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## HUMILIATING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT MAY HAVE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH RESIGNATION WAR SECRETARY GARRISON

Wilson Had Asked Him to "Draw Carefully the Distinction Between Personal Views and Those of Administration" in Speech to U. S. Chamber of Commerce—"Hopeless Disagreement" Between Two—Washington Startled by Action of Secretary Thursday Night—Breckenridge Followed Chief—President Made Up His Mind in Quick Order—Speculation As to Successor—Chief of Staff Scott in Charge of Department

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Major General Hugh Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, is acting Secretary of War while the President makes up his mind as to who he will choose to be the successor of Lindley M. Garrison, whose resignation last night startled Washington. There is much speculation over Mr. Garrison's successor.

Consideration of the incompatible differences between the retiring War Secretary and the President regarding national defense indicates that Garrison regarded the differences as of principle and not of methods, the latter's friends say. Otherwise, he would not have resigned, they believe. They declare that this opinion is borne out by the resignation of Assistant Secretary H. S. Breckenridge immediately his chief had stepped down. The Secretary is known to have considered as humiliating a request from the President that the speech he was scheduled to deliver yesterday before the National Chamber of Commerce draw carefully the distinction between Mr. Garrison's personal views and those of the Administration.

The Secretary considered the Clarke amendment to the Philippine Bill, giving the islanders charge of their affairs in from two to four years, as abandonment of the duty of the Nation. He also believed the passage of the Hav Bill, putting national defense into the hands of the militia would be imperiling the Nation's safety.

Action upon the Secretary's resignation was decided upon by President Wilson in an hour or two.

### Hav Saves Defense Won't Be Hurt.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Garrison's resignation will have no effect on Congress, Representative Hav, chairman of the Military Committee, today declared. He said the committee will go ahead with its affairs and that the resignation would not prove a blow to the general cause of defense.

### Successor to Be Named Soon.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Announcement of Garrison's successor will be made in a day or two, Democrats of the House of Representatives believe. They think he will be a man who can work with the representatives, they say.

### Daniels Was Shocked by News.

Secretary Daniels today declared that his relations with Mr. Garrison had been so friendly and cordial, and that he entertained so high a regard for him that he deeply regretted his resignation. He said the report of Mr. Garrison's action came to him as a shock.

### Garrison Has Quit Politics, Says.

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Secretary Garrison declared here today that he has retired from politics. He would not for a moment entertain the idea of taking the stump against the President, he said.

### Cabinet Expresses Regret.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Cabinet at its meeting today expressed regret over the resignation of Secretary Garrison. The President this afternoon issued a formal order designating General Scott acting Secretary of War until Garrison's successor has been appointed and qualified.

### Scott in Charge of Department.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically became Secretary of War as interim when Secretary Garrison resigned yesterday because the President would not support "irrevocably" the continental army idea, and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge followed suit out of sympathy with Mr. Garrison.

The President accepted both resignations immediately.

Secretary Garrison's resignation was a great surprise in the Capital. He had left the city some hours before the announcement was made, but it was generally thought that he had gone to New York to accompany Mrs. Garrison to that city.

President Wilson had written the Secretary that he was in favor of federalization of the military forces of the Nation, but that he could shove onto Congress no "specific plan."

Mr. Garrison considered the continental army plan the only practical scheme for organizing a force for defense. "It is evident that

hopelessly disagreed," he wrote the President.

## NATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADJOURNS

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 11.—R. G. Rheist, former mayor of Charleston, S. C., a banker, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at the concluding meeting today.

Resolutions Adopted.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States closed its three-day annual convention here today with the adoption of resolutions calling upon the railroads and their employees to adjust their wage controversy by arbitration, and the ratification of a program for national defense which proposes universal military training, an increased navy and the creation of a council of national defense to mobilize, when needed, all the nation's forces, fighting, industrial, commercial and scientific.

## HARD FIGHTING IN WEST AND RUSSIANS TAKE UP OFFENSIVE

Action Spreading All Along Lines in France and Belgium—Slavs Are Fiercely Pounding at Austrian Front in Eastern Theater

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 11.—Furious fighting is spreading all along the western front, it is reported. The Russians are furiously attacking along the eastern Austrian front.

Austrians Occupy Durazzo.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—Austrian troops have occupied Durazzo without being resisted.

French Attack Smyrna.

Paris, Feb. 11.—French aviators attacking Smyrna killed more than 150 of the Turkish garrison, it is reported.

## NO MORE SUFFERING FOR MOLLIE FANCHER

Woman Who Had Been in Bed Half Century as Result of Accident Was Hopeful of Having President Wilson With Her on Fiftieth Anniversary—Died Today—Was Cheerful.

(By the United Press)

New York, Feb. 11.—Mollie Fancher, who recently invited the President to be her guest on the fiftieth anniversary of her being bed-ridden, instead died today. She was injured while riding when 17 years of age, and had never been out of her bed since. She was noted for her cheerfulness.

## NAVAL RESERVES WILL PLAY BIGGER PART NOW

Washington, Feb. 10.—Plans for the training of the naval militia of the country on a far broader scheme than ever before attempted, have been worked out by Secretary Daniels. The naval militia in the South Atlantic and Gulf States coasts will have practice cruises on destroyers with Key West, Fla., as a base, while a fleet of reserve battleships, carrying the reserves and militia from all parts of the country will participate in the summer maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets if Congress approves the necessary expenditures.

## MORE WATERPOWER ON THE CATAWBA RIVER

Statesville, Feb. 10.—Another tremendous water power development on the Catawba river is in prospect. Mr. R. H. McNeill, a Washington attorney, who is now in Statesville, is securing options on property along the river for northern capitalists who contemplate the building of a mammoth dam and power plant at what is known as the Lester and Clark water power, 12 miles from Statesville.

## STATE HAS FIFTY-FOUR NEW LAWYERS

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Fifty-four applicants for license to practice law have been granted certificates by the Supreme Court. Fifteen applicants, including three negroes, failed. One woman, Miss Lillian E. Clement of Asheville, was among those who passed.

No license was granted to a Lenoir county applicant.

## FORMAL ACTION TO RETAIN SUGAR TAX

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Democrats today took formal action to continue the present duty on sugar, and are ready to place the matter before the House.

## UNITED STATES CAN NOT PROTEST ORDER OF CENTRAL GOVT'S

Putting Armed Merchant Ships in Class With War Vessels

LONDON SEES TROUBLE

Predicts More Difficulties Between This Nation and Vienna and Berlin—Americans May Be Warned Keep Off Armed Craft

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The United States, it is stated upon highest authority, cannot protest the announced policy of the Teutonic powers to sink armed merchantmen after March 1 without warning. It is seemed certain that this government will issue a warning to citizens not to travel on belligerent ships carrying guns of any sort. Announcement by the State Department accepting the Teutonic classification would mean that armed liners could only enter American ports once in six months, and stay only 24 hours.

It is admitted that the Austro-German order may seriously cripple the export trade of the United States. London Predicts Trouble.

London, Feb. 11.—New issues grave for those revolving around the Lusitania incident may arise between the United States and the Central Powers as the result of the announcement that all armed enemy merchant vessels will be treated as warships by the latter, it is believed here.

## AMBASSADORS TO GET FORMAL WORD TODAY.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Ambassador Gerard probably today will be handed Germany's formal announcement of its intention to attack armed merchantmen without warning after March 1. Ambassador Penfield at Vienna is expected to be given a similar message, it is said at the German embassy. It is thought that the State Department may shortly make an announcement disclaiming responsibility for Americans traveling on armed merchantmen.

## PEACE MEETINGS IN PROGRESS IN SWISS AND SWEDISH TOWNS

Berne Conferees Believe a Fortnight's Armistice Could Be Made—Permanent Delegates at Stockholm

(By the United Press)

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 11.—The first definite move to end the world war was made today by the Permanent Committee to Establish Lasting Peace. It met to formulate proposals for an armistice. The committee hopes to secure a two-weeks' lull, after which it is believed the war never will start again.

Ford Tribunal Meets in Sweden.

Stockholm, Feb. 11.—With Mayor Lindhagen presiding, the Ford Peace conference opened here today.

## BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

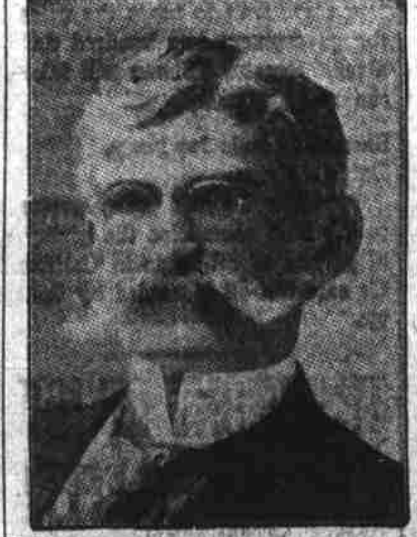
APPAM TO REMAIN IN GERMAN HANDS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The President has agreed, it is understood, to Secretary Lansing's decision presented him today that the Appam is to remain in the hands of the German command.

## SAM SMALL TO MAKE ADDRESS THIS CITY ON NEXT WEDNESDAY

Noted Georgian to Lecture in 87 N. C. Cities and Towns in Interest of Anti-Saloon League, Is Announcement

Rev. Sam W. Small, the noted anti-saloon orator of Atlanta, will lecture here on Wednesday, February 16. Mr. Small is to tour North Carolina in the interest of prohibition, it was announced by the Anti-Saloon League of North Carolina today. He will visit 87 towns in the State. Dr. Small is an acknowledged mas-



REV. SAM W. SMALL

ter of genuine platform work. He is one of the class to which belonged Gough, Talmage, Sam Jones, Demotte and Copeland. He has an encyclopedic store of humor, wit and playful sarcasm. His lectures are on solid themes of timely importance always, but his unique manner in treating them affords an entertainment of delightful character. That accounts for the prominence and enduring popularity of Sam Small with American audiences, say his friends.

## BLAMES BATTERIES FOR SUBMARINE EXPLOSION

New York, Feb. 10.—Responsibility for the explosion upon the submarine E-2, at the New York Navy Yard, which resulted in five deaths, was placed upon the Edison Storage Battery Company by Lieut. C. W. Nimitz, counsel for Lieut. Charles M. Cooke, commander of the vessel, who summed up the evidence in the case this afternoon before the Naval Board of Inquiry.

## A PROHIBITION BILL THAT HITS CAPITAL'S BARBERS AND BAKERS

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Washington man who keeps bar rum for his hair and the housewife who puts vanilla in the angel cake are both likely to be visited by the Metropolitan police if Senator Sheppard's prohibition bill for the District of Columbia becomes a law.

The bill not only prohibits the manufacture, sale or giving away of liquor, but it provides that the mere possession of liquor shall be deemed sufficient evidence to convict a person of selling it.

Five wholesale druggists only are to be allowed to sell wood, grain or denatured alcohol. Anyone buying it must make an affidavit that he is 21, not of intemperate habits and not addicted to the use of narcotic drugs.

To obtain wine for sacramental purposes priests and ministers are required to make application to the District Commissioners, specifying for what sacramental purposes the wine is necessary, and how long the quantity applied for will last.

## THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—Dauphin county had difficulty getting rid of its discarded gallows, unless since Pennsylvania has adopted electrocution for capital punishment. Finally a colored kindling wood dealer who wasn't superstitious paid 50 cents

## WARREN MAKES CALL FOR MEETING STATE EXECUTIVE COMTEE

Time and Place of Holding Democratic Convention to Be Determined at the Meeting in Senate Chamber, Raleigh, March 8th

(Special to The Free Press)

New Bern, Feb. 11.—Democratic State Chairman Thomas D. Warren today issued a call for a meeting of the Executive Committee in Raleigh at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, March 8, in the Senate chamber, for the purpose of transacting the following business:

To fix the time and place of holding the State convention; to fix a common day on which all precinct meetings and primaries (where not provided for by law) shall be held for election of delegates to the county conventions; to fix a common day for the holding of county conventions for the purpose of declaring the results of the precinct meetings or primary elections or for ascertaining the choices of all electors in mass conventions (where not otherwise provided for by law) or for appointing delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and State Senatorial conventions; to decide upon the manner by which delegates and alternates to the Democratic National convention and the Democratic National convention shall be selected, and to provide necessary rules and regulations respecting the selection of same; to transact all other business that may come before the committee.

## MODERN RIP FOUND IN BEAUFORT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT WAR

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Feb. 11.—W. H. Mayo, a leading planter of the lower part of Beaufort county, declares that he has discovered a modern Rip Van Winkle in the South Creek section. Thomas Jenkins, an elderly hermit, did not know until yesterday that there was a war in Europe. Jenkins came to the section twenty years ago, no one knows from where, and has cultivated no acquaintances. He makes one or two trips a year to the city for supplies. He is apparently a man of considerable intelligence. He resides miles from his nearest neighbor.

Mayo was passing and dropped in. The conversation lagging, he brought up the subject of the war. "What war is that?" asked Jenkins. He was greatly surprised when informed that nearly three-fourths of the world was fighting. "And it's Germany, is it?" he asked. He thought Queen Victoria was still ruling England, and had not "stopped to think" that Roosevelt's second term must have expired. "Who is this fellow Wilson?" he wanted to know.

## DURHAM MAN IS NEW VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TOB. CO.

(Special to The Free Press)

Durham, Feb. 11.—Julius H. Mahler of this city has been elected active vice-president of the American Tobacco Company, with offices in New York. His salary will be \$25,000 per annum. Mr. Mahler succeeds T. B. Yuille, resigned after four years in office.

Mr. Mahler is a native of this State and 39 years of age. He has been in the tobacco business many years. For fourteen years he has been associated with the Durham branch of the A. T. Co.

## ASHEVILLE MAN CUT THROAT; APT TO DIE

Asheville, Feb. 10.—Dae Moore, of West Asheville, married, and the father of four children, today cut his throat with a razor. It is thought that the self-inflicted wound will prove fatal.

## NOTABLE SPEAKERS AT THE CONVENTION OF TARHEEL LAYMEN

Rev. J. G. Dale, Col. Halford and Dr. Henderson Spoke Today

LATIN - AMERICA'S NEED

Described by Minister Who Spent Many Years in Mexico—Overflow Meetings This Afternoon—Denominational Meetings

By D. T. EDWARDS,

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Greensboro, Feb. 11.—Work permeated by thought and transformed by prayer is the one means of accomplishing the great work ahead of the Church, declared Dr. D. Clay Lilly in opening the morning session of the State Convention of the Laymen's Mission Movement. Songs, Bible texts and sentences prayers prepared the great body of laymen present for the work of the morning.

The first speaker was Rev. J. G. Dale, missionary secretary for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, who discussed the call of Latin-America in an exceedingly entertaining and instructive way. Mr. Dale spent 15 years as missionary in Mexico and but for the troubled conditions would be there now. He pleaded that Latin-America be not slighted in the churches' missionary efforts. He arraigned the Roman Catholic Church as responsible for the appalling conditions existing in Latin-America, and declared that the people are breaking away from its clutches, and hence the opportunity for protestantism.

Mr. Dale was followed by Col. E. W. Halford, soldier, editor and statesman, vice-chairman of the Laymen's Missionary Movement of the United States and Canada. He spoke on the "open door for laymen" and showed up the apathy of the laymen and the great need for them to awaken to their duty and privilege in reference to God's kingdom. He cited many facts for laymen. The world is in a universal movement toward Democracy, he said. Missions is essentially a democratic enterprise. Missionary enterprise becomes the mother of business. He spoke forcefully and wittily.

The next speaker was Dr. J. H. Henderson of Ohtanooga, missionary secretary for the Southern Baptist convention, who spoke on "financing the kingdom." He used a blackboard outline in giving a comprehensive treatment of his subject, and was heard with much interest and practical benefit. The convention decided to have the outline printed for general use.

Denominational conferences are to be held this afternoon, and two overflow meetings besides the main meeting.

## DANIELS APPROVES CADETS' DISMISSAL

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Daniels today approved the academic board's order for the dismissal of 82 cadets of Annapolis, who failed in their examinations.

## REPORT OF TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

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The little cotton sold here today brought fair prices. Receipts were small, however, as has been the case all the week. New York futures quotations were:

Open	Close
March ..	12.80 11.90
May ..	12.19 12.15
July ..	12.34 12.32
October ..	12.33 12.31
December ..	12.50 12.44

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Representative "Bill" Vann, millionaire Philadelphia contractor and Republican political boss, today was found