

## U. S. CLOSE TO WAR, SAYS LANSING

### FAVORABLE REPORT ON PROHIBITION TO SENATE

CAUSE OF NATIONAL PROHIBITION IS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE BOOST BY THE ACTION. BELIEVE WILL CARRY

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON.—The national prohibition bill was reported favorably to the Senate today. The bill was also reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee a week ago.

Settlement for prohibition is apparently sweeping the country. Representatives and Senators have received countless messages from their constituents since Congress convened, urging them to use their influence in carrying national prohibition.

### HELP BEING GIVEN TO THE DESTITUTE

Three of the cases mentioned in yesterday's Daily News are provided for.

Several persons called up the Daily News office this morning and asked to learn the names of the cases of need that were published in yesterday's paper. Cases No. 4 and 5 have been provided for, as far as food is concerned. Cases No. 6 and 7 are still unattended to. They are published again in today's paper.

Case No. 4. Colored woman, old and unable to work. Needs help. Has hardly any food; clothing is ragged and has to do without a fire most of the time.

Case No. 5. White man, on Market street, suffering greatly from rheumatism. Is being helped somewhat by neighbors, but needs bed clothing and other things to make him comfortable. Fuel also needed.

If there are any other cases that our readers may happen to know of, we urge them to call us up at once so that we may publish them and give assistance before Christmas.

### STOCK MARKET GOES WILD

(By United Press)  
NEW YORK.—The stock market broke from two to thirteen points today because of President Wilson's "peace note."

Wild scenes occurred on the floor of the stock exchange this morning and a new record was established in the sale and purchase of stocks. The market steadied down some during the course of the day.

### BIG BANQUET WAS ENJOYED AT HOTEL BY THE DOCTORS

Was Held Last Night. Prominent Local Men Also Were in Attendance.

Over one hundred persons including the visiting doctors attending the Seaboard Medical Association convention here and a number of prominent local citizens, gathered at the Hotel Lomas last night and enjoyed a most sumptuous banquet.

The guests sat down at long tables, especially prepared for them. The blessing was asked by H. A. Ward, after which a most lavish repast was enjoyed. The meal was served in six courses and included oyster cocktail, pickles, olives, hearts of celery, turkey, cranberry sauce, Beauport county ham, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad, ice cream, cake, cigars and cigarettes.

Mr. Ward acted as toastmaster and served in his usual efficient manner. His remarks were bright and witty and he kept the diners in continuous good humor. Among the speakers who were called upon were Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow county; Dr. Culppepper, of Norfolk; Dr. Royster, of Norfolk; Dr. Laughlinhouse, of Greenville; Mr. Way, of Waynesville; Dr. Ruffin, of Norfolk; Dr. Burton, of Newport News; Dr. Jones, of Newport News; Dr. Harrison, of Preston; Dr. Spruill, of Columbia; Dr. Joshua Taylor, of this city, and the following local men: Jonathan Havens, E. L. Stewart, Captain George Leach and Carl Goerck.

Toward the close of the banquet, Mr. Ward paid a most fitting tribute to Dr. D. T. Taylor of this city, president of the association. Dr. Taylor responded in fitting manner.

The convention will come to a close today after the new officers and places of the next meeting have been selected.

The visitors have had much to say of the hospitality that has been shown them during their stay in Washington. Many expressions were heard last night and all stated that they had enjoyed the meeting in Washington more than any other session of the organization.

### THOUSANDS ARE ARRESTED

MADRID.—Advice from Lisbon says the recent revolution in Portugal was put down by the suspension of the constitutional guarantee and the arrest of thousands of persons.

### WANT FARMERS TO ATTEND MEETING FOR ORGANIZING FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

J. F. Latham Urges All Parties Interested to Meet at the Court House on Saturday.

Surry, N. C., Dec. 21, 1916.  
Editor Daily News,  
Washington, N. C.  
My dear Sir:

Please say through the columns of your paper to the farmers of Beaufort county who are interested in becoming members of the National Farm Loan Association that they are hereby notified and invited to meet in my office in the Court House Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at eleven o'clock at which time a Farm Loan Association for Beaufort county will be organized. The chief of the division of rural credits, Raleigh, N. C., who is working with the National Board will be here for the purpose of perfecting the organization. If interested attend this meeting.

Yours faithfully,  
J. F. LATHAM.

### MRS. WHITNEY DIES

Passed Away at Her Home This Morning. Funeral to be Held Tomorrow.

Mrs. Florence M. Hudgins Whitney, aged 64, widow of Frederick Whitney, died this morning at 10:15 at her home on East Main street, following a long illness. The funeral services will be held from St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. N. Harding officiating. She is survived by two children, Miss Josephine, of this city, and Mr. James Whitney of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Whitney has been a resident of Washington for many years. She was born in Virginia.

### BIG CHRISTMAS TREE HAS BEEN ERECTED

Has Been Put up at Court House Square. Singers to Meet Tonight.

The big tree—the Community Christmas tree—has been erected in the court house square. It is almost as tall as the court house and is an important one, which was brought to this country many years ago from Scotland. Mr. Charles, Superintendent of the Light & Water Company, attended to the erection of the tree.

Practically all of the Christmas stockings have been filled. All other details are also being attended to. Tonight, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be held a meeting at the Elks Hall at which the choir, the children and all others interested in the music are asked to be present.

The program will be carried out at the tree Monday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. All of the citizens are invited to be present and residents of the rural districts are especially urged to attend and bring the children with them.

### GERMAN CLUB DANCES

The Dances to be Given During Holiday Days, One on December 26th and the Other January 1.

The German Club will give their holiday dances on December 26th and January 1st. Dance of December 26th, the first dance of the holidays, will be given to the children of the city, commencing 8:30 ending at 10:00. From then until 1:00 o'clock dancing will be indulged in by older people.

It is hoped that the married couples will attend and sit in the gallery.

Returned to Savannah.  
Miss Carrie Jenkins, who has been visiting Mrs. C. T. Duckman, has returned to her home in Savannah, Ga.

### DOCTORS MEET NEXT YEAR IN NORFOLK, VA.

### DR. KIRKLAND RUFFIN WAS TODAY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

### THE CONVENTION ENDS

The concluding session of the Seaboard Medical Association, which has been in session here during the last three days, was held this afternoon at the Elks Hall. It was decided to hold the next convention at Norfolk. The following new officers were elected:

President: Dr. Kirkland Ruffin, of Norfolk.  
1st Vice Pres.: Dr. Joseph L. Spruill, of Columbia, S. C.  
2nd Vice Pres.: Dr. R. L. Payne, Jr., of Norfolk.  
3rd Vice Pres.: Dr. Ira M. Hardy, of Kinston.  
4th Vice Pres.: Dr. H. L. Ralford, of Sedley, Va.  
Treasurer: Dr. George A. Caton, of New Bern.  
Secretary: Dr. Clarence Porter Jones, of Newport News.

At today's meeting, a telegram of condolence was sent to Mrs. George Ren Johnson, whose husband, one of Virginia's most prominent surgeons, died in Richmond yesterday.

The following resolutions were also passed:

"Be it resolved that a unanimous vote of thanks be extended to the retiring president, Dr. D. T. Taylor, to the members of the profession, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the public press and the citizens generally of Washington and vicinity and to Surgeon F. C. Smith, U. S. P. H. S., and to Dr. J. Howell Way of Waynesville, for their efforts in making this one of the most successful meetings in the association's history."

### CONTEST FOR GIRLS

Recitation Contest to be Held at Washington Collegiate Institute.

At the Washington Collegiate Institute tomorrow night, there will be held a recitation contest for girls, known as "The First National Bank Contest," to which the public is cordially invited. There will be two prizes offered, one of \$10 and the other of \$5, both being donated by the First National Bank. The program will start at eight o'clock and will be as follows:

"The Soul of the Violin," by Octavia Ball.  
"The Bear Story," by Evelyn Eubank.  
"A Yankee in Love," by Olga Cutler.  
"The Little Brown Baby," by Madeline Bell.  
"The Merchant and the Book Agent," by Lula Dowless.  
"Footloose Nan," by Juanita Warren.  
"How Rube Played," by Madeline Eubank.

### Lansing Explains The Purpose of Wilson's Message

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON.—A show-down by the belligerent countries, because American rights have been invaded and because this nation feels that this cannot go on long, is the real purpose behind President Wilson's so-called peace notes, Secretary Lansing stated today.

Mr. Lansing said frankly that matters could not continue to go on much longer as they had been in the past. He said that the "United States is drawing nearer and nearer to the verge of war."

Lansing today authorized the following statement as the real purpose behind the messages sent to the belligerent nations and urging them to define their peace terms:

"Our rights have been invaded and the situation is becoming so intolerable that it cannot go on much longer. Moreover, our rights are being invaded by belligerents on both sides, so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical. I mean by that that we are growing nearer to the verge of war. We are therefore entitled to know what we may expect of the belligerents in order that we can regulate our conduct in the future."

"It is not our material interests that were considered when we said the situation might become intolerable. We have prospered because of the war, but our rights have been infringed upon."

Lansing emphasized the possibility in Germany's peace proposals. Lloyd George's speech had nothing to do with the dispatch of Wilson's note, he said, except to possibly delay the sending of it. On this point he authorized the following statement:

"No nation has been sounded on this matter. We did not know in advance what Lloyd George would say and there was no consideration of German overtures or Lloyd George's speech in connection with the formulation of the note. The only thing that the German proposals did was possibly to delay the sending of the note for a few days. The difficulty faced by the President's note is that it might be construed as a movement for peace and in aid of German overtures. He specifically denies this in the statement itself."

Previous to authorizing the above, Lansing talked more freely than usual in the same tenor. It was suggested to him that the United States was really in no position to stop the war unless the belligerents themselves desired to end it. To this he pointed out that in the event that the United States should enter the war, it would turn the scale definitely. He also emphasized the feeling of danger that this country would be drawn into the war. He also said that there was no purpose in the minds of the administration to suggest peace.

### PRESIDENT HAS OPENED THE WAY FOR PEACE

NOTE SENT TO BELLIGERENTS, URGING THEM TO EXPLAIN THEIR TERMS AND WISHES. OTHER NEUTRALS JOIN

(By United Press)  
WASHINGTON.—In making the first formal effort to evolve from the European war the means for preventing a recurrence of a similar world tragedy, President Wilson has acted with the knowledge that the other neutral nations of the world will stand behind him. Having appealed to the belligerent nations to make known their terms of peace, Mr. Wilson has the greatest confidence that he will succeed in his efforts.

Officials and diplomats in Washington have scarcely recovered from the startling developments and are awaiting with great anxiety the first response from the belligerent nations to the President's note. Mr. Wilson has made it clear many times that he would make no such move unless absolutely assured of definitely accomplishing its purpose.

There is outspoken optimism today at the German embassy over the President's action in sending the note to the warring nations, asking them to discuss the peace terms. At the British embassy, it was pointed out that Mr. Wilson's request of specific terms was a matter of more vital concern to France and Russia, whose territory has been invaded, than to Great Britain. They also explained that the Czar had pledged himself to consider no peace that was not predicated on German evacuation of Russian provinces.

### FUND FOR CHARITY WORK STILL COMING IN FAST

Contributions for the Associated Charities are still coming in fast. The citizens have been quick to realize the worthiness of the cause and they are responding in a most liberal manner.

All of the money raised will be spent in helping those of Washington's citizens who may happen to be in distress. It is a purely local work, more money is needed and it is hoped that several hundred dollars will be raised before Christmas. The fund at present is as follows:

Previously reported	\$78.66
J. H. Sparrow	5.00
William Bragaw	10.00
W. G. Private	2.00
Cash	1.50
Total	\$95.50

Contributions to the fund may be sent to the Daily News office or given to E. R. Mixon.

### MR. HARMAN IS IMPROVED

J. A. Harman, who was seriously injured when he fell down the steps leading to his place of business, was able to leave the Washington hospital yesterday, after being treated there for two days. Mr. Harman's condition was considered critical at one time but he is greatly improved and it is not believed that he will suffer any permanent injuries.

### TODAYS PROGRAM

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### Have You Been Prosperous the PAST YEAR?

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The Associated Charities was organized to keep in touch with and assist all needy persons of the city.

Make your contribution to the Association through the Daily News or any of the following persons:

**E. R. MIXON, President**  
MISS RACHEL BURLBY, Supt.

J. H. SPARROW, Treasurer

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### Give "Him" What He Expects

Every man and boy looks forward to Christmas morning to provide him with a renewed supply of SHIRTS, HOSIERY, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs and the like, and the ones that come from the store are the kind he most prefers. If you can't think what to get him make use of these suggestions: Hosiery, neckwear, Gloves, Suspenders, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Bedroom Slippers and other Useful Gifts.

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