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NEW U. S. NOTE TO ENGLAND TO BE DECIDED IN ITS LANGUAGE

WILL SHARPLY INSIST UPON MODIFICATIONS OF TREATMENT MAILS

NATION'S POSITION

Haste By United States Would Appear That U. S. Acting At Behest of Germany

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 15.—Negotiations with Great Britain regarding interference with mails and interruptions of neutral trade will be resumed shortly. A note insisting sharply upon modifications of the treatment of mails is already being prepared. A reply to the latest British note on neutral trade interruptions will be begun in the near future. Great Britain's reply is considered unsatisfactory to President Wilson.

The United States' new demand, it is said, will be more decided in its language than the first. Germany's last submarine note, by insisting that the United States take steps to force the modification of the allies blockade, made it difficult for the United States to take up the neutral trade question with England at once. It was intimated by Secretary Lansing last week that hurried action on the part of the United States would look as though this country was acting at the behest of the German government.

MOTHER SING FOR CHILDREN

Greenville Woman Claims Husband Deserted Her And Carried Off Two Daughters

Greenville, May 15.—Alleging that her husband, David R. Belcher, who died on May 2, 1916, deserted her last November and took with him their two daughters Evangeline, aged 4, and Vivian, an infant, Mrs. Emma Belcher has entered suit for the custody of the children through habeas corpus proceedings, and the petition will be heard before Judge J. T. Mauldin in the court of sessions Tuesday morning. This action was brought so that the court may determine upon the proper custody of the children, who are now reported to be in the possession of Mr. Belcher's mother, Mrs. Narcissus Belcher, who resides near Mills mill.

Mrs. Belcher, the petitioner alleges that her husband went to live with his mother when he left her and that she was denied the privilege of even seeing her children. She contends that he even struck and ran her off from his mother's home. She also alleges that after he had abandoned her he went to her home and took some of the household goods. The mother prays from a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that they are her children and that she is capable of supporting them. She has retained counsel for the purpose of making a hard fight, if necessary, to secure the little tots. Mrs. Narcissus Belcher, it is understood, will also make a determined effort through counsel to retain her grandchildren.

"HE'S PERSONALLY OBNOXIOUS" SAID A SENATE MEMBER

George Rublee Lanes Place On The Federal Trade Commission

Washington, May 15.—The senate today rejected the nomination of George Rublee Lanes of New Hampshire, as a member of the federal trade commission by a vote of forty-two to thirty-six. Rublee, who has been serving on the commission under recess appointment, was opposed by Senator Gallagher of New Hampshire on the ground that he is "personally obnoxious."

U. S. TROOPS SLAY VILLA LEADER AND 2 OF FOLLOWERS

Americans in Skirmish With Band of Bandits While Out Foraging And Are Victorious—Conference at El Paso Has Created Better Understanding Between Governments

(By Associated Press.)
Lake Itasca, Mexico, May 15.—(Wireless to Columbus).—Three bandits, including Julio Cardenas, Villa leader were killed with an American detachment near Rubio ranch, twenty miles east of here today. The Americans, twelve in number, comprised an automobile detachment under Lieutenant George S. Dutton out foraging. No American casualties.

A Better Understanding

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 15.—Both the State department and Carranza are awaiting a detailed report on the recent El Paso military conference before seeking any agreement as to the Mexican border situation through diplomatic channels. General Scott returned here today confident that the border conference had created a better understanding between the two nations which might furnish the basis of a formal protocol. The war and state departments' advices showed no change today in the border situation.

14 Dead And 30 Hurt In Powder Plant Disaster

(By Associated Press.)
Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—At least fourteen were killed and about thirty injured in an explosion at the Dupont powder plant of the Dupont Powder company near here today. Among the dead are W. F. Lawley, assistant superintendent, and George Marsh, foreman of the Trinitrotoluol plant where the blast occurred. A nearby building in which nitro-benzol was manufactured also blew up. The cause of the explosion was not determined.

"Birth Of A Nation" Forced Almost A Cool Million Into The Pockets Of Thomas Dixon

Shelby, N. C., May 15.—Thomas Dixon, the famous Cleveland county writer, minister, lawyer and actor, whose remarkable success in financial revenue with "The Birth of a Nation," reads like a tale from Arabian Nights, is now in New York, arranging for the presentation of a mammoth spectacle to be known as "The Fall of a Nation." This is to be presented at the Liberty theatre, New York, the first week in June, with special music by Victor Herbert and cost nearly a million dollars, according to official announcements.

Mr. Griffith, under whose direction "The Birth of a Nation" was produced, is not concerned in "The Fall of a Nation." This is Mr. Dixon's own venture in which he is associated with some Wall street bankers, who were allured by the prodigious profits made by "The Birth of a Nation."

The unprecedented success of "The Birth of a Nation" is responsible for later big undertakings. "The Birth of a Nation" reads like romance, and would in itself furnish material for a scenario, particularly the way in which over \$700,000 was practically forced into the pockets of Mr. Dixon's author.

Mr. Dixon was willing to sell his rights in "The Birth of a Nation" in the beginning for an advance of \$2,500 and a small weekly royalty, but Mr. Griffith and his other associates insisted that he take a 25 per cent interest in the profits, but with no advance on royalties. His 25 per cent of the profits to date have amounted to over \$700,000.

NEGRO WHO CONFESSES TO ASSAULT IS TAKEN OUT COURT AND BURNED

Waco, Tex., May 15.—With fifteen thousand persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, a negro boy who confessed to the assault and murder of Mrs. Lucy Fryar, seven miles south of here last Monday was taken from the fifth district court room shortly before noon and burned in public.

8 Killed; 13 Hurt.
Gibbstown, N. J., May 15.—Eight men were reported killed and a dozen hurt in the explosion of the Dupont plant of the Dupont Powder company. Among the dead, it is believed, is the superintendent and

Allow Churches Prohibit Cards, Dances, Theatre

(By Associated Press.)
Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 15.—Recommendations that no change be made in the discipline of the Methodist church which prohibits members from dancing, playing cards, and attending theatres was adopted today by a committee on the state of church. The sub-committee which has recommended that prohibition against these amusements be removed announced it would submit the minority report to a conference

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Some Boston men who bought the New England rights for \$53,000 have already cleared nearly triple that amount and will make as much more. Mr. Griffith's share has been about a million, and the minor stock holders lesser, but very handsome amounts.

Thomas Dixon was born in Shelby, January 11, 1864, and was graduated from Wake Forest college 1883, graduating from the Greensboro law school in 1886. He was a member of the North Carolina legislature from 1881 to 1886 and resigned to enter the Baptist ministry in October, 1886. He was pastor of a Baptist church in Raleigh in 1887. His winter home is at 867 Riverside drive, New York.

The South Carolina State Warehouse association will send a representative to the convention to ask that John L. McLaurin, state warehouse commissioner, be given one hour at each campaign meeting to defend the state system. The request will cause considerable discussion in the convention. Mr. McLaurin has already announced that he will be a candidate for "next" governor in order that he may defend the system on the stump. This step will surely place the cotton warehouse system in political limbo. It is understood that W. P. Pollock of the Cheraw bar will be nominated as a member of the delegation to St. Louis.

T. F. Cochran of the Greenville bar will be nominated for president of the convention. The state convention will be asked

TAFT IS WITNESS IN PERJURY TRIAL OF 3 OFFICERS RIGGS BANK

Washington, May 15.—Former President Taft testified as a character witness in the perjury trial of three officers of the Riggs National bank called to testify in behalf of C. C. Glover the president whose character he said was excellent.

"Have you carried an account in the Riggs bank?" he was asked. "Sure as I had," he said. "It grew as it got into the presidential portion. C. diminished after losing the presidential portion."

Enemies Ever, But Friends Always.



Ex-Speaker Joseph G. Cannon. Speaker Champ Clark.

When the house of representatives held its little celebration of the eightieth birthday of Uncle Joe, no one took a greater interest than Speaker Clark. Uncle Joe and Champ Clark are old men now. Uncle Joe was almost in at the birth of the republican party, but Champ is not old enough to have seen the democratic party born. They have fought each other in the house for more than a quarter of a century. But never has there been a time they were not personal friends.

90 DELEGATES TO GO INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST THE 'CIRCUS'

COUNTY-TO-COUNTY CAMPAIGN FIRST QUESTION BEFORE CONVENTION

(By Joe Sparks.)
Columbia, May 15.—The State Democratic convention will meet in Columbia Wednesday at noon in the hall of the house of representatives at the state house. A close study of the delegates as named by the county conventions shows that Governor Manning will have more than 200 supporters out of the 338 members of the convention.

One of the first questions to be brought before the convention will be the abolition of the county-to-county campaign. About 90 delegates have been instructed by the county conventions to vote for the abolition of the biennial circus. The leaders in the convention are opposed to the movement and will fight for the retention of the system.

A fight will be started in the convention against sending office holders and office seekers to the national democratic convention at St. Louis.

The general interest will be in the selection of the "Big Four" or the delegates at large. It has been estimated to send the two United States senators, the governor and a layman to the national convention. Some of the members of the convention will urge that four plain democrats be members to represent South Carolina. Henry Nelson Snyder of Spartanburg has been suggested as one of the delegates at large. Col. Asbury Coward has also been mentioned.

At the present time the indications are that Senator B. R. Tillman will be re-elected national committeeman from South Carolina without opposition. John Gary Evans of Spartanburg will in all probability be re-elected as chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

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THROUGH LAND BANK FARMERS COULD BORROW AT RATE 6 PCT.

HOUSE PASSES BILL PROVIDING FARM LOAN BOARD AND 12 BANKS

RURAL CREDITS

Under New System Would Make Loans on Five to Thirty Year Mortgages

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 15.—The rural credits bill, providing a farm loan board and a system of 12 land banks passed the house today by a vote of two hundred and ninety-five to 10. A similar measure has already passed the senate and the difference probably will be worked out in a conference soon.

Under the terms of the bill land banks would loan money to farmers at not more than six per cent interest through local loan associations on mortgages, running from five to thirty-six years. Mortgages would be issued by banks as a basis for farm loan bonds. One of the principal differences between the two measures is the senate would capitalize each farm loan bank at five hundred thousand dollars and the house at seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

CRAZED BY THIRST, TROOPER FOUND IN AIMLESS WANDER

Demented and Half Dead F. Bundanis Discovered Five Miles North Bouquilla

(By Associated Press.)
Marathon, Texas, May 15.—F. Bundanis, lost trooper of the fourth-cavalry, who had been missing since the Glenn Springs raid, was found wandering in the woods about thirty-five miles north of Bouquilla today, demented and half dead from thirst. A champion wood millman, who found Bundanis, turned him over to the hospital corps here. It was reported here that Major Langhorne's column is eighty miles south of the border awaiting the arrival of Colonel Sibley's command to attack the bandits said to be encamped farther south.

OPPOSE ANY LAN PUTTING ULSTER UNDER HOME RULE

Asquith Discussion of General Disarmament For Ireland is Unsatisfactory

(By Associated Press.)
Belfast, May 15.—A disinclination to accept any plan of government for Ireland that would subject Ulster to home rule was evident today in the occasion of Premier Asquith's visit to Belfast. It is understood Asquith discussed a general disarmament for Ireland, but the result of the discussion was unsatisfactory. Belfast has not shown any signs of accepting any compromise government. Edmond is said to be willing to offer.

GONE TO BRUNION

About 80 Veterans From Anderson Go to Birmingham.
Seventy-nine veterans left Anderson yesterday morning for Birmingham to attend the Confederate Veterans' reunion which opens in that city today. The veterans will arrive in Birmingham this morning in time for the beginning of the exercises and will remain until the latter part of the week.

Engineer to Jail

Salisbury, N. C., May 15.—A Tankerley, engineer in charge of the Southern railway train which ran into the rear of a special train here last November, killing two, was sentenced to four months in jail on a charge of manslaughter.

Drive Germans Out

Paris, May 15.—The French drove the Germans from their trenches near Verdun and Villars, south of the Somme, it is officially reported.

SURPRISE BLOW DUSTS GERMANS FROM TRENCHES ON WIDE FRONT

FRENCH HAVE ALSO REPULSED ATTACKS IN THE CHAMPAGNE REGION

GREECE PACIFIED

Differences Between That Country and The Entente Powers Have Been Settled

(By Associated Press.)
London, May 15.—The French in a surprise attack along the Meuse east of Verdun, have driven the Germans from their trenches on a hundred yard front; also, repulsed the Germans attacks in the Champagne region.

East of the Loos the Germans succeeded in gaining a foothold in British trenches, but were driven out by a counter attack.

The Italians in Monte Ademello zone have occupied strategic positions in their movement towards Trent. The Italians have advanced in the region of Mount Sponero and put down Austrian attacks north of Lenzano.

Artillery fighting continues on the Russian front. Petrograd reports the Russian progress against the Turks in Armenia. In operations toward Mosul, having Bagdad as the objective, the Turks are said to be retreating after abandoning much war material.

Differences between Greece and the entente powers have been settled, the British foreign office announces. This means possibly that Greece has acquiesced to the entente's request to transport Serbian troops across the Greek territory from the island of Corfu to Saloniki.

SCORES BURIED BENEATH RUINS

Dynamite Explosion Next to Restaurant Is Fatal to 11 And 20 Injured

(By Associated Press.)
Akron, Ohio, May 15.—At least eleven were killed and about twenty injured here tonight when a restaurant building collapsed when a dynamite blast was set off in an adjoining excavation. The crash came during the dinner hour. Ten bodies had been recovered and nineteen injured had been taken from the ruins, but it is believed others are dead or injured.

SENATE TO FIGHT OUT ISSUE OVER LOUIS BRANDIES

Judiciary Committee Expected to Return Nomination Without Recommendation

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, May 15.—It appears certain that the issue over the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court will be fought out in the senate without recommendations from the judiciary committee. A decision was reached after a protracted secret session today that the report could not be agreed upon, but several senators were willing to vote to return the nomination to the senate without any recommendation.

Arguments Appan Case.
Norfolk, May 15.—Arguments in the case over the ownership of the prize ship Appan have begun in the federal court with a statement by the British side. It is not expected the argument can be concluded today as there are five speakers.

Massacre Is Feared.
Washington, May 15.—Dangers of a massacre of Christians in Syria is privately reported to the state department. It is indicated that it might surpass in horror many Armenian massacres of the past.