

CHARGES NAVY OFFICIALS MISINFORMED THE PUBLIC

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 26.—Charges that the navy department took steps to prevent reports reaching the public regarding a shortage of personnel in the navy before the United States entered the war were made before the senate naval investigating committee today by Captain Joseph K. Taussig, of the naval war college at Newport, R. I.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Captain Joseph K. Taussig, who served abroad on American destroyers during most of the war, was the first witness to be called before the senate committee investigating Rear Admiral Sims' charges against the navy department's conduct of the war.

Chairman Hale announced he would call Rear Admiral C. P. Plunkett, commander of the Atlantic fleet destroyer force, to testify later in the day.

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE PLAYS OAK RIDGE TOMORROW

Correspondence of The Daily Gazette. BELMONT, March 26.—Tomorrow, March 27, the Belmont Collegians play their second game of the season, facing the strong Oak Ridge nine.

The fine showing of the new material added great hopes to the followers of the team. The prospects of a most successful season are very promising and the fine record made last year may even be surpassed.

Oak Ridge will open up the college schedule followed by Mt. Pleasant, Catawba, Elon, Mt. Holly and Guilford.

Four other games are still pending, including one with Charlotte, of the South Atlantic League.

THREATEN TO DESTROY ALL MINES AND FACTORIES

(By The Associated Press) LONDON, March 26.—Workers forces entrenched along the Lippe river, south and southeast of the city of Weasel, threaten, if they fail to capture Weasel, to destroy all factories and mines in western Germany, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company filed in Berlin this morning.

In last night's communique the Reds claimed to have captured several villages and to have taken more than 200 prisoners during the day.

Telegrams from Muenster, filed last night, report severe engagements between government and communist troops on the line from Hamm south to Hagen.

Treatment of men arrested on occasions of complicity in the revolutionary movement by military authorities at Halle has greatly excited German workers, rendering the situation more critical, it is reported.

PENN STUDENTS SHOW HOW TO CELEBRATE

(By The Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 26.—Policemen from four station houses raided dormitories of the University of Pennsylvania early today after an outbreak of about 1,000 students, in celebration of the Penn basketball victory over Chicago University.

Shots were fired at the policemen by the students. Twenty-two were arrested. They were given the option of spending ten days in jail or paying \$12.50 fine.

When arraigned some of the students were clad in pajamas, while others were barefooted. Frederick J. Strayer was the only one with a bandage on his head.

WANT SIMMONS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP

(By The Associated Press) By H. E. C. Bryant in The Charlotte Observer. WASHINGTON, March 25.—A serious movement is on in the senate to force Senator Simmons to take the leadership.

Mr. Simmons does not want the responsibility but will take it if thrust upon him. Six or more senators called upon him today and urged him to permit the use of his name.

Administration leaders in Congress will insist that the President's revenue recommendations be considered before the present session closes.

Asked today if he had any direct intimation from Mr. Fordney or any other republican leader of Congress as to the purpose of the majority regarding proposed changes in the revenue law, Mr. Houston said that he had not except through the press.

Readjustments should be made at the earliest possible moment. It will not do to postpone action. I cannot think of delay in this matter without the gravest apprehension.

Republican leaders of Congress have practically completed their legislative program. They are now ready for the fall campaign.

Secretary Houston had not conferred with the President on this question, but he has gone over the situation carefully, and thinks that Congress should act at an early date and give whatever relief it can without reducing the bulk of the revenue. The purpose of the republicans now is to adopt an amendment to the revenue act to make up for the loss caused by the decision of the supreme court eliminating stock dividends from the taxable list.

The leaders have not agreed on a plan for raising the \$25,000,000 or more cut off by that opinion.

Messrs. J. H. Kennedy and E. C. Adams returned Wednesday night from a two-days State Bezzall Convention in Greensboro.

NEW EPISCOPAL RECTOR TO ARRIVE TONIGHT

Rev. J. W. Canteley Johnson, of Roanoke, Va., to Arrive With Family—Will Take Up Duties of the Rectorate of St. Mark's at Once—Special Holy Week Services Begin Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Canteley Johnson, for the past ten years rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Roanoke, Va., is expected to arrive in the city tonight with his family to enter upon his duties as rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, to which he was recently called.

In a letter to one of the officers of St. Mark's Rev. Mr. Johnson states that he will hold regular services Sunday, March 28, beginning with Holy Communion at 8 o'clock.

As showing the high esteem in which Rev. Mr. Johnson was held by his former parishioners, we copy the following from the Roanoke World News of March 1:

"The Rev. J. W. Canteley Johnson, for ten years pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church of this city, tendered his resignation to the congregation of the church at the service yesterday morning having decided to give up his charge in this city to accept an urgent call to St. Mark's Episcopal Church at Gastonia, N. C."

The announcement of Mr. Johnson's resignation is being received with deep regret not only by members of his own parish but also by his many friends throughout the community.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of the South at Sewanee and is a native of Charleston, S. C.

Authorities here said that they believed the posse or other citizens of Adena would make no effort to reach Sherodville, Carroll county, where four negroes are being held as suspects in connection with the killing.

At an early hour this morning the police of Ramsey, near here, arrived with a foreigner who is being held as a suspect in the case.

FEDERAL JURY ACQUITS KENT-GREER, HIGH POINT OF WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

(By The Associated Press.) LAURINBURG, March 25.—In United States court here today J. Kent Greer, a young white man, of High Point, indicted under the Mann act, was dismissed by a verdict of the jury.

Mary Gales, a negro of Robeson county submitted to distilling. Judgment was suspended on the payment of the costs.

Hinton McCallum, a Maxton negro, charged with forging the name of a policy holder in a lodge to a postoffice money order, was found not guilty.

ROCKINGHAM, March 25.—Kent Greer, of High Point, was found not guilty in federal court at Laurinburg today of the white slavery charge.

Roanoke during the period of his citizenship here. A gentleman of delightful culture and real refinement, his has been a wholesome and helpful influence on the community life.

KIDNAPPED BOY FOUND IN HOTEL ROOM

Paul Little, Twelve-Year-Old Boy Telephoned His Parents From Room in Which He Had Been Locked Since Last Wednesday.

(By The Associated Press.) LEXINGTON, Ky., March 26.—Paul Little, 12 year old son of E. R. Little, Lexington capitalist, who has been held for ransom by kidnapers, was found this morning locked in a room at a local hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Little first learned the whereabouts of their son when he telephoned his home from the hotel room. He said he had been kept a prisoner there since Wednesday night.

Investigation disclosed that the room had been reserved in advance by a man registered as J. C. Cox, of Cincinnati. The parents, overjoyed at news of his safety, hurried to the hotel and took him home.

Playmates said he had told them he was to be given a dollar to deliver a box of candy.

He declared he would abide by the kidnapper's demands, that he did not mind paying the money and only wanted the safe return of his son.

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SEARCHING FOR SLAYER OF ELEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL

(By The Associated Press.) ADENA, O., March 26.—The search for the murders of 11-year old Frances South, whose body was found in a wood near here last night, was continued today by the armed posse of miners which formed shortly after the crime was discovered.

Authorities here said that they believed the posse or other citizens of Adena would make no effort to reach Sherodville, Carroll county, where four negroes are being held as suspects in connection with the killing.

At an early hour this morning the police of Ramsey, near here, arrived with a foreigner who is being held as a suspect in the case.

The conference will come to a close tomorrow morning. Following a meeting of the county superintendents of public welfare this afternoon, the following officers were elected:

ENGINEER ON TRAIN NO. 12 KILLED

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 26.—Engineer Bond and Fireman H. E. Tidwell, of Southern Railway train No. 12, were killed early today when the train apparently ran into an open switch near Adams Park, Ga.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Following is a program of the special services to be conducted at St. Mark's Episcopal church by the new rector, Rev. J. W. Canteley Johnson, during Holy Week.

Monday and Tuesday, half hour service at 5:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Evening Service at 7:30 p. m.

Thursday, Holy Communion at 10:30 a. m. and half hour service at 5:30 p. m.

Friday, Services at 11 a. m. and 5:30 p. m.

Easter Sunday, April 4: Holy Communion at sunrise; Children's Easter Festival at 9:45 a. m.

Portable endless belt machinery built into one of the new cars has been invented by a mechanical engineer.

EBERT FORCES HOLD WESEL ACROSS THE RHINE

FIRE DESTROYS OLD CONFEDERATE HOME

(By The Associated Press.) LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 26.—A rebel battle yell sounded throughout the confederate home at Pewee Valley, Ky., 18 miles from Louisville, at 6 o'clock last night as the first alarm of a fire that three hours later destroyed the institution.

Commanded by Sergeant Gus Head, who during the war was the keeper of John Morgan's mount, the one hundred veterans of the home able to walk, fled from the building with precision similar to that which made the army of the confederacy famous.

After Sergeant Gus Head, in terse manner, had called the roll, the men, a majority of whom were members of Morgan's cavalry regiment during the war, sat cross-legged upon the grass, and, with typical southern stoicism, waited until the smoldering ruins resembled but a bivouac of days gone by.

GERMAN CABINET RESIGNED. (By The Associated Press.) PARIS, March 26.—The German cabinet headed by Premier Gustav Bauer has resigned, according to a message received here from Berlin today.

SOCIAL CONFERENCE ELECTS OFFICERS

(By The Associated Press.) GOLDSBORO, March 25.—The entire morning session of the North Carolina Social Service conference was given over today to speaking and addresses.

The afternoon session was given over to group meetings and the juvenile courts after which the meeting adjourned until tonight when the conference opened with a splendid address by public welfare commissioner R. F. Beasley.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY SMASHES COTTON RECORD

(By The Associated Press.) SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 25.—According to figures given out here today by Wade Smith, crop reports for the county for the census bureau, Spartanburg county smashed all its cotton producing records last season raising 80,098 bales.

PRESBYTERIANS PLAN TO SPEND SUM ON INDIANS

(By The Associated Press.) CHATTANOOGA, TENN., March 26.—The southern Presbyterian church will spend \$116,200 among the Indians of the south and southwest during the year 1920-1921, it was announced here today by Dr. Homer McMillan, secretary of the committee on home missions.

LOCAL TALENT TO BUILD NEW HICKORY CITY HALL

(By The Associated Press.) HICKORY, March 25.—With a city manager who has spent 12 years of his life in building construction and with a mayor who has graduated from a carpenter to one of the leading contractors in the south, the city of Hickory will not ask any outside builders to erect the \$100,000 municipal building, it has been decided.

R. G. Henry, city manager, has been authorized by city council to proceed with advertisements for material and labor and given authority to supervise construction.

NEW YORK POLICE ACCUSED OF VICE GRAFTING

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 26.—Further action by the grand jury investigating alleged vice "grafting" by members of the New York police department was awaited with keen expectancy today, following a statement by Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith last night that an official "higher than Third Deputy Commissioner Alfred Drum Porter" recently indicted, would be indicted at an early date.

SERGEANT MAJOR LEADS ARMY OF 120,000 MEN

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 26.—A sergeant major of the United States army has been promoted to the rank of colonel.