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## AUSTRIA ELECTED MEMBER OF LEAGUE

### China Also Joins Council After Several Ballots—Dr. Koo Popular

Geneva, Dec. 15.—The assembly of the League of Nations elected today the first former enemy state member of the league without opposition.

The vote on the admission of Austria came after an unexpected passage at arms between Motta, Switzerland, and Viviani, France. M. Motta speaking on the report of committee recalled the rejection of Germany's application for admission by the peace conference, saying that Switzerland had always regretted it and that there were now three places in the league vacant which ought to be filled by the United States, Russia and Germany.

At the mention of Germany, M. Viviani sprang up and asked for the floor, and upon the conclusion of M. Motta's speech, in which the Swiss delegate applied to the assembly for justice, M. Viviani mounted the tribune and launched into a fervid defense of the French viewpoint. It was soon apparent that the assembly was with him and his remarks were greeted with frequent applause. When he descended from the tribune he received the greatest ovation of the assembly.

The voting for the admission of Austria which immediately followed, developed 35 votes in favor of Austria's entrance. Two members were absent and were abstained from voting.

The four elective members of the league council chosen by the assembly today were Spain, Brazil, Belgium and China. The final success of China coming after several ballots was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The election of China had been discounted largely since the assembly previously had adopted the recommendation of the committee on organization that another elective member be allotted to Asia.

It was doubtful up to the last moment, however, whether the members who for the last few days had been advocating Slav or Scandinavian representation, would not succeed with their argument that the Asiatic races could not expect two places on the council while two important European countries were not represented at all.

The majority of the delegates, however held to their implied promise, but the acceptance of China was due largely to the personal strength Dr. Wellington Koo, of the Chinese delegation, has acquired in the assembly.

A woman made her debut in the league today and was cordially received and welcomed in the assembly. In the discussion on the action to suppress the white slave traffic, Made-moiselle Henri Forthammer, a substitute delegate for Denmark, took the floor and in purest English gave the delegates an example of clearness and conciseness, which, if it had come earlier, might have shortened the meeting of the assembly.—Associated Press.

### Cruiser Named "Raleigh"

The Secretary of the Navy, Joseph Daniels has assigned the name "Raleigh" to one of the Scout Cruisers now being constructed by the United States Navy and upon the recommendation of Mayor T. B. Eldridge, has designated Miss Jennie Proctor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Proctor, of Raleigh to act as sponsor for the vessel at the time of the launching.

### Cat Travels in Mailbag

A kitten meowing to name of Kelly popped out of a mail bag last Saturday when Post office employes in New York city began opening mail brought to the United States from England. The kitten was weak and cold having been in the bag eight days without food or water, but after being fed with milk it curled up by the radiator, and made itself at home. The cat was mailed from Manchester, England, December 3.

## NEWS FROM TOWN OF PRINCETON

### Live News Notes from Our Correspondent—Wedding Bells Ringing

Princeton, Dec. 15.—Doctor B. L. Aycock, our popular dentist is now the happiest man in town. It's a girl, mother and baby are doing fine.

Miss Lula Gilbert one of the lady teachers in the graded school here was called to her home at Clinton, Friday evening on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Clyde Belk, who has been teaching school near here is to be married to Mr. John H. Wiggs, on December 23rd. This is the second one of these young lady teachers to capture one of the home boys.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood and grand children from Smithfield were visitors in town Sunday the guests of their daughter, Mrs. R. S. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders from Smithfield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Holt Sunday.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Agnes V. Massey to Mr. Hubert Fitzgerald of Micro, on December 28th.

Prof. Wilson, of Georgia, is teaching in the graded school for a few days in the absence of Miss Gilbert.

Mrs. Flossie Wells and children spent the week-end with friends at Garner.

Dr. and Mrs. Eason, from Goldsboro were visitors in town Sunday.

Rivers Hinton the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hinton has been very sick for the past few days.

On the Central highway Saturday night two big cars had a smash-up about two miles east of town. Both cars were badly wrecked and six men were badly injured as a result of being thrown through the glass windshield. Three of the injured men were brought to Dr. Stevens' office here for medical attention, and the other three were taken to a hospital in Goldsboro. It is reported that one of these men is in a very serious condition. It is said that the accident was caused by each car running with only one light, and that was a right hand lamp on each car, which of course caused a miscalculation as to the passing distance in the road. One person who was said to have seen the cars just before they struck stated that one car was running 40 miles an hour.

Near the same place on the same road and near the same time as the above accident, Leonard Smith, driving a big car ran into a mule and wagon owned by Bill Thompson. The mule was killed and the wagon was demolished. The car it is reported, was running without lights.

Puck says, "What fools these mortals be." This is verified every day by the numbers of our people who are flocking to a "fortune-teller", who has a tent about a mile from town near Baker's Mill. They are paying him one dollar for each omen of good luck. Some one says that the state and county should collect the state license out of him.

A farmer in Boon Hill had a fine three gallon cow. All at once the cow began to fall off in her morning's milk. The farmer could not understand this and began to investigate. One morning he found fresh tracks around the cow stall and he decided that some one was coming there every morning before day and milking his cow. Now this farmer had a mule which some of the neighbors say could kick at both ends. Next night he placed this mule in the cow's stall and the cow in the mule's stall. Now you can bet your life that mule was ready for business for the farmer himself couldn't go into that mule's stable at night. The farmer says to the old lady that night: "I want to sleep with one eye open to-night, because I know there is going to be something doing when somebody tries to milk that mule in the dark." Sure enough about one hour before day the old lady punched the farmer and says, "Go to the lot quick that mule is kicking the stable down." When he got to the lot that mule's stable looked like a cyclone had just passed through it, and there was a man's hat and coat and a wooden water bucket lying close by. The man who was suspected of the milking has been confined to his room with a "mighty bad attack of rheumatiz" for the last two weeks", so his wife says.

Mr. Hezekiah Pearce, an old resi-

## JAPAN SPURNS REDUCTION PLAN

### Naval Competition Between America and Japan—Great Britain's Navy

London, Dec. 15.—Japan's refusal to take any steps now toward a smaller navy has revived the great controversy over the kind of a navy Britain shall have.

The debate is raging in England with new vigor since Japan told the League of Nations Assembly that she would not consider disarmament proposals while the United States is outside the league.

Britain has halted construction on all capital ships until their value can be determined in the light of the lessons learned in the battle of the Jutland.

The British admit that by 1924 American may lead the world in big ships, with Japan perhaps second and Britain third.

The British papers say editorially that naval competition between the United States and Japan makes the Pacific the danger spot for another war.

It is admitted that Britain couldn't compete with America in a determined race for naval supremacy, because of our greater wealth.

So Britain is, marking time while the admiralty decides upon the most valuable type of future capital ships. The committee on imperial defense is trying to determine:

1.—How far the large gun-carrying submarine has superseded the dreadnought;

2.—How far development of aircraft has endangered the battleship, and

3.—Whether such a new type of vessel such as the late Lord Fisher's proposed submersible battleship is necessary.

Lord Fisher, one of the greatest British admirals, declared before he died that aircraft had made the surface battleships obsolete.

"If they can't get under the water, they will be blown out of the water by aerial torpedoes," he declared. He said Britain should scrap all her big ships.—Milton Bronner in Charlotte Observer.

### KENLY NEWS

Kenly, Dec. 15.—An Odd Fellows sermon was held Sunday at the Free-will Baptist church by Rev. J. E. Holden, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stallings, of Wilson spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Johnson, of Smithfield, spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard.

Mrs. J. R. Sauls and Mrs. D. Sauls, of Wilson attend the Bazaar Friday and Saturday and visited friends while in town.

Mr. Koonce, of Dunn, was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hgh and Mrs. Hales of Rocky Mount spent some time with Mrs. J. J. High during the week-end.

Mrs. J. T. Barnes, Jr. left Saturday night for treatment in the Wilson Sanatorium. It is hoped that she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards of Princeton were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Z. Woodard Sunday.

Master John Woodard and sister, little Miss Elizabeth, attended a party Saturday night given by Miss Ruth Revell in honor of Miss Clyde Woodard and Miss Inez Godwin.

The ladies of the Methodist church were very much delighted at the results of the meals which they served during the bazaar in Watson's Hall last Friday and Saturday. The town people enjoyed the good eats and were very liberal in this. Also the fancy articles went like hot-cakes. A good amount was secured, proceeds going to the building fund of the contemplated new church building.

### Tornado Wrecks Houses

A storm of tornado proportions struck a section near Montgomery, Ala., Monday destroying 13 houses and barns on three large plantations and injuring eight negroes.

dent of this section, died at his home Wednesday, December 8th. He was first taken with a stroke of paralysis while in Pine Level on business and was carried to his home, where he died shortly after.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM CAPITAL OF BANNER

### Local Briefs—Fidelis Class Meets—School Faculty Presents Play

Benson, Dec. 15.—Miss Mary Pearson, of Dunn visited friends in town Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Boone of Raleigh spent Sunday in town visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. Will Boone.

Mrs. Penny Royall, of Farmville N. C., was in town last week visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver spent Sunday near Selma with Dr. Oliver's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt spent last Sunday in Sampson county visiting Mr. Britt's mother.

Mr. Dallas Langdon is going to Raleigh every few days to a specialist who is treating his teeth. His many friends will be glad to know that he is much improved in health since the first treatment.

Miss Flora Canada, a member of the Buies Creek faculty spent the week-end here with her sister, Mrs. O. A. Barbour.

We are sorry to note that Master Gordon Barbour son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbour is right sick this week.

Mr. T. T. Betts, of Dunn was in town on business this week.

Miss Leola Martin a member of the Four Oaks graded school' was the guest of her brother here this week.

Mr. Shadrick Hardee of Cleveland township was a visitor to our town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt took a flying trip to Raleigh Monday to do some shopping.

Mr. Preston Woodall made a business trip to South Carolina last week.

Mr. J. E. Yelvington of the Polenta section was in town Saturday on business and also to visit his sister, Mrs. A. T. Lassiter.

Mr. J. R. Barbour is still confined to his room but is improving and his host of friends hope to see him out in a few days.

Little Misses Leone and Julia Grace Stewart, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stewart are confined to their room with Mumps this week. Their little friends are hoping to see them out real soon for they are missing them very much.

Mrs. Martha Lassiter, of Smithfield, is visiting her son, Rev. A. T. Lassiter.

Mrs. Preston Woodall and her daughter, Miss Clara, visited Mrs. Woodall's sister, Mrs. Effie Harper in Dunn recently.

Mrs. Cornelia Jernigan has returned from an extended visit to Durham where she has been spending some time with her son, Mr. Herman Jernigan, who is a member of the high school faculty, and her daughter, Mrs. Claude Wallace. Mrs. Wallace returned home with her mother to spend the Christmas holidays, during which time Mrs. Jernigan expects to have a family reunion with every member of the family present as her son who has been in the United States Navy for several years will have served his time out and is expected home which will bring an added pleasure to the family circle.

Rev. J. C. Wooten, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District, was in town Sunday and preached in the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Faircloth returned Monday from a visit to Mrs. Faircloth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Holt at Sanford.

It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks, but we understand that our friend, Prof. T. T. Lanier is back in the school room again somewhere in the extreme eastern part of the state.

The Benson Graded and High school will close Friday, December 17, for a two weeks' holiday. The people of Benson wish for the faculty a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. A. R. Gordon, of Hamlet is spending this week in town with her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barbour.

Mr. Wade Royall made a business trip to Cumberland county this week.

Mrs. C. C. Wheeler visited in Raleigh this week.

The following from here attended the funeral of Mr. Chester Lassiter in Four Oaks, yesterday afternoon: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Massengill, Mrs. Eli Turlington, Mr. Lester Lassiter, Mr. John Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour and Rev. and Mrs. A. T.

## THE KU KLUX KLAN BEING ORGANIZED

### Meeting Held in Raleigh in City Hall—Many People In Attendance

Representatives of the newly incorporated Ku Klux Klan, which has a charter from the state of Georgia, have recently come to Raleigh for the purpose of organizing a branch of the klan in this city. They invited a large list of people to the city hall for an explanation of the objects of the order, which is declared directly descends from the reconstruction organization, and a number of those attending the open meeting, went into the secret conclave for the purpose of getting more of the details of the organization before they joined.

It is understood that the klan intends to branch out from Raleigh and establish branches in many other sections of the state. The literature about the order declares that it stands for Americanism, for law and order, the protection of womanhood and for white supremacy. The rituals and paraphernalia used by the old reconstruction order have been brought down to modern times, representatives of the klan declare.—Wilmington Star.

### Man Has 34 Children

For a number of years, according to an agreement made at a campaign speaking, Representative Small has been giving to a farmer, R. C. Bland, who lives near Roversonville, a new suit of clothes for each additional child in his family. He has presented 13 suits and recently notified to send the 14th. Representative Small has informed Bland that the contract is off when he retires from Congress on March third.

Bland has thirty-four children in all. Twenty-six are living and the present Mrs. Bland, Bland's second wife, is the mother of nineteen. "The children are not unusually noisy," said Bland, "though they made considerable racket when fourteen were taken down with whooping cough."

Lassiter Born, December 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bryant.

Mr. J. H. Rose spent Monday in Raleigh.

Miss Lois White leaves Saturday for her home in Asheville to spend the holidays with her mother.

Miss Olga Long leaves this week for Mebane to spend two weeks with her parents.

Mrs. A. S. Oliver spent a few days in Raleigh this week visiting relatives.

A play was given on December 10 by the faculty of the school in the High School Auditorium. It was "Miss Fearless and Company", a comedy in three acts. About \$50 was taken in at the door which will go toward the equipment of a laboratory for the school. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present and it is hoped that they will give us something else at an early date.

The Fidelis class of the Baptist church met with Mrs. J. F. Martin Tuesday evening, it being the regular monthly business meeting of the class. The following program was arranged by Miss Myrtle Barbour the very efficient class president, and carried out after the business was disposed of: Paper—Christmas Greetings, Mrs. R. B. Brady; Vocal Solo, "In the Garden"—Mrs. Frank L. Wells; Reading: "What would life be without Christmas?"—Miss Sibyl Goodrich. During the social hour delicious fruit was served by Mrs. Martin assisted by Miss Jaunita Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Darius Johnson entertained the younger set at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hodge Monday night in honor of Miss Inez Stephenson of Smithfield. The home was beautifully decorated in potted plants, mistletoe and holly. After several interesting games the guests were invited into the spacious ball where delicious punch was served by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Music added to the pleasure, after which the guests were shown into the dining-room which was decorated with appropriate Christmas colors, where a salad course was served.

## REVIVAL OF FINANCE CORPORATION

### Bill Passed by Senate Revive War Finance Corporation—Help the Farmers

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Senate late today passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers.

The second section of the resolution, which as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the federal reserve system, was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression of opinion of the Congress.

The amendment making the change in the section of the resolution relating to the federal reserve system was proposed by Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, and was adopted by a vote 47 to 16.

The measure now goes to the house where a number of similar farmers' relief measures are pending.

The section of the resolution directing revival of the war finance corporation as adopted, read:

"The secretary of the treasury and the members of the war finance corporation are hereby directed to revive the activities of the war finance corporation and that said corporation be at once rehabilitated with the view of assisting in the financing of the exportation of agricultural and other products to foreign markets."

The resolution as adopted refers to the extension of credits as follows:

"It is the opinion of Congress that the federal reserve board should take such action as may be necessary to permit the member banks of the federal reserve system to grant liberal extensions of credit to the farmers of the country upon the security of the agricultural products now held by them, by permitting the rediscounting of such notes of extension at a fair and reasonable rate of interest."

### CHARLOTTE CITIZENS ENDORSE EDUCATION MOVE.

#### Want Better Facilities at Colleges; Alphonso Smith Speaks—Other Notable Speakers

Endorsing the movement for larger appropriations to the higher educational institutions of the state and the raising of a fund of \$1,390 to conduct an advertising campaign, in conjunction with other cities of the state to let the citizens know of the needs of the state colleges, the mass meeting held by Charlotte citizens at the First Baptist church Tuesday night was featured by an address by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, professor of English at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Dr. Julius I. Foust, president of the State College for Women, Greensboro; Dr. W. A. Withers, vice-president of State A. & E. college, Raleigh and Frank P. Graham, professor of history at the State university, presented the causes of these three institutions, telling of the needs for additional facilities for caring for the boys and girls of the state when they apply for admission.

Dr. Foust in presenting the needs of the State college for Women, stated that last fall this college received 369 new students and turned away 481 young ladies for lack of equipment and dormitory facilities.

Dr. Withers, a native of Davidson, now vice-president of the State A. & E. College, announced that this college has 968 students enrolled now, with dormitory accommodations for only 540, the students doubling up and many having to live out in Raleigh, where their expenses are much greater than if they could be housed in the college. Two dormitories are now under construction that will take care of 140 students, but this will not accommodate more than the number now doubled up in the college.

The cause of the State university was presented by Frank P. Graham, a Charlotte boy. He said it is the cause of colleges in general, not only the state institutions, but the denominational schools as well, which need additional facilities. At the university he said, they are eating, bathing, studying and reciting in shifts and sleeping on tiers as many as four in a room.

The Herald only \$2 per year and worth more.