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ON CHRISTMAS EVE NINETEEN SIXTEEN

Soldier Boys Get Large Consignment of Christmas Present on the Borderland.

EMBARGO ON WHISKEY OUT OF BALTIMORE

Express Companies So Swamped That They Put an Embargo on Whiskey Packages.

(By Associated Press.)

Field Headquarters, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Twenty five thousand dollars would not cover the cost of the presents which the people of the United States have sent to the soldiers with the punitive expedition into Mexico, according to the estimate placed on this shipment by officers in charge. Although the majority of these come from Red Cross chapters, hundreds have come from individuals.

Six large tents where the packages are stored resembled a department store. Among the consignment will be found many items, including, 41,000 cigars, 11 pounds of smoking tobacco, 6000 comfort bags, 2,000 Christmas pacakages, barrels of jellies and two complete base ball outfits.

Embargo on Whiskey.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—The Christmas demand for whiskey for the past few days from Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas, sections served from this center, has swamped the express companies. Two of the companies put an embargo on at noon yesterday till 9 this morning.

Express officials say that they have been handling something like 45,000 packages a day, the shipments varying from a quart to a gallon.

EXPRESS TIED UP.

Greatest Holiday Rush in the History of the Express Companies—Washington Yards Crowded.

There is the greatest rush in express shipments in the history of the express companies and the business is clogged in some places. It is understood that in Washington at one time there were several days ago sixty solid car loads of express tied up awaiting removal and that in Baltimore one express company refused to handle express for a day or so.

Not only is this congestion interfering with regular shipments and with the transportation of Christmas packages but no few people are going to be disappointed as their liquor. There are many callers at the express office who are failing to get their quart, having allowed only a limited time between the time it was ordered and teh time it should arrive. Many of these will be without their's until late next week.

CHRISTMAS WEEK WEATHER.

Unsettled Weather Probable the First of the Week—Moderate Temperature Followed by Decided Cold About Wednesday.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington. Dec. 23.—Moderate temperature followed by decidedly colder weather about Wednesday is forecasted for the southern States for the week beginning tomorrow. Unsettled weather probably at the beginning of the week with fair until Thursday or Friday when there will be more rain or snow.

CALL AT POSTOFFICE SUNDAY.

Arrangements Made to Hand Out Tons of Mail at Local Office.

Salisbury patrons of the postoffice are urged to call at the office for their mail tomorrow between 10 and 1 o'clock.

The entire force of city carriers and helper will be on duty at the windows and it is expected that a large quantity of mail including Christmas packages will be handed out.

No packages for mailing will be received at the office tomorrow.

Freight Depot to Close Monday.

The freight depot will be closed Monday in order that its employes may takeChristmas day off. Shippers and receivers of freight will take notice and transact business with the office tomorrow, accordingly.

SILENCE AROUND THE TREE.

After the bells, Christmas night, keep perfectly quiet. The managers of the Community Christmas tree wish to impress upon all the absolute necessity of complete silence following the bells. The talk and mummering of the crowd would interfere with the exercises to very marked degree, and all are urged to remain in perfect silence.

AMERICAN NOTE IS DOMINANT FEATURE

British Officials and Press Unanimous in Disapproving of Course Taken.

"LANSING'S VERGE OF WAR BLUNDER," IS HEADLINE.

British Press Comments Conspicuously and Displayed Large Headlines on Note.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 23.—The American note to the belligerent nations still is the dominant feature of the news in Great Britain today, it even overshadows dispatches from the battlefields, the discussion of government progress for organizing the entire country for war purposes. Practically all newspapers continued to devote leading articles to the note while the British, French and German and other comments is prominently disulayed under headings such as: "Lansing's Verge of War Blunder," "The Snare of Peace," and "Wilson's Mistake." So far as Great Britain is concerned the press says, President Wilson's note was answered by Lloyd George, when he delivered in the House of Commons Tuesday his speech in reply to the German proposal.

Discussed in Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 23.— The only reference to President Wilson's note at a public sitting of the Chamber of Deputies was made by Deputy Renaudel, who expressed the belief that it would compel Germany to tell plainly her war aims. Deputy Renaudel announced that the Socialist party would vote for the appropriations for the first six months of 1917, which would subsequently pass. He said:

"Today the President of the United States asked the belligerents to make known their views as to the objects of the war. We do not wish to judge his intentions. We only wish to see that the neutrals are guided by concern for a right and just helping to obtain war light. Our enemies can no longer now keep making halting statements. They must speak out clearly. We do not fear that they can trouble the minds of the soldiers of the republic who to win back peace have covered their country with glory. Let our government make known to the whole world that the allied people, that always wishful for peace, never afraid of war, are reacy to accept any solution which having repaired the work of force shall organize the nations for the work of salvation and free the development of humanity."

In the lobbies the President's note was the subject of all conversation among the deputies who without exception agreed in paying homage to the sentiment which inspired the President to take the step but expressed the unanimous opinion that his suggestion could not have the result he expected—the establishment of lasting peace.

DOESN'T NEED OUR HELP.

That is What Ine Britisher Would Tell President of the United State in Answering Recent Note of President Wilson.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 23.—W. F. Massey Premier of New Zealand, speaking a Horchurch said:

"It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back across their own border. Then will be time enough for peace. I cannot speak with any authority on the subject of President Wilson's note but I would like to see after what has taken place, that the President of the United States be told that we have carried on the so intend to carry it on to the end war thus far without assistance and

SENSATION OF THE DAY.

President Wilson's Note and Secretary **Lansing's Statement Cause Much Discussion Abroad.**

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's note and Secretary Lansing's statement continue to be the sensation of the day and take precedence over everything else in the morning papers The President's action by no means meets with favor among commentators.

ALLIED ANSWER ALMOST COMPLETE.

Is Lengthy Document and Sets Forth Clearly Grievances of Allies and Responsibility of Central Powers.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 23.—The allied answer to the German peace proposal is almost complete, according to local newspapers. The papers say it is a rather long document and sets forth clearly both grievances of the allies and the crushing responsibility of the Central powers."

SOUTHERN COTTON MILLS INCREASING THEIR LEAD

Consumption of Cotton in Southern Plants in November Was 733,033 Bales—President Harrison of the Southern Railway Comments on Activity in Textile Mills.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—"The report of the Census Office on the consumption of cotton in the mills of the United States in the month of November and in the four months ended November 30 shows the Southern mills still increasing their lead," said President Harrison, of Southern Railway Company today.

"The consumption in Southern mills in November amounted to 333,033 bales, an increase of 16.66 per cent over November last year, as compared with consumption in the mills of all other States of 251,049 bales, an increase of 9.49 per cent over November last year.

"In the four months period consumption in Southern mills amounted to 1,275,964 bales, an increase of 18.05 per cent over the coresponding period last year, as compared with consumption in the mills of all other States of 951,411 bales, an increase of but 5.97 per cent over last year. In the four months the consumption of cotton in the Southern mills exceeded that of the mills of all other States by 324,533 bales, or 34.11 per cent."

A PASTOR IS POUNDED.

Members of Congregations Served by Rev. C. E. Richardson Remember Him in a Most Acceptable Manner.

Spencer, Dec. 23.—Rev. S. E. Richardson and family were given two generous poundings during the week by the congregations served by the minister. On Tuesday afternoon the people of North Main Street church invaded his home with a wagon load of good things. Then on Tuesday night came the member of the East Spencer congregation and added to his larder another load of good eats. All this was in addition to the "hog killing" held by the minister the previous day when he hung up a fine poker, making a total of 650 pounds raised this season by Mr. Richardson at a cost of less than 5 cents per pound.

"BUFFALO BILL" IS NOT WORRIED OVER 'DEATH.'"

Washington, Dec. 22.—"Yes, the newspapers had to kill me off again," wires Col. W. F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," to General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, replying to a message regarding his recent ill health.

"I had a bad cold, but nothing serious," the message continues. "I'll be over it in three or four days and out on the firing line. With kindest wishes to you all, your old scout, Bill Cody."

ENGINEER KEEVER'S MOTHER DEAD.

Was 69 Years Old and Died at Lincolnton—Three Sons Survive—Burial at Lincolnton.

Spencer, Dec. 23.—Engineer D. P. Keever, well known in Spencer, has returned from Lincolnton, where he went to attend thefuneral of his mother, Mrs. Susan Keever, who died at that place Thursday at the age of 96 years. Mrs. Keever had been a frequent visitor in Spencer. Besides the Spencer engineer she is survived by two other sons, Messrs. C. A. Keever, of San Antonia, Tex., and A. A. Keever, of Alexs, N. C.

Senator Lee S. Overman will arrive in the city Sunday morning to spend Christmas with his family. He will be here only a short while, returning to Washington to participate in the busy congressional sessions.

N. C. DAY OBSERVED.

County Public Schools Closed Friday for a Week's Vcaation—Special Exercises With Some Schools.

All of the county public schools closed yesterday for a week's vacation and will resume on January 1st. The last day of the schools before Christmas was marked by special exercises in the celebration of North Carolina Day in quite a number of schools, special programs having been arranged and sent out from the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for this purpose.

TORREON REPORTED CAPTURED.

El Paso, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that General Torreon has been captured by Francisco Villa are being forwarded to Washington today by government officials.

These reports state that the fighting started early yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon when the city was captured.

FRED MITCHELL

Fred Mitchell, long coach for the Boston Braves under Manager George Stallings, has been made manager of the Chicago National League Club in place of Joe Tinker. Mitchell has been in and out of the big leagues for fifteen years. He started as a pitcher, but later became a catcher, and in Biston he handled the pitchers.

METROPOLITAN FORCE ENTERTAINED.

Mr. R. P. Burke Host to Local District Staff at a Dinner at His Home Last Evening.

Mr. R. P. Burke entertained at dinner last evening the Salisbury staff of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at his home on West Monroe street, celebrating the completion of his fifth year of service wit the company. Those enjoying Mr. Burke's hospitality were Superintendent and Mrs. Beverly Lake, Miss Mary Didier, clerk in the local office, and Messrs. J. Will Proctor and T. B. Moore, agents, Salisbury; R. J. Atwell, agent Spencer; J. G. Brawley, agent Albemarle; H. E. Russell, agent Kannapolis; C. H. Ritchie and M. O. Harris, agents Concord.

Features of the evening's entertainment were the singing of the Metropolitan songs, "The Light That Never Fails," by Mr. Atwell and "The Metropolitan" by a quartette composed of Messrs. Burke, Proctor, Atwell and Ritchie, after which the guests repaired to the dinning room where an elegantly appointed dinner was served after which Superintendent Lake, in a few appropriate words presented Mr. Burke, deputy superintendent, with a five-year service medal from the Company to which Mr. Burke responded in a few well chosen words.

TREE AT PRINCTON MILL.

There was a Christmas tree at the Princeton cotton mill at three o'clock this afternoon. The Princeton is located on the Western railroad near the Walker Lumber plant and is owned and operated by Messrs. M. L. Jackson and T. B. Marsh and these clever gentlemen conceived the idea some days ago of giving their employes a Christmas tree. The tree was erected in the new spinning department and contains gifts for the employes. It was something new and was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the employes. Not the least happy attendants at the occasion this afternoon were Messrs. Jackson and Marsh.

SWITCHMEN GET 8-HOUR DAY.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The 8-hour day with pro rata pay for overtime was granted to the switchmen's union by the Federal Arbitration Board today. The award is also an increase of five cents an hour for both foreman and helpers.

It was said here today on behalf of of the railways that the award are interpreted by them as "not giving an o. k. to the Adamson law."

Lutheran S. S. Christmas Tree.

The Sunday school Christmas services of St. John's Lutheran church will be held Monday evening, December 25th at 7:30 i nthe Superior court room. The tree will also be in evidence as usual. The whole congregation is deeply interested in the great success of this event every Christmas season.

SALISBURYS COMMUNITY TREE IN NEW YORK CITY

Last Year's Event in Which Real Live Camels Participated Still Remembered in the Metroplis—Pictures of This Year's Tree.

The few hundred people out of the thousand or more attending who were fortunate enough to be able to see the pageant of the "Holy Night-Silent Night" last year realized that they were witnessing a unique and very beautiful and reverential pageant. They did not realize however that this pageant was to attract attention in many parts of the country and that it has drawn the attention of the Tree of Light Committee in New York City to Salisbury's Community Christmas celebration in a most interesting way.

The following letter was received yesterday by one of the local committee and is given to the public because of its interest to Salisbury:

Tree of Light Committee
P. O. Station G.
New York City.

Dear Friend: The Tree and Light Committee told me about your Salisbury celebration of last year, and I made use of it in the magainar articles which I did for the committee. The picture you sent could not be reproduced and I am writing this year, to ask if you cannot secure for us some good pictures this time. They should show the Tree and the crowds of people particularly children, colored folk or foreigners. if you have many such. Also shall you have the camels again? Do get us a good photograph, as we have already requests from magazines for December 1917.

And now the Tree of Light is planning a book about the community celebrations of the world's greatest day and probably I shall do it for them as I am now so familiar with the work. Your celebration was so unique we shall certainly want it for the book. Please send us full details, newspaper clippings before an dafter, as well as photographs (we shall be glad to pay for the latter, as many as we use.)

Wishing Salisbury a splendid Christmas, we are,

Cordially yours,
THE TREE OF LIGHT COMMITTEE, (and signed by a magazine writer.)

No Names Mentioned Please.

Those who know about the Tree of Light Committee know that it is a group of influential New York citizens whose identity is kept concealed—there being very few who know who they are. This idea of anonymity is carried out in all their correspondence and it is their desire that local communities do likewise.

Suggestons for the Celebration Monday Night.

The committee is anxious to secure the whole hearted co-operation of everybody to make this everybody's Christmas. Help carry out the plans as suggested below.

The firebell will ring at 4:30 to waken those who desire to sing carols and witness the first lighting of the tree at 5:00 o'clock Monday morning. If you want a beautiful experience one that you will always remember with joy come out to this early service of praise and song. Two big auto trucks will carry the carolers on their route.

At 6:30 in the evening the firebell will ring again as a signal for the various church bells to ring for five minutes. After the last bell is quiet it is asked that everybody remain absolutely quiet for one minute at the close of which the music will begin as the chorus of singers march from the distance towards the tree. Pastors are arnestly asked to make mention in their announcements of the desire for quietness during the whole service at the tree and especially for this moment of silence immediately after the bells. Let boys and girls be requested to refrain from all firecrackers and noise making during the whole program—the parents are asked to help create this sentiment.

The program will be as follows:

Bells Ringing—6:00-6:05.

Moment of Silence.

Processional—Hark, The Herald Angels Sing.

The Christmas Story—Dr. Lambeth pastor First Methodist church.

Pageant and Music—"Silent Night, Holy Night."

Prayer—Dr. Byron Clark, pastor First Presbyterian church.

The lighting of the Tree of Light.

Let everybody then sing: "Joy to the World the Lord Has Come."

Christmas Greetings to everybody, Salisbury Mayor, Walter H. Woodson.

Everybody then sing: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

At 9:00 o'clock the Christmas carolers will start from the tree. All are invited to come and join—strangers and old residents, and newcomers. It is the community's Christmas celebration—and everybody is invited to take part in all of the caroling and singing.

The streets will be closed for one block around by order of the mayor at 6:00 o'clock for a few minutes. Automobiles are requested to get in gears and Silence Engines and Extinguish Lights when the bells begin to ring. The best way will be for everybody to be on foot—as far as possible. The program is short so that none will be fatigued by standing.

TO ANALYZE JULEP FOR "DOCTORING" PROCESS

Case From Granite Quarry Causes Court to Order Sample of Beverage Sent to State Chemist—Samples Also Sent From Salisbury Places.

There was a case coming up in the county court yesterday in which a young foreigner operating a business at Granite Quarry was indicted on a charge of adulterating wine and selling it. He was adjudged guilty and judgment was continued until January 20th, and the sheriff was ordered to send a bottle of the liquid which had been purchased at the place in question to Raleigh to be analyzed by the State chemist. The defendant was required to give bond for appearance at court on January 20th. Notice of appeal was given.

As a result of this case Sheriff Krider secured a bottle of beverage from a number of places in Salisbury that have been selling what is commonly known as Julep and this morning a package containing four bottles of the beverage was sent to the State chemist for analysis.

It will be recalled that no few drunks have testified that they had been drinking julep. The city made an effort to place a heavy tax on the sale of this beverage but this did not hold. It is contended by some that the plain beverage as received in shipment is harmless but that it is "doctored" after being received and also that the "doctoring" is not done where there is any suspicion that trouble may result.

However, the Granite Quarry case set the wheels in motion to have the stuff analyzed and within the next few days the authorities will know exactly what the four bottles sent off contain and whether or not the fluid is doped.

MT. AIRY EDITOR SHOOTS PHYSICIAN.

Stepped Up to Dr. J. L. Moorefield Near Postoffice and Shot Him Down—No Arrests—Victim May Die.

Mount Airy, Dec. 22.—This town was thrown into a state of excitement this afternoon when William Johnson, editor of the Mt. Airy News, stepped up to Dr. J. L. Moorefield, near the postoffice, and shot him down in the street. No cause is given for the assault.

At latest reports, Doctor Moorefield was still living with slight hope for his recovery. Mr. Johnson, who did the shooting is a prominent newspaper man and is associated with his father, J. E. Johnson, in publishing the Mount Airy News. He is one of the owners of the plant, one of the best in western North Carolina. No arrest has been made at this hour, although Mr. Johnson is where he can be found at any time.

TO PREACH AT ST. JOHN'S.

Mr. John L. Yost, of the Theological Seminary at Columbia to Speak Sunday Night.

Mr. John L. Yost a theological student of the graduating class of the Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C., will deliver an address in the Superior court room, Sunday evening, Dec. 24th at 7:30, under the auspices of the Luther League of the church.

Mr. Yost supplied St. John's church most accceptably for a month during the pastor's vacation and he will be heard with delight.

DEATH AT CONCORD.

Mrs. Virginia Erwin Prominent Concord Lady Died at 11 O'clock Today After Long Illness.

Mrs. Sarah Virginia Erwin died at her home in Concord this morning at 11 o'clock after an illness of many months, having been desperately ill for several days. Mrs. Erwin was about 74 years of age. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Wadsworth, and Mrs. S. J. Ervin, of Concord, and Mrs. J. F. Hurley, of this city. Mrs. Erwin was a woman of remarkable character and for many years was the Good Samaritan of her native city.

The Yadkin train brought up one of the largest crowds of the holiday season this morning, every car being filled, and several crowded. Practically all of these were Christmas shoppers. The Yadkin was the only train on time this morning, the others running several hours late.

Mr. J. A. Banister, of Greenville county, S. C., is spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Schofield, in Spencer.

PERSONAL GREETING FROM PRES. HARRISON

Head of the Southern Railway, Thru Official Bulletin, Speaks to the Company's Thousands of Employes.

President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway Company, issues a personal greeting to the thousands of employes of the company through the Southern News Bulletin, as follows:

To the Officers and Employes of Southern Railway Company and its Affiliated Lines:

One of the pleasures I have had in my relations with you has been to send you each year by telegram a Christmas Greeting. The Editor of the Southern News Bulletin asks me this message to give him the privilege of carrying that message to you, and I am glad to comply with his request.

The year 1916 through which we have passed has been one of heavy traffic and great activity on our lines, and I am glad to certify that the problem of handling that traffic has been met successfully through the earnest co-operation of all of our officers and employes. While we have added largely to the physical plant in ways which you all realize make for facility, I know with sincere conviction that the human element of the organization has been the vital force which has made it possible for us to "Serve the South" as well as we have. Without your cordial co-operation the investment in facility would be of small account.

I send you, then, one and all a hearty message of commendation and good will and renew the assurance of my pride in leadership of an industrial army which has proven its loyalty to our common endeavor by giving, every man his stint, the best that is in you. I ask you to commend me personally to the good women of your families who are in a true sense a part of our organization, and I wish you all more than conventional Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FAIRFAX HARRISON.

Washington, Dec. 24, 1916.

U. S. POSTOFFICE HOURS.

Office Will Be Open for Delivery of Mail Sunday from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.—One Delivery Monday.

Sunday the office will be open for the delivery of mail from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. It is hoped the patrons will take advantage of this opportunity to get their Christmas mail and call during these hours. Parcels will not be accepted for mailing on Sunday.

Monday the office will be open for the delivery of transient mail from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m.

City carriers will make their regular morning delivery.

Rural carriers will make their regular trip.

Street delivery of parcels will continue during the day by special carrier until all parcels are delivered.

CRESS SCHOOL CLOSING.

Christmas Exercises Held in Connection With Ending of School for Holidays.

At the closing of Cress school No. 3 in Locke township Friday for the holidays there were Christmas exercises consisting of songs, recitations, tableaux and the occasion was a great success, all of the children acquitting themselves admirably. The school is taught by Miss Lillian Miller who is now conducting her third term there. It is hoped to make this the banner year in the history of the institution.

MRS. T. L. MILLER DEAD.

East Spencer Woman a Victim of Pneumonia — Funeral Held Today Burial at Bethel Church.

Mrs. T. L. Miller, aged 48 years, died at her home in East Spencer yesterday of pneumonia, after a short illness. The husband and seven children survive. The funeral took place today at noon at Bethel Lutheran church at Franklin, being conducted by Rev. M. L. Ridenhour, the pastor. The deceased was a most excellent woman and had a large circle of friends in East Spencer and the neighborhood who will be grieved to learn of her death.

Misses Marie Eloise Kinard and Ruth Heilig are home from the State Normal College, Greensboro, N. C., to spend the Christmas holidays.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE

The offices o fall county officials at the court house will be closed Monday in order that the officials and the office forces may observe Christmas Day along with the rest of humanity. Of course if there is any absolute urgent business to receive attention it will be possible to find the proper official However, no general business be transacted on that day.