

Insists Great Britain Doing All Possible To Escape Clash In China

Secretary of Colonial Department Says the Terms Offered Are So Just That China Must Accept Them

DENIES NATION READY FOR WAR

Great Britain Was Just Taking Necessary Steps in Sending Ships and Men to Chinese Waters.

London, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Another indication that the British government is doing everything possible to avoid armed conflict with the Chinese is seen in the words of the Secretary of the Colonial Department, L. C. M. Amery. Following up the announcement that the government had formulated "generous" terms in the hope of arriving at a settlement, he declared in a speech at Kilmarnock last night that non-acceptance of the terms was inconceivable, so generous, considerate and far-reaching were the modifications the British were ready to offer.

It was not the government's intention, Mr. Amery emphasized, to declare war, to seek conquest, or have a part in the internal struggles of China; neither did it desire to influence the negotiations through the forces sent to China.

GEORGIA FITS BAN

Volume on Gutzon Borglum Displeases Cracker State But Excites Interest in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Gerald Johnson's Gutzon Borglum book has been barred from Georgia, according to information conveyed to Raleigh, and the Baltimore editor has ahead of general circulation for his latest volume an incomparable boost.

Mr. Johnson more than a year ago went into the Borglum case and came out of it with a conviction that the sculptor was rather cavalierly treated, to say the least.

Sir Henry Lunn to Speak in Durham on League of Nations.

Durham, Jan. 28.—Sir Henry Lunn, noted British publicist and authority on world politics, will speak here in an address to be given at Duke university on March 11, it was announced yesterday by Dean W. H. Wannamaker.

Considerable interest in world politics is being manifested on the Duke campus by the undergraduates.

Last of Charges Against Cooper to Be Quashed.

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—Last of the charges against W. B. Cooper growing out of the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington will be not prosed at a special session of federal court in February it was learned here today from District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker.

SPECIAL MATINEE FOR THE LADIES

1:30 A. M. SATURDAY One Show Only JOHN GILBERT and GRETA GARBO IN

"FLESH AND THE DEVIL"

On account of the inclement weather Thursday and Friday, this special matinee will be given. Ask anyone who has seen this picture. You cannot afford to miss it.

CONCORD THEATRE

BILLS AUTHORIZING MORE STATE BONDS FOR ROADS OFFERED

Identical Bills Are Presented in House and Senate.—County Loans Forbidden in the Bill.

COUNTIES COULD GIVE THE MONEY

Act Will Become Effective as Soon as It is Passed—Other Bills Presented During the Day.

State Capitol, Raleigh, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Bills to authorize issuance of \$300,000 in highway bonds were introduced in both branches of the general assembly today, converting shortly after noon.

The bills, sponsored by the State highway commission, were presented in the house by R. P. Woodard, of Nash, and in the senate by Hargett, of Jones, chairman of the respective roads committees.

It provides that no more county loans may be accepted, but does not exclude donations from this source. It also provides that all such obligations shall be clearly defined before any moneys are expended from the new bond issue.

The measure, containing sixteen sections, known as the "Highway Bond Act of 1927," provides: "Not more than \$1,500,000 bonds to be authorized in any one calendar year."

The governor and council of state not to permit issuance of more than \$200,000 bond in the year 1927.

The new act would not take the place of any authorization heretofore made, but would be an additional one.

Bonds to bear interest at a rate fixed by the governor and council of state but not exceeding 5 per cent. annually, payable semi-annually, January 1st and July 1st.

Repeals section 14, chapter 2, public laws of 1921, which had permitted counties to lend money to the highway commission, but the counties would be able to "donate" money to the commission.

The measure would go into effect on the first day of the session of the next session of the general assembly.

The House began by granting enough leaves of absence to make certain a perfunctory session will be held tomorrow. The Senate was in session exactly one hour.

Standing house committees reported 19 bills favorably and 3 unfavorably. All but one of the former were local, but the unfavorable group was statewide.

These adversely reported sought amendment of prohibition laws, regulation of Sunday sales, and manufacturing of insecticides.

A message from Governor McLean brought a report on pardons and paroles during the last biennium. The present system started 2 years ago, was lauded for its results.

The report recently had been made public by the Associated Press in an official "box office."

In the House an echo was heard of the Haywood farquap of yesterday when the Montgomery representative who has offered several "purity" measures, designed to improve public morals and said he had been treated unfairly in committee, introduced a resolution to have the house rules in effect until the committee reports a bill without giving the father of the bill ample time to appear before it.

Mr. Haywood claimed that the health committee "railroaded" his "anti-immorality bill" to adverse report. The bill had been framed to prohibit the sale of alleged immoral devices.

Judiciary committee No. 2 of the senate today reported favorably the two bank bills introduced by Senator Williams, of Warren, and advocated by the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C. One of these bills simply makes it possible to lend farmers money for production purposes with the loan running one year from date of loan instead of running to the end of calendar year.

The other bill would allow the intermediate credit corporation to charge up to 2 per cent. above what is charged by the Federal Land Bank and fiscal agents which lend the money in the markets of the world.

BODY OF THIRD FIREMAN IS CARRIED FROM RUINS IS CARRIED FROM RUINS

Firemen Lost Their Lives in Collapse of Seven-Story Building Battered By Fire.

New York, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The body of a third fireman, killed late last night in the collapse of three floors of a fire-swept 7-story loft building in the lower East Side, early today was removed from the ruins.

University May Get More Money Than Is Promised in the Budget

The Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 28.—The University of North Carolina may get an increase in its permanent improvements appropriation of \$861,700, in order to permit the construction of the new library at Chapel Hill according to the original estimate of \$861,700, instead of \$500,000 as recommended by the budget commission, but whether or not the full \$425,000 increase asked by President Harry W. Chase and the board of trustees will be forthcoming is still a matter of conjecture.

However, there is no doubt that the joint committee on appropriations was considerably impressed by the fairness of the requests made by Dr. Chase and backed up by John Sprunt Hill of the building committee of the board of trustees.

That all the money asked in the original request—\$2,398,715—could be used to good effect was not doubted. But the committee is faced with the task of keeping the budgeted appropriations of all the state institutions and departments within the budgeted revenue. Thus whether or not it will be able to squeeze in nearly half a million dollars is a problematical one especially in view of the fact that the committee so far has shown a hesitancy to incline to cut rather than to boost.

Although there are a number of evident needs at the University, the most pressing undoubtedly the need for an adequate library, according to both Dr. Chase and Mr. Hill, and all the members of the faculty and board of trustees.

"Next to the faculty, the library is the very soul of any educational institution, and if it is inadequate, then the entire school is inadequate," said Mr. Hill, who followed Dr. Chase before the committee and made a special plea for the library. "At present not more than 25 per cent. of the students are accommodated in the present library which was built twenty-three years ago. This means that 75 per cent. of the students at the University are being deprived of something they are entitled to."

In support of his contention that the original requests should have been granted and still were justified—although he did not exactly request that the full amount be granted—by the same arguments he has been using, namely that according to the original six-year program mapped out in 1921, that the University has not received its share as mapped out at the time and that as a result \$1,645,000 is still due under that agreement.

Although he left the matter of maintenance appropriations entirely up to the committee, Dr. Chase maintained that the University was being greatly handicapped in not being able to get and keep the type of professors and instructors it should have because of the low salaries it was paying and said that the faculty members there were constantly being made offers from other universities at much larger salaries, and that only the personal loyalty of a majority of them was keeping them at Chapel Hill.

"If we are to continue to occupy the place we have held as an educational institution, we must pay salaries that will permit us to compete with other universities of our class in the obtaining of professors," said Dr. Chase. He said that instead of being able to advance, that under the recommended appropriation, the University would barely be able to hold its own.

But the members of the committee have already heard the stories of all the state institutions and departments and the individual claims of each one. And whether it will decide that the University should be given preferential treatment at their hands, and some of the other institutions have to do without even as much as has been recommended for them, is for the committee to decide.

And it must be borne in mind that this is an economy-bent committee.

1,800 PERSONS RESIDE IN COUNTY HOMES

It is Estimated That Another 2,500 in State Get Aid From Counties.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 28.—The estimates based upon the most recent reports show that there are 1,800 inmates in the county homes of the State and an average of 2,500 persons are paid in annual total of \$140,380 of the State's money.

Several counties are converting their county homes for the aged and infirm into county hospitals. One county, Vance, has done notable work in this connection.

Section 5017 of Consolidated Statutes provides that the county superintendent of public welfare shall have under control of the county commission the care and supervision of the poor and the administration of the poor fund. Few counties have seen fit to entrust this phase of the work to the superintendent, but where they have, the results have been gratifying in a financial as well as in other ways.

Some counties are saving effect by dropping those who are moved away or no longer needed help, amounting to several hundred dollars.

Expecting 600 Legion Men to Attend Sanford Meet.

Sanford, Jan. 27.—Announcement is made that the American Legion regional officers' conference will be held in Sanford February 21. The date was decided on after visit here today of Paul R. Younts, of Charlotte, state commander of the legion, who conferred with committees from the local post Sanford being easily accessible from all parts of the state means that possibly 600 or more will be in attendance.

It is expected that National Commander Savage and other prominent officials will be here for the meeting. The chamber of commerce and other civic bodies will co-operate with the Legion post, No. 18, in entertaining the visitors.

Tobacco Chew Is Worth Two Bits to Forsyth Man.

Winston-Salem, Jan. 27.—In taking a chew of tobacco here today, Verge Little closed his teeth on a 25-cent piece, embedded in the bearded weed. While he jarred his jawbone considerably, Mr. Little concluded that the bite was worth it. The piece of silver bore date of 1909.

EMERGENCY MARINE BATTALION GROWS; READY FOR ACTION

Marines Are Being Concentrated at San Diego so They Can Be Rushed to China if Necessary.

1,133 MEN READ AT SAN DIEGO

Most of New Men in Battalion Have Been Doing Mail Guard Duty in This Country.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The emergency marine battalion at San Diego, held for possible service in China, today was increased to a strength of 1,133 men.

The force which the Navy says is stationed at the California port for use anywhere needed has been augmented by 500 men withdrawn from the mail guard, marines from Mare Island, and a detachment from the Puget Sound. It is ready to move immediately on receipt of orders, Maj. Gen. Lejeune, commandant of the Marine Corps, said, but there has been no indication that any order has been issued.

Half of the force from the Puget Sound yard was sent yesterday to the concentration point.

Watching New Developments.

Washington, Jan. 28.—(AP)—While the United States awaits the reaction of the warring Peking and Cantonese factions to its peace overtures extended to both in the form of an expressed willingness to negotiate new treaties with responsible delegates, interest here was turned for the moment to Great Britain, now described as preparing to offer China "generous" terms in the hope of bringing order out of the chaos.

Washington officials are keenly interested in any plan that might be offered by the British.

London news advices picture the British press and public as impatiently awaiting official publication of the new proposals.

The United States also has signified its willingness to open negotiations for ultimate abandonment of all American extra-territorial privileges in China in addition to working for immediate Chinese tariff autonomy. It now awaits proposals for such conferences, but it has not been indicated whether it would take any direct diplomatic steps to bring about a meeting in event the northern and southern Chinese factions fail to take advantage of its friendly offer.

Reduction in Forest Fire Losses.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Jan. 28.—Forest fire losses in cooperating counties of North Carolina during December were less than 20 per cent. of those of November, says Maj. Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, the total amounting to \$18,181.

As has been the case for the last several months, the eastern counties, where the fire hazards continue through most of the year, have been the heaviest sufferers from forest fires, all but two of the reported blazes being centered in this area.

District No. 3, constituting the co-operating counties in the southwestern part of the state did not record a forest fire while the north western section experienced only two.

District No. 3, southeast, led with 30 fires and a total of 44 were reported during the month. The report of the state forester shows that 7,853 acres were covered by the fires, of which 2,146 were in merchantable timber and the rest in second growth and open land.

The greatest damage was done to the standing timber which suffered to the extent of \$12,450; reproduction damages were estimated at \$4,656; forest products, \$925; and improvements, \$150.

A New Way to Catch 'Em.

(By International News Service) Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 28.—Don't club 'em into submission; don't shoot 'em down; don't run 'em to earth—just take 'em by surprise. This is the advice of J. C. McGee, following his employment of that method to arrest Fannie Lyle, negro woman, after she had left her two-year old child in running to escape the officer. He wanted her for alleged use of strong language on the street. She arrived at the station a short while later and will face the judge soon on charges of disorderly conduct.

Predicts Coolidge Election in 1928.

Washington, January 25.—Senator Weller, Republican, of Maryland, announced today he was "for President Coolidge again in 1928," and predicted that he will be renominated and re-elected.

"The country will be for Coolidge in 1928," he said in a formal statement. "Maryland will be for Coolidge."

Would Require Notice of Manager.

Raleigh, Jan. 27.—(INS)—The bills introduced in the general assembly to prevent "silver weddings" will be thrashed out by House Judiciary Committee No. 1 today.

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When death came, the multi-millionaire was surrounded by friends and members of his family. Mrs. Grove, her stepdaughter, Mrs. Fred L. Seely, of Asheville; her son Edwin W. Grove, Jr., of St. Louis, and the younger Mr. Grove's wife were at the bedside. Mrs. Grove arrived here Tuesday from the Grove winter home at St. Petersburg, Fla., and young Mr. and Mrs. Grove were summoned from St. Louis.

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With Our Advertisers.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Occasional rains with slowly rising temperature tonight and Saturday. Moderate northeast shifting to south east or south winds.