

LANSING RESIGNS; WILSON ACCEPTS

Secretary Lansing Rebuked by President Wilson for Calling Cabinet Meeting During the Latter's Illness.

THE TROUBLE WAS OF LONG STANDING

Real Reasons for Break Go Back Over a Period of Several Months of Fundamental Differences.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Rebuked by President Wilson for calling cabinet meetings during his illness, Secretary Lansing has resigned.

The President has accepted the resignation "with appreciation," and Mr. Lansing becomes the second Secretary of State to leave the administration over a disagreement with his chief.

Break of Long Standing.

The disagreement between the President and the head of the State Department, even antedate the entry of the United States into the war.

Cabinet Meets With Feeling of Apprehension.

The Wilson cabinet assembled on the first day of the meeting with a feeling of apprehension, for none of the members knew the extent of the President's illness, but expected to be informed of it.

"Dr. Grayson," Secretary Lansing is reported to have said to those who are present, "I am in full possession of his faculties, and he has directed me to inquire of you by what authority this meeting of the cabinet was called; what business was before it, and what business it is expected might be conducted at a cabinet meeting without his participation?"

According to the story told at that time Secretary Lansing had no opportunity to reply, because some of the other members stepped into the breach, and asked Dr. Grayson to say to the President that the only purpose of the meeting was to inquire as to the state of his health, and send a message of loyalty and encouragement.

Differences on Foreign Policies.

Now that the break has come and Mr. Lansing has left the cabinet, much may be revealed of the extent to which the Secretary of State and the President differed in the matters of policy.

BELIEF THAT A WAY HAS BEEN OPENED

To Lead Eventually to a Settlement of Railroad Controversy.—Transportation Strike Averted.

PROPOSAL AND THE ANSWER STILL SECRET

Representatives of Employes Continue Their Consideration Today of President's Proposal For Settlement.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—The reply of the railroad brotherhoods to President Wilson's decision in the wage controversy was presented to the President today.

Mr. Jewell would not say just what had been the results of the negotiations, but it seemed certain that the President had refused to meet the demands of the 2,000,000 workers for a general wage increase, and that his decision had been accepted by the union officials, at least for the present.

It was announced by the union men that the brotherhood of railway trainmen had joined in the decision submitted to the President but that the brotherhood of maintenance of way employes had not become a party to it.

Mr. Barker said he had this morning received a copy of the President's proposals. "I find nothing in it," he said, "to warrant changing the strike orders."

It was reiterated at the brotherhood headquarters here that unless an agreement of some kind was reached before tonight the strike set for February 17 continues to stay.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Representatives of the railroad employes unions continued their consideration today of President Wilson's proposal for a settlement of their wage controversy.

It generally was believed that a transportation strike has been averted, and a way had been opened which would eventually lead to a settlement of the controversy.

Mr. Lansing became head of the State Department when William J. Bryan and the President had their differences over the Lusitania note.

Mr. Lansing was counselor, an official in which he had succeeded John Bassett Moore. It has been common knowledge that while Mr. Lansing's name was signed to the succeeding notes to Germany and the notes which preceded the armistice, Mr. Wilson wrote them himself.

It was the President's conception of his relation to the foreign policy of the nation. How much Mr. Lansing and the President differed on the Mexican policy never has been fully revealed, but officials who sympathized with Mr. Lansing's views said they differed a great deal.

SUSPEND NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL ROADS GO BACK

Brotherhood Men See President But Nothing Divulged As To His Decision.

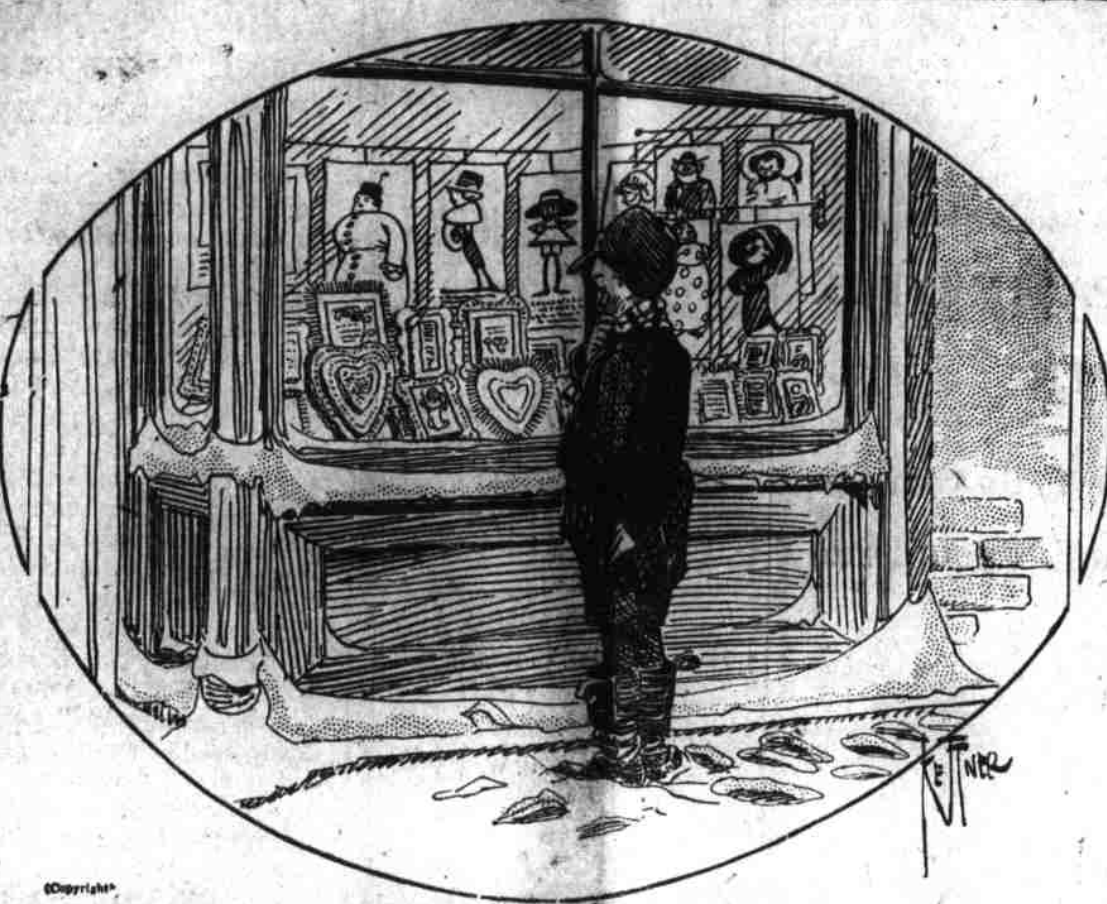
Washington, Feb. 13.—Negotiations of the union railroad employes for an increase in pay practically were suspended tonight until the rail properties again are in the hands of their owners.

Union officials conferred for six hours on the President's statement but they steadfastly refused to divulge its contents on which White House officials likewise maintained absolute silence.

Indian Gives \$1,500,000 to Charity.

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Which?



PROMINENT BUSINESS MEN TO ASSIST IN THE CAMPAIGN

To Secure Funds For the Collegiate Institute and Mont Amonea Seminary.

The Board of Trustees of the Collegiate Institute and Mont Amonea Seminary have put on a campaign to raise \$150,000 for the immediate needs of these institutions.

At present the territory of the Institute will care comfortably for 60 students. The enrollment this year is 175, or nearly three times its capacity.

Mont Amonea lost her buildings some years ago, by fire. She was forced to build under the financial conditions existing at that time.

These two institutions, while under the supervision of the Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, are non-sectarian. The major portion of the student body this year, come from the homes of other denominations.

The stock of the company includes dry goods, notions, shoes, school books, stationery, ladies ready-to-wear and millinery.

The new owners of the stock are now taking inventory, and when this is completed the entire stock of goods will be put on sale during a big sale.

The above committee is requested to meet with Rev. E. L. Blomgren in the rooms of the Concord Y. M. C. A. on next Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewal of Yesterday's Buying Movement.—Prices 29 Points Advance.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 14.—The continued firmness of the foreign exchange and the bullish domestic consumption figures for January encouraged a renewal of yesterday's buying movement in the cotton market during today's early trading.

Cotton futures opened steady, Mar. 35.60; May, 35.00; July, 34.00; Oct. 29.85; Dec. 28.75.

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PARKS-BELK COMPANY BUYS RICHMOND-SLOAN COMPANY

Local Concern Takes Over the Entire Stock of the Big Department Store at Kannapolis.

Announcement was made yesterday that the Parks-Belk Company operating stores here and in Kannapolis, had purchased the entire stock of goods of the Richmond-Sloan Company, of Kannapolis.

The store has a stock valued at \$100,000, and the management of the Parks-Belk Company announces that the stock of goods will be sold at a big sale during the next few days.

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TO OPEN BIDS IN GREENSBORO FOR ROAD IN CABARRUS

To Let Contract March 2 For Highway of Nine Miles.—Six Bridge Contracts To Be Let.

At the offices of Division Highway Engineer John D. Waldrop, this city, on March 2, bids will be opened for the construction of nine miles of topsoil road in Cabarrus county.

He had been a member of the Reformed church from childhood and was one of the prime figures in the organization of Kannapolis.

About 15 years ago he was married to Miss Wilma Cook, of Concord, from which union three children were born.

Howan County Reports 234 New Cases During Friday

Salisbury, Feb. 13.—Today's flu report shows 234 new cases in the county, 62 of them in Salisbury, some from the rural sections were delayed, however, and should have been counted before.

Funeral services will be held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be in charge of his pastor, Rev. L. A. Peeler, assisted by Rev. W. C. Lyster, of Concord.

Cotton Consumed in January

Washington, Feb. 14.—Cotton consumed during January amounted to 2,070,000 bales, according to the Bureau of Census, who lived in the latter half of the 19th century.

LOCAL SITUATION SEEMS TO BE MUCH BETTER TODAY.

Only 94 New Cases Reported For the Entire County.—Situation in Concord Decidedly Better

Incomplete reports from the office of the county health physician show that the influenza situation in Concord is somewhat improved, and that conditions throughout the entire county seem better.

Most of the doctors state that the disease is continuing to spread in the rural districts, but there seems to be some indications that conditions there are also better.

Travis P. Moore, of Kannapolis, died Friday, February 13th at 8 p. m., a victim of influenza and pneumonia.

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UNDER SECRETARY POLK SECRETARY AD INTERIM

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TRAFFIC PROBLEMS TO BE STUDIED BY COMMITTEE

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OPPOSITION TO SALE OF GERMAN VESSELS

No Action Taken in Senate to Restrain Shipping Board From Selling Them.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 14.—Despite efforts in various quarters to prevent the shipping board from offering for sale Monday the 30 former German liners, Chairman Payne was proceeding today with the original plans to receive bids for the vessels.

The sharp opposition that developed in the Senate yesterday over the proposed sale subsided after Chairman Payne had appeared before the Senate commerce committee, and outlined the policy of the board for the disposal of the vessels.

Powerless to effect release of prisoners. Governor of Sonora, Mexico, Confesses His Inability to Do So.

(By The Associated Press.) Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 14.—Adolfo de la Huerta, Sonora governor is powerless to effect the release of Lieutenants G. L. Usher and L. M. Wolf, American army aviators, held at Nacozari, the Governor informed the United States consul Dyer at Nogales, according to word received here today.

The men have been held prisoners since their forced landing near Nacozari on February 2.

The governor's message forwarded to military headquarters here, said that Mexican federal authorities at Mexico City had issued instructions that all landings by American aviators in Mexico should be handled exclusively by the State Department of Mexico.

THE PANAMA GOES TO AID OF THE WM. HENRY WEBB

Is Prepared to Take Her in Tow When the Conditions Become More Favorable.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 14.—The Panama Railroad Steamship Panama, announced by a wireless message today that she was alongside the helpless freighter Wm. Henry Webb, off Tucker Beach, N. J., and was prepared to take her in tow when conditions became more favorable.

The freighter was on route from Philadelphia to New York and yesterday sent out distress calls, announcing she was helpless on account of broken engine and boiler trouble.

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GOVERNOR BICKETT APPEALS FOR NURSES

Sends Out an Urgent Letter to the Eight Hundred Registered Nurses in the State of North Carolina.

NO PRIVATE DUTY SHOULD BE IN WAY

Asks Individuals and Families Not to Retain Nurses When Their Services Are Needed More Elsewhere.

(Special to The Tribune.)

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—In an effort to secure nurses for duty in the communities in the state which are in sore need because of influenza, Governor T. W. Bickett today sent the following letter to the eight hundred registered nurses of North Carolina:

"Influenza and its attendant pneumonia, which last fall and winter killed nearly fifteen thousand North Carolinians, is again abroad in the state. In many communities medical and nursing services in inadequate to meet the needs of the emergency thus produced. In some communities medical and nursing service is wholly lacking. There are sections where entire families in a neighborhood are stricken down and lie sick until death without even the ordinary attention for their comfort and welfare that kindly neighbors might administer. Along with these perilous conditions there must be hundreds of trained nurses in the state now engaged in attending private cases. Between the convenience and safety of individual families and the peril of stricken communities the sense of duty of private nurses must be very uncertain and most disturbing to their peace of mind. Many nurses with private cases, under existing circumstances, perhaps would gladly leave to their state the responsibility of determining their places of duty. I am therefore, in the public interest and with the difficult position of the private nurse in mind, writing to make this request of you: That if you are now engaged in private nursing, you fill out and mail to me the enclosed form which, as you will observe, leaves the determination of your place of service in the present emergency not to yourself, but to the state and relieves you of all responsibility. The probabilities are that not more than fifty nurses from among all of the nurses engaged in the state will be called. These are a relatively small percentage of the total nurses at work. In this emergency when our people cry out for help, no private duty should stand in the way. This is no time for any individual or family not to retain a nurse for private duty when her services can be so much more valuable, nor is it time for any nurse to remain on such private duty when she can possibly be spared. If there is any question in the mind of a nurse as to which is the more important, her duty to her private patient or her duty to the whole people, I urge her to present the case to me and relieve herself of the responsibility of deciding. These nurses are asked to volunteer their services on the basis of five dollars per day and expenses for their services, and that I be furnished the following information: Home and address; nature of present duty; name and address of patient and attending physician; number of sick in family attended; number of well persons in family of patient; nature of illness."

Dr. Register Ill.

"One Minute Interview Column" Charlotte Observer.

Hundreds of friends throughout the state will hear with regret of the illness of Dr. E. C. Register. He is at the Charlotte Sanatorium and has been confined to bed for a week.

Inquiry at the Sanatorium yesterday gave the encouraging news that he was more comfortable. Dr. Register is one of the best known men in the medical world of the south, not only as doctor, but as writer, having for many years edited and owned The Charlotte Medical Journal. Dr. Register is a man of friends—strong friends because he is a strong friend himself. By his improvement yesterday it is hoped that this is the start toward speedy recuperation.

Discussing Holland's Entrance to the League.

(By The Associated Press.) The Hague, Friday, Feb. 13.—Only slight opposition developed to Holland's entrance in the League of Nations when the discussion of the question was opened in parliament today.

The speaker proposed a tentative reservation to the effect that if any other nation entered the league under more favorable circumstances (such as the United States) Holland should enjoy the same privileges.

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