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## WILSON OUTLINES PEACE SUGGESTIONS

U. S. IS EAGER TO TAKE PART,  
BUT ASKS FOR NOTHING  
MATERIAL.

### ONLY FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Settle Forever Contention Which Has  
Been Keypoint of All Diplomatic Dis-  
cussions With Germany and Great  
Britain.—Want Virtual Guarantee of  
Territorial Integrity and Political  
Independence.

Washington.—President Wilson de-  
clared here before the League to En-  
force Peace, that the United States  
was ready to join in any feasible as-  
sociation of nations to preserve the  
peace of the world against "political  
ambition and selfish hostility" and in  
service of "a common order, a com-  
mon justice, and a common peace."  
He expressed the hope that the  
terms of peace which end the war  
would include such an arrangement.

Absolute Freedom of the Seas.  
Outlining suggestions for peace,  
which the President said he hoped  
the United States would make if it  
had opportunity to do so, he included  
provision for absolute freedom of the  
seas, a contention which has been the  
keystone of all the diplomatic dis-  
cussions with Germany and Great Brit-  
ain; and virtual guarantees of terri-  
torial integrity and political inde-  
pendence.

Officials interpreted the President's  
address as a preliminary feeler for  
peace in Europe. He outlined the  
conditions on which the United States  
would move if it made a formal medi-  
atory offer with the idea, it was un-  
derstood, of learning how such sug-  
gestions would be received abroad.

"I am sure," said the President,  
"that the people of the United States  
would wish their government to move  
along these lines:

Peace Only, and its Future Guarantees.

"First, such a settlement with re-  
gard to their own immediate inter-  
ests as the belligerents may agree  
upon. We have nothing material of  
any kind to ask for ourselves, and  
are quite aware that we are in no  
sense or degree parties to the present  
quarrel. Our interests is only in  
peace, and its future guarantees.

Universal Association of Nations.  
"Second, an universal association  
of the nations to maintain the inviol-  
ate security of the highway of the  
seas for the common and unhindered  
use of all the nations of the world,  
and to prevent any war begun either  
contrary to treaty covenants or with-  
out warning and full submission of  
the causes to the opinion of the  
world—a virtual guarantee of terri-  
torial integrity and political inde-  
pendence."

The Fundamentals of a Lasting Peace.  
The fundamentals of a lasting  
peace, President Wilson said he be-  
lieved were:

"First, that every people has a  
right to choose the sovereignty under  
which they shall live. Like other  
Nations," the President said, "we  
have ourselves no doubt once and  
again offended against that principle  
which for a little while controlled by  
selfish passion, as our franker histor-  
ians have been honorable enough to  
admit; but it has become more and  
more our rule of life and action.

"Second, that the small states of  
the world have a right to enjoy the  
same respect for their sovereignty and  
for their territorial integrity that  
great and powerful nations expect and  
insist upon.

"And, third, that the world has a  
right to be free from every distur-  
bance of its peace and that its origin  
in aggression and disregard of the  
rights of people and nations."  
Principle of Public Right Must Take  
Precedence.

"If this war has accomplished nothing  
else for the benefit of the world,"  
he said, "it has at least disclosed a  
great moral necessity and set for-  
ward the thinking of the statesmen  
of the world by a whole age. Repeat-

ed utterances of the leading states-  
men of most of the great nations now  
engaged in war, have made it plain  
that their thought has come to this,  
that the principle of public right must  
henceforth take precedence over the  
individual interests of particular Na-  
tions, and that the Nations of the  
world must in some way band them-  
selves together to see that right pre-  
vails as against any sore of selfish ag-  
gression.

Inviolable Rights of Mankind.  
"That henceforth all alliance must  
not be set up against alliance, under-  
standing against understanding, but  
that there must be a common agree-  
ment for a common object, and that  
at the heart of that common object  
must lie the inviolable rights of peo-  
ples and mankind.

United States Eager to Participate.  
"So sincerely do we believe in these  
things," said the President in conclu-  
sion, "that I am sure that I speak the  
mind and wish of the people of Amer-  
ica when I say that the United States  
is willing to become a partner in any  
feasible association of Nations formed  
in order to realize these objects, and  
make them secure against viola-  
tion."

### England and France Warned Inter- ference With Mails Must Stop.

Washington, May 27.—The United  
States, denouncing interference  
with neutral mails, has notified  
Great Britain and France that it  
can no longer tolerate the wrongs  
which American citizens have suf-  
fered and continue to suffer through  
the "lawless practice" those gov-  
ernments have indulged in, and  
that only a radical change in policy,  
restoring the United States to its  
full rights as a neutral power will  
be satisfactory.

This notification is given in the  
latest American communication to  
the two governments, the text of  
which was made public by the state  
department last night. The time  
in which the change must be effect-  
ed is not specified, but the United  
States expects prompt action.

### Large Club Enrollment.

The club enrollment in North  
Carolina has passed the ten thou-  
sand mark and this week's Exten-  
sion Farm News itemizes them as  
follows: Girls' Canning clubs, 4,  
224; Boys' Corn clubs, 3,250; Poul-  
try clubs, 1,729; Pig clubs, 1,368;  
Cotton clubs, 74; Potato clubs 60  
and Peanut clubs 47. The total is  
10,752.

In addition to these ten thou-  
sand and white boys and girls, the North  
Carolina Agriculture Extension  
Service also has approximately 1,-  
200 negro boys engaged in Corn  
Club work in those counties where  
colored agents are employed.

The Home Demonstration Div-  
ision also has 2,500 women en-  
rolled in Home Demonstration  
Clubs for the study of home econ-  
omics. Forty-five agents are in  
charge of these members, with 200  
sub-agents in charge of the various  
clubs.

The Farm Demonstration Div-  
ision has 70 agents employed in  
the various counties of the State  
at present. These men are in  
charge of the agricultural work of  
the Service in the counties in which  
they are located. Three of the  
agents are colored.

Sol Gallert has no public  
record to be assailed and if  
nominated will be able to give  
all his energy and time to  
waging an aggressive cam-  
paign for election—vote for  
him in the primary of June  
3rd.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

### Brief Mention of Some of the Hap- penings in McDowell County— Items About Home People.

#### DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, May 29.—Mr. and Mrs.  
Otis Daves of Morganton visited rela-  
tives here recently.

Miss Bertie Cowan has returned home  
from the Rutherford hospital.

Born, to Mr and Mrs. Clyde Smalley,  
May 21st, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Satterwhite of  
Bridgewater, lost one of their 8-months  
old twin boys on the 17th and the re-  
mains were brought to this place for  
burial.

Quite a number of the Dysartville  
folks attended the Memorial Day exer-  
cises at Cane Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jarrett spent the  
week-end with relatives in Morganton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Laughridge spent  
Sunday in Glen Alpine.

Miss Poe Kirksey has been very ill  
but is improving.

L. R. Cowan made a business trip to  
Marion last Saturday.

Mrs. H. B. Brackett visited relatives  
at Rutherfordton recently.

The Misses Hicks of Marion were  
visitors here Sunday.

The infants of Mr. and Mrs. J. F.  
Parker and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Daves  
have both been quite sick but are re-  
ported better.

#### NEBO

Nebo, May 29.—Among those from  
Nebo who attended the memorial ser-  
vices at Glen Alpine last Saturday were:  
Mrs. J. F. Wilson, Mrs. G. D. Taylor,  
Mrs. M. C. Sigmon and Mrs. J. K.  
Stacy.

Miss Maggie Taylor, a student of  
Elon College, is home for her summer  
vacation.

G. G. Annis and family visited the  
former's parent at Canton last week.

Mrs. L. E. Sigmon of Ridgecrest was  
the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. K.  
Stacy, a few days last week.

Mrs. W. A. Beach spent last Wed-  
nesday with relatives in Morganton.

Everett Padgett returned home last  
week from the University. He will  
spend his vacation here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Brown and chil-  
dren and Katherine Hunter visited the  
former's parents on Thompson's Fork  
one day last week.

Astor Yelton of Harmony Grove was  
a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Geneva Alexander of Raleigh is  
visiting homefolks here.

J. E. Sigmon made a business trip to  
Marion Saturday.

#### BRIDGEWATER

Bridgewater, May 30.—Mrs. S. P.  
Tate spent Friday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Mills and little  
son left Sunday for Superior, Wisconsin,  
where Mr. Mills has a position as chief  
dispatcher.

Miss Marguerite Anthony has return-  
ed home after spending a few days in  
Marion.

Mrs. D. Cotrell and children are visit-  
ing relatives in Hildebran.

Miss Nora Ballew and sister, Mrs. R.  
A. Abernethy and little daughter, Alice,  
spent Wednesday in Marion.

Misses Sadie, Mattie and Jencie  
Adams of Lancaster, S. C. are here to  
spend the summer with their grand-  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Tate.

Mrs. J. W. Ballew and Mrs. J. K.  
Middleton spent the first part of the  
week at Marion Junction.

Miss Annie Boyd has returned to her  
home at Granite Falls after spending  
several days here with relatives.

Miss Josephine Abernethy spent last  
week in Hickory with her cousin, Miss  
Katherine Lyerly.

Misses Delia Gibbs of Garden City  
and Edith Lonon of Sevier are here  
visiting Miss Carrie Tate.

Mrs. Ed. Geer and children of Shelby  
are here on a visit to Mrs. Geer's par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hemphill.

"The Horse that Pulls the  
Plow Should have the Fod-  
der"—vote for Sol Gallert for  
Congress in the primary of  
June 3rd.

### To Mr. Conniffe.

"He who courts and runs away,  
Will live to court another day;  
But he who courts and plans to wed,  
May find himself 'In Court' instead."

And, the last part of the above  
verse is what happened to Mr. J. F.  
Conniffe last Thursday night. A  
number of his friends being ad-  
vised of his matrimonial intentions,  
went before the Judge of Celibacy  
for this district and swore out a  
warrant; and same was served by  
Constable R. L. Gilkey, who found  
the defendant at his room at Mrs.  
Kirby's, and brought him before  
the court, which was already con-  
vened at the home of Dr. B. L.  
Ashworth.

Special Prosecutor McNairy was  
on hand, but to the surprise of all,  
the defendant plead guilty to the  
charges as set forth in the warrant  
and threw himself on the mercy of  
the Court. The Judge then read  
his order in the case, and sentenced  
the prisoner to the fulfillment in  
every detail of the obligations and  
burdens he had so lightly and  
thoughtlessly entered into, stating  
that he knew of no more severe or  
just punishment that could be met-  
ed out to him. It was ordered that  
the prisoner be required for the  
term of his natural life to serve  
and obey his wife in all things; to  
cut and have on hand at all times  
a plentiful supply of stove wood;  
and to never leave home at night  
unless accompanied by his wife, or  
unless ordered away by her.

The prisoner here arose and  
stated that the sentence was too  
severe and more than he could  
stand; and plead in extenuation of  
his offense that the prosecuting at-  
torney, the constable, and most of  
the witnesses were as guilty as he.  
The Court stated that it would hear  
evidence and gladly try any and  
all against whom charges were pre-  
ferred. Accordingly, the prosecu-  
ting attorney, the constable and  
all the unmarried witnesses were  
called to the stand and the evidence  
against them heard. The testimony  
was of the most damaging nature,  
and they were all speedily found  
guilty. The Court was greatly  
surprised and shocked at the testi-  
mony offered, the truth of which  
could not be questioned, so told  
the defendant that in view of the  
clear guilt of all, and seemingly a  
general conspiracy to follow in his  
steps if they could, it would great-  
ly lighten his sentence, and simply  
put him under bond to do the best  
he could; as he would no doubt  
find supporting a wife at this time  
with the cost of living so high so  
difficult that he would be kept too  
busy to give much trouble.

At this point Clerk of Court  
James got up and read a message  
of condolence, which he termed a  
"toast" from the married members  
of the court. This made every one  
feel so "blue" that Sheriff Ash-  
worth brought in refreshments  
and cigars.

As a token of their sympathy, a  
contribution was taken up, and a  
typical married man's outfit, con-  
sisting of axe, saw, broom, etc.,  
were purchased and presented to  
the defendant, who feebly respon-  
ded his thanks and appreciation with  
a few words of prayer. Here some-  
one asked that an appropriate song  
be sung, and after much discussion  
"I Wish I Were Single Again"  
was beautifully rendered by a se-  
lect quartet. After this the Dox-  
ology was sung, and with expres-  
sions of sympathy and regret,  
court was adjourned.

Those present were Dr. G. S.  
Kirby, W. C. and Geo. McCall,  
Dr. B. L. Ashworth, R. L. Gilkey,  
W. M. McNairy, L. J. P. Cutlar,  
R. F. Burton, P. A. Reid, Dr.  
J. G. Reid, C. E. James, C. S.  
Briggs, F. L. Huffman, W. R.  
Bailey, J. W. Streetman and J. E.  
Decker.

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of In- terest and Importance Through- out the State.

The Morganton News-Herald, the  
excellent weekly published by T.  
G. Cobb, has entered its thirty-  
second year and is improving with  
age.

Earl Cotton, of Raleigh, one of  
the State's most noted convicts,  
was shot and killed Monday night  
while attempting to escape from  
the convict camp at Graphiteville.

North Carolina projects will re-  
ceive a total of \$1,267,000 from  
the \$43,000,000 appropriation of  
the river and harbor bill which  
passed the Senate Monday. The  
bill now goes to conference where  
it will be agreed to.

Durham has been selected as the  
meeting place of the 22nd annual  
session of the Association of Col-  
leges and Secondary Schools in the  
Southern States. The date of  
meeting is November 15-17. The  
association is made up of 37 col-  
leges and 43 secondary schools.

Harry Tally of Charlotte, who  
was one of the most seriously in-  
jured in the fatal wreck at Salis-  
bury on the night of November 26,  
when the "football special" was  
smashed into by Southern train  
No. 38, has filed suit in Mecklen-  
burg Superior Court for \$100,000  
damages.

Congressman James J. Britt, the  
only republican representative in  
congress from North Carolina, be-  
lieves that Justice Charles E.  
Hughes has the best chance of ob-  
taining the presidential nomination  
at the republican national conven-  
tion in Chicago this month, and that  
Colonel Roosevelt is at present the  
second choice.

A number of Asheville Elks,  
families and friends, enjoyed a trip  
to Catawba Falls Sunday as the  
guests of John A. Patton and  
Daniel W. Adams of Old Fort.  
The trip from Old Fort to the falls  
was made on a logging train.  
Members of the party expressed  
themselves as delighted with the  
journey and more than pleased  
with the delightful lunch served  
by Messrs. Patton and Adams.

### Our Per Capita Investment in Pub- lic School Property.

A table in the University News  
Letter, prepared by Mr. W. B.  
Cobb, gives the rank of the vari-  
ous counties of North Carolina ac-  
cording to the investment of white  
population in white public school  
property. The ten counties that  
lead are Durham, Craven, New  
Hanover, Wake, Moore, Johnston,  
Pasquotank, Cherokee, Richmond  
and Mecklenburg in the order in-  
dicated. McDowell stands eight-  
teen in this respect and has \$6.33  
per capita (white) invested in white  
school property. Burke stands 76,  
and has \$2.94 per capita. Ruther-  
ford stands 80, and has \$2.70 per  
capita investment. Cleveland  
stands 54 and has \$4.25. The table  
also gives the amount per capita  
invested in automobiles, McDowell  
having an investment of only 69c.  
In 27 of our counties the per capita  
investment in automobiles is greater  
than that in schools, Guilford coun-  
ty being one of them. There is  
food for thought here.