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Ex-President Woodrow Wilson Falls on Everlasting Sleep

Nations Great War and Peace President Sinks Peacefully Away to Rest With His Ideals; Great Crowd Attend Funeral

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press)—Former President Woodrow Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

The place of his entombment and whether his funeral will be public or private will be determined later.

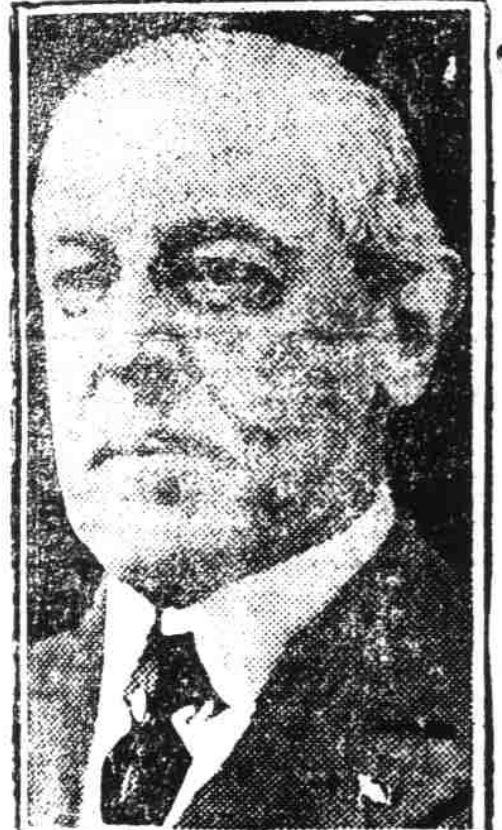
The end was peaceful. Life ebbed away while he slept.

A tired man, he closed his eyes, and, "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust," passed on to the Great Hereafter "like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

Dr. Grayson, his friend and physician, announced the end of the great war president in his bulletin:

"Mr. Wilson died at 11:15 o'clock. His heart's action became feebler and feebler, and the heart muscle was so fatigued that it refused to act any longer. The end came peacefully.

"The remote cause of death lie in his ill health, which began more than four years ago, namely: General arteriosclerosis with haemophilia. The immediate cause of death was exhaustion following a digestive disturbance which began in the early part of last week, but did not reach an acute stage until the early morning hours of February 1."



WOODROW WILSON

Last Friday the grim reaper had forced his way into the house after waiting on the doorstep more than four years. Saturday he had advanced to the landing on the staircase, and stood counting off the ticks of the great clock. Saturday night he knocked on the chamber door. A faithful physician and a loyal wife stood with their backs against it. At 9 o'clock he rattled the knob and called to the peaceful, prostrate figure on the bed—a great bed, long and wide, a replica of the bed in which Abraham Lincoln slept in the white house, with a golden American eagle and a tiny silk American flag just over the headboard.

The watchers knew the battle was lost.

At the portal of the door, now open, the faithful negro servant hovered. On the bed, sitting beside her husband, sustained with all the fortitude and composure of a woman facing a crisis, was Mrs. Wilson, holding the wan, withered right hand that had proved the pen mightier than the sword. Near the foot of the bed was his eldest daughter, Margaret, resigned to the inevitable. Close by, tears welling from his eyes, coursing down his cheeks, was Dr. Grayson, taking the measure of the fluttering pulses, weaker and fainter with each effort.

Death advanced and beckoned for the last time. The tired, worn out man drew a long breath, there was a slight flutter of the eye lids, an almost imperceptible twitch of the nostrils.

Woodrow Wilson's soul had drifted out on the great dark tide that runs around all the world.

Pulpit Talk of Wilson

Out through a city stilled in a Sabbath morning's reverential calm, his name was being spoken from a hundred pulpits. In the Central Presbyterian church, where he faithfully went to worship while the flesh was able, a choked-up congregation had sung, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "How Firm a Foundation" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," favorite hymns in which he loved to lift his voice in a happier, better day. Over a great land that had acclaimed him chief, and in lands across the seas, where he had been hailed as a God of Peace, prayers were rising for the repose of his soul.

In the street before the square brick house, where he has lived with his memories, his homes and his relatives was another scene. There was a gathering of people there. It

was not a crusading throng come to mecca in pilgrimage to attest their faith in the ideals he personified. It was a group of men and women kneeling on the pavement in silent prayer. Small paper slips, bearing the inscription, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," held in their hands, fluttered in the chill wind which swirled up the debris and litter left there by the watchers engaged in the solemnity of the death watch that the world might know.

"Mr. Wilson is attaining the peace that passeth all understanding," said their leader, while the throng sank to its knees and remained in silence for a minute. Then a sickly sun broke through a cloud bank. A little native warbler, a pilgrim venturing north in search of early sun and spring, stopped for a moment, and from his twig aloft uttered a happy note.

Almost at that moment Mr. Wilson was passing on.

Government Shows Respect

Immediately the great government over which he presided for eight years began taking steps to give marks of its respect. President Coolidge heard the words of Mr. Wilson's death while in church with Mrs. Coolidge. Immediately at the conclusion of the services, he drove to the Wilson home and left cards. Later he sent his secretary to offer any aid whatever.

Flags on government buildings and government property everywhere were lowered to half mast. The news went to army posts everywhere and to the ships at sea. A 30-day period of official mourning was ordered as the government had done for Colonel Roosevelt and other former presidents.

Congress arranged to adjourn tomorrow; executive departments were ordered closed on the day of the funeral; social activities at the white house coming within the period of mourning were ordered abandoned.

Official telegrams were dispatched to the embassies and legislatures abroad for the information of foreign governments. One cablegram going to faroff Siam carried the news to Mr. Wilson's daughter Mrs. Francis Bowes Sayre. She is with her husband at Bangkok, where he is adviser to the Siamese government. Another telegram was dispatched to Mr. Wilson's other daughter, Mrs. William G. McAdoo, who, with her husband and children, is speeding to Washington on a train from California.

Last Words Spoken

Mr. Wilson's last words of sustained meaning were spoken Friday. They were: "I am ready."

Realizing fully that he could not hope to rally from the onslaught of the digestive disorder, which sapped his strength, weakened his heart and accentuated the condition which followed his first stroke of paralysis, he watched for a moment when all except Dr. Grayson were out of his bed chamber. Drawing his friend and physician close, he murmured with some difficulty of articulation, "The old machine has broken down. You've done your best for me. But it's better that I should go than to live on a helpless invalid. Let Mrs. Wilson know I want her. I'm ready."

All this was without a show of emotion but in his usual measured habit of speaking.

Mrs. Wilson came at the physician's call, and spoke for several moments with her husband, during which he communicated her some last wishes.

From that time on, Mr. Wilson lived out his fast fleeting life, with the full knowledge that he was on the threshold of the great beyond. In his dying moments, he harbored any feeling at all of the men in public life who prevented the fulfillment of the ideals for which he repeatedly had said he would have gladly given his life, he never gave any indication of them.

He never spoke a complete sentence after that and merely was able to whisper "Yes" and "No" to gentle inquiries of how he might be made more comfortable. When he no longer had strength to do that, he gave his answers by making a motion with his head.

Conscious Saturday

Even then and until Saturday night he was able to recognize those about him. With the last sinking spell Saturday night, however, he fell into a state of complete prostration and fitful slumber in which his vitality slowly but surely ebbed out. This morning found his pulses fluttering more feebly and feebly until the end.

It is certain that he will not be buried in Rome, Ga., which is the burial place of his first wife. It is probably that he will be buried in Co-

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General News of Clarendon Community

By J. D. Frink

CLARENDON, Feb. 5.—Mr. W. M. Stephens, left for Baltimore last Sunday afternoon to buy his spring stock or his large store here.

Mr. W. M. Hinson returned from Charlotte Sunday afternoon where he went to see his father, Mr. D. J. Hinson, who underwent an operation at the New Sanatorium in the above named city, a few weeks ago. He reports the condition of his father as unfavorable.

All the members of Clarendon Local Cotton and Tobacco Growers, Co-operative Association are requested to meet at the high school building Saturday afternoon, Feb. 9, at 3 o'clock. It is very important that every member attend this meeting.

You just as well make your arrangements for forty more days of winter weather. The ground hog could see his shadow all day long last Saturday, so he went back in his hole for six weeks.

Mr. J. B. Long, who has been confined to his room for the past few weeks with a severe case of measles, is again able to be out.

If Whiteville wants the next county fair, it's up to her business men to get busy at once. Unless more interest is shown within next few days, another town that is very anxious for the next fair, will probably be selected.

Judge McPherson's court last Saturday was attended by a large number of Clarendon folks, the attraction being in a case arising from the school marm of the colored school here, trying to walk over some of the white children, and getting in a fight with one of the small white boys, and later committing an assault upon him with intent to kill. After hearing the evidence of part of the state witnesses, the judge sent the case up to the April term of Columbus county Superior court, and required the defendant to furnish justified bond in the sum of two hundred dollars for her appearance to answer to the charge.

We decline with thanks our friend Boswell's invitation to take a trip over the road from Cerro Gordo to Page's Mill so long as the condition is as bad as he represents it to be. We have been given credit with covering daily some very bad sections of roads, but his road simply "takes the cake." We would suggest that he turn the road over or pull it up and set it out somewhere else, as the fellow did his potato sprouts when they became grassy.

What has become of "the little boy" that looks after the Tabor-Whiteville highway? If "he is under the hay-stack, fast asleep," we hope "little boy Blue" will blow his horn, and remind him that this beautiful highway is "going to the bad" very rapidly in certain places, and is in great need of attention.

To Hear of Conditions in Bible Lands

Church goers of Columbus county will have a rare opportunity to hear of conditions in the Bible lands and the reconstruction work the Near East Relief is doing among 110,000 children of that stricken spot on the globe.

Rev. A. J. Howell of Whiteville, is chairman for Columbus county and in charge of raising funds required to feed, clothe, shelter and educate the fifty-four children now in North Carolina orphanages, and assigned to this county for support at \$5 per month each. The entire state is taking care of 3,334 of these tots. Col. George H. Bellamy of Wilmington is state chairman.

Professor H. V. Mouradian of Marsh, Asia Minor, will speak at a Union service of the churches of Bolton Sunday morning. Mrs. R. W. Scott, Jr., is chairman for Bolton. In the afternoon he will speak at Hallsboro, W. A. Thompson being chairman at that place. He will address the congregation of the Westminster church of Whiteville at night.

Henry M. White of China, a ministerial student at Davidson College will speak in the Whiteville Methodist church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, the Western Prong Baptist church at 3 p. m., and at a Union service in Boardman at night. Mrs. W. E. Stone is chairman for Boardman.

L. A. Guiton, another ministerial student at Davidson, will speak at Fair Bluff in the morning, Cerro Gordo at 3 o'clock, and at Chadbourne in the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. R. C. Tucker is chairman at Fair Bluff; J. L. Williamson at Cerro Gordo, and Mrs. F. T. Wooten at Chadbourne.

Mr. Howell requests that funds for this cause be sent either to him or one of these community chairmen at the earliest possible date in order that he may forward them to Charlotte at once. John M. Scott, president of Charlotte banker, is state treasurer.

Commissioners to Issue an Official Statement

Declaring that he thought it only fair that all the parties to the county audit should have an opportunity to fully examine the detailed report from the State Auditors and point out any errors that may exist, and setting forth that any and all taxpayers of the county are welcome to come and examine the full report in the office of the county auditor, Mr. K. B. Council, chairman of the board of commissioners, in the interview given below, declared the intention of the board to publish a condensed statement covering the state audit just as soon as practical.

Mr. Council is quoted in full below:

"The statement of the commissioners in reference to the financial condition of the county, as developed by the State Auditors report, will be furnished for publication just as soon as Mr. Hickman's boardmen and Sheriff Ammons have had reasonable time to look over the auditor's report and have had an opportunity to point out anything that may be wrong in this report. I think all the parties to the audit ought to have a chance and a little time to investigate it."

"The only reason that the audit has not been given out for publication is as set forth above. However, the full report is to voluminous to print in full and too costly. Therefore, any taxpayer is welcome to come to the county auditors office at any time.—In fact all good citizens are urged to do so—and see the full report, which is now available for the public."—K. B. Council.

Texas Company to Work all County

Announcement was made two weeks ago that the Texas Oil Company had purchased a lot here and would immediately build a supply station.

The big tanks that are to be used have already arrived and plans are now being made to place them on the company's lot, which is just east of the new lumber plant in the western part of town on the tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. The Whiteville service station, which was built last summer, is understood to have contracted to handle Texas Oils and Gas, exclusively in the down town section. This station has two pumps. In the up-town section a new brick filling and service station will be built immediately and this plant will also handle the Texas Company's products.

Two delivery trucks will be put on as soon as the tanks are placed and Mr. A. F. Powell, Jr., the representative of the Texas Company states that in addition to supplying Whiteville they will secure stations at Chadbourne, Fair Bluff, Tabor, Hallsboro and other points in the county, and will maintain a sufficient force of trucks to properly handle all business. Whiteville gas users may look to be able to get Texas gas within about forty days.

Much Local News

Around Cerro Gordo

By T. C. Boswell

CERRO GORDO, Feb. 4.—Mr. Owen Williamson, a resident of the Williamson's Cross Roads section, one of the finest and most fertile farming sections of Columbus county. Is one of the most progressive and productive farmers that can be found anywhere in Tatum's township. Mr. Williamson's fine farm is well equipped with up-to-date and labor-saving machinery. Quite recently Mr. Williamson has purchased a huge tractor and some additional farming implements. Included in this purchase, amounting to approximately two thousand dollars, is a grist mill and some corn husking and shelling machinery. With the use of this corn husker and sheller Mr. Williamson states that it is an easy matter to husk and shell out four hundred bushels of corn in a single day with the assistance of one or two helpers. Mr. Williamson is a regular reader of The News Reporter, The Robesonian, and The Progressive Farmer and he thereby keeps well posted and informed along the lines of successful farming and producing a good living from his labors as a farmer.

Mr. Frank Grantham, an aged gentleman whose serious illness, as mentioned in last week's News Reporter, responded to the final roll call of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe Thursday evening, after having remained in an unconscious state of mind for three or four days. His passing came as a great shock to neighbors and acquaintances as he had remained in a feeble condition for several months.

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Last Week's Court Broke Records in Business Transacted and Road Sentences

Twenty-Three Men Drew Road Sentences; Utter Absence of Fines and Costs; Session Marked by Many Unusual Features.

In last week's session of Criminal court for Columbus county several records were broken, not the least of which was the volume of work transacted during the weeks time. The number of actual witnesses in attendance, the time consumed by the grand jury and the number of convictions drawing chain gang sentences were also noticeable. From the time when it convened early Monday morning, until it was dismissed shortly before noon Saturday the grand jury was in continuous session and hundreds of witnesses were examined and true bills returned against offenders.

Returned at the time when Judge Calvert convened court early Monday morning until he adjourned it at noon Saturday, there was not a single recess of even a few minutes duration, aside from those taken for dinner. Court opened at 8:30 each morning and adjourned at dark. When the jury would bring in a verdict, after being out on a case they invariably found another jury and court officials busy on the next case in line.

On receiving the verdicts Judge Calvert would depart from the usual procedure and instead of sentencing the prisoner, if he was guilty, he promptly remanded him into the custody of the sheriff. One result of this procedure was that the end of the session of court found the jail overflowing with convicted men who had not received sentence. These were called up in a body Saturday morning and sentence was passed upon them. It is remarkable that out of the entire number of convictions secured, not one of the guilty parties got off with a fine. It was a chain gang sentence for all. In one or two cases short terms on the gang were imposed and a small fine and the costs added.

Fifteen white men and seven negroes received chain gang sentences. One white woman was sent to the New Hanover county farm for one year. The road sentences aggregate 26 years and four months and this gives each of the convicted men an average of something over a year to serve. Following is each case, in which convictions was secured, and the sentence.

- Von Watts, operating automobile while intoxicated, six months on the roads.
- Von Watts, false pretense, six months on the roads.
- G. W. Spivey, fornication and adultery, eighteen months on the roads, appealed to supreme court, appeal bond fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.
- Elbert Watts, assault with deadly weapon, thirty days on roads and costs.
- L. J. Duncan, aiding in assault with deadly weapon, eighteen months on roads.
- Bud Norris, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, eighteen months on the roads.
- Roy Carter, driving automobile while intoxicated and without lights nine months on the road, if county physician advises his health will

permit, otherwise to work out sentence at county home, appealed to supreme court and appeal bond fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.

- Lillie Norris, fornication and adultery, twelve months in New Hanover county farm.
- H. B. Clark, retailing, six months on roads.
- James Norris, assault with deadly weapon, three months on roads.
- Reader Arp, manufacturing, six months on roads.
- T. M. Smith, manufacturing, six months on roads.
- Joe Watts, manufacturing, six months on roads.
- Reader Arp, retailing, six months on roads.
- T. M. Smith, retailing, six months on roads.
- Joe Watts, retailing, six months on roads.
- John Weatherford, transporting, eighteen months on roads.
- John Clinton, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, six months on the roads.
- Walter Carter, assault on female, twelve months on roads, appealed and appeal bond fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.
- Levi Hilburn, assault on female, twelve months on roads, appealed and appeal bond fixed at fifteen hundred dollars.
- J. A. Hemmingway, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, two years and six months on roads.
- Kelly Shaw, murder, not more than six years and not less than four years on roads. (This negro shot and killed another negro in Bug Hill township during the holidays, Magistrate Cox before whom the case came up, acquitted him on the grounds of it being an accident. Residents of the neighborhood did not agree with the magistrate and the negro was re-arrested and held for trial.)
- Luther Hardee, forgery, six months on roads.
- George Faircloth, having liquor, three months on roads, appealed to supreme court and appeal bond fixed at five hundred dollars. (This defendant was convicted in the recorders court and fined ten dollars and costs, not satisfied with that he appealed to superior court and got three months. The outcome of his second appeal is yet to be determined.)
- Alex Page, retailing, nine months on the roads.
- Adolphus Coleman, retailing, nine months on roads.
- Adolphus Coleman, resisting officer, four months on roads.
- Adolphus Coleman, carrying concealed weapons, two months on roads.
- Luther Hardee, biggamy, twenty-four months on roads.
- Six of the above cases were appealed from the county court and carried to this. It is worthy of remark to state that the sentence of the lower court was upheld in each instance. In one case the defendant got a three months on the roads in place of the ten dollar fine imposed in the county court.

A. K. Lytton Killed in Automobile Wreck

Mr. A. K. Lytton, traveling State Auditor and well known in this county through his having had charge of the recent county audit, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Apex, Wake county, Tuesday evening. His chest was crushed and he died a few hours after the accident without having regained consciousness.

Mr. Lytton and four companions were trailing in a car at high speed and the driver, Ollie Glover, a taxi driver of Raleigh, lost control of his machine which turned over. One of the occupants of the car escaped without injury, Glover and another man received slight injuries, and Lytton's chest was crushed and he sustained other injuries. He was rushed to the Rex hospital in Raleigh and died shortly after arrival.

Mr. Lytton was about thirty-five years of age and came to this state from Kansas. For the past eighteen months he had been traveling State Auditor and was rated as an expert in this work. He resided in Whiteville from early last spring until late in December when he completed the work of auditing the books of Columbus county. Many friends here heard of his untimely death with deep regret.

Mr. J. W. Davis, who is looked upon as Chadbourne's champion berry grower, was in town Tuesday and gave it as his opinion that berries were in good condition and the promises of a good crop were excellent.

Former Auditor Issues Statement

Tabor, Feb. 5.—During the time that I served the people of Columbus county in the office of the auditor, I learned to love more than ever the people of this county. Their interests were mine and I wish to say that I worked for all the best I could, and this is written with a thankful heart for the spirit of the people towards me.

I do not justify all my work as auditor as being perfect. I am satisfied that I made some errors. I have often heard that the man who never makes an error is dead. When the experts began their work I asked them to please call my attention to all errors they found in my work and they agreed to this willingly. If my memory serves me right they called my attention to five errors and I corrected these. The last time that I said anything to the state auditor about my work, he said that there was no errors that he could call to mind at that time, that my books were well kept.

Now I see in their report that they say my errors were too numerous to mention, and this assertion does not agree with what they told me. If it can be shown me that the statement made in the report is correct I am willing to bow down to the people I served and acknowledge that I failed them.

I have viewed the report partially and find that it is a very good and incorrect report for experts to make.

C. W. D...