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WILMINGTON NORTH CAROLINA, FRI. DAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 16, 1917.

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FIREMEN PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED; CHALLOTTE TODAY

Truck and Street Car Collided This Afternoon and Many Hurt.

TWO FIRE LADDIES WILL LIKELY DIE

Street Car Passengers Receive Only Slight Bruises—Department Was Answering An Alarm—Truck Completely Demolished By the Crash.

(By The Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—W. F. Simpson and George Spittle are seriously injured, and will probably die, and five other firemen, members of the local department, are in a local hospital suffering with bruises and cuts on the body as the result of a collision between a fire truck and street car at 12:30 o'clock today. Other firemen escaped injury by jumping. Four passengers on the street car received slight injuries.

GERMANY ASKED ABOUT AMERICANS

Second Trainload Fails to Leave Berlin According to the Plans.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Inquiry has been sent to Germany through the Spanish embassy at Berlin regarding the delay in the departure of the second trainload of former American officials for Switzerland, it was announced officially today.

The train should have left Munich early this week carrying 86 former American consuls and their families and other Americans.

PROPOSED MAIL RAISE DROPPED FROM BILL

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—The proposed increased postage rates on newspapers and magazines and provision for one cent postage on drop letters were eliminated from the Postoffice Appropriation bill today on a point of order by Senator Lodge that it had no place on such a measure under the Senate rules. This action is expected to end the fight at this session for the provisions.

MAY HAVE A NEW CALL STATION

Great Britain Likely to Establish One on the South Atlantic Coast.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—A ship inspection station similar to Kirkwall may be established by the British on the South Atlantic coast of the United States, it became known today.

SPEED URGED ON THE SOLONS TO FINISH WORK

Night Sessions of Both Houses Have Become Necessary—Time Growing Short.

HOT FIGHT ON JARVIS COUNTY

Bill Favored By Former Governor Killed By House—Prison Hearing Continued.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 16.—Morning, afternoon and night sessions of both houses will be necessary, according to the members of both legislative bodies, in order to clear the calendar within the next two weeks. Work today is interrupted by the terrific fight over the new Jarvis county, which is staged all afternoon, and the State prison hearing. As a piece of strategy the Jarvisites put through a resolution providing for the Jarvis Bronze statue in the capitol.

Speaker Murphy, protesting against continued introduction of purely local bills, today appointed a committee on calendar, and put it to work upon upward of eighty bills, which he declares are unconstituted. Upon this committee's recommendations such bills will be thrown out. This would leave still many State-wide bills, which are threatened by shortness of time.

Among the new bills introduced today was one by Love, of Lincoln, which contemplates county assemblies of commissioners and other officers who would work out local legislation without General Assembly assent.

The House spent two hours on the revenue bill, and adopted on second reading more than half the acts of 48 pages.

The Senate killed the Madison dismemberment favored by Governor Craig, Congressman Guder and others. It had passed the committee and three townships were to have been added from Madison to Buncombe.

The Senate—Thursday. The Senate opened at 11 o'clock. The Oates bill for the Governor to appoint a board of visitors to visit the State institutions was reported unfavorable and then re-referred at the request of the introduced. Senator Allen withdrew his motion lodged yesterday for the recall of the Brenizer Hotel bill from the House where it had been sent after passage by the Senate. The object of the intended recall was to defeat the bill on reconsideration. New bills were introduced as follows:

Oates—Expedite the payment of State and county taxes. Bennett—Stock law for Swain county. Bennett—Prevent the sale and manufacture of liquors in Swain and aid in the same in that county. Williams—Require instructions beyond the seventh grade in schools of Yadkin, Davie and Wilkes counties. At the request of Senator Allen his bill for the abolition of capital punishment was set as a special order for next Tuesday.

Declaring that he had sat in silence and seen the local self government principle of democracy slaughtered in this place that should be the citadel of Democracy, Senator Person demanded that his bill for enabling the people of his county to elect their school board be considered. He grew vehement and talked of State Superintendent Joyner as the "educational, czar bloated with power," attending the crucifixion of the Bertie county bill last Friday. He reiterated sharp condemnation of the action of Governor or Craig in exceeding his authority in sending the State's money to the families of convicts last Christmas. Rising on his tip-toes and swinging (Continued on Page Six.)

DEPARTURE OF FORMER GERMAN AMBASSADOR



COUNTESS VON BERNSTORFF, PRINCESS HATZFELDT & COUNT VON BERNSTORFF. Above is a picture of Count von Bernstorff as he looked prior to his departure aboard the steamship Frederick VIII, of the Scandinavian-American Line. Elaborate precautions were taken by the United States Government and city and State police to keep cranks of any description from either attacking or bothering the envoy.

Police launches with machine guns mounted in them kept up a continual patrol on the water side of the big steamer, while secret service men and members of the neutrality squad watched the docks.

WARSHIPS PLY CUBAN WATERS FOR UNCLE SAM

Harbor at Santiago Explored By Gunboat and Found Free of Mines.

AMERICAN PROPERTY NOT BEEN DAMAGED

Neither Have Foreigners Been Molested, Minister Gonzales Reports to the State Department Today.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—An American gunboat, the name of which is withheld by the Navy Department, has arrived at Santiago de Cuba, explored the harbor and found it free from mines. A dispatch to the Navy Department today from the commander of the vessel said Santiago was quiet.

A message signed by Major Fernandez, military commander of the insurgent forces in Santiago, sent to the American minister at Havana on Wednesday, said Santiago harbor had been mined and advised all ships to ask for a pilot.

Two American gunboats were at anchor today in Cuban ports. The Petrel, a gunboat, was at Santiago, which is held by Rebels and the Dixie, a repair ship, was at Havana. Developments in the revolutionary situation were not alarming, but the ships will be held in Cuban waters as long as there appears a possibility of danger to American interests.

Minister Gonzales reported to the State Department today that no destruction of property had yet occurred and foreigners have not been molested. Some anxiety was caused by the isolation at Camaguey of many tourists, but the information available at Havana indicated they were in no danger. Rebels have interrupted traffic over the railway between Camaguey and Havana.

President Menocal's proclamation promising protection to all loyal persons regardless of previous affiliation served to relieve some anxiety aroused at the State Department by reports that he was contemplating reprisals.

General Fernandez, commanding the Rebel garrison at Santiago, offered no opposition to the entry into the harbor of the American gunboat Petrel. Conservatives in Santiago have been sternly treated by Fernandez, the more prominent of them having been made prisoners.

BREAK WITH AUSTRIA REPORTED.

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 16.—The negotiations between Frederick C. Penfield, the American ambassador at Vienna and the Austro-Hungarian government, have been broken off, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, as quoted in an Exchange Telegraph Company dispatch from Copenhagen today.

PAPER PRICES MAY BE CUT DOWN

Manufacturers Propose Plan to Commission to Relieve the Situation.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—It was authoritatively announced here today that a number of the largest printpaper manufacturers have submitted to the Federal Trade Commission a signed petition proposing that the commission take certain action which will be of the utmost importance to newspaper publishers and relieve the present situation of prohibitive prices. An official statement will be made later today.

The commission's report of its investigation of the newsprint paper industry is about ready to be presented to Congress.

No intimation of its contents have been given, but it is understood to show that there is no real shortage of newsprint paper as the manufacturers have contended and that the paper mills are in position to meet all ordinary demands upon them.

Soon after the commission reached its conclusions and the Department of Justice began paying the way for criminal prosecutions in the Federal Courts, a movement began among the manufacturers which culminated in the signed statement which now is before the trade commission.

When the official announcement is made, it is said that publishers will find that a way has been found to relieve the disastrous situation which has confronted them for many months. The course of the Government in regard to the pending prosecutions will be determined later.

MANN DECLARES AGAINST WAR IN THE HOUSE

Republican Leader Greeted By Applause from Both Sides of the Chamber.

AMERICA SHOULD KEEP OUT OF IT

Whatever Happens He Declares Country Should Stand United—Let European Nations Alone.

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 16.—Applause from both sides of the House today greeted a declaration by Republican Leader Mann that the first duty of the United States was to look after affairs on the American continent and that he hoped this country would not be drawn into the European war. Debate of the army appropriation bill was in progress when he spoke.

"I am determined," Mr. Mann said, "to do everything in my power to keep our country out of the European war. If it becomes necessary at any time for the United States to enter into it, I will willingly join, but I am trusting with hope and faith that the President will do everything he thinks can possibly be done to keep us out."

"God only knows where we will land if this country enters the war. So far as we can, it is to our interest to remain the dominant force on the American continent and not think that we should regulate the whole world. When we have taken care of the republics in Central and South America to the credit of ourselves and civilization, it will be time enough to regulate the older Nations now engaged in conflict. I regret it, but I hope we can keep out of it."

Mr. Mann argued that if the United States were drawn into the present war it could no longer claim the right to regulate American affairs alone. He argued that the whole country stand together regardless of what steps were taken in the crisis.

WILL CAUSE FOOD PRICES TO DROP

Germany's Submarine Campaign Will Bring Down Prices in New York.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16.—Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare will soon have a favorable effect on the pocketbooks of housewives, according to food investigators, acting for Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures.

FIVE MORE VESSELS GO DOWN BEFORE THE GERMAN SUBS.

SET AMERICAN SHIP ON FIRE; THEN BLOWN-UP

Captain of the Schooner Law Sends Affidavit to United States.

AN AUSTRIAN SUB. MADE THE ATTACK

Vessel Visited and Her Cargo Examined—Master and Crew Made to Leave the Ship.

(By The Associated Press.) Cagliari, Sardinia, Thursday, Feb. 15.—(Via Paris, Feb. 16.)—According to an affidavit made by Captain McDonough, of the American schooner Lyman M. Law, sunk off the coast of Sardinia by a submarine on February 12, the submarine ordered the schooner to halt, which she did immediately.

The submarine, Captain McDonough's affidavit continued, approached the Lyman M. Law and an officer of the under-sea boat examined the ship's papers and her cargo and ordered the Captain and crew to leave. Afterward the schooner was set on fire and sunk by means of several bombs.

Captain McDonough makes oath that the only cargo on board the schooner comprised thin wood laths used for making lemon boxes, loaded at Stockton, Me., for Palermo, Sicily, and intended for use in the American trade. It is pointed out here that wood in general is contraband when it can be employed for military uses, but the question is raised if laths of the sort indicated are included in this category, being useful only for the construction of boxes of lemons and oranges, the exportation of which from Italy is allowed.

HAVE TO CUT OUT HEAT IN CHURCHES

(By Associated Press.) London, Feb. 16.—Churches in Hamburg will not be heated after February 17, according to a dispatch from that city to the Exchange Telegraph Company by way of Rotterdam. Museums will be warmed only enough to prevent damage to collections and all schools, theatres and concert halls have been closed because they are forbidden to receive coal.

SOUTH CAROLINA NAMING CONGRESSMAN

(By The Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 16.—Democrats of the Fifth Congressional district are voting in a special primary to fill the vacancy made by the recent death of Representative R. E. Finley. The Democratic nomination will assure success in the election to be held February 21, as no other party has chosen a candidate.

Three candidates, J. W. Hamel, of Kershaw; I. C. Hough, of Kershaw, and Paul G. McCorkle of Chester, are offering for the short term expiring March 4. Five candidates, T. W. Butler, of Gaffney; W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw; A. L. Gaston, of Chester; J. L. Glen, of Chester, and Claude N. Sapp, of Lancaster, are offering for the long term beginning March 5 to which Mr. Finley was elected last November.

BERNSTORFF ABOUT ENTER ENGLISH PORT

(By The Associated Press.) Halifax, N. S., Feb. 16.—The steamer Frederick VIII, on which Count Bernstorff, former German ambassador and German consular officials are returning home, was sighted off the harbor today. The vessel put to sea again and will not enter the harbor until 7 o'clock tonight.

Naval patrol boats were awaiting outside to escort the ship to an anchorage in Bedford basin, where government officials and inspectors will begin an immediate examination of the cargo.

AMERICANS WARNED TO LEAVE AUSTRIA.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave that country.

Big American Passenger Liner Believed to Have Safely Run the Gauntlet.

THREE BRITISH VESSELS AMONG DAY'S VICTIMS

New British War Loan Closes Today and Predicted It Will Be a Success—No Notable Achievements Recorded In the Military Area.

Five vessels were added today to the list of submarine victims in the new undersea boat campaign. Three were British steamers, the Longscar, Kyunsti, and the Greenland, which, with a sailing vessel, sunk represented tonnage of over 4,460. In addition, a trawler was sunk.

The American liner, Philadelphia, unarmed with passengers, among them 38 Americans, sailed from Liverpool late Wednesday for New York, the first American passenger vessel to leave England since the German submarine blockade order became effective. At the offices of the line in London today, it was assumed she had now passed the submarine danger zone.

Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave that country, according to a Paris dispatch. Subscriptions to the new British war loan close today. London financial circles indicate a belief that its success will be well up if not beyond expectations.

Lloyd's Reports Ships Sunk. London, Feb. 16.—Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Longscar, 2,777 tons, the sailing ship Percy Roy, 110 tons, and a trawler, have been sunk.

The sinking of the British steamer Greenland of 1,753 tons, is also announced by Lloyd's. The crew was landed.

The British steamer Kyunsti has been sunk, says another Lloyd's announcement. Available shipping records do not list the steamer Kyunsti.

Teuton Attacks Repulsed. Petrograd, Feb. 16. via London (British Admiralty per Wireless Press)—The Teuton attack in Galicia, east of Lemberg on Wednesday was repulsed, the war office announces. The statement follows:

"Western front: The enemy's attack against our positions, south of the village of Kadarovitz, southeast of Zolochov, mentioned yesterday, was repulsed. In the Carpathians the snow continues at several points.

"Rumanian front: Infantry firing is proceeding. "Caucasian front: There is no change."

SHIP OFF FOR EUROPE WITH AMERICANS

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16.—The Anchor Line steamer Tuscania, carrying 14 cabin passengers of whom four are Americans, sailed today for Glasgow. The Tuscania is in the same service as was the steamer California, torpedoed last week off the coast of Ireland, with the loss of 41 lives.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH SUBMARINE

French Freighter Beat Off Attack and Probably Injured Assailant.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 16.—Officers of the French freight steamship Honduras, which arrived here today from Bordeaux brought reports of a running battle with a German submarine on December 7, twenty miles from Brest. The officers said they believed the submarine was hit.

The Honduras was on her way from New Orleans to France, with sugar. The submarine came up astern and opened fire with a deck gun. Twenty-eight shells were fired, some hitting the bridge and others taking effect in the afterpart of the ship. The damage was not serious.

With the first shot from the submarine, the fire was returned from a six-inch gun mounted on the after deck of the Honduras. Thirty shots were fired in rapid succession. The U-boat suddenly ceased firing and drew away, giving evidence of having been hit. The Honduras registered 5,913 gross tons.