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FOREIGN POLICY IS UNDER A DEBATE

Nothing Given Out After President's Talk With His Cabinet.

POSITION WAS MADE PLAIN

Great Britain Must Accept German and Austrian Version of Armed Merchantmen—The United States Will Have to Side With the Entente Powers.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The President took up the question of European policy today with his cabinet. No announcement was made at the conclusion of the meeting.

White House officials intimated that it might be ten days before a new secretary of war is named, although it was admitted that an announcement might come at any time. The President has thirty days in which to make up his mind in view of the fact that his designation of General Scott extends over that period.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Unless Great Britain and her allies accept the German proposition to regard all armed merchant vessels as auxiliary cruisers, this government must under international law side with the entente powers. Secretary Lansing made plain today the position of this government.

Lansing indicated that the United States can not recognize the legality of the proposition for Germany and Austria unless the allies also subscribe to the general amendment to existing law.

Ask Some Aid For Highway Survey

President Thomas H. Sutton, of the Chamber of Commerce has received a letter from the Wilmington-Fayetteville Association, requesting him to assist in the work of collecting public subscriptions to help further the work of the association and to rush the highway to completion.

The letter in part follows: "You are requested by the Executive Committee of the Wilmington-Fayetteville Association to assist in the work of inviting subscriptions for defraying the expenses of a preliminary survey of the route."

"This is the most important part of the undertaking as no enterprise can be carried to a successful conclusion unless it is properly planned. It will in this case require the services of a highway engineer and our association will have to pay his expenses while in the field.

"We suggest that you ask as many people as in your good judgment you may deem advisable, to give your association a boost by contributing to its funds. It would be well to ask for amounts that can be collected upon the spot and remitted to the treasurer from one to ten dollars—or more, if you can get it.

Put every name separately, giving post office address, and get them to the mail by the 16th, inst.

Our local people are being asked to contribute to this fund and it is probable that a tidy sum will be raised in the territory.

Captain Lamb Is In Favor Preparedness

Captain R. J. Lamb, commanding the local company of militia, is in favor of preparedness. He does not believe that it should be carried to such a great extent, for he says that he does not believe there is any danger of the United States getting mixed up in a brawl soon.

Captain Lamb says that the National Guard has been opposed to Garrison's continental army plan all along. It would mean a great disadvantage to all laborers, he says. "They could not afford to lose two or three months out of their work every year to drill," he declared.

He believes the aeroplane is a great machine for scouting, but not much good for real fighting. North Carolina may soon have an aeroplane corps, says the captain.

MORE ARRESTS IN LAMBERT GIRL CASE

Drug Clerk Who Sold Orpet the Drugs Is Being Held.

HE AS TO GIVE TESTIMONY

Was Shown By State That Orpet Was With the Girl When She Drank the Fatal Poison and Then Died.—The Case Is Not to Be Tried in the Same County.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—A new arrest was made today in connection with the death of Marion Lambert, the school girl who was found dead last week.

The man arrested was Charles W. Hassinger, a drug clerk university student at Madison, Wisconsin. The charge against him is that he sold poison to William Orpet, the alleged murderer of the girl.

Included in the drugs sold to this man was a quantity of drugs used to produce an abortion.

That charge, while it is the only one on which he may be tried, is not the reason for his arrest. He was arrested so he may be compelled to give testimony against the man accused of the murder. The charge against Hassinger's testimony at the trial of Orpet the State's case was stand or fall. It is not the purchase of a drug that may send him to the gallows. Orpet is alleged to have bought drugs on a secret journey. Orpet at first denied buying the bottle. It is now rumored that he has confessed that he made the purchase.

State Attorney Davy summarizes his case against Orpet as follows: "It is known that he had intimate relations with the girl and that he wanted to break away from her because he had since become engaged to another. A week ago tonight he arranged an elaborate alibi to prove his presence in Madison throughout the night, but he was not in Madison. He met Miss Lambert and was with her when she died on Wednesday morning.

"Then came the search for the poison. Little progress was made in that direction until Monday when a quantity of Cyanide of Potassium was found hidden near the spot where Orpet said he had spent Tuesday night while he was waiting to keep his engagement with the girl. The finding of the poison strengthened the case against Orpet."

"The prosecuting attorney did not consider the case complete until he learned of the purchase of the empty bottle. The accused man's lawyer said today that they will never permit him to be brought to trial in Lake County, where they allege he can not secure a fair trial.

"They will demand a change of venue. The state attorney will not oppose the demand, for he is ready to go to trial at any time.

Orpet and his lawyers had a five hour conference today. At the close of it the lawyer made no statement except to say that they had ascertained the real facts. They said that they had not witnessed a defense.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS SPREADING OVER COUNTRY

Nashua, Miss., Feb. 15.—The main levee at the Limerick plantation which unexpectedly broke today caused the Mississippi river to burst through and tonight there was a mile wide gap overflowing a vast area on the Louisiana side of the river.

Indications were that fully one hundred towns will be overflowed and that 20,000 persons will be rendered homeless as a result.

Aid Show Girls Out of a Diffleuity

A movement, headed by Mayor Gibbs and Rev. Joel S. Snyder, will be started this morning to raise funds to relieve some of the girl members of the Show Girl Comedy Company, who are here and without funds to get away.

The mayor and Mr. Snyder will meet the girls at the Cape Fear Hotel this morning to devise some plan by which they may be gotten out of their difficulty.

DAY WAS CALM ON FRENCH FRONT

French Guns In Artois Shelled the German Organization.

A MINE WAS EXPLODED

Premier Asquith Tells the House of Commons "Allies Holding Their Own—To Have Allied Conference In Paris at an Early Date, the Premier Says."

Paris, Feb. 15.—The French war office official statement said the day had been calm. The French trench guns in Artois shelled the German organization on the edge of the road from Lille. West of the Oise the French batteries bombarded a train.

The French also claim to have poured a fire on the German works north-east of Soissons. In the Argyone region the French exploded a mine.

London, Feb. 15.—Premier Asquith in an address upon the conduct of the war told the members of the house of commons that during the past few weeks "the allies have held their own."

A general conference will soon be held in Paris, he said, to discuss the political aspect of the war. All of the allies will be represented.

The premier announced that parliament would not be asked to vote another trial until next week.

The Sale of Tickets IS Speeding Up

The advance sale of base ball tickets for the first five game to be played by that Fayetteville team and which are sold at the rate of five for a dollar, went like hot cakes yesterday. The people of the town seem to have finally decided that they want a ball team, and were yesterday rallying to the colors. At a meeting last night each member of the Young Men's Club took a number and will be out bright and early this morning to get the sale well underway.

All candidates for admission to that team are requested to be at the Fair Grounds Friday evening at three o'clock. If the weather permits, and get lined up for the swell playing that is coming on.

The uniforms have been selected and just as soon as the sale of the tickets get in the right position they will be bought.

Greensboro has raised nine thousand plunks for her base ball team, and Fayetteville ought to raise five or six hundred, declared the local boys. Sure a little old town like Greensboro can not go to nine thousand and Fayetteville not raise at least one eighteenth of that, they say. Got your ticket yet? Well get it today!

SHOULD A WOMAN PAY THE DEATH PENALTY?

Quite a cry is being raised in this State just at this time in regard to the scheduled execution of Ida Ball Warren, which will probably take place on March the third. There are many who do not believe that Mrs. Warren should be made to pay the penalty for murder. When the thought of putting a woman to death comes before us, most of us are free to admit that we forget the awful crime which she has been convicted of committing. We can only think that a woman is to die at the hands of an executioner.

It is an awful thing to know that affairs in this State have reached such a pitch that we are making murderers out of women. But Ida Ball Warren is not the only woman murderer being manufactured in the State. Hundreds of them are slowly having the dragnet of crime drawn closer around them day by day. They are preparing themselves for just such an ending as the one Ida Ball Warren, will, in all probability, meet. The people of the State then are shocked when a woman is convicted of a murder.

ALLIE'S MOST SERIOUS MISTAKE WAS CONTEMPT FOR THE GERMAN AIRMEN

English and French Thought the Germans Out-Classed In Doing Stunts In the Air, But They Learned Better to Their Sorrow—Turkey Has About Five Hundred Airmen In Active Service.

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—One of the most serious mistakes of the Allies was the contempt with which they treated the German aviators during the first stages of the war. From the fact that the French flyers had created a number of sport records the French and English press drew the conclusion that Germany was hopelessly outclassed in the air. The people of the Allied and the neutral countries were made to believe that the air was as completely dominated by the French, as the English.

This dream was of short duration, however. By September, 1914, the London "Times" had to concede that the successes of the Germans on the western front were largely due to the excellent scouting of their aviators.

When Turkey entered the war the Constantinople papers expressed fear that the supremacy of the French and English aviators would bring disaster to the Turkish armies. The Turks at that time only possessed four flyers, who were trained in Germany and used antiquated machines of French origin.

The creation of the respectable Turkish air fleet seemed almost impossible. The arsenals began at once the construction of aeroplanes, but many parts of them could not be produced in Turkey and had to be brought from Germany and Austria-Hungary through its territory. About a dozen machines were built in Germany and delivered in Constantinople, but before they could be used pilots had to be trained for them.

Early in January of last year Capt. Serno, a German expert, arrived with a number of German flyers and machines to take charge of the organization of the Turkish aviation corps.

WHO HAS HID THIS HERE COP?

Who has swiped one of the city's cops? Time to own up for the city needs its cops, which is saying that one of them has disappeared.

Policeman Marshall, according to the statement of the mayor, is no longer on the force. The mayor was trying to learn his whereabouts yesterday afternoon, but was not successful.

It seems from what could be learned, that Policeman Marshall has a falling for strong drink. At least he went on a tear, and has not shown up to act as city guardian since then.

Policeman Marshall has been off the force now about ten days.

SHOW GIRL COMPANY AGAIN IN COURT

What is probably the last episode in the trials and tribulations of the Show Girl Comedy Company was celebrated in the police court room yesterday evening before Squire W. D. Gaster when William B. Bailey and Carl Mullen were tried on a charge of attempting to beat Mrs. Vick, proprietress of the Harrison Hotel, out of \$30.75 which she alleged they were due her, and when Squire Gaster granted Mrs. Vick judgment for the amount against the two defendants.

The court room was crowded with eager listeners. Mrs. Vick was the first to take the stand and told of the case, leading up to the arrest of Bailey and Mullen. Upon cross examination by Attorney Brubaker, he became confused and erred, told what she had stated.

The attorney for the defense made a motion that the case be dismissed on the grounds that the State had failed to make a case. The Hon. J. H. Land, attorney for the plaintiff objected to this and cited much law and points to the court.

Squire Gaster's findings were summarized as follows: Some one owes Mrs. Vick \$30.75. It is undoubtedly Mr. Bailey and Mr. Mullen. Judgment will be granted against them for the amount.

There is a likelihood that this is not the ending of the case, it was said yesterday evening.

ONE KILLED AND TWO HURT IN A WRECK

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.—The Florida Limited, one of the best trains of the Seaboard Air Line, was wrecked near here today for the second time this week.

One person was killed and two injured. The train was bound for New York.

James Holloway, fireman, was crushed to death and Engineer Wells and Fireman Stockwell were badly scalded. The limited ran into a freight train which was backing onto the main line. Three steel cars were thrown from the rails, but the passengers escaped with a shaking up.

BOARD ALDERMEN IN A LIVE MEETING

Visiting Nurse Proposition Was Brought Up By Mrs. Hayes.

POLICEMAN WAS FIRED

Two Appeared Before Board In Regard to Taxes—Some New Ordinances Were Created—Inquiring About Man Arrested and Never Put on Trial. It Was Said.

The Board of Aldermen was in an adjourned session last night, the meeting on Monday night having been continued until last night. A large amount of business was transacted, while the board at the same time did a good deal of suggesting.

At the opening of the session, Mrs. Hayes appeared before the board on behalf of the Civic Association, requesting that the board make an appropriation towards the aiding out in the defraying of expenses of a visiting nurse for Fayetteville.

Mrs. Hayes stated that in some sections of the city there was great need for a visiting nurse and that conditions were bad. The matter was referred to a committee and will receive action at the next meeting of the board, or at a call meeting, should one be called.

Dr. McNeill, the health officer, backed up the statement of Mrs. Hayes and heartily endorsed the proposition that the board make an appropriation for this purpose.

Mr. Crawford, who recently purchased the Johnson Cafe on Hay street and who at the same time took over the license of Mr. Johnson, has since been required to take out license of his own. He asked the board if it could not refund one of the licenses. No action was taken on this, it being referred to a committee.

Mr. Davis, who has a gas boat on the Cape Fear, and whose boat has been included in his town tax, had the town tax imposed on the boat removed when he stated his case to the board. He also requested information regarding the telephone company allowing a negro family to be connected with him on the same telephone line. An investigation hoping for an arrangement of this will be sought with the telephone company.

Mr. McLeod appeared before the board in regard to a lot which he owns near the cemetery. It appears that the city has given a lot adjoining Mr. McLeod's to the poor of the city for a burying ground. This claim Mr. McLeod, relates the value of his lot, and he wanted the city to buy his lot, or to give him another in a more desirable residential section of the city. This matter was referred to a cemetery commission, that body having absolute power which has been granted by the legislature.

Report of the street committee showed that the streets in the business section had been cleaned daily, while those in the residential section had been cleaned once a week. A number of objections had been mailed and the street sweep bridge had been given two weeks of patrol.

The board also considered an appeal by the local street sweepers and will receive an investigation by the street committee.

The police report showed that during January and part of February, 19 white had been arrested, 31 male, colored people and 8 female colored. The charges were affrays, drunks, resisting bribery and robbing.

Policeman Marshall, who has left town without permission was discharged by the board. It was claimed that he had been on a drunk. The mayor stated that two months ago Marshall admitted to him that he had been drunk, but that he had excused him. It was said that Marshall only took one drink.

Alderman Jones made inquiry about an arrest of a cotton mill man, Mr. Greenough, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of being drunk, hauled to the police station at the expenses of the city, and the case never tried. The mayor stated that he was responsible for it, he having ordered Mr. Greenough released. This brought on further discussion. Mr.