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WORLD-WIDE MONROE DOCTRINE SUGGESTED BY WILSON

OPEN MESSAGE TO WORLD

Question of U. S. Entering World Peace League Laid Before Congress by President—"Startling," "Staggering," "Noblest Utterance Since Declaration of Independence" Are Some of Comments Made on Address

Whether the United States shall enter a world peace league, and as many contend, thereby abandon its traditional policy of isolation and no entangling alliances, was laid before Congress and the country Monday by President Wilson in an address to the Senate. For the first time in more than a hundred years a President of the United States appeared in the Senate chamber to discuss the nation's foreign relations after the manner of Washington, Adams and Madison. Congress, all officials and foreign diplomats were amazed and bewildered. "Startling," "staggering," "astounding," "the noblest utterance that has fallen from human lips since the Declaration of Independence," were among the expressions of Senators. The President himself, after his address, said:

"I have said what everybody has been longing for but has thought impossible. Now it appears to be impossible."

Chief Points of Address

The chief points of the President's address were:

That a lasting peace in Europe cannot be a peace of victory for either side.

That peace must be followed by a definite concert of power to assure the world that no catastrophe of war shall overwhelm it again.

That in such a concert of power the United States cannot withhold its participation to guarantee peace and justice throughout the world.

And that before a peace is made the United States government should frankly formulate the conditions upon which it would feel justified in asking the American people for their formal and solemn adherence.

"It is clear to every man who thinks," the President told the Senate, "that there is in this promise no breach in either our traditions or our policy as a nation, but a fulfillment rather of all that we have professed or striven for."

World-Wide Monroe Doctrine

"I am proposing, as it were, that the nations should with one accord adopt the doctrine of President Monroe as the doctrine of the world; that no nation should seek to extend its policy over any other nation or people, but that every people should be left free to determine its own policy, its own way of development, unhindered, unthreatened, unafraid, the little along with the great and powerful."

Farmers Busy—Mr. Daniel H. Brown Passes—Personal
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Jan. 24—Farmers through this section are very busy, plowing, cutting stalks, and doing farm work in general, soon to plant another crop.
We are glad to report the condition of Mr. Lacy Prevatt and Miss Katy Buie improving.
Messrs. John L. McNeill and Paisley McMillan of the Philadelphia community spent Monday in Lumberton.
Mr. I. P. Ray attended the meeting of the grand lodge of Masons in Raleigh last week as a delegate from the Red Springs lodge.
Mr. Daniel H. Brown died last Wednesday after an illness of several years, and was buried near his home on Thursday. Mr. Brown had many friends all over Robeson, where he was well and favorably known, who will be grieved to hear of his death.
Miss R. D. Buie spent Saturday in Fayetteville. Mr. Sam Jackson was also a Fayetteville visitor Friday.

31,955 BALES GINNED

Cotton Ginned in Robeson Prior to Jan. 16 Compared With 46,758 Bales to Same Date Last Year
Mr. J. W. Barnes of Barnesville, special agent of the Census Bureau, advises The Robesonian that there were 31,955 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1916 prior to January 16, 1917, as compared with 46,758 bales ginned to January 16, 1916.

Rev. W. Charles Smith, a Baptist minister of Mechanicsville, a suburb of Hugh Point, was killed Monday afternoon while hunting by the accidental discharge of his gun as he was climbing over a fence.

CHIEF NEWTON OF ST. PAULS KILLS NEGRO BURGLAR

Shot and Killed Neill Brown During Scuffle—Officer Saw Negro Come Out of Store and Burglar Struck Him When Ordered to Halt—Brown Had Served on Chain Gang But Had Sworn to Die Rather Than Serve Again

Neill Brown, colored, was shot and killed by Chief of Police M. P. Newton at St. Paul about 5:30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The night telephone operator heard somebody entering the Grantham drug store and called Chief Newton, who hurried to the scene. Just as he arrived at the door the negro came out and when the officer ordered him to halt he struck the officer in the face and kicked him, it is said. The officer grabbed the fleeing robber and in the scuffle which followed he shot the negro in the neck. Brown, who was not known at that time by the officer, broke and ran and the officer thought he was gone. Bloodhounds were ordered from Raeford, but just before the dogs arrived on the scene Brown was found dead in a back lot about 300 feet from where the scuffle took place. Five shots were fired by Officer Newton, but only one took effect.

Both the Grantham drug store and the McEachern Hardware Co.'s store had been broken into before Chief Newton arrived on the scene. Entrance was made to both buildings by breaking out glass doors in the front. Two gold watches belonging to the hardware store were found in the pockets of Brown and \$1.09 in money, which was taken from the drug store, was also found in his pockets.

A coroner's jury said that Brown came to his death as a result of being shot by Chief Newton, but Mr. Newton was exonerated.

Brown, who was about 30 years old, lived near Lumber Bridge and drove a stolen horse to St. Paul. The horse broke loose when the shooting took place and went back to the home of the owner, near Lumber Bridge. Brown had been on the chain gang several times, having recently completed a road sentence for robbing a store at Rozier's about two years ago. A number of store robberies have been reported at St. Paul recently. Only a short time ago a horse was stolen from Mrs. W. S. Cobb, who lives near Lumber Bridge, on the night a robbery took place at St. Paul. It is thought by many that Brown was guilty of that offense. He had remarked recently, it is said, that he would die before he would ever serve another road sentence.

ROWLAND NEWS LETTER

High School News Notes—Epidemic of Measles—Additions to Library—Negro Crazy by Measles—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rowland, Jan. 24—Mid-term examinations were given last week and the first part of this week.

There has been an epidemic of measles in town since Christmas. Many pupils are being kept out of school on account of it.

There were several new pupils to enter school the first of the year. The play "Topsy Turvy" will be given by home talent in a few weeks. It is being prepared now.

Thirty or forty new books were placed in the library some time ago and the pupils seem very much interested in them.

Miss Kate Phillips, primary teacher, was called to her home at Rockingham Friday, 12th, on account of the death of her sister. She returned home last Saturday night. Miss Sallie McLeod taught during her absence.

The Victorian literary society met Friday afternoon. The every fortnightly debate was "Resolved. That the study of history in the schools should be extended." The negative side won. Renewed interest has been taken in basketball since school started. The Varsity team will play the substitutes Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After this we will be ready to play any team that wishes a game with us.

Miss Annie Barron of Rock Hill, a former teacher of R. H. S., is visiting Miss Margaret McQueen.

Rev. and Mrs. Arrowood have been spending a few days with Mrs. Arrowood's mother, Mrs. McQueen.

Miss Aeneas McLean of Lumberton was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rainey have moved into their new home.

Mr. A. D. McKenzie visited friends in Bennettsville, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Paisley Alford spent Sunday in Maxton.

Quite a great deal of excitement was created by a crazy negro Saturday night. The cause of insanity was measles settling on his brain.

WITH AUNT BECKY

First After Recent Illness—The Tenant Problem—Where Rural Police Are Needed—Need of Diversification and Rotation—Tory Warfare in N. C.—Death of Mr. Billy McArthur—Personal and Other Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Old Fork (Maxton, R. 1), Jan. 21—After a lapse of several weeks I am coming again to have a little chat with my Robesonian friends, and to acknowledge my appreciation of so many kind words from various correspondents during my late illness. My confinement to the house would have been much more monotonous except for letters, messages, reading matter and the frequent dropping in of our good neighbors, friends and kindred to all of whom I am very grateful. These pleasures and proofs of friendship served to compensate in large measure for my being a temporary "shut-in." I have not fully regained my former strength, but am gradually improving. The physical mechanism has lost its elasticity through the passage of the years and requires longer to recuperate. Saturday, the 13th inst., marked my 68th birthday, by which you see I am nearing the allotted years of life, and have many blessings for which I am very thankful. The use of my pen is a pleasant diversion, my eyesight excellent for one of my age, and my hearing unimpaired. "Blessings often brighten as they take their flight," and I suppose we never fully appreciate these faculties until in danger of losing them. No news of interest in the Fork. The health of the community is good, with no epidemic or contagions within our borders. The farmers are busy at work, cutting stalks, and breaking ground for another crop. I hear frequent discussions in regard to the use of fertilizers, which seems to be something of a problem.

A few negroes have been leaving this section after having traded with landowners to run farms. A tenant on our own place took French leave recently, giving us no premonition of his intentions, and we have heard nothing of him since. Such conduct as this is a great injustice to the landlord, and also results in harm to the colored race, causing loss of confidence in them. If they intend leaving they should not have traded for the year.

I am glad to note that the rural policemen are to be retained, where the county commissioners deem it necessary. This section of the county, located right on the border line of South Carolina and with no justice of the peace or legal restraint of any kind, certainly is in need of some protection.

Our farmers see the urgent need of diversification and rotation in order to supply the land with the ingredients they can not buy. The only way to effect this end is to plant more grain crops, and curtail the cotton. Of course they are aware of these facts and the wisdom of such a course; and yet I much fear that the majority of them will return to their idols. There will probably be a good many cantaloupes and melons grown in the Fork this season.

I have been reading a copy of Carrother's history of Tory warfare in North Carolina during the reign of the notorious Fanning who must have been a fiend incarnate, in his butchery of peaceable men and helpless women and children. According to this history, some of the most prominent of the Scotch settlers in Cumberland, Moore and Robeson counties were Tories; but there was a reason: these immigrants before embarking for America had been made to swear allegiance to their King, and their oath was held sacred by them. The book is very interesting, and the copies almost obsolete. I am indebted to a kind lady up in Hoke for the loan of it. Among many other Scotch Tories mentioned I found the familiar name of Duncan McCallum of Moore county. My own father was the only one in our branch of the family bearing that name, and of course that was long before his day, though the old Tories may have been a relation.

I was much gratified to note in the last issue of The Robesonian a letter from Dr. D. W. McCallum of Mississippi, my soldier cousin. The time had been long since I had heard from him, and I am pleased to see that he still is able to wield a vigorous pen and hope that he may write often to your paper.

Hog-killing season is about over in the Fork and there is a considerable quantity of meat and lard in store, which will save many dollars to the farmers. Mr. R. D. Hamer has a very fine one yet to kill, and is waiting for real cold weather as this porker will probably tip

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GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Farmers Are in Better Spirits—Cheerfulness—Exalted Price of Paper—Tell it to the Correspondent—One Plus One—Rev. Mr. Powell Accepts Call to Rowland Field—Other Matters

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Jan. 23—The speeches of Messrs. R. E. Miller and Yates Gaddy on the debate Friday afternoon were excellent. We know because we heard. The patrons of the school are cordially invited to take in these exercises.

Much comment is stirred up over the doings of our solons at Raleigh and we often stop and say, "Oh, Legislators, give us a law that suits all men." Do you reckon they want the job?

Farmers are in better spirits this winter than they were last year—"good democrats" in office and everything bringing top-notch prices. We have little use for the one who growls, grumbles and kicks up a dust over the times now-a-days.

Cheerfulness is a mighty good morning tonic to take to carry one through the ups and downs of the day. To smile and be merry is one of the best habits one can form. So smile every day; smile if you do not even want to.

Our treasured little magazine "The Writers Monthly," a magazine designed for those who would drag the pen and experienced writers as well, has raised its price—all on account of the exalted paper price. We don't know what in Sam Hill the readers and publishers of periodicals will do except raise the price—and they are doing it, too.

As we have often said through these columns, Gaddysville folks beat all for keeping secrets. They just won't tell us a bit of news. Again, tell it to us, brethren, and we will not dispose of all your secrets if you want part of them set eternally.

One plus one equals how many? Now you might say this is a foolish question. It does really sound like it, but it takes one plus one to raise a row. One plus one makes eternal friends; one plus one equals a literary artist, because he must receive much to give a little. He takes it into his own heart, refines it, and passes it on to fill other hearts with fervor, grace or grief. We know one plus one equals two because it is a measure or numbers; but it equals more than two to a writer: he grows by all he gives and gives and gives by every act of receiving. Pericles was enlarged by his Aspasia and Abelard by his Heloise, who in turn drew something fine from them. When life knows life, whether in friendship or love, the issue transcends the rules of number and one plus one equals many—yes, many.

The new year is a year of great opportunities, but you have got to push the door open.

Rev. A. E. C. Pittman preached an excellent sermon at the Grove yesterday p. m. Mr. Pittman formerly was the much-loved pastor of this church and his visit and sermon were greatly enjoyed by an appreciative large audience.

Rev. Mr. Powell of Ashboro has accepted the call to the Rowland field. That means he will be the pastor at the Grove.

W. V. B.

THE DEATH RECORD

Mrs. Harriet Bapston of Britt Answers Sudden Summons

Mrs. Harriet Bapston, aged 45 years, died suddenly at her home in Britt township Tuesday night. Deceased was taken with a cough and began bleeding at the nose and mouth and death resulted in 20 minutes. Interment was made in the Lamb burying ground, near the home, yesterday afternoon.

Splendid Box Supper

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Raynham, Jan. 23—The box supper which was had at the Mahony school house was splendid. Before the auctioneer came to the floor to sell the boxes at auction Mr. L. W. Fackles gave a profitable talk. Then Mr. J. N. Bowen told a very interesting story, after which the auction sale began. At the close of the auction a voting contest ensued, the result of which Miss Pearl L. Lowry, teacher of the school, received the greatest number of votes as being the most popular girl present. A box of assorted chocolates was presented to her as a prize by Mr. Mac Lockley. The sum of \$10.00 was realized.

18 Months for Assault With Deadly Weapon

Prince Ellison, colored, was sentenced to 18 months on the road by Recorder J. N. Buie of Red Springs Tuesday for assault upon another negro with a deadly weapon.

MOUNT ELIAM MATTERS

Many Tobacco Beds—School Doing Nicely—Two "Bad Bills" is Right. Says This One—Opposed to Rural Police

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam (Lumberton, R. 4), Jan. 23—Farmers around here are getting busy now preparing their land for another crop. Judging from the number of tobacco beds that are being sown, there is going to be lots of tobacco planted. Our school is progressing very nicely under the efficient management of Misses Blanche Bullock and Margaret Britt. Mr. Walker Plemons of Brunswick county has been spending a few days in this vicinity. He returned home today.

Mrs. Blanche Stephens, who is teaching at Singletaries X Roads, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mr. I. V. Britt of Ten Mile was here Saturday. Mr. Britt has just moved from this community to the Ten Mile section. We hated to lose Mr. Britt and his good family from our midst but we can assure the community where they have gone of some good neighbors and a genteel family in every respect. We have the same confession to make of Mr. Robert Carter and his family, who have moved to the same section.

Miss Vodie Phelps, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Britt for several years, has gone back home to stay with her father in Brunswick county.

Misses Jessie Floyd and Nina Bryan, Mr. Arthur Bissell of Broad Ridge and Mr. June Ivey of Proctorville spent a while Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Britt. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch of Belamy spent Saturday night and Sunday at the homes of Messrs. J. Z. and E. B. Stone. It had been some time since they were in this section and we were glad to have them with us.

Miss Margaret Britt, who is teaching here, spent the week-end at her home in Lumberton.

The correspondent from Marietta said he did not agree with Messrs. Edens and Harrelson in regard to the "bad bills," he called them, and "bad bills" they are, sure enough. I favor every word Messrs. Edens and Harrelson said and don't believe in making slaves of the poor honest tenants just because they are unfortunate enough to have no home of their own. If the landlord is honest there is no use of such a law, for he would pay the tenant for all the rough manure he would raise and urge him to raise more.

I want to say in regard to retaining the rural police, we in this section are opposed to the rural police and have always been. We are not as much opposed to high taxes as we are the way our tax money is used. We have no use of the rural police and they are taking about \$5,400 out of the treasury of Robeson county annually, and this money would do the county good. The public schools need it and the public roads need it.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Measles Epidemic is About Over—Social and Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, Jan. 24—Misses Scarborough and Cherry were hostesses to the G. W. club Saturday, Jan. 20th. On arrival each guest was presented with hot chocolate and cake. After a season of fancy work and chatting, each member was presented with pencil and paper and an interesting contest was engaged in. Mrs. W. M. Oliver won the prize, a very beautiful tatted edge for center piece. After contest a delicious salad course was served. Next meeting will be with Mrs. W. M. Oliver on February 3rd.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield filled his regular appointment Sunday p. m. immediately after the sermon the officers and teachers of Sunday school were publicly installed.

Miss Mellie Hill spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Kate Hill.

Mrs. W. M. Oliver attended the musical given by the noted Padewski in Raleigh on January 23.

Mrs. Levi Price has gone to Mullins to spend some months with her sister Mrs. John Scarborough.

Measles seems to have about run its course and is dying out.

Recorder's Court—Fined for Gambling

Walter Smith and Furman Freeman were fined \$5 each and cost by Recorder E. M. Britt Monday for gambling. Albert Hughes, who was also caught in the act of gambling at the same time Freeman and Smith were nabbed, failed to show up at trial.

Messrs. E. C. Graham and Edward Smith of R. 7, Lumberton are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. J. L. Lovett of R. 1, Marietta, is a Lumberton visitor today.

COTTON AND COTTON SEED
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 cents the pound. Seed, 75 cents the bushel.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside.

—Mr. Jas. D. Proctor is attending in Raleigh today a meeting of the board of trustees of the State University, of which he is a member.

—Bus Piper, colored, was taken to the insane asylum for colored at Goldsboro today. A nurse from the asylum came after Piper, whose home was at Rowland.

—Mr. J. W. Bullock moved yesterday his stock of groceries from the Williams building, Chestnut street, to the Carlyle building, Fourth street, formerly occupied by the Lumberton bakery.

—William Davis and Mariah Barnes, colored, were married in the store of Messrs. White & Gough Monday at 3 p. m. Mayor A. E. White officiated. Quite a number witnessed the marriage.

—Mr. Jno. T. McGurdy of Corunna, Mich., was host to a delightful dinner party given at the Lorraine Monday evening. His guests included Mrs. Reg Holliday, Englewood, N. J.; Mrs. J. J. Montague, Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Robbins, Pittsfield, Mass.; Mrs. F. A. Bond, Hunters' Lodge, near Lowe, N. C.; Miss E. Annette Abbott, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Jno. Culbreth, Buie, N. C.; Mr. Dan Buie, Lumberton.

—Charley, a fine horse belonging to Rev. W. B. North, died Tuesday morning as a result of breaking some bones in his neck Sunday night when he got his head caught in a crack in the door of the stable in which he was kept. Charley was a good family horse, gentle and harmless as a horse can be. Dr. North overstrained himself in trying to release the horse when he found him Monday morning and has been unable to sit up since Tuesday night.

—Robbers entered the pantry at the home of Mrs. Fuller Harris in the northern part of town Saturday night and escaped with a supply of meat, meal and flour. A noise was heard by some members of the family before midnight, but it was supposed that it was rats making the noise and but little attention was paid to it. Entrance was made through a window and the robbers went out at the door. The robbery was not discovered till Sunday morning. Mr. Harris was away from home.

—"On the Firing Line With the Germans," the 9-reel feature picture presented at the Pastime theatre yesterday under the auspices of The Robesonian, was decidedly one of the best pictures ever shown in Lumberton, giving one a clearer idea of some phases of the war than could be gained by much reading. Had the weather been good the theatre would have been packed, no doubt, but the weather yesterday was the worst of the winter, so far, and many were prevented from seeing this great picture on that account.

Subject Under Hypnotic Sleep in Drug Store

But few people have passed the show window of the McMillan drug store since 7:30 o'clock last night without stopping to take a look at Eugene Ramsey, who has been asleep in the window since that time. Ramsey was hypnotized at that hour by Fayssoux hypnotist, who says he will not wake till 8:30 o'clock tonight. He will be taken to the Pastime theatre before he is waked. Fayssoux will give a performance at the theatre tonight. Quite a crowd saw him hypnotize Ramsey last night. After he put Ramsey to sleep he took a hat pin and stuck it through both his under and upper lips and he did not even flinch. Local subjects will be hypnotized at the theatre tonight. Fayssoux visited Lumberton about six years ago and also about 16 years ago.

Thompson Hospital Notes

Reported for The Robesonian.
Master Gussie Huggins, East Lumberton, who was operated on for pus appendix several days ago, will be able to return home this week. Master Duncan Herring of the Regan church section was operated on last week for appendicitis and will be able to go home by Sunday. Miss Daisy Page, Lakeview, S. C., who was a patient at the hospital for several days, undergoing treatment by Dr. R. S. Beam for eye trouble, was able to go home last Saturday. Roy Bass, Lakeview, S. C., who was injured in Bell Lumber Co.'s mill, was able to return home recently. Mrs. Leroy Bullard, who was operated on three weeks ago, has recovered and gone home.

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