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Congressmen Disturbed by International Crisis

Washington, Jan. 3.—Congress re-assembles tomorrow in the midst of an international situation which rival political leaders admitted tonight was one of the most critical that has confronted the nation.

Returning members talked of little but consequences that might result from the sinking of the British steamer Persia, in the Mediterranean, with the loss of American life, and the strained diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria.

Although administration leaders were uniformly inclined to proceed cautiously and to await positive information, there was a general feeling of uneasiness over the gravity of foreign affairs.

Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, conferred with Secretary Lansing at the state department and will seek a conference with President Wilson before a meeting of the committee is held Wednesday to begin consideration of matters pertaining to the diplomatic affairs of the nation.

It seems assured that the committee will take up the resolution submitted by Senator Hoke Smith calling for an inquiry into Great Britain's interferences with neutral commerce and the amendments by Senator Lodge to investigate destruction of the Lusitania and other acts by belligerents resulting in destruction of American lives.

Graduates Teaching at the Ends of the World

Of more than passing interest is the great distance of points that have called into teaching service graduates of the State Normal school. Not long ago someone said that the sun hardly sets on the Alumni association, and the statement seems to be almost true.

At Cebu, in the Philippine Islands, Mrs. Grace Withee Smith is teaching in a mission station. Mrs. Smith is a member of the class of 1912, and for a year was student assistant to Prof. L. B. McMullen in the science department.

Over in Natal, South Africa, Miss Edith Conn, '05, has a teaching position at the Adams Mission station. Both of these graduates still remember the Normal school and they are heard from not infrequently.

Far points in America have made their appeal to other graduates. Mary Power, '13, is teaching at Heppner, Ore., and Elsie Currie and Bertha Cameron, both '12, are teaching at Monroe and Cashmere, Wash., respectively.

Grace Farley, '09, is teaching in San Diego, and Edna Brown, '11, at Santa Ana, Cal.

Roy Cross, '08 and Alfred Rhodes, ex-'15, are teaching manual training in the states of New Mexico and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Helen Steenbach, '08, and Eleanor (Continued on Page 8)

Gave Pretty Card Party

Mrs. H. N. Walker entertained 15 ladies at her home on Normal avenue New Years evening. The rooms were decorated in yellow and this color was carried out in the cut flowers which adorned the rooms and also in the refreshments which were so daintily served. Whist was the diversion of the evening and Mrs. B. J. Haaland carried off the high trophy, which was also in yellow, and Mrs. J. W. Stull was low. The evening was a very enjoyable one.

Gamblers Forfeit Bail to Avoid Conviction

Monday afternoon in district court in the case of the state vs. Stevens, on a charge of gambling, defendant failed to appear and his bail was declared forfeited.

In the case of the state vs. Louis Hanson defendant also failed to appear and forfeited a cash bail of \$125.

In the case of the state vs. Ben Wayne, on a charge of gambling, defendant appeared with his attorney and entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and to pay a fine of \$75 and costs, the total amounting to \$100. Sentence was modified to remit the 30 days when fine and costs were paid.

The hold-up case was then called and is being tried. This is the case of the young fellows who pulled off several holdups north of town in a half hour one evening and then duplicated the performance after boarding a west-bound freight. Later they were captured at Jamestown. The jury has been secured and two witnesses examined at the time of going to press. Tom Nichols, Charles Twickie, John Andrews and Ed Severson are the defendants.

Gave New Years Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Larson entertained at a New Years dinner at their home on Tenth avenue, covers being laid for ten. An elaborate dinner was served and the guests enjoyed the afternoon and evening. The house was bright with Christmas decorations and carnations were scattered throughout the rooms.

Mrs. Perrine, mother of Miss Lura Perrine, is very ill at her home on Normal avenue, with a trained nurse in attendance, having a very severe cold which threatens to turn to pneumonia. At her age such an illness is hard to combat.

Miss Mertice Jobe went to Sheldon Friday evening for a New Years and over-Sunday visit with her friend, Miss Esther Froemke, returning Sunday night.

Lusitania Not Armed Vessel, Berlin Admits

Washington, Jan. 3.—Germany no longer contends that the Lusitania could be classed as an armed vessel, a contention which was advanced as a justification for the destruction of the ship with more than 100 American lives.

Secretary Lansing disclosed today that the contention has been abandoned in the course of the negotiations for settlement now in progress between the United States and Germany.

Secretary Lansing also indicated that the United States probably will take no steps in the case of the Japanese liner, Yasaka Maru, torpedoed in the Mediterranean, because W. J. Leigh, the only lost passenger, who was supposed to have been an American, never established his American citizenship. Leigh was born of American parents in China.

Mrs. White to Visit Old Point Comfort

Mrs. Frank White will leave on No. 4 Thursday afternoon for Old Point Comfort, Va., to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be absent probably two or three weeks. At this board meeting the final arrangements will be made for the biennial, which meets in New York in May. Mrs. White, as chairman of the membership committee, has a good list of new clubs to report at this meeting and anticipates a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore are spending the week in the city the guests of Mr. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moore. They will leave Friday for Minot, where they will spend a few days with Mrs. Mulroy, a sister, and then go on to their home in Moose Jaw, Sask., Can.

Historic Character Dies Suddenly at Bismarck

Back from Western Coast

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gad and children returned from their western trip Monday night, after spending some time in Long Beach, Cal., and a couple of weeks in Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Gad has not been quite as well as when she left, but is improving and thinks Valley City will be more beneficial to her than the other climates. They are staying at present at Miss Olson's, 219 Fifth avenue, their own house being rented.

Hans Pederson Candidate for Barnes County Office

Hans M. Pederson asked the Times-Record today to announce that he is a candidate for register of deeds on the Republican ticket at the primaries in June.

Mr. Pederson is an old resident of Barnes county, having lived here for more than 20 years. Coming here from Minnesota in 1894, he worked his own way through the public schools, after which he entered the State Normal school at Valley City. When the call for volunteers for the Spanish-



American war came in 1898 he enlisted in the First N. D. Volunteers. He went with his regiment to the Philippines, where he saw considerable service, both in the taking of Manila and later in the Philippine insurrection.

After his return home he served as assistant to Postmaster Myhre. He has taught school a number of years in Barnes county, and for the last two years has held the responsible position of city assessor for the city of Valley City. He is well qualified for the position, and should make a strong candidate.

Mr. Peterson says in speaking of the matter: "I have never before asked the voters of Barnes county for any office, but should they see fit to nominate and elect me, I will devote my entire time to the duties of the office which I seek, and promise to the best of my ability to discharge the duties in an efficient manner. Having been encouraged by numerous friends to make the run, I respectfully ask the voters of the county for a favorable consideration next spring."

Grant Marsh, aged 83, the oldest steamboat captain in actual service in the United States, died in a Bismarck hospital Sunday night. Marsh ran a steamboat on the Missouri in the fifties and was up in the Yellowstone river at the mouth of the Little Big Horn at the time of the Custer massacre. Curley, an Indian scout, brought him news of the battle and was followed by carriers of wounded to his boat. Marsh made a famous run, breaking all records to Bismarck, and brought news of the massacre to the world.

Capt. Marsh spent several days in Valley City last spring at the time of the annual Model school entertainment, in which Custer's campaign was dramatized by Misses Margaret C. Burns and Susan W. Norton, critics in the Model school. Mr. Marsh was invited to be present because of his familiarity with early North Dakota history and with General Custer. He attracted a great deal of attention because of his personality and made many friends. Just recently he wrote to Misses Burns and Norton, thanking them for remembrances and for a copy of the Blizzard, which he stated he had deposited with the state historical society.

While here Mr. Marsh was a guest at the White home and for two days entertained students and citizens with his reminiscences of early days in the Dakotas.

Among the effects of the dead man were found New Year's greetings addressed to Valley City friends and these have been received with notations of his sudden death, which followed an illness of about 24 hours.

He will be buried on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri river near old Fort Lincoln, and scenes of Custer's activities.

Beautiful Dinner Party Given by Woman's Club

The dinner given Monday evening by the members of the Woman's club to their husbands at the home of Mrs. James Grady was a very enjoyable one. The home was resplendent with holiday decorations, ropes of red and green entwined around the pillars, carnations scattered throughout the rooms adding beauty and fragrance to the scene. The club colors, crimson and white, were in evidence everywhere. A splendid four-course dinner was served at 6:30, covers being laid for 22. After dinner three tables of six-handled euchre was enjoyed, Mrs. A. S. Sigurdson winning high score and Mrs. David Ritchie winning low.

W. W. Dalziel, from near Walum, has moved his family into town and is now domiciled at 228 Crescent avenue. They wanted to get acquainted with the affairs of the city so subscribed for the Daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moore spent Monday in Fargo.

"A Good Bank to Do Business With"

It is in accordance with a custom adopted several years ago that we publish a statement of our condition at the close of the year. It appears elsewhere in this issue and a copy will, as usual, be mailed to each customer.

Our patrons have a right to know just how we stand and we are pleased to show them. We are anxious that EVERYBODY in this community should know just how strong we are and how well able to serve our customers.

Bank of Valley City

Claxton Wants Rural Teachers Experienced

That teachers should be compelled to teach in the city schools before being allowed to take charge of a rural school was a statement made by Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, in a recent address before the Normal school students. Dr. Claxton held that the inexperienced teacher should enter the profession in the city schools, where he is under direct supervision, a condition that does not obtain in the rural school.

"The people who come from the country to the city, let me say to you," said the commissioner, "are the people who are not smart enough to live in the country; so they come to the city and get places as street car conductors, or bookkeepers, or anything else that does not require as much brain power as to get a living out of the land—to be a farmer.

"I confess that I like to talk to young men and women about the most (Continued on Page 8)

Engagement of Popular Young Folks Announced

Formal announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Marguerite Carmichael and Leon Fournie, at a party given at the home of Miss Carmichael in Stillman Valley, Ill., on Dec. 31. Miss Carmichael is a cousin of ex-Gov. Frank White and was assistant librarian at the Normal for a couple of years, having many friends in the city who will shower her with good wishes. Mr. Fournie is a Minneapolis young man who has been foreman for W. J. Curren, the contractor, for the past year, and who had charge of the work of building the Congregational church and the new jail, as well as buildings in several other places. He is a young man of ability and has a splendid career in prospect and his many friends here will also wish him well. The date of the marriage has not been announced yet.

John Greb writes from Eagle Point, Ore., enclosing another year's subscription to the Weekly Times-Record.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1915

BANK OF VALLEY CITY

UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS	\$235,837.03	CAPITAL (Paid In)	\$35,000.00
OVERDRAFTS - -	170.24	SURPLUS (Earned)	35,000.00
REAL ESTATE OWNED - -	1,623.04	PROFITS (Earned)	15,201.52
CASH RESOURCES - -	196,987.71	DEPOSITS - - -	349,416.50
	<u>\$434,618.02</u>		<u>\$434,618.02</u>

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that we have grown and prospered with the growth and prosperity of the community. It has been in all respects the best year this bank has ever had. We rejoice in the prosperity of the community and enter the New Year with hope and confidence. We are grateful to our patrons for their many evidences of good will and friendship, and we take pleasure in extending to each and every one our Best Wishes for Health, Happiness and Prosperity during the coming year.

JAS. J. EARLEY, President

WALTER COOP, Cashier