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CARRANZA WOULD BECOME PEACEMAKER FOR WORLD

Mexican First Chief Invites Neutrals to Join With Him in Stopping War by Prohibiting Exports of Foodstuffs and Munitions to Belligerent Nations.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Revolution-swept Mexico's defacto government entered the lists as an international peace maker today. With an identic note to all neutrals, it proposed a joint effort to end the European war, to be followed in the event of the failure by the cutting off of all exports of munitions and supplies to belligerents.

The communication was handed to the State department by R. P. Danegri, charge of the Carranza embassy here. It was received with expressions of mingled amusement and gravity in official quarters. There had been no decision tonight as to the American government's response but the prevailing opinion was that Secretary Lansing would reply promptly and briefly, referring to the futile effort of President Wilson to bring about peace and pointing out that under existing conditions an embargo on exports would be a breach of neutrality.

Among entente diplomats Carranza's action was denounced as additional evidence of German influence in Mexico and as another effort to becloud the issue and embarrass the United States in the situation resulting from Germany's new submarine campaign. Officials of the government were not so outspoken in voicing their opinions but those who commented informally frankly expressed the same view.

TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL TO HAVE OWN BUILDING

Bill Introduced in the Legislature Provides for Separate Building.

Under the provisions of a bill which has been passed through both houses of the General Assembly, a building may be erected in Laurens to house the teacher training school which is being conducted in the building of the Laurens graded school this year. The bill provides that the building shall cost around $20,000, half of the money to be provided by the county and half by the city, the city's share of the funds to be raised by a bond issue. By erecting this building the county will in all probability secure a part of the $70,000,000 appropriation made by the national government for vocational training.

The Laurens school was designated last year as one of the five schools in the state where teacher training schools would be placed by the state. The school here has met with such success that it has been given very favorable consideration by the department of education. Its object is to enable young people in this county and this section of the state to secure training as teachers which they could not otherwise obtain on account of lack of funds. This year thirteen young ladies are taking the course at the local teacher training school and it is thought that by providing a special building for class rooms and dormitory space a larger number still will be enabled to take the course. The principal advantage in erecting the building is to be secured through the reduction of living expenses of the students while taking the course, board in the dormitory being provided at actual cost. The bill providing for the building was introduced by the local delegation in both houses of the General Assembly and has passed both bodies. The bill now needs only to be ratified and signed by the Governor.

Rev. Rankin to Return.

Rev. C. F. Rankin, who has been undergoing treatment at an Atlanta hospital for several weeks, is said to be recovering and is expected home the latter part of this week. Rev. Rankin has been suffering from an affection of the tonsils and teeth.

Cotton Jumped Yesterday.

The cotton market was active yesterday, some months on the New York market showing advances of 85 points over the close of the day before. All options yesterday went ove rthe 16 cents level.

Chautauqua Coming in May.

Mr. B. L. Parkinson has received a letter from the Redpath chautauqua office stating that the date for the appearance of the chautauqua here will be about May 8th, though the date has not definitely been fixed. According to this letter the program this year is an unusually strong one, being even superior to that of last year which gave such general satisfaction.

Employs Architects for Residence.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster has employed the firm of Hemphill & Summer, of Greenwood, to draw plans for his new residence which he will build on his lot on South Harper street next to the entrance to the hospital. Mr. Lancaster expects to build a bungalo cottage of modern design.

TILLMAN PROBABLY BE IN RACE IN 1918

Tillman's Health Much Better and He May be Candidate to Succeed Self.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Representative Ragsdale today gave out the following statement relatives to his probable candidacy for the Senate in 1918:

"A number of my friends have urged me to enter the race for the United States Senate in 1918, and many gentlemen from my district have recently asked me whether or not it is my intention to be a candidate next year to succeed Senator Tillman.

"A while back when Senator Tillman's health was very much impaired he made a speech in which he stated that because of his physical condition he did not intend becoming a candidate for the Senate to succeed himself.

"Many of Senator Tillman's friends and supporters are very much distressed to learn that and I am sure they will be very much pleased to know that Senator Tillman's health is now better and that he is stronger than he has been for several years. I am quite sure that if Senator Tillman had been in the physical and mental condition that he now is, when he made the speech saying that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself, the statement would never have been made and I am equally sure that the people of South Carolina will welcome the news of his present condition of health and will insist on him serving them again. All who know of the present friendly relations between Senator Tillman and myself will not need any statement from me that in the event of his being in the race, as I confidently predict, that I not only will not ben in the race against him but I expect to be one of his warm friends and supporters. Senator Tillman's long service here in Washington has made for him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, and this with his powerful position as chairman of the Senate committee on naval affairs at this particular time when the navy means so much to our country, gives him far greater influence than we could expect any new senator to attain in a long period of service. What he can do for our country and the state he represents in this crisis would justify his re-election, aside from the debt of gratitude this is due him for all that he has done for South Carolina and the Democratic party in the past.

Epworth League Meeting.

The Epworth League will entertain at the home of Miss Helen Sullivan Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Feb. 20, 1917.

Costumes:

Come all ye ladies and gents to aid
In a Colonial Party and grand promenade;
Dressed as beloved Martha and dear George of old,
In bepowdered coiffeures and white wigs so bold.

Members of the Epworth League, all young men and young ladies (married and single) of the Methodist church, whether members or visitors, are cordially invited to attend.

No further invitation will be issued.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON FIRM FOOTING

Organized Wednesday Afternoon with W. L. Gray President and W. R. McCuen, Secretary.

At a called meeting of business and professional men held in the court house Wednesday afternoon a chamber of commerce was organized, a constitution adopted and officers elected for the ensuing year. W. L. Gray was elected president and W. R. McCuen secretary. The secretary, over his protest, was voted a nominal salary for the work which will fall upon him. S. M. Wilkes, Dr. W. H. Dial, E. P. Minter, R. R. Nickels, L. E. Burns and Allison Lee were elected a board of directions. Rev. H. S. Templeman was elected chaplain of the chamber. The president was authorized to appoint a membership committee and this committee will make its report at the next meeting, which is to be held this afternoon in the court house at 5 o'clock. A finance committee will also be appointed by the president. This committee will have in charge the collection of dues and the general oversight of the finances of the chamber.

The organization adopted a constitution which was thought would best meet the needs of a city the size of Laurens. It was patterned after the constitution of the Spartanburg chamber of commerce with some of the more complicated features eliminated. It was the sense of the meeting that a complicated constitution and excessive dues would hamper rather than promote the success of the enterprise.

The meeting Wednesday was the second meeting held in the interest of the chamber of commerce. The first meeting was an informal one held in the Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank the week previous, at which W. L. Gray presided and Arthur Lee acted as secretary. At that meeting twenty men pledged themselves to become members of the new organization as follows: W. R. McCuen, Alison Lee, E. P. Moore, J. H. Sullivan, Prof. Parkinson, Hunter Hunter, E. P. Minter, T. F. Switzer, Will Meng, J. W. Todd, Sr., Dr. J. H. Teague, C. R. Moseley, Albert Dial, L. E. Burns, H. D. Gray, Chas. Fleming, J. W. Todd, Jr., R. R. Nickels, Arthur Lee. A committee was appointed at that time to draft a constitution to submit to the temporary body and to nominate officers. Accordingly, at the meeting held Wednesday afternoon this constitution was submitted and adopted and the officers already named were placed in nomination and elected. In accepting the office of President Mr. Gray made a stirring speech pledging his best services to the newly formed body and calling upon the other citizens of the town to rally to its support. He pointed out the need of an effective organization in any city which seeks to grow and mentioned several instances where Laurens had suffered for the need of such an organization. Mr. McCuen objected strenuously to accepting any remuneration for his services, but upon a motion of Dr. W. H. Dial, a nominal salary was voted him over his protest.

Upon the adoption of the constitution the following additional men joined the organization: D. B. Swygert, Brooks Swygert, Robert Roper, R. A. Cooper, Dr. Dial, A. J. Davis, R. A. Babb, E. O. Anderson, J. E. Owings, M. L. Smith, R. F. Jones, J. F. Tolbert, S. H. Templeman, J. H. Powe, L. B. Blackwell, C. M. Miller, E. M. Wolff, E. B. Machen, S. M. Wilkes, E. D. Easterby, W. M. Dial, T. E. Babb, S. H. Barton.

Some difference of opinion arose as to the best plan of securing members but upon a motion of R. A. Cooper it was decided to have a membership committee to serve three months at a time, the president being authorized to name the committee. Mr. Gray later named Messrs. M. L. Smith, Fleming Jones and W. E. Meng. This committee has partially completed a canvas and submitted the following names to the directors who accepted them as members of the body: L. H. Taylor, Thos. W. Bennett, W. E. Clardy, R. C. Gray, L. G. Balle, W. G. Lancaster, J. A. Taylor, J. W. McKee, Jr., H. C. Fleming, E. H. Wilkes, Jas. T. Crews, A. L. Mahaffey, W. C. Fowler, Henry C. Rohr, H. K. Aiken, O. B. Simmons, J. E. Switzer, T. L. Monroe, Moseley & Roland, J. C. Shell, Jack McCravy, T. E. Todd, M. J. Owings, F. H. Caine, W. B. Sloan, J. M. Hunter, J. M. Philpot, G. C. Albright, T. D. Lake, Jr., W. D. Ferguson, J. M. Bearden, B. L. Clardy, F. P. Charakos, J. J. Adams, C. H. Roper, M. L. Copeland, C. W. Tune, Clyde T. Franks, I. N. Owens, John A. Franks, Henry Franks, Y. S. Gilkerson, W. L. Cannon, J. N. Wright, Benchoff's 5 & 10 Cent Store, Laurens Hardware Co., Nick Pellas, Machen Grocery Co., R. J. Franks, W. C. Blakeley, C. E. McKinney, John W. Fowler, William T. Moore, C. B. Bobo, J. C. Owings, Nat Kennedy, E. S. Hudgens, A. D. Putnam.

Another meeting of the chamber is to be held this afternon at 5 o'clock in the court house when committee reports will be heard. A meeting place will have to be decided on and also the time of the monthly meetings.

There was a general expression of optimism following the adjournment of the meeting. It was generally felt that the organization has been put on a firm foundation and that it will prove a valuable asset to every phase of life in the city. The members feel that they have live officers at the head of it and that each member will cooperate to make it a success. The chamber now has approximately one hundred members.

TEACHERS MET SATURDAY.

In the Absence of Dr. D. W. Daniel, a Short Talk was Made by P. W. Moore, Farm Demonstrator.

The county teachers assoication held its monthly meeting in the graded school building Saturday morning, the attendance being very good considering the weather and condition of the roads. Dr. D. W. Daniel, who was expected to make an address could not be on hand on account of an accident befalling his young daughter. In his absence a short talke on vegetable and flower for beds was made by Mr. P. W. Moore, county farm demonstrator. The rural school supervisor, Mr. Peterson, also spoke a few words on that subject.

Much of the business session of the association was taken up with plans for the state teachers association meeting in Columbia in March. The county association has secured an invitation to hold a model monthly meeting before the state body. It was decided that all the teachers would go down to Columbia on the morning train Thursday of the week the association meets. The Laurens teachers will be on the program at 3:30 Thursday afternoon.

A short discussion also took place in regard to the annual county school fair. The teachers were advised that the fair ballotts would be mailed to them very shortly and that a successful fair is again anticipated.

Upon a motion of Prof. Daniel, of Clinton, a committee was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions upon the death of Prof. W. K. Tate, formerly state supervisor of rural schools. Prof. Daniel, Prof. R. T. Wilson and Miss Wofford were appointed on the committee.

Preceding the business session, demonstration classes were held in two of the class rooms.

SLAYER OF BOYCE E. WOLFF IS PROBABLY LYNCHED

Negro Thought to be His Slayer Killed by Arkansas Mob.

According to an Associated Press dispatch in the daily papers Saturday, the slayer of Boyce E. Wolff, a native of this county, who was killed by a negro in Mississippi last year, was lynched by an Arkansas mob recently shortly after he had killed a deputy sheriff who had gone to arrest him. The death of Mr. Wolff, who was a son of Mr. Geo. Wolff of this county, was recorded in this paper shortly after the occurrence last year. The following is the dispatch which appeared Saturday:

Proctor, Ark., Feb. 9.—A negro known here as James Smith, but believed by officers to be Coy Anderson, wanted at Beroit, Miss., for the killing of a plantation manager named Wolff, was hanged near Proctor today by a mob which surrounded him in a swamp after the killing of Fred H. Hicks, a deputy sheriff. The negro is alleged to have shot and killed Hicks when the officer attempted to arrest him for creating a disturbance on a plantation near here. The negro was captured and hanged to a telegraph pole when he attempted to escape from the swamp.

CRISIS LIKELY TO COME TO CLIMAX

Officials Expect Serious Developments this Week.

Washington, Feb. 12.—From well posted naval officers, who would not speak for publication but who discussed the situation in an informal private way here today, it was ascertained that the navy department and the government authorities generally are expecting to see the present week become a deciding one in its relations with Germany.

Complications which have been feared, but which has been hoped might be avoided will either be almost certain to become realities or amicable relations, to as great a degree as are possible under the present circumstances, will be established. In other words, what the public men have to say is this: all of that Germany now anticipates that the United States would actually begin preparations for war on a simple scale as was seen last week, when the ultimatum of that government was sent here laying down certain rules for sailing and being answered and counted at this action on the part of the government of the United States, object is in carrying with regard to the latest proposal for a week's parley, on the other hand, it is felt more than a bare possibility, a use to gain time, and that within the next few days, ultimatum will be sent it means almost certain severance of diplomatic relations, on the subscription venture.

While of course no one knows what the final purpose of the German authorities could not be learned here today for the simple reason that those who would even discuss the matter informally did not know. There was however an undercurrent of fear to be noticed which would indicate that the belief is present that Germany has been making use of the last week in order to better prepare herself, if she can do it, for whatever opposition the United States may offer. Only the next few days, it is believed, will demonstrate which of these theories is correct.

In connection with the general precaution which the United States is taking to meet whatever trouble may arise, it was also ascertained today that very soon the strictest kind of vigilance will be used in the admission of persons not only to the White House, the state, war and navy building, and the treasury building, but also to any of the streets around them. It is proposed to practically prohibit any traffic of any kind whatever on Pennsylvania avenue on the side next to the treasury building, on up to and past the White House and beyond the state, war and navy buildings. No one would be allowed to walk on the side of the streets on which these buildings face and employes and others having business in them, must not only show their passes, properly made out, but they must approach the one entrance which will be open and enter the particular building from a point directly opposite the door. Entrance may not be had from any other place. These buildings would thus be made as safe as it is possible for human ingenuity to devise.

It is probable that these regulations will go into effect immediately and with the stringent rules in operation at the capitol it will now be impossible for any one to enter without a pass. It may be seen that there is fear lest some of the government buildings might suffer.

It is impossible to get naval officers to talk for publication and whatever news gets out is censored strictly before being given to the press, but the fact that the buildings just mentioned are soon to be cut off from all except those with passes and that even to them the most stringent regulations will be enforced, leads to the belief that the authorities are far from satisfied with the present situation.

To Hold Revival.

Rev. S. H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist church has announced from his pulpit that special revival services will be held in that church at an early date, beginning about six weeks from now. Dr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport, La., has been secured to conduct the services. Dr Dodd is considered one of the most gifted preachers in the south and his coming here will be of wide interest.

DURANT MEASURE PASSES SENATE

Allows Quart a Month on Prescription.

GOES TO HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION

No Provision is Made for Whiskey as a Beverage. But Allowed for Medicinal Purposes Only. Provision Made for Sacramental Wines.

Columbia, Feb. 13.—The senate last night after a prolonged discussion of the prohibition measure passed the Durant bill by a vote of 29 to 16. Provisions of the bill are that but one quart of liquor may be obtained each month, and this on a physician's prescription. No provision is made for the use of whiskey as a beverage. Drinkers of the liquor may procure a quart of wine each month for sacramental purposes. The vote was:

Yeas: Beasley, Beattie, Black, Blease, Buck, Durant, Dorse, Epps, E. C., Epps, R. D., Evans, Fridy, Gaud, Griffith, Grist, Johnson, Johnstone, Kerrison, McCown, McLeod, Napoleon, O'Dell, Padgett, Pardo, Sidnell, Robinson, Senior, Sherard, Stogner, Wheeler, 29.

Nays: Benham, Carter, Fraseljon, Hughes, Jeter, Rogers, Sinkler, Smoak, Stanley, Williams, 10.—10.

Should the lower house approve, the measure is to become effective within 20 days after having been signed by the governor. Section 11 of the Dullant bill, which was the storm centre, about which continuous battle has been waged the last four or five legislative days, reads:

"No common carrier shall deliver any alcoholic liquors to any person on a physician until he has filed with the delivering carrier a prescription, signed by a physician in good standing for the same, bearing date within one week of said delivery, and containing the name of the patient, the nature of the disease, and the signature of the physician and also made and filed an affidavit that said patient is sick and that said alcoholic liquors or beverages are obtained for said patient, that the consignee is twenty-one years old and that he has not received any other package of alcoholic liquors or beverages within the same calendar month, and also that the agent of said delivering carrier is the nearest office to his place of residence; and said affidavits and prescriptions shall be filed according to dates of deliveries of said alcoholic liquors or beverages and kept one year by said common carrier and shall be open to inspection by any person. Any physician in regular practice may receive not exceeding one quart in any one month without prescription and without affidavit that same is for any particular patient, but all of the other provisions shall be complied with.

"Any physician issuing a prescription for alcoholic liquors or beverages shall file within one week thereafter, with the clerk of the court of county in which he resides, a statement showing name of patient, amount and date prescribed, which statement shall be open to public inspection. After one year from date of filing, clerk of the court shall destroy all the statements and reports filed with him under this act."

Operatives Given Increase.

Ware Shoals, Feb. 12.—The operatives throughout the plant were delightfully surprised the 5th of this month when it was publicly announced that they were granted a 10 per cent raise. It was given without being asked for by the employees.

All houses in the place are to be painted at an early date, inside and out. Electric lights are to be installed in every house.

There is one car load of looms on the side track now to be installed in mill No. 2.

Dr. Brimm Preached Sunday.

Dr. D. J. Brimm, of Clinton, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at the morning and evening services Sunday, Rev. Rankin being away from the city. Dr. Brimm preached two forceful sermons which were given close attention by the congregations which heard him.