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MESSAGE GREAT STATE PAPER.

Comments of North Carolina Delegation on the President's Message. Mr. Pou Calls it "The Most Wonderful Speech I Ever Heard." Mr. Kitchin Calls it "Best Effort of the President."

Washington, Dec. 4.—Both Senators Simmons and Overman, Majority Leader Claude Kitchin, and all the rest of the State delegation in Congress praised President Wilson's message to Congress today as one of the ablest papers ever presented to that body. But for that matter every one else who was fortunate enough to hear the President's address, with the possible exception of Senator Robert M. LaFollette, of Wisconsin, thinks the same way.

"By far the ablest message and more nearly interprets the thoughts of the people," said Majority Leader Kitchin, "than any other document since the war began. I consider it one of the best efforts of the President."

Senator Simmons: "It was a very clear-cut, forceful explanation of the war situation. It was fully equal to any state paper and in many respects superior to any. I think it will receive marked attention both here and abroad. Will have a salutary effect in both hemispheres. His recommendation that America declare war on Austria will certainly meet with popular approval."

Senator Overman: "It was the greatest message I ever heard. It should be read by every woman and child in the United States. It went to the very root of why we are fighting Germany and will go a long way to bring the pacifists to their senses."

Representative Pou: "The most wonderful speech I ever heard. It will be read for centuries to come and its effect will be most wonderful. It will go down in history as the greatest of all state papers."

Representative Webb: "A splendid and most forceful paper. It will be read with interest by the entire world. It showed conclusively why we are fighting and when we will stop."

Representatives Doughton, Godwin, Hood and Robinson declared the message a most wonderful document and they thoroughly agreed with the President's views.—Parker A. Anderson in Greensboro News.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Benson, Dec. 6.—Mr. Alton Hall returned the first of the week to Wake Forest College to resume his work after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Miss Mildred Parrish has returned to Winston-Salem after spending some time here with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Parrish. Mrs. M. C. Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Honeycutt returned Monday from Falcon after spending Sunday with relatives there.

Messrs. R. L. Flowers and N. A. Watson returned this morning from New Bern where they have been for several days as witnesses in attendance upon the Federal Court which is in session there.

Misses Cora Maie Green and Erma Green returned to their homes near Lillington the first of the week after spending some time here with Miss Ethel Hall.

Mr. Preston Woodall returned Monday from Richmond where he spent Sunday with his son, Isham Woodall, who has been in Grace Hospital for the past two weeks under-going treatment.

Mr. R. U. Barbour returned this morning from Johnston City, Tenn., where he has been for the past week buying mules and horses. He has five car-loads on the road. They will reach here Friday or Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Jones, of Angier, has bought the Sheriff Grimes place on the Highway near here and will in the near future move his family here to live.

Chief Henry and Deputy Marshal George Moore returned last night from Atlanta, Ga., where they went to convey prisoners from Federal Court to the Atlanta Pen. Among the Johnston County prisoners were Cap Hodges, Seth McLamb, and Bob Ryals, all of whom were sentenced last week by Judge Connor for making whiskey.

Messrs. O. C. Hill and E. R. Canaday went to Sanford Tuesday returning Wednesday.

Messrs. M. T. Britt, J. F. Woodall, L. Gilbert, J. L. Hall, W. D. Boop, and Rev. G. W. Rollins are all in Dur-

ham this week attending the State Baptist Convention which is meeting there.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dixon returned the first of the week from Norfolk, Va., where they visited their son, H. O. Dixon, who is in the Navy there.

Mrs. J. L. Hall returned last week from Buies Creek where she has been for several days.

Mrs. W. C. Loyd has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Raynor, for several days. She returned to her home at Chapel Hill this week.

Mrs. Bernard Massey, of Florence, S. C., and her two children are here for a visit to Mrs. J. T. Stanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Blackman, of Petersburg, Va., are here this week visiting relatives. Mr. Blackman was married there last week and they are spending their honeymoon here with relatives.

Miss Ollie Bryant, of Stantonburg, N. C., is here for a few days' visit to her sister, Miss Daisy Bryant.

Mr. D. M. Hill, of Clayton, was here yesterday spending the day with relatives on his way home from Fayetteville.

Misses Annie Wicker and Myrtle Aschcraft returned this week from Raleigh where they have been visiting several days.

Rev. A. L. Goodrich, of Point Cashwell, N. C., is here for a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Goodrich.

Mr. George Thomas, of Oxford, was here for a short visit to friends this week.

Mrs. J. H. Rose and children returned yesterday from Raleigh where they have been visiting for several days.

Mr. James Pink Benson, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday on business matters for a short while.

Mr. Clarence Britt has accepted a position with the Citizens Bank & Trust Company of this city. Mr. Britt recently returned from Richmond where he was taking a special course in bookkeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders, of Four Oaks, spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Mrs. J. R. McLamb and Miss Pansie McLamb returned recently from a few days' visit to relatives in Sampson county.

Mr. A. W. Hodges spent Wednesday in Fayetteville on business matters returning home this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Creech and children, of Four Oaks, were visitors to our city Tuesday, spending the day with relatives.

Mrs. Nathan McLamb was taken to Highsmith hospital yesterday for treatment. An operation will be necessary for her recovery.

Rev. J. T. Stanford left Monday for Greenville where he is attending the Methodist Conference this week. The membership of the church here which he has served for the past two years, together with his many friends, earnestly hope that he will be returned to his charge for the coming year.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton, Benson's Jeweler, was relieved of a nice watch last week by a young man who came in to buy it. The young man had his fingers tied up and asked Mr. Whittenton to write the check and sign his name to it as his finger was sore and he could not write, which Mr. Whittenton did, as the man had given his name and told who his parents were near Four Oaks. It turned up later that the man had not given his correct name and the check was no good. The man who obtained the watch will likely be arrested shortly as his identity has been established.

The pupils of Miss Florence Johnson's music class will give a recital Thursday evening, Dec. 13th, at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church. The public is invited to be present.

Death of an Aged Woman.

Miss Polly Barbour, who made her home with her niece, Mrs. Riley Strickland, near Four Oaks, died last Sunday morning. She was about eighty years old and was a sister of Messrs. Ashley and Green Barbour. She was buried at Barbour's Chapel, her funeral being conducted by Elders G. W. Shepherd, of Wilmington, and W. Y. Moore, of Benson. She was a good woman and now goes to receive the reward of the faithful. She was a member of Barbour's Chapel Advent church.

The Red Cross Christmas seals are now on sale at the following places: Hood's Drug Store, Creech's Drug, W. L. Woodall & Sons' Store and Spiers' Store.

WEDNESDAY IN THE BIG WAR.

Indications Point to Early Re-Opening Operations by the Teutons in France. Allies Prepared for It. Both the British and Italians Are Awaiting With Complacency the Enemy's Attacks.

While for the moment there are no infantry operations of magnitude in progress on any of the numerous battle fronts, indications are not wanting that shortly the Cambrai sector in France and the northern line in the Italian theatre will again witness titanic struggles with the Germans and the Germans and Austro-Hungarians the aggressors.

Already the Germans in the Cambrai region have brought up reinforcements with the object of blotting out the salient driven in their line by General Byng's dash, a small portion of which they have reconquered, but at a fearful price. In Italy, along the Sette Comuni and the Asiago plateau, enemy guns of all calibres have opened fire on the Italian positions and several hill positions have been captured in small attacks. Both before Cambrai and in the Italian region the allied armies are awaiting with complacency the enemy's assaults.

While near Cambrai it is conceded that the British will be forced by reason of the dangerous salient held by the enemy in their line to somewhat straighten out their front, optimism is expressed that on the whole General Byng's forces will be able to give a good accounting for any attacks the enemy may launch.

Likewise the menace of a dash by the Austro-Germans down through the hills and out upon the plains of Venetia have been provided for, so far as the reinforcement of the Italians by the British and French troops and the bringing up of fresh guns is concerned. If Field Marshal von Hoetzendorf, commander of the enemy troops, should be able to breach the line and gain his objective, it will be only after one of the most sanguinary encounters of the war.

Submarines or mines were responsible for the sinking last week of 16 British merchantmen of more than 1,600 tons as compared with 14 the previous week. Only one vessel under 1,600 tons was sent to the bottom, however, as compared with seven the preceding week.—Associated Press War Summary.

ROYALL SCHOOL NOTES.

The patrons of the school met Monday night at the school house, and decided to get a piano for the school. Miss Strickland will have charge of the Music Department.

At the meeting Monday night an organization was formed to secure a library for the school. This is called the Royall Library Association. The officers elected were: Miss Ruth Gilchrist, president; J. S. Johnson, secretary, and Victor Johnson, librarian. The library is secured through the state library committee.

We are making plans for further organizations in the school, as Literary Societies, etc. We are also getting in some basket ball practice, and hope to soon have the teams in good shape.

The following visited the school Tuesday morning: Mr. J. S. Johnson, and Miss Cecil Moore.

Misses Ruth Gilchrist and Cora Johnson spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Charlotte, and attended the Teachers Assembly.

Miss Ina Strickland spent Thanksgiving with her parents in Falcon.

Miss Claudia Johnson has been visiting relatives near Smithfield.

Miss Lily Ruth Johnson, of Smithfield, spent the week-end with relatives in the community.

We are sorry to note the illness of Mrs. D. M. Johnson and Mrs. T. V. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Creech, of near Kenly, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tyner.

Master William Olive, of Pisgah, has been a visitor at the home of Mr. J. A. Tyner.—X. Y. Z. Elevation Township.

In a speech before the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in convention at Washington this week, William Jennings Bryan predicted the ratification by the States of a prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution within two years. He declared that the action of the President in ordering a reduction in the alcoholic content of beer was a great step forward for prohibition.

CHRISTMAS AND THE SOLDIER.

Some Suggestions as to What Those Back Home Might Send Him. A Fountain Pen Would Be Much Appreciated.

In less than three weeks "the people back home" will be enjoying another "Merry Christmas." The boys and girls will have returned from their respective schools to enjoy the Christmas turkey with father and mother and brother and sister. They will all sit by the fire-side and enjoy the companionship of loved ones and the association of friends. Santa Claus will bring each a Christmas present and in a nice, comfortable home, mother, father, sister, brother, friend, will enjoy the Christmas season.

But there are hundreds of thousands of boys who will not have such a Christmas. Yes, millions will not spend the holiday season with mother. Some will not even have a holiday. To some, Christmas will be only December twenty-fifth. In some dreary little hut, or out on some cold outpost of guard duty, or even in the trenches, somebody's son, somebody's brother, somebody's friend, will have to spend Christmas. It may be your son; it may be your brother. Will this young man in khaki (for it is the soldier boys that I am thinking of) think of home on December twenty-fifth? Scarcely will he think of anything else, and he would give a thousand worlds, had he them to give, if only he could help eat the turkey at home, and just for one hour with some friend he left behind. The folks back home are going to think of the boys, too. They are going to send Christmas to the boys at the front.

Now just a suggestion. The soldier spends much of his leisure time in writing to the folks back home. He gets all the paper he wants from the "Y". He gets all the pens and ink he wants from the "Y". But a pen that has been used by two or more persons does not write very smoothly. You could not give that soldier son, brother, or friend a more useful and appreciated gift than a good fountain pen. A soldier can take paper from the "Y" with him to the field. He can fill his fountain pen before he leaves the "Y", and out there on the firing line he can write back home. Think of the soldier boys while enjoying your Christmas.

A "Y" SECRETARY.
Columbia, S. C.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Princeton, Dec. 5.—Misses Bessie and Zilla Woodard are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Miss Hester Gurley and Miss Penina Deans, from Eaulston, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gurley. Miss Hester is teaching school at Saulston.

Miss Grace Warrick from Goldsboro is visiting Misses Bessie and Jessie Massey.

Miss Alliene Pettway, of Goldsboro, has been spending a few days with Miss Alma Holt this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hood, of Kinston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. Holt Sunday.

Miss Eunice Peel and Misses Flossie and Malissie Wellons have been spending a few days with Miss Mildred Massey.

Miss Jenneth Woodard is visiting Miss Sallie Wrigth this week.

Miss Lola Lynch and Miss Zola Woodard are visiting Mrs. George H. Perry.

Mr. W. L. Hastings, from the Battleship Maine, is at home on a week's furlough, visiting his parents. Logan is a member of the band on this vessel.

The friends and relatives of Miss Lena Woodard will be glad to learn that she is improving, slowly, but is yet very sick at her home.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pelt is seriously ill with symptoms of pneumonia.

Miss Ethel Baker is at home, spending a few days. She is attending Rock Ridge High School in Wilson County. Mrs. Frank Wells continues seriously ill at her home, with symptoms of improvement today.

Mrs. A. C. Faircloth and baby have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Murchison, in Smithfield for a few days.

The box party given at the school house Thursday night was a success. The object was to raise money to purchase a piano for the school. The receipts amounted to more than forty dollars. Miss Jarvis Mitchell won the cake for being the prettiest girl pres-

ent. The cake sold for twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents. The boxes brought by the young ladies were beautiful and some of them sold for more than four dollars.

Miss Amma Stancil, teacher in the graded school here spent the week-end with relatives at Selma.

At a conference of the members of the Baptist church last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Dupree was unanimously called to preach at this church for the next year. It was known by the members that Mr. Duncan had accepted another call and therefore would not serve the church another year.

Mr. Floyd C. Price and Mr. Gurley, of Pine Level, came down Sunday to attend services at the Baptist church.

Mr. John R. Massey, one of our boys is with Uncle Sam's army in France, and is attached to the engineers division. The relatives and friends of all our boys in the army and navy should remember that a few lines from home cheers them up, and we should send them cards and letters often to let them know and feel that we think of them.

For the past month or so copies of The Smithfield Herald were sent to some of our boys who are on the battleships out on the Atlantic ocean, and receipt was soon acknowledged saying, "Send them along regularly. They are just like a letter from home." So send the boys a copy of their home paper. There are at least four boys from Johnston County on the Battleship Oklahoma, one each from Clayton, Smithfield, Selma and Princeton, and we do not know yet how many are on other vessels in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Te relatives of Hubert L. Bridges have received notice of his death at the Camp in South Carolina, on December 2nd—cause, spinal Meningitis. The body is expected to arrive here today. This is the first death among the forty-eight young men from this township who are in the army and navy.

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN SELMA.

Selma, N. C., Dec. 6.—Mr. J. D. Massey spent Wednesday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. G. C. Hinton has resigned his position with A. V. Driver Co. and accepted a position as Secretary and Treasurer of the Ethel and Lizzie Cotton Mills, succeeding Mr. S. V. Pitts, resigned.

Rev. C. K. Proctor left Tuesday morning for Greenville to attend the Methodist Conference in session there this week. Mr. Proctor has been on this charge for one year, and has endeared himself to a host of people here who hope that he will come back another year.

The Stewards of M. E. Church and their wives met at the parsonage last Monday night and enjoyed a social hour with the preacher and his wife.

Mrs. Sallie Upchurch left Tuesday for Wilson where she entered the Sanatorium for treatment.

Mr. W. L. Stapil spent Sunday with friends in Wilders township.

County Commissioner, W. M. Nowell, of near Wendell, was here for a few hours Monday enroute to Smithfield.

The Selma merchants are making extensive preparations for the Pay-Up-Week which begins Monday, and Dollar Day next Thursday. Liberal discounts are being offered to those who settle up during Pay-Up-Week, and the Dollar Day bargain counters will offer a various assortment of desirable bargains for this day.

Rev. C. K. Proctor reports a very enjoyable Thanksgiving service at Sanders' Chapel church Thanksgiving Day. A good collection was taken for the orphans. The people of this church are contemplating the erection of a modern Sunday school addition to their church in the near future.

Mr. T. C. Henry went to Wilson yesterday on business in connection with the moving of his stock there January 1st.

The remains of Mr. Walter Crocker arrived here yesterday from Richmond, Va. Mr. Crocker went to a Richmond hospital about two weeks ago for an operation on his head. His head was injured some years ago by falling from a train, and physicians advised him that an operation was the only means of relief. The operation was performed Monday, and he died Tuesday night, the remains reaching here yesterday. The burial will take place today in the family burial ground.

Mr. R. C. Pearce has resigned his position with Roberts Atkinson Co. and accepted a position as Manager for W. E. Smith Co.

HE ASKS FOR WAR ON AUSTRIA.

President Wilson in Second War Message to Congress Gave a Definite Statement of America's War Aims.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A definite statement to the world of America's war aims and of the basis upon which peace will be considered was made today by President Wilson in an address to Congress in which he urged immediate declaration of a state of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary—Germany's vassal and tool. As to Turkey and Bulgaria—also tools of the enemy—he counseled delay "because they do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action."

To win the war, the president declared in emphatic and ringing tones, is the immediate and unalterable task ahead. He urged congress, just beginning its second war session, to concentrate itself upon it.

The President sharply dismissed the possibility of premature peace, sought by German intrigue and debated here by men who understand neither its nature nor the way it may be attained. With victory an accomplished fact, he said, peace will be evolved based upon "mercy and justice—to enemy and friend—with hope of a partnership of nations to guarantee future world peace."

The war will be deemed won, he declared, "when the German people say to us, through properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done." Terms of peace, he added, would not include dismemberment, robbery or punishment of the enemy, but would be based on justice, defined briefly as follows:

Freedom of nations and their peoples from autocratic domination; reparation to Belgium; relinquishment of German power over the peoples of Austria, Turkey, the free Balkan states, as well as evacuation of Prussian territorial conquests in Belgium and northern France.

Emphasizing the purpose of the United States not to interfere in the internal affairs of any nation, the President asserted that no wrong against the German empire was intended and that there was no desire to re-arrange the Austro-Hungarian empire. He said when he spoke eight months ago of the right of nations to free access of the seas he had Austria as well as the smaller and weaker nations in mind.

Mr. Pou At Benson.

Sunday afternoon Congressman Ed. W. Pou, of Smithfield, delivered an address in the school auditorium to a large audience of Benson people.

His topic was "The War" and he delivered one of the best addresses heard here so far. He began at the beginning in 1914, and traced the acts of Germany right down to the present time. His information was authoritative most of it coming to him by virtue of the fact that he is in a position to learn war news first hand. He took pains to tell his hearers that nothing he had to say was in any way false but the picture he painted of the horrors of Germany and of the German army outclassed the most harrowing tales of the New York gunmen or the Black Hand. Jack-the-ripper has taken a back seat, the most merciless of his crimes being tame, tame, compared to what Germany has done to civilians and prisoners alike.

Mr. Pou went on to tell of how Germany had violated every law of nations deliberately and with premeditation. He satisfied all present as to why this country entered the war and proved by all processes of reason that the Allies are right in their action and effort at forcing Germany to throw up her hands.

He laid stress upon the fact that hits is a great war with far reaching effects and that this country could be successful only by each and every citizen fighting as is Germany—a unit. He stressed the importance of co-operation of all Americans. He made a great speech and one appreciated by all who heard him.

After the speaking a substantial collection was taken for the Red Cross.—Benson Review, Nov. 27.

Every new member and every old member of the Red Cross should buy Red Cross Seals, and those who are not members should buy Red Cross Seals and help the Tuberculosis Fund.