

GERMANY BALKS AT USE OF THE WORD "ILLEGAL"

LUSITANIA CASE IS AGAIN UPPERMOST

One Little Word of Seven Letters Threatens the Peace of the United States.

OTHER DEMANDS GRANTED

Berlin Concedes Every Point Except Admitting That Sinking Was Illegal.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Information reaching the Associated Press today indicates that under no circumstances would Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was an illegal act.

The new instructions forwarded to Ambassador Von Bernstorff, according to information received, contained simply one phrase of the new formula of the proposed note of regret for the sinking of the Lusitania. The suggested sentence was short, consisting of eight words and does not contain the word "illegal." It represents the extreme limit of Germany's concession in the Lusitania case.

The view entertained here is that one of the most serious crises of the war has arisen on account of the Lusitania case and it is impossible to foresee the outcome from any indication here. The result of negotiations appears to hinge solely upon one single word "illegal." In the way of an agreement between the United States and Germany stands only these seven letters expressing the conception that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing insist must be embodied in the German formula expressing regret for the loss of American lives aboard the vessel Lusitania.

The Associated Press has been informed positively and authoritatively that Germany cannot and will not designate as illegal the sinking of a liner by any submarine.

Virtually there is no other difference in coming to a settlement remaining and the new instructions forwarded to ambassador von Bernstorff on Tuesday contain merely the new formula by which it is hoped will satisfy Washington without humiliating this country.

Although the suggested sentence, according to a reliable version, consists of eight words, and not "illegal" characterizing the sinking of the Lusitania as such, goes otherwise to the furthest extent possible towards meeting America's demands.

Official Washington Silent.

Washington, Feb. 4.—In the absence of official information, Secretary Lansing today refused to discuss any phase whatever of the Lusitania negotiations. Apparently at the state department, however, if the officials regard it as serious as is reflected in the Berlin dispatches, it was not permitted to appear on the surface.

President Wilson returned to the capital from his western speaking tour shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. He read the Berlin dispatches on the situation while on his train between Baltimore and Washington. The President made no comment, but members of his party regarded them as "unfavorable." It is said that the President had not finished reading and considering the official dispatches received last night on the train.

The Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville Was Closed Today

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 4.—The Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville, N. C., was closed by its board of directors this morning. National Bank Examiner Doughton was put in charge, at the directors' request. The bank's capital stock was \$200,000. It had on hand a surplus of \$2,000 at its last report.

No Excitement in Fayetteville.

Fayetteville, Feb. 4.—The Fourth National Bank of Fayetteville, which failed to open its doors today, never recovered from the serious losses which it suffered several years ago, according to

CANADA'S PARLIAMENT BUILDING DESTROYED.

(By the Associated Press)
Ottawa, Can., Feb. 4.—Canada's magnificent parliament building, which cost \$6,000,000 lay in ruins today, swept by a fire attributed by some to a bomb or an infernal machine. At least six lives were lost and many are injured. The fire was under control early today after raging furiously for six hours. The fire loss is difficult to estimate, but the contents of the building were of great value.

J. G. WALSER HAD STROKE OF PARALYSIS IN DURHAM TODAY

(By the Associated Press.)
Durham, Feb. 4.—J. G. Walser, for many years postmaster at Lexington and brother to Zeb Vance Walser, chairman of the state executive committee of the Progressives, was this morning carried to the Watts hospital seriously ill with paralysis.

ROCKY MOUNT PARTIES BUY FOUR COTTON MILLS

(By the Associated Press.)
Rocky Mount, Feb. 4.—The sale of four cotton mills owned by the Hope Manufacturing company at Hope Mills, N. C., to Rocky Mount interests was announced today. The amount involved aggregates approximately \$1,000,000. Reorganization is being perfected in the mills which employ 1,200 people. Operations will begin at an early date.

E. E. WELBORN ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

Greensboro, Feb. 4.—At noon today in the Superior court the jury acquitted E. E. Welborn, a white man, who was charged with the murder of a negro, John Christian.

VICE-PRESIDENT HAMILTON, OF COAST LINE, IS DEAD

(By the Associated Press.)
Richmond, Feb. 4.—Alexander Hamilton, vice-president and general counsel of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, died at his home in Petersburg early today. The funeral will occur tomorrow at 4 o'clock in St. Paul's church, Petersburg, with interment at Blandford's cemetery.

Collecting War Poetry.

Kiel, Feb. 4.—The University of Kiel has begun the collection of all the poetry of the war which has more than mediocre merit. Requests have gone out to all poets of reputation, to all newspapers, magazines and publishers, to forward to the university anything that may seem to them to be worthy of a place in the collection, including prose skits, songs with or without music, novels and dramas.

statement issued by Dr. W. H. Lilly, president of the institution.

It declared that since was unable to realize promptly on its securities and that the directors considered it an injustice to subject its depositors to risks and had requested the examiner to take charge. Officials are certain that all depositors will be paid in full.

There was no undue excitement here with the announcement that the bank would not open this morning, and the depositors viewed the occurrence calmly, expressing the belief that they would lose nothing.

ERZERUM EVACUATED BY TURKISH TROOPS

It Is Reported That the Stronghold in the Caucasus Has Been Abandoned to the Russians.

AIR ATTACKS PREVAIL

From Almost Every Theater of the War Comes Reports of Activities of Airmen.

(By the Associated Press.)
Indications that under no circumstances will Germany admit that the sinking of the Lusitania was illegal were contained in dispatches from Berlin today.

The evacuation by Turks of Erzerum, the stronghold in the Caucasus, was claimed by Petrograd newspapers, which say they are in receipt of advices from reliable sources that the Turkish forces have abandoned the fortress.

Notable victories for the airmen in the raid on the Albanian port of Durazzo were reported by the Austrian admiralty. Three attacks by the airmen on the allied base between January 25 and February 1 are recorded. Italian base at Orlous, Albania, was also attacked by the Austrian aviators on February 2.

Eastern war theatres, like the western and the Balkans, in recent days, have also been the scene of aerial attacks.

Vienna reports the bombardment of Russian Buzacez in Galicia by an air squadron and Russian raids in Volhynia, while the Austrian airmen are equally active.

A second Zeppelin air raid on Saloniki, which was attacked Wednesday, was frustrated by the fire of the allied batteries, according to an Athens dispatch.

Reports of the infantry operations of importance from any of the main fronts are lacking.

Vienna claims progress for the Austrians at the Tolmino bridge head by sapping operations.

DOUBLE HEADER IN BASKETBALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Basketball as both he and she is played, will be pulled off in the armory here tomorrow night, and the most interesting event of that kind of the year is booked. There will be two games, one between the girls of High Point and Jamestown high school and the other between the boys of the two schools. The first game between the girl teams will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and the boys will stage their contest immediately following.

This will be the first interscholastic game of the year for the High Point girls, but they have been in training several days and expect to render a good account of themselves. They are being coached by Miss Lois Love, of the school faculty, who has had much experience in the game, having played on the team of her college. While it is expected that the Jamestown team will be in a better state of preparation than the locals, yet if the visitors win they will have to play hard and every minute of the game.

The home quintet has not been selected, but Miss Love has an abundance of good material, and when the five gets in action tomorrow night it will show a grade of determination that will mean trouble for the Jamestown girls.

The second game between the boys' teams of High Point and Jamestown promises to be a real hot article of basketball. The visitors are an unusually strong and clever set of players, but the locals are not conceding a thing in advance.

To give an idea of the probable closeness of the game, a comparison of scores shows that the visitors have the advantage in records. High Point was defeated by Pomona by a margin of four points and Jamestown took the scalp of the terracotta makers by five points, which indicates that there is really not much difference between the two quintets. Then another thing, the locals have profited much by their two recent defeats, and the team will go into the contest tomorrow night with a great improvement over its former efforts.

All in all, the double bill should draw a record-breaking crowd to the armory at 7:30 tomorrow evening.

Death of Mr. Cranford.

News reached here today of the death of F. O. Cranford at Greensboro, which occurred after an illness of about a week. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. C. C. Muse, of this city, and is widely known here. Mr. and Mrs. Muse went to Greensboro yesterday, called by the illness of Mr. Cranford.

REPUBLICANS HOLD PRECINCT MEETINGS

High Point Republicans Holding Their Meetings Tonight to Select Delegates.

CONVENTION TOMORROW

The Guilford County Convention Will Be Held in Greensboro Saturday Afternoon.

Guilford county Republicans meet in convention Saturday afternoon at Greensboro and preparatory to this convention the precincts of the county are holding their primaries and conventions today and tonight.

There are three precincts in High Point and these three will hold their meetings tonight at 7:30. Posters appearing here and there designate such as "primaries," but in reality it will be more like a convention. The North High Point precinct convention will be held at the armory, the third ward, south High Point, at McLewallen's store and the fourth ward at Ragan and Jones store.

Ed. L. Ragan is chairman of the North High Point precinct and W. P. Ragan is chairman of the South High Point, third ward. Another chairman must be elected tonight on account of the division of South High Point into two precincts.

North High Point is entitled to seven delegates and each ward of South High Point will have four. In all 15 delegates and the same number of alternates are to be selected to go to Greensboro tomorrow to attend Guilford's convention.

At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon delegates will be selected to go to the state convention at Raleigh on March 1, as well as to the congressional convention. R. L. Schofield, of Greensboro, is county chairman and will call the convention to order.

Among many other recommendations both the township and the county conventions will likely take up the matter of a congressional nominee from this, the "Imperial Fifth." Among local Republicans the talk seems to center around William Grissom, of Greensboro. Mr. Grissom is secretary of the state executive committee and for the past 16 months has been maintaining Republican headquarters at Greensboro. It is felt that he has been a loyal servant of his party and if there are any honors to bestow Secretary Grissom should be the recipient of them.

MANUFACTURERS' CLUB MUST SEEK ANOTHER CLUB BUILDING

The Manufacturers' Club must move their rooms from its present location and the officers are now on the lookout for some suitable place to go.

The club has received a notice that the rooms which they occupy, being on the second story of the Welch building, have been rented to the Giant Furniture company to be used as furniture show rooms. The club has been asked to vacate by March 1, if it is convenient.

At a meeting of the board of directors held last night a committee was appointed, consisting of J. E. Marsh, F. N. Tate and J. W. Harris to find a suitable location. This committee has several places in mind and is now investigating them. It will report at a later meeting of the board, probably to be held Monday night.

The board also asked every person connected with the Manufacturers' club who could possibly do so to go to Greensboro next week to appear before the county commissioners for the purpose of urging the extension of the permanent improvement on the High Point-Greensboro road.

REV. J. E. SHENK DIED IN GREENSBORO TODAY

Greensboro, Feb. 4.—Rev. J. E. Shenk, a Lutheran minister, of Greensboro, died at his home at 2:30 this morning after a lingering illness of several weeks. He was 56 years of age and had been the pastor of several Lutheran churches. Just prior to his last illness he was the pastor of the Lutheran church here.

The deceased was born at Luray, Va., and was educated at V. P. L. and the University of Virginia. In 1885 he was admitted to the bar, but gave up the practice of law for the ministry. In 1890 he was ordained and in that year married Miss Bessie Henkel. He is survived by a widow and several children.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow at Bethlehem, Va.

MAY GET BIG JOB



ARTHUR WOODS

It is expected that the new superintendent of Prisons in New York State will be Arthur Woods, who is now the Police Commissioner of New York city. From all accounts he is to succeed John B. Riley, who was removed by Governor Wiltman.

OVER \$300 RAISED FOR JEWISH RELIEF

High Point's Contribution For Suffering Hebrews in War Zone was \$307.92.

WAS VERY GRATIFYING

Local Hebrews Express Appreciation For the Liberal Response to Their Call.

High Point contributed more than \$300 last week to the Jewish relief fund, and Treasurer J. Elwood Cox has forwarded the money to the central committee to be used in relieving, as far as possible, the intense suffering of the Jews of the war zone.

The soliciting committees and the amounts collected by each follows:

- Rev. J. M. Hilliard and Louis Harris, \$124.05.
- Dr. G. T. Rowe and S. Robinowitz, \$84.12.
- Dr. A. W. Claxon and J. Isndon, \$53.10.
- Misses Helen Brockett, Ida Harris, Maude Owens and Jennie Rones, \$42.75.
- Sent to Treasurer Elwood Cox, \$4.00.

Total contributions, \$307.92.

While the amount was probably not quite as much as the local committees expected to secure, yet it is considered very satisfactory and the Hebrews of this city are very much gratified at the response made in behalf of the suffering.

The local Jews have issued the following to the people of High Point: "In the name of the High Point Hebrews and in behalf of the central committee representing the 9,000,000 suffering Jews in the war zone, we desire to most sincerely thank the people of High Point for their liberal contributions to the Jewish relief fund."

JAPANESE LINER SINKS WITH HEAVY LIFE LOSS

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wednesday night in a collision with the steamship Lion and 160 lives were lost.

NOMINATION OF MR. FARRISS CONFIRMED

Senate Takes Favorable Action on J. J. Farriss' Nomination for Postmaster at High Point.

EXPECTS TO QUALIFY SOON

Nomination and Confirmation is Believed to Meet With General Approval in This City.

The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of J. J. Farriss to be postmaster of High Point. As soon as Mr. Farriss qualifies and his bond has been approved he will take charge of the office. It will be only a few days before this, the last step to the postmastership, will be taken by Mr. Farriss.

On January 15 the late Dr. W. C. Bradshaw, who had been postmaster for two years, died. On Monday, January 24, after a friendly contest in which Mr. Farriss and E. L. Pickett were the avowed candidates for the place, Congressman Stedman sent to the President the recommendation of Mr. Farriss. The President signed the recommendation and it was sent to the senate on January 24, and on February 3, the senate confirmed the nomination. Within less than 30 days after the death of Dr. Bradshaw his successor will be in charge of the office.

Mr. Farriss has been a resident of High Point for nearly 30 years. He is the owner and proprietor of the Farriss Publishing company, one of the most complete and up-to-date printeries in the state. He is also one-third owner and president of the Southern Furniture Journal, the leading trade journal of the furniture men in the country. Up until April, 1915, Mr. Farriss was associated with his late brother, E. H. Farriss, in the publication and editorship of the Enterprise, and on that date sold the paper to the present owners.

The new postmaster has given his time and ability to the growth and up-building of his town. He is a public spirited citizen of the first rank and the people are unanimous in extending congratulations upon his recommendation and confirmation as postmaster of High Point.

TURNER'S BIG HOPE IS TO KEEP FROM BEING CAPTURED

T. R. Turner's escape from the chain-gang last Monday may prove an unfortunate one for him. Thus far it has been a successful one, but if the officers ever catch him there is little likelihood that anything can save him from serving out his eight months sentence plus a term of two or three months for his crime.

Just before Turner left the camp where he was serving his sentence upon conviction of the violation of the prohibition law, an application for his pardon had been filed with Governor Craig. It is believed that the application was a pretty fairly strong one and that he had good chances of being pardoned after he had served about half his sentence. But now there would be a mighty small chance of Governor Craig even considering a pardon of an escaped convict.

If Turner makes his escape permanent it is fortunate one for him, but if he is caught it will be extremely unfortunate get away for a man who had more than even chance of securing executive clemency.

The Weather.

Fair tonight and Saturday; slowly rising temperature; moderate east winds.

Prussian American Treaty Is Held To Cover Appam Case

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicated today that the United States has decided to hold that the Prussian-American treaty governs the case of the capture of the liner Appam.

Secretary Lansing disclosed the further sole question to be decided by the interpretation is how long the Appam will be permitted to remain in American waters. The treaty guarantees the German prize crew the right to come and go freely. If the Appam was forced to depart it would become the prey of the British cruisers outside the Virginia Capes. If the Appam must depart German officials have stated that it will

be sunk to prevent her recapture by the British.

Germany is expected to contend that the treaty guarantees the right to remain in case in Hampton Roads until the case is taken before a prize court for adjudication. Technically it is not a German prize until such court established the validity of her capture.

The British ambassador today presented formal demands on behalf of his government for the return of British liner Appam taken by the German prize crew. A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed, as the United States has practically decided to take the prize as Germany's.