

WILL PREMIER ASQUITH RESIGN?

WILL QUIT ON ACCOUNT OF IRISH HOME RULE TURMOIL

Asquith will on Monday make a full exposition of the Home Rule Tangle—Irish Nationalists Object to Too Much Concession Being Made to the Ulstermen.—It is believed that something momentous is impending.

London, March 13.—Persistent rumors that Premier Asquith would resign as a result of the Irish Home Rule turmoil were floated today. The report was strengthened by the fact that Chancellor of Exchequer Lloyd George was spokesman for the cabinet in conferences with Irish Nationalists who object to the government making too sweeping concessions to Ulster. Also the prime minister's announcement that he would on next Monday in the House of Commons make a full exposition of the Home Rule tangle made the public believe that something momentous is impending.

Say Ryan and Duke Would End Coupon By Big Federal Tax

Washington, March 11.—Thomas F. Ryan, James B. Duke and other big financiers who promoted the American Tobacco Company—the "Tobacco Trust"—recently dissolved by the Government, are reported to be secretly backing the bill now in Congress which proposes to put a prohibitive tax on tobacco coupons.

According to the story, Ryan, Duke and their associates are angered at the extent to which their former Tobacco Trust subsidiary, the United Cigar Stores Company, is now patronizing the independent manufacturers of tobacco products, and they are taking this way of trying to "get even" by cutting off the profits of the United Concern.

First Illness In Forty Years.

Salisbury Post. Dr. R. M. Eames, one of Salisbury's oldest and most honored citizens, who has been quite ill for several days with a severe case of grip, has sufficiently recovered to be able to be out, this to the delight of his many friends. Although more than 80 years old this was Dr. Eames' first illness in over 40 years.

Four More Bodies Recovered.

St. Louis, March 13.—The recovery of four more bodies, raised the total number of dead in the Missouri Athletic Club fire to twenty-three. Seven more bodies are believed to be under the debris.

Suffragettes are said to be revising the Bible and we expect to learn that the snake and Adam really framed it up on Eve.

DEATH OF DR. J. O. DAVIS.

Formerly Beloved Doctor of All Saints Church Dies in Athens, Ga. A telegram has been received here announcing the death of Rev. Dr. J. O. Davis, which occurred Wednesday at the home of his son, Mr. W. C. Davis, at Athens, Ga. No details concerning his death were given in the message.

Dr. Davis was a native of Philadelphia and was 89 years of age. He began life as a physician and was a missionary to the Indians for five years. He later entered the ministry. Dr. Davis was married to Miss Morgan, of Alexandria, Va., who died about 18 months ago.

Dr. Davis served as rector of All Saints Episcopal Church for 18 years giving up his work here several years ago on account of advanced age and going to Athens to live with his son. During the eighteen years of his residence here Dr. Davis won an adoring place in the love and esteem of many people. A man of spotless character, upright and Godly, gentle mannered and lovable, he attracted and held friends to whom his life was a benediction.

Annihilation Awaits Federals, Says Villa

Chihuahua, March 13.—"We shall not be here Sunday," observed Gen. Villa today as he stood watching the heavy cannon of the Artillery Corps being loaded upon flat cars for transportation southward. "We shall not be here much longer. I have got together the best army ever seen in Mexico. Part of it you see here; the greater part is further south, near the scene of action.

"Torreon is surrounded as never a beleaguered city was before. "Uttered annihilation awaits the Federals as a result of this campaign, and the annihilation will begin at Torreon."

Miss Eleanor Wilson and McAdoo to Wed?

Washington, March 12.—Prospects of another White House wedding became more definite today with the persistent renewal of the report that Secretary McAdoo and Miss Eleanor Rondolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, were engaged, the marriage to take place in June. There was no announcement from the White House, and when the attention of officials was drawn to the report they refrained from making any comment or denial.

Stanly County Schools to Be Extended 20 Days by State.

Albermarle Enterprise. State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, has informed County Superintendent Eddins that money enough will be furnished by the State to extend the school days. It was announced some time ago that they would be extended twenty-two days.

The average boy will not walk across the room to do a favor for his sister, but he will steal eggs to get money to take some other fellow's sister to the picture show.

I. C. C. APPROVES RATE COMPROMISE

RAILROADS WILL NOW PRINT AND FILE NEW SCHEDULES.

Interstate Freight Rates, Principally That Adopted by State Legislature and Railroad Companies as Settlement, Approved by Interstate Commerce Commission.—Rates Will Go Into Effect in Thirty Days.—Thousands of Dollars Will Be Saved to Shippers.

Raleigh, March 13.—A telegram received from Washington is to the effect that the Interstate Commerce Commission has approved the compromise of the interstate freight rate from western and eastern points, principally those that were adopted by the legislature and the railroad companies, as a settlement of the fight between North Carolina shippers and the railroads. The railroads will now print the new schedules and file them with the Interstate Commerce Commission, which shall put them into effect at the end of thirty days after being filed. The Governor and the Corporation Commission say this means a saving of thousands of dollars to shippers and consumers in North Carolina. The Corporation Commission received a copy of Interstate Commission's order by telegraph.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS.

Dr. W. D. Pemberton to Head Concord Lodge.—Other Officers.

At a meeting of Concord Lodge of Elks No. 857 last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected. The following were elected: Exalted Ruler—Dr. W. D. Pemberton. Leading Knight—Edward Savaine. Loyal Knight—G. B. Allen. Lecturing Knight—J. B. Womble. Secretary—R. E. Cline. Treasurer—A. F. Goodman. Tyler—Campbell Cline. Trustee for three years—E. H. Brown.

Past Exalted Ruler L. T. Hartsell was elected a delegate to the Grand Lodge, which meets at Denver, Colo., and Past Exalted Ruler A. R. Howard, alternate.

Walter Murphy Lines Up as Progressive Prohibitionist.

Washington, March 12.—Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, and Sol Gallert, of Rutherfordton, are here tonight. Mr. Murphy announced to friends that he is for Clarence H. Poe, Henry A. Page, Dr. H. Q. Alexander and J. W. Bailey and their progressive movement and for the prohibitionists who want to bar liquor out of North Carolina altogether. He is on both bandwagons.

CIVIC LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

Ladies of Concord Perfect Organization the Purpose of Which is to "Clean Up" the Town.

Representatives of the various clubs of the city met on Thursday afternoon at the library, for the purpose of forming an organization to be known as the Civic League of Concord.

Mrs. L. D. Coltrane was called to the chair and stated the object of the meeting.

The business of electing officers for the organization was taken up and the election resulted as follows:

Mrs. J. F. Cannon, president; Mrs. W. D. Pemberton, 1st vice-president; Mrs. J. F. Goodson, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. G. L. Patterson, 3rd vice-president, and Miss Jenn Coltrane, secretary and treasurer.

Arrangements for the coming of Miss Van Buren, (a national organizer of the Civic Leagues) were freely discussed and the secretary ordered to write Mrs. Lingle, state chairman of civics, making a date for Miss Van Buren early in April. The Civic League is launched, with a most excellent corps of officials, who hope to enroll as members and workers, every woman in the city, and they most earnestly request the co-operation of the public especially, the city council in this work, for a more sanitary Concord.

Kannapolis Personals and News Notes.

Miss Hortense Butler entertained a number of friends Monday night at the home of Mrs. G. O. Johnson in honor of Miss Donnelly, of Richmond, Va. Games, music and a most interesting contest was enjoyed until a late hour. A delicious two-course luncheon was served.

William Lloyd, of Guilford College, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with his sisters, Mesdames Duboise and Hicks.

Mr. Ben Crawford, of Lexington, spent the week end with friends in town.

Mr. R. F. Morris spent Sunday in Charlotte.

Messrs. J. A. Butler and A. L. Kleeley, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mrs. Hortense Butler.

Mrs. Ed. Isenhour, of Bethpage, entertained Mrs. C. C. Myers and Miss Florence Donnelly at a "spend the day" party last Saturday.

An interesting programme was rendered at the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon, when the Barreca Philathea Union met. Rev. A. D. Waunhope, of Concord, Rev. Mr. Stamper, of Salisbury and Rev. C. C. Myers, of this town, addressed the large audience assembled.

Miss Florence Donnelly, who has been the house guest of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Myers returned to her home in Richmond Tuesday. Miss Donnelly won many friends in our midst, who will look forward to another visit from her in the future.

Mrs. Lloyd returned to her home in Saxapahaw Monday, after a visit here to her daughters, Mesdames Hicks and Duboise.

Mr. J. W. Litaker is very ill. The ministerial association, of Kannapolis, was reorganized last Monday by Revs. Becker, Pool, Tucker, Myers and Mr. A. L. Shearin, secretary of Y. M. C. A., was admitted as a member of the association. Rev. C. C. Myers was elected as chairman and Mr. A. T. Shearin, as secretary. The object of the association is to study the problems that confront the town.

Mrs. J. A. Parker has been quite ill for the past week.

The new girl's boarding house is about to be completed and the appointment of a matronship is now pending. ROSENA.

Kannapolis, March 12.

Signed Alaska Bill. Made Brief Speech.

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson today extended what he termed "the hand of real helpfulness and brotherhood to Alaska," when he signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$35,000,000 for the first government-owned railroad constructed by the United States.

Secretary Lane, a group of senators and representatives, and members of the Seattle chamber of commerce stood beside the President as he affixed his signature to the act. The President as was in a happy mood, and in laying one souvenir pen aside to use another, smilingly remarked: "I'll change engines."

When the bill had been signed the President made a brief speech.

France Has New Aerial Terror.

Paris, March 13.—Successful experiments have just been carried out here with fire arrows which are intended for use by aeroplanes against dirigibles. The arrows, which are the invention of a Lyons mechanic, are about 15 inches long, and are furnished with small cylinders containing gunpowder and inflammable oil. Two of these were thrown from the Eiffel tower on to some straw, which was ignited. Further experiments are to be made from on board an aeroplane. If they are equally successful the new invention is expected to prove a highly dangerous weapon.

As a man was originally made out of dust, is it any wonder that he is still out for all the dust he can get? Any fool can give advice—such as it is.

ALDERMEN HOLD REGULAR MEETING

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION AT THE CITY LAST EVENING.

Only Few Matters, Other Than Routine Nature, Transacted.—Question of Observing Laws Governing Buildings in the Fire District Presented.—Numerous Petitions for Cement Side Walk.—Board Agrees to Aid Civic League.—Matter of Permanent Pavement on Union Street Presented.

The board of aldermen held their regular monthly meeting at the city hall last evening. Mayor Hartsell presided and Aldermen Love, Best, Wadhouse, Wilkinson and Ritchie were present. There were few matters presented to the board other than the usual routine and the business of the meeting was quickly transacted.

Attorney L. T. Hartsell appeared before the board and asked that the Piedmont Cafe be allowed to continue work on the addition that was started in the rear of the building, corner Union and Depot streets, stating that it was being built of sheet iron. The work was stopped by the building inspector, who claimed it was not in keeping with the laws applying to buildings in the fire district. Mayor Hartsell stated that if the addition was not built according to law that he was in favor of requiring the builders to comply with the law.

Attorney Hartsell pointed out a number of buildings that had been built along the same plan within the fire district. The mayor stated that if the mistake had been made in these buildings he did not think other buildings should be erected because of the mistake and that he was in favor of a strict enforcement of the law.

The attorney replied that the law held there should be a fine of \$29 a day for every day for a building in the fire district that was not built according to law, and if the law was going to be enforced he thought it should apply to all the buildings.

The board decided not to take any action against the owners of the site until they had time to estimate the cost of doing the work according to the law governing buildings in the fire district.

Petitions were received from property owners on the west side of Bell avenue, the south side of Grove street, the north side of West Corbin and the east side of South Union, asking that cement sidewalks be built. The petitions were referred to the street committee with power to act.

The matter of equipment for the fire department was not acted upon pending negotiations between the Merchants' Association and the Southwestern Tariff Association on the matter.

The board, upon motion of Alderman Best, agreed to aid in defraying the expenses of a speaker here to address the Civic League.

The matter of constructing a permanent pavement on Union street was presented. Alderman Best reported that members of the street committee had visited Statesville and Salisbury and were favorably impressed by the permanent pavements they found in the two towns. A representative of a paving concern was present and made a short talk on the merits of the paving he sold.

Currency Bill Discussed.

Chicago, Ill., March 13.—The Western Economic Society, which was formed some time ago to aid in the creation and expression of public opinion on important social and economic questions, held a conference in this city today for a discussion of the new currency bill. Director of the Mint George E. Roberts and other well known economic and financial experts presented papers dealing with the effect of the act on bank investments, its probable effects upon wage earners and various other phases of the subject.

Wilson-Bryan League of Indiana.

Marion, Ind., March 13.—The Wilson-Bryan League of Indiana, which was formed recently to keep the Indiana Democracy in line with the policies of the national administration, has completed arrangements for a State-wide rally to be held in this city tomorrow. The morning will be devoted to the business of the organization and the afternoon to a mass meeting in the city hall. In the evening there will be a banquet with addresses by several Democratic leaders of national prominence.

William Allen White is Converted.

Emporia, Kansas, Dispatch. William Allen White professed himself a Christian here this afternoon at an immense meeting for men conducted by the famous Gospel team of Wichita. Mr. White's act was prompted by the touching appeal of his friend, Henry J. Allen, editor of the Wichita Beacon.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE LAW CATCHES A BLIND TIGER.

Jesse Koonce Convicted of Having More Liquor Than the Law Allows and is Sentenced to the Chain Gang.

Jesse Koonce, colored, was convicted of having more liquor in his possession than the law allows and was sentenced by Police Justice McDaniel this morning to serve 12 months on the chain gang.

The search and seizure law exposed the conviction of Jesse Koonce. He has been keeping a lookout on his place for some time. Yesterday morning Officers Ends and Stuy were assigned to search Koonce's house on Chestnut street. Four search warrants, eight bottles containing four points to gallons, some partly full, and others full, were secured. Liquor was found in practically every room in the house.

This morning at the trial the bottles were placed on the bar in front of the police justice, and proved one of the most conspicuous exhibitions of honor that has adorned the bar there for several months. The State had it arrayed with noticeable effect and it proved a serious lamp to Jesse's light for freedom. The police justice decided that it was too much for one man to possess, according to law, and, as above stated, sentenced Jesse to the road for a year.

Koonce was represented by Mr. H. S. Williams, who gave notice of appeal and bond was placed at \$400. Maness & Carter represented the State.

JOHN MORTON DIES.

Walter Kennedy Says He Shot in Self-Defense.

Albemarle, March 12.—John Morton, the young man shot at O.R. Road last Saturday night by Walter Kennedy, died last night as a result of the wound. Up to late yesterday the physicians in attendance upon him were in good heart and hopeful of his recovery, but just at midnight he suddenly grew worse and died in the early part of the night.

Kennedy is in jail here and his preliminary hearing will possibly be held Saturday, when he will ask that he be released on bail. He claims that he shot Morton in self-defense, and says he will be acquitted when tried by a jury.

The negro named Smith who shot and killed Paul Lilly last Saturday night was brought to Albemarle yesterday and placed in jail. He was arrested in Mount Gilboa. He will stand before the County Court, which convenes Saturday 30. There are four other cases for alleged murder on the docket.

Cranstro Makes Denial.

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—General Cranstro, president of the commission appointed by Carranza to investigate Benton's death, and Gustav Baugh's disappearance, denied that the commission has made any report in the matter to Carranza or any one else. He branded as false the report that the commission found that Benton and Baugh were murdered by two high officers in Villa's army.

Walter H. Page is Asked to Explain.

Washington, March 12.—Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain was made the target of inquiry today in a resolution adopted by the Senate, calling on the Secretary of State to investigate alleged public assertions by the ambassador relative to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal.

GENERAL VILLA IS STILL UNDECIDED

NOT KNOWN WHEN HE WILL LEAVE FOR TORREON.

Bulk of His Army is Already Near There. But He is Still at Chihuahua.—General Cranstro Makes Denial of Report About Benton's Death.—Exact Situation at Torreon and Tampico Not Known.—No Reply Yet From Carranza.—Message About Another Embargo?—Tampico Hospitals Filled With Wounded.

Chihuahua, March 13.—Although the bulk of General Villa's rebel army is already near Torreon, Villa himself still remains here. When he will depart with the troops remaining here is problematical, as Villa does not seem to have decided. Every night he carries his chief lieutenant and the newspaper correspondents and they may be "trilled" to the firing line before daylight. When he leaves four thousand troops to be distributed throughout the State of Chihuahua as garrisons for the cities.

Has Real Fighting Begun?

Washington, March 13.—Renewed efforts to get details of the exact situation at Tampico and Torreon was made by the State Department. There has been skirmishing in the vicinity of these towns for several days but the department is anxious to know whether real decisive combat has been started.

The department is still without details of Carranza's reply to Mr. Bryan's demand that he recognize the right of the Government to make representatives regarding the lives and property of all foreigners in Northern Mexico.

Mexico City, March 13.—The foreign office let it be known today that it expects a note from Secretary Bryan tomorrow in regard to another embargo by the United States on the importations of arms to Mexico. Charge O'Shaughnessy refused to discuss the matter and Foreign Minister Rojas declined to give details.

The Tampico hospitals are filled with wounded Federals, according to reports from there. Huerta's recruiting methods were exemplified again when hundreds of men were seized in the streets and locked up until provided with uniforms and rifles.

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