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THE PRESIDENT TO WASHINGTON.

Trusts and Rural Credits Considered the Paramount Issues Which Call for Legislation.

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 12.—Anti-trust and rural credit legislation are considered of paramount and immediate importance by President Wilson. Though the influence of the Executive would be exerted in behalf of other measures as well during the present session of Congress, he indicated in a conversation with the correspondents aboard his train today that in the immediate future these two subjects would occupy the forum of public attention.

The President showed clearly that these reforms in particular had been on his mind during his vacation at Pass Christian, Miss. Besides sketching his trust meage, which will be characteristically brief, the President carefully studied the report of the commission that went abroad to study rural credits.

He examined also a bill on the subject prepared by Senator Fletcher, chairman of the commission, and said that he had just written the Florida senator asking him to confer with him about it at the White House when he got back. The President remarked that the bill seemed sound in main though he thought some additions ought to be made.

In giving his attention now to the trust and rural credit questions, the President feels that he is carrying out not only the promises made in the party platform but is fulfilling at the same time an informal understanding with members of the Senate and the House who sought to bring the subject of rural credits into the discussion of the currency bill and to prohibit interlocking directorates and other trust evils by provisions in both the currency and tariff bills. It was only after the agreement among the Democratic leaders that all phases of the trust and rural credit problems would be handled separately that they were then eliminated from consideration.

While conferences on these questions have not all been arranged, the President is planning to devote the remainder of the week to consultation with members of his Cabinet and leaders in Congress, and will read his trust message to a joint session next Monday or Tuesday.

The President said he was unadvised on any late developments in the Mexican situation and seemed somewhat annoyed that Charge O'Shaughnessy should have been drawn into the limelight recently in press reports that he was not in harmony with John Lind and the Washington Administration. The President had pointed out previously that, when Mr. Lind visited him, the work of Charge O'Shaughnessy was mentioned only in the most favorable terms.

The train ride during the day was a restful one for the President and his family. Few stops were made, but at many of the towns and cities the special was run through slowly while the President stood on the back platform and waved his hat in response to the cheers.

At Calhoun, S. C., the old home-land of John C. Calhoun, eight hundred cadets of Clemson Military College swarmed around the end of the train and gave Mr. Wilson a noisy demonstration.

The President will arrive in Washington early tomorrow, looking better than he has in several months. His complexion has a ruddy, healthful glow, and his step is brisk and springy and he goes back to his duties at the White House in much better physical condition than he was when the strain of pre-inauguration activities in New Jersey brought him to Washington last March somewhat fatigued.

"I have had a real vacation," he told members of his party today with an air of keen satisfaction.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 12.—Acting according to arrangement previously made with the President before he left Pass Christian, a delegation headed by Dr. John L. Caldwell, president of Queens College, met the special here tonight at 8:25, extending to Mr. Wilson a written invitation on behalf of all the citizens of Charlotte to attend the 1914 celebration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 20.

A cordon of police had been drawn about the car and no one was allowed on board except members of the com-

mittee, which presented the invitation.

President Wilson told the delegation that he had always thought that the President of the United States should not make speeches just to be speaking, and it had been a policy of his, privately agreed upon by himself, because he did not wish to seem to criticize his predecessors in office; that he would not at President make addresses upon questions in which the entire nation was not interested.

However, he assured the committee that the historical interest in the local celebration gave the present invitation more weight than a mere request to be present at a holiday occasion and that their request would receive careful consideration. He did not commit himself, but said he would reply to the invitation soon.

The President had another joke at the expense of Dr. C. T. Grayson, his naval aide, today. The latter received a telegram from his fellow townsman, Cooney Hansborough, telling him that if the President's train would stop at Culpepper, Va., "the whole town" would be at the station to meet him.

Several weeks ago, when Dr. Grayson did have an ambition of his youth gratified in having a fast train stop at his town of Culpepper, only one was there to greet the Presidential party, except Hansborough, an old character whose frequently broken limbs and recurrent bruises Dr. Grayson has for many years attended. The President's aide regretfully telegraphed his friend that the train would pass through Culpepper at five o'clock tomorrow morning, therefore, could not stop.

Woman at Hillsboro Mysteriously Missing.

Hillsboro, Jan. 12.—The people of northern Orange county are very much distressed over the mysterious disappearance of Mary Lou Riley. She disappeared from the home of Mrs. Molly Malone, at Cedar Grove, Friday about 3 o'clock. She has not been located as yet, though a search party led by Mr. J. H. Tolar, have made diligent search for her. The incident is made more distressing by the fact that the Riley woman is mentally unbalanced.

She is a woman of about 35 years of age and was living at the home of Mrs. Malone in the capacity of a servant.

She was heard to get up about 3 o'clock Friday morning and has been wandering since. She left hurriedly without taking time to dress herself. The only clothing she took was a pair of stockings and a bed quilt. It is thought that she is trying to make her way back to Yanceyville, Caswell county, near where she was raised.

Greensboro Men Resent Richmond's Rate Fight.

Greensboro business men Friday evening passed resolutions endorsing Richmond as the place for one of the Federal Reserve Banks, under the new currency system, but not until after they had expressed in no uncertain terms their disapproval of Richmond's attitude in the recent fight for better rates in North Carolina.

Two meetings of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and other business men were held. At the first in the afternoon a resolution favoring Richmond was lost by a vote of 6 to 5. Later in the evening another meeting was held and at this Richmond was endorsed. Mr. E. P. Wharton led the fight against Richmond.

A number of Richmond bankers were here for the meeting and are touring the State for their city.

Opening of Whitteds' Store.

The opening of Whitteds' Dry Goods Store Saturday caused quite a stir among the ladies and children of the town. The store was crowded all day with visitors, and many were the souvenirs given away. The Whitteds Brothers have one of the nicest and most up-to-date stores in the State, the entire arrangement has been selected with much taste. The courteous treatment and honest dealings which these gentlemen have given the public has made it possible for them to succeed in business and to give their customers this nice building filled with goods of equal quality.

Masonic Notice.

There will be a meeting of Bula Lodge No. 409, A. F. & A. M., in their Hall on next Monday evening, January 19, 1914, at 7:30 o'clock. Work in the Fellow-Craft Degree.

C. A. WALKER, W. M.
C. V. SHARPE, Secy.

Death of Mrs. Cornelia M. Roney

Mrs. Cornelia M. Roney died at the home of her son, Mr. C. H. Roney near McCray, N. C., January 9th 1914, at the age of 89 years, 8 months and 12 days. Mrs. Roney was married to Benjamin F. Roney, March 27th, 1849, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are yet living, namely: C. H. Roney, a member of the board of county commissioners; Mrs. Nannie O. Albright, of Greensboro, N. C.; Julius G. Roney of Wilson, N. C.; and Mrs. Virginia D. Holt, of Richmond, Va. These were all present at the burial of their mother which took place in the city cemetery of Burlington, N. C.

Mother Roney had been a member of the M. E. Church for a number of years, and expressed a desire and readiness to depart from this life. She was a representative of one of the leading families that lived in this section three-quarters of a century ago. She was a woman of more than ordinary influence during her long life of noble service.

The funeral and burial service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Holt.

Guilford Courthouse Sold; Brought \$150,000.

Greensboro, Jan. 11.—Guilford county's historic temple of justice was sold at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon for the sum of \$150,000 by the board of county commissioners meeting in a special session, to the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., with home offices in this city. For a period of 30 days, which expired yesterday, the commissioners have advertised the property or sale, and the bid of the insurance company was the only one made. Just where Guilford's new court house, which will be pretentious structure, modern in every respect, will be erected, has not been decided as yet, and at least a dozen sites have been suggested.

In selling the old court house to the insurance company the county has reserved all furniture and fixtures in the old structure, including two large vaults valued at several thousand dollars each. The fixtures will be used by the county in its new court house whenever it is built. When Guilford county deeds the courthouse property to the Jefferson Standard Insurance Co., the latter will institute a friendly suit against the county in order to determine who is the lawful owner of a twenty-foot strip of ground running through the county property, fronting on West Market Street, and 50 feet deep. This strip of ground, it is said, is being claimed by certain heirs of the Porter family, formerly large property owners in this city.

It has been announced that the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., which is among the strongest organizations of its kind in the South, will erect a modern skyscraper, probably eight or ten stories high, on its newly acquired property to be used as its home office. The site is considered the best in Greensboro for a modern office building.

New Church Meeting.

Durham, Jan. 12.—At a rally meeting of the Mangum Street Methodist Church last night plans were made for the erection of a new church building on another site. In a short time subscriptions amounting to \$3,100 had been pledged, and the new church building is assured. Before the taking of the pledges was started the meeting was addressed by Gen. J. S. Carr and Mr. J. H. Southgate.

The largest subscription was \$500 and they ranged from this on down to ten dollars. The spirit manifested at the church was one of the finest ever shown by a small congregation. General Carr began the donations with a \$200 subscription and finally wound up the meeting by giving enough more to make out the \$3,100. In all he will give \$300 to this project. This is one of the many churches in Durham county that General Carr has helped to erect.

Unclaimed Letters.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Burlington January 3, 1913:

Gentlemen: Albert Brown, Seth Christmas, Carmine Lombardo, Cephus McAdams, Charlie Linn, (2), Robert Pool, T. T. Shoffner, A. S. Smith, W. J. Smith.

Ladies: Miss Muriel Craven, Miss Maggie Davis, Mrs. James Henderson, Mrs. Etta Newlin, Etta Ray, Mrs. Bessie Simpson.

Persons calling for any of these letters will please say "Advertised" and give date of advertised list.

F. L. WILLIAMSON, P. M.

Grand Lodge to Convene Tonight.

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—Masons from every section of North Carolina will arrive here today to be in attendance at the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual session of the State Grand Lodge, which convenes tonight at 8 o'clock. A large number of representatives and visitors reached the city yesterday, most of them coming to be here for preliminary committee meetings or for matters of private business or pleasure. It is expected that during the sessions there will be many as six or even hundred members of this order here for the big meeting.

All of the sessions will be held in the lodge hall on the seventh floor of the Masonic Temple. Preparations for the meeting have been made by the local lodges, and the visitors will be well entertained during their stay in the city. Many of those who will be here this time have visited Raleigh before, and are well acquainted with the open-hearted hospitality that always awaits them upon their arrival.

The coming session is to be one of much importance, as several matters of State-wide interest are to be passed upon. One of these is the adoption of a new Masonic code which has been drawn up since the last session of the Grand Lodge met here. This code has been submitted to all of the subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction of North Carolina and already a majority of them have acted favorably upon it. It cannot, however, become law until it has received the approval of the Grand Lodge. It is expected that little trouble will be encountered in putting it through during the meeting this week.

Officers are to be elected at this session, as at all of the annual gatherings of the Masons, though not a great deal of discussion and gossip has been heard as to who the candidates for the various offices will be. It is said that for a number of years previous to the session of 1912 it had been customary to give the Grand Master a term of two years, though at that meeting a next executive was chosen, and now, that the custom has been started, it is believed by some that the representatives here for the Grand Lodge meeting will see fit to continue it.

Trunk Believed to Hold Key to Triple Tragedy.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 9.—If Joseph Graves, brother of Mrs. Mary Graves Cox, can prevent it, the police will not open the trunk of the woman sent to Mrs. Florence More, in Yuma, last Tuesday, just a few hours before she killed W. M. Melton, and her daughter, Florence, and then took her own life. Graves also said he would permit no prying into the registered package Mrs. Cox mailed to him, which is now in the San Francisco postoffice, awaiting his call.

The trunk Mrs. Cox sent to Mrs. Moore at Yuma is said to have contained among other things a number of letters which the police believe might shed light on the woman's reason for perpetrating the triple tragedy.

The trunk has been seized by Yumo officers. The police here will seek an order permitting them to open it.

Suffragists Planning Nation-Wide Campaign.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Plans for a vigorous nation-wide campaign to obtain a constitutional amendment giving suffrage to women were outlined Sunday by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage. The program includes a schedule of "demonstrations," that will, according to suffrage leaders "awaken the country as never before to a realization of the issue and if necessary transfer the majority in Congress to a party that will stand for suffrage."

"We are perfectly willing to have the Democrats pass the amendment but if by the close of Congress they have not taken action, we will transfer their votes to a party that will act," said Miss Jessie Hardy Stubbs Sunday night in announcing the union's plans.

Costs Something to Fake Wireless.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Government investigators have traced the fake wireless calls which more than a month ago sent revenue cutters and liners hurrying to the aid of the Mallory liner Rio Grande at S. O. S. messages telling of fire aboard, until they think they have placed the responsibility between two private stations. Three years' imprisonment and \$1,000 fine is the law's penalty for a fake wireless. The investigators expect to close up their case very soon.

School News.

The Life Club of Alamance County, meeting in the Court House at Graham, Saturday, January 10th. At this meeting the constitution of the Club was revised and a definite line of work planned. The object of the work of this organization can best be explained by the following extracts from the constitution and by-laws:

"The objects of this organization shall be:

1 To stimulate and encourage the organization of local Country Life Clubs in the various school districts of the county.

2 To arouse interest in education and to insist upon the importance of every child of school age being in school every day of the school term.

3 To encourage the study of agriculture and domestic science in the schools and to cultivate among the boys and girls a love for the farm and home.

4 To make the schools the centers of the communities by furnishing wholesome and instructive amusements; in a word, to improve the physical, and intellectual and moral environment of our citizens.

5 To encourage Community Fairs. All county agricultural contests, such as corn growing, tomato growing, cooking, sewing, poultry raising, road building, etc., shall engage the active interest of this organization as the opportunity is offered. The Club shall arrange for a series of Country Life Meetings to be held at different points in Alamance County during the first week in September, 1914.

The Country Life Club will confer the honorary degree of "Master Countryman" upon any person who shall accomplish any nine of the following achievements:

a Win first, second or third honor in the corn, tomato or poultry contests at the County Fair.

b Know by sight and call twelve common birds.

c Know by sight and track seven wild animals of the State.

d Know in fields fifteen wild flowers and common weeds.

e Know by leaf and bark and craneran outline twenty-five common trees and shrubs.

f Know elementary rules for preventing typhoid fever, tuberculosis and malaria.

g Take first, second or third honors in cooking or sewing at the County Fair.

h Take first, second or third honor on any farm product at the County Fair.

i Donate one day or its equivalent to improving the roads in Alamance County.

j Win first honor on any exhibit at a Community Fair.

k Know four types of soil and plant life best adapted to each type.

l Graduate for the seventh grade.

Two local Country Life Clubs have been organized already—one at Spring and another at Friendship. These Clubs propose to have monthly meetings for the discussion of country life topics. Several other schools expect to organize within the next few days.

The school at Bethel has lately been supplied with teachers' chairs, water-tank and individual drinking cups.

Col. H. C. Cowles, of Statesville, Paralyzed.

Statesville, Jan. 12.—Col. H. C. Cowles, a prominent citizen of Statesville, and well known throughout the State, suffered a stroke of apoplexy at his home here this morning. Physicians announce tonight that his condition is very critical. His entire right side is affected. He has been unconscious all the afternoon.

Col. Cowles has been clerk of the Federal Court at Statesville and Charlotte for forty years. He has been falling in health for a year but continued to discharge his official duties. He was in his usual health last night, but when he attempted to get up this morning his condition was discovered.

Attorney General of South Carolina Not Guilty.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 12.—Thomas H. Peeples, Attorney General of South Carolina, today was found not guilty of murder in the Sessions Court here. The Attorney General was tried for the killing of Robert Marshall, negro chef at the Elks' Home in this city on the night of Dec. 6. The testimony of witnesses was to the effect that the pistol Mr. Peeples held was accidentally discharged by striking the edge of the counter. The trial consumed only about two hours.

GEN. VILLA TAKES OJINAGA IN FIVE HOURS.

This Victory Means Downfall of the Huerta Government in Northern Mexico.

Presidio, Tex., Jan. 10.—The Mexican federal army with its nine generals evacuated Ojinaga, Mexico, at 10 o'clock tonight. The triumphant rebel forces under General Francisco Villa immediately occupied the village.

The defeat of the federal army followed only a few hours fighting in which the rebels, beginning at sundown, started with cannon and rifle fire.

Generals Castro and Mercado of the federal regulars, saw that the assault was to be nothing less than a massacre. The federals had left only 50 rounds of ammunition for each man. Generals Castro and Mercado therefore gave the order to evacuate.

All the federal soldiers and their officers who could scramble to the American side did so. The others ran in all directions. General Pascual, commander of federal volunteers, retreated with summary execution by Villa, was the first to cross. It was believed he had escaped into the mountains in Texas.

About 9 o'clock, when the fighting had been in progress about five hours even wagons loaded with documents belonging to the Huerta government came over and were captured by the United States border patrol.

Major McNamee immediately ordered all cavalrymen to meet an emergency. Women, children and wounded soldiers had been crossing in numbers, but the apparent advance of the rebels gave reason to believe that a greater rush across the border was imminent.

For five hours the sharp flashes of the rebel fire had been seen coming closer to the federal retrenchments. The whole scene was bathed in moonlight, partly obscured by dust and powder smoke.

Among the Federals were nine generals.

The defeat of the Federal army at this point marks the most important rebel victory of the present revolution. It leaves the rebels virtually in possession of all the north of Mexico.

Mercedo, Castro and Landa were the only remaining commanders of the Federal regulars. The other six were commanders of volunteers and had been threatened by Villa with death should they be captured.

The downfall of the Huerta government in this vast section of Mexico was preceded by a series of dramatic incidents. Just six weeks ago tomorrow, General Calvador Mercedo, with his 4,000 troops evacuated Chihuahua City.

His flight across the desert to Ojinaga, where he hoped to replenish his food and ammunition supply required almost a week. He was accompanied by many rich Mexicans, among them Luis Terrazas, one of the most extensive land holders in the world, who feared violence at the hands of the rebel forces.

The flight of Mercedo with his army drew forth a belief that ultimately he would be forced across the Rio Grande and seek safety in the United States.

How soon the retreat to foreign soil was to follow them hardly could be conjectured, but it was known Federal troops were discouraged, without pay for many months and hopeless of ever defeating the growing revolutionary movement. They also were short of ammunition. Appeals to Mexico City brought money to pay the troops but they could not overcome the impossibility of getting more ammunition through the United States.

On the little hill top of Ojinaga, in an obscure border village, 67 miles from any railroad and that in the United States, Mercedo elected to make a last desperate stand.

He said he never would give up unless his men ran short of ammunition. He kept his word. For six days ending last Monday, he had fought pluckily against odds. The rebels fired more than 1,000,000 rounds into the Federal trenches without avail. It was not until Villa, military head of the revolution, appeared on the scene that the reverse came to the Federals.

"You can't fool all the people all the time," announced the investigator.

"I know it," replied the trust magnate. "There is plenty of profit in fooling half of them half the time." —Cincinnati Enquirer.