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COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY MAY CLASH ON QUESTION OF ARMENIAN SITUATION

GENEVA, Nov. 23.—A clash between the council and the assembly of the league of nations on the question of the carrying out of the assembly's resolution of yesterday for intervention in the Armenian situation loomed up as a possibility this forenoon as the assembly met for today's session.

The subject of Armenia was early to the fore, the chairman announcing the make up of the committee to examine into the details of the eventual intervention. The committee was headed by Lord Robert Cecil, of the Union of South Africa delegation, who is a strong proponent of help for Armenia, and had on its membership list likewise, Rene Viviani, of France, whose eloquent plea yesterday swept the assembly into unanimous approval of the resolutions for action on the subject. The other members announced were Senator Henri LaFontaine, of Belgium, Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, or Norway, Honorio Pueyrredon, of Argentina, and Signor Schanzi, of Italy.

The order of the day for the assembly contained several resolutions of an apparently innocuous character promising in themselves no such sensational interest as yesterday's session developed. The possibility was seen, however, that the failure of the council of the league to act last night on the Viviani resolution might provoke another debate on Armenia and raise the entire question of the relations of the council and the assembly.

The respective powers of these bodies is looming up as one of the biggest questions before the assembly. The clash on this subject would naturally come in discussion of the report of the organization committee, in regular course but it could easily be precipitated by refusal of the council to carry out any resolution of the assembly. It was known last night that the council had met but had taken no action with regard to the Armenian resolution and Mr. Balfour's attitude after the meeting was taken to indicate that he was in no hurry to urge the council to such action.

VAST SUMS INVOLVED IN APPLICATION SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY RAISE

Mill Men Return From Raleigh Where They Appeared Before Corporation Commission—Hearing to Be Held January 24—Big Issues Involved.

(W. T. Post, in Greensboro News.)

RALEIGH, Nov. 22.—January 24, 1921, was set today by the corporation commission for hearing in the Southern Power Company's application for its \$1,500,000 raise on contractual rates in North Carolina and South Carolina, where the big hydroelectric company confesses it is making a prodigious effort to ek out a miserable existence after years of high starvation.

The preliminary hearing in the commission's room was quite the most spectacular sparring match refereed by the newspapermen in a long time. It was a no-decision affair in which Zeb Vance Taylor, of Charlotte, took on everybody who would stand up before him. There were two meetings, one in the morning with scores of big lawyers and business men as protestants and a few fellow attorneys of Mr. Taylor, who came to present the Southern Power's side of the controversy.

Everybody agreed on one thing—it was the most momentous thing that the commission ever heard. Potentially it meant more than anything that either appellant or protestant would ever have an opportunity to present again. To Mr. Taylor it meant the life of his company which has \$46,854,520 invested in this great development, on which the company never has earned better than a trifle more than 5 per cent, generally less than 3 and with the new scale of rates could not exceed 6 or 7. These figures would have been put in the record and a tabloid statement was furnished, but later it was withdrawn because the commission did not go into the case this morning. The exact percentage would have been worked out, but that will be left to the later hearing. To the protestants it meant their ability to pay the rate.

Its Real Meaning.

The Southern Power presented an amazingly powerful case as affecting its earning capacity. Mr. Taylor is tremendous as advocate. He carries conviction on the simplest ex parte statement. Actually every man in his presence concludes that Buck Duke is a boob who throws his money out among North Carolina fellows as American tourists scatter it among the dagoes to see them scramble. Every person present had a feeling of corporate responsibility in robbing Old Man Buck of his hard earned cash. It is an unescapable conviction. Even Aubrey Brooks admitted that he would like to give Buck Duke 6, 7 or 8 per cent and then add two millions to the dividend as a bonus.

Then Buck Duke is not only the boob, or the boob, he is the rich baby who gives away his money because he does not know what to do with it. The hearing this morning wasn't really a hearing; it was a feinting for position. Mr. Taylor saw where he was leading. He was about to admit something when he was talking back to everybody's prodding. Nobody had ever heard his company brag about being a baby; it was a giant of \$46,000,000. But Mr. Taylor knew how to get out. In the courts of the land the giant is an infant.

So, Mr. Duke, who always has been regarded as a pretty good trader, made some contracts. Some of them are for 10 years. Notwithstanding the fact, the company is before the state asking for the privilege of raising its rates. By the scores of protestants here today this is construed to mean that the company asks for the power to breach its rates. In other words, Buck Duke, as he is affectionately called down here, asks a body whose jurisdiction he always has challenged to come in and get him out of a box.

Would Affect All Companies.

Nobody has said this and certainly nobody has asked any newspaper to speak for him; but the effect of the appeal to the corporation commission would be felt in every hamlet in the state.

If the Southern Power Company comes in and gets the raise asked, of course, that means that the Carolina Power and Light Company and every company furnishing power can come into the courts and get the same rates. The smaller companies would be delighted to raise the hook, which liberally interpreted means that they would take great joy in having the Southern Power Company to assume

OFFICERS GO TO ALBEMARLE TO VIEW NEGROES HELD THERE

Chief Orr, Sheriff Carroll and Others Go to Investigate Possible Clues—Negro Desperadoes Held in Stanly County Answer Description of Negroes Wanted Here For Murder and Assault.

Chief of Police J. E. Orr, Sheriff Carroll, Miss Effie Grice and probably others went to Albemarle today to take a look at two negroes held there as suspects in connection with the recent Ford murder case here two weeks ago Sunday. Victims reported that one of the negroes was tall and yellow and the other short and black. The two negroes held at Albemarle answer this description. Their names are Joe Lowery and Mangum Scott and are said to be desperate characters. They killed a negro woman at Badin last week and wounded an officer.

Chief Orr was in conversation with the Albemarle chief last night and as a result went today to investigate.

The coroner's jury is still in session, and so far has given no intimation as to when adjournment will be had. They were closeted with the Beatty girl in the hospital last night for three hours, during which time they had her rehearse the whole story over from beginning to end. She told it exactly as she first narrated it on the night of November 7th. A rigid cross-questioning failed to shake her testimony in the least.

Wild rumors gained circulation in Gastonia yesterday that the coroner's jury had unearthed evidence of a sensational nature that was to be produced at the hearing. This all proved to be nothing but street rumors. The most sensational thing they did or heard was to go and listen to the story as told by Essie Beatty for the nth time.

It is also reported that they had sensational testimony from a young white girl who heard the screams of the Beatty and Grice girls on the night of the tragedy in the woods, as she was passing by. Subsequent happenings and doings of this reported witness served only to refute what she might have told, for it is understood that she was in police court this morning charged with disorderly conduct out on the Gastonia-Besemer City road, according to a telephone message from residents of the vicinity.

These incidents serve to show to what desperate straits the officers are going in their efforts to apprehend the guilty parties, although street rumor again has it, and the rumor will not down, that the police are overlooking the most obvious clues to the identity of the perpetrators, that a little coercion and third degree stuff administered to the only living eye-witnesses of the tragedy would be far more effective than this running around to look at every "tall yellow negro and short black one" landed behind the bars in every county jail in North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—President Wilson was considering today a number of appeals for executive clemency and within the next few days it is expected that the usual number of pardons granted by the president at Thanksgiving will be issued.

the odium of breaking its contracts. For, when the corporation commission grants these rates the Southern Power can go into the courts and break all contracts because that corporation will have the power of the state behind it. And the state does not require corporations to run at a loss even when the infantile Mr. Duke makes a voluntary offer to do so. Such is the meaning of the move.

EMINENT GERMANS CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING MONEY INTO HOLLAND

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—One hundred eminent persons, among them Crown Prince Ceclie, Prince Eitel Friedrich, Prince August Wilhelm, the late Prince Joachim, Count Radolin and Princess Wanda Radziwill, have smuggled to Holland money aggregating 250,000,000 marks, asserted Hermann Mueller, former German chancellor, in the reichstag today.

The former chancellor interpellated the government relative to the activities of the firm of Crusser and Phillipson, bankers, which is declared to have carried on an extensive business in smuggling property out of Germany.

It was asserted that the head of the banking firm had been enrolled in the German army and was on good terms with the nobility, and that the concern had "been known publicly as a special firm for the carrying on of contraband in goods and capital."

"The government," said Dr. Wirth, finance minister, "learned a few days ago that millions of its cash and securities were standing to the credit of German subjects with the firm of Crusser and Phillipson in Amsterdam, and that these millions had gone there through the intermediary in contravention of German laws. The public prosecutor started an inquiry into the flight of this capital, and the firm's books have been seized. Proceedings are pending against a number of persons who sent money to Holland, but I am unable to give exact details. It is correct that among the persons having accounts with Crusser, Phillipson & Co. are members of princely houses, and some of the Hohenzollern family. The finance department has been instructed to demand security up to the highest possible figure from customers from the Crusser bank."

"When one reads the list of people who did business with this bank he must blush with shame. It has made a strange impression to learn that princely personages employed the Crusser firm as a letter bearer. Every effort was made to apprehend Crusser by surrounding his office, but he was warned and succeeded in escaping."

Professor Kahl, a member of the German people's party, declared Herr Mueller was "trying to throw mud on the Hohenzollerns and the monarchy." He asserted Crusser had only once visited Crown Prince Ceclie in order to hand her a letter from the crown prince.

TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED IN AND OUT OF DUBLIN; CITY PASSED VERY QUIET NIGHT

Every Road Leading Out of City Is Heavily Guarded - Paralysis of Traffic - Soldiers Search All Residences.

DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—All train service in and out of Dublin were resumed this morning, after the city had passed a quiet night following Sunday's bloodshed and the raiding activities of yesterday. The Curfew law was strictly obeyed.

The night, however, did not witness any let up in the work of the military, who were continuing their minute search of the city, presumably for suspects in connection with Sunday's assassinations. Before the Curfew hour several of the streets were surrounded by barbed wire barriers and the soldiers examined all persons passing.

DUBLIN, Nov. 23.—Strong military patrols manned every bridge and road running out of the city of Dublin last night. All avenues of egress and ingress were closed, and even persons holding permits were not allowed to pass the lines drawn through the outskirts of the city. Reports reaching the center of Dublin during the evening indicated that virtually the whole military establishment in this district of Ireland was employed in maintaining this cordon.

Late in the evening the strict guard placed around the city made absolute the paralysis of traffic in and out of Dublin, which was begun when orders were issued on Sunday suspending all railway service.

In the meantime soldiers were conducting scores of raids throughout the city, reports reaching newspaper offices showing that all classes and types of residences and other premises were being searched. From early in the morning this work went on, and reports came in quick succession of scores of raids which were attended by more than the usual amount of incidental clashes. It seemed certain that many casualties had marked the day's activity.

The thoroughness with which the cordon about the city was drawn and raids conducted led those in close touch with the situation to believe the military authorities were determined to arrest the parties responsible for the murder of 14 officers on Sunday. Streets in the downtown section of Dublin were thickly peopled early in the evening by small knots of citizens who were discussing the situation and expressing a fear that the reign of terror had not ended. As a consequence of the movement of the Curfew hour to 10 o'clock, however, the crowds soon dwindled and a little after 9 o'clock there was scarcely a person abroad.

An atmosphere of distrust and suspicion was noticeable on every hand yesterday and last night. Travelers on trains, pedestrians in the streets and loungers in hotel lobbies showed reluctance to venture any opinions relative to the possible consequences of Sunday's tragic events. Above all, no one would give any indications as to his personal sympathies. It was universally agreed, however, that the situation was most delicate, and the spark which might produce the long-feared conflagration was momentarily expected.

DUBLIN, Nov. 22.—Crown forces which went to Croke park Sunday after-

HARDING IS FLOODED WITH INVITATIONS

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP PARISMINA, Nov. 23.—As President-elect Harding approached Panama today on his vacation voyage he was flooded with wireless messages inviting him to be the guest of honor at a long string of public functions during his five days visit to the canal zone. Most of the invitations he will be compelled by his vacation plans to decline.

As now formulated his plans shape up as follows:

Reach Cristobal at Atlantic terminal of canal tomorrow morning and party go ashore and spend entire day resting at Cristobal hotel; Wednesday trip through the canal with a call on President Porras, of Panama, at his palace at Panama City; spend night on Pacific side isthmus Wednesday; Thursday night guest of President Porras. All other invitations have been held under advisement although it was regarded as not improbable that he will accept the invitation of Governor Harding of the canal zone, to dinner and may also be a dinner guest of Cristobal and Colon business men. Arrangements have been made for a stop of several hours at Kingston, Jamaica, on return voyage. Leaving Cristobal Sunday, the party will reach Kingston the following Tuesday morning. A short outing has been planned ashore before departure of the vessel that afternoon.

ARRIVES AT CRISTOBAL.
COLON, PANAMA, Nov. 23.—Warren G. Harding, president-elect, of the United States, arrived at Cristobal at 9 o'clock this morning on board the steamer Parismina. He was given a noisy welcome by the craft in the harbor. Mr. Harding went direct to a hotel.

ALLIES PLAN RELIEF FOR RUSSIAN REFUGEES
(By The Associated Press.)
CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 22.—Measures to bring relief to the thousands of Russian refugees held on ships now at anchor in the Bosphorus have been started by allied representatives in this city. Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, commanding American naval forces operating in Turkish waters, has, with Mrs. Bristol, organized a series of teas at the United States embassy for the purpose of raising funds for the Russians. Tens of thousands of subscriptions have been received from the people of Constantinople, all elements joining in the work.

The French camp and barracks near here have been turned over, in part, to the refugees, and the British military authorities have been providing rations for these people.

ROTARY LUNCHEON AT 7:30 P. M. NOT TO BE DRESS AFFAIR.

Seven-thirty o'clock this evening is the hour for the Rotary Club's ladies' night luncheon instead of 8 o'clock as was stated in yesterday's Gazette. The luncheon will be held at the Armington. Everything is in readiness for the occasion which promises to be a most delightful one. Chairman Balthis of the committee on arrangements asks. The Gazette to state that the event is not a dress affair (any man wearing full evening dress will be barred.) The ladies, of course, can attire themselves to suit their own tastes and pleasure.

WRESTLING VS. BOXING.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Wrestling vies with boxing as an attraction for sporting enthusiasts in New York city, according to figures announced today. Ten thousand persons attending the match in the 71st regiment armory last night, when Ed "Strangler" Lewis defeated Wladek Zbyszko.

QUEBEC, Nov. 22.—Fire, which caused the deaths of nine persons in a Padoue farmhouse last night, was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp which was being filled, it was learned today.

DEPOSED KING CONSTANTINE MAY RETURN TO THRONE



According to reports from Athens the Venizelos Government was defeated in the recent election. This photo, made recently, shows former King Constantine and Queen Sophie with their youngest child, Princess Catherine, at Lucerne, Switzerland, where they have been living in exile.

HAMMER AND JENKINS IN LEAD IN SPENDING

Jenkins, 10th, Spent \$3,704.70 In the Race For Congress; Hammer, 7th, \$2,518.

(Theodore Tiller in Greensboro News.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Campaign statements filed with the clerk of the house here show that L. L. Jenkins, of the 10th district, and W. C. Hammer, of the 7th, led in the amount of money expended by the various North Carolina candidates for Congress.

Not all of the final returns are in, as candidates have until December 2 to file their final accounts, but both Messrs. Jenkins and Hammer have sent in their expense account covering the cost of the general election.

Mr. Hammer shows total expenditures of \$2,518 for his successful campaign. Mr. Jenkins' effort to beat Representative Weaver cost him \$3,704.70.

William D. Merritt, candidate against Representative Stedman, expended \$2,225. Representative Stedman reported a total outlay of \$1,775.

Other expense statements as filed up to tonight include the following totals: H. S. Ward, first district, \$275; Wheeler Martin, same district, nothing; Representative Brinson, \$285, with final statement yet to be sent in; R. L. Herring, \$350, with final statement to come.

Edward W. Pou, total, \$1,520; Jas. D. Parker, with final statement lacking \$350.

Homer L. Lyon, \$225, shown on first statement, final to come; R. S. White, final, \$53.50.

Representative Doughton, \$850, with final statement to come; J. I. Campbell, \$991, with final statement to come.

William H. Cox, candidate against Hammer, \$535, both statements in.

A. L. Bulwinkle, \$200; Jake F. Newell, \$350. Both are yet to file final statements.

Zebulon Weaver, \$555, final statement yet to be made.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BEGINS ON 1922 BUDGET

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Work on two of the regular 1922 appropriation bills, the sundry civil and the legislative, executive and judicial measures, was begun today by the house appropriations committee, coincident with the return here of Representative George F. Towns, chairman.