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AMERICAN PARTICIPATION ASKED BY FRANCE

REORGANIZATION OF STATE PRISON SYSTEM LAUNCHED

Initiated by Social Service Conference Held in Greensboro.

MANY ASHEVILLIANS ON BIG COMMITTEE

Social Workers to Act With Public Welfare Department.

TASSNOCCH HOTEL
CITIZEN NEWS BUREAU
(By BROCK BARKLEY)

RALEIGH, May 13.—Plans looking to the re-organization of prison and convict camp systems in North Carolina were set in motion here today with the appointment of a "Citizens Committee of One Hundred on Prison Legislation."

This committee, in collaboration with the state department of public welfare, will make a thorough study of existing conditions in the state prison, county jails and convict camps and recommend changes that will provide more effective as well as more humane methods for the care and treatment of those convicted of crime. These recommendations will be embodied in proposed legislation likely to be submitted at the 1922 session of the general assembly.

The appointment of the committee of one hundred comes as the result of a movement launched by the North Carolina Conference for Social Service, at its recent annual meeting in Greensboro, for the improvement of conditions in the prisons and camps.

The conference appointed a special committee composed of: E. F. Steiner, of the school of public welfare at the University; A. W. McAllister, of Greensboro; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, director of the state health department's maternity and infant hygeine bureau; Superintendent George Ross Pou, of the state's prison, and Roy M. Brown, inspector of correctional institutions for the state board of health.

This committee laid the ground work for the movement at a recent conference with Mrs. Charles S. Johnson, state superintendent of public welfare, and it made the appointment of the committee of one hundred which is expected to work for the consumation of the purpose of the movement.

May "Repeaters" Show Flaw In Convict System

Working upon the theory that the number of "repeaters" among those whom the state would reform through its prisons and convict camps indicates a flaw in the system, the committee proposes a thorough investigation, with study of systems in use in other states and of ways and means for general improvement; those to result in a set of recommendations as the basis for proposed legislative enactments.

The state department of public welfare, which is closely co-operating with the citizens' committee is now making a study of jails and prison camps throughout the state, in connection with its study and it will report facts gleaned at a meeting of the committee to be called sometime during the summer. At this meeting reports also will be furnished as to prison systems of other progressive states.

Among the definite questions to be considered by the citizens' committee are the possibility of providing thorough physical and mental examinations of prisoners immediately after conviction in order to determine the most appropriate treatment; the development of special industries in the state's prison, the best means of caring for the criminal insane, the improvement of conditions in the road camps and county jails, the advisability of reasonable compensation of prisoners when productively employed, this amount to be used for the support of their families or to accumulate for the benefit of the prisoners upon release; better provision for the care of women offenders, and the extension of the parole with better provision for strict supervision of paroled men.

Nothing Sensational Aimed At By Committee

It was explained that the committee plans nothing of a sensational character. The movement is not due to any complaint against the existing systems, but is solely due for the improvement of conditions and putting North Carolina in line with other progressive states in its methods of handling those convicted of crime. North Carolina's record for law violations is indicated by the report that the state stands 16th in the number of homicides.

With a successful investigation and resultant recommendations of value and promise, the movement is expected to be brought to a head with the meeting of the next general assembly when prison legislation will be among the foremost subjects up for disposal by that body.

The following constitute the committee of one hundred:

Ashevillians Named On "100" Committee

Miss Louise Alexander, Greensboro; A. B. Andrews, Raleigh; A. T. Avery, Morganton, J. F. Barrett, Asheville; Brock Barkley, Raleigh; R. F. Beasley, Goldsboro; J. J. Bernard, Raleigh; Miss Hattie Berry, Greensboro; Dr. Raymond Binford, Guilford college; W. T. Bost, Raleigh; Dr. E. C. Branson, Chapel Hill; Dr. E. C. Brooks, Raleigh; A. L. Brooks, Greensboro; T. E. Browne, Raleigh; T. R. Buchanan, Durham, Claiburne Carr, Durham; Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte; J. W. Cone, Greensboro; Mrs B. Cooper, Wilmington; Mrs. Sidney P. Cooper, Henderson; Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Bruce; J. Elwood Cox, High Point; Judge E. H. Cramer, Southport; F. H. W. Crane, Chapel Hill, Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; Bishop Thomas C. Darst, Wilmington; Judge W. A. Devin, Oxford; R. A. Doughton, Sparta; W. N. Everett,

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ASKS M. E. SOUTH GIVE MILLIONS TO AGED MINISTERS

$10,000,000 Goal Laid Before Conference for Its Superannuates.

WAY IS PAVED FOR ELECTING BISHOPS

Majority and Minority Reports Submitted on Four Year Rule.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 13.—(By The Associated Press)—Declaring that one of the urgent matters facing the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is the care of superannuate ministers, and their dependents, speakers told delegates to the 19th quadrennial general conference of the denomination here tonight that every support must be given a plan to raise a fund of $10,000,000 or more for that work.

The meeting, held under the auspices of the board of finance, brought to a conclusion this week's program of the general conference.

The speakers included Bishop W. F. McMurray, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. L. E. Todd, St. Louis, secretary of the board of finance.

Details of the plan which was authorized by the conference earlier in the week, were explained and it was brought out that the campaign would be conducted entirely within the church membership. Announcement of additional details will be made by the board later and the obtaining of subscriptions will start early in 1924, it was stated.

Each charge in the church will be asked to obtain a minimum amount equal to the amount assessed for its pastor and presiding elder during the year 1922-23. Sunday schools, Epworth leagues, women's auxiliaries and laymen's organizations also will participate in the campaign.

Partial disposal of one of the major matters to come up at this session was accomplished at today's business meeting when the conference authorized a commission of 15—six ministers and nine laymen—to study reorganization and consolidation of the various church boards.

Members of the commission will be chosen by the special committee. Each state conference late today submitted the names of one minister and one layman. The committee was still in session late tonight passing upon the qualification of the nominees. The commission, which will report at the next general conference four years from now, will contain the names of several women, it was said.

Besides acting upon the board reorganization proposal, the conference concluded a quantity of routine business at today's session and officials said prepared the way for the election of bishops and other church officers to begin Tuesday.

Bishop William N. Ainsworth, of Macon, Ga., presided at today's session and the devotional address was made by Bishop H. M. Dubose, of Berkley, Calif.

It was learned this evening that the committee on temperance and social reform has tentatively agreed upon a resolution placing the conference on record as condemning "mob rule, organized or unorganized."

Efforts within the committee to have the resolution mention one organization in particular, failed, it was said.

Proposed modification of the present rule whereby pastors and presiding elders may not be kept on one assignment more than four years is contained in majority and minority reports to be submitted to the conference within a few days. The majority report would leave the period of service within the discretion of the bishop. The minority report urges that all time restrictions be eliminated.

WILLIAMSTON POLICE FORCE FIGHT DUEL

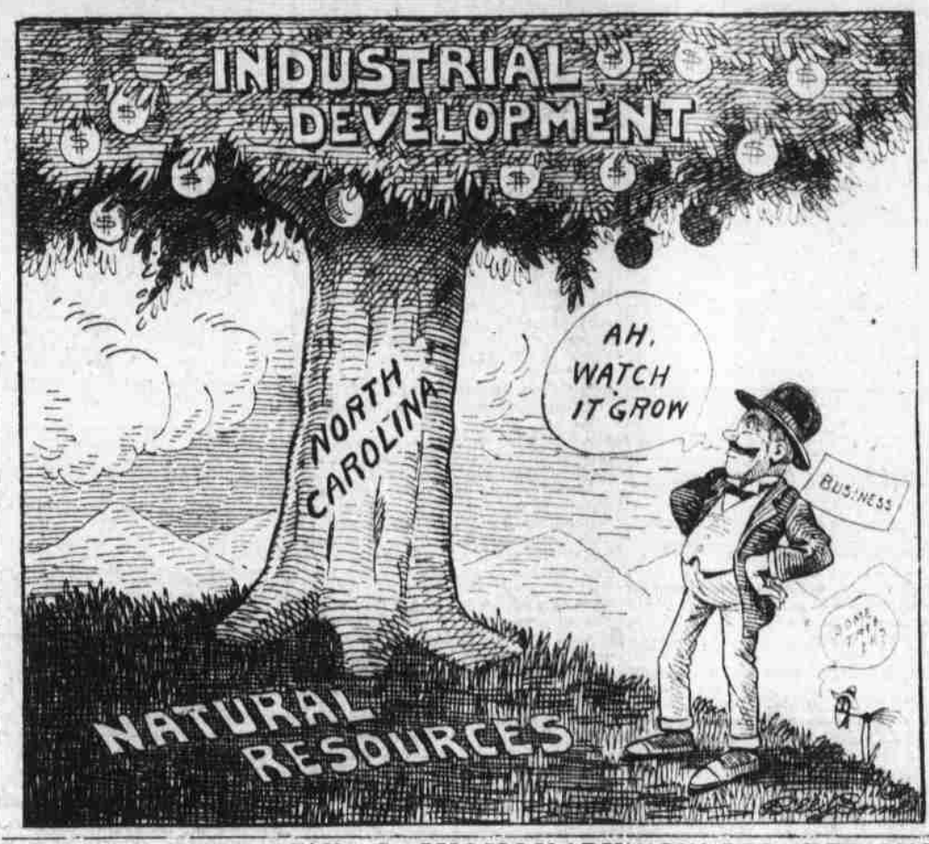
GREENVILLE, S. C., May 13.—As a result of a pistol duel at 7:40 o'clock tonight in the town park at Williamston, 18 miles from Greenville, Police Chief S. S. Hale, 48, and Policeman Ryan Cox, 35, who comprise the town's police force, are both in critical condition at the Greenville city hospital. The chief has one bullet wound in the abdomen, while Cox was wounded twice in the throat and in the abdomen.

The exact cause of the verbal disagreement preceding the shooting is not known.

Hale has a wife and four children, while Cox is unmarried.

A TREE IN FERTILE SOIL

By BILLY BORNE



DEPUTY SHERIFF OF SWAIN COUNTY SHOT IN AMBUSH

Fired on From Thicket After Raid—Injuries Serious—Brought Here.

R. H. Chambers, deputy sheriff of Swain county, was shot from ambush and seriously injured yesterday while returning from a mountain raid with a captured still. Mr. Chambers, according to information furnished The Citizen, had been active for the past few years in breaking up the "whiskey interests" and it is believed that he was shot by some one who harbored a grudge on account of this activity.

He was brought to the Merriwether hospital late yesterday for medical attention and investigation showed that a shotgun had been used in the attack and at least 75 bird shot landed in the left side of his face, neck and chest. Mr. Chambers will lose his left eye it was stated last night by the attending physician.

Mr. Chambers, in addition to being a deputy sheriff at Smokemont, Swain county, is employed as section foreman for the Oconee-Lufty railroad, running up in the mountains to the Champion Fibre company's development. He was made a deputy about two years ago and has been employed by the railroad since it was first operated, about four years ago.

It is stated that Mr. Chambers, in company with Andrew Collier, was walking down the railroad, about two miles above Smokemont and they were carrying a captured still, the former having the worm in his hand. As they passed a laurel thicket, it is stated, which is about 30 feet from the track, an unknown person fired at Mr. Chambers.

He was reported last night as resting fairly well, considering his condition. It will probably be necessary to remove the left eyeball.

EVERETT WILL ADDRESS TAR HEELS IN CAPITAL

WASHINGTON BUREAU
THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
(BY H. E. C. BRYANT)

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The North Carolina society will be addressed at the 30th of May celebration by R. O. Everett, of Durham, E. E. Britton announced today. The meeting will be held at the Wardman Park hotel instead of at the Willard as planned. Following the address will be musical selections and the annual ball. Miss Margaret Mansfield, daughter of Representative Mansfield, of Texas, has been engaged for a violin number.

U. S. MISSIONARY SERIOUSLY HURT BY MEXICAN MOB

Woman and Co-Workers are Driven From Home; Woman's Thigh Broken

EL PASO, Texas, May 13.—Miss Elizabeth Streater, a Methodist missionary worker of the Torreon district is at Durango City suffering from a broken thigh bone received when she was thrown into an irrigation ditch by a member of the Mexican mob that drove her and her five co-workers, Mexicans, from San Juan de Mezquital, on May 4, according to reports received from the interior today.

Rev. J. P. Lancaster, presiding elder of the district, received news of the mob's action in a telegram at Torreon City and hurried to Durango, according to advices received by Mrs. Lancaster, who said her information was that one of the Mexican workers was also badly injured. The co-workers consisted of one woman and four men.

SATURDAY NIGHT FIRES RESULT IN $61,000 DAMAGE

Leader's Loss Estimated at $55,000—Furniture Store Loss $6,000.

The disastrous fires, both of undetermined origin, did damage to businesses in the heart of the uptown district last evening and this morning. The total loss is estimated at over $60,000—$55,000 in the fire which visited the stockroom of the Leader department store, on Patton avenue, and $6,000 in the fire in Gibbs and Sorrells' antique furniture store, located at 88 Lexington avenue.

The fire in the furniture store was discovered at 3 o'clock this morning, and it required an hour to extinguish, due to the arrangement of the furniture, which was so closely stacked as to make it impossible to reach the heart of the blaze without moving and cutting a path through.

Owners estimated the loss at $6,000, and said practically no insurance was carried.

Fire of undetermined origin in the stock room of the Leader department store, on Patton aenue in the heart of the uptown business section, did damage between 7:15 and 8:30 o'clock estimated by the owner at $55,000.

The stockroom, located over No. 14 Patton avenue, and next door to the main building occupied by the Leader, contained a stock of shoes valued at $35,000 wholesale, and winter goods and women's wear valued at between $20,000 and $25,000. Twenty-five per cent of the stock was protected by insurance, S. I. Blomberg, owner, said.

The alarm was sounded at about a quarter past seven, with probably 100 customers on the three floors of the main building. None were injured in the rush for exits, and the main building was not damaged at all, smoke and water being scarcely perceptible after the fire had been extinguished.

Pennell's Cigar store and the Asheville Barber shop, directly under the stock room, suffered damage from water, coming through the ceiling. The extent has not been ascertained.

Coming at the rush hour on Saturday evening, a crowd of near 2,000 people congested the street for upwards of an hour, while the firemen battled with the flames. Half-shaved customers rushed out from the barber shop in frantic haste with the first cry of fire, and a few moments later the water began to pour through the ceiling in torrents.

The blaze, considering the inflammable nature of the stock, was quickly extinguished. The store was closed for the night, as was Pennell's and the barber shop, but will be opened Monday morning.—Pennell's this morning.

KOHLOSS RESIGNS CHAIRMANSHIP OF G. O. P. IN ROWAN

Disagreement Becomes Acute Before Prohibition Officer Acts.

(Special Correspondence, The Asheville Citizen)

SALISBURY, May 13.—At a meeting of the Rowan county republican executive committee this afternoon R. A. Kohloss resigned as chairman of the committee, just as he stated some weeks ago he would do. His resignation was accepted with regret and he was given a rising vote of thanks for his services as chairman. On motion of John W. Frick, a member from the country, Dan W. Goodson, a Southern railway engineer, was unanimously elected chairman and he accepted, stating in his speech of acceptance that he was not a member of either of the factions into which the party is being broken locally. The new chairman is filling only the unexpired term of Mr. Kohloss.

The retiring chairman remains a member of the committee. While the executive committee was in session, "Chairman" J. H. Ramsay and some of his friends, representing the other wing of the party, were holding a conference in the same building, but there were no overtures or communications passing between the two meetings. Mr. Ramsay hears that primaries called by himself were held all over the county Friday and delegates elected for the county convention he has called for next Saturday. The executive committee meeting was attended by 50 or more men besides the members of the committee. Local republicans profess to believe that since all the fight was over Chairman Kohloss, the differences in the party will be patched up soon.

Row Over Kohloss Began Some Weeks Ago

Disagreement among the republicans in Rowan county reached an acute stage following a mild row in the county convention held some weeks ago, when the convention elected Captain J. H. Ramsey as chairman to succeed R. A. Kohloss, who is also national prohibition officer for North Carolina largely by the grace of leading democrats, and when he saw a movement to oust him he declared the convention adjourned. A few minutes later the same crowd elected Captain Ramsey, former postmaster and a splendid citizen, as chairman.

Mr. Kohloss since called another convention for today on the supposition that he was still chairman. In the call Mr. Kohloss stated he proposed to resign and select his own successor. The declaration to select his own successor aroused the republican element in the county to white heat. Not content to see the autocratic threat of the prohibition officer to override a republican form of government, J. D. Dorsett, of Spencer, a former chairman and late manager for Dr. Ike Campbell in the congressional race, became spokesman for the constituency in Rowan and in an open letter attacked Mr. Kohloss through the press. His letter follows:

"It is evident that Mr Kohloss has not been a citizen of this country long enough to realize that the people select their own leaders instead of allowing self-constituted dictators to do it. This might work in his native country when he left there, but even in Russia today the people have demanded a voice in their governmental affairs. The plan of the organization of the republican party is majority rule, and not to permit an officer to 'select' his own successor. The red-blooded American people settled this question with England in 1876, and the republicans of Rowan county propose to have majority rule in their party affairs.

(Signed) "J. D. Dorsett."

SENATE ORDERS PROBE OF RISE IN GAS PRICE

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Investigation of the recent nationwide increases in the price of gasoline was ordered today by the senate.

LEAGUE NATIONS PROTECTORATE IS ASSURED ALBANIA

American to Be on International Body for Co-operative Study.

EUROPE MUST KEEP PRESTIGE, IS SAID

Y. M. C. A. Cables Offer to Feed Russians in Constantinople.

GENEVA, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—A league of nations protectorate for Albania was virtually decided upon by the council of the league this afternoon after Italy's objection had been overcome.

Italy, through her representative on the council, Marquis Imperiali, had pointed out several days ago that she could not accept such drastic participation by the league in the government of Albania without assurances that important Italian interests in that country would be safeguarded. The council intimated that some of the financial, economic and legal experts who are to be appointed by the league to assist the Albanian government would be chosen by Italy and thereupon Marquis Imperiali withdrew his protest.

This is the first time, league officials pointed out, that the league has assumed such extensive obligations in the administration of any country's internal affairs. The decision was the result of a request by the Albanian government for the league's assistance in its endeavors to have Albania make a place for herself among the nations of Europe.

The council also decided today to appoint some prominent American educator to membership on the international commission which is to make a study of intellectual co-operation among the nations. This commission will be composed of some of the most prominent educators of the world. It will strive to work out a plan for the solution of such problems as the exchange of professors between countries, relations between universities, international reference books ad similar educational questions.

Europe Told It Must Try Give Self Help

The Earl of Balfour warned the nations of Europe today that they would lose what prestige they have in America unless, in making appeals for aid, they show some indication of trying to help themselves. His warning was voiced in connection with discussion by the council of the league of nations of the American relief administration representative at Warefugees in Constantinople.

The offer on which Lord Balfour based his remarks employing words which plainly startled the council, was presented by Arthur C. Ringland, American relief administration representative at Warsaw. It proposed that the relief administration continue the feeding and maintenance of 27,000 Russian refugees in Constantinople for four months upon the condition that the members of the league raise $30,000 to finance the evacuation of the refugees into Europe at the end of that time. The offer entails an expense of $125,000 and is subject to acceptance by June 1.

Mr. Ringland at the same time said the Y. M. C. A. had cabled an offer of $50,000 for the vocational training of these refugees after their removal to various European centers. He explained the relief administration had determined it was of no use to continue the feeding unless definite provisions were made for the future of the refugees.

Lord Balfour immediately pledged Great Britain to give one-third of the amount needed to meet the American offer.

Americans Interested in European Welfare

"The United States unfortunately is not a member of the league," said Lord Balfour in addressing the conference, "but is quite clear that an important section of the American public is deeply concerned with the state of affairs in Europe. America has shown itself ready and willing to assist in restoring the world, but what opinion can they form of the Europe they are asked to assist if it turns out that their Europe does not find the narrow margin of 20,000 pounds sterling needed to meet this generous American offer. The league would not only lose caste among its members but would lose what prestige it has in the United States and it would be one of the

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PUBLISHERS MAY HEAR HARDING IN ASHEVILLE MEET

Has Encouraged Hope For Some Time He Would Visit This Section

President Harding may speak at the annual convention of the Southern Newspaper Publishers association, to be held at the Grove Park Inn, July 10, 11 and 12, according to information received from officials.

The association numbers the leading newspaper publishers of the south in its membership and as President Harding is the owner of a newspaper, it is believed this will lend weight in favor of a decision to visit the Asheville convention.

For some time the chief executive has been intending to visit Western North Carolina and it is thought that he will address the convention, and at the same time visit Asheville. He has been extended personal invitations at various times to visit this section and each time has given those extending the invitation encouragement that he would come.

MT. AIRY WOMAN OLDEST TO HELP IN WILSON FUND

Aged 103 She Contributes to Recognition of Public Service.

WASHINGTON BUREAU
THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN
(BY H. E. C. BRYANT)

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The Woodrow Wilson Foundation of New York reports its oldest contributor is from North Carolina. She is Mrs. Becky Jane Pack, of Mount Airy, and she was born during the first administration of President Monrie. She is 103 years old. Through Dr. Orren Moore, of Charlotte, she has sent a gift of $1. With it came another gift of $1 for his one-month-old daughter, Mary Moore, "thus giving to North Carolina also," the Foundation announces, "the honor of furnishing the youngest founder of the prizes in recognition of distinguished public service." In making this announcement, it was said:

"Mrs. Pack today became a founder of the awards being created in honor of former President Wilson. At the age of 103 she became a contributor and attained for herself the honor of being the oldest subscriber to the endowment of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. A gift of one dollar for her was sent by Dr. Orren Moore, of Charlotte, who also sent a contribution of one dollar for his one-month-old daughter.

"The life of Mrs. Pack, or 'Aunt Becky,' as she is called by those who know her in the town where she lives, has coincided with part of the life of every President since Washington."

Many other aged persons in the past few days have been among the contributors to the fund of $1,000,000 or more that is sought, it was said at national headquarters.

Mrs. Louise Henderson, a Colorado woman 91 years old, is the oldest contributor in her state, while the record in Ohio is held by Margaret J. Monroe, aged 98, of Columbus. North Carolina, in addition to the 103-year-old contributor, has sent through its state committee contributions from Mrs. Ratchford, of Gaston county, aged 97, and R. B. Joyner, of Statesville, aged 96, a veteran of the Confederate army.

CHARLOTTE SCENE OF FIRE WITH LOSS OF $195,000

(Special Correspondence, The Asheville Citizen)

CHARLOTTE, May 13.—Within 10 hours after finishing touches had been put on a $20,000 addition to the building, fire gutted the local branch of the Western Newspaper union on North Graham street early Saturday morning. A damage of $125,000 came as the result of the flames, whose origin is undetermined. In addition to the building, there was paper stock stored on the second and third floors valued at close to $70,000. That is a total loss.

GEORGIANS STORM JAIL; BEAT TWO WHITE MEN

LUDOWICI, Ga., May 13.—A masked mob stormed the jail here at 2 o'clock this morning, taking two white men prisoners out and seriously beating them. The men were Barlow Middleton and Carlton Young.

WOULD HAVE U. S. ON BODY PROBING SOVIET AFFAIRS

America Would Have Dominant Voice but Not Be Bound by Action.

DEADLOCK OBTAINS, FRENCH OPTIMISTIC

Conference Scheduled for Today, Hoping to Reach Compromise.

GENOA, May 13.—(By The Associated Press)—France has appealed to the United States to participate in the proposed international commission to investigate the Russian situation. The American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, informed The Associated Press tonight that such a proposal had been submitted to him by the French delegation.

The ambassador understood that the French proposal suggests, that the United States, if the invitation is accepted, would have a dominant voice in the action of the commission, but would not be bound by her acceptance to any decisions of the commission, which she did not approve.

If the United States accepts, France would agree to the Russians being represented in the commission.

Premier Lloyd George and M. Barthou were in private conference for two hours this afternoon, apparently without reaching an agreement for solving the Anglo-French deadlock on the plans to continue the discussions of the Russian problem. The sub-commission on Russian affairs also met and argued for more than three hours without definite results.

Mr. Lloyd George will have a conference at his villa tomorrow morning with Baron Hayashi, M. Barthou, M. Jasper and Signor Schanzer in an effort to reach a compromise.

After the meeting of the submission, Sir Edward Grigg, undertary to the British prime minister, said there had been progress but gave no definite explanation of its nature. The French and British delegates, he asserted, were well on the road to an agreement, but nothing definite was reached. Accounts of the meeting by members of other delegations, however, give little indication that a compromise as any nearer.

The Russians have announced that they will not accept any plan excluding them from the discussions. On one thing all the delegations agree, the inviting powers, the little entente, and the Baltic entente, as well as the neutrals, namely, that somehow the United States must be induced to participate in the mixed commission. M. Colrat, French under secretary of state, informed The Associated Press that he still felt confident of an accord. France is still unwilling to have Russians sit with the mixed commission discussing Russian finances, but suggestions have been made that a special commission of Russian experts be formed, which may be called in by the mixed commission when it desires information.

Again the Russians declare that they will not accept any such plan, as that would not be dealing with them on an equality basis, and it is difficult for the delegations to find any plan appealing to both the French and British and yet not offensive to the Russians.

CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS MADE AS TO AGREEMENT

GENOA, May 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The political sub-commission of the economic conference, after holding two sessions today for discussion of the Russian reply to the allied memorandum, adjourned at 8 o'clock to meet again Monday. After adjournment delegates said considerable progress was made toward an agreement concerning the proposed mixed commission to further study of the Russian question and toward the proposed non-aggression pact.

M'KELLAR CALLED TO ORDER TWICE SATURDAY

Objections Interposed to Charge Newberry "Bought His Seat"

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Senator McKellar, democrat, Tennessee, was twice called to order in the senate today by Senator Robinson, democrat, of Arkansas, in the chair, during a discussion of legislation to curb senatorial campaign expenditures.

Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, who had charge of Senator Newberry's case in the senate, objected to Senator McKellar's statement that Mr. Newberry had "bought his seat," the chair ruling Senator McKellar had violated the rules against reflection upon a fellow member. When Senator McKellar declared Senator Townsend, republican, of Michigan, had made statement which, he said, were "absolutely false," the chair directed Senator McKellar to take his seat.

Senator McKellar and Spencer exchanged charges that their statements were made for partisan political purposes. Senator Spencer said Senator Newberry had not been prosecuted by Michigan officers because he said there were no facts to warrant action. Senator McKellar replied that "the reason those men indicted and tried Mr. Newberry and found him guilty was because he was guilty."

In the house today Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, introduced a resolution which would require senators and representatives elected to file sworn statements of their campaign expenditures before taking the oath of office. Those failing to do so would be denied their seats or in case they had been seated and evasion of the law later discovered would be subject to expulsion. The same penalties would be provided for those exceeding the maximum expenditures permitted by law.

Underwood Says Republicans Penalize Ambition To Learn

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Republican proponents of the pending tariff bill were charged today in the senate by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, the democratic leader, with "penalizing the American people in their efforts to secure knowledge, education and the advantages that grow of educational development." He was discussing a 5 per cent increase in the present duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on ink which the senate approved.

Senator Smoot, of Utah, ranking republican on the finance committee, defended the 5 per cent increase, saying that it was necessary because provision was made in the bill for increasing the protection on the ingredients of ink. He gave it as his opinion that the increase would not be borne by the ultimate consumer, but probably would be taken care of by local competition. This view was disputed by Senator Underwood.

"In this bill," Senator Underwood said in discussing the schedule, "the majority are raising the taxes on paper of all kinds; they are raising the tax on printers ink; they are raising the tax on everything that goes to make a book or a newspaper. It may be said that it is only a cent or two; that it is only a small amount, but when the tax is increased on every item in a bill which covers 4,000 articles, a burden of taxation is imposed to a point where men of moderate means in the United States are deprived of the advantages of life which they are entitled to have because prohibitive taxes are levied at the custom house for the benefit of special interests that are already prospering and growing rich.

"It seems that those who believe in a protective tariff now have reached the point where they demand a prohibitive tariff and, so far as they are able, they propose to build up a tariff wall so high that no importations can come in and that the American manufacturer may have a monopoly behind the tariff wall and exploit the American people to his heart's desire."

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, of Nebraska, offered an amendment to continue the Underwood rate on ink, but it was rejected, 31 to 15.

Opening Naval Oil Reserves Is Criticised Before Senate

WASHINGTON, May 13. — A petition to the senate protesting against government leasing of naval oil reserves, received from the National Association of Independent Oil Producers, was read in the senate today by Senator La-Follette, republican, Wisconsin, whose resolution for an investigation of the leases recently was adopted.

The petition declared that the "delivery of the naval reserves to the Standard Oil-Sinclair-Boneny interests constitutes a return to the era of land grabbing and carpet bagging whose hydra-head of iniquity was crushed by the policy of President Roosevelt almost a decade ago."

W. H. Gray, president of the independent producers, of Tulsa, Okla., signed the petition and advised Senator LaFollette that the association had authorized a committee of oil experts to assist in the forthcoming senate investigation. The petition, it was said, was drafted at a recent meeting at Tulsa of the association's directors.

Protests were made in the petition against the policy of secretary of the interior and the secretary of the navy "in opening the naval reserves at this time for exploitation," and especially against the lease given the Sinclair interests in the Teapot Dome, Wyo., district. The petition urged also against any policy "which would tend to perpetuate a monopolistic control of the oil industry."

"There exists no emergency or necessity which would warrant the opening of the naval reserves, there being already above ground an din storage the greatest amount of oil that has been in storage in the history of all times," the petition continued. "The turning over of government lands to large pipe line interests for exploitation will have the direct result of depressing the price of crude oil without in any way relieving the people of the onerous and burdensome high prices of refined products.

"We ask that the committee investigate the contracts referred to with a view to determining whether or not they tend to perpetuate a monopolistic control of the oil industry and whether or not they intend to violate the spirit of the anti-trust laws of this country and whether or not the effect of these contracts will be to create a monopoly of the oil trade with the navy."