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PRESIDENT HARDING MEETS HIS CABINET

FIRST CONFERENCE HELD WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH WIDE DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AS WELL AS PROBLEMS AT HOME.

Washington, March 8.—Various aspects of the nation's foreign relations as well as problems of administrative organization were considered by President Harding and his department heads today at the first cabinet meeting of the new administration.

Afterward definite announcement was made at the war department in formulating his policy towards the Rhine situation that this government is not now considering withdrawal of American troops of occupation. It was learned at the same time that as another step toward Pan-American amity the president is preparing to ask that the senate ratify at once the long pending treaty with Colombia.

Developments in regard to the Panama-Costa Rica hostilities were less definite but it is understood the cabinet took cognizance of that situation and canvassed official reports on the subject. The next step awaits receipt of a reply from Panama to the American note dispatched Saturday.

In the realm of domestic questions major attention was directed toward perfection of the cabinet organization as a smoothly working machine. Mr. Harding is understood to have made cooperation among the departments the keynote of his preliminary instructions to his secretaries telling them he wanted no hesitation and no jealousy about whatever changes of jurisdiction might be decided on in the reorganization scheme now being formulated.

After the meeting all the secretaries declined to give an intimation of what had transpired around the cabinet table and the only announcement coming from the White House related to the time of future sessions.

The war department announcement concerning withdrawal of American troops from the Rhine was made by Secretary Weeks who would not discuss the subject further than to say that withdrawal was not now being considered. In reaching this decision in regard to its temporary policy the administration is understood to have taken into account all the elements of the present situation in western Germany where allied troops have advanced to enforce the terms of the Versailles treaty while the American forces remained behind on the lines originally occupied by them under the armistice agreement.

Situation Under Observation.

Although nothing definite has developed in other official quarters here to indicate the probable permanent policy of the new administration it is known that the situation now presented along the German border is receiving the close scrutiny of Mr. Harding and his advisers. It generally is expected that some more concrete expression of this government's attitude may be forthcoming in the near future.

When the army appropriation bill was under consideration just before inauguration Republican leaders in congress proceeded on the expectation that the American troops would be out of Europe before the first of July. The bill with its curtailed budget for the army of occupation failed of final enactment and must be taken up again at the special session.

Also wrapped up in the Rhine situation is the question of passing a congressional resolution to declare a state of peace with Germany and it is believed the administration will determine its attitude on such a resolution in the light of full information about present European conditions.

TEACHERS GO TO DUE WEST

Last Meeting of County Teachers Association To Be Held in Due West Saturday—Splendid Program Has Been Arranged by Teachers

Saturday at noon the teachers from all over the county will assemble at the graded school in Due West for the last meeting of their county association for the session now on the home stretch. A number of the rural schools will close next month and it is not thought advisable to arrange a meeting for April.

The Due West teachers have constituted the program committee for the meeting Saturday and a splendid program has been arranged. As soon as the association is brought to order there will be observation classes taught in the Due West school for the benefit of the visiting teachers. The songs for Carolina Day, which is March 18 will be sung by the pupils of the Due West school. Especially is the interest of the teachers centered in the singing of Timrod's "Carolina" to the tune arranged by Reed Miller. This song is said to be catchy and tuneful and easily sung by school children.

Following the observation classes the guests will go to the Y. M. C. A. where the ladies of Due West will serve a delicious luncheon.

After the repast the teachers will again assemble at 2 o'clock and hear and address by B. L. Parkinson, state high school inspector, on "The Respective Duties of Teachers and Trustees." Following Mr. Parkinson's address Dr. J. I. McCain will talk on "The Ethical Side of the Teaching Profession." Dr. Robinson, president of the Woman's College will finish the program by a talk on "The Teacher."

The members of the association are especially anxious that as many of the school trustees of the county hear Mr. B. L. Parkinson's address as can possibly attend. Mr. Parkinson has made a study of his subject and is prepared to clearly outline the respective duties of the school authorities in question.

DEATH H. C. WILSON

News was received in Abbeville Monday afternoon of the death of H. Clark Wilson, in Statesville, N. C. Mr. Wilson was instantly killed when his body was severed by a shifting train at a railway crossing. He was in a truck which was crossing the track.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Williamston and in early life married Miss Eula Crymes who is related to and known to many of the people of Abbeville. Mr. Wilson was buried at Williamston this afternoon at four o'clock, the funeral services being held from the home of Mrs. J. W. Crymes.

Mrs. E. C. Horton received the news Monday afternoon and went at once to Statesville to be with her sister, Mrs. Wilson.

TAKING IN THE SHOW

Mrs. Herman Benton and Miss Fannie Stark went over to Atlanta Monday and are taking in the festivities of the automobile show and are having a grand and glorious time looking at the Spring styles.

PREACHING IN GREENWOOD

Rev. H. W. Pratt preached in Greenwood Sunday filling the Presbyterian pulpit for Rev. J. B. Greene, who is sick and has been granted a six-months leave of absence.

ATTENDING COURT

Capt. M. B. Syfan went to Edgefield Monday where he will attend court, being a witness in a case for the Southern road. Edgefield is not the Captain's "long suit" for he says he would rather spend the same length of time in jail in Abbeville, however he does not make any such rash state in Edgefield.

SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPALS OF CITY SCHOOLS RE-ELECTED

At a meeting of the trustees of Abbeville school district held in the office of the chairman yesterday afternoon Supt. J. D. Fulp was re-elected head of the schools for another session, J. M. Daniel was re-elected principal of the high school and Miss May L. Robertson principal of the graded school.

The meeting was thoroughly harmonious and the voting was unanimous. Supt. Fulp was called upon by the trustees to outline whatever plans he had in mind for relieving the overcrowded conditions existing in some of the grades. Mr. Fulp went into the conditions exhaustively and stated that it was imperative that the schools have additional room before next session.

There are at present over 700 pupils enrolled in the white schools with 130 in the high school department. The first grade has about 139 pupils with three teachers, the third grade 107 with two teachers, the sixth grade has over 65 with two teachers and one of the high school grades has 50 with one teacher. This means that these grades have about the maximum permitted under the general school law in order to receive state aid.

With the same increase next year as this there is a probability that the school inspectors will fail to recommend that the Abbeville schools receive state aid which would mean a serious financial handicap to say nothing of the loss in efficiency by having too many pupils to the teacher.

Every available room is being utilized this year and the French classes are crowded into the physics laboratory. There is no space left for additional teachers to function if they were provided.

The trustees after considerable discussion carried unanimously a motion that the chairman appoint a committee to investigate the building of an addition to the high school building to contain not less than six classrooms on the ground floor and an auditorium of sufficient size on the second floor to handle the enrollment.

This committee was also instructed to investigate the cost of such an addition, the question of issuing sufficient bonds to take care of the financial end, and to report back to the board as soon as possible. The motion contained a statement that W. M. Barnwell, chairman of the board of trustees, also be chairman of this committee.

Practically the only past indebtedness of the schools is a note for \$10,000 which money was spent last session for the new heating plants. Sufficient sinking fund has accrued to retire the \$32,100 worth of bonds issued some years ago by the trustees for the building of the present plant.

There will probably be a small deficit the present session due to an unusual amount of money being required this session for repairs to the slate roofs, the installing of partitions in the high school building auditorium, purchase of news desks, and general repairs to both the buildings. It is expected to realize most of the deficit from the provisions of the equalizing act for which the recent general assembly appropriated \$400,000. This money will be used to make up deficits in schools where no teacher received less than \$90 a month and in districts that also have voted at least 10 mills special tax. Abbeville schools have qualified in both these instances.

It is the opinion of the board of trustees that sufficient bonds to provide the needed rooms and auditorium can be secured without any change in the present tax rate. The two mills which have retired the old bonds can handle the new issue, it is thought. Of course nothing definite can be determined without full investigation of the cost of building materials required for the addition to the high school.

The trustees who were present at yesterday's meeting were W. M. Barnwell, Albert Henry, H. R. McAllister, C. H. McMurray, J. C. Thomson, E. R. Thomson, J. D. Kerr and W. A. Calvert.

WATSON CLARK DIES

Watson Clark, a young man of the Abbeville Cotton Mill village, died suddenly this morning while sitting in front of the store of Mr. McClelland chatting with friends. When he suddenly dropped from his seat, someone started for a doctor, but the dying man stated it was no use. He expired in a minute or two. Death was due to heart failure.

Watson Clark is a son of John Clark of the same village. Both father and son are well known in the city. Watson Clark was a soldier in the World War.

Funeral services will be conducted sometime tomorrow, the hour not having been yet fixed.

BACK FROM FLORIDA

Mrs. G. B. Greene and sons, Ben and Claude Earle, have returned from Florida, after a month's stay Mrs. Greene said that Florida was just as it has always been painted, and that the fruit was just as luscious, and she enjoyed every minute of her visit.—Anderson Daily Mail.

TO ATTEND MEETING

About two-thirds of the teachers in the city schools are planning to attend the teachers' meeting in Due West Saturday at noon. If weather continues fair the trip will be made in cars but if the rain comes before Saturday the trip will be made via Hodges on the Southern.

BIRTH NOTICE.

Born at Abbeville, S. C., Tuesday March 8th, 1921 to Mr and Mrs. Ernest H. McCord, a daughter.

'ROUND THE CITY HALL

Gamblers Caught And Contribute to City's Running Expenses—Water and Light Plant Makes Money—The City's Finances

Alex Simmons, Sam McAllister, Whit Grant, Robert Esly, I. N. Skelton, Robert Fisher, Clarence Blucher and L. T. Chester were before the mayor yesterday morning charged with gambling. Each was convicted and contributed ten dollars to the running expenses of the town.

Pearl Allen and R. J. Watt (the latter sometimes called Sugar Watt) were also charged with gambling, but the evidence to convict them was lacking, and they went free. "Sugar" got a good scare though. He got the first word that the "perleese" were after the gamblers and he made a line drive towards the back door. As he passed out he passed into the arms of policeman Crawford.

When asked why he was running if he was not gambling, Sugar said that a "perleese" acted on him "just like gasoline do on Mr. Henry's new car, I just can't keep from running when I look at an officer."

The city council met last night and attended to routine matters. The council has recently taken charge of the Water and Light Plant and last night confirmed the selection of Mr. Townsend as manager of the plant until the general election of officers in April.

Money in the Treasury

Mr. Townsend reported to the council that the Water and Light Plant had on hands in the way of profits the sum of two thousand dollars ready to be turned into the city treasury. All needed improvements have been made on the plant, and Mr. Townsend believes that hereafter the plant can turn a good sum into the city treasury each month.

The two thousand dollars was directed to be invested as a part of a sinking fund with which to retire the electric light bonds and the sewerage bonds, one thousand being appropriated for each sinking fund.

Commenting on the matter of sinking funds this morning, Mayor Mars stated that no sinking fund had therefore been provided for the retirement of the Electric light plant bonds, nor for the retirement of the sewerage bonds, until this appropriation. As the profits continue to come in from these plants the money, he thinks, should be applied to building up these sinking funds until they are sufficient with future annual appropriations to take care of these bonds.

Mayor Mars advised us that there is sufficient money in the sinking fund for the retirement of shop bonds to retire these when they mature January 1st, 1923. The money is loaned out at present but will be collected and the bonds will be retired at maturity. These bonds amount to \$14,000.

There is a sinking fund for the water works bonds, which now amounts to about fourteen thousand dollars. The amount of the water bonds is twenty-five thousand dollars. So that it appears that by the time these bonds mature there should be sufficient money to pay them.

A sinking fund has been provided for the retirement of the street bonds, and already the first payment on this fund has been made. The money is deposited in the banks of the city, so the mayor informs us, and at the next session of the General Assembly it is his plan to have a fiscal agent provided for, whose business it will be to collect and invest this money. The money in this way will be kept separate from the general funds of the city, and cannot be spent for other purposes.

Mrs. Robert Williamson has returned to Abbeville after a week spent in Atlanta.

RUSSIA IS MEETING MANY UPRISINGS

FORMER BRITISH SECRET SERVICE AGENT WHO SPENT TWO YEARS DISGUISED AS WORKMAN IN LAND OF SOVIET TELLS OF CONDITION IN VEXED COUNTRY

New York, March 8.—The present anti-Bolshevist uprising in Russia is not a new movement but one of a series of uprisings which occurred during the past three years and remained hidden beneath the veil of soviet censorship, Sir Paul Dukes former British secret service agent in Russia declared here today. Sir Paul, who spent more than two years in Russia disguised as a Russian workman, is now in the United States on a visit.

After having spent most of his life among the Russians, he volunteered in 1918 to replace the British naval and intelligence officer who was killed in Petrograd, and carried out work in disguise. He said he enjoyed the confidence of several soviet agents.

The first uprising, he said, occurred in 1918 when two commissioners were murdered by workmen. As a reprisal, Sioueff, president of the Third Internationale, and favorite of the ruffianly elements ordered divers persons shot. Three more uprisings, Sir Paul added, occurred in 1919, the first in March when two hundred workmen were ordered shot and the families of those who escaped were seized. A second outbreak during the elections of July, was quelled, he pointed out, "by mercenary Chinese and Lettish troops with many casualties." In October a delegation of workmen left Petrograd to meet the counter-revolutionary troops of General Yudenitch, then close to the city. One hundred and eight-nine workmen were shot "for this treachery to the soviet republic," Paul stated.

Disaffection among the sailors displayed itself early he pointed out and continued to show itself from time to time notably at the approach of the British fleet to Kronstadt in 1919. Uprisings in 1920 were sporadic ill organized and hampered by the operations of counter-revolutionary troops outside Russia, such as those of Wrangel, which roused the suspicions of the peasants and the workmen as to their motives.

Sr Paul declared it was his belief that the workmen, sailors and peasants only awaited the disappearance of these counter-revolutionary troops from the Russian borders to start the uprising which is now taking place.

London, March 8.—The Petrograd workmen are revolting against forced mobilization and have attacked the Soviet troops says a Helsingfors dispatch to the London Times. The soviets after street fighting took possession of the greater part of the city. The revolutionary leader, Koclovsk, is completely victorious, the dispatch adds the artillery having silenced the minor forts and is preparing to march on Petrograd. He has issued a proclamation to the effect that he is in a hurry to save the population from the oppression of a tyrannous clique.

Stockholm, March 8.—Refugees arriving on the frontier of Finland report that railway connections north and south of Petrograd have been cut as a result of the firing on the line from Kronstadt. The fog disappeared from the Finnish shore at 8 o'clock this morning and great clouds of smoke were seen hovering over Petrograd. Some time afterwards an airplane was seen to ascend and steer towards Systerbak, the aviator throwing out proclamation and bombs. Explosions of the bombs were seen from the Finnish shore.