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INDEMNITY CONFERENCE

Brazilian Minister and Mexican Representative Trying to Agree on What Mrs. McManus Should Be Allowed

(By the United Press.)

Washington, March 27.—A conference to fix the indemnity for McManus' murder is in progress in Mexico City between the Brazilian minister, representing the United States, and General Palafox, representing the convention forces.

Villa troops are making a supreme effort to capture the port of Matamoras.

Men-of-War Unable to Aid Americans in Persia.

With two warships in the Mediterranean and a gunboat in the Bosphorus, the United States is helpless to protect American missionaries in Persia. Secretary Bryan says: "We are doing what we can, but cannot say what we are doing."

Odenwald Forfeiture Suit Begun.

The Hamburg-American liner Odenwald is now in custody of the U. S. marshal at San Juan, Porto Rico, it is reported by U. S. Attorney Brown at San Juan. Papers in a suit for forfeiture of the Odenwald have been filed. Nothing further has been done regarding special criminal proceedings against the captain of the Odenwald.

Allies' Warships Have Intelligence System.

The Treasury Department has evidence showing that the Allied warships in the Atlantic now have a complete system for supplying them with information regarding the changing conditions on land and at American ports. It is believed the commanders are especially posted regarding the Eitel Friedrich, by the means of fast power boats manned by French and British agents. The escape of the Eitel is believed impossible.

Roosevelt Says He Knows Only What Public Knows.

Senator Walsh today refused to comment on the courtesy of Roosevelt's telegraphic reply to the request that he testify before the Senate ship lobby investigation committee. The message states that Roosevelt knew only what the papers and general public know.

EITEL SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SLIPPING OUT PORT

Government Takes Precautions to Prevent the German Auxiliary From Leaving Newport News Without Papers

(By the United Press.)

Newport News, Va., March 27.—There are no indications of the intention of the Eitel Friedrich to leave port, but preparations have been already completed by the government to prevent such an attempt without the proper clearance papers.

THIS MAY INFLUENCE ENGLAND FOR PEACE

Shortage of Military Supplies and Refusal of Working Men to Turn Them Out Unless Better Paid—Munitions Short

(By the United Press.)

New York, March 27.—The admitted shortage of military supplies in England and the refusal of working men to turn out war supplies unless paid higher wages, may play an important part for the bringing of peace.

INNOCENT VICTIMS OF BROTHERS' DUEL

Mrs. Raymond Smith Killed, Her Baby Shot, Her Husband and John Smith Seriously Injured In Alabama

(By the United Press.)

Gadsden, Ala., March 27.—Mrs. Raymond Smith is dead and her baby is dying as the result of a pistol duel last night between her husband and his brother, John Smith, on the former's farm. Both brothers were seriously wounded. Mrs. Smith, with her baby in her arms, tried to separate the men, resulting in her death. The sheriff has gone to the scene.

POLICE STILL THINK AMY TANNER POISONED

New Analysis Being Made of Stomach of Girl Who Is Believed to Have Been Victim of "Brothers" of New Love Cult

(By the United Press.)

Canton, Ohio, March 27.—"Sacred kisses" and "divine embraces" characterized the new "love" cult rites at the Brotherhood of God Home at Alliance, where Amy Tanner, the police say, was given drugs that caused her death. Expert chemists are making a new analysis of the girl's stomach. "Brother" W. B. Phipps said the members roll on the floor like the famous "Holy Roller" sect.

SUBMARINE CHASED SHIP THIRTY MILES

Arabic, From New York to Liverpool, Eluded the Persistent German Craft—Many Americans Were on Threatened Steamer

(By the United Press.)

Liverpool, March 27.—The White Star liner Arabic, from New York to Liverpool, was chased by a German submarine for 30 miles, passengers reported on the arrival of the ship here today. Many Americans were aboard.

ELM GROVE NEGRO'S DOGS IN EXCITING MAN CHASE

Cicero Jones, Who Formerly Boarded John Williams, Desperado, Shot to Scare Intruder Who Was Attempting Entrance

(By the United Press.)

Cicero Jones, an Elm Grove negro, declares his dogs had a lot of fun in a man chase several nights ago. He was awakened by a noise and went, carrying his revolver, to a window, where he saw a black man creeping around the place. Jones shot twice in the direction of the intruder, whose form was silhouetted against a bright moon and offered an excellent target. He did not shoot to hit, however, he says. He is satisfied he could have killed the man, who he believes was one of several convicts who escaped from the county roads several weeks ago, and was in search of food. As soon as he had fired Jones' dogs, two in number, gave chase. It was a thrilling sight in the moonlight, Jones says. The man literally outran the beasts, and escaped unharmed. Jones formerly boarded John Williams, a notorious negro who engaged the sheriff in a pistol duel near Elm Grove some days ago, but he is satisfied that the man his dogs pursued was not Williams, who he believes is not in this section now.

EARTHQUAKE FELT NOT FAR FROM ROME

Perugia, Italy, March 27.—Several earthquake shocks were felt here today. No reports of damage have been received. Perugia is the capital of Umbria, and within 85 miles of Rome.

MRS. JACKSON RESTS BESIDE HER HUSBAND

Lexington, Va., March 26.—With military honors, the body of Mrs. Mary Anna Jackson, widow of General "Stonewall" Jackson, the Confederate leader, was placed beside that of her husband today in the vault beneath the Jackson monument in Lexington cemetery.

GERMAN AVIATOR KILLS CHILDREN

Paris, March 27.—A German aviator bombed the town of Willer, northwest of Thann, in Alsace, the war office announced. Bombs burst in the streets, killing three children.

SHERIFF TAYLOR'S LOOK-IN ON CARTER-ABERNETHY INQUIRY

Finds Judge Carter Appreciative of Word from One of His Former "Victims." A Good Lesson Is Being Administered

Judge Frank Carter was visibly moved when Sheriff A. W. Taylor informed him at New Bern late Friday that the people of Kinston have "nothing against him." The sheriff went to New Bern to hear a bit of the evidence in the famous Carter-Abernethy legislative investigation. He went around to where the judge sat, dejected in appearance and pale of face.

"How do, sheriff?" the accused jurist greeted the Lenoir county officer. He looked up suddenly, as if the caller had broken in upon a reverie.

The sheriff said he hoped His Honor was well.

"I hope your people have nothing against me?"

He was informed that Kinston and Lenoir county in the controversy is neutral.

"I am glad to hear that, for I have always entertained the highest regard for your citizens."

The sheriff declares the judge wore the air of a man badly "ballywhacked," broken and almost ill.

It was at a term of court here several years ago that the Sheriff first made the acquaintance of Judge Carter. A window was raised in the courtroom. The officer came in and lowered it at the request of lawyers and others. His Honor noted the action and became angry. He discussed for nearly a quarter of an hour the dangers of tuberculosis germs floating around in a courtroom without ventilation, and gave the sheriff a severe "calling down" for his act by which he unconsciously offended the court. The incident was brought to mind Friday by a county official who declared that if he had been in Taylor's place he would have done the same as Taylor—"got mad and said nothing"—but that if he had been within arm's reach of His Honor on the bench he could not have restrained himself from striking the abusive jurist. The sheriff, too, before Friday, had sometimes recollected the sting of the incident, and not long since when the Legislature decided to have two main districts in the State, declared he would be glad when it went into effect because then Carter would have to stay in the West. He plainly never liked him after the affair in the courtroom—until late Friday.

The sheriff today is on Carter's side—so far as just "sympathy" goes. He hopes he will "come out all right." He will have learned a lesson and something about judicial temperament by the time the investigation is concluded, Taylor says.

That the judge's hasty temper, or whatever his much-discussed ailment is, would lead him into trouble, had been predicted at the Courthouse here long before he fined Solicitor Abernethy for contempt because he would not sit down and brought on the present investigation that has elicited the interest of the entire State.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

BREAD TICKETS TO BE ISSUED IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Vienna, March 27.—A government order just issued regulates the consumption of bread, flour and all other foodstuffs. Bread tickets will be issued.

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INCREASE IN TRADE OVER LAST WEEK

Better Tone in Several Lines—Spring Farming Operations Slightly Retarded But Are Under Way. Rediscunts Increase.

Richmond, March 27.—Bradstreet's today will say for Richmond and vicinity:

"The volume of trade taken as a whole, shows an increase over last ticeable in several lines. Orders for agricultural fertilizers are being increased in numbers. Farm machinery is moving more readily. Drugs and chemicals show some improvement in demand and the inquiries for lumber are more numerous. Some cotton mills are curtailing or closing down for lack of dyes for their products. Shoes and dry goods are quiet, though a fair volume of orders for immediate shipment are being received in these lines. Clothing is at its usual between season dullness.

Spring farming operations are under way, though somewhat retarded by unfavorable weather conditions. In some markets cotton is being marketed quite freely, the prevailing prices show an upward tendency. The shad and herring catch thus far has shown an increase over last season and prices are higher than in recent years. Rediscunts of the local Federal Reserve Bank show a steady increase, and the financial situation shows considerable ease. Retail trade is fair in most lines. Collections continue very slow."

NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS CAME INTO CITY'S COFFERS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

Kinston's affairs are rapidly assuming the proportions of big business. Close to a hundred thousand dollars is gathered in from the various revenue sources of the city and disbursed in the course of a year. Kinston is no longer in the village class. Its citizens, especially the old-timers, have been slow to realize that fact, but they are gradually coming around, and they see that "what used to be" is no longer necessarily "the case."

The annual report of collections of the City Clerk in the fiscal year ending May 9, 1914, showed that the income of the municipality for city general expenses was \$61,187.70. Of this sum \$16,346.21 came from general property and poll taxes; \$92.40 from delinquents' taxes; \$23,111.28 from electric light rentals, and \$6,382.61 from electric construction; \$7,684.53 from water rentals; \$2,540.30 from privilege license taxes; \$357.50 from the sale of water taps; \$199.10 from the sale of wood; \$941 from the sale of cemetery lots; \$75 from grave fees; \$78.50 from the sale of manure; \$276 from dog taxes; lesser amounts from the sale of terra cotta, lime, brick, cement, sand, old brass, old hose and error in pay rolls, and \$3,014.88 from police fees. Fines collected from the Mayor's Court, for the Lenoir county general school fund and having no connection with the general city fund, totalled \$946.29. The bond interest, graded school, graded school bond interest and sinking funds taxes totalled \$27,926.33, also not used for general city purposes. The total of collections was \$90,060.32.

Disbursements in the same fiscal year, according to the report of the treasurer, were as follows:

Table with columns for category and amount. Includes: By Loan to Bond Interest Account \$ 2,328.13; Electric Additions (Permanent Improvements) 3,493.40; Electric Construction (Sale of Electric Materials) 5,672.11; Waterworks Additions (Permanent Improvements) 6,108.33; Operation Electric Plant and Waterworks 17,681.57; Maintenance Electric Plant and Waterworks 1,449.79; Street and Roadways, Caswell, Heritage, Peyton 8,090.45; Cemetery 1,502.01; Fire—Repairs to Engine \$ 750.00; Building in East Kinston 500.00; Equipment 848.34; Insurance, Salary and Sundries 1,688.24 3,786.58; Sanitation 2,737.99; Expense 1,372.65; Health 166.40; Appropriation Library, Military and Fire Companies 375.00; Police Account 4,876.19; Salaries Mayor, Aldermen and Clerk 2,790.01; Property 180.40; Sanitary Sewers (Permanent) 7,707.32; Total \$70,318.33

For permanent improvements it will be seen from the above statement that \$3,493.40 was expended for electrical additions; \$6,108.33 for water works improvements, and \$7,707.32 for sanitary sewers. A total of \$17,309.05 was spent. In addition, \$8,090.45 was paid out for street and roadway improvement on Caswell, Heritage and Peyton streets. The above figures The Free Press is printing at this time simply as information for the general public and taxpayers of the city.

EIGHT MORE SHIPS JOIN ALLIED FLEET FOR GRAND ASSAULT

More Than 100 Vessels In Anglo-French Armada Expected Soon to Exert Their Best Efforts in the Dardanelles

(By the United Press)

London, March 27.—Eight additional warships have joined the Allied fleet for warships for a grand assault on the Dardanelles forts in cooperation with land forces, said today's Athens dispatches.

The addition of these ships now bring the total of the craft in the fleet to a number in excess of 100.

YADKIN COUNTY PEOPLE DEFEATE ROAD BONDS.

Winston-Salem, March 26.—According to reports received here the bond election for \$200,000, held in Yadkin county yesterday was defeated by 80 votes.

IN TWO CASES IN TENNESSEE.

Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—The Senate today passed a bill abolishing the death penalty in Tennessee. The bill which makes two exceptions, in criminal assault cases and in cases of life-term convicts who commit murder, now goes to the Governor.

SIXTY MEN ON SHIP POUNDING TO PIECES

British Steamer Trostburg Apt to Break In Two Any Time—Ashore on Moroccan Coast—Warships Standing By Her.

(By United Press)

Cadiz, Spain, March 27.—The sixty of the crew of the British steamer, Trostburg, pounding to pieces near Cape Spartel on the Moroccan coast, are in grave danger, according to dispatches. The ship is believed about to break in two. British and French warships are standing by to help.

FRANK S. MYRICK DIES SUDDENLY

Government Official From Washington Was In Richmond to See Baseball Game and Passed Away In Hotel—Death Was Due to Heart Failure.

(By the United Press.)

Richmond, March 27.—Frank S. Myrick, aged 50 years, a well known government official at Washington, died at the Jefferson Hotel here early today from a sudden attack of heart trouble. He was formerly in the traffic department of the Southern Railroad for many years. He was in Richmond to witness the baseball game between the Richmond internationals and the Washington Nationals.

JOHNSON-WILLARD FIGHT MONDAY WEEK

Havana Clergymen Asked That It Not Be Held on Sunday and President Communicated Their Wishes.

(By the United Press.)

Havana, Cuba, March 27.—At the request of President Menocal of Cuba, the Johnson-Willard fight has been postponed from Easter Sunday, April 4, to Monday, April 5. An appeal was made to Monocal by Havana clergymen.

DAMROSCH ORCHESTRA TO PLAY IN RALEIGH

Famous Opera Singers Will Come, and Program Will Include a Wide Range of Classical and Lighter Vein Music—April 12

(By the United Press.)

The Woman's Club of Raleigh, ever on the alert to lend to the general development and uplift of the Capital City, is planning to bring the New York Symphony Orchestra with Walter Damrosch as conductor, to Raleigh for two performances Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 13th, in the splendid city auditorium. The Woman's club is anxious to have the whole State represented. The coming of the orchestra will mean one of the greatest musical events of the State. A company of operatic stars will appear, the program will be varied, ranging from the heavy and the classical selections to the lighter opera ballet music and an effort is made to arrange a program to suit everybody who will patronize the undertaking. Tickets are now being reserved, prices \$2.50 to \$3.00. Miss Sadie Duncan, 506 Tilden St., Raleigh, and Brantley's Drug Store, Raleigh, have charge of the tickets.

MILL DESTROYED AT WATHA; LOSS \$20,000.

Warsaw, March 26.—Fire which is supposed to have originated in the boiler room of the Parsons Lumber Co., at Watha, Pender county, yesterday afternoon destroyed the mill plant, a large amount of lumber stored on the yards, workmen's homes and other buildings, entailing a loss of \$20,000.

TRYING HARD TO SNOW.

A considerable drop in the temperature accompanied rain Friday night in this region, and this morning it snowed at intervals, never in large flakes, but briskly at times. The indications are that there will be snow tonight, and possibly still lower temperature.

CARTER-ABERNETHY INVESTIGATION BE IN RALEIGH NEXT WEEK

Judge Will Be Only Witness Except the Solicitor In Rebuttal

CARTER OUT OF HEARING

Had Headache This Morning—Chief Counsel Was Called Away—Charles R. Thomas On the Stand for Abernethy

(Special to The Free Press.)

New Bern, March 27.—It was announced today that the Carter-Abernethy legislative investigation would be moved to Raleigh at the conclusion of today's session. Monday Judge Carter will be allowed to take the stand. No other witnesses will be heard there, except that Solicitor Abernethy will be permitted to present his rebuttal testimony.

The session this morning was marked by the absence of Judge Carter, who was confined to his room with a severe headache, and of former Judge Manning, who is conducting Carter's side of the investigation. Judge Manning was called to Raleigh last night.

A few witnesses were examined this morning, the principal one of them being former Congressman Charles R. Thomas, who was in the courtroom at the time that Judge Carter fined Abernethy for contempt. Mr. Thomas told the committee that he would have done the same as Abernethy did when ordered to sit down without being given a chance to explain his position.

JUDGE PEEBLES CLEARED DOCKET AND ADJOURNED

Venerable Jurist Made Good Progress With Civil Term—Left For His Home at Jackson to Rest in the Off-Week.

Judge R. B. Peebles wound up the March term of Superior Court Friday and left at 4:10 o'clock that afternoon for his home in Jackson. The term was called off when all the available business was cleared away, although it does not expire by limitation until 12 o'clock tonight. It was a two-weeks' term, if it needs were, and Judge Peebles could have utilized all of next week had not the short calendar obviated the necessity for that.

Despite the fact that the term lasted less than five days, remarkable progress was made in clearing the docket. Clerk Heath said much more had been accomplished than was expected. Judge Peebles spent the time Friday until the adjournment in signing orders, agreements and judgments and hearing motions.

ATROCITIES IN PERSIA STIR U. S. TO ACTION

Washington, March 26.—Alarming reports of atrocities, including the hanging of sixty men taken from the French mission and five from the American mission compound at Gul-pashan, Persia, stirred the State Department today to further efforts to obtain protection for American missionaries and refugees in the vicinity of Urumiah, Persia, where a Kurd uprising threatens a general Christian massacre.

Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has been appealed to by Secretary Bryan twice in the last few days to urge the Turkish government to send protection to the imperiled district, and it was learned tonight that the State Department had received definite assurances from the Turkish government that protection would be pushed to the scene.