

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL STATE HIS POSITION ON LODGE RESERVATION TODAY

Senator Borah Gives Notice That He Will Take Up Article Ten at Once - Will Make Strenuous Efforts to Bring Peace Treaty to Ratification Vote.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 8—President Wilson will state his position on the Lodge reservation to article ten probably today, it was announced at the white house.

His attitude on this and other reservations will be outlined in a letter to Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the administration leader.

He will not see Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, as requested by Senator Hitchcock, but will write Senator Simmons, telling him the matter is sufficiently covered in his reply to Hitchcock.

The President's letter to Senator Hitchcock was put in final form this morning. In it the President was said to have made his position equally as clear as he did in his conference with Senator Glass, of Virginia, two weeks ago.

Administration officials said the president would not accept the Lodge reservation to article ten. They disclosed that he had discussed the so-called Taft reservation to article ten with Senator Glass and that while he had not stated his approval of it, he did not say he would not accept it.

WASHINGTON, March 8—In an effort to bring the peace treaty to another ratification vote within the next few days, Senate leaders were taking steps today for some agreement that would hold down debate and center the fight as soon as possible on the decisive question of article ten.

Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, spokesman for the irreconcilable opponents of the treaty, gave notice Saturday that he would move today to take up article ten at once, but he held his motion in abeyance to see whether some other method of hastening action might not be worked out. Six reservations remain to be disposed of before article ten is reached, and Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader, wants to go on without upsetting the regular order of business.

While they waited to see whether the white house would grant the requested conference between President Wilson and Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, on article ten, the negotiations for a compromise on that subject were continued. In these negotiations, which some senators believe may succeed regardless of the President's decision, Senator Simmons is acting for the democrats and Senator Watson, of Indiana, for the republicans.

When the senate met the reservation pending before it was that declaring that any decision of the league regarding reduction of armaments should not apply to the United States at any time of actual or threatened hostilities. A substitute worked out in the recent bi-partisan conference and presented in the senate by Senator New, republican, Indiana, would say instead that no armament plan of the league should be binding on this nation until congress had accepted it.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON. (Corrected Daily by B. H. Parker & Co.) Good Middling 39c Cotton Seed \$1.20

NEW YORK COTTON. (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 8—Cotton futures opened steady. March 39.18; May 35.90; July 33.02; October 30.25; December 29.50.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON. (By The Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, March 8—Cotton opened quiet; March 39.00; May 36.45; July 33.39; October 30.25; December 29.25.

Washington weather dispatch: Very cold weather continues in the south with freezing temperatures into northern Florida, and in some sections to the northward the temperatures were the lowest on record, according to the report of the weather bureau today. With the exception of local rains in the south portions of the east gulf states fair weather with rising temperature is forecast for tonight and Tuesday east of the Mississippi river.

NO ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SOLICITOR WILSON

Solicitor From 14th Judicial District While Considering Congressional Race Makes No Formal Announcement - Says For Entrance to Make Decision - Political Gossip From Over the District.

Following the formal announcement of Major A. L. Bulwinkle Saturday that he would be a candidate in the Democratic primary for the Congressional nomination to succeed Hon. Clyde B. Hoey, various political are perking up, in Gaston county. And hard on the heels of the ex-soldier's announcement comes the news that Judge Council, of Hickory, has shied his hat into the ring, as given in the following special to Sunday's Observer:

"Former Judge W. B. Council today announced his intention of entering the primary for the democratic nomination for congress to succeed Representative Hoey, who will retire.

The judge enters at the solicitation of friends here and throughout the district. It is felt that Catawba county has an opportunity to obtain the honor and Judge Council is the choice of democrats for the position. He will make formal announcement in a few days."

Political dopesters in Gaston county are figured it out that there are to be other candidates from Gaston county, but that for one reason or other they have not seen fit to announce their candidacy.

Solicitor George W. Wilson is one whose name has been frequently mentioned here of late in connection with the congressional nomination. The solicitor has many friends throughout the district who have been urging him that he enter the lists forthwith and straightaway. It is known here that he has had the matter under consideration for the past week or ten days, but as yet has made no formal statement.

As seen by a Gazette reporter this morning in his law office in the Realty building, Mr. Wilson replied in answer to the query of the newspaper man as to his intentions:

"Well, its a long time, 90 days in fact, until the primary comes off in June. There is plenty of time yet for a whole lot of candidates to come out."

"You are thinking of entering the race, are you not?"

"Yes, I am considering the matter, but as yet I have not fully decided. There's no need to be in such a hurry about this thing. A fellow can enter as late as May 22, you know."

"And you can say that if I do decide to enter, I am going in on my own feet and use my own legs to do my running?"

"The solicitor added in that inimitable drawl of his which has nonplussed many a lawbreaker in this district:

All of which is taken to mean that Mr. Wilson is seriously considering the hurrying of his headgear into the ring along with Judge Council, "Lee" Bulwinkle and others. The name of Mr. Jno. G. Carpenter has also been mentioned in connection with the race, but so far no formal statement has come from him as to the matter. It is safe to say, however, that Gaston county people think the nomination belongs to Gaston county this time since the Mecklenburg Democrats have passed it up. In connection with the Congressional race, the following items clipped from neighboring papers will add interest. The Stateville Landmark says:

"Outsiders got the impression from the noise made in Mecklenburg last fall, that if that county was not permitted to name the congressional candidate in the ninth the votes sufficient to elect a Democrat could no longer be guaranteed in Mecklenburg. That talk evidently had something to do with depressing Congressman Hoey to the extent that he decided that it was wise to stand aside. Now that the way is open to Mecklenburg, we are told that the county will probably not have a congressional candidate, sometimes we cry for things and then when they are offered we find we don't want them."

The Cleveland Star says: "The Charlotte Observer must have had a vision. Editor Harris has evidently seen the light or has been stirred in the night with some uncanny visitor or maybe he has been reading the handwriting on the wall. The Observer announces that it is extremely unlikely that any Mecklenburg citizen will seek the office of congressman from the ninth district. More than this The Observer remarks, concerning the "agitator," that "the sentiment which seems to have developed in the county (Mecklenburg) is for an abandonment of the agitation against what has become known as the 'Cleveland officeholding trust'. That was the issue upon which Mecklenburg entered the special election and it was NOT APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT. Mecklenburg lost the fight and is not disposed to renew it."

"The Observer has evidently heard from the people 'back home' — the people who live in the ninth, outside of Mecklenburg. Maybe Mecklenburg will not offer a candidate for congress — but with keen recollection of scores of pro-

GASTONIA AIRCRAFT COMPANY IS CHARTERED

The Gastonia Aircraft company, organized to do aeroplanes and flying machine business, for the purpose of carrying passengers and freight for hire, was chartered Saturday.

The authorized capital is 75,000, of which \$4,000 is paid in by J. G. Love, L. E. Shealy, W. E. Todd, C. D. Gray, A. A. McLean, Jr., and J. V. Harper.

SEARCHING FOR VICTIMS OF BIG FIRE

(By The Associated Press.)

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., March 8—Firemen, aided by civilians and soldiers from Fortress Monroe early today began searching the ruins of the Chamberlin hotel for possible victims of the fire which early last night completely destroyed the big structure. Effort also was being made to check up the 200 or more guests as well as the list of 170 employees, but this task was slow because the hotel register and other records were destroyed in the flames. There were rumors that two or three persons had perished in the fire, but these were discounted by the hotel management.

The Chamberlin, probably one of the best known tourist hotels on the Atlantic coast, was located on the government reservation. It was seven stories in height and of frame construction. The flames broke out on the ground floor and soon were beyond control. Fire apparatus from Fortress Monroe and nearby cities could do little more than prevent the spread of the fire to the government dock and surrounding buildings. The loss, including the effects of guests, was estimated at more than \$3,000,000.

WORLD-WIDE SEARCH FOR TURKISH HEIRESS

Ben Mahomet Brings to New York Tale of "Thousand and Second Night" - Proclaims Himself a Shiek of Arabia.

NEW YORK, March 8—The tale of the "Thousand and Second Night" has been brought to New York by Ben Mahomet, who proclaimed himself a Shiek of Arabia and a brother of the Amir of Hedjaz.

Ben Mahomet arrived here with six retainers. His mission, he said, was world-wide search for Sari, Turkish heiress, who the Shiek declared, was plighted to marry Amir.

Sari, according to Ben Mahomet, was last seen in Constantinople talking to a sailor from an American warship which had put into that port. How the Turkish maid was able to escape the vigilance of her nurse long enough to hold this conversation, was not explained by the Arabian chieftain, but after this meeting, it seems, Sari disappeared.

Her father, Hada Hismo, grieved bitterly for the loss of his daughter, who was known the length and breadth of Turkey for her beauty and charity, and soon he died, leaving her \$100,000,000. Hada Hismo was in Turkey, according to Ben Mahomet, "like Rockefeller in America."

When it was considered certain that Sari had left her native land, either voluntarily or with an abductor, the Amir is said to have asked his brother, who studied at Cambridge University in England, to search the world for her and to spare no expense. From Turkey, the Shiek went to France, thence to Italy, and Tangiers, and finally set sail for the new world, arriving in New York via Halifax. Ben Mahomet announced that if detectives here had failed him, he would appeal to the government in Washington and seek to learn what ship it was that touched at Constantinople soon after the armistice, when Sari disappeared.

For homes of small size a combined kitchen sink and bath tub has been invented, the former being mounted on top of a cabinet that is moved away when the latter is used, the same faucets and outlet pipe serving both.

Phenics made by The Observer in other lays — it is better to wait and see. While The Observer gives this: "The Observer's statement a few days ago that Mecklenburg County would be candidate in the field in succession to Congressman Hoey, is being accepted, as we had intended it should be, as a statement of fact. Candidates from other counties are now being "announced," and some good men are under suggestion. Mecklenburg will occupy the position of an interested spectator, with the one specification that the district get together on its best man, and Mecklenburg will come forward with its usual block of votes. Maybe this year the county, by reason of the aroused state of the Nation, may do a little bit better than on occasions in the past."

PRESIDENT DOES NOT ACCEPT BRITISH AND FRENCH PREMIER'S POSITION

Does Not Accede to Proposition That Italy and Jugo-Slavia Be Allowed to Settle Adriatic Dispute - Refuses to Withdraw Memorandum of December 9.

SECRETARY DANIELS IS SHARPLY CRITICIZED

Senators Hale, McCormick and Poindexter Criticize Daniels For Not Having Fully Advised Officers as to His Plans.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 8—Three separate reports from the naval subcommittee which recently investigated the controversy over the award of navy decorations to navy officers were before the senate today. A majority report signed by the three republican members of the committee, Senators Hale, McCormick and Poindexter, sharply criticized Secretary Daniels for not having fully advised officers as to his plans in making awards and asserted that his policy of decorating officers who lost their ships would be detrimental to the navy.

The other reports were submitted by Senators Pittman and Trammell, the two democratic members of the investigating committee. Each defended Mr. Daniels' course and directed their attacks at Rear Admiral Sims, who precipitated the wrangle by criticizing the naval secretary's course. Senator Pittman characterized the whole affair as a "tempest in a tea pot" and Senator Trammell declared that the navy's morale had not been broken as was asserted by Admiral Sims. He further said that Mr. Daniels had followed established naval custom in changing recommendations of his subordinates.

On two points all three of the reports agreed. The first was that no harm had come to naval morale as a result of the awards or the controversy. The second was that enlisted men received too small a share of recognition for their services.

AMERICAN HELD BY VILLA FOR RANSOM

EL PASO, Tex., March 8—Joseph Williams, an American employe of the American Smelting and Refining Company plant at Pedricena, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$50,000 ransom, according to passengers from southern Chihuahua who have arrived at Juarez, Mexico, here. Williams served in the world war and was returning to the United States for treatment, still suffering from the effects of German gas.

He with M. Nasar, an Ariban merchant, was made prisoner by Villa when the bandit leader directed an attack on the north bound Mexican City-Juarez train, last Thursday morning near Coralitos, 400 miles south of El Paso.

In a fight between Villa's men and the train guard, ten bandits and 19 of the train guard were killed and the remaining 50 defenders either wounded or driven off. The train and sleeping car conductors were among the dead, the latter being killed by a shot from Villa's pistol, the passengers said.

When the fighting ceased the bandits herded the travelers to a small hill near the tracks where Villa haragued and threatened them with death. Later, according to eye-witnesses, he broke into tears and told them he would spare their lives out of respect to the memory of General Felipe Angeles, who recently was executed by Carranza authorities at Chihuahua City.

Williams and M. Nasar, were forced to accompany he bandits when they rode away, leaving the other passengers marooned in a desolate country, bereft of their belongings and clothing, which had been taken by the robbers.

According to R. J. Peltier, an American citizen resident of Mexico City, who said he was roughly handled and threatened with death, the bandits numbered about 300. They stopped the train by placing a charge of dynamite on the track which wrecked the engine.

WASHINGTON, March 8. — Population statistics for 1920 announced today by the census bureau included: Ottumwa, Iowa, 23,003, an increase of '91, or 4.5 per cent over 1910. Lewiston, Me., 31,707, an increase of 5,460, or 20.8 per cent. Everett, Washington, 27,614, an increase of 2,300, or 11.3 per cent.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 8—While expressing satisfaction of the "unaltered desire" of the allied leaders to reach "an equitable solution" President Wilson in his last note to French and British premiers accepts with reservations the proposal that Italy and Jugo Slavia themselves be permitted to settle the Adriatic dispute.

Expressing the view that it constitutes more than a mere exchange of views and is in fact a statement of principal, the president refused to agree to a withdrawal of the British-French-American memorandum of December 9. At the same time, he indicated his unalterable opposition to the execution of the terms of the treaty of London except in so far as the United States government "may be convinced that those terms are intrinsically just and are consistent with the maintenance of peace and settled order in southeastern Europe."

While he said he would gladly approve a mutual settlement between the Italians and the Jugo-Slavs which would be without prejudice to the interests of any third nation, the president declared he cannot "possibly approve any plans which assigns to Jugo Slavia in the northern districts of Albania territorial compensation for what she is deprived of elsewhere." Albanian questions, he further said, should not be included in the proposed joint discussions.

If Italy and Jugo Slavia, he said, prefer to abandon the so called buffer state and desire to limit the proposed free state to the corpus separatum of Fiume, placing the sovereignty in the league of nations, the United States is willing to leave the determination of the common frontier to Italy and Jugo Slavia.

The text of the President's reply to the premiers, which was dispatched Thursday and which now is being considered by the supreme council, at London, was made public here last night.

FEW SMALL CASES IN SATURDAY'S POLICE COURT.

A few minor offenses adorned the municipal court docket Saturday morning. Two men of the Loryr Mill were found guilty of assault on a colored employe, fined \$50 and the cost. Three colored boys were fined \$25 each and the costs or 60 days on the road, for using automobiles without permission. Friday night the machines belonging to Mr. Meek Boyce, Mr. Fred Rawlings and Mr. Charlton Torrence were found missing, but were located in the city Saturday morning. One paid the price and the other two were sent to jail. One negro paid the costs for disorderly conduct. A white boy and colored boy paid the cost for engaging in a little fist fight on the street.

CONSTANTINOPLE OCCUPIED BY ALLIED TROOPS.

(By The Associated Press.) PARIS, March 8. — Constantinople is actually occupied by allied troops under revisions of the armistice, it is pointed out by the Petit Parisien this morning, which says that the city is the headquarters of General Franchet D'Esperey, and there are in the city one division one brigade of French troops, or about 15,000 or 16,000 men.

In addition, there are in Constantinople one regiment of Italians and a battalion of British troops, and there are other British forces in the region of the straits. A British division is spread over Anadolta between Scutari and Brusa, while the French have a division in western Thrace the newspaper says.

ORDERS THE ARREST OF PRUSSIAN PRINCE.

BERLIN, March 8. — Gustav Noack, minister of defense, has ordered the provisional arrest of Prince Joachim Albrecht, of Prussia, cousin of former Emperor William, and Baron von Platen for engaging in an assault upon Captain Rougher, a French officer with the unrecalled mission in this city, at the Adlon hotel Saturday night.

MASS-MEETING CALLED FOR DALLAS TONIGHT.

A mass meeting is called for tonight at the Dallas graded school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock in the interest of the Near East Relief drive now on. Rev. H. H. Jordan, presiding pastor of the Shelby Baptist, and possibly others will speak. Every one is earnestly requested to be present. C. N. Young is chairman of the Dallas township committee.