

HOUSE WILL NOT VOTE ON THE McELMORE RESOLUTION UNTIL MONDAY OR TUESDAY, SAYS KITCHIN; NEW OUTBREAK IN SENATE

Struggle Between President and Congress Not Ended Yet—Blind Gore's Trick—Victory In Senate for Administration None Less Complete Because It Was Definition of War Cause Instead of Resolution Against Warning That Was Tabled, However—Split In the House Today—Postponement Causes Surprise—Vote Had Been Scheduled for Noon—Repetition of Senate Muddle Expected, Probably

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 4.—It is practically certain there will be no vote on the McElmore measure until Monday or Tuesday, Leader Kitchin said this afternoon, following a conference of House leaders. The bill may be re-drafted so as to make a direct issue of the merits of warning.

More Discussion In Senate.

Washington, March 4.—Discussion of the armed merchantmen decree broke out again in the Senate today after Senator Lodge read a statement that the British government never warned its citizens to avoid armed liners during the Japanese-Russian war. McCumber denounced the "gag rule," and said that sooner or later he would get a vote on his resolution of warning. Congress will be supreme in the last analysis, he said, and claimed that public sentiment would force a direct vote. He said the indirect vote of yesterday failed to ratify the President's proposal.

What the Senate Tabled.

Washington, March 4.—Senator Gore's resolution that was voted on by the Senate yesterday afternoon was not, as President Wilson had demanded, a measure calling for warning Americans off armed merchantmen, which Mr. Wilson hoped to have defeated to prove that the executive branch was all-powerful in matters of foreign affairs, but a substitute that Gore had craftily introduced. It resolved that the sinking of an armed merchant ship, resulting in the death of an American citizen, would "constitute a just and sufficient cause of war between the United States and the German Empire." That it was which the Senate voted to table by a vote of 68 to 14.

A division among the President's supporters in the House broke out today after several of the administration's friends proposed postponement until Monday of the vote on the McElmore resolution. A number, including Sherley, Allen of Ohio and Glass, began fighting to force the vote today, claiming that the muddle created by the Senate vote should be cleared up immediately. Sherley, however, rested his action.

A coterie loud in condemnation of postponement are mustering the rules committee to have the rule re-

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LOANS TO PIG CLUB BOYS WITHOUT CENT OF SECURITY, PLAN

Farmers & Merchants Bank Celebrates Eighth Natal Day by Announcing Willingness to Aid In Improving Breed of Swine

Today the Farmers & Merchants Bank celebrated its eighth birthday. "Since its organization the Farmers & Merchants Bank has tried to be of real benefit to the farmers of this and adjoining counties." That statement is modest. The efforts have been highly successful. Last year the institution distributed thousands of bulletins and pamphlets on advanced and progressive farming, and it "hopes the literature was of advantage and benefit to a large number of those who received it." The officers of the bank have kept as closely in touch with the agricultural progress of the section as any set of men in Kinston, and the planters have not failed to appreciate their interest. This year the bank is going to help the boys of Lenoir county by helping the Pig Club! Pigs is pigs, though they ain't such scarce creatures in this neck of the woods any longer, and the Farmers & Merchants Bank realizes that the more pigs the better. It is going to lend, says Cashier L. J. Mewborne in a letter, as many as 25 members of the Lenoir County Pig Club the money to buy registered sow pigs. "We are going to take each boy's plain note without any security back of it, except the honor of the boy who signs the note. The note will be for an amount not exceeding \$15, will bear interest at six per cent. the date of the loan, and will be payable on or before December 1, 1916."

It will be necessary, for a boy to secure the money, for him to be a bona-fide member of Lenoir County Pig Club, "exhibit his pig at the fair next Fall, and have the approval of Mr. O. F. McCrary, demonstration agent for Lenoir county." Mr. McCrary has told the bank that he is going to try to distribute these registered sows throughout the county, and next year the new members of the club can buy their stock of registered pigs from those who had the purebred sows this year. Mr. Mewborne says "Let's help the boys. Encourage them and make them more self-reliant that they may be progressive and forceful men."

And this is a pretty nice way to celebrate a birthday. Cashier Mewborne, too, is interested in the fact that Lenoir county now grows corn sufficient for feeding the pigs what is pigs to be had, as well as the multitude not so aristocratic now on hand.

DR. SPILLMAN AGREES TO LECTURE IN HOME CITY FOR HALF WEEK

Dr. B. W. Spillman, the Baptist Sunday school expert, will give a course of lectures to the people of this city on March 12 to 14. Not only teachers and officers of the Sunday schools, but all who will, are privileged to attend. Though Dr. Spillman's lectures are exceedingly valuable and enjoyable, no charge is made for them. They are the genial Southern Secretary's contribution to his home city.

Dr. Spillman has few equals as a lecturer, and it is a great privilege to the people of the city to hear him. The lectures will be given at afternoon and night, in the social rooms of Gordon Street Christian church, where there is a good equipment of chairs and tables and conveniences for refreshments.

PECULIAR FACTS ABOUT WELL-KNOWN PEOPLE.

Washington, March 3.—Senator Lane of Oregon is besieging Vice-President Marshall with requests to be relieved of "my onerous duties as a member of the Committee on the Disposition of Useless Papers in the Executive Departments."

HOUSE TO GET SIX HUNDRED FOR BRAVE DEED FRIDAY, SAID

Sheriff of Pitt Says About That Sum Reward for Taking Evans

WAS A DUEL TO DEATH

Two Men Who Fought At Outlaw's Cabin Knew That One of Them Had to Die—Evans Opened and White Man Finished Him

W. L. House, who Friday afternoon killed David Evans, Pitt county's now famous negro outlaw, today described the killing.

"I thought it possible that Evans would be at home," House said over long-distance telephone. The pre-emption persisted until House finally went to Evans' dwelling. He stepped into the doorway. The appearance of the negro himself in an inner doorway proved the surmise to be correct. The black had his ugly big revolver in his hand. House's shotgun was loaded with buckshot.

"Did you come to get me?" asked Evans in a matter-of-fact tone.

"Yes," said House, "that's what I came for."

The two men knew that one of them was to die, and wasted no words, except that the black man uttered an oath.

Evans fired. "I was just eight feet from him," said House today. "His bullet missed me only an inch or two, but I was too excited to mind that. I blew his hand off." It was not the revolver hand, however. Then followed a game of hide and seek, with House on the offensive. He dodged between the door and a window, firing whenever the opportunity presented. At the fifth shot Evans fell. He lay on the floor and swore he would kill House yet. He was in the act of lifting his revolver, when House running towards him as quickly as possible, snatched it from his hand, and with his own gun's muzzle at the negro's chest, "finished him."

House does not think he has done anything "great." House's home is at Winterville. He is a typical Pitt countyman. He will get rewards aggregating about \$600, the Sheriff at Greenville told him today. Evans' body is at Greenville. If the University Medical College will accept it, the corpse will be sent to Chapel Hill.

THOUGHT MORE THAN THREE THOUS'D MEN DIED ON PROVENCE

The Big Converted Cruiser Sunk In Mediterranean Some Days Ago Carried 4,000, While Less Than 900 Accounted For

Paris, March 3.—It was announced today at the French ministry of marine today that there were nearly 4,000 men on board the French auxiliary cruiser Provence when she was sunk in the Mediterranean Feb. 26. As the ministry of marine on February 29 announced that the number of survivors of the Provence disaster was estimated at 870, it is indicated by the foregoing dispatch that upwards of 3,130 lives were lost.

The loss of more than 3,000 lives in the sinking of the French auxiliary cruiser Provence is the greatest ocean disaster of modern times.

The chances for recovery of Garland Eastwood, hurt several days ago by a fall from a fire truck at New Bern, are exceedingly slim. Eastwood's skull was fractured.

BABY WEEK FORM'LY OPENED IN KINSTON AT FOUR THIS P. M.

City Expected to Take Live-ly Interest In Great National Movement for Conservation of Lives and Health of Babies

The kid has his inning today—and until next Friday night—in Kinston. He is having it in a lot of other places throughout the country, too. Baby Week was officially inaugurated in Kinston this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The meeting is being held in Gordon Street Christian church. Mayor Sutton is presiding, and Dr. Albert Parrott is to make the principal address, his subject being the comprehensive one of "What the Community Owes the Baby—Clean Milk, Pure Water, Fresh Air and Screened Homes." The prospects for a large attendance were fine.

The public is expected to take a tremendous interest in Baby Week. There are not a niftier lot of embryo citizens in the world, and their conservation is Kinston's first thought. Every laddieback and ladybug today fondling his or her little toes within the confines of a Kinston home has a better chance in the world for having been born or come to Kinston to live, it is safe to presume. The doctors of the city and Mother's Club are determined to make the week an interesting one, and the public should, and most probably will, co-operate. Nature has so failed in one particular that a lot of those most directly interested can't get a word in edgewise, but could they talk they would howl for consideration of their rights.

"The Duty the Church Owe the Citizens of Tomorrow" will be the subject of a number of sermons in the city's churches Sunday morning, probably.

JUDGE ALLEN CANNOT SEE IT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PRESIDENT

(By the Eastern Press)
Washington, N. C., March 4.—That America should not go to war with Germany because of the "foolhardiness of a handful of agents of war order house," was the sentiment expressed by Judge Oliver H. Allen here today.

"If America enters the war," said Judge Allen, "there is no telling when it will end. Hundreds of thousands of Armenians are reported to have been massacred in Asia Minor and this Christian Nation did not interfere, while there are many millions who today would plunge the country into a dreadful conflict because a very few who cross the seas for personal gain may be killed. I am most heartily in favor of warning citizens of the United States to remain off armed ships, and thereafter letting them take passage on such vessels at their own risk."

BRIEFS IN THE DAY'S NEWS FROM TOWNS AND COUNTIES NEAR HERE

Earl Gibbs, white, had a foot badly mashed when a locomotive tender ran over it at Camp Perry. He is in a New Bern hospital.

The New Bern postoffice is nearing the first class. The receipts for the fiscal year may run to \$40,000, according to the Sun-Journal of that city.

Maysville has checked its small-pox epidemic. There were as many as half a dozen cases in the little town at one time.

Jeff Laughinghouse has been arrested at Vanceboro by Federal officers on the charges of selling liquor and operating an illicit distillery. A negro was arrested at the same time for having more than the legal quantity of whisky. Both are being held in jail.

ATLANTIC SEABOARD SWEEPED BY BLIZZARD DURING THE NIGHT

Considerable Damage to Shipping on New England and Virginia Coasts. Crew of Barge Lost—Another Barge Missing

(By the United Press)
Norfolk, March 4.—Shipping suffered severely in one of the worst storms in years last night. The tug Chanler lost two barges, one is missing and the other in distress off the Capes. The coast guard Onondaga has gone to the latter's assistance.

An unknown schooner is ashore in Lynnhaven Bay. The Chesapeake Line steamer City of Baltimore was aground in Hampton Roads, but has been floated.

Damage to Shipping Considerable.

Washington, March 4.—A blinding blizzard swept the Atlantic seaboard last night and a number of vessels were damaged or lost. Of the crew of a barge lost at North Scituate, Mass., one was saved, but died on the way to shore. A two-masted schooner is ashore at Cope Point, in Chesapeake Bay. The cutter Apache rushed to her assistance.

VON MEYER TAKES A CRACK AT DANIELS; SAYS NAVY FEEBLE

(By the United Press)
New York, March 4.—If the United States should go to war tomorrow, the navy, under Daniels, would be absolutely impotent to check an invasion of the coast, declared George Von L. Meyer, former secretary of the navy, today.

MORE MARRIED MEN ARE CALLED TO COLORS

(By the United Press)
London, March 4.—Proclamations have been posted calling to the colors married men from the ages of nineteen to twenty-seven, inclusive. They must report by April 7.

A GRAND BAWL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY STARTED THIS MORNING TO LAST A WEEK; HAIL, ALL DIMPLES AND TOES ASKANCE

(By the United Press)
New York, March 4.—A certain New York physician today told of a new way to make the baby stop crying. The plan was successfully employed by a little boy to whose lot it fell to care for his baby brother a good deal. His mother marked the unwonted silence of the infant when the brother was watching him, so she peeked around the door one day and saw how it was done. Brother, it seems, waited until the baby got his mouth open to let out a howl and then leaned over and blew down his throat.

Washington, March 4.—Babies of four colors and two nationalities were the center of attraction in 2,020 communities in the United States, Alaska, the Philippines, Canada and the British West Indies today. They will hold the spotlight for the succeeding six days of National Baby Week, inaugurated by the General Federation of Women's Clubs and sponsored by the Federal Children's Bureau.

The babies don't know it, but they are the reason for hundreds of nursing courses, child welfare exhibits, window decorating contests, bazaars, essay contests and general meetings planned during the week in the United States and its possessions, not to mention again Canada and the British West Indies.

TEUTONS UNABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Action Today Mostly Confined to Artillery and Sappers, Seems

DEFENSE IS EFFICIENT

French Hold String of Redoubts Past Which Germans Cannot Force Way. Offensive Explodes Mine, Frenchmen Retaliate

(By the United Press)

London, March 4.—The French under General Petain are blocking all attempts by the Germans to capture Pepper Heights, north of Verdun, by flank attacks, say Paris dispatches. Petain is making a stand at a string of redoubts a mile southwest of Douaumont. He is repulsing with heavy losses the charges by which Teutons hope to penetrate the French front, and cut off defenders on the heights. The French losses in killed, wounded and missing at Verdun are estimated at thirty thousand! Germans Explode Mine; Can't Use Crater.

Paris, March 4.—Lively artillery duels are in progress on the front north of Verdun, it is said officially. No infantry actions resulting in important changes. The Germans have exploded a mine at Pargues, 12 miles southeast of Verdun. French artillery prevented German occupancy of the crater.

EXPECT BEGINNING OF SUEZ CAMPAIGN IN SHORT TIME NOW

(By the United Press)
Berlin, Mar. 4.—Constantinople dispatches are reporting the arrival at Jerusalem of the Turkish dictator Enver Pasha and the commander of the Fourth Turkish army, Dzemal Pasha. Their arrival is believed to be the signal for the beginning of the Turkish campaign against Egypt.

JUDGE BOND AND LENOIR COUNTY NOW ARE FAST FRIENDS; RESOLUTIONS OF AFFECTION FOR JURIST WHO IS FOND OF THE PUBLIC

The people of Lenoir county, through the Bar Association and officers of the Court, and Judge W. M. Bond exchanged compliments Friday night after the February term of Superior Court, a civil term lasting a fortnight, had been finally adjourned. Judge Bond, who said he wanted no man to come creeping into his court fearing to be jailed for the slightest breach of order, but to feel at home in premises that were as much his as the Court's, made a splendid impression here, according to Clerk of the Court J. T. Heath. Judge Bond is the wittiest judge to preside here in years, and good humor prevailed throughout the term, without the slightest departure from the decorum that is accustomed to be had in this tribunal.

Judge Bond had intended letting the term expire by limitation tonight, but had a son ill at his home in Edenton, and really felt uneasy about him, he said. Besides, he had "worked overtime" and felt that the day off was earned. He comes back to the district, to Jacksonville, Monday. The following resolutions were passed by the bar and court officers: "That at the close of the two-week February term, 1916, of the Superior Court of Lenoir county, His Honor, W. M. Bond, Judge presiding, the relations between the Judge on the one side and the Bar, Court officers and the public on the other, have been so pleasant, that it is the desire on the part of the Bar and officers of the Court to make memorial of their appreciation of the uniform courtesy, courage and fairness of the presiding Judge.

"That no term of this Court for years has accomplished more effective and satisfactory work, and our docket at the end thereof is in better condition than it has been in at least ten years.

"That the presiding Judge will carry with him when he leaves the district the affectionate regard and high esteem of every member of the bar, every Court officer and juror and the public generally.

"That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Court, and published in the press of this city, the Raleigh News and Observer and the Greensboro Daily News."

Judge Bond wrote the following letter to this paper: "Editor Free Press: "Permit me to thank you for your kind allusions to me, and also to express my keen appreciation of the many courtesies received at the hands of the good people of your progressive city. Truly, "W. M. BOND."

Judge Bond left for Edenton late Friday night. On the last afternoon of the term the suit of Matthews vs. Isler was dismissed at the desire of the plaintiff, who was assessed the costs.

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