also, to remind one still more forcibly of Thanksgiving, there were turkeys for place cards. Delicious Thanksgiving refreshments were served.

Entertained at Cards.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dixon, Jr., entertained at cards Thanksgiving evening in honor of Dr. and Mrs. V. Brickhouse Gaskins.

To Give Dinner Party.
Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Thompson will give a dinner party Tuesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Small Thompson who have just returned from a honeymoon trip to Northern cities.

WAR DEPARTMENT TO PRESS BILL FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE

WASHINGTON.—A bill for universal compulsory military service will be introduced at the present session of Congress and will be backed by the War Department. This was learned today from an official of the War Department, who said:

"For the next fifty years we will have to compete in case of war with armies trained in battle. I believe that to be successful in such a competition we must have universal military training. Take our boys at the age of eighteen and give them a year's actual service with the colors. In addition to six months blackboard training, and when the necessity comes you will have a trained reserve army of millions."

The bill will provide for the compulsory military education of all boys in public schools between fourteen and eighteen. It will also require that soon after the age of fifteen every boy shall pass from two to three weeks at least in camp service precisely like that of the Federal army.

URGES CITIZENS TO ATTEND CONVENTION

C. A. Flynn, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, today received a letter from officials of the Southern Commercial Congress, urging Washington to send a big delegation to the convention of the Congress, which is to be held in Norfolk on December 10 to 15. Part of the invitation reads as follows:

"This organization herewith extends to you, and each member of your organization, a cordial invitation to come to Norfolk that you may hear and come in contact with some of the greatest men of our country. Can you come and WILL you come? Bring your family and stay a while."

ANTI-SUFFRAGETTES DENOUNCE PRESIDENT

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Denunciation and heckling of President Wilson was made today by speakers at the national convention of the National Association to oppose suffrage.

HEARING AGAINST GRAVES IS AGAIN POSTPONED

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—The hearing against Armand Graves, master spy, for blackmail charges, has again been postponed until March 10 because of the inability of the government to secure sufficient testimony.

Visitor from Texas.

H. A. Tunstall, of Dalhart, Texas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. R. Gallagher, at Blounts Creek.

Improved Store Front.

A large black sign, with gold lettering, was erected over the store of I. H. Morris today and greatly adds to the attractiveness of the front of this establishment. The sign bears the name of "I. H. Morris," with "dry goods" at one end and "millinery" at the other. It extends clear across the front of the building.

Notice of Receiver of Gas Plant.

I have this day been appointed Receiver by the Federal Court of the property and business of the Washington Lighting Company and will continue to operate the gas plant by order of the Court until further notice. Prompt payment is requested of all bills due the Company and settlement should be made with Miss Margie Blount, at the Company's office. No other person is authorized to receive or pay out money in my name or to accept or incur any obligation on the part of the Company. This December 4, 1916.

GEORGE T. LEACH, Receiver. 12-5-16-1p.

RUMANIA APPEARS DOOMED IN WAR

WITH THE CAPTURE OF BUCHAREST, THE BACKBONE OF RESISTANCE WILL HAVE BEEN BROKEN.

GERMANS ON TO RUSSIA

By CARL A. KERNAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent)
With the German attack at Bucharest, Rumania—the fate of which will be decided within the next few days. Desperate resistance by the Rumanians can only delay occupancy of the capital by the Teutons. To an observer of this great German achievement in Rumania, it is apparent that the German offensive in this movement is now approaching its climax, not only with regard to Bucharest alone but for a greater ulterior purpose. Germany's object is first to destroy the Rumanian army and then prepare to march on toward Russia with perhaps orders as the final goal. Every effort is now being made to vanquish the Rumanians as quickly as possible and huge reserves have been called upon to complete this task. With the capture of Bucharest, the Rumanian backbone will be broken.

Rumanians Compelled to Retire.
PETROGRAD.—An official announcement was made today of the continued German attacks on Bucharest from the north, which were successful. Because the Rumanian front was pierced by this attack, the Rumanians were forced to retire.

FRESH TROUBLE IS STIRRED UP WITH ENGLAND

British Refuse to Supply Coal Excepting to Vessels Engaged in Allied Trade.

(By United Press)
WASHINGTON.—Fresh trouble was stirred up today between the United States and England as the result of the British refusal to supply coal at her stations, dotting the globe, to any ships except those engaged in commerce beneficial to the allies. The State Department intends to do all it can to alter this policy, but little hope is held for any material change for the present.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

—AT—

New Theatre
"Children in the House"
Fire Red Triangle
—With—
NORMA TALMADGE
A Great Picture

ADMISSION.....5c and 10c
Show starts at 7:45 sharp
Matinee daily at 4 p. m.

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