



LINDLEY M. GARRISON LEAVES THE CABINET

WILSON IS ACTING SECRETARY OF WAR

Mr. Garrison Resigns Because His Continental Army Plan Was Not Meeting Approval.

BRECKENRIDGE ALSO QUITS

The Assistant Secretary Resigns Because of Loyalty to Chief. Handles Preparedness.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Garrison has resigned from the cabinet because President Wilson declined to insist without compromise upon the adoption of the continental army plan by Congress.

The resignation was tendered and accepted yesterday, and with Mr. Garrison the assistant secretary of war, Henry C. Breckenridge, also left the service of the government.

Today the President finds himself personally in charge of the administration's plans for strengthening of the army and working out a definite military policy.

The President has not selected the successor to Mr. Garrison and it is regarded as possible that even after the new head of the war department is named that President Wilson, who has made a careful study of the problem, will continue to handle the preparedness plans to a great extent himself.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge, who shared the views of Secretary Garrison, resigned because of loyalty to his chief. His resignation also was accepted.

Major General Scott, chief of the staff of the army, automatically became secretary of war ad interim.

There is considerable speculation here over the probable successor to Secretary Garrison.

The talk of those prominently mentioned for the place include Representative Sherry, of Kentucky, chairman of the House fortifications sub-committee; Secretary Lane, of the interior department; Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, of the navy department. It is expected that the President will appoint a successor to Secretary Garrison immediately.

It is understood that he wants a man already familiar with the general details of the military condition of the country so that the plans for national defense might be carried forward without delay.

The President will not appoint a southern man to succeed Mr. Garrison; it was said in well informed circles today.

While Secretary Lane is being discussed as the likely choice it is understood that the President has under consideration the names of two or three other men and will not make the appointment before weighing their qualifications carefully.

The President has made up his mind to appoint a Democrat.

Former Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts; Secretary Houston, former Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and former Mayor Baker, of Cleveland, were added to the names being discussed.

It is understood that at least one name is being considered which has not been mentioned publicly. The cabinet met today with the first vacant chair since Mr. Bryan's resignation.

The departure of Mr. Garrison was discussed thoroughly. Reports that there might be other resignations were met with general denials.

Out of Politics.

New York, Feb. 11.—Former Secretary of War Garrison announced here today that he intended to retire "absolutely" from politics and from public life. He said that he would not discuss his resignation from any political angle.

Mr. Garrison intimated, however, that "he might do something in the matter of giving support in favor of the continental army on which his resignation hinged."

Mr. Garrison was asked by interviewers if he intended to follow the example of Mr. Bryan and publicly oppose any of Mr. Wilson's policies.

"Absolutely not," he replied.

No Regrets, Says Gen. Young.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young today declared that he did not believe that any officer con-

nected with the national guard of the state would receive with regret the news of the resignation of Secretary of War Garrison.

"The attitude of Secretary Garrison since assuming the duties of his office has been entirely unsympathetic and without justice to the national guard," General Young declared in a prepared statement. "His policy in his dealings with the militia has had the effect of tearing down rather than building up that organization."

In conclusion the statement said: "The guard will rest secure in the hope that Secretary Garrison's successor will be a man who will administer the affairs of his office with sympathy and understanding."

THE PLAY TONIGHT WILL FEATURE WEEK OF ENDEAVORERS

Tonight will probably be the most interesting of the week of the Christian Endeavor week celebration. The play, "Mrs. Church's Baby," will be given at the Friends' church by the local Endeavorers. There will be no admission charge and everybody is invited to come. A free-will offering will be taken however, which will go towards the Christian Endeavor work of the city.

The play portrays the 35 years history of the Christian Endeavor society. The "Evil Spirit" all through the play is working against the Christian Endeavor work and the theme is to compel this character to admit that the "Christian Endeavor is the hope of the world."

Mrs. Lewis McFarland has trained the local talent and directs the play, besides taking the leading role of "Miss Christian Endeavor." For many days all of the participants have worked hard in an effort to produce something worth seeing and it is believed that they have now done so.

The characters of the play will be presented as follows: Dr. Lovingheart, L. C. Furguson; Mrs. Lovingheart, Miss Edith Hill; Mrs. Prejudice, Miss Lillian Albertson; Mrs. Curiosity, Miss Blanche Harmon; Mrs. Church, Mrs. L. A. Peeler; A Mother, Miss Treva Ward; the Evil Spirit, R. C. Boyd. In addition to these about 25 young ladies and men take the parts of: California, California, Jr., Hawaii, Honolulu, a sailor, a soldier, the quiet hour, the tenth legion, and all of the continents and countries of Europe, into which Christian Endeavor has forced her way.

The doors of the church will not be opened until 7.30 this evening, in order for those taking part in the play to have a dress rehearsal. The hour for the rehearsal is 8.45 and all of the characters are expected to be present at that time.

The meeting held Thursday night at the Reformed church was featured by the address of Miss Lola Long, of Greensboro, who told about the Chicago convention. It was one of the best addresses which has ever been delivered to the local union. Other addresses were delivered by R. E. Crawford and E. T. Barker, of Greensboro, and R. C. Boyd, the president who were heard with a great deal of pleasure.

The Junior Endeavorers of the city will have their rally tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in the Friends' church, at which time they will hear talks from Mrs. Sylvester Newlin, Mrs. L. A. Peeler, and Mrs. L. W. McFarland.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR A COLLEGE MATE OF JUDGE DALTON

Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge, or who at least held the title and the place until yesterday, when he resigned in company with his chief, Secretary of War Garrison, and Judge Carter Dalton, of High Point, were Harvard college mates and law club brothers. Judge Dalton had a long conversation with Mr. Breckenridge only a short time ago on the occasion of one of the High Point man's visits to the capital. "And he is one of the firmest and strongest believers in preparedness I ever heard talk," said Mr. Dalton of the assistant secretary.

In 1909 Mr. Dalton was president of the Story Law club, of Harvard, and Mr. Breckenridge was secretary. Mr. Breckenridge was a practicing lawyer of Lexington, Ky., before he accepted his official position.

Meeting Postponed.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Methodist Protestant church will not meet tonight on account of the play at the Friends church.

EIGHTY-TWO CADETS DISMISSED FROM THE NAVAL ACADEMY

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Daniels has approved the recommendation of the academic board of the naval academy in dismissing 82 midshipmen for failure in their studies.

Their names may be made public later. Three are of the first class, 19 of the second class, 20 of the third and 40 of the fourth. Secretary Daniels said that although the navy needed more officers only those who could meet the high standing and quality by the examinations could be retained.

The secretary expressed regret that 82 students had been found "unsatisfactory" in such a degree as does not justify the hope of their graduation and training as officers in the navy.

Mr. Daniels said that he did not think that any midshipman should be allowed to graduate unless he could make 62½ per cent, the standard average in his studies, and for that the reason he refused to lower the passing mark.

"We want more officers, but not at the expense of the high standard which has long been maintained," he said.

TWO GOOD GAMES OF BASKETBALL PROMISED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT

Another double-barreled game of basketball is scheduled for here tomorrow night when the boys and girls of Lexington come over to play the boys and girls of the High Point high school. The game will be played in the armory and will begin at 7.30 o'clock.

The local teams have been considerably improved since the double decent last Saturday night at the hands of the two teams from the Jamestown school, and they will go into tomorrow night's contests with the expectation of taking one and a possibility of both of the events. The boys are in the best condition they have been this season, and if they put up anything like the game they did last week they will win. This will be the second game for the girls, but they learned much in the game with Jamestown and those who have seen them in practice this week say the article of basketball they will put up against Lexington will be far superior to their former effort.

The games last Saturday night drew a large crowd, and it is expected that tomorrow night will see the biggest crowd of the season on the local floor. High Point is becoming really enthusiastic over basket ball, and now since both the boys and the girls have good teams the people will show their appreciation by turning out in large numbers.

HIGH POINT SCHOOL TO HOLD A MAY DAY FETE AND PAGEANT

The High Point schools will have a May Day fete and historical pageant on the first of May, and are now busy making plans and preparations for the event.

The day will be an educational day and gala occasion for the school children. It will be distinctly a school children's event and they alone will be the attraction.

The exercises and program is being arranged to a large measure by the teachers who have had part in the May Day fete and pageant of the Normal. It is planned to have the dances in the morning when many of the old English and May pole dances will be given. The children of the more than 40 departments of the three schools will march through the principal streets of the city and will portray historical events from Columbus' discovery of America to Wilson's Peace Preparedness Plea.

BELIEVED APPAM DECISION IS IN FAVOR OF GERMANY

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—Disposition of the British liner Appam, which was brought into Hampton Roads by a German prize crew, has been decided upon by the United States and will be announced later.

Although there is no official confirmation, the indications are that the ship will be permitted to remain in American waters as a prize of the Germans indefinitely under the terms of the Prussian-American treaty.

No Recorder's Court Today.

There was no session of the Recorder's court this morning, but more than a day's work is scheduled for Saturday morning, when Ed. Wade and Joe Welborn, two well known white men, will be tried on charges of keeping whisky for sale.

THE FATHERS-SONS BANQUET A SUCCESS

One Hundred and Twelve Boy Scouts, Fathers and Friends, Assembled Last Night.

IT WAS A GREAT AFFAIR

The object Was to Get the Boys and Their Fathers in Closer Touch With Each Other.

One hundred and twelve fathers and sons gathered around the banquet board for four hours last night and by this interesting and mutual agreement that each should give more time and thought to the welfare of the other.

It was the occasion of the most unique thing of its kind ever given in High Point—the "Fathers-Sons" banquet in celebration of the first birthday of the High Point Boy Scouts and the sixth anniversary of the beginning of the Boy Scouts of America. The banquet was the climax of the week's celebration which the High Point scouts in common with serving. It was held at the South Main street school auditorium.

The Boy Scouts of High Point, under the leadership of Scoutmaster W. M. Marr, and the recommendation of the city council, decided to give a banquet to their fathers and a few invited and interested friends. They wanted to make it a big, joyous, and democratic affair and they did more than they even hoped. The boys told their fathers right out in meeting that they wanted to know them better and become better acquainted; they showed their fathers what the scout work had taught them; the fathers in turn amazed and surprised, promised their loyal support to the boys in the scout work and declared that they wanted to become better friends to their own sons.

The fathers and friends, the grown ups, 40 numerically strong, were seated about a three-sided table. They stood as the boys, 40 in number, marched into music and took their seats at three small tables placed inside the larger table. Led by Scout Jim Lyon, the banquet was opened with their yell and then Rev. C. P. Coble delivered the invocation. Some special music by the orchestra was then given.

Prof. W. M. Marr, scoutmaster, acted as toastmaster and graciously, too did he perform his assigned duties. Prof. Marr in his opening remarks, spoke of the uniqueness of the occasion and said that it gave him peculiar pleasure to preside over such a banquet and on such an auspicious occasion. The toastmaster briefly told of the work of the Scouts in High Point, of what the boys were trying to do and something of their objects. He mentioned also the city council recently formed as an advisory board to the Scouts, and with a hearty welcome for all introduced Scout Shelton Woodson, who made the address of welcome on the part of the boys.

"I am quite pleased to speak on behalf of the Scouts of High Point and extend a hearty welcome to our fathers here this evening," said he. There were many reasons why such a banquet as this should be a notable one, and the young scout told of them. "The fathers often forget they were once boys," continued he, "and this banquet will remind them of that fact. He wanted the fathers to know that the boys wanted to look up to them and at the same time the sons wanted the father to give them some notice. With apt illustration and a fine choice of words young Woodson acquitted himself in an extraordinarily fine manner.

Rev. L. W. McFarland responded to the welcoming address, on behalf of the fathers. He was glad to be at such a meeting and assured the boys that hereafter the fathers would have a clearer conception of their duty and would by this banquet become closer friends in the highest sense.

An address of welcome to the city council was made by Scout Carlton Kirkman, who asked this advisory body to give the Scouts the benefit of their best judgment and assured the men that the scouts were glad that the city council was organized and was present at the banquet. Former Schoolmaster S. L. Davis responded for the council and had a telling speech, showing the relationship in the early years. He declared that he first became an enthusiastic supporter of the Boy Scouts because he saw the effect it was having on his boy and he realized that it must be having a like effect on the boyhood of High Point and every boy has an aspiration coming from the depths of his heart to be and to do good," said Mr. Davis.

"We have a poet among us," said

Toastmaster Marr. "He is a real genius and he will be a great man in his line of work." With these highly commendatory words the toastmaster presented Charles McAnnally, 12 years old, who read a poem written for the "Fathers-Sons" banquet. It was declared by all to be very good indeed, and its reading was one of the many interesting features of the night.

And there was something to eat at the banquet last night, and although preceded by much talk, its importance was not thereby minimized. The three courses were served by the Camp Fire Girls. Twelve in number, these girls, under the leadership of Miss Vera Idol, served 112 persons in an orderly and systematic manner without any break whatsoever. The first course consisted of lettuce, celery, pickles and rolls, which was elegantly prepared and enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Following the first course came three talks by scouts. Scout Earle Smith spoke on "What It Means to Be a Scout;" Scout Hugh Hamilton on "How Could the Father Help;" and Scout Arthur Kirkman, Jr., called upon the fathers to help in the contest for the Victrola.

The outstanding feature of the whole night, the real big interesting thing of the affair, were the exhibitions of scout work given by the patrols. It was a competitive exhibition and the winner was to receive a \$2.50 prize from the city council. W. D. Brooks, O. D. Baxter and Rev. C. P. Coble were the judges and the Eagle patrol, which made five without matches, carried off the money. Five patrols competed, the Wolf not entering the contest.

The patrols gave the exhibitions as follows:

Bob White patrol, led by Hugh Hamilton, marched in repeated the scout law and oath, formed in a triangle and gave the scout yell and sang America. They gave a representation of camp life and first aid drill work.

Rattlesnake patrol, led by Shelton Woodson, gave an exhibition of first aid drill work and signalling. One of the features of this patrol was skinning the snake.

Whippoorwill patrol led by Lawrence Cannon gave a camp scene from the time the boys entered until they left, putting up the tent, building fires and cooking. One of the amusing incidents was a visit of an immigrant country boy.

Eagles patrol, led by Sam Davis, Jr., gave some exhibition of first aid work and then a camp scene, where fire was made without matches by friction of sticks. The fire was made after three attempts, showing the persistency of the boys. This was the prize winner.

Stag patrol, led by Dewey Dodamead, gave an exhibition of first aid drill work, signally and games which afforded much amusement.

Toastmaster Marr called upon Superintendent Haynes for a speech. Mr. Haynes said that "the Boy Scout movement in this city is the work of one man, and that man has gone deeper into the hearts of a great many boys in High Point than their fathers have ever gone." Professor Haynes then proposed a toast to the toastmaster, the scoutmaster and the ideal schoolmaster. With the giving of this toast the banquets broke out in spontaneous applause, signifying the high esteem in which Prof. Marr is held by the boys and by their fathers.

The mothers were near the banquet, but were not there. Many of them had gathered at the school auditorium and were seated in the gallery. The toastmaster proposed that the Scouts give a yell for their mothers and then one to the camp fire girls and both yells were heartily given, after which the banqueters bade each other "good night," and the first annual banquet of the High Point Boy Scouts was at an end.

ROWAN COUNTY NEGRO ELECTROCUTED AT STATE'S PRISON

(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—James Cooper, a negro, was electrocuted in the penitentiary here today for the murder in Rowan county in March, 1915, of Lucinda Price, a woman of his own color. Cooper displayed no agitation as he entered the death chamber and seated himself in the electric chair, and was remarkably calm during the ordeal. Two applications of electricity were given, the first rendering the victim unconscious and the second producing death.

Against Liquor Advertisements.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Judge Samuel D. Weakly headed a delegation from the house postal committee to recommend the passage of the Abercrombie bill barring any kind of liquor advertisements from the mails in states where they have laws against liquor advertisements.

WESTERN WAR FRONT HOLDING ATTENTION

Believed That Germans Have Postponed Offensive, But Violent Struggle is Raging.

ARTILLERY KEEPING BUSY

Big Guns Are Heard in a Continuous Roar Along Nearly All of the Fronts.

(By the Associated Press.)

The western war front is still the central field of military interest. Latest reports show no sign of a lessening in the intensity of the violent struggle which has been going on for several days near the Belgian border, while further south along the border there are further signs of reawakening of activity on the part of both the Germans and the French.

In Belgium according to official reports, there have been notable artillery battles in progress during the last 10 days near Ypres, but the opinion apparently prevails among military observers that the Germans have decided to postpone their offensive for more favorable weather. They are reported to be busily engaged in strengthening their lines.

In Russia the artillery play on the Riga-Dvinsk front is notably heavy in character, but the infantry forces do not appear to have been active.

In Volhynia, the Russians report a forward movement and the capture of a hill between the fortresses of Rovno and Lutsk, but the latest authentic reports claim that Emperor Nicholas' troops have been held to their old position in Galicia and on the Tesserabian frontier despite their desperate attempts to advance.

Belgian officials announce that there is no foundation for the recent report that Germany recently made peace proposals to the Belgian government.

In entente quarters the visit of the French premier to Italy is expected to result in a closer military cooperation in the Balkans by the allies. The belief is held that Italy will shortly send troops to Salonika, according to London newspaper comment.

PRESIDENT ASSAILS TARDINESS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson told the chamber of commerce of the United States last night that America needed a real scientific tariff board and he thought it was going to get it; that it needed a real merchant marine, and that it was absolutely necessary some beginning should be made at once to get that, too; and that had it not been for the effectiveness of the federal reserve law as a business preparedness measure there was no telling what commercial disaster would have overwhelmed the United States with the present war. Of the prospect for keeping the country at peace, he said that while no immediate international crisis faced the nation "we are merely holding trouble at arm's length."

The President's reference to the tariff board and the merchant marine were greeted with tumultuous applause at a dinner closing the organization's annual convention. His reference to his western tour evoked a demonstration.

The President assailed the tardiness of American business men in the past to broaden their commercial vision beyond the boundaries of this country. The war, he said, had "thrust America in the economic leadership of the world," despite this. There were many instrumentalities, however which America needed, he said. One of them related to the tariff.

SCHOONER BURNED AT SEA THIS MORNING; CREW BROUGHT ASHORE

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 11.—The four-masted schooner, John Bossert, was virtually destroyed five miles out at sea near Navesink, N. J., early today, and Captain Tressly and over seven of the officers were taken off the burning vessel and were brought ashore by the crew of the Seabright coast guard station. Three of the sailors were severely burned. The Bossert was loaded with lumber and bound from Georgetown, S. C., for New York.