



CRAVEN DENIES "BALANCES" DUE
SHERIFF WILL HAVE AUDITOR MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

Commissioners Call Upon Sheriff R. B. Lane to Come Across With Balances in the Sum of \$6,911.72 Which Audit Made By W. P. Hilton & Company Says He is Due—Latter Emphatically Denies That He Owes the County One Penny, Brings Accounts to Show He is Correct and Stands Pat—Auditor Employed by Sheriff To Go Over His Books and Straighten Them Out And to Endeavor to Find If The Hilton Audit is Correct.

Assuring Sheriff R. B. Lane that they had no desire to do anything to the detriment of the county, the Board of Commissioners this afternoon decided to defer the matter in which the county is asking the sheriff to come across with a settlement of balances from the years 1910, 1917 and 1918 amounting to \$6,911.72 until the 24th of May during which time the sheriff is to have an auditor come to the city, go over his books and make his own figures which show that instead of being indebted to the county, the latter owes him money.

The meeting between the sheriff and the board of commissioners came about 11 o'clock and the latter had a considerable circulation in the city and county during the past few days and there was a large crowd on hand to hear the discussion. Chairman Kafer opened the session with a statement to the effect that the commissioners were on hand to receive a settlement from the sheriff, that the audit made by W. P. Hilton & Company, of Norfolk, Va., showed that there were balances from the years mentioned and that the commissioners were on hand to receive a settlement from the sheriff.

Commissioners Riggs and Lamb stated that if the meeting had been called at this time for the purpose of settling the sheriff's political accounts, that they were opposed to any such a method of doing business and Mr. Lamb emphatically stressed this point. Chairman Kafer asserted that the meeting had been called after due deliberation and due notice and that there was no intention of settling the political accounts of the sheriff. The report of the auditors showed that money was owing to the county from the sheriff's office, that the people were demanding that there be no more hillying on account of settling political accounts and that he was prepared to go through with it.

Sheriff Lane denied there was a shortage and declared that he was right in his assertion that he did not owe the county a penny, that he had facts and figures to back him up and that he stood morally, physically and mentally behind what he had to offer. Going into the figures which he had prepared for the commissioners, he pointed out numerous items. He declared that his books were kept in a modern manner and that he was satisfied that he was correct in his accounts and that he intended to stand by them. He told the commissioners that he had employed an auditor to come to New Bern and look over his books and that this gentleman would be in the city on Wednesday.

VERBAL BROADSIDE FROM SECRETARY

Josephus Takes Aim and Fires At Advocates of General Staff

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Secretary Daniels today let go a verbal broadside against the advocates of a general staff for the navy, declaring that they sought to "frustrate the Navy Department and make the civilian secretary a rubber stamp." He told the Senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war that one of Admiral Sims' chief objects in writing his letter of January 7th and bringing about this investigation was to curtail the power of the secretary and remove the navy so far as possible from civilian control.

About the only piece of advice former Secretary George Von L. Meyers gave him when he succeeded him, Mr. Daniels asserted, was the addition that there were officers in the navy who wished less power for the civilian secretary and more for themselves. "Power lies here," Mr. Daniels said Meyers told him as he pointed to the secretary's desk "and it should remain here."

If congress wished to depart from the traditional American policy of civilian control of the navy it should do so promptly and clearly, without protest, said Mr. Daniels, by making an admiral secretary of the navy, and a member of the President's cabinet. The most ardent advocates of the general staff system do not advocate going so far, however, because they wish to keep a "rubber stamp" civilian as a figure head in the secretary's office, he declared.

POWER AND LIGHT CO. APPEAL IS DISMISSED (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—U. S. Supreme Court today dismissed for lack of jurisdiction appeals brought by the Piedmont Power and Light Company and bondholders from Federal Court decrees denying injunctions restraining town officials from granting franchises to another lighting company.

BROOKLYN MAN IS ELECTED AS BISHOP (By Associated Press.) DES MOINES, IOWA, May 17.—Doctor Ernest G. Richardson, of Brooklyn, was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church on a ballot taken Saturday evening and counted today it was announced at the general conference here today.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST BIG PACKING PLANTS (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 17.—The federal grand jury in Brooklyn today returned indictments against Morris & Company and the Cadahy Packing Company of Chicago charging profiteering in food stuffs.

IRISH TOWN THE SCENE OF RIOTING

Londonderry Gets Excitement in Bunches—Tension is High

(By Associated Press.) LONDONDERRY, IRELAND, May 17.—Londonderry after two nights of rioting was again the scene of riots and disturbances today. The city was in a state of high tension and hundreds of men remained away from their work walking about the streets where many individual encounters occurred between Sinn Feiners and Unionists. There was a throwing by the crowds to some extent and one point Sinn Feiners the police reported, fired shots at two union ex-soldiers but missed their mark.

MR. JOE STALLINGS DIED THIS MORNING (By Associated Press.) Following an attack of pneumonia, Mr. Joseph Stallings, who has been residing on a farm near Bridgeton, died at a local hospital this morning at 9 o'clock.

ENGLAND'S POLICY IS A VERY DRASTIC ONE (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Great Britain's policy with reference to world petroleum supplies is reported to exclude aliens from control of petroleum supplies within the empire and in addition obtain some measure of control over oil properties in foreign countries, the senate was informed today in a state department report transmitted by President Wilson.

REPUBLICANS HAVE CHARGE COLIESUM (By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 17.—The Chicago collesum was turned over to the republican national committee this morning and work started immediately on the alterations necessary for the big convention June 8th. Officers of the committee and convention leaders in the collesum annex are ready to begin and will be ready on May 21st when the national committee begins its sessions.

PUBLISHERS ANXIOUS OVER PAPER SUPPLY (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Thirty publishers representing approximately eighty small newspapers east of the Mississippi met here today to devise means of insuring an adequate supply of print paper for their publications.

GOVERNOR OF VERA CRUZ SAFELY GETS AWAY—SEARCH ON

Gen. Candido Aguilar Thought to Be Trying to Join President Carranza

(By Associated Press.) VERA CRUZ, May 17.—General Candido Aguilar, governor of the state of Vera Cruz and son-in-law of President Carranza who has been virtually a prisoner of the revolutionary forces for the past week, escaped last night. It is believed he is trying to join Carranza who fled into the mountains on Friday and who so far as known has not yet been located. General Aguilar has with him about 300 of his followers.

SUM THE GERMANS TO PAY IS FIXED (By Associated Press.) PARIS, May 17.—It is understood in official circles here that the Anglo-French conference at Hythe which closed yesterday decided that the sum total which Germany should pay as reparation would be fixed at one hundred twenty billion marks gold (approximately \$0 billion dollars).

GERMAN TOWNS ARE EVACUATED BY FRENCH (By Associated Press.) MAYENCE, May 17.—French troops which have been in the occupation of Frankfurt, Darmstadt and other cities on the east bank of the Rhine, evacuated those cities this morning. It is announced here.

JOHN N. PARKER IS GOVERNOR LOUISIANA (By Associated Press.) BATON BOUGE, La. May 17.—At noon John N. Parker of New Orleans was inaugurated as governor of Louisiana, succeeding R. G. Pleasant.

ANOTHER CONTEST IS TO TAKE PLACE (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 17.—Arguments of the government's dissolution suit against the Lehigh Railroad Company and its subsidiaries was ordered to-day by the supreme court.

THOUSANDS UNION BARBERS ON STRIKE (By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 17.—Fifteen thousand union barbers in New York City were ordered to strike to-day to enforce demands for higher wages. They want a minimum wage of \$30.00 a week and one half of all the money they take in over \$40.00 a week for each barber. Their present scale is \$25.00 a week and commissions.

WAGE ADVANCE TO RAILWAY WORKERS IS NECESSARY NOW

Railroad Labor Board is Shown The Necessity For Increased Salaries

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 17.—Wage advances should be granted to many railroad workers to enable them to meet the high cost of living, the Association of Railway Executives declared today in its opening statement before the railroad labor board. The board began hearings here today.

BOLSHEVIK FORCES ARE STRIKING BACK (By Associated Press.) LONDON, May 17.—Russian bolshevik forces are striking back at the Polish and Ukrainian troops which occupied Kiev about ten days ago, according to official statement issued in Moscow and received here by wireless.

SUPREME COURT FAILS DECIDE "PROHI" ACT (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The supreme court failed again today to decide the validity of the prohibition amendment and the enforcement act and recessed until June 1st.

FAMOUS LOG MANSION BURNED TO GROUND (By Associated Press.) LEAKSVILLE, N. C., May 17.—The famous log mansion for fifteen years the home of George W. Fraker, but used lately by the Carolina Cotton-Woolen Mills as a club house for northern salesmen and visiting merchants, was burned to the ground here yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$35,000 fully covered by insurance.

RALEIGH AMERICAN IS ON THE ROCKS (By Associated Press.) RALEIGH, N. C., May 17.—Charles R. Boone, principal stockholder, of the Raleigh American, an evening newspaper organized here by Edgar A. Womble about six months ago which suspended publication Saturday following receivership proceedings instituted by Mr. Boone and other creditors. Judge Daniels in Wake Superior Court fixed June 3rd as the date for a hearing to determine whether the receivership is to be made permanent. The high cost of newspaper paper and other operating expenses are given as the reasons for the newspaper's financial difficulties.

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BAPTISTS DECLARE RELIGIOUS ORDERS SHOULD FOOT BILLS

Opposed to Receiving Money for Their Own Work From Outsiders

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—Amendment to the constitution to prohibit the use of public funds for the support of sectarian institutions is recommended in a resolution unanimously adopted today by the Southern Baptists Convention. Introducing the resolution Doctor Gambrell, President of the convention declared that the Baptists were opposed to receiving money for their own work and every religious order in the world ought to pay its own expenses.

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MORRISON THRILLS NEW BERN'S PEOPLE IN SNAPPY ADDRESS

Candidate For Governor Heard Here Last Saturday Night by Large Crowd

(By Brook Barkley.) After stirring an audience that filled the spacious courtroom of the Craven county courthouse Saturday night by eloquent and forceful argument in behalf of the democratic principles of government, Cameron Morrison, one of the gubernatorial aspirants, was given a robust round of applause when he declared that he does not seek the office as a reward for 28 years of service to the democratic party nor to gratifying any vulgar desire for honor and distinction, but in order that he might be afforded greater prestige and power to battle the harder for the great democratic principles of government for which he has given the greater part of his life.

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