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MODERN METHODS DIMINISH FIRES

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER IS APPRECIATIVE OF WHOLE-HEARTED SYMPATHY.

EXAMINING BUILDING PLANS

Since Adoption of the Double Tower Stairway not a Solitary Building of That Type has Been Burned.

Raleigh.

Insurance Commissioner Wade expresses much appreciation of the whole-hearted sympathy and co-operative assistance of the state department of education, and school district building committees in his effort to minimize fire and accident perils in public school buildings. To this end, Fire Prevention Expert Sherwood Brockwell of the insurance Department and Prof. John Hiss, school building plan director of the state department of public instruction, are collaborating in examination and dissection of all plans for the many new school buildings now being contracted for. The law requires that all building plans be examined and approved by the state department of insurance for the protection of lives of pupils and the property itself. Chief Brockwell has figures and experience to show that since adopting the double tower stairway, not a solitary school-building of that type has been burned, all burnings have been of the old type. "The very fact that a building needs a fireescape attached after construction, evidences its fire and accident hazard" is axiomatic among fire expert construction specialists.

"This subject, 'method of having plans for buildings approved by the insurance department, is on the efficiency or safety first principle of locking the stable door before the horse is stolen."

Condition of Kentucky Crops.

Rules for New Certificates.

Regulations governing the certification of teachers in the public schools of North Carolina, adopted by the state board of education, were announced by State Superintendent A. C. Brooks. The new regulations become effective after the closing of the summer schools September 1, but teachers desiring to renew their certificates or to take out new certificates may do so according to either under the regulations of last year, or the new rules.

To Discuss State Relations.

Examinations for Postmasters.

Washington, (Special).—The postoffice department called upon the civil service commission to name a date for examination of applicants who want to be postmaster at Greensboro. A similar request was made covering several other towns in North Carolina where vacancies now exist.—Balesville, Benson, Mount Olive and Pinehurst.

From time to time the department will call for examinations at other Tar Heel offices.

Formal requests for the Greensboro examinations confirm dispatches that the old examinations would not be recognized by the new administration and that vacancies would be filled under the new executive order issued by President Harding. This executive order provides a different method than that pursued under the Wilson order. Instead of certifying the highest eligible for appointment at Greensboro or elsewhere the three highest eligibles will be certified to the postoffice department and the selection made from one of the three.

In response to a request for information from T. J. Ray, of Newland, the war department advised through Senator Simmons how the relatives of any American soldier killed in France may obtain one of the headstones furnished by the government for the graves of these war heroes. Requests are to go to the cemeterial branch of the quartermaster general's office which will furnish application blanks.

Social Workers Association.

The third annual meeting of the Southern Textile Workers association will be held in the halls of Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C. June 15, 16 and 17. This association is composed of teachers in mill schools, ministers in mill villages, Y. M. C. A. secretaries, and directors of all sorts of activities for the social welfare of people engaged in any branch of the textile industry and all persons engaged in such work are cordially invited to become members.

The meeting at Winthrop college last summer was attended by delegations from a number of the most progressive mill communities of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, and the inspiration and encouragement gained by those in attendance were such that they will most surely come again and bring others with them.

Miss Katherine Dozier of Gainesville, Ga., is the president of the S. T. S. W. A., and will gladly furnish any further information desired upon request.

Governor is Taking Vacation.

Laying aside temporarily the cares of state, Governor Cameron Morrison left Raleigh for Asheville where he expects to take his first rest since he became North Carolina's chief executive.

He would offer no comment on the decision of the supreme court holding invalid the municipal finance act. Questioned about the special session, which Mayor Gillatin Roberts has said the association of cities will in all probability ask the governor to call at once he declined to have anything to say for publication at this time.

Government Conditions.

North Carolina: General reports from 61 textile mills through the state show a very slight decrease in employment during the past month. Private orders are picking up, though by no means satisfactory. Twenty-two lumber and lumber products plants report slight decrease in employment.

Methodist Annual Convention.

A tentative program of the 19th annual convention of the North Carolina Sterbrook association, to be held in Greensboro June 21-23, with headquarters at the O. Henry hotel, has been issued by J. Paul Leonard, secretary, of Statesville.

Women's College Commencement.

The senior class of the North Carolina college for Women opens the week of commencement with a very beautiful exercise on the front campus of the college and dedicated to the memory of the dead whose names mark the trees by them as the class tree.

Sunday School Development.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary of modern Sunday school development, which began in Seattle in 1906, and which in North Carolina came to a climax with the addresses of the First Baptist and Presbyterian Sunday schools in Greensboro, Sunday, several months ago, has resulted in the organization of 1,000 Sunday schools in North Carolina and Virginia, during the past year, Arthur Ridley, Fort, state secretary of the International Sunday School association, announced in Greensboro.

1—Airplane photograph showing junction of Arkansas river and Fountain creek at Pueblo when the devastating flood was at its worst. 2—Diplomats and military representatives at opening of celebration of one hundredth anniversary of University of Virginia. 3—Joseph Hodges Choate, American ambassador to England, and Commander Evangeline Booth unveiling bust of late Gen. William Booth in Salvation Army Training college in New York.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Admiral Sims Stirs Up Hornets' Nest by His London Speech About the Irish.

SECRETARY OF NAVY ACTS

Mexico Told She Must Sign Treaty to Obtain Recognition—Pueblo Rising From Flood Disaster—New Parliament of Northern Ireland Meets.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Some of our eminent Americans have a peculiar genius for saying the wrong thing when they are about to say the right thing. Admiral Sims is extraordinarily [illegible] about it, but there are many to [illegible] country who technically are Americans, some of them naturalized and some born there, but none of them Americans at all. They are Americans when they want money, but Sinn Feiners when on the platforms. They are making war on America today. The simple truth of it is that they have the blood of the British and American boys on their hands for the obstructions they placed in the way of the most effective operation of the allied naval forces during the war. They are like zebras, either black horses with white stripes or white horses with black stripes. But we know they are not horses—they are asses. But each of these asses has a vote and there are lots of them."

Of course the numerous friends of "free Ireland" in the United States were enraged by these words, and Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois went to the front promptly, denouncing the admiral's speech as "reprehensible and disgusting." He called the attention of Secretary of the Navy Denby to the address and asked that Sims be disciplined if it developed that he had been correctly quoted.

Without bothering the President with the affair, Secretary Denby called in Admiral Sims the substance of the press reports and ordered him to inform the department immediately whether he had used the language attributed to him.

The admiral, failing to recall some of the admiral's harsh expressions, unanimously adopted a resolution of [illegible] which have been obtained [illegible] American citizens under Mexican [illegible] A confiscation policy strikes not [illegible] the interests of particular [illegible] but at the foundations of [illegible] international intercourse, for it is only on the basis of the security of [illegible] existing validly possessed under the [illegible] at the time of its acquisition that commercial transactions between the peoples of two countries and the conduct of activities in [illegible] co-operation are possible.

"This question is vital because of the provisions inserted in the Mexican constitution of 1917. If these provisions [illegible] to be put into effect retroactively [illegible] the properties of Americans [illegible] will be confiscated on a great scale. This would constitute an international wrong of the gravest character and this government could not submit to its accomplishment."

The Republican majority in the senate finally forced the Borah resolution declaring it the sense of congress that the president should not recognize the Soviet government.

The senate performed a peculiar flop last week in dealing with the army bill. On Tuesday, by a vote of 44 to 39, it rejected the drastic army reduction voted by the house, adopting the plan of the senate military committee for an army of [illegible] average strength of 150,000 during the next year, with a reduction to 140,000 by February 15, 1922. Next day the senate reversed itself, declining 46 to 32 to reduce the army to 150,000, which would necessitate the discharging of about 75,000 men before the middle of next February. The entire bill was then passed without a roll call. It carries an appropriation of $323,000,000 for the army for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

President Harding announced to congress his selections for the reconstructed United States shipping board. A. D. Lasker, a well-known advertising man of Chicago, was appointed chairman. The other members are: T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo, N. Y.; former Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, Edwin C. Plummer of Maine, P. A. Thompson of Alabama, Meyer Lissberger of Los Angeles and Rear Admiral Benson of Georgia. The selection of Mr. Lasker was criticised somewhat severely by certain senators and Democratic members of congress, and during the debate Senator Reed of Missouri characterized the board as a "joke." Senator Reed declared that Lasker was "a man who has been identified with the Republican party for many years, and who has been a contributor to the campaign funds of the party, and who has been rewarded for his contributions by being appointed to this position." Senator Reed declared that Lasker was "a man who has been identified with the Republican party for many years, and who has been a contributor to the campaign funds of the party, and who has been rewarded for his contributions by being appointed to this position." Senator Reed declared that Lasker was "a man who has been identified with the Republican party for many years, and who has been a contributor to the campaign funds of the party, and who has been rewarded for his contributions by being appointed to this position."

After the German high court had convicted two minor defendants of cruelty to British prisoners during the war and given them jail sentences, it took up the case of Submarine Commander Neumann, accused of sinking the British hospital ship Dover Castle. On his plea that he was merely obeying the order of his superiors he was acquitted, and consequently, it is now reported, the court intends to bring to trial the admiralty chief or chiefs who gave the orders to Neumann and the other submarine commanders whose cases are pending.

The allied council of ambassadors has sent to Berlin a letter taking cognizance of the "good will of the German government in its efforts to fulfill its undertakings under the Peace treaty, and granting a delay until September 30 for the transformation of the Diesel submarine motors to civilian industry. From Munich came the word that the Bavarian citizens' guard has decided to disarm voluntarily by June 30, in compliance with the ultimatum of the Allies. This relieves Berlin of one great worry.

The new parliament of northern Ireland—or Ulster—met in Belfast on Tuesday and was formally organized. Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, was elected speaker, and Sir Ja[illegible] O'Neill, descendant of the famous O'Neills of Irish history, was chosen premier of the six counties that are to be governed by the Belfast parliament. Viscount Fitzalan, the Protestant viceroy, and a Catholic archbishop were present. The Irish Republicans boycotted the proceedings.

Hard of Aviators Slaughtered.

Swift Current, Sask.—Indignation has been aroused among those interested in the conservation of wild animals over the slaughter of at least half of the antelope in a large herd that made its home in the open country northwest of town.

Divorces Cause of Suicide.

New York. — Divorces, congested living conditions and enactment of the eighteenth amendment are given as probable causes for the alarming increase in the number of suicides in 1920, according to reports received by officers of the Save-a-Life League.

Proposition to Insurgents.

Berlin.—An emissary of the Moscow Soviet has made overtures to Adalbert Kotarzy for the creation of a communist state in Upper Silesia, the Polish insurgents are repudiated by both "Warsaw and Paris," it was learned from a reliable source.

Awaiting Shock of Combat.

Athens.—Athens stood tense awaiting the shock of renewed combat with the Turkish nationalists in Asia Minor.

The approach of a decisive campaign was heralded when King Constantine departed for the front.

Great Dam Is Endangered.

Durango, Colo. — Heavy rains and rapidly melting snows have driven the Lamanmas river out of its banks, endangering the huge Electra dam, 17 miles north of Durango. Many bridges have been washed away.

Lady Churchill Loses Foot.

London.—Lady Randolph Churchill, mother of Winston Churchill, was forced to undergo amputation of one foot at the ankle as the result of a fracture sustained in a fall downstairs.

Man Died a Second Time.

Newark, N. J.—William Cassman died the second time, according to surgeons at St. Michael's hospital.

Wedded Seventy Years.

Berlin. — All Germany is sending congratulations to Herr and Frau Friedrich Hessing, of Berlin, who are celebrating their seventieth wedding anniversary. The Berlin Illustrirte announces that the seventieth anniversary of the Hessing wedding is the first in Berlin's history.

INFLATED BUBBLE ABOUT TO BURST

THE ARTIFICIAL STIMULATION OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION BY GERMANY WILL FAIL.

$4,000,000,000 IN SUBSIDIES

The Artificial Condition Upon Which The Nation Are Leaning is Slender Reed Which Must Snap.

Washington.—Bursting in the bubble of inflation by which it was declared Germany is seeking to stimulate her domestic production and foreign trade artificially was predicted at a conference between Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and republican and democratic senators composing the "agricultural bloc."

It was explained that Germany is now expending the equivalent of $4,000,000,000 in American money in subsidizing her industries by artificial means. Her exports are undercutting those of the United States in South American markets for example. The cheapness of her products is one of the chief causes of the falling off in American exports. But the opinion was expressed that Germany will fail in her efforts to corner the world's markets, just as she failed to make herself the military and naval mistress of the world.

The cry of Germany's reckoning on the basis of her present industrial and commercial striving is beginning to draw near, and the bursting of her dream must come within the next two or three months, it was confidentially stated. The artificial condition upon which she is leaning is but a slender reed which must snap.

Dutch Contention Unrecognized.

Washington. — The United States government made it plain that it will not recognize the contentions of the Dutch government that American permission must be obtained before the Netherlands can sell interned German merchant ships.

HOUSE PASSES THE PEACE RESOLUTION

BY A VOTE OF 305 TO 51 HOUSE DECLARES STATE OF WAR NO LONGER EXISTS.

PAVES WAY FOR HUN TRADE

Failure of the Senate to Accept the House Substitute Will Send Whole Question to Conference.

Washington.—By a vote of five to one, the house passed the Porter resolution to terminate the state of war between the United States and the central powers.

As a substitute for the Knox resolution, already passed by the senate, repealing the declaration of war, it was put through 305 to 51.

Representative Garrett, Tennessee, the acting democratic leader; Representative Connally, democrat, Texas, and Mr. Flood, made the principal speeches against the resolution, all declaring that the chief argument in support of its adoption was that it would pave the way for greater trade with Germany.

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Shock British Neutrality.

London.—The attitude of Great Britain, with regard to the conflict between the Greeks and the Turkish nationalists, will be one of strict neutrality, Austen Chamberlain, government leader in the House of Commons announced.

Disorders are Feared.

Rome.—Elections of a President by the Chamber of Deputies promised to bring about a sharp division between the different political parties and was feared by the Italian government as likely to provoke disorders.

Soviet Minister Coming.

London.—Leonid Krassin, Russian soviet minister of state and commerce, is planning a visit to Canada and the United States in the near future, his headquarters here definitely informed the Associated Press.

State Settlement Probable.

London.—Messages from various mining centers reported a general growing feeling among the men in favor of accepting the latest offer of the coal mine owners for a settlement of the strike.

Lisney Hearing to be Public.

Washington.—Public hearings on the nomination of Frank A. Linney to be United States attorney for the western district of North Carolina will be held by a judiciary subcommittee beginning June 21.

Pay Foreign Debt Interest.

Mexico City.—Payment of interest on the Mexican foreign debt will be resumed on July 1 and the national budget of expenditure will be increased $ 20,000,000 pesos for this purpose.

American Killed in Ireland.

London.—A dispatch to The London Press association from Dublin, said that Thomas Wright Hi, said to be an American naval pensioner, was shot to death by crown forces.

Strike Settlement Hopeful.

New York.—General Coxey, of Commonweal, vice-president of Coxey's army earned $18,000,000 in April, or $14,000,000 less than in March, according to reports transmitted to the Interstate commerce commission by the carriers.

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