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## Observer Boyden May Get The Official Status

**With Pacific Treaties Now Out Of Way Administration's Next Move Is To Name Official Representative Of United States On Reparations Commission**

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Washington, April 1.—Congressional leaders have been asked to give consideration to President Harding's desire to have the United States represented officially on the reparations commission as soon as possible.

The treaties negotiated, at the arms conference are all out of the way now and the executive is waiting for Congress to authorize him to appoint an American member of the all-powerful commission which regulates the flow of commerce to and from Germany and the payments of reparations.

The allied governments are acknowledging, for instance, the justice of the American claim for \$241,000,000 for the expenses of the United States army of occupation on the Rhine but none is coming forward with any proposal as to how America shall be reimbursed. The feeling here is that if the United States had had a vote on the reparations commission, its veto would have been exercised against any payments which did not include the American claim.

Leaders in Congress differ as to the kind of authority to be given the president's representatives on the reparations commission. There are, of course, three schools of thought—those who believe America should remain aloof and simply continue to have its affairs looked after by unofficial observers, those who think the American representatives' powers should be sharply defined and limited and those who believe the United States should take its place on an equality with other nations and exercise all powers to which the nation is entitled.

The Department of State feels that the present system of unofficial observers is out of the question, that it is of doubtful legality and that America is seriously restricted by such a method of conducting her legitimate business abroad. As for any fear that the American members may involve the United States in foreign commitments which will be entangling, the answer is made that an American on the reparations commission will be subject to the same limitations of the American constitution as any officer or diplomat of the executive branch of the United States Government without the express consent of the President who in turn is limited by the Constitution to how far he can go in committing the American Government to a course of action. It is unlikely, however, that many members of Congress who feel deeply on the subject of non-involvement in European affairs will be satisfied unless a specific restraint upon the authority of the American member of the reparations commission is written into the statute.

In actual practice this limitation will mean very little and probably will not be seriously opposed by the Executive. This is because a man like R. W. Boyden, unofficial observer of the reparations commission meetings, is too discreet to do anything beyond the instructions of the Department of State. Nor is the President or Secretary of State likely ever to appoint a man who will take any radical step or agree to do anything vital without consulting the Washington government.

The whole trouble at present is that America's unofficial observer must listen and watch and say nothing. He may have been appraised of the Washington Government's policy and be fully equipped to express the government view but technically he is absent from the meeting—he is admitted only by courtesy. It is to change that status and enable the American representative to speak out with the full influence of the United States Government that the movement for official participation has arisen.

Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Representative Porter, of Pennsylvania, Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, are expected soon to introduce the necessary resolution authorizing the President to appoint an American representative on the reparations commission. It was thought for a time that the initiative rested with the President and that all he needed to do was to nominate a man and Congress would confirm the nomination. But

## Body Identified As Mrs. Ruth Mercer's

Norfolk, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—The young woman's body found washed up on the beach at Ocean View yesterday has been identified as that of Mrs. Ruth Mercer. The authorities are mystified as to how she met death. Her husband left home Friday and has not been heard from since, but his mother believes he has shipped at mother believes he shipped at Baltimore for a trip around the world.

## LLOYD GEORGE TALKS

London, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George is to address the House of Commons today to ask for an expression of confidence in the government's policy toward the economic conference at Genoa. He is expected to receive a favorable majority.

## HOLD STREET DANCE ON OPENING NIGHT

A street dance will be held Tuesday night, the opening night of Dress Up Week, in the Main street block between McMorine and Poindecker streets. The dance will begin at 9:30 o'clock, after the closing of the stores, and everybody is invited to participate.

Flat's Orchestra, well known local aggregation of colored musicians, will perform at Weeks & Sawyer's Tuesday night from 7:30 to nine o'clock, while the opening evening of Dress Up Week is in full swing.

City Manager Ferebee announces that at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon Main street will be roped off from Martin to Water streets. All intersecting streets will be cut off from Main, and motorists are advised to remove cars parked in the areas indicated before the hour named.

With the fire company and automobile parade, the band concert, the individual stunts of local merchants, the displays of all that is newest in spring wearing apparel and other merchandise, the automobile show, and the street dance, the people of this section may look for a gala night as the opening event of Dress Up Week here.

## Pender's Had Excellent Week

Reports from the office of the district supervisor of the Pender stores given out Monday indicate that the local Pender grocery showed the biggest increase last week of any of the eighty-three stores in the chain. Edgar B. Towle, a Chapanoke youngster who was employed here before his connection with the D. Pender stores, is manager of the local store. District Superintendent C. H. Moore, of the Pender chain, was in the city on an inspection trip Saturday.

## SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO. WILL OFFER GOLD PRIZES

An important announcement from the Savings Bank & Trust Company will appear in this newspaper tomorrow. They will offer a gold prize in a guessing contest on the number of pennies in a bowl to be placed in their window. Full particulars will be given in an advertisement in the next issue of The Advance.

## Dress Up Week Proclamation

Whereas, the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association and the Chamber of Commerce have recommended that the week beginning April the 4th, 1922, be designated as "Dress Up" Week, and

Whereas, the vital interests of all communities are best served through orderliness and thorough co-operation and cleanliness,

Therefore, I, W. Ben Goodwin, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, do hereby request all progressive merchants to make a special effort during said week to rehabilitate, rearrange and in general display their stock of merchandise in the most attractive manner, so that the citizens of the community and the visitors within our gates may be apprised of the extent of our assortments, the excellence of values, the general cleanliness of our stores and warehouses, the importance of our commerce generally and the extent of our facilities and the courtesy of the service which the merchants of Elizabeth City offer to their patrons.

We hereby, also, call upon all the citizens of the community to display corresponding pride in the cleanliness and neatness of their homes and property generally, in order to advance the health of the community and the mutual self respect of each of his neighbor, and to bring to the notice of all our citizens and the visitor within our gates the importance and advantage of cleanliness and to further extend the co-operation for which successful cities are noted.

W. BEN GOODWIN, Mayor.

Elizabeth City, North Carolina,  
April the third, 1922.

## Tick Eradication To Be Continued In Pasquotank

**County Commissioners Voted Monday To Re-scind Action Taken At March Meeting, And Will Carry On Work With Assurance It Will Be Completed This Year**

The work of tick eradication in Pasquotank County will be continued through the present year, following the rescinding of the action taken by the Board of County Commissioners at the March meeting to discontinue it. The Commissioners voted on the measure Monday at a few minutes before noon, after they had heard from farmers of Pasquotank County and business and professional men of this city, and after they had received assurance from a representative of the Bureau of Animal Industry that the work would be finished this year.

The vote on tick eradication was four favoring the continuation of the work and two against it. The negative votes were cast by Commissioners Pritchard, of Providence, and Morgan, of Nixonton township. These two contended that they, as representatives of their respective townships, could not conscientiously vote in favor of keeping the work going.

Noah Burfoot, Sr., chairman of the Board, explained that the action taken at the March meeting to stop tick eradication in the County by withdrawing the financial support of the County from it, was taken because the Commissioners believed that the work would be an endless chain; that at the end of this year there would still be further tick work to do. He declared that he was much reassured by statements made by the tick eradication expert present at the meeting to the effect that the work would be finished this year.

Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, representing the city Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, made the first tick eradication speech to the Commissioners Monday morning. After him came J. T. McCabe, in behalf of the Merchants Association. Other speakers were T. S. Onley, O. L. Bundy, W. L. Cohoon, J. W. Foreman, W. O. Saunders, H. P. Davis, Dr. Zenas Fearing and Reuben Harris.

A vote taken by C. O. Robinson, president of the Chamber of Commerce just prior to the action of the Commissioners indicated that every one of the 50 or 75 representative farmers, business and professional men present at the meeting was in favor of continuing the work of tick eradication.

The immediate effect of the action taken by the Board will be that Pasquotank County will promptly be placed under State quarantine against the bringing-in of cattle from tick-infested sections. It is estimated that twenty vats will be sufficient for this year's dipping requirements. The Commissioners are empowered to choose their own tick inspector, and have been given assurance that the State will commission whomever they select for the work.

## TWO KILLED IN AIRPLANE CRASH

Houston, Tex., April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Two airplanes crashed today near South Houston. Pilots Major Simmonds and Lieutenant Fitzpatrick were killed.

## FIRE AT PUMPING STATION

Fire broke out at a few minutes after midnight Monday morning at the sewer pumping station on Glade street, and had gained considerable headway when it was discovered, and an alarm turned in. Trucks 1, 2 and 3 responded, and the flames were quickly extinguished. The blaze was caused by an overheated stove and the damage is estimated at a hundred dollars.

## Simmons Wants Better Finance For Farmers

Washington, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Senator Simmons, Democrat, of North Carolina, today introduced a bill to create a Federal institution similar to the Federal Reserve banking system to provide long time credits to farmers.

## Returns To New London

Mrs. W. E. Steely of New London, Conn., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clyde Lamiter, on Broad street, has returned home and was accompanied by her grandson, Albert Fearing Lamiter.

## Sewer Rate Increased Fifty Cents A Month

**New Rate, However, Allows Only Half Of Increase Requested By President Crook At Corporation Commission Hearing In March—Goes Into Effect April 1st**

## IT'S FIRST TEST IN COAL STRIKE

**Real Effectiveness Of Walkout Not Seen Saturday Which Was Holiday For Miners**

Indianapolis, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—The first test of the strength of the nationwide coal strike came today, the beginning of suspension on Saturday of an annual holiday among miners having failed to determine the exact effectiveness of the walkout. United Mine Workers headquarters today expressed confidence that the day's developments would confirm the union estimate of 600,000 men, among them 100,000 non-union workers, had laid down their tools for an indefinite period of idleness.

A tacit truce between miners and operators is counted on apparently to make the union estimate a certainty.

Few if any operators in the big coal centers strongly unionized are expected to attempt early resumption of operations. The situation, however, is in doubt in non-union and open shop districts.

## Lewis Courts Investigation

Washington, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—The union coal miners who suspended work Saturday in the nationwide coal strike were declared by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, to be desirous of ending suspension of operators at the earliest possible date, but resumption of production entirely depends, he said, upon the future attitude of the coal operators. President Lewis was before the House Labor Committee hearing on the Bland resolution for the appointment of a commission to investigate the industry. Mr. Lewis said his organization would welcome any impartial and judicial investigation of general conditions in the bituminous and anthracite industries.

## Big Week's Production

Washington, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—A coal production of 11,437,000 tons, the highest since December, 1920, was reached in the bituminous coal industry during the week ending March 25, according to the Geological Survey.

## Was Fined For Numerous Breaches Of The Peace

Bruce Puckett, young white man of this city, was tried in recorder's court Monday morning on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, trespass, resisting an officer, and being drunk and disorderly. The trouble grew out of an altercation he is alleged to have had with John Tashjian, local jeweler and watch repairer, at the latter's office in the Robinson Building Sunday night. Puckett was fined ten dollars and costs on the assault charge, ten dollars and costs for trespass, fifteen dollars and costs for resisting an officer, and ten dollars and costs for being drunk. The defendant entered notice of an appeal to Superior Court, and was placed under a bond of \$150.

Braxton Barber, colored, submitted on charges of operating a car without the proper license, and of passing a street corner at a speed greater than ten miles an hour. He was required to pay the costs of the court on both counts.

## MISS STONE RESUMES STAND

New York, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Agitated because she had learned her mother had heard of her plight, Olivia O. P. Stone resumed the stand today in her trial for the murder of Ellis Guy Kinkead, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati.

## BANK ROBBERY FAILURE

Washington, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the Merchants Bank & Trust Company here today.

Beginning April 1st the sewer rate at Elizabeth City is increased fifty cents a month for a period of three months. This is the substance of an order of the North Carolina Corporation Commission issued under date of March 31, and received by Mayor Goodwin Monday morning. The new sewer rate is \$1.50 a month, and is fifty cents under the rate for which President Crook, of the local utility companies, petitioned the Commission early in March. Here is the complete text of the order:

So far as we are advised this is the only privately owned sewerage system, serving an important city or town, in the State. It also has the disadvantage of being located so near tide water level that it cannot be operated by gravity, and requires the service of electrically driven pumps to lift the sewage for discharge, which makes its operation relatively expensive.

It appears that the petitioner has 545 customers and collected last year \$4,957.50; the cost of operating the plant last year was \$9,935.66, leaving a deficit of \$4,978.16. It was brought out also at the hearing that something near 250 additional customers could be added, if the city would require all adjacent residents to connect with the sewer system. Certainly as many as 200 could be secured. 155 added to the 545 they now have would make 700 customers, which, at \$1.50 per month, or \$18.00 a year, would give the company a gross revenue of \$12,600.00, which would more than pay the operating cost. Therefore, it is

Ordered, That the Elizabeth City Sewerage Company be, and it hereby is, authorized to charge \$1.50 per month for each connection, for a period of three (3) months, at the end of which time it shall make a financial report to this Commission showing the result of said operation and the number of new customers it has secured.

If the city would co-operate with the company, we believe that it would not be necessary to further raise this rate, and it can, in the opinion of the Commission, be reduced when more than 700 customers have been secured and put on its books.

This order shall be effective on and after the first day of April, 1922. By Order of the Commission: R. O. SELF, Clerk. This March 31, 1922.

## J. E. CORBETT RUNNING FOR OFFICE OF SHERIFF

J. E. Corbett, long a leading farmer of Salem township, later a merchant at this city, and former member of the Board of County Commissioners, announced Monday that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the office of Sheriff of Pasquotank County.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Corbett declares that, if nominated and elected, he will stand for the strict and impartial enforcement of the law. He is well known throughout Pasquotank County, and says he has already received many assurances of support. Charles H. Reid, the present sheriff, has already announced his candidacy for re-election.

## TO INVESTIGATE PRESIDENT'S ACT

Washington, April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Investigation to determine whether dismissal by the President of officials of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was justified was proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Moore, Democrat, of Virginia, today.

## FLOOD SITUATION SERIOUS

Helena, Ark., April 3 (By The Associated Press)—Further caving in of the levee at Oldtown on the Mississippi River is reported today as developing a serious situation. Men are being recruited and rushed to the scene.