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## CONSPIRACY TO MURDER LLOYD GEORGE UNEARTHED

### Sensational Plot Uncovered at Derby, England, Had for its Purpose Poisoning of British Premier and Arthur Henderson--Three Women and Man Held.

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 31.—A conspiracy to murder Premier Lloyd George is reported by the Daily Sketch which says arrests have been made in this connection. The persons arrested are described as three suffragettes and a man, a conscientious objector to military service.

The sketch says the persons charged with the conspiracy are the three women and the man whose arrests on a remarkable conspiracy charge was reported in the newspapers this morning. The Daily Sketch printed the following story:

"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, her daughter, Mrs. Mason, and Alf Mason, the latter's husband, have been arrested. They were taken to the police station and held.

"They will be taken before a magistrate at Derby on Wednesday. It is understood that only formal evidence will be presented.

"The details are yet unknown, but it is understood the conspirators aimed at causing the premier's death by poison."

### UNDER ARREST

(By Associated Press) Derby, Eng., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her two daughters and the husband of one of them, Alfred Mason, were charged at the Guild Hall here today with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the house of commons and of the war council.

After formal evidence concerning the arrests had been given the case was adjourned until Saturday. Upon being arrested the defendants denied any knowledge of the conspiracy and refused to talk.

No details were disclosed in the police court proceedings, but it is understood the charge will be made that the defendants purposed to use poison. The inquiry at Scotland Yard ran during the week-end.

The Wheeltons are well known in Derby in connection with the suffrage movement. Mason is a consistent objector to military recruiting.

### DEEDS FILED FOR RECORD

Newton, Jan. 31.—The following deeds have been filed for record: N. B. Brooks to Dr. George Costner for \$1,475.

Dr. Costner to R. D. Baker for \$1,500.

A. L. Bumgarner to W. R. Bumgarner for \$100.

T. G. Campbell to S. A. Isenhower and W. M. Busby for \$300.

A. J. Carpenter to H. E. Huffman for \$100.

P. C. Deal to E. J. Huffman for \$100.

## FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Miss Jeannette Kling, who will appear here Friday night under the auspices of the high school seniors, is said to be one of the best readers and entertainers turning the town under any lyceum management, and Hickory people are assured a real treat. Miss Kling comes with the finest sort of recommendations, and as the company which is sending her out is a new one, and is bidding for popular favor, the public may be sure of getting the worth of its money. There are three attractions in all, and season tickets sell for \$1.25. These should be purchased from seniors, or can be had at the box office at the Hub Friday night.

## TWO YOUNG MEN WERE SUSPECTED OF RICHES

Mr. B. T. Sustare of Hickory and Mr. Grover C. Murphy of Maiden, two young men, were searched at High Point Monday afternoon at the instigation of N. C. McDowell of Glenora, Randolph county, who alleged that somebody had arided his pockets of \$100 at the union station in Greensboro. Mr. Sustare, who was returning to Hickory on 21, remained over in High Point until he learned the identity of the accuser, and came to Hickory next day. McDowell said he had not suspected the young men, whose reputations are beyond reproach, but was told by another man that he had better have them searched.

The young men caught the train just as it was drawing out of Greensboro and were inside settling up with each other for hotel and railroad fare, when McDowell approached and asked if they had his money. He was told they most assuredly did not have it, and the matter was dropped until they reached High Point. McDowell claimed to have had some \$20 bills, but neither of the young men had a bill of that calibre about him, and apologies later were made.

Mr. Sustare realizes that if a man has lost a good pile of money, the world looks green to him, but at the same time he is not feeling good over being accused as a "dip." He has not decided whether to bring action against McDowell.

## VISITORS TO HICKORY SHOWN THROUGH PLANT

Mr. J. W. Connelly of Washington, D. C., chief special agent of the Southern Railway System and Captain Thomas, special agent, were in Hickory a short while Tuesday afternoon and spent a few hours looking over the city. They were shown through the Piedmont Wagon Company's huge plant and expressed amazement at the immensity of it. An advertisement in today's Record tells how that company grew from a small repair shop to its present proportions.

## HEALTH CAMPAIGN TO START IN SOUTH

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—A 15-week health campaign in the south will be inaugurated at Augusta, Ga., with the arrival of Dr. McCullough, general secretary of the southern Sociological Congress, who left here today.

From Augusta two carloads of campaign literature will be sent to Florida and from there to North Carolina and Virginia later.

## Bloodhounds, Brought Here From Asheville, Follow Tracks to Home of Boys

Two Asheville bloodhounds in charge of Detectives Taylor and Davison of that city today trailed two white boys, from the residence of Dr. W. H. Nicholson to their home in the southeastern section of Hickory, pushed open the door and refused to follow any other trail. The white boys—Willie and Joe Price, aged 10 and 11 years, were later held by the police pending a thorough investigation.

The bloodhounds were telephoned on Tuesday night when Dr. Nicholson's residence was found to have been entered while he and Mrs. Nicholson were at the movies. The dogs came in charge of their owners shortly after 9 o'clock and were given a large reward and sent, leaving the front porch, from which somebody had jumped, picked up the trail and followed it to the home of the

Price boys. These lads are said to work in a livery stable of Philo Miller and it was observed that manure was left on the carpets in the Nicholson home. Both denied any knowledge of the offense.

Dr. Nicholson's house was entered and robbed of about \$500 in jewelry and silverware about Christmas. The persons who did the entering and breaking in Tuesday night rifled the drawers, turned over a few mattresses and went through drawers of a dresser. The drawer from which jewelry was taken during the first raid was locked this time and it was not molested. Dr. Nicholson missed nothing Tuesday night.

## HICKORY ENJOYS BRITISH LOSSES TWO ROUNDS OF FUN IN JANUARY 32,354

(By Associated Press) London, Jan. 31.—The total number of British casualties as reported in the published list for January was 960 officers and 31,394 men.

British casualties for January show a considerable decrease over those of the preceding month. No list was published during the Christmas holidays, but the number up to December 23 was 815 officers and 36,350 men. The January list brings the sum of British casualties since the Somme offensive began to 552,371.

## PASSPORT FRAUDS UNDER INVESTIGATION

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—State department authorities today began a thorough investigation into the issuance and alleged improper use of American passports in the name of Jelks Leroy Thrasher, a former resident of Quitman, Ga., with which Capt. Hans Boehm, said to be a German army officer, was traveling from Spain to Holland when taken off a steamer at Falmouth and placed under arrest by the British authorities.

## WEALTH IN SOUTH SHOWS BIG INCREASE

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Farmers of the south are better off by half a billion dollars than they were this time last year, said President Fair-

fax Harrison of the Southern Railway system, referring to the figures of aggregate crop values published by the United States department of agriculture.

"These figures show," said Mr. Harrison, "that in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, the total value of all crops grown in 1916 was \$1,882,060,000, as compared with \$1,377,352,000 in 1915, an increase of \$504,708,000, or 36.64 per cent. These figures are arrived at by taking the reported values of 13 principal crops as to which the agricultural department collects annual statistics and adding values for all other crops based on the percentage of the 13 crops as shown by the census of 1910.

"While the increased total value shown is, in large part, due to higher prices for farm products, it is truly remarkable when taken in connection with the unfavorable weather conditions which prevailed in a large part of the territory. In some localities, as a result of adverse weather conditions and the damage done by the Mexican cotton boll weevil, crop yields were substantially reduced, but, taking the south as a whole, its farmers were never more prosperous than at this time."

## GERMAN SUBMARINES IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

(By Associated Press) Rio Janeiro, Jan. 31.—The minister of marine in a newspaper interview confirms the report that German submarines have crossed the south Atlantic. He says that they have kept to the high seas and denies the rumor that a Brazilian naval base has been used.

## BOX SUPPER SATURDAY NIGHT

A box supper will be given at the Sweetwater school Saturday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, and a fine entertainment is assured the young people who attend. This school is about a mile east of the corporate limits of Hickory and is easy to reach. Mr. C. E. Long is principal and Miss Charlotte Long is teacher of the primary grades.

With the force pump installed on the motor fire truck, firemen for the next few days will familiarize themselves with the mechanism and operation. The new device was tested out Tuesday afternoon late and it tossed a stream of water over a three-story building on Main street.

## INTENSE COLD WAVE COMING THIS WAY

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—A cold wave, severe and prolonged in most sections will overspread the southern and eastern states by Thursday night or Friday, the weather bureau announced in a special bulletin issued today. The wave will strike the west about Friday.

## NOTE CONTENTS PUBLIC FOR HOURS

(By Associated Press) New York, Jan. 31.—Finding further their examination today of E. F. Hutten barren of results as far as showing the origin of the information on which E. F. Hutten and Company warned its customers a peace note was to be issued, the congressional investigating committee today decided to summon Geo. A. Ellis, Jr., the member of the firm who wrote the warning telegram.

Ellis, according to Hutten, is in Georgia, but the committee will get his testimony.

A. F. Connelly, head of the Washington firm which furnished the Hutten firm with the information, was expected to take the stand later today. Connelly who arrived from Washington denied that the information came from R. W. Bolling, the president's brother-in-law and a member of his firm. He said that it was gathered merely from general talk around Washington.

Hutten today said that although having the information as to the president's note at least two hours before the market closed on December 20, 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 needed the warning, but promised the committee to furnish the exact number of selling orders.

### GOOD WOMAN PASSES

Died at her home in China's township, this morning at 2 o'clock, Mrs. D. J. Drum, aged 76 years and 12 days. Two years ago she had a stroke of paralysis, and from that time had grown weaker. Her funeral and burial will take place at St. Stephens tomorrow at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Martin Heinicke. The deceased leaves a husband, two sons, four daughters and many friends to mourn her loss. She was indeed a good, useful woman and was fully ready and willing to lay down life's work, and enter the rest of the faithful.

## MARKETS

### COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press) New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market opened at a decline of four to five points today, but the tone was steady and rallied to within a point or two of last night's closing figures followed.

	Open	Close
March	17.49	17.49
July	17.35	17.66
October	17.34	17.64
December	16.40	16.67
	16.5	16.67

### HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	.....	17
Wheat	.....	\$1.90

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 31.—Wheat prices declined today owing to some extent that Germany might furnish basis for another peace move by President Wilson. Opening prices, which ranged from 7-8 off to 1-2 cents up, with May at 1.75 to 1.75 1-2 and July at 1.48 1-2 to 1.50, were followed by a setback all around and then a moderate upturn.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Rain tonight, Thursday fair and much colder, with a cold wave in interior; strong south winds shifting to west gales Thursday.

## COUNCIL ORDERS WATERWORKS MATERIAL

(City council Tuesday night did what has been desired for a long time and made contracts for the installation of two new centrifugal pumps at the water plant and undertook to provide the city with a capacity of 250,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. The improvements, including fee of engineers and transmission lines, will cost in the neighborhood of \$11,500, but as the additions were absolutely needed, council did not feel like hesitating longer.

Abee and Frye of Hickory was awarded the contract for erecting the filter plant at a cost of \$3,320 and a point at about 25 miles east of \$931.50. The filter equipment was purchased from the American Water Softening Company for \$1,492, and two centrifugal pumps capable of forcing 250 gallons a minute were bought from the Morris Machine Company at Charlotte at \$2,016. Motors are included.

## FRENCH TRANSPORT IS ADMITTED SUNK

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 30.—Unofficial announcement was made here tonight that the transport Amiral Arson, which was taking 950 soldiers to Saloniki escorted by the destroyer Arc, was torpedoed by a submarine on January 25. Of those on board 809 were saved.

A statement from the German admiralty on Monday said that on January 25 a German submarine at a point about 25 miles east of Malta sunk an armed hostile transport steamer which was preceding eastward convoyed by a French torpedo boat. The ship which was heavily armed was declared to have sunk in ten minutes.

## AMERICAN WOMEN ARE TEACHING IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press) Orpington, Eng., Jan. 31.—The Princess Patricia of Connaught and Mrs. John Astor, the first wife of the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, are among the teachers in the new manual training department at the Ontario Military Hospital here. The Princess is a specialist in the use of chintz, and has taught a number of the men methods of using this material for manufacture of decorative lampshades and similar small articles. Mrs. Astor has a class in wood-carving, her specialty being photograph frames.

Princess Patricia visits the hospital every Thursday, usually bringing with her an assortment of bright colored chintz which she has collected at various places during the week. For the use of the wounded men, it is essential that the fabric shall be specially chosen for the definiteness of their design and the ease with which a convalescent man can manipulate the material and select the special features in its design which please him most.

The medical staff naturally welcome these occupations for the long dull days. They keep the men from brooding over their pain.

The hospital was founded by the Canadian government about nine months ago and now has about a thousand patients.

## MEXICO HAS BOUGHT THREE LITTLE SHIPS

(By Associated Press) Mexico City, Jan. 31.—Arrangements have been completed to have finished and delivered to the government three third class cruisers which were ordered from Italy by Porfirio Diaz several years ago. The cruisers were partly constructed at Genoa, but have never been finished or paid for.

## MEXICAN DELEGATES JOIN IN CELEBRATING

(By Associated Press) Querado, Mex., Jan. 31.—The delegates to the constitutional assembly which concluded its labors last night, assembled at 11 o'clock this morning and signed the constitution on which they had been working for two months. The signing was celebrated.

## BONE-DRY BILL IS PASSED FOR ALASKA

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—The senate today and the transportation thereto to make Alaska prohibition territory. The bill would prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor in the territory and the transportation thereto. It now goes to the house.

## HOUSE AND SENATE KILL TWO BILLS WITH RELISH

### One Would Grant Right of Appeal in Depot Cases and Other Would Enact Into Law a Judge's Dissenting Opinion--Educational Bills Heard.

## CONGRESS IS ASKED TO SAVE DAYLIGHT

(By Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 31.—Congressional action to authorize the setting of all clocks ahead for one hour was recommended to the Chamber of Commerce today at the opening of the fifth annual meeting by the committee on "daylight saving." The committee recommended that the hands be set ahead an hour between April 1 and October 1.

Eight hundred national and local commercial organizations were represented. The railroad question was the topic of much discussion and the result of a referendum on strikes was to be announced. National defense and business questions after the war are to be discussed and President Wilson and former President Taft are on the program.

## FRENCH ARE DEMANDING A NEW GRAND MASTER

(By Associated Press) Paris, Jan. 31.—Frenchmen who believe in developing the home market as the best means of promoting an economic recovery after the war are calling for a "grand master" of raw materials or something like the imperial office for the economic transition period in Germany. A competent man, with sufficient legal authority and with full control of the utilization of the natural resources of France, they think, would accomplish in the restoration of general industries a work comparable to what M. Albert Thomas, the minister of munitions, has accomplished in the production of arms and projectiles.

The French colonies, it is pointed out, would be a rich field for the efforts of such a department. Algeria has petroleum, copper and zinc. Other North African colonies have rich deposits of copper, zinc and antimony while the Southern Sahara, Dahomey and Congo are rich in vegetable oils and seeds for the manufacture of vegetable fats. Of this production Germany bought and exported seventy-five per cent before the war.

Great Britain is profiting from the blockade and from the poverty of the French merchant marine to displace Germany in this African trade, buying up allogeneous products of the French colonies for the time being. The danger of being distanced by Great Britain in the utilization of the products of their colonies is not overlooked by Frenchmen who, after 25 years of comparative neglect, realize now what they lost by too little attention to the resources of the colonies.

The development of those resources by the aid of a rebuilt merchant marine and the extension of her new chemical industries and new steel and iron works born of war needs, is much counted upon for the revival of France trade.

## PRAYERMEETING TONIGHT

The subject for prayermeeting tonight at the Presbyterian church is "The Meaning of Confession of Faith in Christ."

## HOLD RECEPTION FOR MRS. LINGLE

An informal reception will be held at the residence of Mrs. J. Worth Elliott Thursday evening from 8 until 10 o'clock and the people of Hickory are invited to attend and meet Mrs. W. Lingle of Davidson, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Lingle will speak in the Hub theatre Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock when a Woman's Club will be organized for Hickory. The women of Hickory are invited to be present.

## Russians Make Progress in Offensive on Front in Rumania--Other Fighting

(By Associated Press.) The Russian offensive on the northern end of the Rumanian front has been resumed with some measure of success. New ground has been gained along the Jasobeni railroad, where the Russians are pushing southward.

Berlin today concedes the capture of a town in the vicinity of Valle-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 last Saturday when Teutonic positions on a front of two miles were pierced, according to Petrograd, and 1,000 men and 12 machine guns captured.

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

## Record's Special Legislative Report.

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—By a vote of 95 to 7, the house today killed the bill introduced by Representative Horn of Anson giving the 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 that it would wreck the commission's usefulness and clog the courts with litigation.

In the senate the bill introduced by Representative Clark of Pitt, nephew of the chief justice, amending the usury law, was killed on second reading, 13 to 23. Jones of Buncombe championed the bill. He quoted dissenting opinions of the supreme court showing that the purpose of the bill was to put the poor who have to mortgage their homes for their security for debts on the same basis as other citizens.

Harding of Pitt reviewed the case of Corey against Hooker in which the dissenting opinion was filed as a brief of the bill. This case was decided on equity, not under the usury law, he said. Person of Franklin said he would never vote to make a dissenting opinion of the supreme court the law of the land. He disliked the bill because of its paternity.

### Committee Session

Nine hours of oratory on the six state school bills ended at midnight after the most picturesque debate heard since fusion days.

Whether the intensity of feeling expressed itself most when R. O. Everett of Durham declared the system of appointing trustees of the university engendered snobbery, or when Ellis Gardner asked Judge Jones why the local self-governmentalists of his county would not give James J. Britt the certificate of election, will not be known this side of judgment. The tenseness of the debate wrote itself in every minute of argument, though humor occasionally convulsed and Henry Page was the comedian.

The Moore man likewise precipitated what came nearest being a personal issue. He was championing, at 11 o'clock while galleries still were hanging on his words, the popular election of county boards. He was disclaiming any affront of Joyner and asking the committee to give a bill which would justify the remarkable powers vested in that official. Superintendent Giles was gibed mercilessly by Page. One time too many Page joshed the good natured Wake man and Giles flew to pieces.

In half an hour he apologized and he and Page forgot it.

It was during this bitter speech of Page that he picked up the News and Observer and declared that he had often-times thought to introduce either a bill or a resolution "consigning the editorial department of that paper to the Caswell Training School for Feeble Minded." The uproar following was the salvation of the house at that awful hour. With the paper he had designed a room for Giles who led the laughter. The paper yesterday morning had an editorial that sounded much like Giles speech, Page amended his financial bill to omit Giles and sent the paper on to Kinston.

This attack upon the "Democratic Bible" was the boldest of all strokes. It was strange stuff from Page, members of whose family have eyes Raleighward. Friends of the present system or the Oates bill found in it the defeat of the Page bill, they said.

Dr. J. M. Clark spoke three times in Ireddell county Sunday, in the morning occupying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church of Mooresville, in the evening occupying the pulpit of the Second church and in the afternoon filling an appointment in the country.

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