

SIXTEEN ... THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY

Miss Langford Entertains—The William Lester Chapter, U. D. C.—Personal Mention.

Special to The Herald and News.

Prosperity, Jan. 31.—Miss Annie Lee Langford entertained Saturday evening in honor of her house guest, Miss Connelly of Ninety Six.

Miss Willie Mae Wise returned Sunday from a month's stay at Rock Hill, where she has been specializing in her work as tomato club organizer of Newberry county.

Mr. W. J. Wise spent the week-end in Columbia.

Mrs. Tinsley of Spartanburg has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Langford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Goggans of Columbia spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyche.

The William Lester chapter, U. D. C., meets Tuesday afternoon, February 1, with Mrs. J. I. Bedenbaugh.

Mrs. Bachman Richardson is spending a few days with her parents near Pomaria.

Mrs. Dolly Shealy had as her guest last week Mrs. Roscoe Shealy and little son of Pomaria.

Misses Virginia Lee and Doris Kinard of Little Mountain are the guests of Mrs. Joe Hartman.

Miss Nan Hunter of the St. Luke section is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Hawkins.

Mr. S. S. Birge is spending the week in Columbia.

Miss Pearl Taylor and Mr. Kellus Mitchell of Lexington spent Saturday with Mrs. Pat Mitchell.

Rev. E. W. Leslie has gone to Estill to visit his brother.

Rev. Curtison and family of Newberry spent Sunday with Mrs. O. S. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Shealy and family spent Sunday in Newberry.

Mr. J. F. Brown has been called to Cherryville, N. C., on account of the critical condition of his father.

Rev. W. I. Herbert, presiding elder, is holding quarterly conference today at the Methodist church.

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PROTEST INTERFERENCE WITH U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

REPLY FROM GREY PROMISES ACTION.

The American Note to Great Britain is Clear and Vigorous in Its Terms.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The text of the American protest to Great Britain against interference with neutral mails made public tonight reveals that diplomatic and consular dispatches have been treated in a manner the United States considered "vexatiously inquisitorial." The note describes the practices of British officials as "unwarranted interference," and in urgently requesting a prompt reply, points out that "a strong feeling is being aroused" in this country because of the loss of valuable letters, while foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts because they have no assurances that drafts are secure in the mails.

The United States declares that the parcel post articles are entitled to the exemptions of neutral trade and denies the right of Great Britain to take neutral mail ships into British jurisdiction for purposes of search and then submit them to local censorship regulations. It also denied that the British government has authority over neutral sealed mails on ships which merely touch at British ports.

No Needless Delay.

With the text of the American note was made public Great Britain's ad interim reply, saying that Great Britain must consult with her allies before answering finally, but indicating that there will be no unnecessary delay.

The American note is in the form of a memorandum to Ambassador Page at London instructing him to file "a formal and vigorous protest." It is dated January 4 and in part is as follows:

"The department can not admit the right of British authorities to seize neutral vessels plying directly between American and European ports without touching at British ports to bring into port, and while there to remove or censor mails carried by them. Modern practice generally recognizes that mails are not to be censored, confiscated or destroyed on high seas, even when carried by belligerent mail

ships. * * * In cases where neutral mail ships merely touch at British ports the department believes that British authorities have no international right to remove the sealed mails or to censor them on board ship. * * * Strong Feeling Here.

"As a result of British action strong feeling is being aroused in this country on account of loss of valuable letters, money orders and drafts, and foreign banks are refusing to cash American drafts, owing to the absence of any security that the drafts will travel safely in the mails. Moreover, the detention of diplomatic and consular mails is an aggravating circumstance in a practice which is generally regarded in this country as vexatiously inquisitorial and without compensating military advantage to Great Britain. Please lay this matter immediately before the British government in a formal vigorous protest and press for a discontinuance of these unwarrantable interferences with inviolable mails. Impress upon Sir Edward Grey the necessity for prompt action."

Great Britain's ad interim reply, delivered to Ambassador Page January 25 and signed by Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, follows:

"The communication which your excellency was good enough to make on the 10th instant regarding the seizure of mails from neutral vessels raised important questions of principle in regard to the matters which are determined by the policy jointly decided and acted upon by the allied governments. His majesty's government are therefore compelled to communicate with their allies before they can send a reply to your memorandum. They are consulting with the French government in the first instance and I hope to be in a position before long to state the result of the consultation."

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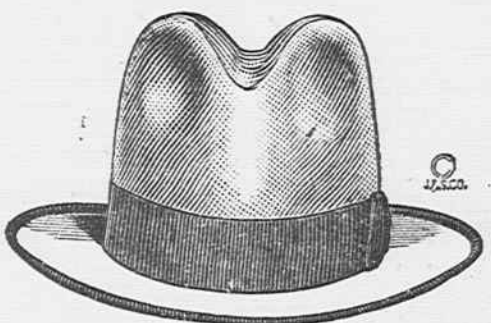
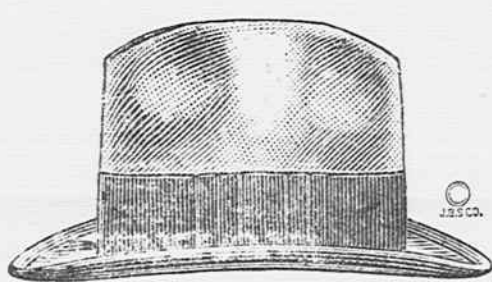
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