

COUNCIL READY TO HAVE JUDGE CONSIDER BRIDGE

Statement of Facts Agreed to by City and Township Road Commission, but County May Balk--Library Question Must Come to Vote of People.

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Mr. G. H. Götner, chairman of the township road commission, appeared before city council Tuesday night, together with counsel, Messrs Self and Bagby, and repeated his understanding as to the liability for rebuilding the bridge. The cost was \$574,119. Mr. Götner explained that he had oral assurances from both city council and the county commissioners--the more positive assurances coming from the county authorities--that if the township commission would rebuild the bridge there would be no question about the cost.

The resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce urging the city to provide for maintenance of a library was received and filed for reference. It was the opinion of council, though no record was made to this effect, that movers for the library should circulate a petition calling for an election on the question, as the city did not have power to appropriate money for that purpose. It would require about \$1,000 a year to keep up a library of the Carnegie type.

Chief Police Tries to Slap Man's Face; Charges Made Against Hickory Officer

Chief of Police Lentz made an attempt to slap Mr. R. O. Abernethy's face Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night Mr. Abernethy appeared before city council and stated that he wanted to file five separate charges against the officer. The complainant was told to have the charges in writing and in regular order and be sure they were sworn to, because council did not want to go into any trivial matter.

"Good gracious," remarked Mr. Lentz, "somebody take this gun." But nobody took it, and Mr. Abernethy walked off to appear later before city council. Chief Lentz was there, Mr. C. L. Whitener and Mr. C. W. Bagby, who were present on other matters, appeared for the "defendant" and a lively discussion was imminent before Mayor Whitener and members of council stopped the matter by asking for a bill of particulars. Mr. Abernethy promised to furnish the bill with the help of "one of the best lawyers in the county."

FRENCH WOMAN HAS REFORMED COURT CUSTOM

Paris, Jan. 14.—Madame Louis J. Malvy, wife of the minister of the interior, is credited with reforming the court custom, as old as republican institutions in France, of calling to the bar a married woman cited as a witness in courts as "Woman Lebrun" as the case might be, and an unmarried woman as "Girl Lebrun" or "Girl Leblanc."

Madame Malvy, summoned as a witness of a burglar who broke into her apartment, being ill, was unable to appear. The court crier, according to usage, called out her name three times "Woman Malvy," "Woman Malvy," "Woman Malvy." Madame Malvy was shocked at this lack of deference to the wife of a cabinet minister and on her protestation, the presiding judge of the supreme court has ordered that the title "Dame" for a married woman and "Demoiselle" for an unmarried woman shall be substituted for the less courteous titles of "Woman" and "Girl."

CHINA SEVERES RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

London, Feb. 14.—China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany according to reports received here which are considered authoritatively.

COTTON USED IN JANUARY IS GIVEN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed in the United States during January amounted to 603,701 running bales exclusive of linters and during the six months ending January 3,367,663 bales, the census bureau announced today.

Last year during January 542,081 bales were consumed and in the six months 3,075,201 bales. Cotton on hand January 31 in consuming establishments amounted to 2,384,666 bales, compared with 1,718,600, compared with 4,534,949 a year ago.

CONSCRIPTION BEING DISCUSSED IN ENGLAND

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 14.—A warning given by one Law, chancellor of the exchequer, in his recent Glasgow speech, that compulsion may be resorted to if the present voluntary method fails to bring in sufficient subscriptions to the new war loan, has attracted widespread attention.

The Chancellor used such terms as "the possibility of other ways of obtaining the money," methods which he said he "believed would be bad for the country," but that if such steps were necessary account would be taken of the contributions which had already been made voluntarily. What was wanted, the Chancellor added, were small amounts from as many as possible.

COURTESY ON SOUTHERN IS NOW RULE NO. 1

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 14.—Courtesy is Rule No. 1 on the Southern Railway as shown in the new manual of rules and regulations for the guidance of ticket and baggage agents, conductors, train baggage men which has just been issued.

CUBA INFORMED ON REVOLUTION QUESTION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Secretary Lansing sent to the Cuban people today a warning that any government that might be established by revolt could not be recognized by the United States.

AMERICAN SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

London, Feb. 14.—American schooner Lyman M. Law was sunk by a submarine Monday, according to a dispatch from Rome. The crew, including eight Americans, are said to have been landed.

PAPER MAKERS HASTEN TO CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Newsprint paper manufacturers now being investigated by a federal grand jury in New York hurried here unexpectedly today to confer with the federal trade commission. None of them would discuss the conference, or who proposed it, but it was not denied that a conference was held.

BERNSTORFF SAILS FOR GERMAN HOME

(By Associated Press.) Hoboken, Feb. 14.—Count von Bernstorff, together with his wife and 200 German diplomatic and consular officials, was safely aboard the Scandinavian liner Frederic VIII today ready to sail for Copenhagen. The vessel was expected to leave this afternoon.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES		
(By Associated Press.)		
New York, Feb. 14.—A somewhat irregular opening was followed by renewed firmness in the cotton market early today. First prices were four points lower to three points higher, but the market quickly advanced with May selling 12 points higher.		
March	Open	Close
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May	16.40	16.20
July	16.44	16.26
October	16.05	15.77
December	16.26	15.89

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Feb. 14.—Material declines in the wheat market resulted today from the unimproving outlook for the avoidance of war and because of railroad congestion. Opening prices, which ranged 3-8 cents lower with May at 1.72 to 1.72 1/2 and July at 1.47 to 1.47 1/2, were followed by a slight rally and then by a fall further than before.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Rain tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight; moderate variable winds, probably becoming fresh easterly.

Are You Interested

In the affairs of your country? The United States has severed relations with Germany and events are likely to follow each other by the hour, instead of the week, as formerly. A daily newspaper at small cost is what every man and woman needs these days. The Record contains Associated Press dispatches.

The Hickory Daily Record is \$4 a year, but the paper will be sent to mail subscribers for \$3 a year or \$1.50 for six months. Try it. Forward your subscription and take advantage of this cash offer.

THREE VESSELS TROUBLE WITH GERMANY SUNK BY SUBS TODAY

Three vessels sunk were the result of the German submarine campaign reported during the day, including the early afternoon.

Military operations were of minor importance. On the western front French troops broke up a German attack in Lorraine. On the Russian front official reports conveyed the information of no activities.

BRITAIN IS TO CARE FOR SOLDIERS' GRAVES

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 14.—The national cemeteries on the battlefields of the American civil war which serve as permanent reminders to the people of the United States of the price which was paid for freedom, are referred to frequently in this country in connection with the work of perpetuating the graves of the British soldiers in France and Belgium. Especially was this done when the Prince of Wales returned from the western battlefront and announced that 150,000 British graves in France and Belgium had been identified and registered in 200 burial grounds.

The Prince of Wales heads the committee for the care of soldiers' graves which has undertaken the gigantic task of looking after the resting places of the dead after they have been marked out by the Graves Registration Unit. The Prince announced that more than 50 of the 400 burial grounds have already been laid out and planted under the direction of the director of the Royal Botanic gardens at Kew on the Thames near London.

"I have also visited," continued the prince, "some of the French cemeteries being cared for by our Graves Registration Units in that part of the line which has been taken over by the British and I can speak of the close cooperation and sympathy between the French and English in this work. I hope the same spirit will be maintained by this committee after the war."

ELKIN SHOE COMPANY IS GRANTED CHARTER

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The Elkin Shoe Company of Elkin, Surry county, capitalized at \$250,000, of which \$150,000 has been paid in, was chartered today by the secretary of state. The concern proposes to operate tanneries and manufacture shoes and leather goods of all kinds.

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPER MEN FILE PROTEST

New Orleans, Feb. 14.—Members of the Southwestern Associated Press Association and the Tri-State Associated Press League, at a joint meeting here endorsed action taken by the Southern Publishers' Association with the southern publishers in sending telegrams to southern senators urging them to oppose any proposed increase in second-class postage rates.

CAVALRY LIKELY TO PURSUE BANDITS

(By Associated Press.) Hachita, N. M., Feb. 14.—American cavalry troops may cross the international line today in an effort to rescue three American cowboys who were carried off Monday by Mexicans.

THREE VESSELS TROUBLE WITH GERMANY NOW QUESTION OF HOURS

Administration Slowly Realizing That Central Powers Are at War With United States--Wilson May go Before Congress to Ask for Authority to Protect Ships.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson is expected now to defer a decision on the question of furnishing guns to American ships until he decides whether to go before congress to ask for additional authority for the protection of American ships and lives. It was indicated in authoritative sources today that there had been no change in the policy up to the present time and none is expected.

SCANDINAVIA TO CALL GERMANY THIS TIME

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 14.—Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent reports that Norway, Sweden and Denmark have handed to the German ministers identical notes protesting against the naval measures taken by Germany and Austria-Hungary and making all reservations regarding in loss of life resulting from it.

FORMER HICKORY MAN DEAD AT PIEDMONT, S. C.

The death of Mr. W. H. Penny at Piedmont, S. C., father of Mrs. W. B. Southerland of Hickory, is announced by the Gastonia Gazette, death occurring at noon Tuesday. Mr. Penny lived in Hickory several years and was well and favorably known. The funeral was held this afternoon at Piedmont. The Gazette has the following on Mr. Penny:

Surviving deceased are his widow and the following children namely: Mrs. M. C. Thorn of Gastonia; Mrs. W. B. Southerland of Hickory; Mrs. A. K. Henry of Spartanburg, S. C.; Mrs. M. V. Wenck of Piedmont, S. C.; Mrs. Roland Bishop of Youngstown, O.; Mr. Henry Penny and Mr. Walter Penny both of Asheville. He also leaves one brother, Mr. Andrew Penny of Abbeville, S. C., a sister in Arkansas and a sister in Florida.

Wilson Formally Advised of Election as President at Joint Session of Congress

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson was formally and officially declared re-elected today when congress in joint session as required by the constitution made the official count.

Bickett Urges Action and House Responds by Passing Tax Exemption Bill at Once

Record's Special Legislative Report Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Governor Bickett sent his first special message to the general assembly today urging it to act on his recommendation that notes and mortgages given in good faith on homes be exempted from taxation and ten minutes later the bill had passed second reading.

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The re-detention of the 72 Americans brought in on the prize ship Yarrowdale is regarded as another acute indication of Germany's disregard of American rights. If a vigorous protest has not already been sent it will be forwarded today.

A definite sentiment gained ground in administration quarters today that an accumulation of acts indicating all disregard of American rights will have as its overt act to shape the policy as any such act against American ships.

While it has been indicated at the state department that there can be no legal objections to the government furnishing guns to arm ships, President Wilson is said to be disposed not to take any position that would give Germany grounds for contending that the United States forced the war.

Reports of the piling up of freight destined to Europe, the temporary shutting down of grain elevators and other evidences of the new submarine campaign on neutral commerce are regarded as part of the indications pointing to action soon.

So far the government has received nothing official to indicate any change of submarine policy by Germany and can only believe that American rights are being violated readily.

Vigorous denials were made today of reports of a split in the cabinet over the question of furnishing guns to American ships.

NEW MERCANTILE COMPANY

The Frankford Mercantile Company of Henry, this county, has been granted a charter by the secretary of state. The concern, which is capitalized at \$5,000, with \$4,000 paid in, is incorporated by B. C. Shuford, Evere, Carpenter and others.