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HOPE FOR PEACE IS NOW WANING

FARM LOAN BOARD HAS PASSED UP THIS STATE

LOCATION OF THE FEDERAL FARM LOAN BANKS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE BOARD TODAY.

NEAREST IS COLUMBIA, S. C.

WASHINGTON.—After months of campaigning on the part of various cities throughout the country to secure the location of the Federal Farm Loan Banks, the Federal Farm Loan Board today announced the following locations for the banks:

- Springfield, Mass.
 - Baltimore, Md.
 - Columbia, S. C.
 - Louisville, Ky.
 - New Orleans, La.
 - St. Louis, Mo.
 - Omaha, Neb.
 - Wichita, Kan.
 - Houston, Tex.
 - Berkeley, California.
 - Spokane, Washington.
- The third district is composed of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The second district is composed of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Small Disappointed.—When informed by the Daily News this afternoon of the location of the farm loan banks, Congressman Small expressed himself as disappointed because North Carolina did not secure a location of one of the banks. When he was told of the States that comprise this district, however, he stated that the board probably felt that any city in North Carolina would not be centrally located and had therefore selected Columbia, S. C., as a more central location. As far as actual benefits were concerned, Mr. Small said that the location of the banks made little difference to the residents here, although the city of Raleigh would undoubtedly be very much disappointed.

THANK CITIZENS FOR AID GIVEN TO THE WORK OF CHARITY

The workers of the Associated Charities wish to thank the public-spirited citizens of Washington, and also the Daily News, for the generous contributions and assistance given. Our funds were very low and we feared that it would be necessary to discontinue the work during the coming year. But now, the generosity of our people has made it possible to keep on helping those who are in want and who are unable to provide for themselves.

Organized charity work is the best method for helping the poor. Otherwise, it would be impossible to help all and some would get more than others.

We again wish to thank all those who have helped us.—The Associated Charities.

NEW EVIDENCE IN SMALL CASE

Post-Mortem Examination Shows That Woman Ate Meat Before She Was Murdered.

(By United Press.)
OSSIFRE, N. H.—A chemical analysis of the stomach of Mrs. Florence Small, for whose murder on September 23, Frederick Small, her husband, is on trial, shows that she ate roast beef the day before death, according to information here. This fact, the defense claims, will prove the innocence of the accused man. They claim that it shows she ate a meal after he left their home the day she was murdered.

NEWS FROM AURORA

AURORA, N. C.—One of the jolliest of the Christmas week parties was given last evening by Miss Mayfield Huddell to the members of the younger set.

The decorations were beautiful, the color scheme being carried out in red and green. Interesting games of Progressive Hearts were enjoyed. The supper was served buffet style. Those invited were Misses Fannie Price, Eleanor Cuthrell, Charity Swindell, Clarissa Bonner, Bonner Thompson, Daxwale Godley, Lois Huddell, Nina Paul, Mayfield Huddell, Maybelle Beacham, Miss Brinson of New Bern, Messrs. Hasey Thompson, John R. Chapin, Harry Broome, Hoyt Paul, Fitzhugh Bonner, John Selby, Myers Thompson and Tutthill Bonner.

Home for the Holidays.—Miss Hannah Cuthrell, who has been attending Greenville Training School, is home for the holidays.

From A. & M. College.—Fitzhugh Bonner, Harry Broome and Henry Chapin are home from A. & M. College for the holidays.

From Louisburg College.—Miss Bimma Hooker, of Louisburg College, is spending the holidays here with relatives.

Visiting His Parents.—George Dixon, of the University of North Carolina, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dixon, Sr.

GROWING WANT IS TURNING BRITISH PEOPLE TO PEACE

By WILLIAM BAYARD HALE, (Special Staff Correspondent.)

THE HAGUE.—The effect which the German peace proposal produced on the people in the streets of London is vividly set forth by a Dutch business man who has just returned from the English capital. His trustworthiness is above suspicion, and his statements are fully corroborated by information reaching me since the resumption of the boat service last week. He says:

"The effect of the peace offer upon the average Englishman was as if he were stunned by a falling brick. Even before the Northcliffe papers and other organs labeled Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's message a 'hoax,' 'bluff,' 'trickery,' 'indication of weakness,' etc. A reputable English business man had made up his mind to the frank confession that, in spite of the habitual boasts of certain newspapers, England is annihilating herself, that her industries are reduced

MAY BREAK RELATIONS IF PEACE IS REFUSED

HIGH OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT BREAK WITH GERMANY WILL COME IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

WILSON STILL HOPEFUL

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON.—Despite the general hopelessness among government heads over peace prospects as the result of Germany's communication, men closest to the President believe he will strive to the utmost to prevent the situation from going beyond his control. Two reasons are assigned for the President's activity in the peace proposals:

First:—The natural desire to end the war in Europe.

Second:—The desire to avoid, if possible, putting through the Sussex note threat to break relations with Germany should she overstep her submarine pledges.

Officials expect the allies to reject German proposals because they do not include a world peace guarantee. Those closest to Wilson say that "the door is not yet closed," although the allies threw the German conference idea hard.

While the idea of obtaining peace is uppermost in the minds of administration officials, there are those among the inner circle who are professed in their belief that a break with Germany would be inevitable if present peace proposals fail utterly.

One of the highest officials told the United Press today that present plans call for no more note writing to Germany.

to one-fifth of their former capacity, that her foreign commerce is restricted to a barter with her impoverished allies, while on the other hand she is hopelessly endeavoring to compete with the United States and Japan.

Living Problem perplexing.—"The standard of living is becoming the most perplexing economic problem. Home labor is unobtainable or inexperienced. The case of Liverpool was cited to me as a precedent, even assuming that the building of new bottoms goes on unintermitted, it will take five years to restore the English shipping to its former prestige and volume.

"The Englishman who takes you into his confidence sadly points out the fact that there is a growing feeling of depression in the industrial centers, where magnificent plants have been constructed for war purposes, while skilled labor is diverted from its legitimate channels.

"Englishmen blame Lloyd George for the industrial and economic conditions, and assert that an invading enemy could not have paralyzed the country more effectively. They might become reconciled if the other side of the ledger revealed positive military achievements, but the exact reverse is the case, and Lloyd George blindly informs his countrymen that they are now called upon to begin all over again."

The Hollander asserts that the peace proposal revealed. Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to Englishmen unwilling to be duped as the one statesman who clearly perceives the catastrophic effect of a war carried on to its extremity. My informant adds his own impressions of the argument in London commercial circles as follows:

MERCHANTS PAYING GOOD PRICE FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Prices paid by merchants for farm products in the markets of North Carolina, as reported to the Division of Markets at Raleigh for the week ending Saturday, December 23, are as follows:

Town	Corn No. 2	Oats	Irish Potat.
Ahoke	\$1.12	65c	\$3.50
Asheville	1.12	65c	3.90
Charlotte	1.10	70c	4.50
Durham	1.16	65c	5.00
Goldboro	1.10		
Greensboro	1.00	65c	4.50
Hamlet	1.20	70c	
Lumberton	1.20	70c	
Maxton	1.25	70c	
New Bern	1.10	75c	
Raleigh	1.15	65 1/2c	4.75
Rocky Mount	1.15	64c	4.75
Salisbury	1.15	70c	
Scotland Neck	1.10	67c	4.00
Winston-Salem	1.00	65c	4.50

BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY AND HOG PRICES.

Town	Butter	Eggs	Hens
Ahoke	40c	30c	15c
Asheville	47c	40c	12c
Charlotte	40c	40c	15-20c
Durham	35c	40c	10c
Goldboro	40c	17 1/2c	
Greensboro	35c	14c	
Hamlet	40c	15c	
Lumberton	40c	35c	
Maxton	40c	40c	
New Bern	40c	40c	
Raleigh	42c	35c	15c
Rocky Mount	38c	40c	15c
Salisbury	40c	45c	
Scotland Neck	38c	35c	13c
Wilson	35-40c	12 1/2c	
Winston-Salem	35c	13c	

PRICES OF COTTON, COTTON SEED.

Town	Middling Cotton	Cotton Seed per bushel
Ahoke	15c	75c
Charlotte	17c	84c
Durham	18c	
Goldboro	16c	90c
Greensboro	18c	
Lumberton	16c	
Maxton	15c	85c
New Bern	18c	95c
Raleigh	16 1/2c	
Rocky Mount	15c	84c
Salisbury	17c	75c
Scotland Neck	16c	80c
Wilson	17c	84c

THANKS FIREMEN FOR THEIR EFFICIENT WORK

I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the efficient work done by the members of the fire department on the night of December 25. But for their efforts, there is little doubt but that the blaze would have completely ruined everything in my place and I believe it would have also spread up the street. They worked splendidly.

J. L. CAPEHART.

BICKETT AND MANNING CONFIDENT OVER SUIT

RALEIGH.—Attorney General Bickett, who is retiring from office to become governor, and Judge James Manning, who is becoming attorney general within a few days, have been in conference today in preparation for the Cuban bond suit which is to be argued in the United States Supreme court January 10.

That date will be two days before Mr. Bickett's inauguration, according to the program now. The suit of Cuba against the state will be argued by Mr. Bickett and Judge Manning and while they would make no prophecy as to its outcome, they are entirely pleased with what they have unearthed in support of North Carolina's repudiation.

This will be Mr. Bickett's last argument in the United States Supreme court for four years at least. Everybody expects to hear that he has done something "big" in this action. He has buried himself in it ever since he found out that the state was suing Cuba. He has not had time even to think of the inauguration.

The suit is based upon the history and it has taken some time to get it ready.

When the state began inquiring into the case it had few facts and less law to work upon. The decisions had been adverse. The facts were hard to find. But almost every day has rewarded the labor of Mr. Bickett, Judge Manning and Cameron Morrison. Mr. Morrison has done some of the best work yet done and with their discovery that some of these bonds were passed in the most slipshod and illegal way, the road of the collectors is made harder. Besides the finding of so many irregularities in the passage of some of the acts, they have been unable to find the "value received" necessary to make them stand.

Although the case will be settled before Judge Manning becomes attorney general, Judge Manning has been working on it since it began and is prepared against further suits of this character. So far as now he has seen no North Carolina has been found putting the new little republic up to this suit, about every sort of a rumor of the suit is being spread.

MEXICAN SITUATION IS AGAIN SERIOUS

NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM CARRANZA REGARDING TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROTOCOL.

BANDITS ON RAMPAGE

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON.—Two developments today closely followed each other and thrust the Mexican situation into the foreground.

The first was the uncollected statement from the State Department that the unrest in northern Mexico was growing and that as a result, attention was once more focused toward the border.

The second announcement was made by Secretary Lansing when he called a conference of American members of the Mexican-American Commission at an early date.

Early this afternoon no word had been received as to whether Carranza had signed the troop withdrawal protocol. The Department declares that it has information to the effect that large groups of bandits are on a rampage such as to give the department fresh concern. The Department also suspects that Villa is getting all the arms that he needs across the border. Those in touch with the Department's maneuvers are inclined to believe that emphasis on the Mexican situation today was intended to prepare the public for possible serious developments.

UP BEFORE THE RECORDER

The following cases were brought up and tried before the recorder yesterday afternoon:

- D. J. Harris, intoxicated, costs.
- D. B. Simpson, intoxicated, costs.
- Tom Davis, riding on sidewalk, costs.
- A. S. Wallace, disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail.
- Ivy Warren, assault, costs.
- Jesse Snaw, colored, assault, half the costs and hired out for six months.
- Calvin Boyd, colored, assault, \$2 and half the costs.
- Fred Collins, Charles Eason, Aleck Grist, colored, gambling, \$5 and costs, \$10 and costs, and \$5 and costs, respectively.

AGED RESIDENT DIED TODAY

Mrs. Margaret Hoyt Passed Away at Her Home on Market Street This Morning.

Mrs. Margaret Grist Hoyt, aged 80 years, widow of Edmund S. Hoyt, died at her home on Market street at four o'clock this morning. The funeral will take place from St. Peter's Episcopal church tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock. The active pall bearers will be her grandsons: E. Hoyt Moore, N. Henry Moore, Charles Moore, Allen Moore, E. H. Hardy and J. K. Hoyt, Jr. The honorary pall bearers: J. G. Bragaw, John Havens, T. Harvey Myers, Dr. John G. Blount, Dr. D. T. Taylor, Frank Rollins, Harvey Carrow, S. F. Fleming and Thomas Latham.

Mrs. Hoyt was probably the oldest native resident of Washington. She was born at the corner of Fourth and Market streets where James H. Hodges at present lives and while her father, Allen Grist, was sheriff of Beaufort county. She was the mother of fourteen children, seven of whom survive her.

PRESIDENT WILSON 60 YEARS OLD TODAY

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON.—The President of the United States will be 60 years of age tomorrow.

At this, the beginning of his second term as President, the Executive shows his years much more than he did at the beginning of his occupancy of the White House in 1912. He is a bit more stooped than then and the heavy lines in his face are much more sharply drawn than they were before he came through the international crises that have confronted him since the war began. He is, however, strong and well.

Letters, telegrams and remembrances from friends and relatives began pouring into the White House by scores today.

Visiting Walter Wolfe.
Mrs. Malpan, of Orangeburg, S. C., is visiting her brother, Walter Wolfe, on Market street.

GERMANY'S PROPOSALS REFUSED BY ALLIES

NOW CERTAIN THAT THE ALLIES WILL NOT ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

TO ISSUE STATEMENT

LONDON.—The allies will certainly not accept Germany's proposals in the note sent to America and which asked for an immediate peace conference. That fact was made entirely clear today. But the Teutonic reply to President Wilson's note was hailed here as affording a splendid opportunity for England and her allies to set forth before the world a statement which would concretely epitomize the ideals and aims of the Entente Powers in the war. By her lack of sincere responsiveness in the conclusiveness of her reply, England holds that Germany is self-condemned of a lack of sincerity of peace proposals.

CAMP PICKS ALL STAR FOOTBALL TEAM FOR 1916

Below is the team which Walter Camp, the great football expert, has picked as the All-Star American team for 1916:

- End—Baston, Minnesota.
- Tackle—West, Colgate.
- Guard—Black, Yale.
- Centre—Peck, Pittsburgh.
- Guard—Dadnum, Harvard.
- Tackle—Hornung, Colgate.
- End—Moseley, Yale.
- Quarter—Anderson, Colgate.
- Halfback—Olyphant, Army.
- Halfback—Pollard, Brown.
- Fullback—Harley, Ohio State.

TOTAL LOSSES OF THE WAR NOW PLACED AT 20,000,000

By WILLIAM BAYARD HALE, (Special Staff Correspondent.)
BERLIN.—"Your Royal Highness" distinguished leadership at critical periods has halted the French and English attacks; the attempt to break through has failed; the battle of the Somme has been won."

With these antiphonal lines Emperor William conferred the oak leaves for the Order Pour le Merite upon Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria. The imperial note recalled the impressive hours I spent some time ago on the Somme front with the Bavarian Crown Prince in a supreme period in the world's history. The allies had gained a miserable bit of territory after three months' endeavor to break through.

"They can have all they want at this price," observed the royal host, and there was firmness and determination in his voice as he speeded the parting guest with the assurance: "They cannot break through."

Six Months of Battle.
The battle of the Somme has been won for the Germans after six months of death, grapple, in which armies numbering perhaps three million men were engaged at various times.

A day or two ago I submitted some data, based upon estimates given to me by a high military authority here, to the press. It makes the Christmas feeding, but the American public cannot be too often reminded of the fact that over here on a dozen battle-grounds men are murdering one another day and night, without respite sufficient to bury the dead or harbor the wounded.

For one hundred and twenty-five days now, the bombardment has

been rolling over central and southern Europe, belching forth grenades, shrapnel, shells, gas bombs and liquid fire, setting up in luxury the manufacturers of these dreadful devices which are leaving a shameful wake.

Losses 15,500,000.
Military statisticians here concede that the losses up to date are fifteen and a half million.

Russia has given up 8,500,000; France, 4,000,000; England, 1,500,000; Turkey, 800,000; Serbia, 500,000; Rumania, 400,000, and Belgium, 200,000.

The German losses on the Somme alone in six months have been but a trifle under 400,000. Let the reader appropriate the losses on the other fronts and add those of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, and it is reasonable to set down 20,000,000 as the aggregate total war toll of dead, wounded and missing up to this Christmas day.

TODAYS PROGRAM AT New Theatre

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