

INVESTIGATION OF FITNESS OF BRANDEIS STARTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS TODAY BY SUB-COMMITTEE FROM THE SENATE

(By the United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Behind closed doors the investigation of the fitness of Louis Brandeis for the Supreme Court bench was opened today by the Senate subcommittee. Clifford Thorne of Iowa, railroad commissioner, is opposed to Brandeis because he said the railroads needed money when asking for a five per cent. rate increase. Brandeis' friends are confident of his confirmation.

END OF THE MOHR TRIAL IS IN SIGHT

First Speech for the Defense to Be Started by Negro Attorney Late Today—Accused Woman and Negroes Implicated With Her Will Know Their Fates Before Many Days, Indicated

(By the United Press) Providence, Feb. 3.—The end of the trial of Mrs. Mohr and two negroes, accused of complicity in the Mohr murder, is in sight. John Edwards negro counsel for H. Spellman, is to deliver the first of the three closing arguments for the defense, starting late today.

ECLIPSE ABBREVIATED BUT CAME ALL RIGHT

It really happened. The eclipse, local, at least, was a success. Astronomers who had staked their reputations on the prediction that the sun and moon would get together today with partial elimination of the former from the skyscape have no explaining to do. In newspapers all over the country they had forecasted that the eclipse would pass over half the world, including the United States and parts of both of the great oceans. Father F. L. Odenback of St. Ignatius College, Cleveland, had furnished a number of papers with a tip that there would be no visible eclipse, but The Free Press for one was not willing to take the good father's word for it. He may have believed that it would be a cloudy day, but he was taking a big risk in disputing the opinion of hundreds of other skilled astronomers. It wasn't a really remarkable eclipse. Besides, it was delayed for some time by bothersome clouds. But an eclipse it was—a partial eclipse. Just as had been forecasted, with a little corner of the sun hidden by the moon. The eclipse, according to some whose belief may or may not have been well founded, was responsible for the bad weather of the past 48 hours. There was sleet in abundance and some snow Wednesday night and early this morning. The official prediction is that it will remain clear for some time now, however, but will be much colder. In fact, freezing temperature may come tonight.

SEVEN CABLE LINES ARE OUT OF BUSINESS

London, Feb. 3.—Seven of Europe's cables to America have mysteriously been put out of business. The remainder are badly overburdened. It is believed cable cutting submarines did the job.

CLARK AMENDMENT PASSED IN SENATE

Washington, Feb. 2.—Vice-President Marshall cast a deciding vote in the Senate today on the Philippine bill helping to pass the Clark amendment to withdraw the sovereignty of the United States from the islands not sooner than two years and not later than four. Fifteen of the Democrats voted against it.

REPORT OF TODAY'S COTTON QUOTATIONS

Less than a dozen bales of cotton had been sold here today by 3 o'clock, with the best price paid about 11-1-4. New York futures quotations were: Open Close March 11.93 11.94 May 12.12 12.13 July 12.29 12.56 October 12.66 12.50 December 12.39 12.42

KEATING BILL IS PASSED IN HOUSE

Vote 376 to 46—Now Goes to Senate—Opposition From Southerners—Webb of North Carolina Held It to Be Unconstitutional—Heavy Penalties for Interstate Shipment

Washington, Feb. 2.—The Keating child labor bill, barring from interstate commerce the products of child labor, was passed by the House today, 377 to 46 and now goes to the Senate. It imposes heavy penalties for interstate shipment of any commodity made in whole or in part by children under sixteen working in mines or quarries, or by children under fourteen working in mills, canneries, workshops or manufacturing establishments. Where children are employed at night or more than 8 hours a day in this latter class of industries, the minimum age is sixteen instead of fourteen. The House spent the entire day debating the bill. Opposition came largely from the South. Representative Webb of North Carolina, chairman of the House Judiciary committee, urged that it was unconstitutional and sought unsuccessfully to exempt the children of widows from its operations.

TURKISH CROWN PRINCE A SUICIDE, IS REPORT

(By the United Press) Berlin, Feb. 3.—Constantinople dispatches today confirmed the suicide of Prince Yussuf Izzedin, heir apparent to the Turkish throne. He severed the arteries in an arm. Was In Ill Health. London, Feb. 2.—The suicide of Yussuf Izzedin, heir apparent to the Turkish throne, is reported in a dispatch received by Reuter's Telegram Company from Constantinople by way of Berlin. The message says the crown prince ended his life by cutting arteries, in his palace at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Ill health is given as the reason.

WAKE FOREST-TRINITY INCIDENT CLOSED WITH A COMPLETE DISAVOWAL

Wake Forest, Feb. 2.—Six students of Wake Forest College were suspended, all inter-collegiate athletes were placed on probation for the remainder of the present term and a resolution disavowing the act of certain of the students who recently participated in the painting episode at Trinity College was passed by the faculty of Wake Forest College at a meeting held last night. The resolution passed reads: "Resolved, That the college disavows the action of certain of its students in defacing the property of Trinity College, with proper apologies and the assurance of reparation."

BLACK IS HELD FOR ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Elizabeth City, Feb. 2.—George Berryman, a negro, thirty-five years old, is in jail here charged with attempted criminal assault upon the four-year-old daughter of Mrs. I. G. Phillips of Bethel, Perquimans county.

APPAM PASSENGERS CHEERED AS LANDED ON AMERICAN SOIL

Prize Ship Moved to Newport News; Berg Gets Orders from U. S.

BRITISH ASK RELEASE

Say There Is No Right for Holding Vessel in Neutral Port—Convention of The Hague Violated, Alleged

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 3.—The Appam is a war prize in the official view of the United States. Secretary Lansing announced today. It is learned that but few of the passengers were landed this morning. Crew Still in Charge of Ship. Washington, Feb. 3.—The Appam is now held by her German crew at Newport News. She is a German lawful prize of war, temporarily at least, by formal announcement. A declaration that this government will observe German rights and the convention that she is a prize and not a naval auxiliary are expected to be made today. A vigorous protest is expected from the British as soon as the final formal announcement is made. England will demand that this government observe The Hague convention, which says a prize in a neutral port must be turned over to the original owners. This clause was never ratified by the United States or England, while the treaty of 1823 with Germany was. Internment of the German crew is expected. Was Captor Moeve or Ponga? Newport News, Feb. 3.—The Appam unloaded her prisoners this morning. There is increased mystery over the sea raider which captured her. The captains of 4 British vessels declared that the raider was the converted fruit steamer Ponga, and not the Moeve. The Germans insist the ship was the Moeve. The passengers cheered as they were taken to a dock. They told the story of the fight on board the Clan MacTavish, which stood off the raider for an hour with one 3-inch gun. She was finally blown to pieces by broadsides and torpedoes. German boats rushed to the scene and rescued four of the crew. Commander Takes Orders Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 3.—Lieutenant Berg of the German naval reserve, is holding the command of the prize ship Appam until this government determines the vessel's status. He is to take instructions from the American officials. All the passengers on board were informed by Collector of the Port Hamilton last night that they were free to leave the ship. A passenger asked if they could consider themselves under American protection. Lieutenant Berg objected to the term "American protection," and was reprimanded by the Collector. "You have sought protection under the American flag," declared Mr. Hamilton; "while you are in these waters you will be afforded protection, and all the others will be given similar protection." Berg made the contention that on board the Appam the British passengers were equivalent to being on German soil. Hamilton assured him that such was not the case. The Britishers cheered Hamilton. Those allowed to leave the ship do not include the prize crew, the Appam's crew and twelve passengers who the Germans say have military connections.

NEW OFFENSIVE BY GERMANS FORESEEN BY BERLIN PUBLIC

Citizens Elated Over Activities of Air Fleets and Capture of Appam—Untrue Story Americans Warned Off Ships

(By the United Press) Berlin, Feb. 3.—The capture of the Appam, the zeppelin raids over England and Paris and the new aggressive activity of the submarines are accepted here as preludes to a general new offensive. News of the Appam capture was received with the greatest enthusiasm. A sensational story that President Wilson is to allow no Americans to travel on belligerent ships has been received with disbelief here.

GERMAN LUSITANIA NOTE TO THE STATE DEPT BY SATURDAY

New En Route to You Bernstorff—Expected to Settle Dispute—Should Be In the Ambassador's Hands in 48 Hours

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 3.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff today received a Berlin cable telling that a memorandum on the Lusitania, answering the last American note, is on its way to him. It is believed it will arrive here Friday or Saturday. It will be communicated to the State Department Saturday. It is thought to be calculated to end the long dispute.

S. J. BUSBEE TO BE NEW WARDEN STATE PRISON AT RALEIGH

(By W. J. MARTIN) Raleigh, Feb. 3.—The State's prison directors are meeting to select a warden. They have conferred with Governor Craig. An agreement has been reached for the election of S. J. Busbee, who has been in the prison guard service many years. Busbee will succeed Warden Sale, who died several days ago of heart failure, following the double execution of two negroes.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

FRANCE WANTS ANOTHER LOAN.

New York, Feb. 3.—France wants one to two hundred millions of American money for the war. It is understood J. P. Morgan is en route to Europe today to arrange the loan.

KING SIGNS CONSCRIPTION BILL.

London, Feb. 3.—King George today signed the government's conscription bill, to become effective February 10.

NEWS OF A DAY IN NEIGHBORING TOWNS

The New Bern Board of Aldermen has appropriated for a trained nurse for the colored citizens. Arthur Bryan, colored, was shot and killed by another negro, name not learned, at Camp Perry, says a report from New Bern. It is understood that Bryan had been sent by the white superintendent to arrest the other negro, a bad character, and was killed by the latter when he approached him. The slayer made his escape. Fayetteville, Feb. 2.—Luther Owen, a young farmer, living near Red Springs, was instantly killed at that place last night when his automobile collided with Dr. Boscoe McMillan's car which was standing before a residence at the time. Although the impact was such that Mr. Owen's neck was broken by the shock, neither car was damaged.

MAY BE NECESSARY USE FORCE UPHOLD AMERICANS' RIGHTS

Wilson's Topeka Speech Contained Threat to All the Belligerents

ENGLAND WAS INCLUDED

Interference With Commerce as Liable to Be Resorted to Arms as Slaughter of Neutrals by Germans

(By the United Press.) St. Louis, Feb. 3.—Eight thousand persons heard the President speak in the coliseum this morning. He warned Missouri to prepare to uphold American rights and ideals. It will be necessary to mobilize the nation's economic resources as well as military, he declared. America is at peace because she entertains a real friendship for the rest of the world. If great issues involved us, if it were necessary to defend ourselves we would not be at

THE DANGER FROM WITHOUT IS CONSTANT AND IMMEDIATE, HE DECLARED.

He has tried to make the administration one of genuine neutrality. "We must prepare to take care of this country." Plans are now before Congress, he said, intended to "prevent American lives being thrown away. Germany Not Only Nation We Might Have Trouble With. Washington, Feb. 3.—Congress and the diplomatic corps were stirred by President Wilson's Topeka address, in which he said it may be necessary to use force to vindicate the right of Americans everywhere to enjoy under the protection of international law. He aimed at English interference with commerce as well as Germany's submarine warfare. Congressmen protesting against England's interference with cotton shipments are elated over the President's reference to the right to send cotton abroad. American Patience Has Limit. Topeka, Kansas, Feb. 2.—President Wilson told an audience of 5,000 persons here today that "America is not going to abide the habitual nor continual neglect" of its rights under international law, either with respect to the safety of its citizens or its foreign commerce.

COURTMARTIAL NAVY MEN WHO LET CODE BOOK GET OFF SHIP

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 3.—Lieutenant Herbert Jones and Ensign Robert Kirkpatrick of Mare Island are to be courtmartialled for the loss of the Destroyer Hull's navy code book.

TRADE AT HOME, IS SLOGAN LABOR MEN

Wilmington, Feb. 2.—The Allied Trades Council, the Central Labor organization for Wilmington, has started an extended movement to induce Wilmington people to spend their money at home. The labor people expect to enlist the support of all the commercial bodies and the individual business men.

FARMER KILLED IN AUTO COLLISION

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NORTH CAROLINA HAS EVERYTHING THAT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE GREAT FACTORY SECTION, THINKS NEW ENGLAND VISITOR

Edward W. J. Proffitt of Providence Declares Southern Tour Has Been Series of Revelations to Him—Advises Chamber of Commerce to Get Manufacturing Enterprises Established Here—Excellent Field for Toy Business—Might Supply Country With Wooden Toys for Christmas—Region Cannot Prosper to Fullest Extent Unless It Takes Upon Itself Shaping Up of Own Raw Products, Opinion of Man Who Knows Lot of Things

"Why, up in New England they don't know that you have anything down here except Pinehurst." Edward W. J. Proffitt, advertising expert of national reputation and community improvement worker, was discussing the South with a newspaper man at City Hall Wednesday night. He stated that the much-boasted hospitality of the region is a fact; he has experienced it, and tradition has failed to do it justice. And of North Carolina: "It has been one series of revelations to me, the trip through this State. You have everything: tremendous possibilities and much more already achieved than we people 'up there' realize. Why, in New England, they don't even know that North Carolina is one of the cotton manufacturing centers of the world."

There were only about two score persons to hear Mr. Proffitt's address. The occasion had been well advertised, but the weather was as bad as any of the season and the inclemency and grip epidemic were both in the way of a real Kinston audience for the visitor. There was never a more attentive audience, however, and the truth of what the energetic young Northerner, who is an official of the Chamber of Commerce in his own city, Providence, a member of the National Chamber of Commerce, and a publisher, had to say was drunk in almost greedily by his hearers. Col. H. S. Leard of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, who accompanied Mr. Proffitt to the city, was called upon by President Walter D. LaRogue of the Chamber of Commerce to introduce the speaker of the evening. Colonel Leard "just talked" for about ten minutes, and told his auditors that Kinston was the "brag town" of the Norfolk Southern. Mr. Proffitt before him in conversation had said that it was the first place in North Carolina that he had heard of. The compliment to Kinston's spirit that General Passenger Agent Leard paid was prettily put, and the applause that rewarded him was whole-hearted. South's Wonderful Resources. Mr. Proffitt is a rapid-fire speaker. "No longer, you have determined, as is proved by the number of factories you have built in the last few years, shall the South, a country of wonderful resources, complain that its lot is hard, and that the wealth of the Nation is rapidly concentrating in the bleak and barren States of New England, where, to quote the famous phrase of a Southern gentleman, ex-Governor Coke of Texas, we have nine months of winter and three more of darned cold weather," was an appetite-stimulating bonbon from a basketfull of sweets he passed out. But "no exclusively agricultural country can ever successfully compete in the race for wealth against manufacturing industry. The land that produces and sells raw products alone is rarely continuously prosperous or happy. Such a system may be romantic, but it is devoid of common business sense," he went on to say, getting down to the brass tacks of his address, which had for its central thought the opinion that the South must have factories and enough of them to ever come into its rightful own. Select the manufactures which would utilize the raw products of the region and then build them, he advised. Build a plenty of them, building wisely, of course. It is no wonder that the South does not possess the wealth that it should when everything nearly that it produces is sent to the North and manufactured, then shipped back with a profit of

from 100 to 500 per cent. to the manufacturers and freight both ways added. Get out of that! Let the South use its own raw products. Its advantages are splendid. This immediate section, for instance, has excellent transportation facilities, no great labor problem like exists in parts of the North, but an abundance of good and varied labor, and there is no such competition as exists in the great manufacturing districts of the North. Induce Northern capital to come here to assist the South in building up its manufactures. If the capitalists up there knew what the section has to offer they would hurry to take advantage of these exceptional opportunities. Field for Toy Factories. There is an excellent field in this section for toy factories, said Mr. Proffitt. New England is manufacturing wooden toys now. Japan is supplanting Germany as the chief producer of toys now, and secured orders for millions of dollars' worth from the United States the past season. "Build such factories here. Communicate with capitalists. Tell them your scrap wood is being burned up." Japan is going to have a monopoly of the business if the United States does not get busy, he declared, and this section has ideal facilities for making enough toys to supply the country. The Chamber of Commerce should be the central body of the community. It should be fostered and given all the support that it deserves, Mr. Proffitt declared. He described how several New England cities built up their chambers and boards of trade. In Boston they have a chartered company in the Chamber of Commerce which gives financial aid to deserving enterprises through means of a practical and simple plan that has proved its merit. Mr. Proffitt suggested for Kinston a factory sub-division, owned by the city—say a hundred acres, divided into a hundred factory sites. Along with it, he advised a home site sub-division, to be sold off by lots to workingmen. The profit from the home site lots should be made to pay for the factory sites, which would be deeded free or at a small price to manufacturers. The proper committee from the Chamber of Commerce, however, should investigate any enterprise proposed to be located on the factory subdivision before land is sold or given for it. If the enterprise should prove not to be of a needed sort or apt to fall through, then its location here should be discouraged. The New Englander, in the course of his address, said nice things about Kinston's fine streets, excellent water supply and purified appearance. He had been driven over the town and seen much in it that was commendable. The fair was a thing about which he had heard much, and he did not believe, he said, that he had ever heard of an undertaking of the kind being so successful right off from the start. Mr. Proffitt warned against individualism, which he declared had been the curse of New England, and the cause—here he waxed poetical—of the downfall of Sidon, Greece and Rome, and other communities of the ancients. When every person feels that he is absolutely necessary to the scheme of things, and that he must assist in all the public affairs of his community, then there can be no such thing as failure for a city, he said. Mr. Proffitt and Colonel Leard left this morning for New Bern. They will go to other East Carolina cities, and next week the former expects to spend in Washington, D. C., then shipped back with a profit of