

# Abbeville Press and Banner

Established 1844. \$2.00 Year. Tri-Weekly

Abbeville, S. C., Friday, November 18, 1921

Single Copies, Five Cents. 78th Year.

## CHINA'S PROPOSALS GET ATTENTION

**FAR EASTERN COMMITTEE FUNCTIONING VIGOROUSLY, ACCORDING TO BRITISH DELEGATES AMERICA WANTS OPEN DOOR.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—"Functioning vigorously" was the term used by the British delegates today in describing the activities of the committee appointed by them to consider the proposals made by China yesterday at the meeting of the committee on Far Eastern questions.

The subject of mandated islands is understood to be particularly subjected to a close study in view of a reference by Secretary Hughes yesterday to the matter in the course of his remarks opening the committee session naturally, the Australian and New Zealand members of the British delegation interest in this because of the suggestion in some quarters that Japan was preparing to offer to make concessions in the direction of opening to general trade without discrimination the formerly German owned islands in the Pacific north of the equator allotted to her under the Versailles treaty, providing the British would do the same for those islands south of the equator which had fallen to their share.

Naturally the American viewpoint is that the open door should prevail for all of these islands. Hence the British concern over the proposition.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The first meeting of the technical committee to which the armament program of the American delegation was referred yesterday adjourned at noon today until tomorrow. Various phases of the American plan were taken under consideration by the individual experts for each power preparatory to further committee discussion later.

With the American arms reduction proposal referred to a committee of naval advisers of the five great powers as he accepted fundamental policy on naval armaments, the Washington conference turned its attention today to the other big subject of the meeting, the far eastern situation. Apparently none of the nations was ready to present a comprehensive plan of settlement of the questions involved at the outset and the delegations of all the nine interested powers seemed to have adopted a waiting attitude as they prepared to meet in executive session this morning, as a committee of the whole, to take up this phase of the conference work.

Meanwhile the work of preparing a report on the American proposal for reduction of naval armaments, involving consideration of the modifications to be suggested by Great Britain and Japan under the reservations, with which the plan was accepted by them in principle and in spirit, along with France and Italy, at the open session yesterday, will go forward in the committee of five technical advisers appointed by the delegations of the big five powers in their later executive session. With Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, as chairman and representative of the United States, others composing the committee are Admiral Beatty for Great Britain, Vice Admiral de Bon for France, Vice Admiral Acton for Italy and Vice Admiral Kato for Japan.

### LEWIS COMES

**Teachers of County Meet Saturday In Court House.**

D. L. Lewis, rural school supervisor, is in Abbeville preparatory to the meeting tomorrow in the court house of the teachers of the county. He has been visiting the schools of the county and will be prepared in the course of his address tomorrow to give pertinent advice and criticism.

## KU KLUX COMING TO ABBEVILLE?

**CIRCULAR DISTRIBUTED MYSTERIOUSLY INVITES MEMBERS TO JOIN ORGANIZATION SAME TO NATION AS GUN IS TO HOME.**

Is the Ku Klux Klan planning to organize a kleg in Abbeville, or is there already a chapter of the organization here? This question is being asked by a number of citizens who have read the type-written bulletins mysteriously distributed over town in the last few days.

The appeal for members is neatly prepared on plain white paper, and contains no name or address. The sheets were found in stairways and store doors.

Following is the circular, which though not mentioning the name of the Ku Klux Klan specifically, is supposed to refer to that body:

"A personal friend presented you, name as one worthy in a certain order and you will be, or have already been approached by a personal friend regarding same.

"You know what every hyphenated citizen, shade of opinion and color of skin in this land is organized to advance its particular aims except real Americans, who seem content to leave their interests in the hands of the other fellow: The American Indian tried that.

"If you want to affiliate with an organization that is sweeping the country from coast to coast—one that is determined to preserve the Anglo-Saxon civilization bought and purified by the blood of our forefathers; one that will create and preserve a wholesome regard for law and order, and forever keep the ship of state in the hands of worthy Americans, let us hear from you.

"This organization is to the Nation what a gun is to the home—not there for any 'particular' one, but for any disturber, and is entitled to and needs your support to render it more speedily operative, but if you feel you cannot measure up to the manhood of your forefathers please remain quiet regarding this order, and to the world hereafter you know nothing of the existence of such an order; however, should your life, liberty, property, happiness or country be imperiled, WE'LL DO."

### MRS. EUGENE STONE

Mrs. Eugene Stone died at her home near Abbeville Wednesday morning after an illness of about two weeks. Funeral services and interment were held at Mt. Bethel Thursday, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Telford.

Mrs. Stone was about 30 years of age. She is survived by her husband and four small children of near this place, her father, Mr. Davis Branynon, four brothers, and two sisters, all of whom live in and around Honea Path.

For several years she was a faithful member of Keowee Baptist church. She was a devoted wife and mother and was loved by all who knew her.

### NEW POLICEMAN

**J. A. Schroeder Takes Up Duties Saturday**

At a meeting of city council last night, J. A. Schroeder was elected policeman. He will go on duty tomorrow. Mr. Schroeder, until recently a resident of Abbeville, will give up his job as policeman in Columbia where he has been for sometime. He and his daughter, Miss Eleanor, who joined him in Columbia about a month ago, will move back to Abbeville in a few days.

### COTTON MARKET

With little trading in progress, the cotton market was quiet today at 17 1-2 cents.

## NEWBERRY CASE BEFORE SENATE

**LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN CONSIDERATION.—REPUBLICANS FORCE BODY TO WORK OVER TIME BUT LITTLE IS ACCOMPLISHED.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—The senate took up the report of the privileges and election committee today on the contest of Henry Ford against the seating of Truman H. Newberry (Republican) of Michigan, who was his opponent in the 1918 election, and although the debate was at times heated and a night session was forced, little progress was made toward a vote.

The debate was opened by Chairman Spencer of the privilege and elections committee, who supported the report of the majority calling for the seating of Senator Newberry, and in general defended the senator and his 1918 campaign. In concluding his address Senator Spencer suggested that Senator Pomerene (Democrat) of Ohio, representing the minority views of the committee, proceed with a statement, but the latter declined, saying that he was indisposed and would not speak at the night session.

As the night session wore on through quorum calls and a cross-fire of political debate Senator Harrison (Democrat) of Mississippi, who previously had charged the Republicans with attempting to force through the resolution for seating Mr. Newberry when the armament conference was occupying the public attention, took the floor and began to read the majority and minority report. Senator Spencer and other Republicans denied that they were attempting to force the resolution through and said they were ready to vote. But Mr. Harrison and Senators Walsh of Montana and Swanson of Virginia then began an attack in which they accused the Republicans of seeking a night session in revenge for the refusal through the objection of Senator Watson of Georgia earlier in the day for a unanimous consent agreement to vote on the resolution December 28.

## COUNTY MEETINGS LARGELY ATTENDED

According to reports reaching Abbeville today the meetings held at five points in the county to discuss farming under boll weevil conditions have been largely attended. Messrs. Winter and Watkins have presented their subject in a pleasing manner and have aroused much interest. It is thought that the farmers will benefit greatly by their talks, especially that part which dealt with increased production and how to get it.

The speakers were delighted with the reception they received in the county. They believe that other speakers should follow them with a presentation of other phases of agriculture, which would be especially timely at this time.

### THOUGHT HIS SON WAS

**COON, KILLED IN TREE**

Baxley, Ga., Nov. 16.—Mistaking Aaron, his 15 year old son, who had climbed a tree for a raccoon, Glenn Tomberlin, negro, shot and killed the boy, according to the story Tomberlin told officers. No arrest was made.

### MARY LOUISE BETTER

Little Mary Louise Benton, who has been desperately ill for several days was apparently better early this afternoon. It is thought that the crisis has passed.

## CUT ANNOUNCED IN FREIGHT RATE

**CHARGE ON FARM PRODUCTS REDUCED—BELIEVED THAT CHANGE WILL BE MADE WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS—10 PER CENT LOWER**

New York, Nov. 16.—The Association of Railway Executives, representing 201 railroads today decided to put into effect a 10 per cent freight rate reduction on all farm products, "as soon as possible." The reduction, it was announced, would not apply to intrastate rates in New England, but would affect freight entering and leaving those states.

Announcing the decision, Thomas DeWitt Cuyler, president of the association, stated that any reduction in such rates made since September 1, 1920, to be included in the 10 per cent reduction and that it would be put into effect without waiting for a reduction in wages. The freight rate cut will apply throughout the entire South except on traffic moving wholly within New England. It was expected that the new rate would be effective within ten days as the railroads, it was said, have asked the interstate commerce commission, through their general counsel, to authorize the change on ten days' notice. The reduction will cost the railroads about \$55,000,000, it was estimated.

"The railroads have already reduced freight rates substantially from the level established by the commission in August, 1920," Mr. Cuyler's statement said. "The reductions already made are estimated as accurately as can be to involve a loss of revenue at the rate of from \$175,000,000 to \$200,000,000 annually. These reductions on many roads represent a loss greater than any corresponding saving realized from reductions in wages already effected. The railroads are furthermore, awaiting decisions of the labor board, which, it is hoped, will relieve the companies of the expense of many onerous and uneconomical working conditions. The railroads are not in a financial condition to make this sacrifice.

## SHOT WEEK AGO T. L. CANN DIES

T. Lester Cann, deputy sheriff who was shot last Thursday night in the pistol duel in which Policeman H. B. Cannon was killed and Policeman Crawford was wounded, died at 10 o'clock this morning. Almost from the first his physician entertained no hope for his recovery, although at various times throughout the period it was said that he would survive. His death was due to blood poisoning.

The funeral will be at the residence tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and interment at Melrose cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, George, a student at Clemson College, and Mahlon, an express messenger with headquarters in Atlanta; four brothers, Samuel Cann, Jesse, Will and McKinney Cann, three sisters, Mrs. A. H. Barnett and Mrs. Richard Simpson, all living in this county, and Mrs. L. Smith of Atlanta.

### LAST BUTTER SCORING

The last scoring in the butter contest was held in the court house last Tuesday afternoon, at which time prizes were awarded and grades announced. The contest has proven very successful and the leaders in the movement as well as those who participated, are well pleased with the results.

## DRESEL REMAINS AT GERMAN POST

**WILL BE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN BERLIN—BELIEVED THAT GERMANY'S REPRESENTATION AT WASHINGTON WILL ALSO BE CHARGE FOR TIME.**

Washington, Nov. 17.—Nomination of Ellis Lofing Dresel of Boston, now United States commissioner to Germany, to be charge d'affaires to that country was said in official circles today to mean that probably no ambassador would be sent by the United States to Berlin for a time at least. Although officials said the decision to entrust American representation in the German capital to a charge d'affaires was reached independently of any proposals from the German government, it is considered quite probable here that Germany will be likewise represented in Washington for some time.

Mr. Dresel's presence in Berlin will enable prompt resumption of diplomatic relations as soon as the senate acts on his nomination. This is expected to be only a matter of several days.

Mr. Dresel is regarded highly by administration officials, who point out as one of his achievements the negotiation of the treaty of peace between the United States and Germany. He is a lawyer and lived in Germany a number of years. He was visiting in Berlin when the world war broke out, and, because of his wide experience, was of great assistance to Americans who became stranded in Germany during that period. After the war he was appointed an expert adviser to the American delegation at the peace conference and later was at the peace conference and later was elected American commissioner to Germany under the department of commerce, in which capacity he has since served.

### MASONS LEAVE

**Methosist Minister Takes Up New Charge at Cowpens**

The Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Mason left Wednesday for Cowpens, Cherokee county, where Mr. Mason will assume the pastorate of that charge. Mr. Mason was pastor of the Abbeville Circuit, Sharon, and Grace church, until the conference assigned him to the new place at Cowpens.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason have made many friends during their stay in Abbeville and there is much regret that they are gone to another community.

The new minister, the Rev. J. B. Kilgore, comes from Rock Hill circuit, where he was very successful in his work. He and his family will be welcomed to their new home.

### Prof. Gunter Ill.

Greenville, Nov. 16.—Friends of Prof. Luceo Gunter, head of the department of education at Furman University, who has been desperately ill for the past several weeks, will be interested in knowing that in a last heroic effort to prolong his life, his physicians have taken him to a noted specialist in New York. Unless he can obtain relief there, little or no hope is held out for his recovery.

### ONE FIRE ALARM

The firemen responded late yesterday afternoon to a call from Vienna street, where an oil stove in the home of Mrs. Alice Guy caused a small blaze. The fire was extinguished without the use of the equipment and without doing much damage.

### COL. HENDERSON DEAD

Col. Dan S. Henderson, 72 years of age, prominent lawyer of Aiken, died at 1:15 o'clock this morning. Col. Henderson was well known throughout the state.

## WOMEN OF STATE HOLD CONVENTION

**DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN SESSION. MRS. CHARLES WHITE NASH OF NEW YORK BRINGS GIFT FOR TAMASSEE.**

Charleston, Nov. 16.—Mrs. C. B. Huiet's lovely voice rising full and clear in the D. A. R. song, "Carolina," assisted by a chorus of fresh young voices, opened this morning the 25th annual convention of the South Carolina branch of the organization meeting in the old Exchange building for the first time since the building became the property of the society.

Mrs. Franklin C. Cain, state regent, opened the convention by saying that it was most appropriate that the conference be held in Charleston where the worthy deeds of the past were being repeated in the present.

Mrs. Marie Gary Eason, regent of Rebecca Motte, the hostess chapter, welcomed the delegates, saying that the chapter had looked forward to having them again for the 15 years since the last convention had been held in Charleston, paying tribute to the late Mrs. Fanny Jones, then regent of the chapter. Mrs. Eason declared the chapter was particularly glad to welcome the visitors in the new home in the historic building which was their joint possession, and expressed the hope that it would "prove a tie that binds, incentive to continue work, and inspire to something greater." She then announced the receipt of a letter from Mayor Grace, whose absence from the city prevented his making an address of welcome. His letter was read by Miss Louise Poppenheim and was a greeting to the convention which was received with applause.

Mrs. E. C. vonTresckow, third vice president, responded, saying she was doubly glad to do so, as it was her last opportunity to speak before her "beloved Daughters" before going to her far away home in Chile, closing with the words, "We are glad we are here because we are here." Mrs. vonTresckow later tendered her resignation.

Mrs. Charles White Nash, regent of the New York state branch, was introduced and spoke happily of her pleasure at being present and brought graceful greetings from the Empire state to the Palmetto state. Mrs. Nash's address was of particular interest in that she spoke of the work being done by the New York state branch in preserving records, patriotic education and Americanization, and pleading for a national policy to be followed by every state. She referred to the memorial hall in Washington, where the disarmament conference is being held as evidence of what the organization can do when it adopts a national plan. She also spoke of New York's admiration and interest in Tamassee and declared they wished to help in every way possible. The local regent's greeting had been preceded by the impressive flag ceremony of the society under the direction of the chairman of the flag committee, Mrs. Landrum of Greenville, and an invocation by the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

### ARBUCKLE TRIAL LAGS

**One Week To Pick Jury—Testimony Comes Monday.**

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 17.—While prospects seemed bright for completion late today of a jury in the Arbuttle case, indications were that the introduction of testimony would not begin until Monday. Opening statements of counsel are expected to occupy all the intervening court sessions.

Twelve temporarily accepted jurors, three of them women, were in the box when court adjourned last evening.