

GERMANS 'COMES ACROSS' TO ALLIES

CLAIM THAT MOST LIBERAL RESPONSE TO CHRISTMAS TREE FUND

SHOULD CONSIDER ANY ANSWER FROM AISIRS, EXCEPT REJECTION, AS A PEACE SIGN.

SUGGESTION TO LANSING

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Efforts of mediation or suggestions by the United States on behalf of a peace conference would be immediately followed by similar action by all the European neutrals.

Action will be delayed, however, by the European neutrals until next Tuesday when Lloyd George's speech will give them a cue as to how to act.

This is the gist of the cablegrams to neutral diplomats here today from their foreign offices. The United States and Spain, they say, are the two countries which will have to take the lead if mediation is offered.

For nearly two hours President Wilson and Secretary Lansing considered the question of supplementing to and forwarding German peace proposals to the allied capitals with some suggestions from this government.

It was indicated after the conference of the State Department that there is little on which to work in the way of expressions of public sentiment in this country, excepting that voiced by the various newspapers.

ADVERTISE IN THE DAILY NEWS

Table listing contributions to the Community Christmas tree fund, including names like F. F. Randolph, C. E. Jordan, Jim Jackson, etc.

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THANK CITIZENS FOR THE ARMENIAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Latest reports of the local fund for the relief of the Armenians and Assyrians are as follows: Previously reported \$161.40 Mrs. Mary T. Beaird 1.00 John G. Bragaw, Jr. 1.00

HEAVY SNOW IN RICHMOND

(By United Press) RICHMOND, Va.—Four inches of snow fell here this morning and is still falling thick and fast.

SHOOTING GIRL AT A DANCE: HE ESCAPES

Shooting Occurred Last Night at Colored Dance Hall. Victim in Serious Condition. While a dance was in progress last night at Will Howard's dance hall, C. B. Blackwell, colored, went out on the floor with a revolver, aimed at one of the dancers, Lila Daniels, also colored, and fired twice.

COTTON REPORT

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—The total production of cotton for 1916, according to the latest estimates, is 11,511,000 bales, as compared with 11,191,829 bales last year.

INVITE COUNTRY CHILDREN

People in Rural Districts of County Urged to Attend Christmas Tree. Residents of the rural districts are cordially invited to come to the city on Christmas day and join in the celebration which is to be held at the Municipal Christmas tree that evening, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

HONOR ROLL AT THE OLD FORD SCHOOL

- Following is the roll of honor for Old Ford School for the month ending December 31st: 1st Grade—Esther Campbell, Luther Campbell, Ira Cherry, Evan Cherry, Julius Cherry, Emie Hodges, Mary Boffie Hodges, Sarah Wallace Hodges, Edwin Ricks, Mae Rogers, Gaston Rogers, Alice Robertson, Ethel Lee Swanner, T. Swanner, Lola Gray Williams.

GERMANS CONTINUE RUMANIAN ADVANCE

THE RUSSIAN FORCES ARE RETREATING BEFORE THEM, LEAVING BURNED VILLAGES BEHIND. (By United Press) BERLIN.—Russian forces, retreating in Rumania, left burning villages behind them through Great Wallachia. It was officially reported today.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION MAY PASS CONGRESS

(By Parker R. Anderson) WASHINGTON.—Representative Yates Webb, of North Carolina, advanced the cause of nationwide prohibition materially yesterday when as chairman of the house judiciary committee he reported favorably the joint resolution amending the constitution to provide for national prohibition.

MRS. GEORGE T. JONES DIED

Relatives Here Receive News of the Death of Former Resident of This City. A Telegram has been received by Mrs. E. W. Ayers, notifying her of the death of Mrs. George T. Jones, who passed away at her home in Rocky Point.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

The city schools closed this noon for the holidays. Christmas exercises were held this morning. A number of visitors were present.

DR. TAYLOR SENDS A WELCOME TELEGRAM

Of all the telegrams ever sent, Dr. D. T. Tayloe probably received the strangest that has ever come to Washington. It came from Whippany, N. J., and it reads as follows: Dear Doctor: Will you do us the kindness to send us the ugliest, longest-nosed, longest-legged, thinnest razor-back play woods hog, the awfulest looking thing in Beaufort county for a joke on Christmas? Send by express as soon as possible and save our lives. Will pay anything you say, only send it quick.

BARACAS TO ATTEND

Will Endeavor to Make Last Three Sundays Banner Days for the Class. The members of the M. E. Baracas are using every effort to make the last three Sundays of this year banner days for their class.

CHECKS FOR VETERANS

Confederate Soldiers and their Widows Can Get Checks from Mr. Paul. George Paul, clerk of the Superior court, has received the pension checks for the veterans of the Civil War and their widows. All those who are entitled to these checks are urged to call for them as soon as possible.

TODAYS PROGRAM

AT New Theatre "THE GRIP OF EVIL" First serial feature "THE MOONSHINERS" Triangle Keystone Comedy With AL ST. JOHN. ADMISSION . . . 5c and 10c Show starts at 7:45 p. m. Matinee daily at 4 p. m.

GREECE HAS GIVEN UP ENTIRELY TO ALLIES

ACCEPTED ULTIMATUM AND AGREED TO GUARANTEE A STRICT NEUTRALITY FROM NOW ON. ACTED IN SELF DEFENCE. (By United Press) LONDON.—Greece has accepted the ultimatum of the allies. Central News dispatches from Athens announced today. The terms of the note from the allies is not known and will probably not be made public for a few days.

ALL CROPS ARE SHORT

(By United Press) WASHINGTON.—Hope of relief from the high cost of foodstuffs through plentiful production was shattered today with the final report of the Bureau of Crop Statistics, showing an unusual shortage of all the major crops.

LAY THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR OWN HOME By Taking Stock in the Home-Building & Loan Association Office in Savings & Trust Building A NEW SERIES OPENS JANUARY 8, 1917. It is independent of every other institution; it is owned and operated by its stockholders. W. E. SWINDELL, Pres. JNO. B. SPARROW, Sec. & Treas.

"THE GRIP OF EVIL" AND KEYSTONE COMEDY TONIGHT Those attending the New Theatre tonight will be more than pleased as another episode of "The Grip of Evil" will be on the screen. This serial is one of the very best ever seen in Washington and interest as to the outcome becomes more acute all the while. The episode for tonight will surely interest all who see it. "The Moonshiners" & Triangle Keystone Comedy will also be presented.

Christmas is Drawing Near Not many days remain in which to do your SHOPPING. Save your time by coming to this store where YOU WILL FIND GIFTS FOR ALL. CALAIS CLOTHING CO.