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MR. LACY IS UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND CRAVEN'S KIND OF MATHEMATICS

He Makes Statement on Page Trust Company Loan—Is no Secret About It—There Are Seven Notes, Three for \$100,000 Each, and Four for \$50,000.

(W. T. Boat in Greensboro News.)

RALEIGH, May 22.—State Treasurer Lucy did not read Sunday papers, but he did his best yesterday to calm Governor Carr Morrison when that gentleman, believing that Bruce Craven had shot his last round of ammunition, read in the Daily News that Mr. Craven would have more in this morning's paper.

The governor's worry went for naught, because Bruce Craven said nary a word about him and mighty little about Lucy. Before the paper issued and at his home last night Mr. Lacy dictated a brief statement for the Daily News about this half million loan of the Page Trust company of Aberdeen, Mecklenburg county.

"I don't understand Mr. Craven's mathematics," he said, "but if he does and other people do, why it's all right. I borrowed April 25, 1921, a half million dollars, from them, who always have been great friends of the state, and would not take any advantage of it, in my judgment. We paid it in per cent on the loan. The interest was not paid in advance, but will be paid when the notes mature. There are seven of them. Three are for \$100,000 each and four for \$50,000 each. They are simple notes and were negotiated without any secrecy. We never advertise short-term notes, never have done it, and you know, these are not bonds but notes."

Will Be Renewed.

The Page Trust company voluntarily agreed to renew them at the same rate of interest, they are not paid. This is the first time I recall such a thing having been done. I believe we have made a good bargain. I do not believe that we could have made a better one.

I really have full pride of it, because when such men as Thomas E. Cooper, vice-president of the Merchants National bank of Raleigh; John E. Wiley, of the great Fidelity bank of Durham; Joseph G. Brown, of the Citizens' National bank; W. H. Wood, of the American Trust company, Charlotte, and every other banker with whom I have talked, tell me that we got this money advantageously. I cannot help feeling good, because I do not believe they would even mend a bad business deal.

I think they knew whether money can be secured more cheaply than I got it. They are large bankers, at least two of them have been president of the North Carolina Bankers' association. All of them have been or are now presidents of great banks. I could easily discount my own business ability and admit that I am not in Mr. Craven's class when it comes to getting money. He advertises himself in the Daily News articles, does it rather cleverly, so ingeniously that I often wonder if he has thought about it, that he is a bond broker. He could easily know more about getting money than I do, and he might get it more easily than I do. But it is very difficult for me to believe that he either knows more about money than do Wood, Wiley, Allin, et al., or that he has any higher reason to prefer the state's credit than they do.

The money in the Page Trust company's bank, about \$40,000 of it, I have checked out about \$100,000. There is no stipulation as to how much shall be left there. If it became necessary to check out the balance tomorrow there is a bond signed by five Pages which guarantees that the check would be honored.

Missed One Adjective.

I did not know the other day when one of the state editors quoted me as to what kind of fabricator Mr. Craven is, that I was being interviewed for publication. But I said what the reporter ascribed to me. The only thing that was wrong was the omission of one word. I called Mr. Craven one more adjective than I got credit for. But that neither increases nor diminishes the rate which the loan bears."

SENATE WILL DECIDE THURSDAY AS TO FATE OF DAVID H. BLAIR

WASHINGTON, May 23.—An agreement to vote next Thursday on the nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, N. C., to be internal revenue commissioner, was reached by the senate today.

Mr. Blair's nomination was taken up today in a desire to fill the existing vacancy in the treasury department, but in the absence of senators interested in the case, unanimous consent agreement to postpone the vote until Thursday was reached.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Upon convening today the Senate went into executive session to consider the nomination of David H. Blair, of Winston-Salem, N. C., to be internal revenue commissioner.

The secret session today was the last stage of the fight made by Senator John Johnson, republican, California, against Mr. Blair's confirmation. At hearings before the Senate finance committee recently, when a vote favorable to Mr. Blair resulted, it developed that Senator Johnson's opposition was on two principal charges, first that Mr. Blair had violated the North Carolina primary law as a delegate to the republican national convention at Chicago in failing to support Senator Johnson, who led a preference

HARDING FACES BUSY DAY IN NEW YORK FIVE KILLED AND 72 WOUNDED IN RIOTING IN ALEXANDRIA EGYPT

Will Take Part in Memorial Exercises at Hoboken For 5,000 Army Dead, Review Infantry Regiment and Deliver Address Celebrating One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of New York Commercial.

Natives Attack Europeans When Greek Kills Native—British Troops Are Called Out—Ambulances Busy All Night.

(By The Associated Press.)

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 23.—President Harding arrived here today from Washington on the yacht Mayflower and landed at West Ninety Sixth street at 9:50 to face a day's program that will leave him scarcely a minute for rest.

Saluted by all manner of craft as the Mayflower steamed up the Hudson to her anchorage in the center of the great line of destroyers that arrived here last week from the south, President Harding received another salute of 21 guns as he put off in the yacht's barge for the naval landing stage.

Amid a continuous boom of guns from the killing of a native by a Greek which led to attacks by the natives and students on Greeks and other Europeans.

Ambulances were busy all night taking the wounded to hospitals. Many fires were started and in one district it was reported that people were burned alive.

Mobs during the night smashed windows for hours and this morning all business establishments are closed.

Before the arrival of the soldiers this morning Europeans had gathered at the government offices, demanding protection or permission to protect themselves. They greeted the troops upon their arrival with great enthusiasm.

BOBBY JONES WINS THE FIRST CONTEST IN THE AMATEUR GOLF MEET

Youthful American Champion Beats G. C. Manford in Open Round.

(By The Associated Press.)

HOYLAKE, England, May 23.—America was victorious in the initial contest of the English amateur golf championship tournament here today, when Robert T. (Bobby) Jones, of Atlanta, beat G. C. Manford, of Leamouth New, in the opening round, 3 up and 2 to play.

About 200 early risers were on the links at 8:30 o'clock, when Jones drove off at Hoboken.

Arrangements for this event were made by wireless by the American Legion. Soon after the guns on the destroyer fleet anchored in the Hudson river, Robert T. (Bobby) Jones, of Atlanta, beat G. C. Manford, of Leamouth New, in the opening round, 3 up and 2 to play.

Thus ended the first contest for the presidential party leaving the Mayflower directly after her docking and proceeding directly to Hoboken to attend the services which will honor soldier dead before their bodies are shipped to their former homes in all parts of the country. Flags in New York will fly at half mast throughout the day.

F. W. Gathright, national commander of the Legion, awaited the arrival of the president with automobile to take the party to 23rd street and embark upon a ferry for the army pier in Hoboken.

Other than participation in the memorial exercises plans for the president's program remained unchanged. Upon his return from Hoboken he will go to the hotel Astor, where he will address the Academy of Political Science at one o'clock. From there he will go to Brooklyn to review the 23rd Infantry regiment at its armory. He will delay a short address there and return to the hotel Commodore to be serenaded by a band of 500 pieces.

A reception will be held at the hotel at 7 and 8 o'clock, and then New York's distinguished guest will deliver his main address of the day at a banquet celebrating the 150th anniversary of the New York Commercial.

The presidential party will return to the Mayflower immediately after the banquet, and the little party will put out to sea again, headed for Washington.

Included in the party aboard the Mayflower are Mrs. Harding, Secretary and Mrs. Weeks, Secretary Hall, Senator and Mrs. Knox, Senator and Mrs. New, Senator Calder, Senator Edge, Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, George B. Christian and Carmi Thompson, of Cleveland.

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