

PRESIDENT AWAITS FULL INFORMATION

UPPERMOST IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

TUNDICITY MAKES OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Senate Adjourned Until Noon Tomorrow After Being in Session Only Ten Minutes. — Reason Given By Leaders Was That Senators Had Business to Present Did Not Have It Ready, But Motion Was to Adjourn on Account of Funeral of Associate Justice Lamar—Both Houses Plan to Consider Resolutions Pertaining to Foreign Affairs.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 4.—An expected attack on the administration's foreign policy and its course in the submarine crisis failed to materialize in the Senate today when that body when that body after being in session less than ten minutes, adjourned until noon tomorrow.

The reason assigned to the sudden adjournment by leaders on both sides was that several Senators who had business to present did not have it ready.

The motion on which the Senate adjourned, however, was in observance of the death of Associate Justice Lamar, of the Supreme Court.

Congress reassembled today after holiday recess with the nation's foreign affairs uppermost with members of both Houses. On all sides the international situation is admitted to be the gravest the country has yet faced.

Issues growing out of the submarine warfare of Germany and Austria and Great Britain's interference with neutral commerce were expected to figure chiefly in the discussion of Senators and representatives. The situation has caused a general feeling of uneasiness among them. It was believed the question of national preparedness would be taken up at once.

It seemed also that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee would take up promptly Senator Hoke Smith's resolution providing for an inquiry into British interference with neutral commerce and Senator Lodge's amendment calling for inquiry into the Lusitania disaster and other acts by belligerents, resulting in the loss of American lives.

Senator Stone told President Wilson that when the foreign relations committee met tomorrow, he wanted to be prepared to meet any situation that might arise. The Senator said that after his talk with the President that until facts regarding the Persia, had been obtained, nothing could be done. Any nation, he declared, which outraged the United States should be dealt with severely.

Later Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called at the White House and conferred with the President.

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RURAL FREE DELIVERY ROUTE DIRECTORY.

We recently issued a complete Directory of all the Rural Free Delivery Routes of Cabarrus County, containing the names of about 2,000 patrons of these routes. This is a complete and accurate list, and is invaluable to business men.

It contains the names of patrons on the seven routes from Concord, the three from Mount Pleasant, the three from Harrisburg, one from Kannapolis, and one from Glass. It is the only complete R. F. D. Directory of this county ever issued.

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FOREST HILL NEWS.

Mr. Linker Returns to Hopewell.— Several Personal Items.

Mrs. Ida Dennis has returned to her home in Rocky Mount after spending the holidays here with Mrs. H. C. Raimor.

Mr. Fred Linker has returned to Hopewell, after spending a few days here with his family. Mr. Linker has been working as electrician at the Dupont works for several months and will probably move his family to Virginia at an early date.

Miss Corda Bost, of Catawba, is visiting in the city at the home of her sister, Mrs. Robert Hallender.

Miss Nannie Lee Ross leaves tomorrow for Albemarle to spend ten days with relatives.

Mrs. Bruce Arrowood and children have returned to their home in Bessemer City, after spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mills, on Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mc Lester, of China Grove spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Mr. Wm Cochrane has been appointed keeper of Oakwood cemetery and took charge of this work yesterday.

Mr. W. T. Mills has returned from King's Mountain, where he went to visit relatives for a few days.

Mr. Wm Wood, of McCall, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs. Jno. H. Wood, this week.

Mr. Chas. West, of King's Mountain, is visiting his father, Mr. A. C. West.

Mr. Jno. Crowder has returned to his home at South Kannapolis, after spending a month in Concord, working through the holidays with Wilkinson-Widenerhouse Company.

Mrs. Jas. Woods has returned to Richmond after spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. June Sapp have returned to their home in Raleigh, after spending a week at the home of Mrs. Sally Sapp.

DEMOCRATS PLAN LIVELY CAMPAIGN.

Activity of Republicans and Progressives Causes Leaders to Spur Up.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Democrats who returned from the State today said that party workers will soon have a definite plan for the campaign next summer and fall. Congressmen are preparing to join hands with local Democratic leaders to oppose with all their might the force of former Senator Butler and the Republican organization which is more active now than it has been since 1908, when Taft made such a showing in the State and three Republicans were sent to Congress.

The activities of the Republicans and Progressives have caused the Democratic leaders to spur up. State Chairman Thomas D. Warren has already conferred with members of Congress with a view of setting the Democratic machinery in their respective districts to work. He will come to Washington within the next few weeks to hold other conferences.

Democrats do not believe that recent rumblings heard from the State will be followed by any split in the party ranks when it is realized that Messrs. Butler, Walsor and other Roosevelt Republicans are going to make a desperate effort to carry several Congressional districts this year.

Senators Simmons and Overman and Representatives Pou, Webb, Page and Doughton think that the Democrats will be united in November.

Rear Admirals Prohibited From Speaking on Navy Programme.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Daniels disclosed today that he had declined to permit Rear Admiral Fiske or Rear Admiral Knight to speak on the navy programme, even though he was assured that the proposed addresses would not be made public. The request was made by J. W. Scott, president of the commercial club of Chicago, by telegraph to President Wilson.

To Check Pellagra in the South.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 4.—Pellagra has become such a menace in the South that Secretary McAdoo today asked Congress for \$100,000 for study and sanitary work in rural sections particularly with a view of checking that disease and typhoid fever.

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock is the time for the big sale to begin at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.'s. This will be a great money-saving event. The first 100 persons entering their store at the opening tomorrow morning, who make a purchase of 50 cents or more will be given a handsome present free. See quarter page ad. today.

FOREIGN SITUATION GRAVEST YET FACED

WILL THEN ACT AT ONCE IN THE PERSIA CASE

EXPECT ATTACK ON ADMINISTRATION

Official Announcement That the Government Will Act in the Newest Phase of the Submarine Crisis Brought on by the Sinking of the Persia Was Announced Today at the White House.—This Statement Was Issued: The President and Secretary of State Are Taking Every Means Possible to Obtain the Facts.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Jan. 4.—Official announcement that the government will act on the newest phase of the submarine crisis brought on by the sinking of the Persia was announced today at the White House. Secretary Tammaly issued this statement for the President:

"The President and the Secretary of State are taking every means possible to obtain the cold facts in this grave matter and will act just as soon as the information is obtained."

In the absence of detailed and specific information on which to base the next step President Wilson cancelled the cabinet meeting which was to be held today but conferred with Senator Stone of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Stone told the President that some Senators were preparing to make speeches on the sinking of ships with loss of American life. The President is understood to have simply replied that the administration was doing all it could to protect American rights.

The President instructed Secretary Lansing to bring immediately to the White House any new information which came to hand and then busied himself reading the official dispatches so far received and getting in touch in general with the situation.

The administration is depending largely on the inquiries which Ambassador Penfield has been instructed to make at Vienna and that which consuls are gathering elsewhere to establish the nationality of the submarine which is said to have sunk the Persia and to develop the facts in the case generally.

Consul General Skinner at London today advised the State Department that the telegraphic list of survivors received there did not contain the name of R. N. McNealey, American consul at Aden.

Eleven survivors, including Lord Montague, have been landed at Malta, according to advices to the State Department from American Consul Kelling. His dispatch said seven Indians of the Persia's crew had been found clinging to damaged open boat by the steamer's Hingehow. All the men said the Persia had been torpedoed without warning.

COMMISSIONERS MEET.

Daughters of Confederacy to Erect Arch Over National Highway.

The board of county commissioners held its regular monthly meeting at the court house yesterday. In addition to the usual routine the board considered several matters.

The salary of the county demonstration agent, R. D. Goodman, was increased from \$45 to \$50 a month. This is only a part of Mr. Goodman's salary, the department of agriculture paying the remainder.

The chairman was authorized to give a note for the county's share in the expense of paving North Church street.

The daughters of the Confederacy were granted permission to place a suitable arch over the National Highway at the Jackson Training School.

A petition asking that a public road be made beginning at a point on the Flowe store road near the old Fred Starnes place and intersecting the Pioneer Mills road near the Dick White place, was put before the board. The superintendent of roads was authorized to report on the proposition at the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Vance Fyfe, of Charlotte, a convert of the Chapman-Alexander meeting, who before the meeting had been a noted chicken fletcher and gambler, will speak at West Concord Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

1,829,363 MEN PRESENT THEMSELVES FOR SERVICE

Lord Derby's Recruiting Figures for Period From October 23 to December 15.

(By The Associated Press) London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting figures for the period between October 23 and December 15, show that \$1,150,000 unmarried men and 1,679,263 married men presented themselves for service. Of the grand total of 2,829,263 married and single men, 103,000 unmarried and 112,431 married enlisted immediately; 840,000 single men and 1,344,979 married men were attested for future service. Of the single men 207,000 and 221,833 married men were rejected.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Range in Price is Generally Higher Today.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Jan. 4.—The range of prices was generally higher at today's opening, though here and there signs of further profit-taking of liquidation was seen. California Preferred was heavy on rumors of a hitch in connection with its proposed merger with Mexican Petroleum. Mexican opened strong with gains in Coppers. Mercantile Marine preferred and New York Air Brake. United States Steel was steady but leading rails, including St. Paul, Union Pacific and Erie were higher from a fraction to a full point. The strength of Anglo-French fives suggested further investment inquiry.

COTTON MARKET.

Cotton Opened Steady at Advance of Five to Ten Points.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 to 10 points today, in response to strong Liverpool cables, with January contracts selling at 12.33; March at 12.55, and May at 12.75 on, or immediately after the call. Sentiment was still more or less unsettled with reference to international affairs and the list soon sagged back to two or three points under last night's closing figures.

The market opened steady. January, 12.33; March, 12.53; May, 12.75; July, 12.90; October, 12.54.

BIG FIRE AT DURHAM.

\$12,500 Fire in West Durham Tuesday Morning.

(By The Associated Press) Durham, Jan. 4.—Fire of an unknown origin Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock totally destroyed a large two story brick building and three mercantile stores in West Durham. The loss is estimated by Fire Chief Christian at \$12,500. The buildings were occupied by stores belonging to J. Winnicom, James S. Davis and R. G. Kearney. The buildings belonged to E. G. Davis, of Henderson. The total insurance amounted to \$6,000.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Prices Took Downward Turn Today.— Lower Quotations From Liverpool.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Jan. 4.—Wheat prices took a downward swing today, influenced by lower quotations from Liverpool. Opening prices, which ranged one-fourth off to one-eighth up with May at 123 to 123 3-8, with July at 116 1-8 were followed by a decided general setback and then a rally that failed to last.

The King's Daughters Meeting.

The Stonewall Circle of King's Daughters held its regular monthly meeting last night at the home of Mrs. P. R. McFadyen, on Grove street. The visiting committee for December reported that ten of the Stonewall Circle members met at the home of Mrs. A. G. Odell and spent the afternoon sewing for five unfortunate children, all of one family. The Circle also paid the expenses of two nurses in homes wherein there was extreme illness, besides furnishing clothing, groceries, fuel and money in other cases of distress.

As a source of revenue the Circle will hold its annual White Sale the latter part of February. The committee in charge of solicitations is Mrs. T. D. Maness, Misses Mary Morrison and Addie White.

The visiting committee for January in Mesdames W. S. Bingham, J. F. Cannon and Miss Jenn Coltrane. The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Maness.

At a meeting of Elm Camp W. O. W. this evening officers for the ensuing year will be installed.

TELLS OF SINKING OF STEAMER PERSIA

CHARLES GRANT, SURVIVOR, ARRIVES IN ALEXANDRIA.

BEST DETAILED ACCOUNT RECEIVED

Was in Dining Room When a Terrific Explosion Occurred.—No Panic on Board.—He Slid Down Starboard Rail Into Water and Clung to Some Wreckage.—Persia Had Bow in Air Five Minutes After Explosion.—Floated Next Morning, and Was Picked Up by a Boat.—Those in Boats Picked Up by a Cruiser.

(By The Associated Press) Alexandria, Egypt, via London, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant, of Boston, one of the two Americans known to have been on board the Persia when she was torpedoed Thursday, has arrived in Alexandria.

Mr. Grant gave to the Associated Press today the most detailed account yet received.

"I was in the dining room of the Persia at 1:05 p.," he said, "when a terrific explosion occurred. The saloon became filled with smoke, broken glass and steam from the boiler, which appeared to have burst. There was no panic on board. I went on deck as drilled and reported to boat on starboard side and vessel has listed to port. I clung to the railing.

"As the vessel was listing so badly that it was impossible to launch the starboard boat, I slid down the starboard rail into the water and climbed on some floating wreckage to which I clung.

"The last I saw of the Persia she had her bow in the air five minutes after the explosion.

"After floating about on the wreckage until four o'clock in the morning I saw five boats. I was towed into one of them. We rowed about looking for other strugglers.

"The boats became overloaded and the occupants were distributed. Four boats were tied together and the fifth followed some distance away.

"My boat left the others in order to search the more frequented steamship channels for help. We rowed for three hours. Then we were picked up by a cruiser."

"We explained that we were survivors of the Persia and gave direction to the cruiser as to where the

BLACKWELDER-SOSSAMON.

Miss Hilda Sossamon Weds Mr. Oscar Blackwelder.

The following announcement from the Charlotte Observer will be of marked interest here, the home of the contracting parties:

Miss Hilda Sossamon, of Cabarrus County and Mr. O. A. Blackwelder, of Concord were quietly married in this city last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Douglass, 1010 South Tryon street. Rev. Walter J. Smith, rector of St. Mary's Chapel, performed the ceremony which was witnessed by a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwelder left on Southern train No. 38 for New York where they will attend the automobile show.

The bride is well known in Cabarrus County and is a pretty and accomplished young woman.

Mr. Blackwelder is a resident of Concord and is successfully engaged in the garage business, the style of the firm being Blackwelder and Douglass, the latter, Mr. L. B. Douglass, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackwelder had expected to be married later but decided a day or two ago to be quietly married and leave for the automobile show which is being held in New York this week.

BIG STEAMER AT MERCY OF GALES.

All Passengers Safely Taken from Her.—Crew Wish to Abandon Her.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Jan. 4.—The crew of the Greek steamer Thessolonia wished to abandon the ship, which has been at the mercy of gales and high seas for ten days, according to a radio message received here today from the steamship United States.

The Thessolonia, which has been helpless owing to the partial flooding of her boiler and engine room, sent a message to the steamship United States saying that 90 of the crew remained on the Greek steamer, but that all passengers had been safely transferred to the steamship Partirs, of the same line.

Cotton is bringing 12 1-4 cents on this market today.

other boats were. They were soon found and the occupants were taken off immediately by the English sailors.

"Robert McNealey, American Consul at Aden, sat at same table with men on the voyage. He was not seen probably because his cabin was on the port side.

"It was a horrible scene. The water was as black as ink. Some passengers were screaming, others calling out goodbye. Those in one boat sang hymns."

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