

RESIDENT MAY VISIT ASHEVILLE

President Wilson Must Go To
Some Milder Climate
Within the Next
Few Days.

AND OF THE SKY UNDER CONSIDERATION

Being Urged to Come Here
By Senator Overman—
Political Gossip at
Capital.

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Asheville may have the honor of
having for her guest during the
Christmas holidays the president of
the United States. According to a
well-founded rumor here last night
the president's friends are consid-
ering that he should spend his
vacation in a climate milder than
Washington and points farther north,
and that Asheville is being seriously
considered for the president's place
of rest while congress is taking a
recess for the holidays. Senator Over-
man called at the White House today
to talk the matter over with Mr. Wil-
son, but owing to the fact that Mr.
Wilson was kept in bed with a cold
the junior senator did not have an op-
portunity to talk with him. Mr. Over-
man will see the president early next
week and urge him to go to Asheville
for some other point in the state for
his vacation. He will tell the presi-
dent of the delightful climate in west-
ern North Carolina especially, and of
the fine golf course and hotel facilities
at Asheville.

Senator Overman stated that Secre-
tary Bryan has made the positive
statement that Whitehead Klutz of
Salisbury will be given a good berth
not later than January 15.

Kemp Doughton, son of
former Lieutenant Governor Doughton,
has been recommended by Sena-
tors Simmons and Overman for bank
examiner to succeed Fred A. Hull.
Before Doughton can be appointed,
however, he will have to take an ex-
amination which is prescribed by the
treasury department. The job is not
under civil service, but the rules of
the department provide that before
an appointment can be made the ap-
plicant must pass a certain examina-
tion to show that he is qualified to
hold the job.

E. C. Morgan, who was given a free
trip to Washington for having pro-
duced the best corn on an acre of
ground, reached Washington last night
and is the guest of Mr. Godwin. Mor-
gan raised 127.8 bushels of corn at a
cost of 13 1/2 cents per bushel on an
acre of land.

John Menus has been appointed
rural delivery carrier from Rockville,
Rowan county. He was recommended
by Senator Overman and Representa-
tive Doughton.

Senator Simmons announced last
night that he will not oppose the
nomination of J. R. Swann as post-
master at Marshall should the presi-
dent send his nomination to the sen-
ate. Swann was recommended for
appointment early last summer, but
his nomination was not sent in pend-
ing an investigation of protests made
to Senator Simmons against his ap-
pointment.

Thomas E. Cooper, vice president of
the American National bank of Wil-
mington, and Wade Hampton Cooper,
president of the United States Savings
bank of Washington, were elected
members of the board of directors of
the Union Savings bank of Washing-
ton, one of the oldest and strongest
savings banks in the nation's capital.

10 RACERS TIED, AHEAD OF RECORD 32 MILES

Dorry-Walker Team Catches
Leaders—One Team Has
Retired.

New York, Dec. 12.—At 8 o'clock
today, the 164th hour of the six day
bicycle race, ten teams were tied for
first place, the Dorry-Walker team
having gained a lap early today. The
leaders at that hour had traversed
1047 miles, six laps, which is 22 miles,
four laps ahead of the record.

The Clark-Greenda, Carman-Came-
ron and Mitten-Thomas combinations
were still one lap behind and the
Sperry-Keeffe team was 1 1/2 miles in
rear of the leaders.

It was announced that the Ander-
sen-Hansen team had retired from
the race. They were five laps behind.
They were declared officially out at
8 p. m.

BOMB BY EXPRESS KILLS YOUNG LADY

Thomas McCabe, Employee in Package Was Addressed to T
Bottle Works, Who Was Injured—Another Em-
ployee Was Cut by The Flying Glass.

New York, Dec. 12.—A bomb sent
by express exploded and instantly
killed a young woman employe in an
uptown bottling works today and in-
jured two men employes. The girl's
head was nearly torn off.

Cimex Lectularius Most Terrible Sort of Insect

New York, Dec. 12.—The cimex lec-
tularius, less elegantly but more fami-
liarly known as the bed bug, is a still
more dangerous insect than is gen-
erally supposed. It is a potent factor
in the transmission of tuberculosis, ac-
cording to Dr. J. Walling Beveridge,
who has presented a paper on the
subject to the conference on safety
and sanitation which is being held in
this city.

DEFEAT OF MRS. YOUNG CAUSING INDIGNATION

Strike of Chicago School Chil-
dren Suggested as Way
of Protest.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—No single inci-
dent of the politics of recent years in
this city has caused such excitement
as forced retirement of Ella F. Mack-
ay as superintendent of schools, ac-
cording to political leaders, and the
subject, it is said, is bound to assume
importance in the aldermanic elections
next spring.

Barrett O'Hara, lieutenant governor
of Illinois, has suggested a strike of
school children as a protest against
the action of the school board, and
club women say the mass meeting
called for tomorrow night will have a
large attendance. Mrs. Young was
engaged far into the night and again
today receiving callers who come singly
and in delegations to voice their in-
dignation.

She has accepted a position as edu-
cational editor of the Chicago Tribune
and said that under the law her suc-
cessor had been legally elected and
she saw no way to compel her own
reinstatement.

PREPARING FOR RUSH AT RECRUITING OFFICE

The local United States recruiting
office, in charge of Sergeant E. W.
Bonney, is making preparations for
the large number of recruits that al-
ways apply for admission in the
armies of Uncle Sam just after the
holidays. Sergeant Bonney says that
December is usually a poor month,
but after Christmas applicants com-
mence to pour in and until about the
latter part of May the office is very
busy. This December is about on the
average of other Decembers that have
passed, in the number of men who
have applied for admission into the
different branches of the service.

Of the applicants at the local office
during the last few days, three have
been turned down owing to illiteracy
and each of the men said that he was
going back home and study and come
again in a few months to try the pre-
liminary examinations that are given
at the local office. According to Ser-
geant Bonney, men are turned down
almost every month for illiteracy and
in most cases they go home, study,
and return to try it again, and a
large majority of them succeed the
second time.

Yesterday there came to the recruit-
ing office a man who had lived in
Buncombe county and enlisted here
three years ago, going to the Philip-
pines, who had been out of the ser-
vice only about three weeks, but he
told the officer in charge that he did
not believe that he could stay away,
even through Christmas, as he is
homesick to get back into the army.
This man during his three years' ser-
vice has saved over \$700 and when he
re-enlists he will get an increase of
about \$5 per month.

About 80 per cent of the men who
apply at the local office are rejected,
15 per cent for illiteracy, and the
other 65 per cent for various reasons.

It. Emma Franklin has filed suit in
the office of the clerk of Superior
court against J. H. Franklin, in which
she seeks a divorce on statutory
grounds.

TYPHOID BANISHED FROM THE ARMY

Only One Case in the First
Eleven Months of the
Present Year.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Compulsory
vaccination for the prevention of ty-
phoid fever in the United States army
has given the country practically an
"immunized" fighting force, but one
case of the disease making its ap-
pearance during the first 11 months
of 1913, according to reports just ob-
tained from the office of Surgeon
General Torney of the war depart-
ment. The one soldier became ill
during November, but five days after
he had enlisted and before he had
been immunized. In no other army
is anti-typhoid vaccination mandatory.
So efficacious has been the treatment
in the army that the navy has adopt-
ed the precedent and it is today im-
municated with vaccine prepared in the
laboratory of the army medical school.

In commenting on the record for
the first 11 months of 1913, Alton G.
Grinnell, of the office of the surgeon
general of the war department, in a
communication to the National Geo-
graphic society, says, "This record,
compared with that of any year pre-
vious to the beginning of vaccination,
seems little short of miraculous." He
enclosed the following table of sta-
tistics, showing the incidence of ty-
phoid in the United States army from
1903 to 1913, which tells the story in
a nutshell:

Five years prior to 1908 (average
per year, 160); two years after vac-
cination had begun (1911), 44; three
years after vaccination had begun
(1912), 18. Since 1908 a prodigious
amount of work has been accom-
plished.

Mr. Grinnell goes on to say: "The
various steps in the production of
each dose of vaccine have been as
carefully supervised as though it was
to be used upon the president of the
United States. Before it leaves the
laboratory it is tested upon guinea
pigs, and the statistics above quoted
show the results of this painstaking
care. Large quantities have been fur-
nished to the various departments of
the government, to the militia, and to
a number of civil institutions. As
soon as its success was assured the
larger drug firms of the country sent
representatives to Washington to
learn the formula and to study the
process of manufacture. The same
vaccine is now prepared by these
firms and sold to the medical profes-
sion of the country at a reasonable
rate."

Mr. Grinnell paints an encouraging
picture when he says, "As the typhoid
bacillus can live but a limited time in
water, soil and other substances, it is
obvious that if new pollution is not
added from time to time epidemics
will be prevented. The general use
of the prophylactic will, probably, ex-
tinguish the disease, since the vac-
cination of an entire community abso-
lutely prevents the 'carriers' and all
others from giving off the typhoid
bacilli, and the focus from which new
infection would ordinarily radiate is
eliminated."

DIES IN AN OPERATION CORONER INVESTIGATES

New York, Dec. 12.—A coroner's
physician began today an investigation
of the death of Mrs. Holone L. Mac-
kay, widow of the Rev. Donald Mack-
ay, for many years pastor of the Col-
legiate Church of St. Nicholas on
Fifth avenue and president of the
general synod of the Reformed church
in America. Mrs. Mackay died yester-
day afternoon under the influence of
ether on an operating table in a pri-
vate hospital where she had registered
a few hours before as Mrs. J. H. Stone
of Boston.

A scrap of paper in her handbag,
upon which she had scribbled her
name and address led to her identifi-
cation. The belief that she was suf-
fering from an incurable disease led
her to visit the hospital for an exami-
nation, according to the theory of the
coroner. Ether was given her at her
own request and for the purpose of
aiding in the examination. Heart
failure under the anesthetic caused
death.

Until early today the body lay un-
claimed. Then a daughter sought to
have the body removed to a undertaker.
She was not permitted to do so
until the coroner's examination
should have been completed. Mrs.
Mackay was a daughter of the late
J. Gregor Smith, one time governor
of Vermont, from whom she inherited
a large fortune. She was prominent
in New York society. Dr. Mackay died
suddenly in a railroad station in
Portland, Me., in August, 1908.

CANADIAN INDEX FIGURE FOR PRICES SHOWS INCREASE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—The govern-
ment's index figure for wholesale
prices during November is 124.4 as
compared with 135.3 in November
last year, an increase which is at-
tributed to the heavy exports to the
United States following the enactment
of the new tariff. In detail the in-
crease is shown mainly in grains, beef,
cattle, sheep, dairy products and
fresh vegetables.

DEFINES POSITION ON WHITE SLAVERY

Senator Kern Insists There Has Been no Relaxation in the
Prosecution of Such Cases in Reply to Certain
Statements to The Contrary.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Direct denial
from the department of justice that
there has been any relaxation in the
prosecution of white slave cases was
made before the senate today by Sena-
tor Kern.

"No order to stop white slave pro-
secutions in cases not involving com-
mercialism has been issued, and no
regulations as to the enforce-
ment of the act have been made since
the incumbency of the new attorney
general," said the department of jus-
tice memorandum.

MAKE WEST POINT ENTRANCE EASIER

The Regulation for Admission
Changed by Substituting
Equivalents.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations
for admission to the Military academy
at West Point have been modified so
that without lowering the entrance
requirements prospective cadets may
be matriculated by substituting equi-
valents for some of the units of study
hitherto insisted upon. The effects of
this change, made public today in or-
ders from the war department, will
be that a youth need not in the fu-
ture pursue a special West Point pre-
paratory course which would not be of
special advantage in after life or an-
other educational institution, provid-
ed he failed of appointment to West
Point.

Hereafter a candidate for admission
may be excused from mental exami-
nation upon presentation of certificate
that he is a regularly enrolled student
for good standing in a university, col-
lege or technological school, the en-
trance requirements of which include
proficiency in mathematics and English
as outlined by the college entrance
examination board; or a certificate
that he has graduated from a pre-
paratory school meeting the require-
ments of that board; or a certificate
that he has passed 14 units of the en-
trance examinations required by the
board, including mathematics, Eng-
lish and history.

TO PRESENT FLAG AND BIBLE TO NEW SCHOOL

Local Chapters, Jr. O. U. A. M.
To Have Ceremony at
Hillcrest Sunday.

Several members of Asheville coun-
cil No. 5 and French Broad council,
No. 97, Jr. O. U. A. M., will leave
here next Sunday to be present at the
Hillcrest school, where the council
will present the school with a Bible
and flag. The presentation is sched-
uled to take place at 10 o'clock, the
flag to be presented by R. R. Wil-
liams and the Bible by W. Floyd Pen-
nell. Zeb F. Curtis will represent the
school in accepting the Bible and
flag.

It is planned that the members
leaving Asheville go out to Luthers on
the 8:30 o'clock train and then go
from Luthers to the school building,
which will give them plenty of time
to arrive at the school for the cere-
monies.

The presentation of flags and Bibles
to schools is one of the cardinal prin-
ciples of the Junior Order and the
order hopes to see a Bible and flag
at every school house in Buncombe
county. Recently it was decided by
the local lodges that they present a
Bible and flag to every new school
that is started in Buncombe county
and the giving of the flag and Bible
to the Hillcrest school is the begin-
ning of this order.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS MEETING

Washington, Dec. 12.—The republi-
can congressional committee met to-
day for the first time since the last
elections. Plans for the campaign
preceding the coming congressional
elections were discussed. The meet-
ing was held at a headquarters just
established, where Secretary John
Everman has installed a corps of
assistants to conduct an educational
campaign for voters.

Tennie McKee has filed papers in
the office of the clerk of Superior
court asking to be allowed to bring
suit as next best friend of Morse E.
McKee, a minor, against the Southern
Railway company, and she also asks
that she be allowed to sue in forma
pauperis.

REBEL FORCES DRIVEN AWAY

Federal Commander at Tam-
pico Reports That Attack-
ing Army Has Been
Repulsed.

Rebels Attack On
Ojinago Expected

Villa Believed to Be Waiting
for Reinforcements—
Refugees Taken on
Gunboat.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 12.—The situa-
tion at Ojinago, Mex., where the Mex-
ican federal troops have concentrated,
today was one of waiting in anticipa-
tion of a rebel attack. Rebel bands
were reported to be increasing in
number outside the village but were
believed to be waiting for reinforce-
ments which General Francisco Villa
has sent from Chihuahua. The fed-
erals probably will be under siege but
will have the advantage of being able
to obtain provisions and clothing from
the United States side.

Ojinago has suddenly attained a
population from almost nothing to six
or seven thousand. The federal sol-
diers and civilian refugees who have
not crossed the river are crowded into
a few adobe houses. General Salva-
dor Mercado's headquarters is marked
by a dry goods box.

Many temporary stores have been
erected in Presidio to meet the great
demand for provisions. All the goods
have to be hauled from Marfa, Tex.,
the nearest railroad station.

Message from Fletcher.
Washington, Dec. 12.—Wireless
dispatches from Rear Admiral Fletch-
er at Tampico on board the United
States Steamship Tacoma sent at 8 p.
m. yesterday say the Mexican federal
gunboat Bravo was then shelling the
rebel position; that there was no
change in the relative position of the
combatants and that the United States
ship Wheeling was in the river close to
the fighting.

The federal garrison was estimated
at 3,000 while the rebels claimed
about 6,000. Rear Admiral Fletcher
also reported that 150 refugees were
on the American gunboats, 150 of the
British steamer Logician, a German vessel,
and 500 in the buildings ashore in the
neutral zone.

APPEAL TO MODIFY INCOME TAX LAW

Indianapolis Commerce Board
Will Ask Congress to
Suspend Section.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—The In-
dianapolis chamber of commerce has
started a movement for a nation-
wide appeal to congress to suspend or
modify the provisions of the income
tax law providing deduction of the tax
at the source and the substitution of
methods enabling the government to
obtain at the source information for
enforcing correct returns from tax-
payers. More than one thousand let-
ters, containing a copy of a memorial
recently adopted by the chamber,
were sent to many cities advocating
the change and soliciting co-operation.

The memorial declared "that the
law has been made unnecessarily ob-
noxious by the chamber for deduction at
the source" and that the enforcement
of its requirements "will have disas-
trous results to American securities,
entailing losses which will probably
run into hundreds of millions of dol-
lars through the demoralization of the
foreign market for American bonds."
The memorial further declares that
the requirements for deduction at the
source are impracticable, that the law
is unjust and that it is bewildering
in its complexities.

A special committee has been ap-
pointed by the chamber to make plans
for obtaining concerted action on the
part of commercial organizations
throughout the country. The commit-
tee as its first step placed the mem-
orial before the directors of the cham-
ber of commerce of the United States
and urged the directors to take im-
mediate action in favor of the cam-
paign begun by the local organiza-
tion.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—It was decided to-
day to withdraw the bill for the ap-
propriation of \$500,000 for German
representation at the Panama-Pacific
exposition at San Francisco. This
step was taken owing to the strong
objections raised by several states
and letters.

STORES WILL BE OPEN FOR EARLY SHOPPERS

Beginning Monday, Asheville
Stores Will Remain Open
At Night.

Beginning next Monday night, prac-
tically every store in Asheville will
remain open late every night until
Christmas, a period of nine days, in
order that the early shoppers may
have ample opportunity to secure
their purchases and avoid the rush of
a one night's shopping on Christmas
eve. No definite hour of closing is
named, it being stated that the stores
will remain open until the rush of
business is over. It will therefore rest
with the shoppers as to how much
time they will be given to make their
purchases.

The spirit of early shopping has
been growing in Asheville for the past
several years and the great rush of
the Christmas business in one or two
days has been largely overcome. There
are still many, however, who persist
in waiting until the last moment to
make their holiday purchases. With
the arrangement that is made this
year by the merchants, the people of
the city can co-operate in such a man-
ner that the rush will be over before
Christmas and those who work behind
the counters will be able to enjoy
something of the Christmas spirit
themselves.

FIRE DESTROYS BUILDINGS VALUED AT HALF MILLION

Cobos, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Fire which
broke out in the heart of this city's
business section early today was sub-
dued shortly before 8 o'clock after a
dozen buildings and manufacturing
plants had been destroyed with a loss
of half a million dollars. One fire-
man was badly hurt by a falling wall.