

## CHIEF OF A. E. F. FEEL AND BINED IN WESTERN N. C.

Visits Oteen Hospital and Drives Through Biltmore.

### NO PUBLIC RECEPTION

Pershing Guest at Informal Luncheon, With Miss Wilson Also a Guest.

#### Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Feb. 20.—A large number of people crowded the Asheville station this morning to greet Gen. John J. Pershing as the "Carolina Special" arrived.

The streets for some distance were covered with automobiles, from which men, women and children cheered the chief of the American expeditionary force as he and his wife passed en route to the Grove Park Inn, where a luncheon was tendered General Pershing by F. L. Seely, the manager.

During the luncheon, the general and Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, spoke.

The quarantine in Asheville prevented a big demonstration.

Immediately following the luncheon four of Oteen hospital was made, but on account of the quarantine only a drive around the beautiful grounds was taken. Then a trip was made through the Biltmore estate at the special request of General Pershing.

Following the drive through the estate the party, among which was M. A. Erskine and N. Buckner of the board of trade, Mayor Roberts, the city commissioners, J. F. Barrett, labor chief, E. H. Williams, the American Legion, and several other prominent citizens, returning to Biltmore station where the general and his staff boarded special cars and soon took their departure for Old Point Comfort, where they go on a tour of inspection. General Pershing stood at stiff salute while he waved with the left hand as the train rounded a curve and disappeared.

The general said at the luncheon that he believed the people had rather hear Miss Wilson sing than him speak and insisted that she sing, whereupon Miss Wilson revealed for the first time since her visit here that she in Asheville had her voice, lost while singing overseas, but she in a few words paid a high compliment to General Pershing, whom she had not seen since leaving France.

General Pershing and his staff will leave Asheville for Washington, Feb. 23, ending their route over every state in the union save five.

### BARRÉTT TELLS HOW HILL CITY HAILED PERSHING

"Any man with a pessimistic turn who feels that Americanism is in danger of being lost by the general, who today when General John J. Pershing and his party arrived here from Knoxville," said James F. Barrett, editor of The Charlotte Labor Herald and The Asheville Daily Citizen, after having spent the day with General Pershing as a member of the reception committee appointed by the chamber of commerce.

"The flu ban prevented any outdoor speaking, but there was no power in the mountains that would have prevented the people from gathering at the station, along the streets and on the squares. Thousands of people applauded the big warrior, and every one was rewarded with a Pershing smile. Women raced from the sidewalks to throw flowers into the general's machine; strong men, some with bent shoulders and hair, crowded around the general, and trembling lips and tear-moistened eyes spoke eloquently of the deep love that throbbled in the hearts of the mountaineers for the big general.

But the most touching of all the scenes were those enacted when little children, boys and girls, would shout their greetings to their hero, and on many occasions when the procession would stop because of congestion, the boys would climb on the running board of the car, just as many as could find the smallest space, and the general would shake every one by the hand that reached up to him, talking, laughing, greeting the little fellows in true Pershing style. Somehow as one looked at the big general and the little boys, the man of today and the man of the past, the sense of the loss of the man who has done things, and the eager, admiring, determined faces of those who will be called upon to do the country's work in later years, the sense of the country's welfare vanished.

"Asheville has entertained Presidents, ex-Presidents, and many men and women of note. It is safe to say, however, that the city took a greater delight in entertaining General Pershing than in the visit of any other man in all its history," said Mr. Barrett.

### PERSHING SPEAKS FROM TRAIN AT SALISBURY

Special to The Observer. Salisbury, Feb. 20.—General Pershing, in a five-minute car platform speech here, tonight, boosted public schools and the American Legion.

The first, he said, laid the foundation for patriotism and manly endeavor that won the war and will win all the great battles of life.

The second, being a great non-partisan organization, is going to help smooth out the perplexing questions which now confront the nation. He called for every eligible to join the legion and for each community to take pride in crossing illiteracy.

Notwithstanding the flu ban against gatherings an immense throng crowded about the car. He acknowledged the name of the American boys who had gone to France and brought back the victory and whose army stood head and shoulders above any other army in the great war. General Pershing had to stop speaking because his voice began to fail him. He was introduced by Mayor W. B. Strachan.

## A. E. F. Commander in Chief Guest of Asheville Yesterday



SEN. JOHN J. PERSHING

## LABOR PLATFORM DISCOVERER OF UNDERWAY SOON NORTH POLE DIES

Farmers Name Committee to 35 Blood Transfusions Fail to Draw Up Their Plank. Save Admiral Peary.

Trade Commission Given Word of Encouragement When Farmers Meet in Capital. Secretary Daniels Pays Him Tribute.

Washington, Feb. 20.—With the appointment of a committee of seven prominent farm organization leaders to draw up a "platform," the American farmer, as represented in the national board of farm organizations, served notice today on present and prospective presidential candidates that he is determined to participate actively in the coming campaign.

The platform will comprise questions designed to bring out conspicuously the attitude of each candidate upon matters which agriculturists consider of paramount importance.

C. S. Barrett, of Georgia, president of the National Farmers' union, was named as chairman of the committee.

The conference adopted resolutions asking the early appointment of an American delegate to the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome to succeed the late David Lubin; approved the Capper-Herberman bill restoring to farmers the right of collective buying and selling; expressed confidence in the federal trade commission in connection with the imminent investigation of that body, and petitioned Congress to amend the farm loan act to increase the maximum loan from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The invitation from Sir Horace Plunkett, as representative of Irish farm organizations, that a delegation be appointed to attend an international congress on agriculture at Dublin during the present year, was accepted.

Senator Polk, of Washington, addressed the conference at the afternoon session, characterized farming as the greatest industry of the nation and congratulated the national board upon its decision to erect a permanent home in the capital where its members could keep in close touch with the government. An experienced farmer should be selected to head the department of agriculture, he said, and farmers "should be given that freedom of action necessary to obtain the greatest possible ultimate results."

### FIFTH DISTRICT DOCTORS IN MEET AT RED SPRINGS

Interesting Papers Read by Dr. Stewart and Dr. McBrayer, of Sanatorium.

Special to The Observer. Red Springs, Feb. 20.—The mid-winter meetings of the fifth district, North Carolina Medical association, was held here today in the auditorium of Flora Macdonald college.

The address of the day was delivered by Dr. Francis E. Stewart, director scientific department of the H. K. Mulford company, Philadelphia, his subject being "The use of vaccines and serums for the prevention and treatment of influenza and the pneumonia."

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the North Carolina sanatorium, spoke informally on "The influence of public health in the conservation of human life."

Following the afternoon session the visitors were entertained at dinner by the college in the big dining room. During the menu the students exhibited several reels of moving pictures. At the night session Dr. Stewart again spoke on "The battle of the cells," illustrating his lecture with stereopticon slides and Dr. McBrayer exhibited several reels of moving pictures illustrating and treating the subject of the modern health crusade and of tuberculosis.

## SHIP AGREEMENT BRINGS DENIAL FROM PRESIDENT

He and British Premier Had No Understanding.

### SENDS SENATE STATEMENT

Payne Announces Sale of Former Cargo Vessels Is to Be Continued Despite Hearst.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Wilson flatly denied today in a formal communication to the senate that he had any agreement of understanding with British officials regarding disposition of the fleet of former German liners around which, since they were offered for sale by the shipping board, has raged a controversy into which Congress, courts and government agencies have been drawn.

"There is not nor has there been any agreement or understanding between the President of the United States and officials of Great Britain concerning the sale of the ex-German vessels in possession of the United States," Mr. Wilson said, responding specifically to a resolution by Senator Brandegee, Republican, Connecticut, adopted by the senate, which called for any agreement or understanding with respect to what disposition shall be made of those ships by the United States.

"I believe the above information fully answers the senate inquiry."

At the same time, however, and in order that the senate may be in possession of all the information there is in any way relating to the vessels in question, the President transmitted a copy of a hitherto unpublished tentative agreement reached in Paris that Germany eventually would be credited before the reparations commission, should Congress approve, with any surplus value of the ships in excess of merchant tonnage losses of the United States during the war. In no case would the sale of the vessels themselves pass from the United States, the agreement provided.

Before Mr. Wilson's message reached the senate, the commerce committee had decided to recommend passage of the bill drawn by its chairman, Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, deferring sale of the ships until they should have been rechartered for commercial service by the shipping board and Congress should have laid down a national shipping policy. The house merchant marine committee had embarked on an independent inquiry with Chairman John Barton Payne of the shipping board, and Vice Chairman Stevens of that body, the two divergent views on the advisability of sale of the vessels and in the district supreme court. The association of shipbuilders, under advertisement application for counsel for the board that \$5,000,000 bond be required of William Randolph Hearst in taxpayer proceeds through which he was granted a temporary injunction against the board's plan to sell the fleet.

The proposed agreement transmitted by the President was signed in May 1919, by Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Wilson. The President's signature, however, was made conditional on an appended "explanation" that it was subject to the approval of Congress.

Sale of former German cargo vessels by the shipping board will continue, Chairman Payne declared tonight, as action of the senate commerce committee and the temporary injunction granted William Randolph Hearst apply only to the 26 passenger ships.

Bids have been invited by the board for the purchase of 25 freight carriers aggregating 100,532 deadweight tons. The bid was for 23 ex-enemy cargo carriers have been sold by the board.

### MAY END GOVERNMENT'S CASE IN TWO WEEKS

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 20.—At the end of another rapid action scene in the Newberry election conspiracy trial today, Frank J. Bailey said he hoped to finish the government's case by a week from tomorrow.

Twenty witnesses were heard this afternoon.

The developments ranged from a remark about "nice money" credited to George John, of Mount Clemens, by Albert E. Stevenson, former democratic state chairman, to what Gladstone Harts of Bay Paw, said when he gave Newberry car to Gene Duff, village constable of Hartford, Van Buren county. Duff said that Seattle promised to "make it right" and later mailed him \$10.

### JO-JO SAYS

Cloudy and warmer today; rain Sunday.

Dollar-to-doughnut bets aren't very popular these days, for the dollar isn't worth more than the proverbial doughnut.

## POLITICAL DEATH FOR G.O.P. IS SEEN BY "FARMER BOB" DOUGHTON

Eighth District Man Goes After Republicans and Their Policy of "Economy" With Gloves Off—Swats Them Right and Left for Sins of Omission and Reminds Them That Voters Know Which Side to Vote for.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT. Washington, Feb. 20.—Farmer Bob Doughton, representative in congress from the eighth district, went after the republicans with gloves off today.

He swatted them right and left for sins of omission. He charged them with playing politics with the serious matters.

"Playing politics may seem temporarily expedient," said he, "but you will need something to go before the country in the next campaign week and except expediency, false economy and destructive criticism. You are now sowing to the wind and are bound to reap to the whirlwinds, and when placed upon the balance of justice and weighed upon the record you are making you will be found wanting by the American people and the just recompense of your reward will be political death."

He said the republicans are failing to maintain the constructive good roads plan inaugurated and launched by the democrats during the last two congresses.

"Something must be speedily done to stop the rush from farms to the cities and towns or serious consequences will ensue," said he. "People continue to leave the farms in droves not so much for the reason that farming is not profitable but because of the isolation, lack of social advantages, lack of good roads and other necessary improvements that go to make country life attractive."

The history of the work of the democratic party in the senate was reviewed by Mr. Doughton. He charged that the republicans did not have the interests of the farmers at heart and was deliberately neglecting their needs.

"If the committee on roads is functioning at all," said he, "I have never heard of it."

"In the last congress which was democratic we not only made additional appropriations of one hundred million dollars to aid in the construction of good roads, but we also provided for or authorized the war department to turn over to the highway authorities of the different states certain machinery, etc., suitable for use in the improvement of highways, the same to be distributed to the highway department of the several states and demoted or sold as surplus property in whole or in part by federal aid. Under this authority the secretary of war has turned over quite a number of army trucks but has not complied with the full intention and purpose of the statute as there is held by the war department a lot of other motor, machinery, etc., such as steam shovels, hoisting derricks, scrapers, plows, wagon loaders, etc., which are held by the various highway authorities."

Another Bill Passed. "At the urgent request of the various highway authorities of the several states, there was passed through the senate on the 22nd of October (Continued on Page Two.)"

## TRAITOR? NEVER BACK PASSING IS SAID CALLAUX TRIED IN SENATE

Former French Premier May Have Been Too Impulsive? And the Peace Treaty Is Cause of the Argument.

Swift's Son-in-Law Fooled Him, and He Was Duped by Others Trying to Save France.

Senators of Both Parties Seek to Place Blame for Failure on Other Side.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The question of party responsibility for the peace treaty deadlock was threshed over in militant fashion on the senate floor today with both the republicans and the democrats seeking to wash their hands of the senate's failure to act and of any consequences in the political campaign.

Among other things, the debate brought out a direct disagreement as to which side originated the bipartisan conference, in which five democrats and four republicans sought unsuccessfully to work an agreement which had indicated the bipartisan movement and who now had submitted two compromise articles 10 reservations which many republican senators believed were identical in substance with the Lodge reservation on that subject.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, the democrat leader, started the flare-up by a speech denying charges that the democrats wanted the treaty in the campaign. He asserted that his party had gone "nineteen miles of the way to compromise" and that the republicans had stood solidly for acceptance of the own reservations "without the dotting of an 'i' or the crossing of a 't'."

Senator Borah, republican Idaho, declared that the republicans were driven to agree upon the best compromise they could among themselves.

Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, one of the mid reservation republicans charged that the democratic leader had stood out against compromise as expressed yesterday in a speech to the unofficial state convention of New York republicans was voiced in a statement tonight by Senator John Johnson of California, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

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### ROPER WARNS AGAINST FAKE REVENUE "EXPERTS"

Washington, Feb. 20.—Warning that the public should be on guard against imposition by persons who are making extravagant claims as experts on income tax regulations was given tonight by Commissioner Roper of the bureau of internal revenue.

He said that there are a number of such experts who are capitalizing former minor positions with the bureau to gain influence.

## AMERICAN REPLY TO PREMIERS TO BE CABLED TODAY

Inner Circles Are Pleased With President's Answer.

### STRICT SILENCE IN ORDER

Note Not to Be Given Out Until After It Is Received by Premiers.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—President Wilson's reply to the entente premiers on the Adriatic question probably will go forward tomorrow.

Acting Secretary Polk continued to study it today and after it has been put in the usual diplomatic form and has been approved by the President it will be coded and put on the cables.

State department officials still steadfastly refused to discuss the contents of the document, but a feeling of satisfaction was noticeable in administration circles and it was generally understood that Mr. Wilson had made an unequivocal statement of the American government's position.

While further exchanges on the subject are expected, it is believed that with the delivery of the President's note by Ambassador Davis at London the question will have been removed from the argumentative stage.

Although the premiers have forwarded to Jugo-Slavia in the form of an ultimatum, the settlement arrived at without the participation of the United States, it is said they have not closed the way to a return to the Paris agreement of December 9, to which the United States was a party.

In the general belief here they have not overlooked suggesting that the American government point the way to the carrying out of an agreement which it holds to be unobjectionable. It was settled today that the exchanges will not be made public, at least by the American government, until after the President's note has been delivered to the allies.

Whether the reply will be given or then will depend upon the wishes of the British, French and Italian governments.

### UNIVERSAL TRAINING AS PART OF FUTURE POLICY APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Two Vote Margin Decides It Shall Be Part of Reorganized Army Bill.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Universal military training as a part of the future military policy of the United States was approved in principle today by the house military committee, which decided by a margin of two votes that the army reorganization bill should make provision for such a plan, effective July 1, 1923.

The close committee vote of 11 to nine, coming as a three-hour debate in executive session, was regarded as indicative of the bitter fight to be made in the house later when the reorganization measure goes to the floor. Opponents of universal training, despite today's defeat, confidently predicted they would win out when the proposal reaches the house. The senate also must vote on the universal training question as its reorganization bill, now pending, includes such a provision.

Opponents of universal training during debate in the committee declared reporting of the proposal was useless because of the democratic caucus having gone on record against it and with many republicans, including Floor Leader McCallister, in opposition to the scheme. Opinion as to the country's reception of the plan varied with the sentiment of its supporters and opponents.

### TWO SIDES LINE UP FOR FIGHT ON BILL

Think Compromise on Rail Bill Will Pass by a Substantial Margin.

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### GRAIN CORPORATION IS TO RESUME BUYING PLAN

New York, Feb. 20.—The United States Grain corporation announced today that on March 2 it will resume buying of flour under its "regular flour offer plan," after a suspension of general purchase for two months.

Although there are large stocks of flour in Atlantic ports today still waiting sale and shipment, Julius H. Barnes, United States wheat director, said the wheat guarantee act passed by Congress specifies a preference in the export of wheat flour, rather than wheat.

### RALEIGH FLU BAN TO COME OFF AT MIDNIGHT

But Lid Will Be Clamped Down Again if Too Many Cases Are Reported.

BY W. H. RICHARDSON. Raleigh, Feb. 20.—The city commission this afternoon lifted the ban on moving picture shows, churches, schools and other places of public gatherings, effective at 12 o'clock tomorrow night.

This action was based upon the advice of Dr. W. H. Rankin of the state board of health, and Dr. Percy Aprons city and county health officer.

The closing ordinance went into effect February 7 and the apparent crest of the influenza epidemic was reached February 11, when 163 cases were reported.