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WILSON PRAISES ROOSEVELT'S WORK

In Proclamation the President Pays Fine Tribute to His Predecessor

Washington, Jan. 7.—The following proclamation on the death of Theodore Roosevelt was cabled from Paris today by President Wilson and issued at the State Department::

"Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America.

"A proclamation. To the people of the United States:

"It becomes my sad duty to announce officially the death of Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States from September 14, 1901, to March 4, 1909, which occurred at his home at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, New York, at four-fifteen o'clock in the morning of January 6, 1919. In his death the United States has lost one of its most distinguished and patriotic citizens, who had endeared himself to the people by his strenuous devotion to their interests and to the public interests of his country.

TRUE TO LINE OF DUTY

"As President of the Police Board of his native city, as member of the Legislature and Governor of his State as Civil Service Commissioner, as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, as Vice President and as President of the United States, he displayed administrative powers of a signal order and conducted the affairs of these various offices with a concentration of effort and a watchful care which permitted no [illegible] from the [illegible] of duty he had [illegible] for himself.

"In the war with Spain he displayed [illegible] and energy and [illegible] himself among the commanders of the army in the field. As [illegible] the nation to the [illegible] private [illegible] our financial and industrial [illegible]. It was by his arresting the [illegible] and stimulating the progress [illegible] country that he opened the way [illegible] frequent necessary and beneficent reforms.

WORTHY OF EMULATION

"His private life was characterized [illegible] simplicity, a virtue [illegible] all admiration and emulation by the people of America.

"In testimony of the [illegible] in which his memory is held by the government and the people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags of the White House and the several departmental buildings be displayed at half-mast for a period of thirty days and that suitable military and naval honors under orders of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy be rendered on the day of the funeral.

"Done this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen and of the independence of the United States of America, the one hundred and forty-third.

"WOODROW WILSON.

"By the President:

"FRANK L. POLK, Acting Secretary of state."

LETTERS FROM [illegible]

[illegible]
December [illegible]

My Dear Mother:

Since my arrival in this [illegible] country of love and [illegible] made [illegible] by the [illegible]

I have intended writing you [illegible] impressions of this worthy people and this country beautiful. Time and time again have I started this letter but this thing or that thing interrupted me and I never finished it. Tonight I am going to [illegible] if I have to sit here till dawn and that is a pretty long day for a working man. Everybody works in the army.

Looking through the golden rays of sunshine on the morning of the 27th day of June, I found my boat, the George Washington, gliding smoothly and safely past the channel light, up the watery boulevard, between two great peaks of green and saw France. It was at the port of Brest. Nearly six months have elapsed since that time, and only day before yesterday, President Wilson, stood on the same deck of the same ship and saw the same sight as I did. From the promenade deck of the George Washington [illegible] first saw France.

I landed here with the June Replacement draft of Railroad men, and being a casual at that time I have been nearly everything since. I have often [illegible] good word for the crowd. We have [illegible] been placed and replaced. I was [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] had forsaken these two characters so [illegible] was it. For my part, I didn't think of God much at these times, but [illegible] busy thinking which way to run [illegible] my eye as well as my mind was full of ghosts and spirits. On one particular occasion I remember very well picturing in my mind a place, and the place was not a very pleasant one, either. You can imagine where this place was when I tell you that I was up in an aeroplane at the time.

[illegible] when you are several thousand [illegible] the air you think of most anything. I thought of home, of you, of [illegible] seeing my friends again, of the [illegible] have held in the army, the stationmaster and the owl, and I thought [illegible] too, in fact. He was about my [illegible] thought, except—except—"Where [illegible] Kelly would I go if I fell?"

[Returning] from the rediculous to the [sublime] there is much to admire in this country and there is much to criticise. As the best comes last I will make the criticisms first. The people are slow and old timey. There is absolutely no modern methods used in farming, their implements are old and worn. They have yet to learn how to treat mother earth to get the best results. If France was farmed systematically they would never have to import a basket of wheat or any food stuffs that is necessary to the subsistence of man. Great rolling fields spread out before the eye cut up in little plots, with a little cabbage patch here, a row of trees there, and a little shrubbery in the next place and so on. It makes the heart sick to look at this when a very little work would transform it into great harvest of golden corn or bearded wheat.

In a commercial way, France is as far behind America, as America is ahead of Africa. She is just beginning to learn the value of modern commercialism. There are very few facilities, even of travel. If the railroads of France had been able to supply the necessary material to her fighting forces through its transportation department as fast as needed the war would have been finished in the third year of combat. Her roads were not in a position to do this, she was unable to grapple successfully with this problem, therefore she could only fight a defensive war until America, with her great system of travel aided her in every branch of this service. Except in Paris, all the large cities are still completely devoid of taxis, the horse drawn vehicle still being in use. The street car system is also very poor and inadequate. The old out-of-date trailer is still in use.

France is very unsanitary. The sanitary conditions are alarming and frightful. With no drainage and no [sewer] system the people still throw their [dirty] water in the streets. It is a common sight to see green stagnant water in the ditches and cess [pools] around the homes of the poor. The mosquito has a spacious play ground and the flies and insects have a hard time in finding proper habitation so numerous are they. This is also the home of the cootie, the little bug made famous by the war. The author of "Some of these days a little bug is going to get you" certainly anticipated the war, and "they go wild, simply wild over me," follows with a [illegible] second.

France has learned a great [many] lessons from America and cleaning [illegible] In the [illegible] France will be one of the [illegible] nations of the world, and will set the pace for many larger than she.

France is old, therefore she is [illegible] have been poured into [illegible] the globe [illegible] wonderful [illegible] treasures. In art, in poetry, in song, and, most sacred in love, France has the world standing agasp. Her architecture is unsurpassed and the dazzling splendor [illegible] painting. Her [illegible] perfection, have been covered by their [illegible] been born again by their [illegible] have been swept [illegible] by their spirit, have lived, loved, [illegible] and [illegible] passed [illegible] death, [illegible] will out [illegible] beginning of the [illegible] Adam and Eve [illegible] serpent, saw them driven [illegible] labor as [illegible] experienced the first murder, [illegible] herded sheep with David, trembled in the music hall of Solomon, wept at the burning of Sodom and Gomorrah, entered the ark with Noah, perished in the flood of sin, and awoke a thousand years later in the stable with Christ, gathered with the disciples, fed with the multitude, placed flowers in the path of Jesus, saw breath enter the dead and the withered hand stretch out again in power, the believers worship and the hypocrites scoff, carried the cross to Calvary, [illegible] the crown of thorns on my brow, [illegible] the thief on the cross, [illegible] the spear, heard the cock [crow] and closed my eyes. I passed [illegible]

[illegible]

[These] [illegible] I have already described [illegible] but since that I have learned many interesting facts concerning them. The explanation is so long that I haven't time to go into details. In fact I have spent so much time on this letter that my eyes are getting heavy and I must soon hit the straw.

I hope all at home are well and [illegible] hope to see you soon. With [illegible] regards to all my friends and lots of love to my sweet old mother, I am,

Lovingly,
LUTHER.

Martin L. Pittman,
X Co. 83 Trans Corps,
A. P. O. 717, Camp de Grasse,
American E. F.

MR. JAMES A. TURNER DEAD

Passed Away at His Home in Louisburg Friday Morning.

"Jim Turner is dead," was an announcement that spread over Louisburg early Friday morning leaving sorrow on every heart. He was a man whose jovial nature made of him a favorite companion for all his acquaintances and friends [illegible] his associates. The end came [illegible] home on Main street just a few minutes past 2 o'clock Thursday night after only a few days illness with pneumonia.

Mr. James A. Turner was [illegible] years old, and leaves a wife and five children, Misses Beatrice and Mary Turner, [illegible] Harris Turner [illegible] little Misses Margaret and Frances Turner. [He came] to Louisburg from Oxford [illegible] year 18[illegible] to begin his career as a young man, entering the [illegible] Afterwards he became identified with the tobacco market. A short while afterwards he became interested in the insurance business and developed the most enviable reputation of being one of the State's best insurance men, having held a high record with his companies, winning many special premiums. [He was] popular with the whole people [illegible] several terms as mayor of Louisburg. He represented his County in the State Legislature and was a strong supporter of the Old Woman's Home, of Fayetteville, being at the time of his death Secretary to the Board of Trustees of that institution. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Louisburg [illegible] and was always found to be interested in all works of a public nature. For the past several [years] he has been much interested [illegible] which he was Secretary and Manager, and has done a great work in the [development] of his County.

He was one of the most [active] members of the Methodist church, serving as steward [illegible] Louisburg [illegible] His interest in the military work of his State was such that he rose to the rank of Major from that of a private [illegible] held until the National [Guard was] taken over by the Federal [illegible] 19[illegible].

[Mr.] Turner was a descendant of the late Josiah Turner, whose influence during the dark period of reconstruction was a great factor in restoring [law] and justice in North Carolina. He was a devoted husband and a [good] indulgent father. He possessed a sympathetic heart that made of him the friend of the needy, and was always present and ready to lend a helping hand in times of distress. He believed that the man who scatters flowers in the pathways of his fellowmen, who lets into the dark places of life the sunshine of human sympathy and human happiness, is following in the footsteps of his Master.

The funeral services were held from the home on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. G. F. Smith, his pastor, whose remarks were both appropriate and worthy. The remains were taken from there to Oaklawn cemetery, where they were laid to rest in the city of the dead. A large number of friends attended each service to say "farewell" [illegible] slumbers.

A choir sang several of his favorite hymns, both at the house [and] cemetery.

[illegible]

[illegible] Cheatham, R. [illegible] J. W. [illegible] T. W. Watson.

Berlin Rallies to Fight the Pro-Bolshevist Mobs.

Berlin, Monday, Jan. [illegible]—A government official has informed the correspondent that the cabinet has rallied all agencies to the support of law and order and defense of the government.

"If the Spartacans attack us," said the official, "they will find us prepared. We have all the troops needed to assert our authority. Naturally we are anxious to avoid a conflict, but if it comes it will not be of our choosing."

The correspondent has been informed in competent quarters that the government is hurriedly mobilizing all available defensive forces. The Spartacans also are arming and making the royal stables their headquarters. A spacious apartment in the former Chancellor's palace has been equipped as a Red Cross room.

Mrs. Julia M. Strickland Dead.

Mrs. Julia M. Strickland, widow of the late A. P. Strickland, who was killed in the civil war, died at the home of her son, Mr. R. H. Strickland on East Nash street, on Thursday night of last week, in her 95 year. She leaves three sons, G. A. Strickland, of Raleigh, L. V. Strickland, of Henderson and R. H. Strickland of this city. Mrs. Strickland was a consecrated christian lady whose life radiated such religious cheer that it was a pleasure to be in her company. Her last years were spent in affliction, but she bore her troubles with christian fortitude. She was a member of Poplar Springs Baptist church. The funeral was conducted from the home and the interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. T. D. Collins. The pall bearers were P. B. Griffin, W. N. Fuller, F. W. Wheless, J. J. Barrow, J. S. Howell, W. H. Perdue.

The floral tribute was beautiful.

Price Publication to Be Discontinued.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—The publication of "Fair Price Lists" in North Carolina will be discontinued immediately according to an announcement from the office of State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, today. The publication of fair price lists, giving maximum prices that might be charged for staple food commodities, was instituted several months ago when margins of profit had been fixed by the Food Administration on only two or three commodities. During the last few months margins have been fixed on most of the staple food and feed products and these margins have become so well known that it is deemed unnecessary any longer to publish fair price lists. [It is] stated that the fair price [lists] [illegible] under present circumstances conduce to profiteering on account of the difference of the basic price of food products of different qualities or on different markets.

Pippin.

About 2 o'clock, Sunday, Dec. 29th, the Angel of Death came into the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pippin, [illegible] N. C., and took their only [illegible] Bessie Charles.

A bright, lovable child she was, always winning the love and admiration of those with whom she came in contact. A flower rare has been plucked from earth's garden to bloom in heaven, to make it nearer and dearer to loved ones and to lure them on to nobler and greater usefulness. We can but look up through our tears, and wonder what a life so beautiful here, must be when shining at its full splendor in that beautiful home above where there is no more suffering or sorrow, but one eternal round of joy and happiness. During her suffering when the tears would well up in the mother's eyes, she would lovingly pat her on her cheek and [illegible] as to say, "Don't grieve mother." She was the [pride] of her father, the joy and comfort of her four brothers, who are left behind to mourn their loss. While their hearts are made sad by the separation, they can look forward with confident hope that they will all meet her again ere long in that beautiful home above.

"Dearest loved one, thou hast left us,
We thy loss must deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

We extend to the family our sincerest sympathy in this sad hour, and commend them to our Heavenly Father who never makes a mistake. Our hearts go out in prayer for them that [illegible] the [illegible] of Him who said "I will never leave [thee] nor forsake [thee]."

[illegible]

[illegible] Davis, [illegible] Davis, Mrs. [illegible] Hardie Frazier, Mr. [illegible] Jones, Miss Eugenia Lancaster, Mrs. Jennie Nowell, Mrs. Geo. H. Pearce, Miss [illegible] Pearce, Miss Ada Welch Pearson, Miss Byne Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Sprinkle, Mr. Wm. D. Strickland.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

LITTLE ADELAIDE FORD DEAD

For Past Few Days "Flu" Situation Has Been Growing Worse at Franklinton.

Franklinton, Jan. 4.—Little Aelaide the 3 year old child of Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Ford, died at the home of her parents last night about midnight with double pneumonia which followed influenza. Dr. Ford is mayor of the town and was one of the hardest workers in checking the epidemic of influenza which raged here earlier in the fall. He, himself, fell a victim, and it left him in bad shape. His heart became very weakened he was compelled to go to a specialist in the city of Baltimore for treatment of his [illegible]. At the time of the death of his little girl, he was in a sanatorium for treatment and the possibilities are that he will not be able to attend the funeral which will be held on Sunday afternoon at 1 at the local cemetery, by Rev. T. A. Sikes pastor of Dr. and Mrs. Ford.

For the past several days the "Flu" situation has been growing more serious here. For several weeks the place was free of the disease. But during the past week or so several new cases have appeared and it is now thought that there are more than two dozen cases here, but it does not appear so serious as it did, and there are none at present who are considered in a critical condition. Up to the present it has not been deemed wise to put a quarantine into effect, hence the city schools, picture shows, churches and other places of gathering are open, and the possibilities are that the disease will be checked before it becomes necessary to issue closing orders again.

Outstanding War Savings Pledges Redeemable in 1919 Stamps—Twelve Million Dollars Unredeemed 1918 War Savings Pledges In North Carolina.

Winston-Salem, N. C., January 6, 1918: Governor George J. Seay of the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va. under whose jurisdiction the War Savings Campaign of 1919 is to be conducted, has just wired State Director Fries that 1918 War Savings pledges outstanding on January first, 1919, may be redeemed by the purchase of 1919 Stamps but that 1919 Stamps must be affixed to 1919 Certificates only.

Reports from the several counties in North Carolina show there are about twelve million dollars in War Savings pledges outstanding and unredeemed on January 1, 1919. This large amount of unredeemed pledges is due first to the drop in the prices of cotton and peanuts in the east which caused many of the farmers to withold their crops from the market and, second, to the shortage of supply of Stamps on the last day of the year. Many pledgers waited until the last day to redeem their pledges and then found that there were no Stamps to be had at the postoffice or other agency. In view of these facts the government is going to give pledgers an opportunity to keep their word of honor [illegible] The [illegible] Government [illegible] pledges redeemed as early in 1919 as possible.

The financial needs of the Government [illegible] during the war. During the fiscal year ending June [illegible] billion dollars will be needed. During the past six months the Government has spent ten and a half billion dollars, and is now spending two billion dollars a month. Secretary Glass said recently that the war is not over as far as the Treasury Department is concerned and that it will not be over until the United States [has] honorably discharged every commitment it made on entering and during the war.

SERGEANT SHEM B. COOK

Franklinton, Dec. 26.—A letter received the day before Christmas from the Matron of a British hospital in Francce, where he was wounded in action, conveyed the sad intelligence to his parents, that Sergeant Shem Blackley Cook, of this place, had died on November 31st, from the wounds he had received.

Sergeant Cook was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert [illegible] Cook, and was born here on July 1[illegible], his childhood and young manhood days were all spent here, and from a child was [illegible] He had an even temper and was kindly disposed.

Shortly after the United States [illegible]

[illegible] wounds, both legs, one of which had to be amputated. Particulars of his death have not been received but it is supposed that either pneumonia or blood poisoning was the direct cause of the death of this popular young man.

Early in life Sergeant Cook joined the Methodist church here, and was true to the vows he assumed. It has been remarked again and again that he wrote the best letters home of any of the Franklinton boys. Every letter was almost a classic. His going away is regretted by the whole community and everybody sympathizes with the grief stricken parents in the loss of their only child.

PROFITS ON MILL FEEDS CONTROLLED

Removal of Definite Margins Does Not Mean That Profiteering Will Be Allowed, Declares Mr. Page.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—Profiteering in mill feeds will be punished just as severely hereafter as it was before the definite margins were removed some days ago. The definite margins were removed because under some circumstances they did not give dealers a reasonable margin on their [illegible] since the [illegible] feeds [illegible] few weeks ago. The general provision of the Food Control Act which forbids the exaction of more than a reasonable profit on food or feed products is still in force and also special regulations which prohibit the dealer making a margin of more than 6 per cent annually on the sales of any class of feeds. The highest margin allowed on any feed is 15 per cent and any merchant who exceeds 10 to 15 per cent margin on mill feed will be liable to discipline.

The definite margins of profit on flour were likewise removed, but profiteering on flour will not be allowed. The several inspectors travelling from the Raleigh office have been directed by Mr. Page to report promptly every instance of profiteering and Mr. Page is dealing rather drastically with merchants who have shown an inclination to presume that since the war is ended the food emergency also is at an end.

SCHOOL COLUMN

Items of Interest for School Teachers of Franklin County.

By E. L. BEST, Superintendent

1. The School Column will appear in The Franklin Times each week until the first of April. The office has no clerks or stenographers; it is therefore necessary for the county superintendent to use other means than [illegible] to reach teachers, school [illegible] authorities. Notices, instruction and [illegible] school information to teachers, committeemen, attendance officers, betterment associations and to all people interested in school work will be found in this column [illegible]

[illegible] published, for illustration, if you have a successful school farm or your school house has been recently painted, or you have a perfect attendance, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of December and will extend through four consecutive months.

3. A group meeting for the teachers in Harris and Dunns townships has been called for Friday, January 17th, at [illegible] at 1:30 p. m. The County [has] been divided into four sections [illegible] Cedar Rock and Cypress Creek, J. C. Peele, Spring Hope, R. No. 2, Instructor. For any information concerning these group meetings a teacher may write to the instructor of her section or directly to the office. There will be five meetings for each group.

4. There will be a meeting of the colored teachers in Louisburg, Saturday, at 10:30, January 18th.

Perry Wilson Dies in France

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. A. T. Wilson, father of Mr. Perry Wilson, who died in France of wounds received in battle. Mr. Wilson received the following [illegible] announcing his death [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in Louisburg [illegible] has moved to Louisburg to practice his profession. He has secured offices in the Masonic Hall building.

Eleven Above.

According to the government thermometer the temperature in Louisburg Friday night and Saturday night dropped to eleven above zero. The weather moderated Sunday night with a record of fourteen.