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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY SEVERED-- BERNSTOFF GIVEN PASSPORTS.

President Wilson announces act to Congress and the world. Two years of crises culminate with act that may mean war. Steps taken with our army and navy and public buildings.

Washington, Feb. 3.—President Wilson has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany and warned the Kaiser that ruthless sacrifice of American lives and rights means war.

Similar action is waiting for Austria when she notifies this government that she joins in the campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The President made formal announcement of his action to the country and the world today at a joint session of Congress.

Passports have been handed to Count von Bernstoff; Ambassador Gerard with all his staff and all American consuls have been ordered out of Germany. All German consuls in the United States are expected to withdraw and the severance of relations may be complete. American interests have been given to Spain; German interests in the United States have been taken over by Switzerland. Foreign diplomatic interests in the United States had in charge in Germany have been turned over to various neutrals.

Years of diplomatic negotiation, marked with frequent crisis, and culminating with the loss of more than one hundred American lives on the high seas have culminated with an act which in all the history of the world always led to war. Every agency of the American government has been put into motion to protect the country against acts of German sympathizers during years of war, largely being kept secret.

[illegible] of relations [illegible] in a demand for the immediate release of sixty-four seamen taken off ships captured by German raiders in the South Atlantic.

At the request of the President, Congress, immediately after hearing his address, began work on new laws framed by the Department of Justice to meet conspiracies and plots against the United States which cannot now be held under existing statues.

The question of convoying American merchant ships through the submarine blockade has been taken up, aside being considered as one of the measures by this Government.

Neutral Governments have been notified of the action of the United States and have openly been invited to follow its action if the new submarine campaign violates their rights.

Breaking of relations came with a crash, despite the fact that it had been expected and practically determined upon last night. The President, after his night conference with the Senators, determined that a [illegible] was [illegible] "[illegible] with his dignity that the United States" [illegible] the act as preparation his address to Congress.

Gerard Ordered Home

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, it became known that Ambassador Gerard had been ordered home and that passports had been sent to Count von Bernstoff. Although there was no official confirmation of the President's decision to be formally announced it himself to Congress, the knowledge spread rapidly. Count von Bernstroff heard it unofficially while talking with an Associated Press correspondent. While apparently deeply moved, he was not surprised. His first act was to ask Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss Minister, to come to the German Embassy and prepare to take over its affairs. Then he informed his wife, an American-born woman, of the development and likewise notified the Embassy's staff. His passports were not delivered until 2 o'clock in the afternoon. While the President was addressing Congress, one of Secretary Lansing's confidential assistants called at the Embassy and delivered the passports and a note in reply to the German declaration.

Army, Navy and Public Buildings Precautioned

Precautions to safeguard [illegible] stations, army posts and arsenals and other service property constituted the military measures taken by the government tonight following the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.

President Wilson conferred briefly after his address to Congress with Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels. The conference, it was stated, had to do entirely with precautionary steps, and it was made clear that the administration had no desire to take warlike measures unless forced to do so by some act of Germany.

The following specific orders went out during the day:

The White House and White House grounds were closed to visitors for the first time in many years.

All navy yards and stations were closed to the public until further notice.

Officers commanding army posts, arsenals, magazines, coast batteries were directed to exercise every precaution.

The state, war and navy building was closed to visitors and cards of identification were issued to employes and press representatives entitled to admission.

Publication of daily ship movement list, giving the departure and arrivals of navy vessels, was suspended.

Secretary Daniels said there was no change in the orders of the Atlantic fleet.

"The fleet will continue maneuvers in the Guantanomo region," he said.

Measures of national preparedness taken within the last two years make it unnecessary for the war and navy departments to do much work that otherwise would have to be begun immediately. For the navy a survey of all merchant craft under the American flag and of all small pleasure craft and power boats has been virtually completed. Guns for the arming of merchant ships have assembled at the various navy yards with plans for putting them aboard already worked out. The data of each vessel has been placed on file.

For the army and navy both as inventory of the manufacturing resources and plants of the country has been carried well forward. A text book and munition manufacturers can be learned quickly and about ready for issue. From it private manufacturers can be learned quickly the steps necessary for the conversion of their plants to war uses.

The counsil of national defense, created last year, already has taken over the co-ordination of industries for war purposes and has worked out in part its general plans.

Without additional authority from Congress, President Wilson can direct that the regular army be increased at once to its full war strength of 286,000 men and the navy to 87,000.

There is in addition to the national guard, now about 150,000 strong and the full strength of which is 440,000, cannot be required under existing law within four years. The regular army now numbers about 120,000.

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Mrs. O. M. Gardner left Saturday for Raleigh to spend a week with Lieut. Governor Gardner.

CLEVELAND WINS IN SENATE.

RESULT OF KINGS MOUNTAIN BOUNDARY LINE ELECTION CONFIRMED IN BILL NOW BEFORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY — MR. HOEY'S GREAT PART.

Cleveland county has practically won the Kings Mountain boundary line election case by having the result of the election confirmed by the General Assembly of North Carolina. A bill drafted by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, leading counsel for Cleveland, got a favorable report from both the House and Senate Committees in Raleigh last Thursday and on Friday the Senate passed the bill almost unanimously. The victory is almost surely won, for the House will in all probability pass the measure today, thereby settling the dispute between Cleveland and Gaston over the county line at Kings Mountain, confirming the result of the election held in April [illegible] the people in the proposed [illegible] carried by 71 majority to change the line to Kings Mountain which [illegible] by in Cleveland. Gaston announced to set the verdict of the people aside on ground that fraud was perpetrated upon the election in that votes were bought and liquor used to influence voters in favor of Cleveland county.

The people of Cleveland county [illegible] great in the outcome of the contest. Gaston first took he case to court and had issued summons to the Cleveland County commissioners, Messrs. H. T. Fulton, E. C. Borders, L. C. Palmer, Geo. W. Peeler and D. S. Lovelace. After the court case was started, an effort was made by the Gaston side to have the Legislature set aside he election and a bill was drafted accordingly, but was not introduced until after Cleveland put in a bill to affirm the election, a result.

In addition to a delegation from Kings Mountain, the following gentlemen from Shelby attended the committee hearing Thursday: Attorneys C. R. Hoey, D. Z. Newton, O. M. Mull, Banker C. C. Blanton, Sheriff W. D. Lackey and Register of Deeds J. J. Lattimore. Mr. Mull who was engaged in the Neal Turner trial at Lincolnton was late in arriving and remained over for the bill to come up in the House today.

The House and Senate Committees met in the Senate chamber which was crowded with people. Not since the Legislature has been in session have so many people ben assembled in the Senate chamber. The seats and lobby were filled and the balconies were crowded. Attorney D. Z. Newton opened the discussion for Cleveland with a ten minutes speech marked for its force and terse pointedness. Next came Representative W. A. Mauney of Kings Mountain who surpassed himself as a speechmaker with ten minutes devoted to the cause of Cleveland. Gaston's representatives came next, Attorney A. G. Mangum and Rev. A. T. Lindsay of Gason and Hon. E. T. Cansler of Charlotte presenting Gaston's cause.

Mr. Hoey's Great Speech

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey closed the argument with a 40 minute speech that charmed the audience and moved his hearers to spontaneous applause whne he closed with a tribute to our Representative, Hon. W. A. Mauney who had been so deeply interested in the outcome of the case. Mr. Hoey fired broadside after broadside and met every interruption with the force of a Howitzer. He called attention to the fact that there were 611 voters in the territory, 214 on the Gaston side and 397 on the Cleveland side. With these facts, he said the 183 more voters being on the Cleveland side, it was nothing but natural that the result of the election should be in favor of Cleveland. We won by 71 majority and Mr. Hoey stated that the majority should have been larger as a natural sequence of the voters preference in the matter. Gaston let 20 months elapse before claiming any irregularity and sat still, permitting us to spend $27,000 in the constructon of roads in the territory according to our promise to the voters before election, without giving us any notice whatever that they questioned the election. In meeting Mr. Cansler's argument that by asking the Legislature's confirmation of the election we were taking the suit out of court, Mr. Hoey stated that Gaston first went to the Legislature with a bill to put the county line back where it was and since Gaston had elected that forum, Cleveland was willing to do the same thing. In closing, Mr. Hoey paid a fitting tribute to Mr. Mauney who had been a farmer and manufacturer in Cleveland for 75 years and whose intelligence and usefulness the people upheld and resented any imputation against his honor and integrity. It was the speech of Mr. Hoey's life. He realized the importance of it and threw his whole soul into the fight.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Meeting of Library Association This Afternoon

There will be an important meeting of the library association this afternoon at 3:30 in the library rooms. All members are urged to be present.

Junior Daughters.

Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft, leader of the Junior Daughters of the Confederacy calls a meeting of the organization to be held in the Court House this afternoon at 3:30. All members are asked to bring back dues.

An Interesting Missionary Meeting

The Young People's Missionary Society of Central Methodist church [illegible] entertained Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Misses Elizabeth Ebeltoft and Curtis Belle Lever at the home of the former.

An interesting program, consisting of readings and piano solos was rendered. After a brief discussion of business the hostesses served a tempting salad course.

Recital a Great Success

The musical recital which was given last Friday afternoon by the music pupil of the 10th grade, under the able direction of their teacher, Miss Helen Dover, was a great success, both financially and musically. These young ladies displayed much talent and reflected great credit on themselves and the school.

A Beautiful Reception Of Last Thursday

Complimenting one of Shelby's newest brides, Mrs. Will Arey, and one of our most charming winter visitors, Miss Nan Killian of Waynesville and house-guest of Mrs. Josh Mauney, Mrs. Ward Arey and Mrs. Mauney were joint hostesses at a large and brilliant floating reception at the home of the former on last Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The guests were cordially extended a word of greeting at the front door by Mrs. J. Lindsey Ross, and were ushered into the brilliantly lighted reception room where the receiving line was stationed; consisting of the hostesses, Mrs. Will Arey, Miss Killian, and Mrs. W. J. Arey. This room was tastily decorated in white, lovey white carnations being the flower used. Receiving also in here were Mesdames W. J. Roberts and S. S. Royster, who directed the guests into the dining room.

The dining table had for its central decoration a beautiful Louis XV silver basket, resting on a lovely Hawaiian lace piece. This was filled with exquiste enchantress carnations, its graceful handle being tied with pink tulle. Gracefully presiding in here were Mesdames Ceph and L. A. Blanton, who were assisted in serving by Misses Ruth Mundy and Mae Kendall, the ices also carrying out the color note.

Miss Annie Miller directed them into the coffee room where Mrs. J. D. Lineberger received. The color note in here was green and white, handsome potted plants and dainty ferns, with the added beauty of numerous candles making a lovely setting for the table over which Mrs. Paul Webb presided, pouring coffee from a handsome silver service. Assisting in serving Mrs. Webb were; Misses Agnes McBrayer and Elizabeth Ebeltoft.

Miss Eva Palmer dispensed delightful music throughout the afternoon. 150 guests called during the reception hours.

Free School Bags

Our supply of school bags have all been given out, but we have in hand over a hundred unfilled application for the bags, so have ordered another shipment. Bags will be sent to all of the children who have written for them, and to others who may send us a composition on the "Advantages of Keeping a Bank Account," just as soon as the additional bags ordered have been received.

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Asks Others to Join

The most important war news of yesterday was that President Wilson had asked the other neutral nations to join the U. S. in a break with Germany.

MEET OF BARACA PHILATHEAS.

COUNTY MEETING HELD WITH LA FAYETTE STREET METHODIST CHURCH — LARGE ATTENDANCE—COUNTY EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Sunday, Jan. 28, 1917, the fifth quarterly meeting of organized classes, met in Shelby, N. C., with the LaFayette Street Methodist church, with the president, Dr. P. E. Ware in the chair.

The session was [illegible] for the number and quality of short addresses, good singing, excellent reports from the classes, and attendance which filled the chrch.

The devotional service was very brief, being the [illegible] for the day, led by Mr. Marvin Ellis [illegible], who joined in a few well chosen words welcomed the visitors. Dr. Ware replied in behalf of the Union in his usual good style. He proved a genuine leader and all through the day he kept his audience in a pleasant humor.

Mrs. John A. Anthony began the service proper by reading the report of Mrs. A. R. Williams, Gen. Sec. of the State Union, on the work in this state. It was a timely array of facts and Mrs. Anthony's expressive reading brought home to each of us the [illegible] of work so well done in this state.

Miss Partha V. Harrelson of the City Schools spoke briefly and pointedly on the By-Products of the Sunday School. Her talk opened a new field of thought for many of us and showed a wide range of thought, feeling and experience. Should the survey be undertaken as she outlined it, our whole county, even state would receive great benefit.

Mr. J. H. Quinn emphasized the platform of the organized classes, "Young Men at Work for Young Men, Young Women at Work for Young Women; all Standing by the Bible, the Bible School and the Church," as being one of the helps that will be a guide and a light to those standing on it and urged every man,woman and child to share in its benefits by becoming an active supporter of it.

In the afternoon Miss Livingston of the Grover Schools spoke on the organization of the work in the county. She is a most attractive speaker and has the happy faculty of making her audience feel how deeply in earnest she is in her every statement. Her words bear the weight of many years success as a teacher of men's Baraca Class.

Supt. Huggins of the Boiling Springs High School referred to the morning's Bible Lesson, where the governor of the feast told the bridegroom that he had saved the best to the last. He told us that Preparation, Punctuality, and Persistence were the qualities needed to build a Sunday School, in his talk on Business Methods in the Sunday School. May we bear these thoughts in mind and profit thereby.

A new feature of this meeting was the Question Box. Among those asked and answered were: "How Can You Get Effective Committee Work? How Do You Organize New Classes? How are We to Get and Hold Older Church Workers, Men and Women? Many joined in these discussions and Many joined in these discussions and many practical applications were made.

The LaFayette Street choir extended during the day choice music solos, duets, quartettes and choruses from the Baaca-Philathea Hymnal. Mrs. George Hoyle sang in her usual rich soprano a solo for the afternoon service.

Among the resolutions was one thanking the good people of the community for their gracious hospitality shown by words, songs and dinner.

Another that we hope will have a wide influence on our organization was offered from the floor requesting the chairman to appoint a committee of Extension for the county, after much discussion by Mr. J. T. Bowman, Rev. R. C. Campbell, Miss Livingston and others, it was adopted without opposition and the choir named the following committee: Chairman, Miss Pantha Harrelson, Shelby, vice chairman; Mr. Paul Hamrick, Boiling Springs; Messrs. G. G. Page, Kings Mountain, A. C. Warlick, Lawndale; E. B. Hamrick, Paul Hamrick,Boiling Springs; Miss M. Livingston, Grover; and Mrs. Carme Mam, Lawndale. Every Sunday School Superintendent pastor and church worker is earnestly requested to assist these leaders, giving them an opportunity of explaining to their schools the nature of organized work and others they will decide upon in a meeting to be held shortly for the organization of the committee.

By unanimous vote the next meeting is to be held at Sharon, April 8, 1917. Every school in the county is urged to send delegates from their organized classes to this meeting and to co-operate with the committee of Extension and classes in schools organized.

LIVE ITEMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM THE STATE AND NATION AND BOILED DOWN FOR BUSY READERS.

The government's part of Pisgah forest is being fenced in to enclose the herd of bison and elk kept there.

Charlie Canup, a young white man of Cabarrus county, is held for forging and flashing checks at Concord.

The Champion Fibre Company has bought 25,000 acres of timber land in Swain county for which it paid $400,000.

LeRoy Lamb, five years old, died in Robeson county as the result of falling and sticking a knife blade in his eye.

Considerable improvement is being made on the Southern's road bed between Morganton and Asheville, including permanent bridges.

A large boiler in the power plant of the University at Chapel Hill exploded Tuesday, slightly injuring two attendants and badly injuring the plant.

Ed. Young, white, wanted in Avery county for burning a hotel at Elk Park, has been arrested at Greensboro, where he was goine under the name of R. Tucker.

Will Horne, died in a Wadesboro hospital Tuesday from injuries received some days before. Bill Luther, white, and Levi Little, colored, are charged with shooting him.

A team of horses ran away in Salisbury Tuesday, and threw John Hunt, an aged citizen of Rockwell, from the wagon to the hard pavement, probably producing fatal injuries.

It is complained that considerable trouble has resulted recently from operation of pickpockets on trains between Danville, Va., and Charlotte. Two High Point fellows lost over $100 each last week.

Gov. Bickett has pardoned Arch. Wagoner of Durham county because his wife died recently and his children are helpless and destitute. He had served over half of a two-year term in the penitentiary for blockading.

Summerfield McCartney, instructor in foreign language in the Durham High School, claims that he was fired by the superintendent of the school because he had struck a pupil with a book and he will sue the city for damages.

The United States Steel Corporation earned $333,625.086 the past year, considerably ahead of any previous year's business.

The two children, aged five and three, of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wanceried, were burned to death Tuesday when fire destroyed their home near Orange, Va. Mrs. Wanceried was perhaps fatally burned in her efforts to save them.

Stephen McDonald, 22 years old, was killed at Albany, N. Y., Tuesday in the second minute of the first round of his first professional prize fight with Toddy Hicks landed a hard blow with his right hand under McDonald's heart. Hicks was arrested on a charge of manslaughter.

The first baseball fatality of 1917 occurred a few days ago in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, and the victim was a 9-year-old girl, Ruby Crafton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Crafton, was playing ball with other children during a school recess, when she was struck in the temple and instantly killed while running to base.

Five members of the Meints family, 15 miles from Kankakee, Ill., died last week from eating pancakes. The pancakes were made by Mrs. O. K. Meints, mother of four of the victims and grandmother of the fifth. Mrs. Meints is believed to have mixed the contents of a sack containing an arsenical preparation used by her husband in taxidermy with a prepared pancake flour, thinking the powder was flour.

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