

HOUSE FOLLOWS LEAD OF THE SENATE BY GIVING BIG MAJORITY FOR PRESIDENT IN FIGHT AGAINST WARNING RESOLUTION

Vote 276 to 142 for Tabling the McLemore Measure—Executive Branch Has Full Authority in Matter of Negotiations With Foreign Nations, Congress Decides—Tarheels Stood by Wilson to a Man, Even Kitchin Throwing In His Vote With Rest of Delegation—Pou's Glowing Defense—American People Do Stand Behind Man in the White House, North Carolina Congressman Says He Believes

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 8.—When the House of Representatives late yesterday tabled the McLemore resolution to warn Americans off armed ships, a decisive victory was won by the administration in its fight for control of the negotiations with Germany and other European nations. After the sensational fight which began at 11 o'clock had ended with the roll-call, it was announced that the resolution was tabled and virtually killed by the vote of 276 to 142. The President, confident throughout the seven hours' battle, was given the news as soon as the vote was recorded.

NOTES TO AMERICA FROM BOTH ALLIES AND BERLIN TODAY

Anglo-French Forward the Message on Mail Seizures—Von Bernstorff Hands Lansing Another Memorandum On Armed Decree

By CHAS. P. STEWART, (United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, March 8.—London's view on the German-American situation has changed. The belief is growing that the relations are tenser and that there are possibilities of war. The feeling of bitterness is growing in Germany, say advisers.

WILL EXTEND RAIL LINE FROM S. C. TO GASTONIA

(By the United Press)
Greenwood, S. C., March 8.—Directors of the Piedmont & Northern Railway today decided to extend the line from Spartanburg to Gastonia as soon as justified. J. B. Duke was elected president.

TRYING CLAUD SUGGS IN ONSLOW THIS P. M.

(Special to The Free Press)
Jacksonville, N. C., Mar. 8.—Richard Winfield, colored pleading self defense, was found not guilty of the murder of another negro by a Superior Court jury today.

MILLIONAIRES GUARD AGAINST BOMB FIENDS

(By the United Press)
New York, March 8.—Henry C. Frick, Morgan and other financiers are spending thousands of dollars a day to guard themselves and their buildings against bomb plotters. Frick is protected by two women detectives as well as men.

VILLISTAS SEIZE AN AMERICAN RANCHMAN

(By the United Press)
El Paso, March 8.—The Carranza authorities at Juarez have been asked to investigate a report that Arthur McKinney, an American ranch foreman, has been captured by Villistas and carried off to an unknown fate.

LONDON INTERESTED IN ADMIRALTY ROW

(By the United Press)
London, March 8.—Rumors were rife today when Sir John Fisher, former admiralty lord, attended a war council hearing. His appearance followed Churchill's speech, accusing the present admiralty of weakness.

SITUATION IN WEST UNCHANGED BUT BIG GUNS STILL AT IT

Germans Preparing to Assault Two Hills Held By French, Thought

PLANS OF THE RUSSIANS

Believed Czar Will Concentrate All Power Possible for Turkish Campaign—Hopes to Take Bagdad and Constantinople

(By the United Press)
London, March 8.—The French holding the village of Regneville are nearly surrounded and perhaps will be forced to evacuate the town. The Teutons are shelling it with the greatest violence from the banks of the Meuse. They are trying to bridge the river and are believed to be preparing to assault Goose and Dead Man hills.

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIGHTING

Paris, March 8.—Heavy artillery fighting occurred last night on both banks of the Meuse, it is said officially. The situation on the north of Verdun is unchanged. The cannonade is the most violent on the west bank of the Meuse. It is believed the enemy is preparing to assault Goose and Dead Man Hills. The French have recaptured trenches in Champagne.

RUSSIANS WON'T ATTACK GERMANS

Stockholm, March 8.—Russia has abandoned her spring drive against the Germans. The Slavs are concentrating against the Turks in the hope of capturing Bagdad and possibly Constantinople, according to all information.

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT

Berlin, March 8.—The capture of the villages of Forges and Regneville and the Heights of Raben and Cumieres is reported officially. The capture included ten cannon, 3,277 men and 58 officers. Fighting northwest of Verdun continues, it is announced. Official Austrian reports claim the capture of a thousand yards of trenches from the Russians north of Tarnopol.

EXPLOSIONS START FIRES BURNING BIG CHEMICAL FACTORY

Damage at Niagara Falls Is Immense—Flames Still Spreading—One Person Known Dead, Many Missing—Many Explosions

(By the United Press)
Niagara Falls, March 8.—The Electro Chemical Company's plant is burning following a terrific explosion at midnight which rocked the city like an earthquake. A peroxide plant was blown to atoms in fifteen explosions. Eight more explosions at 9 o'clock today started a new fire, which is approaching a chemicals storage house. If the fire reaches there it is feared adjoining buildings will be damaged or the entire plant wrecked. One man is known to be dead and a score are missing. The company makes most of the chloroform made in America.

GOLDSBORO WONDERING WHEN SHAD WILL COME

Goldsboro, March 7.—A few fresh water fish have been caught in Neuse and Little rivers by local fishermen, such as horse fish, fresh water rock, etc., but no white shad have been reported, although some few have been caught at Washington and New Bern, which is a hopeful indication by local fishermen that they are on their way to this section. Hickory shad, which are said to be a forerunner of the white shad, have not even put in an appearance.

LOCAL MEN DISCUSS THE PROPOSED EAST CAROLINA ASSOC'ION

Kinston May Take Action With Regard to Baseball Club During Coming Few Days—Aurora Fan Says Statement Is "Nervy"

The Norfolk Southern Railroad has offered to make reduced rates for the proposed Eastern Carolina baseball league, and to run special trains at any time during the Summer when it might be necessary. Col. H. S. Leard, General Passenger Agent, is understood to have stated as much to Lindsay Warren, the Beaufort county lawyer who is the principal promoter of the scheme.

Kinston fans have been powwowing over Warren's proposition. No action has been taken yet, but it is understood that a meeting of some sort will be held during the next week to name delegates to the organization meeting on the 16th. If Kinston fails to enter the association it will be made a four-town affair. Greenville, Washington and Aurora are already pledged, and the other club would be chosen from Williamston, Belhaven and Plymouth. Belhaven is understood to be anxious to get on the inside.

J. W. Chapin, an Aurora man formerly a well-known Republican politician, is astounded at "the nerve of some people" in connection with the baseball proposition. He is mentioned in a newspaper as carrying about a clipping from the Raleigh News and Observer in which appears the statement that "the promoters hope to get Kinston signed up to give the outfit dignity." Audacious, is what Mr. Chapin thinks about it. But Aurora, it is understood, is as hopeful as the other towns that Kinston will become a member of the league. This city would be the largest place in the six it is hoped to start the playing season with.

GARY AND OTHERS ARE INDICTED FOR TRYING TO KEEP DOWN WAGES

(By the United Press)
Youngstown, Ohio, March 8.—Judge Albert H. Gary, president of the United States Steel Company, has been indicted with six other steel companies for violation of the Valentine trust and State laws for conspiring to keep down laborers' wages. The indictments are the outgrowth of the Youngstown riots.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)
SWEDEN PROTESTS GERMAN MINE FIELD.
Copenhagen, March 8.—Sweden has protested to Germany the sowing of a mine field south of Falsterbo, in Swedish waters, say Stockholm advisers, and demanded compensation for the sinking of vessels there.

FOR DAY, ITALIAN KING AT HOME

Rome, March 8.—For the second time during the war, King Victor Emanuel has returned from the front to confer with his ministers. He plans to return to army headquarters today.

GERMANY TO SEND ULTIMATUM TO LISBON

Amsterdam, March 8.—Germany is preparing an ultimatum to Portugal. Berlin advisers say Portugal ignored Germany's first note.

NEW POSTMASTER AT ROCK HILL, S. C.

Washington, March 8.—The President today nominated V. B. McFadden to be postmaster at Rock Hill, S. C.

The students at the East Carolina Teachers' Training school, Greenville, are celebrating Baby week.

NORTH STATE LIFE CONSOLIDATES WITH NORTHERN COMPANY

Local Company Goes With United Insurance Co. of New Hampshire

YOUNG APPROVES TODAY

Merger Formally Effected On Tuesday—Herndon and Dunn to Remain in City With United Company—Large Assets

As authorized by the stockholders of the North State Life Insurance Company, at a meeting in Kinston, on February 24, a consolidation of the business and assets of the company with the United Life and Accident Company of Concord, N. H., was effected on Tuesday, March 7. This brings to the protection of the policyholders of the North State combined assets of upward of \$1,000,000, and clear surplus to policyholders of \$650,000.

"The United Life and Accident Insurance Company was planned upon a national scale; its stockholders are numbered among the leading citizens of every State in the Union, and the holdings of each shareholder and the aggregate holdings in each state are limited." Its management aims to make it first and foremost a home company in every community in which it operates, with people of that State interested as stockholders, as well as policyholders," said a statement.

Mr. J. A. Herndon, general manager of the North State, remains with the united company as manager for North and South Carolina, the field formerly occupied by the North State, and Mr. Sam Dunn, who has been cashier since the North State, commenced business, remains in charge of the collections in this territory.

DISCUSSION FOODS FOR SMALL FELLOWS WHO HAVE NO TEETH

North Carolina is already represented in the roster of officers of the United Company in the person of R. H. Burns, its general superintendent (Continued on Page Four)

DR. FRED. WHITAKER TODAY'S BABY WEEK SPEAKER—TO TELL ALL ABOUT ARTIFICIAL NOURISHMENT AND BOTTLE-FED BABIES' TROUBLES

TODAY'S PROGRAM
At 4 o'clock, in Gordon Street Christian church, address by Dr. Fred. A. Whitaker on "Artificial Foods and the Bottle-fed Baby." Today's Baby Week meeting is being held in Gordon Street Christian church, with every indication for one of the largest attendances of the week. Entrance to the lower part of the church, in which the meeting is being held because of painting in the Baraca rooms, can only be had from the East side. Dr. Fred. A. Whitaker will be the speaker.

SMALL BOY STABBED FATHER'S ASSAILANT

Morganton, March 7.—In a fight at Brindletown, John Tate Epley received a wound from which he lies desperately ill at a hospital in Statesville. Details of the affair are meager, but a report says that Bob Lane and his ten-year-old son, of Morganton, were at Brindletown on a visit. The elder Lane and Epley had some words that resulted in a fight. While Epley had Lane on the ground Lane's boy got out his knife and stabbed his father's assailant in the side.

SECOND DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY AND NUMBER INVITED GUESTS ENTERTAINED BY DR. & MRS. McNAIRY, CASWELL SCHOOL

Exhibit of the Splendid Work of the State Institution Which Is Caring So Nobly for the Unfortunate Boys and Girls Who Have Been Brought Into the World Defective and Incapable of Providing for Themselves Because the Sins of the Fathers Were Visited Upon Them, Viewed With Interest by Those Assembled

CHAMBER COMMERCE WILL INSIST UPON DEPOT RIGHT AWAY

To Request Corporation Commission to Get Down Behind Railroads—Silk Mill May Be Started Up Again—Other Matters

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at their regular meeting for March decided to nag the Corporation Commission into action on the matter of the union passenger station for Kinston. After it had given the railroads ample time to recuperate from the business depression following the outbreak of the European war, the Commission some months ago ordered the depot constructed as soon as practicable, etc. No move has been made, so far as is known.

The site, at the Southeast corner of Gordon and Independent streets, was selected many months ago. The railroads have no alternative but to build it there, many local people think, but it is believed in some quarters that railroad officials think differently. Whether it is located there or at some other place, the Chamber, it is expected, will insist upon its being erected, and immediately. The Chamber has had numerous inquiries from citizens concerning the matter. Present depot conditions, are regarded generally in the city as being nearly intolerable.

The directorate discussed possible new enterprises for Kinston. Interested parties are to come here soon to investigate the advantages the city offers for a creamery and a paper box factory, the directors were informed. The silk mill in the North-eastern part of the city came in for considerable discussion. It is not unlikely that the plant will be reequipped and put into operation by outside capital, it was stated. The mill would employ a large force of operatives and pay wages aggregating \$50,000 or more per annum.

CALDWELL HARDY OF NORFOLK IS RESERVE AGENT AT RICHMOND

(By the United Press)
Washington, March 8.—Caldwell Hardy, president of a Norfolk National Bank, has been appointed Federal Reserve agent at Richmond, to succeed William Ingle.

BERG ADMITS THAT U. S. COURT HAS RIGHT TO TRY APPAM MATTER

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