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BRYAN RESIGNS AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

Differences with President Wilson over Situation with Germany Cause His Action--Amazement Felt at His Conduct both at Home and Abroad.

Washington, June 8.—William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and author of nearly thirty peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned today as Secretary of State as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the Government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the President. The Cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting Secretary Robert Lansing will sign the document and tomorrow it will be cable to Berlin.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life tomorrow, when his resignation takes effect. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the President.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the Cabinet

would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, the prevention of war."

The President accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affection.

That there had been friction between the President and Mr Bryan has been the undercurrent of comment for several weeks, but as the President, heretofore, had always been able to secure the acquiescence of the Secretary in his point of view, talk of resignation was discounted generally. It came to light today that the position of Mr Bryan in the Cabinet recently become embarrassing—his advocacy of peace being so pronounced that other members of the Cabinet who felt that the United States should assert its policy, irrespective of the consequences, were understood to have on one occasion declared their intention of resigning if a policy of firmness and vigor were not adopted.

WHEN DISCORD BEGAN.

The real disagreement dates back to the famous session of the Cabinet when the note of May 13, following

the sinking of the Lusitania, was drafted, informing Germany that the United States would not omit "any word or any act" to protect its rights. At that time Mr Bryan made a speech counselling peaceful measures and cautious action. He gave his consent to signing the note only after it was tentatively arranged that a statement should be issued at the White House and transmitted to the German Government announcing that, inasmuch as Germany had accepted the principle of the peace treaties negotiated between the United States and other countries, differences between the two nations might be adjusted by a commission of investigation. Opposition to this course was most vehement in some Cabinet quarters, and the President after having considered at length Mr Bryan's suggestion finally disapproved it at the hour the note was sent. Some Cabinet officers argued that such an appendix to the note of May 13 would be construed abroad as a weakening of the American position, and their counsel prevailed.

Since then the official relations of Mr Bryan with the President and the other Cabinet officers have been somewhat strained, although the closest personal friendship has been maintained.

Mr Bryan's action was received in official circles with undisguised amazement. It is said that his intimate friends advised against it. The resignation occupied the leading position in the London newspapers, which also expressed great astonishment but believed that President Wilson's hands were not weakened.

Confederate Vets. Honor Jackson

Richmond, Va, June 3:—Nearly 6,000 veterans of the Confederacy braved wind and rain today to march through the streets and to lay the corner-stone of a monument to "Stonewall" Jackson.

The ceremonies marked the close of their annual reunion. In the parade, with the veterans, were the famous Richmond Light Infantry Blues and their guests, the first company, Governor's Foot Guard of Connecticut. Major William A Anderson, former Attorney General of Virginia, delivered the address at the corner-stone laying. The monument will cost \$30,000, contributed by school children and patriotic societies of the South, the Legislature of Virginia and the city of Richmond.

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SCRANTON SKETCHES.

Death's Grim Harvest--School Notes--Personal Mention.

Scranton, June 8:—One of the town's aged inhabitants passed into the great beyond Tuesday, June 1, in the person of Mrs Hester Poston. The deceased was about 77 years of age and had been confined to her bed for sixteen months. Skilled physicians and willing hands did everything possible for her relief. Interment was made the following day in the Beulah burying ground.

The town was again shocked Thursday, 3d inst, when the announcement was made that little Isabelle, the 18-months-old daughter of Mrs Chessie Ward, was dead. She had been sick only a short time and was thought to be better, but a relapse set in and death resulted. Interment took place at Bethel cemetery, Rev J W Truluck officiating.

The report of Dr C H Pate, vital statistics registrar for Lee and Lake townships, to June 7 shows 53 births and 26 deaths, with the report of his assistant for May yet to be received.

A petition asking that the county school board declare compulsory school attendance in force in Scranton school district has been presented to the Board of Education. As three-fourths of the electors signed, no election will be necessary.

Mr C E Graham attended the commencement exercises at Coker college last week, where his sister, Miss Saddle, completed a post-graduate course. Miss Hessie Graham also attended.

Scranton Council, Junior Order American Mechanics, held its regular meeting last Friday night. Several encouraging talks were made. The next regular meeting, Friday, June 18, will be made a big event. A prominent speaker will be secured and cold refreshments served. Unfavorable weather the past winter prevented a full attendance, but the council is taking on new life now, and every member is urged to be present June 18. Several speakers will be on the programme, and an enjoyable evening is assured. Visiting Juniors cordially welcomed.

Mr W W Graham attended the Confederate reunion at Richmond, Va, last week.

Miss Fannie Cannon has been elected a teacher in the graded school, which completes the faculty for the next term.

Several citizens are attending court at Florence this week. I M G.

A town is like a girl. It's wonderful what a little fixing up will do for her.—Barnwell People.

Harvin Happenings.

Harvin, June 4:—Master Alvin Blackwell of Brogdon, the youngest son of Mr and Mrs John A Blackwell, who has been desperately ill in the Tourmey hospital at Sumter for the past week, died yesterday morning at 3 o'clock and was buried that evening in the old family burying ground, near Brogdon, on Boots Branch, where sleep the earthly remains of his ancestors for more than five generations. The services at the grave were conducted by Rev W D Spinks, pastor of the Graham Baptist church.

The youngest child of Mr and Mrs W E Merritt, who now live at Wallace, N C, died yesterday in that town and the remains will be brought to Mullins today for interment in the Merritt family burying ground near that place Saturday. Mr and Mrs Merritt lived at New Sumter for a number of years. Harvin is the old home of Mrs Merritt, who before her marriage was Miss Marina Manning Harvin, only daughter of the late Arthur and Mrs Sallie Maybin Harvin. Mr Merritt, who is a nephew of Capt D W Alderman, at one time lived at Alcolu.

Mrs Emma Faunce-Ross of Philadelphia, who has been visiting friends

at Greelyville and came up to Harvin to be present at the Bradham-Harvin wedding last evening, will spend some days with Mrs Alexander Manigault Keels and Miss Kitty McFaddin before returning home. Mrs Faunce-Ross has many warm friends in this section, who are always glad to have her with them.

Mr and Mrs Evan Eugene Hodge of Beaufort have returned to Harvin for a short visit to their relatives, Mr and Mrs Wm Blackwell.

Miss Lula Keels, who has been attending college at Littleton, N C, has returned home for her summer vacation.

There is much complaint throughout this section at the apparent great error made by some in reporting the condition of the cotton crop in South Carolina to the Federal Government to be greater than the facts warrant and many have registered complaints by addressing their respective Congressmen and the United States Senators from this State asking that the matter be investigated. The crop in this section, according to the most conservative farmers, is at least 25 days late and the average condition at best is not, or was not at the time, more than 62% compared with a perfect crop May 25. Evidently, according to the opinion of the best farmers hereabouts, some one had made a great mistake. B H H.

The Careful Man sees that his son starts a Bank Account



"AS THE TWIG IS BENT SO THE BOUGH IS INCLINED."
WHEN YOUR BOY IS YOUNG IS THE TIME TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THAT HIS MONEY IS HIS BEST FRIEND. IF HE PUTS IT IN THE BANK, HIS PRIDE IN HIS BANK ACCOUNT WILL HELP HIM TO INCREASE IT.
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