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Foch Orders Allied Troops To Advance

Special to The Robesonian.
London, March 5 (by United Press) Foch orders Allied troops to advance. Von Simons got into communication with Berlin immediately after conference. General Von Seeckt attended conference first time in General's uniform.
Lloyd George arriving St. James palace cheered by street crowd, "make them pay."

Situation Serious

Special to The Robesonian.
London, March 5 (by United Press) —British Cabinet session called for tonight. Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in Commons and Cabinet member, said situation very unsatisfactory, it's serious.

German Proposals Unacceptable

London, March 7 (by United Press) —German proposals are unacceptable and do not justify postponement of punishment by Allies, conference at 4:30 decides. Penalties provide occupation of Ruhr valley, seizure of customs tax levy on German exports and establishments of customs line along Rhine.

London, March 7 (by United Press) —Von Simons, German Foreign Minister, today informed the Allies that he is unable to agree to reparations demanded at Paris conference. However, the Germans modified their original rejection with the following counter proposals:
First, agreement to make five of the payments demanded by Allies over 42 years.
Second, acceptance of 12 per cent export tax, provided Germany is allowed to float a loan, retain upper Silesia, and that commercial restrictions against Germany are abolished.

Vote On School Bonds April 5

Election on Proposed School Bond Issue of \$30,000 Ordered by Town Commissioners — \$20,000 Needed for Purchase of Additional Site and \$7,500 for Teacherage.

An election for the purpose of voting on a school bond issue of \$30,000 was ordered held on April 5 by the town commissioners at a meeting of the board Thursday afternoon. Mr. Ben G. Floyd was appointed registrar, a new registration being called for, and Messrs. J. D. Norman and C. P. McAllister were appointed judges of election.
If the election carries \$20,000 of the bond money will be used for purchasing an additional lot near the site of the graded and high school buildings, \$7,500 will be used to pay for the house occupied by teachers and \$2,500 will be used for repairs.

DEMAND THAT COSTA RICA AND PANAMA CEASE HOSTILITIES

Cessation of hostilities between Costa Rica and Panama is demanded in identical notes which the Senate Department at Washington dispatched Saturday to the governments of these two countries by Charles Evans Hughes, the new Secretary of State.
This action was the first of the Harding administration in the realm of foreign affairs and was said to have been based on the grounds of broad expediency as the dispute between the Central American republics involving American interests in the Panama canal zone.

J. H. Berry of Marion-Dillon Section a Suicide

Miss Mamie Berry, a nurse at the Thompson hospital, got a telephone message early Friday morning that her father, Mr. J. H. Berry, died suddenly that morning at his home near Dillon, S. C., and to come at once. The message came with startling directness, without warning and with no particulars. Miss Berry went home at once by auto. A Marion dispatch of the 5th states that in a spell of melancholia resulting from ill health and financial worries, deceased killed himself early Friday morning with a pistol. He was 60 years old. Some time ago he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. He was very blue over the present situation and was involved in litigation which caused him much anxiety. The dispatch states that he owned a large plantation on the Marion-Dillon road, the place being valued at about \$40,000, and that deceased was prominent, well liked and respected.

Some Quick Moving in French Quarters

There was some quick moving in French Quarters early Saturday evening when officers spied a number of colored men engaged in a "skin" game and fired something like ten shots. The negroes vomited into the thickness of a swamp near by and escaped.

Mr. Richard Lee of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.
Messrs. D. R. Stephens, J. R. Lawson and J. Z. Stone, who live near Orrum are Lumberton visitors today.

General Assembly

Constitutional Limit Expired Saturday night—Session Will Close After Midnight Tomorrow Night—Some 200 Pieces of Legislation Remain to be Passed Upon.
The constitutional limit for sessions of the General Assembly expired Saturday night but by agreement a number remain over and the session will close some time after midnight tomorrow night, leaving two days in which to pass upon some 200 pieces of legislation. Included in the number is final agreement on the appropriations bill, with an apparent deadlock on Confederate pensions, and the battle over moving picture censorship set for tonight.

The power contract bill was defeated in the House Saturday.
The Senate Friday night passed the Bowie bill, already passed by the House, providing for the appointment of a commission by the Governor to investigate the advisability of selling the State's holdings in the North Carolina and Atlantic and North Carolina railroads and appropriating \$5,000 for a survey looking to the building of a State-owned railroad in Western North Carolina.

House Kills Bills for Constitutional Amendment and 8 Per Cent Interest.
The House Thursday killed the Stubbs' bill for a constitutional amendment and the bill providing for an 8 per cent interest rate on loans. Farmers and others could see nothing in the claim that the 8 per cent interest law would relieve the financial stringency by bringing money back to the State. They considered, rather, that it would increase the burdens of debtors. They did not believe the talk about getting additional money when they had been told all along that the reason money could not be borrowed at 6 per cent, was because there was no money to borrow.

Memorial to Governor Jarvis.
A proposal by Senator Outlaw of Pitt to establish a memorial to former Governor T. J. Jarvis by appropriating the sum of \$150 monthly for his widow was passed by the Senate.

Superior Court

Term Closed—Tom Blackwood Fails to Get Damages for Cold and Exciting Ride on "Cowcatcher."

Superior court for the trial of civil cases closed Thursday afternoon and Judge Frank A. Daniels, who presided left Friday morning for his home at Goldsboro.

The only jury trial heard after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's paper was written was that of Tom Blackwood vs. S. A. L. Ry. Co. Judgment was rendered in favor of the defendant. Blackwood sued the railroad for \$1,000 damages, the suit growing out of the fact that he was carried from Lumberton to Pembroke on the "cowcatcher" of a freight engine. According to Tom's testimony the engineer stopped the train and told him to get his dog off the river bridge near the union station. When he ventured upon the bridge the train started and he stepped upon the front of the engine and the train did not stop until it reached Pembroke. Tom declared that it was a cold and exciting trip for him. Several judgments were signed during the term.

WHISKEY STILL CAPTURED IN McLEOD POND NEAR ROWLAND

A copper whiskey still, 30-gallons capacity, was captured Friday by Rural Policeman J. H. Carper. The still was located in the McLeod mill pond, near Rowland, and was set up in a brick furnace. Mr. Carper destroyed 240 gallons of beer found at the still. The plant was not in operation when located by the officer. The officer brought the still to Lumberton today.

Many Have Pledged to Reduce Cotton Acreage

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, has received several hundred pledge cards signed by farmers who have agreed to reduce their cotton acreage this year. Some townships have not made any report, however. Committees who have the pledge cards should turn them over to Mr. Dukes.

Spelling Match at McDonald Evening of March 11

Correspondence of The Robesonian: McDonald, March 5.—There will be an old-fashioned spelling match at the McDonald school building Friday night, March 11th. Admission, adults 20c, children 10c. The public is cordially invited. We were providentially hindered from giving it in February, as planned.

Mr. A. B. McArthur of R. 2, Hope Mills, is among the visitors in town today.

Messrs. Clyde Williams and Claud Floyd of the Barnesville section are among the visitors in town today.

Dr. J. P. Brown and Mr. J. D. Kyle of Fairmont are Lumberton visitors today.

Mr. J. S. Floyd, who lives near Proctorville, recently killed a pig that tipped the scales at 500 pounds. Mr. Floyd, Miss Neta Hedgepeth, Messrs. W. W. Hedgepeth, J. K. Atkinson and W. A. Floyd are Lumberton visitors today.

Messrs. R. C. Birmingham and Roy Smith of Charlotte arrived Saturday night and will spend a few days here.

THE NEW PARTNER



INAUGURATION CEREMONY SIMPLE AND DRAMATIC

Drama Centered About Retirement of Wilson to Private Life

"JUST PLAIN WOODROW WILSON NOW," HE EXPRESSED IT

Harding Revives Ancient Precedent by Conferring With Senate in Executive Session—Following Simple Ceremonies President Harding Went to White House to "Hang up His Hat and Go to Work."
The reins of Presidential authority passed from Woodrow Wilson to Warren G. Harding today in an inaugural ceremony at once the simplest and most dramatic of a generation states an Associated Press dispatch of the 4th from Washington, and gives the following account of the inauguration:

The drama centered about the retirement of Woodrow Wilson to private life. Insistent to the last moment that he would carry out a retiring President's customary part in the ceremonies, Mr. Wilson finally yielded to the pleading of relatives and to the warnings of his physician that he might endanger his life, and only accompanied his successor to the capitol.

As he descended from the white house portico to enter the waiting automobile, secret service men placed his feet on each descending step; when he left the car to enter the capitol he was practically lifted up a short flight of steps by an attendant and although he walked alone with the aid of a cane to the President's room where he signed bills, he told Senator Knox, chairman of the congressional inaugural committee, that he was not equal to participating in the ceremony of inaugurating Vice-President Coolidge in the Senate chamber, nor in the ceremony of inaugurating President Harding on the portico facing the plaza outside.

After a few moments at the capitol Mr. Wilson went to his private home to become "plain Woodrow Wilson now," as he expressed it, and he never even glanced at the white house as he passed by on his way.
Before Mr. Harding had been President an hour he reviewed a precedent set by George Washington by conferring with the Senate in executive session, submitting in person the nominations of his ten cabinet officers, all which immediately were confirmed.

Within another hour he had gone to the white house to "hang up his hat and go to work" as he himself often had said, and unlocked the white house gates which for four years had been closed to the public. The public celebrated the event by actually overrunning the grounds and peeping through the windows to see the new President in conference with cabinet officers.

Mr. Harding took oath of office at 1:18 p. m., exactly eight years to the minute from the time the same words of obligation were spoken by Mr. Wilson at his first inauguration. The inaugural ceremonies, conforming to Mr. Harding's wishes, were kept free from almost every show of the pomp and circumstances that usually surround the incoming of a chief executive. Thousands witnessed the oath and cheered the old and new Presidents along Pennsylvania avenue, but the crowd was only a fraction of the customary inauguration throngs.

On the Bible used by George Washington at his first induction into office, and on a verse of scripture extolling the virtue of an humble faith in God, Mr. Harding plighted his best ability to the Presidency. In his inaugural address he reaffirmed his reverence for the traditions of the fathers and reiterated his belief that the supreme task ahead was to bring the country once more to normalcy.

Ceremony on East Steps
The inaugural ceremony took place as usual of a stand erected above the east steps of the capitol, but in marked contrast to previous inaugurations when thousands of seats were provided, all the distinguished company had to remain standing. Even the inaugural stand was much smaller than usual and was erected to accommodate a telephone apparatus which carried Mr. Harding's voice far out over the capitol plaza and for the first time enabled thousands to hear an inaugural address.

About the only features familiar to inaugurations were patriotic decorations that fluttered under a bright sun along Pennsylvania avenue and the usual escort of cavalry acting as Presidential guard of honor in the ride to and from the capitol. The only semblance of a parade was presented by the little group of official motor cars and the hollow square of troops kept at a trot all the way.

Before his own inauguration began, Mr. Harding attended that of his vice-president, Calvin M. Coolidge, in the senate chamber. It was an hour past noon when the first of the inaugural company began to file out on the platform facing the east plaza, members of the senate and house coming first, followed by the foreign diplomats in dress uniforms and last of all by the justices of the supreme court and the President-elect, Chief Justice White and Mr. Harding walked out to the front of the platform together, as the Marine band, "The President's Own," played the national anthem.

Then the oath was added and the new President began his inaugural address, reading from manuscript but making his points with vigorous gestures that awakened repeated periods of applause.
The President's visit to the senate chamber followed immediately the conclusion of addresses. He had made known his intention to a few of his leaders and the senate was awaiting in special executive session to receive him. He went first to the President's room and was escorted by a committee of senators to the rostrum of the chamber to make his first appearance.

He read from a memorandum the names of the men he had selected for his official circle of counselors. Within 20 minutes after his departure all the nominations had been confirmed.
In personally appearing before the upper branch of Congress in executive session, President Harding harked back to a precedent of the earliest administration but disregarded ever since. Mr. Wilson observed the custom of personally addressing the Senate and House when they were in session with open doors, but no President in a century had gone before either at a secret session.

Mr. Harding had not announced a general policy in regard to his messages, but the general expectation among those close to him is that all of his important communications to congress will be made in person.
Reaching the white house shortly before 3 o'clock, the President and Mrs. Harding had luncheon with the immediate members of their families, Dr. George T. Harding, of Marion, the executive's father, sitting at his son's table as a guest of honor. Afterward the Hardings held open house to the folks of Marion, who had come on several special trains to see their neighbors settled in the executive mansion.

It was late in the afternoon before Mr. Harding made his first visit to his offices and issued the order opening the white house grounds to the public. In doing so he fulfilled a prophecy of Mrs. Harding who declared on election night last November that one of the first acts of the next administration would be "to take the policemen away from the white house gates."
Most of Mr. Harding's first evening in the executive offices was spent with his secretary, George B. Christian, Jr., making a preliminary survey of the unfinished business left by the retiring administration. Mr. Christian also completed assignment of a temporary office force, retaining most of those now serving in clerical positions and adding several assistants from the Harding staff at Marion. It also was decided definitely to continue virtually all of the secret service detail of the Wilson administration, including Richard L. Jervis as chief.

Senate Confirms New Cabinet

President Harding Personally Presented His Cabinet Nominations and They Were Confirmed by Senate at Once.

President Harding presented his cabinet nominations to the Senate Friday in person and they were confirmed by that body in less than ten minutes. The President later signed the commissions of his ten official advisers who entered Saturday upon their new duties, succeeding the men who served under Woodrow Wilson.

Presentation of the nominations was the first official act of the incoming President and occurred within less than an hour after he had taken the oath of office. He had discussed the question with Senate leaders before his inauguration address, and when he concluded his inaugural address, the Senate assembled.

Facing his former colleagues, the President spoke for perhaps five minutes in happy cordial vein and then read the nominations from a card which he held in his hand. He asked for early action, in order, he said, that there might be no hiatus in the government's affairs. Starting with Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico—a courtesy because of his Senate membership—the Senate went through the list and confirmed every one.

The Cabinet officers as confirmed were:
Secretary of State—Charles Evans Hughes, New York.
Secretary of Treasury—Andrew W. Mellon, Pennsylvania.
Secretary of War—John W. Weeks, Massachusetts.
Secretary of Navy—Edwin Denby, Michigan.
Secretary of Interior—Albert B. Fall, New Mexico.
Secretary of Agriculture—Henry C. Wallace, Iowa.
Secretary of Commerce—Herbert Hoover, California.
Attorney General—Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio.
Postmaster-General—Will H. Hays, Indiana.
Secretary of Labor—James J. Davis, Pennsylvania.

One of the new officials, Mr. Mellon, was sworn in soon after his nomination, the ceremony taking place in the office of Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. The oath was administered by Chief Justice White, of the Supreme Court.

FUNERAL OF MR. TERRELL POOLE AT ROCKINGHAM

Remains Were Accompanied by a Number of Lumberton People and Funeral and Interment Took Place Friday.

The funeral of Mr. Terrell R. Poole, whose death occurred at the home of his son, Prof. J. R. Poole, here Thursday afternoon, was conducted from the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Garrett at Rockingham, son-in-law and daughter of deceased, with whom he made his home, Friday at 3 p. m. The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. L. Ormond, pastor of the Methodist church at Rockingham, assisted by Rev. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and Rev. Mr. Coppage, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Rockingham. Interment was made in the family burying plot in the Rockingham cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral and many beautiful floral offerings covered the grave.
Those attending the funeral from Lumberton besides members of the Poole family and Dr. Beaman were Messrs. W. H. Humphrey, F. P. Gray, Ben G. Floyd, H. E. Stacy and J. L. Stephens, and Dr. T. C. Johnson. Mr. Lucius McRae, chairman of the Robeson county board of education, and Miss Nelle Garrett of Red Springs, also attended the funeral.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.
Mr. Marshall Culbreth of Proctorville Section Died This Morning.
News reached Lumberton today of the death this morning of Mr. Marshall Culbreth, which occurred at his home, near Proctorville. Death resulted from head trouble, deceased being ill only a few days. He was about 60 years old. Several children survive.

129 Members of Congress Retire

One hundred and twenty-nine members of the House and Senate of the United States retired Friday to private life. Most of them went out in the back wash from the tidal wave which swept the Republican party into full control of all the functions of the government, but some few, Republicans as well as Democrats, elected not to run again for their seats.
Miss Ruby Thompson has returned from Raeford, where she spent a few days visiting Miss Eunice Blue.
Mr. M. J. Merritt left last evening for Tracy City, Tenn., where he will spend ten days visiting relatives.

positions and adding several assistants from the Harding staff at Marion. It also was decided definitely to continue virtually all of the secret service detail of the Wilson administration, including Richard L. Jervis as chief.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 9½ cents the pound; strict middling 10½ cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, yesterday morning at the Thompson hospital, to Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Hardin, an 8-pound son.

—Madam Rumor has it that a woman will offer for mayor of the town of Lumberton in the coming primary.

—A special communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., has been called for Tuesday evening at 7:30 for work in third degree.

—Born, this morning to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blanchard of R. 1, Pembroke, at the Thompson hospital, a 9-pound son.

—The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the municipal building. All members are urged to be present.

—The condition of Mr. F. P. Humphrey, who has been ill at his home on Walnut and Fourteenth for some time, is unimproved today.

—Bertha Oxendine and Allen Jacobs, Indians, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday at 4 p. m., Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—The county commissioners, county road board and board of education are all holding regular monthly meetings here today. Quite a crowd in town.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Ed McLean and Bertha Stone; Harry A. Green and Thelma Johnson; W. Clyde Sessoms and Wilma Branch; Robt. B. Bruce and Jennie McMillan.

—Mr and Mrs. K. M. Barnes carried their small daughter, Edna, to Wilmington Friday for an examination by Dr. Wood. They were accompanied to Wilmington by Dr. N. A. Thompson, all returning home Friday evening.

—Mrs. Leslie Burnett has arrived from Tallahassee, Fla., to join her husband, who has been employed at the foundry of the Lumberton Motor Car company for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett will do light house keeping at the home of Mrs. Ellen Shooter, Second street.

—Fire came near destroying the residence of Mr. Edwin Davis of the Raft Swamp section Saturday afternoon. The fire started on the roof and a man passing along the road discovered it in time for the flames to be extinguished before much damage was done.

—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a small dwelling owned by the Kingsdale Lumber corporation, near the plant of the company, at 1 o'clock Friday morning. The dwelling was occupied by Matthew McIntyre, colored, and he lost practically all his household furnishings. The town fire alarm was turned in and the fire company went to the scene of the fire.

Must Prove Fitness To Marry

Measure Requiring Physical Examination Prior to Marriage is Now Law.

The measure requiring physical examination prior to marriage is now a law. It was passed by the Senate Friday night, having already been passed by the House.
The bill provides that any applicant for marriage license shall show that he or she is not infected with tuberculosis in its contagious stages and that he or she has never been adjudged insane by a court of competent jurisdiction. Male applicants are also required to pass a venereal examination. Senator Burgwyn wanted both sexes placed on a parity and Senator McGowan, in charge of the measure in the Senate, agreed with him personally, but did not think the time quite ripe in the State for such a step. Senator Burgwyn also wanted to include Quakers, who are not required to procure a marriage license in order to marry, and Senator Dunlap wanted to limit the charge of physicians to \$2. The Senate did not care to send the measure back to the House and voted down all amendments.

Meeting Places for Community Service.

Union Chapel (Ind.) Monday March 7.
Philadelphus Tuesday, March 8.
Purvis Wednesday, March 9.
Thompson institute colored, Thursday, March 10.
Centenary Friday, March 11.
Tabernacle Saturday, March 12.
J. R. POOLE, Supt. Schools.
M. N. FOLGER, Director Community Service.

McLean-Stone
Miss Bertha Stone and Mr. Ed McLean, both of Lumberton, were married last evening about 8 o'clock at the home of Justice Jno. H. McNeill, who officiated.

Mr. T. D. Hatcher and three children of Raeford are guests at the home of Mrs. Hatcher's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes, Third street. Mr. Hatcher spent the week-end here with his family.