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## WILSON APPEALS FOR REFORM THRU JUSTICE

### President Advises in Annual Message Legislative Plans Looking to Peace Time Basis For Business.

A diversified legislative program to restore a peace time status, revise the tax system, curb unrest, reduce the cost of living and rectify labor and farming conditions was recommended by President Wilson Tuesday in his message to the new session of congress.

The text of the President's message follows:

I sincerely regret that I can not be present at the opening of this session of the congress. I am thus prevented from presenting in as direct a way as I could wish the many questions that are pressing for solution at this time. Happily, I have had the advantage of the advice of the heads of the several executive departments who have kept in close touch with affairs in their detail and whose thoughtful recommendations I earnestly second.

In the matter of the railroads and the readjustment of their affairs growing out of Federal control I shall take the liberty at a later date of addressing you.

I hope that congress will bring to a conclusion at this session legislation looking to the establishment of a budget system. That there should be one single authority responsible for the making of all appropriations and that appropriations should be made not independently of each other, but with reference to one single comprehensive plan of expenditure properly related to the nation's income, there can be no doubt. I believe the burden of preparing the budget must, in the nature of the case, if the work is to be properly done and responsibility concentrated instead of divided, rest upon the executive. The budget so prepared should be submitted to and approved or amended by a single committee of each house of congress and no single appropriation should be made by the congress except such as may have been included in the budget prepared by the executive or added by the particular committee of congress charged with the budget legislation.

### Another Aspect.

Another and not less important aspect of the problem is the ascertainment of the economy and efficiency with which the moneys appropriated are expended. Under existing law the only audit is for the purpose of ascertaining whether expenditures have been lawfully made within the appropriations. No one is authorized or equipped to ascertain whether the money has been spent wisely, economically and effectively. The auditors should be highly trained officials with permanent tenure in the treasury department, free of obligations to or motives of consideration for this or any subsequent administration, and authorized and empowered to examine into and make report upon the methods employed and the results obtained by the executive departments of the government. Their reports should be made to the congress and to the secretary of the treasury.

I trust that the congress will give its immediate consideration to the problem of future taxation. Simplification of the income and profits taxes has become an immediate necessity. These taxes performed indispensable service during the war. They must, however, be simplified, not only to save the taxpayer inconvenience and expense, but in order that his liability may be made certain and definite.

### Present Amendments.

With reference to the details of the revenue law, the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue will lay before you for your consideration certain amendments necessary or desirable in connection with the administration of the law—recommendations which have my approval and support. It is of the utmost importance that in dealing with this matter the present law should not be disturbed so far as regards taxes for calendar year 1920, payable in the calendar year 1921. The congress might well

## GENERAL PERSHING TO BE GUEST AT FAYETTEVILLE

### Famous Commander Accepts An Invitation to Visit Cape Fear City Friday.

General John J. Pershing, chief military figure of the western world, will be the guest of the city of Fayetteville for several hours following his inspection of Camp Bragg on Friday. This information has been received from Colonel R. E. Lee, of the office of the chief of field artillery, by John C. Shaw, acting for a citizens' committee of entertainment. The leader of America's forces in the great war will arrive in Fayetteville Friday morning, coming from Camp Lee. He will go immediately to Camp Bragg for the inspection of the artillery center. Following the inspection he will be the guest of honor at a barbecue to be given on the reservation by the citizens of Fayetteville.

General Pershing has been invited to make an address from the portico of the Old Market in the center of the city, but it is not known whether or not the general will be able to comply with this request.

## SUPERIOR COURT IS IN SESSION FOR CIVIL CASES

### December Term of Two Weeks Opened Monday—Judge W. F. Harding Presiding.

The December term of Burke Superior court opened Monday, with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding. The calendar as arranged extends through Friday of next week. Of more general interest than the others, which concerned the settlement of personal differences, have been the cases of the Lower Creek Drainage Co. against certain property owners in Lower Creek township. All except two were non-suited. One of these was dismissed and the hearing of the other postponed.

Very little interest is being manifested in the sessions of court, the attendants often including only the court officers and principals in cases.

## BAPTISTS IN STATE RESPOND TO CALL

### Go Way Over But Goal Not Considered Reached Until Every Member Solicited.

From Raleigh the following report is sent under date of December 3rd: The response to the call of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign on the first day of the final dash was unprecedented. North Carolina Baptists responded nobly—but the goal has not been reached. The words "over the top" do not, after all, mean the accomplishment of the task. The command to "go over the top" was the order to leave the trenches and go after the objective—"going over" was simply the start. The objective will not be reached until every Baptist in North Carolina is personally visited, canvassed and persuaded to contribute to the success of the world program which has been launched by the Baptist churches of the Southern States.

Incomplete reports from less than half of the Baptist associations received at Raleigh show signed pledges for about four million dollars. The minimum asked is six million and this State should raise much more. The six million can be raised if every canvassing team of every Baptist church in the State will work until the last minute—six o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 7.

Arrangements have been made with the Western Union Telegraph Company for their Raleigh office to remain open next Sunday night until the last message has been received. It will be the final report—see to it that every church reports. Local church directors report to associational directors. Associational directors report direct to the Raleigh headquarters either by telephone or telegraph.

## LADY ASTOR ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT SEAT

### Running on Unionist Ticket, She Defeated Both Liberal and Labor Candidates.

Lady Astor, American-born wife of Viscount Astor, was elected to parliament from the Sutin division in the Plymouth balloting November 15th. The result was announced after a count of the ballots November 28th.

The ceremony attending the counting of the ballots was held in the historic Plymouth Guild Hall.

Lady Astor's philanthropic endeavors during the last ten years brought her considerable support, as well as her espousal of anti-liquor legislation, which won her a large vote among the women.

The campaign attracted wide attention due in large measure to Lady Astor's nationality, her unconventional electioneering methods and her witty replies to questioners. Mrs. Lloyd George and other prominent political personages spoke in her behalf.

Lady Astor, who was formerly Miss Nannie Langhorne, of Virginia, is the mother of six children, a fact of which she boasted on one occasion during her canvass.

Lady Astor will be the first woman to serve in the House of Commons. Countess Markievicz was elected a member from St. Patrick's division of Dublin in the general election last year, but like the other Sein Feinn members elected in Ireland, has never taken her seat.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Sarah M. Stillwell to Frances E. Lail, 13 acres in Icard township.

James R. Huffman to Schyler Huffman, 6 acres in Lower Fork township.

J. E. Coulter to O. L. Boughman, 7 acres in Lovelady township.

J. E. Coulter to R. R. Innes, 8 acres in Lovelady township.

Mrs. S. E. Presnell et al to Isaac Walton, house and lot in Morganton.

Mrs. Ellen Smyre and husband to Thomas Abee, several lots at Drexel.

E. M. Hairfield, commissioner, to Fred G. Turner et al, 12 acres in Morganton township.

Mrs. M. J. Benfield and heirs to Western Carolina Power Company, 42 acres in Smoky Creek township.

J. A. Mitchell et al to Western Carolina Power Company, 90 acres in Lovelady township.

J. R. Anderson and wife to W. C. Erwin, trustee, house and lot in Morganton.

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## MINES ON OUR MINDS

IF THE OPERATORS WOULD MIND THE BUSINESS OF THE MINES IN PLACE OF TRYING TO MIND THE MINDS OF THE MINERS— THEN THE MINERS MIGHT MINE MORE COAL AND STOP UNDERMINING THE DEAR PEOPLE—'EN LEAVE OUR MINDS AT REST! I AM MINDFUL, MIND YOU, THAT THIS IS ONLY AN OPINION OF MINE!



## SENATOR IS INDICTED ON SERIOUS CHARGES

### Republican Newberry Who Beat Henry Ford, Charged With Fraud and Corruption.

Truman H. Newberry, United States senator from Michigan, was indicted by a United States grand jury Saturday for corruption, fraud and conspiracy in connection with the election by which he obtained his seat in the senate, defeating Henry Ford, his Democratic opponent.

With Newberry, 131 other persons were indicted by the grand jury on the same charge. The names of all but 12 most prominent were withheld from publication by Judge Clarence W. Sessions, presiding, until warrants could be served on them. Among those named were W. A. Hopkins, of St. Clair, Mich, assistant secretary of the United States senate; John S. Newberry, brother of the senator, Detroit; and Paul H. King, of Detroit. King was manager of the Newberry campaign committee.

Judge Sessions indicated that the evidence before the grand jury disclosed the fraudulent expenditure of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 in connection with the election.

Government officials asserted that the testimony presented to the grand jury had revealed a political scandal that in many respects was without parallel in American annals. It was alleged that voters were bribed, election boards corrupted, editors subsidized and moving picture theaters bought up in the endeavor to defeat Henry Ford, first in the primaries—of both parties, and later, when he won the Democratic nomination, in the election itself.

## HICKORY GROVE HONOR ROLL

Primary Department—Waightstill Avery, Floyd Whisenant, Charlie Whisenant, Florence Allman, Warlick Allman, Eam Clay, Mada Franklin, Harold Winters, Lucy Walker, James Allman; Miss Alice Whisenant, teacher. Advanced department—Lola Allman, Isa Allman, William Avery, Warlick Avery, Bee Conley, Mary Drury, Theodore Drury, Florence Drury, Earl Franklin, Worth Franklin, Ray Harbison, Richard Spainhour, Connie Taylor, Mary Walker, Nannie Walker, Sallie Whisenant, Maggie Whisenant, Mabel Whisenant; Miss Lucy Bradley, teacher.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

O. W. Wall and Verdine Green. Sterl Cline and Mammie Burns.

B. G. Wilson and Lillie May Shupp.

Holden Lane and Nannie Smith.

## SAYS MOTHER EARTH IS IN NO DANGER

### Prof. O. H. Truman, of the Lowell Observatory, Says So, Alluding to Recent Prophecy

According to Prof. O. H. Truman of the Lowell Observatory at Flagstaff, Ariz., no such dire calamity will befall the people of the earth as was recently predicted in a widely published statement by a popular meteorological scientist. The basis of this prediction was that several large planets will all occupy a position in the same direction from the sun.

In response to an inquiry by a citizen of Plainview, Prof. Truman writes:

"It is a fact that on December 17, and for some days before and after that date, six of the planets, Neptune, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury

## LOCAL BRIEFS IN AND AROUND TOWN

### Short Items of Local and Personal Interest Gathered During the Week.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church held a social meeting on Friday night at the manse with their pastor, Rev. J. A. McLean.

There will be a musical at the First Presbyterian church Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken to be used in the purchase of a motor for the organ.

Those who know of deserving poor people who should be given something for Christmas are requested to report such cases either to Mrs. Joe Kjellander or Mrs. Harry Wilson, the lookout committee of the United Charities.

Mr. Jeff L. Nelson and sister, Miss Elizabeth Nelson, arrived Thursday to make Morganton their home, having purchased the residence of Dr. John McCampbell on King street. They are being given a cordial welcome to Morganton.

The 6-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grady died Tuesday about noon at the Grady home near the furniture factory. The funeral service, conducted by Rev. H. C. Whitener, assisted by Rev. F. A. Bower, was held Wednesday afternoon, and burial made in the town cemetery.

Mr. O. W. Wall and Miss Virgie Green were married on Wednesday night of last week at the home of Rev. H. C. Whitener, who officiated. Mr. Wall is a son of Mr. S. S. Wall, of Lower Creek township. His bride is a daughter of Mr. S. T. Green, of Route 1. Both are members of two of Burke's most substantial families. "Aunt Becky" Epley perhaps the oldest woman in Burke county, who lives near Rollins, was in town Monday. She was accompanied by her daughter and a near neighbor and friend, Mr. J. Edgar Scott. The old lady is remarkably well preserved for her years and since she had not been to town in several years the trip gave her much pleasure.

Morganton people will be interested in the marriage on last Wednesday afternoon of Mr. Walter A. Byrd to Miss Annie E. Neal, which took place in Charlotte. Only a few friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd left for Washington Wednesday night. Mrs. Byrd is a resident of Charlotte where she is very popular. Mr. Byrd recently returned from overseas and resumed his position with the Southern Railway in Charlotte. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Byrd, who live near Morganton.

## CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS TO SPEAK HERE SATURDAY

### Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, Democratic Congressional Candidate, Will Speak Saturday Afternoon.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, Democratic candidate for congress from this district has made an appointment to speak in Morganton Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the court house. The Morganton Concert Band has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

That night Mr. Hoey will speak at Glen Alpine, the address to be made in the schoolhouse at that place.

Mr. Hoey is recognized as one of the best speakers in the State, is well posted on all the issues of the day and will doubtless draw big audiences at both places Saturday.

Buy more War Savings Stamps.

## MORGANTON CLOSED AFTER FOUR O'CLOCK

### Merchants Are Following Orders of the Fuel Administration and Close Doors

Beginning Tuesday afternoon Morganton business houses are following the orders of the fuel administration for four o'clock closing and after that hour each day the town takes on a Sunday appearance. At night only one light burns in the white way poles and practically all the stores are in darkness in compliance with the light saving request.

Mayor Bristol issued Tuesday the order that had been communicated to him and since that time the 9 o'clock opening and 4 o'clock closing have been followed by all those not exempted.

## GERMANY HAS REFUSED TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

### Attitude Confirms Reports of Sharp Reaction in Germany Recently.

Germany has decided not to sign the protocol presented to her by the allies as a condition for putting the peace treaty into effect, the peace conference has been notified.

It was learned that Baron Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation in Paris, called on Secretary Dutasta, of the conference on Monday and told him that Germany had made such a decision.

This attitude is taken as confirming reports of a sharp reaction in Germany within the last fortnight. Trained observers of German developments have expressed to members of the peace conference the view that there has been a complete transformation of the situation in Germany, and that it is due to the failure of the United States senate to ratify the peace treaty.

These observers declare that, while the vast majority of the Germans, before the senate's adjournment, desired the peace treaty ratified as soon as possible, they are now supporting the government's attitude in resisting the demands of the allies for indemnity for the sinking of the German fleet at Scapa Flow, recompense for which was provided in the protocol.

The question upon which the German representatives here, however, appear most sensitive, is the insistence upon the trial of German officers accused of the commission of crimes in France and Belgium.

Thus far, it is stated, no indications have reached Paris of any disposition on the part of the Germans to modify their attitude.

The supreme council has addressed a note to Germany protesting against the increase of Germany's armament, contrary to the provisions of the peace treaty.

## NO RELIEF APPEARS TO BE IN SIGHT

### Rather Further Disruption of National Industry Caused By the Coal Strike.

Further disruption of national industry because of the fuel shortage brought about by the strike of bituminous coal miners was in prospect late yesterday. Regional directors of railroads had authority to annul passenger trains where the public would be least inconvenienced, and many additional manufacturing plants throughout the country faced shut-downs, either through exhaustion of their coal supplies or the strict rationing decreed by the Federal fuel administrator.

State executives who, under appeals from their constituents for aid, have sought ways and means for replenishing the dwindling fuel supply, virtually were without encouragement as regarded increased production. Only in isolated instances were there reports of a change of front on the part of miners. Generally the workers adhered to their attitude of remaining away from the mines until better terms than the 14 cent wage increase decreed by the government were forthcoming.

A slight ray of hope, however, was found in optimistic reports from operators of the district embracing southeastern Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia that the backbone of the strike there had been broken; the return to work of miners at one small mine in Missouri with the statement that they as Americans could not see their neighbors suffer, and adoption by miners of one West Virginia sub-district of a resolution favoring a general return to work under the 14 per cent wage increase "until a satisfactory adjustment is made."

On the other hand, cutting off of electric advertising and other non-essential use of power and fuel, with the added prospect of further curtailment of industry brought to the general public a rather gloomy outlook. Some regional coal directors estimated that with reductions of working staffs already made or threatened, should the strike not be broken immediately, the number of employees thrown out of work soon would surpass several times over the approximately 400,000 mine workers involved in the walkout.

Conditions at the mines showed no appreciable change from yesterday. There was no indication of any intention to resume production in the great central competitive field, Illinois. (Continued on sixth page)

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER BURKE

### Items of Interest Gathered From Different Sections of the County By News-Herald Correspondents

## GLEN ALPINE.

Thanksgiving passed off pleasantly and quietly. Rev. F. A. Bower delivered a fine address in the Baptist church on the object and aims of keeping that day, and Rev. A. P. Brantley held services in the Methodist church that night at 7 p. m. Both the services, afternoon and night, were well attended by an appreciative audience.

There is a general "mania" of painting and repairing going around the town. Mr. B. A. Giles has had his dwelling painted; Mrs. D. B. Garrison, Messrs. Charlie Ward, L. A. Giles, Durant Gibbs and others have had their dwellings painted.

Mr. Wilkes McCalliard has bought the N. O. Pitts property opposite Mr. John Carter's and is moving there this week.

Mr. Lige McCalliard is moving down near Silver creek bridge on the N. O. Pitts place.

Mr. Wallace Lail, living near here, is moving to Georgia this week to go into the sawmill business in that State.

Mr. Frank Reeps will move to Georgia with his family to take work in the mill business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Powell and little Miss Gwendolyn Powell, of Pennington, a., are here on a visit to home-folks.

Mr. Roy Dabney and Mr. Sattermyer will motor to Florida this week.

There will be a box supper and entertainment at the Methodist church Wednesday night, the 10th, for objects benefitting the church. A cordial welcome extended to all.

Mr. J. T. Wise, one of Burke's enterprising farmers, has a hog a little over 12 months that will weigh 500 pounds. He also has over 200 bushels of sweet potatoes in his potato house that was raised on one-half acre of land. His potato house is just back of a rock chimney in which a fire is kept until the potatoes are cured out. Mr. Wise has potatoes in the spring that bring good prices.

Mr. A. G. Gray, who lives on the White place near here, is building a good barn and otherwise remodeling his premises. Mr. Gray says, "the thing for a man to do is to be content with his lot and make the most of his opportunities." His land, from some specimens I saw is well adapted to the growth of Irish potatoes. It was my good pleasure to hear some fine music rendered by Mr. Gray and his wife.

Rev. John L. Ray has accepted a call to their Presbyterian church here and will hold services once a month, time to be decided on later.

Mr. J. B. Taylor has bought out the entire interest of the Glen Alpine Mercantile Company and will continue at the same place to carry on the business.

The Mt. Olive and the Baptist church here have gone well over the top in the 75 Million Campaign.

## BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. J. N. Yelton underwent a very serious operation at Grace Hospital, Morganton, last Thursday, but we are glad to know she is doing nicely at this date. Her daughters, Misses Zella and Ruth, were called home from Rutherfordton, Miss Olen from New York city and son, Astor and wife, from Winston-Salem, and oldest son, Fred, from New Mexico.

The following is the honor roll for past month: 1st grade, John Hildebran, Erwin McGimsey and Frank McCalliard; 2nd grade, Dasiee Murphy and Lola McGimsey; 3rd grade, Sarah Cauby and Grace McGimsey; 5th grade, Ruth Anthony, Mary Anthony, Martha Anthony, Clifford Murphy, Lula Cauby and Elizabeth McGimsey; 6th grade, Raye Murphy.

Messrs. Walter Boyd, Winslow Ballew and Charlie Hunter, of Dante, Va., came home Sunday to visit their parents.

The children of the Bridgewater school gave a little entertainment last

## THE BAPTIST CAMPAIGN REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL

### Over 51 Thousand Dollars Has Been Pledged By the Catawba River Association.

Mr. E. M. Hairfield, associational director, gives us the following report of the results so far in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign in this county:

Catawba River association is composed of two churches in Morganton and twenty-one churches in the county. The association was asked for \$35,000.00 in the 75 Million Dollar Campaign. The association voluntarily increased the apportionment to \$58,500.00. Sunday, November 30th, was the first day of Victory Week, churches of the association raised \$51,445.00. There are three churches not yet heard from. All churches have raised their quota except five.

Next Sunday is the last day of Victory Week. It is expected that all churches will complete the canvass and raise the quota by that day.

A complete statement of churches and amounts raised will be published in next week's issue.

The habit of thrift is an asset. Begin today by buying a War Savings Stamp.