

## WILSON TO OCCUPY ROOM IN WHICH HE WAS BORN

President-elect During Stay in Staunton Will be Guest of Former Class Mate in Home Parents For Years Occupied.

Staunton, Va., Dec. 10.—Mayor Way this morning received a letter from Woodrow Wilson at Hamilton, Bermuda, confirming the date of December 28th as the time for his visit to Staunton.

The citizens committee in charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the President-elect during his visit to his old home, has officially designated Rev. Dr. A. M. Fraser to represent the city as host of Mr. Wilson in the manse in which Governor Wilson was born. Several citizens placed their homes at the disposal of the committee, but it was thought the proprieties demanded that Mr. Wilson should be entertained in the home in which he was born, and he will sleep in the room in which he first saw the light.

Dr. Fraser is one of the successors of Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Wilson, father of the President-elect, in the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church, and it so happens that he was a classmate of the President-elect at Davidson College for several years, and they have kept up their acquaintance.

The manse has recently been "done over," having been more by accident than by design painted white like the future President's residence in Washington, and it presents a very handsome appearance.

There is a set of rosewood furniture in the manse that was there when Mr. Wilson was born, which could be of considerable value even without its associations.

Interest in Mr. Wilson's coming has increased since he consented to come, and all classes of citizens are co-operating to make his stay here a pleasant incident in his life. Among the hardest workers in arranging for the occasion are prominent Republicans.

## TURKISH PRISONERS ON THE MARCH



His remarkable photograph just received from the scene of the Bulgarian operations in front of Adrianople, shows a great body of Turkish prisoners on the march, guarded by the Bulgarians who captured them.

## NO MORE SPEECHES FOR NEXT PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 11.—"Being governor of a state and preparing to be president of a nation, both at the same time, is enough to keep any man busy," remarked President-elect Wilson yesterday, when he announced he positively would make no more speaking engagements before March 4. Every mail has brought him scores of invitations. All have been declined.

The President-elect accepted three invitations long before he was elected, and these he will keep. He will speak before the Southern Society of New York, December 17, the day after his return from Bermuda, at the jubilee celebration at his birth place, Staunton, Va., on his birthday, December 28th, and at the banquet of the Commercial Club, of Chicago, January 11.

Mr. Wilson has entered upon his final week in Bermuda, with a rest for work born of three solid weeks of recreation. He now practically has ended his vacation and intends henceforth to work most of each day on political problems. Asked what his plans would be immediately after his return in New York, the governor said: "I really have not any plans. Most of the men with whom I shall consult were so considerate that they did not write me and I am ignorant of their plans also."

Mr. Wilson added that even the date of place for an engagement with Wm. J. Bryan had not definitely been fixed.

"I simply wrote Mr. Bryan," said the governor, "that I wanted to meet and talk with him after my return. You see a great many of the men whom I shall see will be occupied with work in the opening of Congress and I shall have to consult their convenience."

As to the personnel of his cabinet, the President-elect admitted that much of his mail contained letters commendatory of various persons.

"Of course, selections have been running through my head," he added, "but I have formed no conclusions."

"Do you think you will make your cabinet before leaving Bermuda?"

"If I do," was the laughingly reply, "I would have to make it out of hard cedar, because that's the only cabinet material I can see here."

The governor will leave here on the steamer Bermudian next Saturday morning, and is due in New York Monday. He said he would go direct to his home in Princeton.

"I want to help Mrs. Wilson unpack," he said, "and get household things settled again."

News has been received here to the effect that the condition of Rev. H. H. Broom's father, who is critically ill at his home in Monroe, is no better. Mr. Broom is between 70 and 80 years of age. It is to be hoped, notwithstanding his advanced years, that he will be spared many more years.

The entire city sympathizes with his son, who is the efficient and popular pastor of the First Methodist church.

Dr. John C. Rodman, and Jack Nicholson, went to Greenville this morning on professional business.

Mr. C. H. Rowe, of Hamilton, N. C., is in the city.

## HOUSE REFUSES TO VOTE MONTICELLO'S PURCHASE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Only one member of the Virginia delegation voted yesterday in favor of the resolution introduced at the suggestion of Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, to have a congressional committee investigate the question of acquiring Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

That Virginia supporter of the resolution, was Congressman Bascom Sloop, of the Ninth district. By a vote of 191 to 41, the House refused to adopt a special rule providing for consideration of the Senate resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to inquire into the wisdom and cost of purchasing the property from its present owner, Representative Levy of New York.

Messrs. Saunders, Jones, Holland, Hay and Flood voted against the resolution, and Representative Saunders made a strong speech against, standing as he spoke, immediately behind Representative Jefferson Levy, the owner of Monticello. Messrs. Glass, Turnbull, Carlin and Lam were not present when the vote was taken.

The preponderance of the North Carolina delegation on the other hand was in Mrs. Littleton's favor. Messrs. Small, Falson, Godwin, Kitchin and Steadman cast their vote for the resolution, while only Messrs. Faye, Doughton and Guder voted no. Messrs. Pou and Webb were absent.

Mrs. Littleton has been running large advertisements in the Washington papers and personally canvassing members in the effort to make votes for the Monticello proposition, and Representative Levy has been incessantly active in opposing her campaign. He appeared delighted at the result of yesterday's encounter.

Representative Henry of Texas, and Representative James, senator-elect from Kentucky, led the fight for the rule. Representative Saunders of Virginia, and others denounced the movement, declaring it was an attempt to take Representative Levy's property from him when he had announced publicly that it was not for sale at any price. Representative Henry in a statement last night gave notice that the fight "had just begun," and that if necessary "Monticello" would be acquired for the government through condemnation proceedings.

In a telegram to Governor Mann of Virginia last night Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, leader of the movement for the acquisition of "Monticello," stated that a Virginian who wished his name withheld offered through Governor Mann to pay in cash to Representative Levy, the owner of Monticello, four times the assessed value of the property, the deed to be made in the name of the State of Virginia, which would be made the guardian of the estate.

In the Senate. Convened at noon. Senator Overman introduced joint resolution authorizing a joint inauguration committee, of six members. Judiciary committee informally considered President Taft's judicial appointments.

Senator Works spoke, advocating his resolution for a single six year presidential term.

President Taft transmitted report of economy and efficiency commission recommending radical changes in patent office procedure.

Court of impeachment resumed trial of Judge Robert W. Archbald at 1:30 p. m.

In the House. Convened at noon. Resumed consideration of legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

Democratic members of the ways and means committee set first week in January as date for hearings on proposed tariff revision.

Banking and currency subcommittee resumed hearings in the "money trust" investigation. Chairman Pujo making statement repudiating reports as to committee's intentions.

Representative Allen introduced resolution proposing general investigation of the canning industry. Representative Lindberg introduced resolution to require each senator and representative to file statement showing his pecuniary interest in any banking, loaning or brokerage business.

Passed legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$34,900,583. An effort to insert a commerce court provision failed.

## LEE DAVENPORT PURCHASES THE BROWN DRUG COMPANY

## KNOX TO REPLY TO THE BRITISH PROTEST

GREAT BRITAIN'S NOTE AGAINST PANAMA CANAL BILL IS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED BY THE CABINET.

Washington, Dec. 11.—With the formal presentation of Great Britain's protest against the Panama canal bill, Secretary Knox yesterday got down to a careful study of the objections raised by Sir Edward Grey in the lengthy note transmitted Monday night by Ambassador Bryce.

The British minister for foreign affairs basing his principal objection on the proposal to relieve all American shipping from paying canal tolls, either by exempting it from charges or remitting the tolls paid, contends that section of the law is in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and proposes that if the question can be submitted to arbitration at the Hague.

Minister Grey also touched on the provision against trust owned ships, and gave notice that if that were to apply to ships of all nations, Great Britain might desire to supplement her protest further.

Now that the proposal for arbitration has been squarely presented, the means by which the question might be presented to the Hague are a center of interest. The existing arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain expires by limitation next June. If the controversy were to be delayed until then there would be no treaty under which the dispute might be arbitrated. In any case of special agreement approved by the Senate would be required before the dispute could be referred to the Hague, and there is a variance of opinion as to whether a majority of the Senate would permit the case to go there.

Several senators, among them those considered the best lawyers in the upper house of Congress, have declared that the United States surely would lose its case at the Hague.

Meanwhile, Secretary Knox will prepare a reply to the British note. It will be of the same friendly tone as was Minister Grey's communication, entirely lacking any elements of belligerence.

Today was a regular cabinet meeting day, and the subject was up for informal discussion by President Taft, Secretary Knox and the rest of the President's official family.

The outline of this government's reply probably will not be discussed until the President and Secretary Knox have had opportunity to go over, the British note thoroughly, which may be a few weeks.

There will be the regular mid-week prayer meeting services in all the different churches of the city this evening at the usual hour. Owing to the absence of Rev. R. H. Broom, pastor of the First Methodist church, who is at the bedside of his aged father, Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., will conduct the prayer meeting service at the First Methodist church this evening. All cordially invited.

## Aycock Memorial Day on Friday, December 13th

The city public schools will observe North Carolina Day this year, Friday, December 13th, at 1 p. m.

The celebration of this day in the public schools this year is intended to be a memorial to the late ex-Gov. Aycock. The object of this memorial is two-fold: First to honor the memory of this great educational leader and to impress upon the minds of the children the debt they owe to him. Second, to endeavor to raise funds through the public schools for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument to Gov. Aycock in Capitol square, Raleigh.

The Aycock Memorial Association, of which Geo. C. Royal, of Goldsboro, is president, has prepared a beautiful card bearing a fine portrait of Gov. Aycock, together with other suitable matter. This card is being sold by the school children for ten cents or as much more as any one is willing to contribute.

The people of the city are invited to attend the exercises on Friday, and it is hoped that there will be a generous response for contributions. When the school children present the Aycock card will you be kind enough to purchase at least one?

M. C. NEWBOLD, Secretary.

List Cotton, 12 1/2. Seed Cotton, 24.00. Cotton Seed, 22.00.

The Brown Drug Company has sold its drug business to Mr. Lee Davenport, who will run the business at the same stand, corner of Main and Market streets. The transfer was made on yesterday.

Mr. Davenport has been a resident of Washington for the past four years. Several years he was employed by Drs. Blount and for the past year has been the efficient and popular druggist at the Brown Drug Company. Mr. Davenport is a graduate of pharmacy at the State University and since his residence in Washington has made good both as to efficiency and to popularity.

Dr. E. M. Brown is to have his office in the rear of the drug store on Market street.

The entire city wishes Mr. Davenport every success in his new venture.

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On next Friday evening there will be a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at their rooms in the Baughman building. The merchants, citizens and stockholders of the Washington Tobacco Warehouse Company are requested to be present. The time has now come when to decide whether or not the town of Washington is going to have a tobacco market. Washington needs such an enterprise and there is no reason why the scheme should not go through. If the business men of the city get together, pull together and work together it will be an assured success.

## REV. DR. GIBBS TO CONDUCT THE SERVICE

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## TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IS STOLEN BY ROBBERS

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 11.—Twenty thousand dollars in gold was the haul of two robbers who held up the express car of the Sunset Western train bound from Bakersfield for Taft, Cal., last night. The money was consigned to the First National Bank of Taft, by the First National Bank of Bakersfield. It was not placed in the express safe.

When the train arrived at Taft, railroad men were forced to break down the door of the express car. In a corner, covered with mail sacks, was the express messenger, who was just regaining consciousness.

## MRS. E. J. JONES DIES AT BLOUNT'S CREEK, N. C.

News was received here yesterday afternoon announcing the sudden death of Mrs. E. J. Jones, wife of Mr. W. M. Jones and mother of Messrs. M. M. Jones, B. A. Jones and Mrs. Helen Brown, of New Bern. The end came at Blount's Creek while visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jones was between 65 and 70 years of age and held in the highest esteem in Washington and throughout the county. She was a woman of the highest ideals and did what she could for the betterment of her fellowman. Behold her record is on high.

To remain arrived here this morning via the Washington and Vandalia train and were taken to the residence of her son, Mr. M. M. Jones, corner of Second and Pearce streets, where the funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment was in Oakdale cemetery. Another landmark of Washington has fallen by the wayside. The Daily News extends sympathy to the bereaved. Her life was an open book, a living epistle known and read by all men. Peace to her ashes.

## Colonel Roosevelt Advises Against Trafficking With the Old Parties

Chicago, Dec. 11.—"Without trafficking or dickerings with the old parties, fight to have our platform principles embodied in the laws of Illinois," was the appeal Colonel Roosevelt yesterday made to the newly elected Progressive members of the Illinois legislature, to whom he delivered his first speech at the Progressive conference, which opened informally Monday and will continue over today. Besides pleading with the Progressives to stand alone in their fight, the former President criticized the Republican organization and said it was of such a character that "no honest man can be in it."

Formal opening of the conference is not scheduled to take place until today, but many Progressives, both men and women, yesterday came from New York on a special train with Colonel Roosevelt. The Colonel was greeted at the railroad station with cheers and shouts of "He can come back."

"I am very glad to have the chance to come out here and say again that we are in the fight to the end and that it is only by the Republicans to make it here to back into the old parties that they have made of what character that 'no honest man can be in it.'"

Progressive members of the legislature and of Congress have a task of no ordinary magnitude. They should make every Progressive member would introduce all measures as recorded in the constitution and try to make this Christmas, but will send them to the State House and back to the State House.

BAKER BAYS. Dear father and mother and family: We will not be able to come home this Christmas, but will send you our love and best wishes.

WILLIAM WILSON.

## LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

The next attraction in the Lyceum Course to the present season will take place on the evening of January 14. A more detailed account will be announced through the columns of the Daily News later on.

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