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SITUATION IS ONE OF GROWING DIFFICULTY

Pressure From Central West For Action by President to Release American Commerce Beginning to Make Itself Felt at White House.

McADOO ON THE JOB

Finds Way to Bring Paper Manu- facturers to Terms While Food and Coal Prices May Drop.

By CARL D. GROAT
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Feb. 17—After two weeks of broken relations President Wilson finds the international situation increasingly difficult.

That a break with Austria is now impending is the view of officials here since reports have come in of the failure of negotiations to discontinue the country from following the course of Germany in her submarine campaign.

It is growing more and more imperative that America adopt some action to set free American commerce which is now at a standstill, there which is virtually now at a standstill, owing to the threat of German submarines.

In absence of any reports from American consuls in Germany indicates the new relation between the two countries growing out of Germany's interference with American rights.

No belligerent step, however, is immediately in sight; but the President is beginning to feel pressure from the central west, as the result of the idle commerce in American harbors, for some action which will relieve the congestion in New York and other seaport cities.

MAY TAKE EMERGENCY MEASURES

The threat that the administration would take national emergency measures unless the print paper manufacturers came to terms with the publishers brought about the suggestion that the Federal Trade Commission should arbitrate prices and distribution it was learned today.

McAdoo delivered his ultimatum to one of the big financiers today after a conference with the President, telling him that he would attempt to reason the paper manufacturers into line since the constitution prohibits interference with the freedom of the press. If this method failed, McAdoo promised that drastic legislation would be enacted.

MAY CONTROL FOOD PRICES

He also made it plain that food stuffs too might come under government control, hinting that "the verge of war" is the best time to emulate Europe's "after the war" example unless producers of commodities refrain from combining for higher prices.

INTERVIEW PRODUCED RESULTS

The interview was completely satisfactory in its results and New York criminal prosecutions may end now. Food and coal men are expected to quickly follow the example of paper manufacturers.

Eight Ships From Europe

(By United Press)
New York Feb. 17—Eight ships from Europe reached here safely simultaneously today, making a total of 29 arriving at American ports.

Grew Is Sent To Vienna

(By United Press)
Paris February 17—American Secretary Grew, formerly of Berlin, has been ordered to Vienna from the Gerard party to assist Ambassador Penfield.

Gerard leaves here for Madrid Tuesday night. Arrangements have been made for his embarking from Madrid for America.

Paris Reports German Losses

(By United Press)
Paris Feb. 17—The Germans sustained appreciable losses in the French attack at Amertzwiler and elsewhere in the artillery activities of the Nations sector.

English Text Is Published

(By United Press)
The State Department today published the English text of the communication submitted by Swiss Minister Ritter as Germany's representative, containing the changes that Germany wanted made in the old Prussian treaty which caused Gerard's detention and declaration that he would "sit in Berlin until Kingdom Come" before signing.

CANN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. E. Black will preach Sunday morning from the subject "The Prodigal Son."

Mr. Black will occupy his pulpit at the evening hour. The public is extended a cordial invitation to be present at both services.

MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

Cherokee Chapter, R. A. M. No.

BESS CITY GIRLS DEFEAT HERTFORD

Enthusiasm ran riot in the crowd of parents, teachers and pupils watching the double header basket ball game at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night, interest centering in the girls game between Hertford and Elizabeth City.

At the end of the first half the score stood nine to eight in favor of the home girls and Hertford was showing such ease in dropping the ball in the basket that nobody knew just what to expect next.

But in the second half the Elizabeth City girls stepped lively, Mahala Meekins and Nannie Mae Long starring the game with lively field goal throwing and bringing the score at the close of the game to 33 for Elizabeth City against 14 for Hertford.

The line up was as follows:
Elizabeth City Position Hertford
Meekins Mahala F Nixon Marjorie
Long N Mae F Morgan A Ruth
Jones Lucile C Fleetwood H Mae
Owens Fannie C Blanchard Eugenia
Weatherly Mattie G Gaither Louise
Warren Juanita G Nixon Dorothy
Summary: Field Goals, E. City, Meekins, 8, Long 7, Hertford, Nixon 1; Morgan 3. Foul E. City, Meekins, 2, Long 1; Hertford, Nixon 5; Morgan 1.

Referees, Mr. Lawrence of Hertford and Mr. Ford.

In the game between the Y. M. C. A. boys and the High School boys the score stood 13 to 11 in favor of the older boys. The High School boys, though in better practice, were outclassed in weight and had played the game under somewhat different rules.

The line up:
High School Position Y M C A
Blades M F Cropsey
Deans F Davis
Blades E G Twiddy
Evans G Jackson
Referee, Mr. Ford.

H H Parish Dead

The funeral of H. H. Parish will be conducted Sunday by Rev. J. L. Cunningham.

Mr. Parrish died suddenly Friday morning of heart failure at the age of 58. He had recently moved to this city from New Jersey and his death occurred at his home on Church street. He is survived by his wife and one small child.

ATTEND ELKS MINSTREL

Messrs T. J. Markham, Louis Selig, D. Guy Brocket, H T Greenleaf, M. Owens, John Harney, Harry Johnson, W. G. Pool, members of the Elizabeth City Lodge, No. 856, will leave Monday to attend the Elks Minstrel at Norfolk Monday night.

GIVE WASHINGTON PARTY

The ladies of City Road Church will give a George Washington party in the church annex next Thursday night, February 22nd. The interesting program planned for the evening will feature a Lilliputian Wedding of George and Martha Washington, with all the bridal party dressed in Colonial costume, representative of the days of the Washingtons.

LEAVE FOR NORTHERN MARKETS

Mrs. G. D. B. Prichard and Miss Kate Sanders left Saturday for New York City to buy Spring Millinery for the Prichard Millinery Company.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League of City Road Methodist Church will meet at 6:30 Sunday evening in the annex. Miss Carrie Bright will conduct the service. An interesting

Death At Weeksville

J. T. Coppersmith died Saturday morning at his home in Weeksville after a serious illness of two weeks.

Dr. Southgate Leigh of Norfolk was here Friday in consultation with local physicians in the illness of Mr. Coppersmith. Miss Lambeth of the Elizabeth City Hospital was Mr. Coppersmith's nurse.

Mr. Coppersmith was 65 years old and was one of Weeksville's prominent and successful farmers. He is survived by four sons, Wiley B Coppersmith, Elisha Coppersmith, J E Coppersmith, of this county, William Coppersmith of Littleton.

To Advertisers

The double page advertisement in Friday's paper will be repeated Monday afternoon. Any changes desired by advertisers must be in this office by eight o'clock Saturday night.

APPOINTED CHIEF MARSHAL

Fleetwood Dunstan has been appointed Chief Marshal for Commencement at Trinity College where he is a student. This is but one of many honors won by this Elizabeth City boy at college.

MEETS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The D. H. Hill Chapter U. D. G. will meet Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mathias Owens on West Church street. All members are urged to be present.

SPECIAL MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Epworth League of the First Methodist church meets Sunday evening at 6:45 in the annex. A special musical program has been arranged for this meeting and the public is cordially invited to attend.

IMPROVING AFTER APPENDICITIS

Mrs. M. N. Sawyer who has been very ill from an attack of appendicitis at her home on North Road street is improving.

UNION MEETS AT MOYOCK

Following is the program of the Camden-Currituck Union Meeting which will be held April 27-29 at Moyock Baptist Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH
1) A. M. Introductory Sermon—Rev. E. J. Harrell.

2) P. M. The Authority of the Church Covenant—
(a) As resides in the membership collectively—D. P. Harris.

(b) Involving the vows of each one who enters into the Covenant—N. H. Shepherd.
SATURDAY APRIL 28TH
1) A. M. The Scope of the Covenant—

(a) The support of the church as laid down therein—J. K. Henderson
(b) Home religion as prescribed in the covenant—W. J. Byrum.

2) P. M.
(c) Conduct before the world as set forth in the covenant—S. N. Hurst.
(d) Our obligations as set forth in the covenant, not obviated by any change of location—B. C. Healing.
SUNDAY APRIL 29TH
1) A. M. The Extension of the Kingdom of God to the Uttermost parts of the Earth—W. J. Byrum.

The appointed speakers are to lead off in the discussion after which there will be given an opportunity to anyone who wishes to participate in any of the discussions to do so.

No Open Hostilities Before New Congress

Regarded as Unlikely That President Will Ask Re- tiring Representatives to Declare War

TEACHERS DEMAND BETTER SALARIES

ENGLISH SCHOOLMANS AND
SCHOOLMASTERS THREATEN
AFFILIATION WITH ORGAN-
IZED LABOR

(By United Press)
London, Feb. 17.—English school teachers today threaten affiliation with union labor if their demands for a living wage are not granted. Though the threat scarcely implies the likelihood of a walkout just as coal miners and dock laborers strike the step would be one of the most

radical of all war changes in the established order of English life.

School teachers receive miserable pay, even as compared with the American Ichnabod Cranes. If a teacher is learned enough to get a job after several years of specialized training, his pay is less than \$10 a week. Some receive as little as \$750. At the age of 65 the teacher is eligible to receive retired pay, in some cases amounting to as much as five dollars a week.

During the school season the weekly working hours are about 27 and 12 but the teacher puts in considerable overtime without either financial or moral recognition.

There are numerous other causes of complaint which the teachers seek to have wiped out aside from salary deficiency. One is the low position in the social scale into which the instructors believe they are cast by their low earning capacities.

Brazil Holds Gay Carnival

By H. R. ROBERTSON

(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 17.—Tomorrow Momo, "god of fun," will rule supreme in Brazil. A fat jolly god, free from care whose worshippers include every soul in the land it will be the first of three days of carnival—riotous, gorgeous; the most firmly cherished and cherished institution on the South American continent.

Come rain, shine, prosperity or poverty every Brazilian has laid his troubles on the shelf for three days of utter abandon to play and fun. For three months "Momo" has been testing out marching clubs, music and dancers. Every "bairro" or suburb and section in the city has had its preliminary battles of confetti, colored illumination, street dancing and general gaiety. For six months the people have been saving their money for the big event.

Two Killed 9 Missing

(By United Press)

ROBERT J. BENDER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, February 17—If the President has decided not to open hostilities until after March he will then have to wait twenty days to learn if Congress will support him.

Now, on the other hand he could get immediate action. It is regarded as extremely improbable however, that he will ask an expiring Congress to declare war. The senate continues its present session when Congress meets again but the House will reorganize after adjournment, and for this the new members would have to be given time to reach Washington. It is believed that Speaker Clarke would be re-elected for the sake of harmony in the face of danger.

TEXT OF TREATY PUBLISHED

The State Department has published the text of the communication submitted by Swiss Minister Ritter as Germany's representative containing the changes Germany wanted to make in the old Prussian treaty and which caused Gerard's detention and called forth his declaration that he would sit in Berlin until Kingdom Come before he would sign.

The treaty contains a joker demanding safe conduct for German ships in American harbors. The State Department considers the document a new treaty which could not be accepted without ratification by the senate. It is said that the Department does not contemplate offering the document to that body for such purpose.

Secretary Dies Result Accident

(By United Press)
Washington, Feb. 17—Joamial, private secretary of the Argentine Ambassador Naon, died today as the result of injuries received in an auto accident when the machine crashed into a carriage.

Appointed Upon Merit

Washington, Feb. 17—The President has issued executive orders directing that inspectors be appointed hereafter on their merits, the appointments to be apportioned fairly between political parties.

Frederick VIII At Halifax

Halifax, Feb. 17—Frederick VIII is today in Bedford Basin where she entered harbor after dark last night. All passengers including Bernstorff were searched. The port holes were kept dark and the Frederick is closely guarded by naval vessels.

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