

## JUSTICE BAILEY GRANTS INJUNCT'N

### RESTRAINING THE SALE OF THIRTY FORMER GERMAN PASSENGER VESSELS ON THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAM RANROLD HEARST MADE LAST SATURDAY. JUSTICE FINDS AUTHORITY NOT VESTED WITH SHIPPING BOARD.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Chairman Payne, of the Shipping Board announced today that he would appeal to the Department of Justice against the temporary restraining order against the sale of the ships.

In the meantime he expected Mr. Hearst to give sufficient bond to protect the board and the country from loss on account of the delay in disposing of the ships, and they were standing idle.

Washington, Feb. 19.—A temporary injunction to prevent the sale of the thirty former German passenger liners which were offered by the shipping board was granted today by Associate Justice Bailey of the District Court of the District of Columbia. Justice Bailey, after a complete study of the situation announced that the statutes did not show any authority on the part of Congress to place with the President or the shipping board the permission to sell the ships without his consent.

Application for the injunction was made last Saturday by William Randolph Hearst, to prevent the sale of the ships at the time they were offered by the Shipping board.

### Germany Negotiates With Soviet Government For Exchange of Prisoners.

Berlin, Feb. 19.—Agreement to negotiate with the Soviet government for the exchange of Russian prisoners of war have been reached according to newspapers published here.

### Funeral of Mr. A. D. McGowan

The funeral services over the remains of Mr. A. D. McGowan at 11 o'clock today from the residence were particularly appropriate and impressive.

The services at the residence were conducted by his pastor, Rev. I. N. Mercer, assisted by the following: Reverends C. J. Harrell of the Methodist church, this city, W. A. Stanbury of Grace Street Methodist church, Wilmington, W. C. Richardson of the Five Points Baptist church this city.

A choir composed of Mrs. R. P. Watson, Mrs. H. G. Whitehead, Miss Lucille Magette, and Messrs. B. H. Wimburn, A. T. Strickland, S. W. Anderson, and C. P. Duke sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

The services at the grave were conducted by Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117 A. F. & A. M., under the direction of Master O. A. Glover, with an escort of Knights Templars, Rev. Morrison Bethea officiating.

The pall bearers were as follows: Templar Pallbearers—Active—F. N. Bridgers, M. Saliba, A. N. Daniel, S. A. Mobley, A. L. Lancaster, J. L. Lawshe, H. F. Barnes, Calvin Woodard, W. D. Hyman.

Honorary Pallbearers—T. F. Petrus, R. A. Turlington, G. W. Grady, J. A. Sikes, C. E. Blount, J. M. Daniel, J. B. Barnes, J. F. Bruton, W. E. Warren, W. M. Farmer, S. G. Mewborn, H. D. Bateman, W. A. Finch, A. T. Harper, K. H. Watson, W. D. Hackney, E. R. Oettinger, Doane Herring, Dr. B. S. Herring, F. D. Swindell, T. J. Hackney, E. A. Bishop, H. O. Little.

### Mrs. Julius Webb Better.

Mrs. Julius Webb, who was shot by her husband yesterday, is better today, and is considered out of danger.

## UNITED STATES IS REPRESENTED

### At Paris and Reviews Acts of the Supreme Council in London Disclosed

#### BY ADRIATIC INCIDENT

Washington, Feb. 19.—President Wilson today began dictating his reply to the Allied Supreme Council's note on the Adriatic situation and hopes to be able to have it finished and ready to be transmitted today or tomorrow. There was no intimation at the White House as to the tenor of President Wilson's reply.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson's note to the allied supreme council regarding the Adriatic question which caused something of a stir in this, as well as the allied countries, apparently has served to reopen the whole subject of negotiation.

The supreme council's reply was received today at the State department, but was withheld. London advices said the note was conciliatory. The State Department made no comment on this, but it was pretty well understood that the Entente Premiers' communication had at least removed the Adriatic question from the status in which it was after the council communicated its settlement to Jugo-Slavia in the form of an ultimatum without the United States being a party to the agreement.

The Jugo-Savs were given the option of accepting the council's plan or submitting to the carrying out of the Adriatic provision of the secret treaty of London, negotiated before the United States entered the war. In this connection it was disclosed today that President Wilson, in his note again came out definitely against the application of this treaty.

It also was understood that the President had taken the position that regardless of the operation of the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations, the United States should be a party to the Adriatic settlement because of its position as a co-belligent.

While the President's reply was being received at the State department from Ambassador Davis, a suggestion came from Europe that the premiers had invited the American government, in the event that it still held that the original Adriatic agreement made at Paris on December 9, should be carried out, to indicate the practical steps that could be taken to execute this agreement, if it should be accepted by Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

Under the terms of the December 9th settlement to which the United States was a party Fiume was to be erected into a free state under the League of Nations and in other respects the general principle of self-determination of the peoples affected was to be put into force. The seizure of Fiume by D'Annunzio, it was suggested, had changed conditions in the Adriatic and the inability of indisposition of the Italian government to restore the status quo appeared to place the weight of responsibility for doing so upon the entente powers of the United States. It was realized that none of these was willing to undertake such a move and consequently other measures to meet the case were considered. As comment upon this suggestion involved a disclosure of some of the features of the latest entente note, the State Department had nothing to say on the subject.

An alternative suggestion contemplating the neutralization of the en-

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## STABILIZING OF RAILROAD RATES

### And the Question of Wages Under the New Reorganization Bill

#### NOW BEFORE CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 19.—Protest against the wage provisions of the completed railroad bill will be made in letters to President Wilson and Director General Hines by representatives of the railroad organizations and officials of the American Federation of Labor, are being gramed at the headquarters of these organizations.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Wages established by the Railroad Administration during the war could not be decreased until September first, under the railroad reorganization bill, the conference report on which was submitted today to the House and Senate.

The bill as revised by the conference committee also seeks to stabilize rates during the same six months period, providing that period to September first no rates may be reduced unless approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Chairman Esch, of the House managers, announced today that the conference report would be taken up in the House Saturday and Chairman Cummins, of the Senate managers expects to call it up in the Senate at a later date. Despite the expected opposition to the new wage section, Republican leaders of both the House and Senate expressed belief that the conference report would be adopted and the bill sent to the President without little change.

The outstanding points of the measure as finally agreed upon are: Compulsory submission of labor disputes to a permanent federal board appointed by the President and composed of nine members equally divided between the employees, employers and the public. No provision is made for enforcing the board's decision.

Adjustment of rates by Interstate Commerce Commission so as to yield to carriers a return of 5 1-2 per cent upon the aggregate value of their property with another half of one per cent for improvements.

Distribution of half the net railway operating income in excess of 6 per cent of the property value, equally between the carriers reserve fund and the federal railroad contingent fund which will be administered by the commission for the assistance of weaker roads.

Government guarantee to railroads against a deficit during the first six months after the roads are turned back.

Permissive consolidation of railroads in accordance with a general consolidation to be prepared by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Such dispute, the bill provides, should, if possible, be decided by railroad boards of labor adjustment established by agreement between the carriers concerned and the employees. No provision is provided, however, for their organization.

### Death of Mrs. T. C. Braswell

Elm City, N. C., Jan. 1920. Mrs. T. E. Braswell died yesterday morning about 5 o'clock following an illness of several months. She was a member of the Methodist church and highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was 63 years old and leaves five children beside a host of sorrowing friends to mourn her departure. Messrs. Ed. Braswell and Mack Braswell of Elm City, Mrs. B. C. Mooney of Wilson, Mrs. D. C. Cobb of near Elm City and Miss Susie Braswell of Elm City.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. L. B. Paterson, of Raleigh, her former pastor, and the interment was made in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

### Some Colder Tonight

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday with slightly colder tonight; moderate northwest winds.

## THE FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR

### May be Sent to Island of Curacao off Coast of Venezuela. Note

#### EMBARRASSES HOLLAND

Pars, Feb. 19.—Suggestions that the former German Emperor William be sent to the Island of Curacao off the Venezuelan coast, are finding favor in certain government quarters at the Hague according to the Matin, a Paris newspaper. The newspaper said that the last allied note caused much embarrassment at the Dutch capital.

## Cotton Market

New York, Feb. 19.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness and irregularity early today. After opening 5 to 15 points lower the active months sold about 17 to 32 points below last nights close. This carried May off to 33.93, making a reaction of 77 points from the high reached on the rally of Tuesday. The market then steadied on covering and a little trade buying.

At noon the market was as follows:

March 36.47, May 34.12, July 31.95, Oct. 29.63, Dec. 29.08.

Spots, Wilson market, middling basis, 38 cents.

New York, Feb. 19.—Cotton futures opened steady with March 36.52, May 34.10, July 32.00, Oct. 29.65, Jan. 28.60.

The market closed at 3 p. m. as follows: Mar. 36.65, May 34.28, July 32.09, Oct. 29.77.

Spots, N. Y. market 39.20.

### STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 19.—Confusing changes were recorded at the very irregular opening of today's stock market. General Electric lost 3 points on a single sale and Mexican Petroleum, United States Steel, Rubber and Retail Stores forfeited one point each. This was offset by gains of from one to one and a half points for Northern Pacific, Louisville, and Nashville, General Motors and Pan-American, Crucible Steel opened with an offering of 300 shares at 208 206 1-2, a maximum gain of 2 1-2 points. The changes otherwise were fractional. Further strength was shown by foreign exchange.

### Pondexter Approves Wilson's Plan.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Poindexter, of Washington, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, told the National Press Club tonight that President Wilson's reported proposal to withdraw from European affairs on account of the Adriatic controversy was one of the best things the President ever said. If the European powers would only force this plan to be carried out, declared the speaker, the United States might be spared serious consequences now threatening it because of the peace settlement.

The resignation of Secretary Lansing also was commented on at length by Senator Poindexter, who was the speaker of the evening at the club's series of "Presidential Nights."

"What is left of our mutilated cabinet," he said, "ought to be called the ground hog cabinet. It undoubtedly will be afraid of its shadow and stay close in its hole for more than six weeks. One safe bet is that their minds will go along with his hereafter; that is whatever independence of mind they may have had."

### Belem Prison Being Renovated

Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Belem prison, one of the oldest edifices in this city, is being renovated and remodeled preparatory to its reopening as a general prison after seven years if disuse. It was built in 1683 and was used as a prison after 1866. During its years of use it is said the prison never harbored less than 5,000 criminals.

## JUDGE PELL LEAVES RACE

### LABOR TROUBLES IN ITALY

### Clashes Between the Troops and Workmen. Factories Closed

#### TO BOYCOT STRIKERS

London, Feb. 19.—Serious fighting between working men and troops in the industrial region of Italy, are reported in a Central News dispatch from Rome under today's date. Many casualties have resulted.

The troubles have occurred on account of the workmen refusing to work at the prevailing scale and the proprietors of the factories closing down their shops in retaliation.

### N. C. Extension Workers to Attend Atlanta Meeting

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—Several men from the North Carolina agricultural extension service will attend the 21st annual convention of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers to be held February 24-26 at Atlanta, Ga.

Among the North Carolina speakers included on the program, which has been arranged by Dan T. Gray, are: Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Director of North Carolina Experiment Station and Extension Service; R. S. Curtis, Office of Beef Cattle and sheep investigation; C. B. Williams, chief, division of agronomy; R. Y. Winters, Agronomist; Earl Hostetler, Office of Swine Investigations; Charles S. Jones, Livestock Marketing agent; and C. D. Matthews, Acting Horticulturist.

### THE MEANS CASE.

#### Misconduct on Part of New York District Attorneys.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Governor Smith received today from Raymond P. Almiral, foreman of the New York county extraordinary grand jury, specifications alleging misconduct in office on the part of three assistant district attorneys, John T. Dooling, James E. Smith, and Edward P. Kilroe.

The Governor said that he would designate Attorney General Charles D. Newton as special counsel to the grand jury in the investigation of the charges. Dooling is charged with conspiracy to bring about the indictment of Gaston B. Means, for murder; Smith is alleged to have been guilty of neglect of duty in respect to investigating and prosecuting gambling and disorderly houses, and Kilroe is accused of neglect of duty.

### Daughter Ran Away.

Aeoline Williams, the daughter of Bruner Williams, a colored girl, who has a habit of running away from home, was brought into the police station this morning, and the mother appealed to the police for help to keep her at home.

### No Court Today.

On account of the death of Mr. Moore, a prominent citizen of Farmville, and relative of Dr. J. L. Herring, Mayor pro tem, and the illness of Mayor Hill, there was no court today.

### Injunction Will be Heard by Judge Lyon.

The restraining order secured by Mr. H. G. Whitehead to prevent Messrs. Grantham and Smith and their contractor from using the three and a half foot alley way in the rear of Mr. Whitehead's store, which Messrs. Grantham and Smith claims belong to them, will be heard before Judge Lyon at Tarboro March 1st. In the meantime work progresses on the building but not on that part of the line that is in dispute.

### FOR POSITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION IN FAVOR OF MAXWELL. BELIEVES IT CONSERVES STATE'S BEST INTERESTS SINCE PRESIDENT WILL NOT CONSIDER THE NAMES OF TWO NORTH CAROLINIANS. SAYS HE IS NOT A LAME DUCK.

#### Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 19.—J. Judge

George P. Pell, member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission in a statement made today announced his withdrawal from the race for the appointment on the Interstate Commerce Commission, and expressed a desire that every effort should be put forth to secure the appointment of Mr. A. J. Maxwell, another member of the Corporation Commission to the position. The statement of Judge Pell follows:

"I am informed from Washington that the President refuses to consider the names of two North Carolinians, either Mr. Maxwell or myself, for the appointment on the Interstate Commerce Commission as long as both names are before him, and the Senators from this state are divided in the matter. The conscious of the fact that my name was first presented, and that Senator Overman and Secretary Daniels, and eight of the Congressmen from this state have endorsed me for the position, due regard for the interest of my state impel me to withdraw and to urge every one to bend their energies to secure the appointment of Mr. Maxwell. I have learned that his appointment is reasonably certain within 48 hours after notice of my withdrawal is received in Washington.

"I have no resentment toward those opposing me, for they have the temerity to say the President would not appoint a lame man. This is a lame excuse, for my lameness is an asset to the state, it requiring that I sit on my job and not be running around.

"I enjoy the distinction of having been in my office more days than any other member that sits on the commission."

### Troubles in the Sayre Region.

London, Feb. 19.—Martial law has been proclaimed in the Sayre region which is occupied by French troops now in control of an allied commission under the terms of the armistice according to dispatches from Amsterdam today.

### Will Ask For \$50,000,000.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 19.—Quietly plans are being made by leaders of the good roads movement in this state for an effort, to be launched this summer during the special session of the legislature, to ensure the enactment of the proposed bill authorizing the issue of \$50,000,000 in bonds for the construction of permanent highways, it was announced today at the headquarters of the Charlotte-Asheville-Wilmington highway association. From all sections of North Carolina are coming letters which tell of the writers' desire to heartily cooperate. It was explained by Coly. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president.

In their studies of the economic conditions and their relations directly and indirectly to highways, the good roads drive leaders declare they found a consensus of opinion that the social unrest causing so much discussion in the United States is largely, if not solely, due to the high cost of living. The only remedy that really will be permanent and wholly satisfactory is cheaper commodities. The cost of production cannot be lowered materially, it seems agreed upon, under present conditions. The cost of moving the agricultural products from the farms to the city must be reduced, and may be largely reduced by the construction of good roads, it was pointed out.