



ARBITRATION FOR RAILWAY DISPUTES

United States Chamber of Commerce Adopts Resolution Asking This Form of Settlement.

ABOUT NATIONAL DEFENSE

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels Spoke Today—President Wilson Speaks Tonight.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—A resolution calling upon the railroads and their employees to settle their wage controversies by arbitration was adopted today by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

After reciting that an interruption of traffic in the United States "would be a national calamity" and if brought about through arbitration action by either side would constitute an act inimical to the public welfare and fraught with grave consequences.

The resolution declared that the sense of the chamber was that the roads and the men should in the interest of public welfare settle their differences without impairing the public service.

A supporting resolution provided for a committee to investigate such phases of the critical situation as relative to the interest of the chamber and report from time to time as to the best means of preserving the public service unimpaired.

Discussion of national defense featured the concluding session today of the annual convention of the chamber.

Secretaries Daniels and Garrison were the principal speakers of the convention who presented a report of their investigations and general discussions of the preparedness question were to follow.

The annual election of officers and the consideration of resolutions were among the other matters before the meeting.

President Wilson is to speak at the annual dinner tonight.

PRESIDENT NOT TO MAKE A LONG SOUTHERN TOUR

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—President Wilson will not make an extended southern trip to speak for preparedness, he told the senators and representatives who invited him to various cities today to make speeches. He said that at the present time he did not think he would take a southern trip similar to the one which he recently took to the middle west.

What invitations the President will accept will be those which will not keep him away from Washington long, it was said here today.

ROWAN NEGRO TO DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR FRIDAY

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Jim Cooper, a negro, will be electrocuted here tomorrow for the murder of Lucinda Price, a negro woman, in Rowan county on March 28, 1915. Governor Craig was quoted today as saying that he will not interfere in the case.

The electrocution will be the first to take place during the administration of S. J. Busbee as warden of the state penitentiary, recently appointed to succeed the late T. P. Sale.

RESUME INVESTIGATION OF EXPLOSION ON SUBMARINE

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Investigation of the explosion which wrecked the submarine F-2 in the New York navy yard recently, which killed two men and seriously injured four, was ordered resumed today.

Electrician Miles, one of the injured men, had improved sufficiently to permit the investigation to continue. The hearing had been postponed so that the testimony of Miles might be secured.

SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE CONTINUES BRANDIES INQUIRY

Washington, Feb. 10.—The senate judiciary sub-committee continued today its investigations into the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the Supreme court bench.

Representatives of the United States Shoe Machinery company, with which Mr. Brandeis was once associated as counsel, were heard.

Western Union Official Dead. New York, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice president of the Western Union Telegraph company, died suddenly at his home today of heart trouble. He had been in poor health for several months.

TELEPHONE MERGER PROGRESSES SLOWLY

In Fact, it Would Take An Expert to Discover Any Progress Whatever.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

The Only Definite Action by the Conferees Was Carrying a Motion to Adjourn.

The meeting of a number of citizens of High Point, Thomasville and Lexington, together with certain officials of the Bell and North State Telephone companies held last night for the purpose of trying to adjust the telephone situation, adjourned. Of course there was a lot of talk, quite a number of cigars burned and other such, but the only matter of a definite character attended to was the adjournment. At least, that was the only accomplishment that showed on the surface, and if there was really anything of moment done tending to carry out the purpose for which it was announced that the meeting was called, it was not revealed to the reporter, nor was it apparent to others who were asked as what had been done. The opposing factions seemed to have dug themselves in and are apparently provisioned for a lengthy siege.

At last night's meeting which was held in the Manufacturers' club, there were among others, the following in attendance: J. W. Harris, J. Elwood Cox, Fred N. Tate, R. B. Terry, of the committee named a few days ago to take up the telephone matter; Mayor Griffin, J. W. Lambeth, C. G. Hill, A. H. Ragan, T. J. Finch, Thomasville; George Montcastle, G. Foster Hankins, Lexington; M. B. Spier, Mr. Mills, Mr. Meyers and Mr. Ashmore, of the Bell company; W. H. Ragan, president; J. F. Hayden, manager; C. G. Muse, vice president; W. H. Townsend, treasurer; W. L. Stamey and J. B. Welborn, and others of the North State company. Besides these, there were Col. Westcott Robertson, J. E. Marsh, A. S. Hallstrom and several more members of the Manufacturers' club. Mayor Griffin, of Thomasville, was chosen to preside over the meeting.

M. B. Spier, general manager of the Bell system in North and South Carolina, was first called upon, and he outlined the situation from his viewpoint, restating the proposition made by his company as related by him before the board of governors of the Manufacturers' club at a meeting held here last week, and which is generally familiar now to the people of High Point. He also took occasion to refer to the objections to the proposed merger as made by Mr. Hallstrom in yesterday afternoon's Enterprise.

Following Mr. Spier, Mr. Montcastle who stated that he was a stockholder and director in the Lexington independent company, declared his approval of the proposed merger, as did J. Elwood Cox, Fred N. Tate, A. H. Ragan, C. G. Hill, T. J. Finch, Foster Hankins and J. W. Lambeth.

For the North State directors, W. H. Ragan put out a freer when he asked the Bell people if they would buy the North State company. Mr. Spier said they would not, as his company was not able to buy up all of the independent companies, and further could not under an agreement with the attorney general of the United States.

Manager Hayden, of the North State, expressed no desire for the proposed merger, reading a statement of his position. W. L. Stamey was opposed to the proposition, declaring that the North State was giving a good and satisfactory service at a low rate, and did not care to take over a "white elephant." Mr. Welborn could see no benefit to be derived by the merger, but on the other hand expressed the belief, as did the other North State directors, that it would work a hardship in that the rates to subscribers would have to be increased if the merger went through, which would offset any advantage that might be gained.

Thus the discussion flowed, the advocates arguing for what they thought would be the advantage to be derived by the merger, while the North State people were just as firm in their belief that instead of being an advantage it would be just the opposite to the large majority of the subscribers. Both sides put up good reasons for their positions, and the argument at times grew spirited. Several inconsequential motions were introduced, and possibly one of them was voted on, but the real business came about 10 o'clock when the motion to adjourn was carried.

KIDDIES OF SOCIETY ON THE SANDS OF PALM BEACH



While cold weather continues to prevail in the North, society at Palm Beach, Florida, and other Southern resorts is enjoying the pleasures of summer days. Weather of which Palm Beach boasts, balmy and sunny, has prevailed for several weeks and has kept the surf crowded with pretty bathers. Many children have romped about, enjoying themselves, as depicted in the picture, which shows some of the kiddies on the sands along the beach.

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SIGNS OF MILITARY ACTIVITY INCREASING

Bulgaria Has Declared She Has the Right to Invade Greece to Strike Allies.

MAKING PREPARATIONS

Bulgars Concentrating on Greek Border—Germans Getting Active in West.

(By the Associated Press.) Signs that military operations of importance are impending in the Balkans are furnished by Bulgarian government newspapers at Sofia which in leading articles assert the right of Bulgarians to invade Greece for an attack on the French and British here.

The articles make the declaration that Bulgaria should not permit these foes near their border and that they must be driven out. Recent reports from the Balkans regarding the intention of the Teutonic allies as to their move from southern Serbia and Bulgaria on the eastern forces at Saloniki have been contradictory.

Dispatches announce a notable concentration of troops and heavy artillery along the Greek border. On both the eastern and western war fronts active operations for the past few days has been more marked than for some time. Some movement may be developing at the northern end of the Russian line where the artillery play is reported as heavy and continuous.

Russians profess confidence in the security of their lines there, despite the German's heavy guns. In Galicia they are on the aggressive and at one point they reported having crossed the Dniester river.

On the western front the Germans seem to be taking the initiative and are hammering away on the French lines from time to time and making an occasional gain near Neuville, not far below the Somme river.

The visit of the French premier to Italy is engaging the marked attention in various capitals. On the eve of his departure from Paris, Premier Briand is quoted as declaring his confidence that he will obtain from Italian statesmen the support of the strongest sort.

The total Prussian losses as estimated by Austrian newspapers is 2,477,578. The bombardment of Smyrna on the Asia Minor coast by a squadron of French aeroplanes is reported at Athens.

thing, but if it does it will come some what of a surprise to many of those who were in attendance last night, if their statements later are to be judged by. On the other hand, it is possible, some say, that the discussion may cause serious consideration that will later develop into something of a definite nature.

WHISKY CASES TO BE TRIED, LAWYER OR NO LAWYER, SAYS JUDGE

"The Wade case and the Welborn case will be tried Saturday morning if there is not a single lawyer in High Point to defend either of them," said Judge Carter Dalton from the bench this morning, after he was informed that counsel for Wade was sick and unable to be in court to defend that case. It had already been continued from Wednesday morning but now it will certainly be tried Saturday, rain or shine, lawyer or no lawyer, according to the judicial proclamation. The Welborn case was not set for this morning it having been continued yesterday until Saturday.

Both defendant are white men and both are charged with keeping whisky for the purpose of sale. Another common tie between them is the fact that both of them have been acquitted this week of the charge of retailing whisky. The state brought evidence tending to show a specific sale, but Judge Dalton did not think that either case was strong enough to convict. The men now will be charged with a violation of another phase of the prohibition law and the state's officials express confidence that they will make a better showing than in the former trials.

HIGH POINT MAN OFFERS TO HANDLE COUNTY ROAD BONDS

J. Elwood Cox today submitted a proposition to Chairman Boren whereby he will handle the entire issue of the \$125,000 road bonds at a lower rate of interest than has yet been made.

The bonds were authorized by the board of county commissioners late Tuesday afternoon for the extension of the permanent improvements on the High Point-Greensboro highway. Chairman Boren was given full power to dispose of the bonds and he is expected to do so within a few days.

MOTHER OF H. I. COFFIELD DIED THIS MORNING

Mrs. Elizabeth Tender Coffield, the mother of H. I. Coffield, of this city, died at her home at Everett this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Coffield suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday which paralyzed her on the right side. The funeral services will be held Friday at Tarboro, where interment will be made.

Mrs. Coffield was 74 years of age and is survived by her husband, J. B., and two sons and two daughters. The sons are H. I. Coffield, of High Point, and Albert, of Beachley, Tex., and the daughters are Mrs. Thomas Crudup, of Kittrell, and Mrs. J. H. Purvis, of Robersonville.

The Weather. Fair tonight and Friday; light, variable winds.

NOVEL QUESTIONS IN PETROLITE CASE

Austrian Submarine Halted a Steamer and Helped Itself to Food Supplies.

AN EXPLANATION ASKED

Secretary Lansing Asks Austrian Hungary to Present Its Side of the Affair.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 10.—Secretary Lansing announced today that he had sent the Austro-Hungary government a dispatch asking for an investigation and an explanation of the attack by the Austrian submarine on the American tanker Petrolite.

The secretary said that published statements about demands made on the Vienna government were "not true," but it was within the range of possibilities that demands of some sort might be made in the future if the investigation and explanation asked warranted them.

The secretary's dispatch called attention to the affidavits from members of the crew of the Petrolite and to information from other sources to the effect that the ship was stopped in the Mediterranean near Alexandria by the Austrian submarine and fired on it and one man in the engine room was wounded.

The submarine commander asked for food which Captain Thompson, of the Petrolite refused. Thereupon, the submarine commander removed an American member of the crew, who was held as hostage while the Austrians took the food required from the Petrolite's stores.

Some novel questions are involved. Under certain circumstances, warships may take food from merchantmen, but it is realized that if submarines are given permission to do so, every neutral might be made a base for operations.

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIAN WORK IN LATIN-AMERICA

(By the Associated Press.) Panama, Feb. 10.—The conference on Christian work in Latin-America opened here today. Dr. Belisario Porras, president of the republic, delivered the address of welcome to the 300 delegates and visitors representing the Protestant churches from the United States and Great Britain.

The conference is the outgrowth of the foreign mission conference held in New York in 1913, when it was decided to undertake an interdenominational evangelization campaign in Latin America. The conference will be in session for ten days. Later occasional conferences will be held in various Latin American countries.

IN RE THE BEATING OF BOARD BILLS

A Recent Supreme Court Decision Further Complicates This Already Difficult Violation.

WHEN A BOARDING HOUSE?

The Court Ruling Makes it Rather Difficult to Convict One of "Beating Board."

If a person boards at a certain house and then leaves and fails to pay lodging there is no criminal law which can touch him unless the court decides that the house was a public boarding house.

Recently there have been several cases in the city recorder's court in which a defendant was charged with "beating his board bill." That is a familiar term, but there is no such term in law. There is one, however, "obtaining board without paying therefor and with the intent to defraud." In this charge two essential elements must be proven so the courts hold—first, that it was a boarding house in the meaning of the law, and second, that the board was obtained with intent to defraud. There have been few convictions made in the North Carolina courts because of the almost impossibility of proving the ingredients of the charge.

In the McRae case, recently decided by Justice Allen, of the North Carolina Supreme court, a boarding house is held to be a "quasi-public house, where boarders are generally and habitually kept and which is held out and known as a place of that kind." In one sense it must be on the order of a hotel and a place where the business of the house is primarily that of keeping boarders.

The opinion of the justice explicitly declares that a house where one or two, or several persons board at intervals and for an indefinite time. A private house-keeper who entertains a boarder or so for hire is not in the eye of the law a boarding house keeper. And the criminal statute does not lie for their proposition.

Justice Allen cites a former opinion of Justice Hoke in which the latter says that "One who reserves the right of selection and to choose his patrons and takes them only by special arrangement" is not a boarding house keeper. The decision in the McRae case is very clear and since its publication in the last few weeks has been read and re-read by the lawyers.

A young man was before Recorder Dalton one day this week charged, according to the roughly drawn warrant, with "beating his board bill." When the prosecutrix took the stand Judge Dalton asked her if she kept a boarding house and she at once and unhesitatingly replied in the negative. She did, however, and has been for some time taking boarders in order to materially aid in her support. Yet the young man who admitted that he had not paid his board could not be held on any criminal charge under the Supreme court's ruling in the McRae case.

L. T. BARBER IS CHOSEN COMMISSIONER FOR GUILFORD COUNTY

A Gibsonville merchant, L. T. Barber, has been named by Clerk of Court Gant as a member of the board of county commissioners to succeed the late T. A. Wilson.

Mr. Barber is a successful young business man of Gibsonville, and a Democratic leader of Rock Ridge township. His friends assert that although Mr. Barber has never held public office, that he is well qualified for the new position and will make the board a valuable member. He was the only Democratic candidate from the eastern section of the county. Others who had been endorsed for the position were: W. O. Donnell, of Oak Ridge; J. T. Benbow, of Oak Ridge; Dr. C. W. Taylor, of Stokesdale; and T. B. Duggitt, of Summerfield. E. P. Wharton, of Greensboro, and N. R. Wood, of Gibsonville.

MARSHALL WILLING TO RUN AGAIN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Portland, Ore., Feb. 10.—Vice-President Marshall is willing to run for a second term, according to a letter made public here today by Postmaster Frank S. Myers, of Portland, from Mark Thelwatt, secretary to the vice-president. Mr. Myers wrote the vice-president some time ago asking him if he would permit the use of his name on the Oregon primary ballot.