

PAGE WILL QUIT POLITICS BECAUSE HE CANNOT AGREE WITH WILSON; THE FIGHT ON McLEMORE RESOLUTION ON IN HOUSE

German-American Alliance Conducting Lobby, Startling Statement of New York World—Sherwood of Ohio Follows Tarheel's Example and Says He Will Give Up Politics—Cabinet Discusses International Situation—Pou Opens Debate in House Before Thronged Galleries—North Carolinian Warns Against Bringing Americans into Contempt Before the World—Destiny of the Parties is Involved

(By the United Press)

Washington, March 7.—The cabinet today discussed the future negotiations of America with Europe on the submarine issue. The President told the members of the observations of Colonel House. Secretary Lansing gave translations of appendices to the German memorandum charging Great Britain with having ordered merchantmen to attack submarines. The President is understood to have said that both Berlin and London are determined to pursue their blockades relentlessly.

Sherwood to Follow Page of North Carolina.

Washington, March 7.—Representative Sherwood of Ohio announced today that he was following Page's policy, and would withdraw from politics because he cannot agree with the President.

House Fight Started at 11.

The House fight on the McLemore resolution was launched when a rule providing for its consideration was called up by Representative Pou. The galleries and floor were packed. Pou opened the debate, saying the McLemore resolution presented a square issue. It can't pass, he said, to bring in contempt before every civilized man in the world the American nation. Is it human to bring the world to stand such a doctrine as warning Americans to travel at their own risk, he asked.

Page's Action Proof of Seriousness of Situation.

Washington, March 7.—The destiny of politicians and parties is involved in the House vote on the merchantmen decree. Announcement that Representative Page of North Carolina would retire from politics as one result of the fight, because he cannot vote for the President-stirred members today to realize the seriousness of the situation. The vote may mean defeat for the administration.

German-American Alliance Backing Opposition?

New York, March 7.—The World today printed a story alleging that the Gore-McLemore resolutions are being backed by the National German Alliance. It is being commented on widely. It names Alphonz Keoble, attorney, head of the clearing house of the alliance, and declares that T. L. Marsalis, a real estate man, is the leading lobbyist directing the work at Washington. A long list of congressmen is printed in connection with the proposition to warn Americans off armed ships, and the World claims that the Alliance wants to defeat Wilson, put an embargo on munitions and prohibit reserve banks subscribing to war loans.

Debate On the Resolution.

Washington, March 7.—Representative Campbell, Republican, of the Rules Committee, followed Pou in the McLemore debate. He said the McLemore rule had not been given a square vote. Representative Harrison, Democrat, said it was ridiculous to think that the President's policy meant war or humiliation. Representatives Gardner and Bennett, Republicans, followed. Mann, the Republican leader, said he favored the warning. Tabling for the McLemore resolution meant an invitation to Americans to travel on armed ships.

HOOSIERS SAY THE NEW PRIMARY KEEPS POORER MEN OUT OF POLITICS

Indianapolis, March 7.—Placing in operation today for the first time their new state-wide primary law, Indiana voters went to the polls to choose candidates for the Democratic, Republican and Progressive parties. Prior to the primary it became evident that the law is unpopular among the candidates. Several candidates who withdrew from the contest stated that the primary law necessitated elaborate and expensive campaigns for the nomination, which prohibited office seeking by the man of moderate means. Some of them have estimated that each of the New, Goodrich and Watson campaigns has been financed at not less than \$100,000 cost. The second choice voting clause of the law, designed to insure nominations at the primaries, has caused

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
FRENCH AIRMEN BOMB METZ.
The Hague, March 7.—French air squadrons have bombarded the Metz forts and German ammunition trains en route to the Verdun front, says advices.
ZEPPELIN VICTIMS NUMBERED THIRTEEN.
London, March 7.—Thirteen persons were killed in Sunday's zeppelin raid. The revised statement says ninety bombs were dropped. No military damage was done, it is said, in denying German reports that the Hull naval base was damaged.
complicated ballots. It prevented the use of voting machines. It was estimated that from a week to ten days will be consumed in making the official count.

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF SOUTHERN STATE ASSISTANT TO BAKER

Heads of Militia in Three States Mentioned—Cleveland Leaves for Capital Wednesday—Senate Favorable to Appointment

(By the United Press)

Cleveland, March 7.—Newton D. Baker, having accepted the secretaryship of war, will leave tomorrow for Washington.

Nomination of Baker to Senate.
Washington, March 7.—It is expected that the assistant secretary of war will be a Southerner and an easterner, probably a national guardman. The adjutant generals of North Carolina, Alabama and Florida have been recommended. Confirmation of Baker's appointment as secretary is expected to be made late today. The Senate is favorable to the appointment. The nomination was sent to the Senate at 12:30.

GERMANY REGARDS THE PRESIDENT AS ENEMY

And Citizens of America as Lukewarm Friends to Empire—Business Interests Desire a More Vigorous Submarine Campaign—Correspondent Finds Sentiment on Subject is Unanimous

By CARL W. ACKERMAN, (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Berlin, March 7.—The big commercial interests of Germany, though desiring to avoid a break with America, favor a more vigorous submarine warfare than has been waged since the outbreak of the war. The sentiment is almost unanimous, I learned upon a visit to the Leipzig Fair.
The Germans say the President is the enemy of Germany, and that the people of America are but passive friends.

POSTPONE THE BABY CONTEST TO A TIME LATER ON IN YEAR

May Be Held in Spring or Fall—Prizes Offered for City's Finest Youngsters. Baby Week Meeting in West End Tonight

TODAY'S PROGRAM.

At 7:30 P. M.—Address in Caswell Cotton Mills office, West Kinston, by Miss Newton, community nurse, on "How to Bathe, Clothe and Feed the Baby."
The attendance at Monday's Baby Week meeting, held in the Atkinson Memorial Presbyterian church, on Independent street at 4 o'clock, was large. Dr. Zeb V. Moseley, secretary of the Lenoir County Medical Society, made the address, having for his subject "Baby Diseases, Causes and Prevention."
Today's meeting will be held in the evening in West Kinston, as outlined above. Interested persons had sought to arrange a baby contest for the latter part of the week, but it was stated today that nothing could be done for the present. The contest may be held later or in the spring, or if not then, during the fall fair.

COTTON FUTURES TOOK BIG TUMBLE TODAY
Not a dozen bales of cotton had been sold here today by 2 o'clock. The best price was 11 cents. New York futures quotations were:
Open 2:40
March .. 11.53 11.47
May .. 11.77 11.65
July .. 11.97 11.84
October .. 12.15 11.99
December .. 12.33 12.15

GERMANS GAIN MORE GROUND IN ASSAULT ON BIG STRONGHOLD

Take Hill 265 and a Town in the Immediate Vicinity of Verdun

FROM A NEW DIRECTION

Offensive Continues, But Allies Think Attackers Will Give Up Attempts Soon—German Populace Becoming Impatient

London, March 7.—The jaws of the German army closed tighter about Verdun last night. The enemy smashed simultaneously with its right and left, and is squeezing the French.

Berlin, March 7.—The Germans have captured the town of Fresnes, southeast of Verdun, together with 300 prisoners, it is said officially.

Paris, March 7.—Continuing the smash against Verdun from the northwest, the Germans have captured Hill 265, near Rengenville, it is officially admitted. They advanced under cover of an intense bombardment. They stormed with the same force which captured Forges. The Germans are now bombarding the French position on Goose Hill, a mile south of the new ground, and are preparing to renew infantry assaults. The French still hold the summit of the hill, the village of Bethincourt, the wooded regions in the eastern part of Corbeaux Forest and the Comires wood.

German People Impatient.
London, March 7.—Checked in the northern drive on Verdun, the Germans are trying to break the defenses by northwest attack. They have captured the village of Forges and are battering the French position on Goose Hill with artillery. The French are replying energetically. The impression is growing that the checks administered to the Germans on the north are possibly the forerunners of the collapse of the offensive. Berlin is impatient over the delay, say Dutch advices in the newspapers, inspired by the asking of patience by the western commanders.

New Bern, Morehead City, Pollockville and Vanceboro are expected to form a four-town amateur baseball league.

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DOCTORS OF SECOND DISTRICT MEET IN KINSTON WEDNESDAY

Five-Course Dinner for the Visiting Physicians at Caswell Training School. Leading Professionals to Speak and Read Papers

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Rev. John H. Griffith of This City Was at School and College With the Cleveland, and Says He Is An Almost Ideal Man

Rev. John H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal parish, knows Newton D. Baker, the new Secretary of War, well. The Cleveland man, until recently mayor of the Ohio city, was a classmate of Mr. Griffith's at the Episcopal High School near Alexandria, Va., during the sessions of 1887 to 1889, and they were also fellow-students at Washington and Lee University, where Mr. Baker studied law.

Mr. Griffith says: "Newton Baker graduated in arts at Johns Hopkins in 1892, and in law at Washington and Lee in 1894. He practiced law in his native town of Martinsburg, W. Va., and was private secretary to the late William L. Wilson when that gentleman was Postmaster-General in Grover Cleveland's cabinet. Then he went to Cleveland, O., and in 1902, was appointed First Assistant Director of Law, and in 1903, was made Director of Law by Mayor Johnson. Later on, in 1913, he was elected City Solicitor, and to this office he was re-elected in 1905, 1907 and in 1909. Twice he has served as Mayor of Cleveland.

"Baker has a charming personality. He is not only a great lawyer, but was a good man, an able official and a wise politician. Sound in ideas, high in principle, and attractive for his kindness and enthusiasm, he is. He was known at college to never have said an unkind word about anyone, which sounds somewhat extravagant, but then, Newton Baker has been extravagant with his kindness. In appearance he is boyish, with a face indicative not only of character, but of striking intellect. His power of speech easily won for him in his school and college days the term, 'the boy orator.' Today his oratory is classed as of the new school. In other words, it lacks the eternal, 'flapdoodle' with which so many senseless periods have been rounded out on the stump by the bawling and blowing politicians of the old school. As a speaker he is graceful, simple, convincing and courteous, and with it all is a 'charm' of accurate expression which so few have. His taste is artistic, fond of literature and music, with a fine curiosity about all life and an unselfish wish to make life better and more beautiful."

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