

LEAGUE PLANS ARE MOST COMPLETE State Senate Kills Capital Punishment Bill

SAYS BAKER HAS HINDERED THE WORK OF COMMITTEE QUIZZING PROPAGANDA IN THIS COUNTRY

SENATOR OVERMAN UNCOVERS MATTER

Secretary of War Refuses to Divulge Information Concerning Official Inquiry into the Sentiments of Von Engelken, the Columbia Banker.

BAKER "PUTTING VETO ON AN D HINDERING"—NELSON

Senators Wax Wrathful When the Refusal is Made Known to Them by Senator Lee Overman—Propose Making a Test Case of Matter.

Washington, Feb. 4.—When the senate judiciary sub committee which has been investigating German and brewers' propaganda met today for what was expected to be its final open session a heated discussion was started by the announcement by Chairman Overman that Secretary Baker had refused to give the committee information concerning an investigation by the war department of alleged pro-German sentiments of F. J. H. von Engelken, former president of the federal farm loan bank at Columbia, S. C.

Senator Overman said Secretary Baker, in declining to furnish the information, had written him that the department conducted an inquiry and believed the charges had not been sustained. It was disclosed that the chairman made the request after Governor Manning and former Senator Benet, of South Carolina, had asked that the charges be investigated by the committee.

Senator Wolcott, democrat, of Delaware, protested against Secretary Baker's action, saying that while the committee had obtained all information from the military intelligence that would be vital to the present inquiry he would protest against setting a precedent for future committee actions. He insisted that the von Engelken matter be made a test case to ascertain whether Secretary Baker's order could be enforced.

Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, republican, declared that he wanted the public to know the secretary of war "is putting a veto on us and is hindering this investigation."

ONE CAROLINIAN IS GIVEN HIGH HONOR

Private Robert L. Blackwell, of Hundley, One of Few Soldiers to Receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Award of congressional medals of honor, the highest American military decorations, to two officers and 19 enlisted men of the army in France was announced today by the war department. Only three of the medals had been awarded previously for service in the great war.

The list included Private Robert L. Blackwell, (deceased), Hundley, N. C., company K, 119th infantry (30th division) who volunteered to carry a message when his platoon was almost surrounded by the enemy and who was killed in the attempt.

WOMAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYORSHIP OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Leonora Z. Meder, lawyer, club woman and former city commissioner of public works, today announced her candidacy for mayor. In making the declaration of her intention Mrs. Meder said:

"There is no reason why a woman cannot govern the second largest city in the United States. Can you name one of the candidates who has thrown his hat in the ring who is better qualified than I?" Mrs. Meder said she would run as a non-partisan.

FUNDS FOR CHAMBER ARE RAPIDLY RAISED

Funds Necessary for Working of Chamber of Commerce Are Rapidly Being Raised—Meet Tomorrow Night.

That the High Point chamber of commerce is going to be a live wire organization now seems assured.

The eight canvassing committees are probably the busiest men in the city these days and so far they have obtained approximately half the amount that will be required to run the chamber of commerce in such a manner that its capacity for advertising the city will in no wise be handicapped by the lack of funds.

Several of the canvassers state that as the canvassing committees are rather small and it is very hard for them to see all that they would like to and that they would like for all those who have not been seen by the committees, but who desire to become a member of the chamber, to get in touch with some member of the board of directors and join the organization.

Another meeting of the canvassing committees will be held tomorrow night at 7.30 in the Commercial club for the purpose of making plans for a more vigorous campaign and consider other things connected with the chamber. It is said that the board of directors are in hopes of completing the organization at a very early date by the election of the secretary, but this all depends on how soon the necessary funds are forthcoming. It was stated by one of the canvassers that all the money secured thus far has come from individual memberships, no corporations having as yet joined the organization.

ARGUMENTS MARK SESSION GREAT LABOR CONFERENCE

Berne, Feb. 4.—A violent rhetorical duel between the French and German socialists with many reproaches and accusations marked the second sitting last night of the international labor and social conference. The French side of the debate was in the hands of Pierre Renodel, Albert Thomas and M. Mistrail.

Otto Wells, the former military commander of Berlin, defended the German position, and said that the German socialists already had settled the question of responsibility for the war.

NINE MORE TROOP SHIPS HAVE SAILED FOR U. S.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Departure from France of nine ships which will dock at New York, Philadelphia or Newport News in the next three weeks with approximately 400 officers and 7,100 men of the American expeditionary forces was announced today by the war department.

SECRETARY LANSING



American secretary of state who was on Monday chosen to head the allied committee on responsibility for the war. This body will study the facts and will definitely ascertain and announce, in an official capacity, just who is responsible for the greatest war in the history of the world.

Many Yanks Will Get To Visit German Capital City

Coblenz, Monday, Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A limited number of officers and enlisted men of the army of occupation will be given an opportunity to visit Berlin by the inauguration soon of a daily courier service between this city and the capital.

Couriers were decided upon owing to the uncertainty of German mails and the slowness in transit of documents of importance. Each courier will be accompanied by an officer and the trip will be made by express trains between Cologne and Berlin, the running time being about 12 hours. Coblenz is about two hours ride from Cologne. Various lieutenants and captains will be assigned for trips from day to day and the private will be selected from different units assigned to Coblenz.

SUNDAY'S CROWD EVEN BEATS POLICE ORDERS

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Six thousand people jammed the big city auditorium last night and probably 3,000 were turned away after vain efforts to get a glimpse of Billy Sunday, who came here from his Richmond meeting for the afternoon and night. He gave the crowd a characteristic discourse on the Bible as the one inspired and enduring book. Legislators were to have had reserved seats but the crowd broke into the reservations and the lawmakers had to take chances with the crowd, comparatively few hearing the famous evangelist.

McADOO RETAINED BY NEW PICTURE CO. AS ATTORNEY

Los Angeles, Feb. 4.—William Gibbs McAdoo was retained today as counsel by a recently organized moving picture company. Mr. McAdoo is spending the winter near here.

Spartacans Still Active.

Copenhagen, Feb. 4.—A majority of the government buildings at Koenigsberg, East Prussia, have been seized by Spartacans from Berlin. The governor of East Prussia has declared a state of siege in the Thorn district and instituted a court martial.

Pennsylvania Ratifies.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—The joint resolution ratifying the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was today adopted by the lower branch of the Pennsylvania legislature. The resolution now goes to the senate for concurrence.

Commission to Silesia.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A commission of control will be sent immediately to Teschen, Austrian Silesia, to prevent a conflict between the Czechs and the Poles in the region of Teschen.

PROTESTS TAKING GERMAN COLONIES

Erzberger, Member of Armistice Commission, Speaks in Berlin on Fate of the German Colonial Possessions—Is With President Wilson.

SETTLEMENT ON WILSON IDEAS ALONE FAVORED

Depriving Germany of Her Colonies Would Contain Deadly Germ for League of Nations Even Before Organized, He Asserts.

Basel, Switzerland, Monday, Feb. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Speaking before the colonial society at Berlin today, Mathias Erzberger, one of the German armistice commissioners, protested against Germany's being deprived of her colonies, according to a dispatch received here from the German capital. He is reported to have said:

"If we no longer have troops or arms we have our rights. The allies have accepted President Wilson's 14 points as Germany has. Wilson demands broad and impartial regulation of all colonial questions, but the allies are seeking to impose the will of stronger nations without taking into account the rights of Germany."

"Depriving Germany of her colonies would contain a deadly germ for the league of nations even before that league is born. We understand it has been proposed to internationalize the German colonies under the administration of the league of nations. We ought to categorically repel such a proposal or claim the same treatment for the colonies of all other powers. President Wilson's program gives Germany an inviolable right to her colonial territories."

BOLSHEVIKI KILLED BISHOP OF RUSSIA

Bishop Hermogen, of Tobolsk, Tortured and Murdered by the Inhuman Agents of Bolsheviki Government.

Vladivostok, Feb. 4.—Bishop Hermogen, of Tobolsk, was tortured and murdered by Bolsheviki, according to a private letter received here. Since the early days of Bolshevism the bishop had fearlessly denounced their work and for this was forbidden to preach.

The aged churchman defied the Bolsheviki, and in his preaching displayed greater energy than ever in condemning the soviet authorities. The Bolsheviki arrested him and took him to Ekaterinburg. Thereupon the population of Tobolsk province, who greatly revered their old bishop, sent a delegation to demand his liberation.

The Czech-Slovaks at that time began to occupy western Siberia and the Bolsheviki feared to provoke the peasants of Tobolsk. They released the bishop and started him back to Tobolsk under escort of Red Guard troops. A steamer was provided and the delegation, headed by the bishop, proceeded triumphantly as far as Pakrovsk village. Here they met a steamer carrying the Czech-Slovaks or white guards. Rather than have the bishop liberated by them, the red guard decided to kill him. The old man was beaten and forced to carry heavy burdens of ammunition during the flight of the convoy. When he could go no further, says the informant, his torturers tied a rock to his feet and threw him into the river.

The body was recovered later by his people and given burial in Tobolsk.

"BIG FOUR" OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE



PRESIDENT WILSON



PREMIER CLEMENCEAU



PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE



PREMIER ORLANDO

The United States, England, France and Italy in conference at Paris, are expected to decide the fate of the world. The men pictured above are the ranking members of the delegations from each of the four greatest countries abroad.

PEACE CONFERENCE IS MAKING RECORD IN HANDLING BUSINESS

During the Next Two Weeks the Body, in Plenary Session is Expected to Register League of Nations Plan. Conference News.

Paris, Feb. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—President Wilson has several appointments for today including a call from representatives of the Bible society and visits from some republican congressmen who have arrived in Paris. He is determined, however, that nothing shall be permitted to obstruct the progress of his commission of which he is chairman and which is now engaged in perfecting the scheme for a society of nations.

While less than two weeks remain before the date set for his return to Washington it is still regarded as within the range of possibility for the great project not only to be reported from the commission but also from the peace conference in plenary session to ratify the plan and thus put it fairly in the way to be registered in treaty form within the time limit. This would make a record for international conferences but the Paris gathering already has done that in several instances.

The Russian soviet government will take "all measures" to bring about an agreement with the entente according to a wireless message sent out from Moscow Sunday. It complains that the Bolshevik authorities had received no "formal invitation" to the Prince's island conference, the only word received regarding it being a wireless message "containing press news."

The wireless message from Moscow was addressed to "Berlin, Paris and everywhere." President Wilson was given an unusual reception by the socialist members of the chamber of deputies Monday afternoon. They tried to drown the applause from the center and the right in an apparent attempt to show Mr. Wilson that his ideas were their own. When Captain Mantoux, the official interpreter who translated President Wilson's address reached that part of the speech in which Mr. Wilson spoke of the society of nations the socialists rose, shouting, "long live the society of nations,"

some of them adding "down with war." Say President Wilson Will Report. Washington, Feb. 4.—During debate in the senate today on the league of nations proposal before the peace conference Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the foreign relations committee, said he felt sure that at the proper time and before committing the American government President Wilson would advise the senate regarding the agreement for such a league.

Resolution Adopted in Honor of Dean M. H. Stacy. Student Body of University Draws Up Resolution of Respect for Late Marvin H. Stacy. Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 4.—The following resolutions in honor of the late Mervin Hendrix Stacy, chairman of the University of North Carolina faculty, have been adopted by this body of colleagues:

CAPITAL OFFENSES BILL IS DEFEATED

Senate of North Carolina Assembly Does the Unexpected and Defeats the Measure to Reduce Number of Capital Crimes This Morning.

HOUSE PASSES RAY DOG ACT BY BIG MAJORITY

Number of Orators Make Their Appearance in Senate While Punishment Measure is Debated—Small Amount of Legislation Drifting In.

(By W. T. BOST.)

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The house did the expected thing this morning and passed Frank Ray's statewide dog law by an overwhelming majority; but the senate, which had been expected to promptly enact into law the bill providing for a reduction in number of offenses punishable by the state with death, after a lengthy discussion, defeated this measure, 28 to 17.

The house liquor traffic committee reported the bill for the creation of a state prohibition marshalship favorably and its advocates are sanguine. None, however, have been found who are committed to Superintendent Davis, of the Anti-Saloon league, as a candidate for the job. Opposition of the stiffest sort is promised by those who contend that prohibition has now become a federal matter.

From the manner in which the senate jumped to its feet to discuss capital punishment today it became clearly discernable that the orators of that body have helped themselves in as long as possible. There will be speech in unlimited quantities even until the end of the session.

New legislation comes in slowly and deals largely with such things as the abolition or the reinstatement of the office of county treasurer in various counties, according to permission for bond issues by school districts and the like.

WILSON WINS OUT ON NAVAL PROGRAM

His Insistence Upon Continuation of Three-Year Building Program Won Over House Committee Report.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Insistence by President Wilson upon the administration's policy of naval expansion led to unanimous approval being given by the house naval committee to another three-year construction program. This was disclosed today by Chairman Padgett, of the committee, when the house began consideration of the \$750,000,000 annual naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Padgett told of a cablegram sent by the President from Paris to Secretary Daniels saying nothing has occurred over there to change the recommendations he had made in his annual message to Congress. The message was brought to the attention of the committee by Mr. Daniels. "The president was very earnest," Mr. Padgett said, "and very insistent that the three-year program be carried out."

EXPEDITION TO EXPLORE SIBERIA IS ORGANIZED

Vladivostok, Feb. 4.—Amid the revolution in Siberia is sounded a note of progress. The government telegraph agency at Omsk reports: "Organization of some sort of agency for exploring Siberia has been found by the cabinet of ministers to be necessary and has called a conference in Tomsk to consider it. Forty thousand rubles have been assigned for the conference."