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PRESIDENT WILSON AT MT. VERNON

SETS FORTH AMERICA'S POSITION IN UNMISTAKABLE TERMS IN FOURTH OF JULY SPEECH.

President Wilson, as he always does, set forth America's position in regard to the world war in clear and unmistakable terms, on July 4th. From the shadow of Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon, the President declared that the United States and her allies will not sheathe the sword against the Central Powers until there is settled for the world what was settled for America in 1776.

Foreign-born citizens of the United States of 33 nationalities who had placed wreaths of palms on the tomb in token of fealty to the principles laid down by the father of this country, cried their approval of his words in many languages and then stood with reverently bared heads while the voice of John McCormack soared over the hallowed ground in the notes of the Star Spangled Banner.

President's Speech

The President's speech in full was as follows:

"Gentlemen of the diplomatic corps and my fellow citizens:

"I am happy to draw apart with you to this quiet place of old counsel in order to speak a little of the meaning of this day of our nation's independence. The place seems very still and remote. It is as serene and untouched by the hurry of the world as it was in those great days long ago when General Washington was here and held leisurely conference with the men who were to be associated with him in the creation of a new nation. From these gentle slopes they looked out upon the world and saw it whole, saw it with the light of the future upon it, saw it with modern eyes that turned away from a past which men of liberated spirits could no longer endure. It is for that reason that we cannot feel, even here, in the immediate presence of this sacred tomb, that this is a place of death. It was a place of achievement. A great promise that was meant for all mankind was here given plan and reality. The associations by which we are here surrounded are the inspiring associations of that noble death which is only a glorious consummation. From this green hillside we also ought to be able to see with comprehending eyes the world that lies about us and should conceive anew the purposes that must set men free.

"It is significant—significant of their own character and purpose and of the influences they were setting afoot—that Washington and his associates, like the barons at Runnymede, spoke and acted, not for a class, but for a people. It has been left for us to see to it that it shall be understood that they spoke and acted, not for a single people, only, but for all mankind. They were thinking, not of themselves and of the material interests which centered in the little groups of landholders and merchants and men of affairs with whom they were accustomed to act, in Virginia and the colonies to the north and south of her, but of a people which wished to be done with classes and special interests and the authority of men whom they had not themselves chosen to rule over them. They entertained no private purpose, desired no peculiar privilege. They were consciously planning that men of every class should be free and America a place to which men of every nation might resort who wished to share with them the rights and privileges of free men. And we take our cue from them now—do we not?"

"We intend what they intended. We here in America believe our participation in this present war to be only the fruitage of what they planned. Our case differs from theirs only in this, that it is our inestimable privilege to concert with men out of every nation what shall make not only the liberties of America secure but the liberties of every other people as well. We are happy in the thought that we are permitted to do what they would have done had they been in our place. There must now be settled once for all what was settled for America in the great age upon whose inspiration we draw today.

"This is surely a fitting place from which calmly to look out upon our task, that we may fortify our spirits for its accomplishment. And this is the appropriate place from which to speak, alike to the friends who look on and to the friends with whom we have the happiness to be associated in action, the faith and purpose with which we act.

"This, then, is our conception of the great struggle in which we are engaged. The plot is written plain upon every scene and every act of the supreme tragedy. On the one hand stand the peoples actually engaged, but many others also who suffer under mastery but cannot act; peoples of many races and in every part of the world—the people of stricken Russia, still among the rest, though they are for the moment unorganized and helpless. Opposed to them, masters of many armies, stand an isolated, friendless group of governments who speak no common purpose but only selfish ambitions of their own by which none can profit but themselves, and whose peoples are fuel in their hands; governments which fear their people and yet are for the time their sovereign lords, making every choice for them and disposing of their lives and fortunes as they will, as well as of the lives and

FIRST ASHEBORO BOY TO PAY EXTREME PRICE



Private Edward L. Sledge, of Asheboro, who was killed in action in France, May 25.

Caswell County Woman Farmer

The Washington Post, in its pictorial section, last Sunday, carried an enlarged photograph of Miss Annie D. Connally, of Milton, Caswell county, as a farm woman who is doing practical farm work to aid in the solution of the labor shortage.

The caption under the picture reads: "Miss Annie D. Connally, of Milton, North Carolina, a very feminine farmerette, notwithstanding her masculine attire, which is necessary in her work of managing a farm of 200 acres. Last fall at wheat sowing time, she showed her Tar Heel spirit and mounted the plow herself, all hired help having been drafted or flocked to the city for higher wages."

fortunes of every people who fall under their power—governments clothed with strange trappings and the primitive authority of an age that is altogether alien and hostile to our own. The past and the present are in deadly grapple and the peoples of the world are being done to death between them.

"There can be but one issue. The settlement must be final. There can be no compromise. No half way decision would be tolerable. No half way decision is conceivable. These are the issues which the associated peoples of the world are fighting and which must be conceded them before there can be peace.

"I. The destruction of every arbitrary power anywhere that can separately, secretly, and of its single choice disturb the peace of the world, or, if it cannot be presently destroyed, at the least its reduction to virtual impotence.

"II. The settlement of every question, whether of territory, of sovereignty, of political relationship, upon the basis of the free acceptance of that settlement by the people immediately concerned, and not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any other nation or people which may desire a different settlement for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery.

"III. The consent of all nations to be governed in their conduct towards each other by the same principles of honor and of respect for the common law of civilized society that govern states in their relations with one another; to the end that all promises and covenants may be sacredly observed, no private plots or conspiracies hatched, no selfish injuries wrought with impunity, and a mutual trust established upon the handsome foundation of a mutual respect for right.

"IV. The establishments of an organization of peace which shall make it certain that the combined power of free nations will check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

WHAT OUR TOWN CORRESPONDENT HEARS AND THINKS—MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST DISCUSSED

A Republican who criticizes the President and a Democrat who uses the war to make party capital are neither good citizens, says Judge Pritchard, and the Judge has it down right.

Mr. Charlie Salmon and Miss Ida Dixon, both of Ramseur, were married in Randleman recently. Rev. Dosier performed the ceremony. Mr. Salmon is a gentleman of worth and his bride is an excellent young lady, and possesses a lovely disposition, and has hosts of friends.

Mr. J. M. Pounds, of Cedar Falls, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription to The Courier. He is a good citizen and a veteran of the Civil War.

Messrs. J. W. York and Jean and Ed Williams, of Ramseur, spent one day last week in Moore county.

Mr. E. S. Caviness, of Ramseur, has had his subscription to The Courier moved up till July 1, 1919. Mr. Caviness is a fine fellow and says he cannot get along without The Courier.

Dr. W. J. Staley, of Liberty, has been confined to his room for several days with illness, but is now able to sit up and walk in his room and expects to be himself again soon. Friends of the doctor hope he may soon regain his usual health and strength.

Mr. H. C. Causey, a veteran of the Civil War and splendid citizen, is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Causey believes in Liberty and The Courier.

Mr. W. C. Trogdon, a well known citizen of Ramseur, and superintendent of the Ramseur Furniture Company, is numbered among our renewal subscribers this week.

Mr. Geo. W. Reitzel, a well known and popular citizen of Liberty, has had his subscription to The Courier moved up a year.

Mr. Merchant, do you know you are standing in your light if you are not advertising in The Courier. The Courier has a large circulation and if you want to reach the people you can do so through it.

Political forecasters say that Hon. L. D. Robinson's majority will be 5,000 in the coming election.

Mr. E. A. Caudle, a good citizen of Liberty, invested a dollar and a half in The Courier last Saturday.

Mr. L. S. Kivett, of Liberty, has had his subscription to The Courier moved up two years. Mr. Kivett is a fine fellow and is well liked by all who know him.

Mr. J. C. Luther, who has charge of the Liberty Groom Works, reports business good.

Mr. R. L. Elkins, the popular depot agent at Liberty, was among our renewal subscribers last week.

Mr. Emmett Fessmire and Miss Lala Dixon, of Ramseur, were married in Randleman recently. Rev. Dosier was the officiating minister. The bride is a very attractive young lady, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dixon. Mr. Fessmire is a gentleman who is held in high esteem by all who know him.

Stop sponging on your neighbor for The Courier. Be a man and subscribe for your local paper. Some people will devise almost any scheme to get to read The Courier each week without it costing them anything. We know them. A dead head list printed in bold type would not look good.

Good butter still continues to be a commodity in this man's town.

If the men of our army and navy can do without luxuries we at home certainly can.

Mr. C. R. Curtis, of Liberty, is numbered among our renewal subscribers. Mr. Curtis is a fine man and does a good mercantile business.

Automobiles are as thick as flies in Liberty township.

Mr. J. W. Brown, one of the good citizens of Ramseur, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription.

We thank Mr. W. D. Stedman, of Asheboro, for handing us one dollar and a half for his subscription to The Courier. Mr. Stedman is one of Asheboro's most prominent and progressive citizens.

A handsome young soldier boy took up quarters at Mr. L. B. Lambert's July 6. Dr. Hunter was in attendance and reports Mrs. Lambert and the arrival doing nicely.

Mr. G. W. Cole, of Asheboro, has had his subscription to the Old Reliable moved up a year.

Mr. L. H. Plummer, who has an excellent position in High Point, spent Sunday with his family at Central Falls.

We are pleased to note that many of The Courier readers are beginning to realize that they must support the men who are supporting the local paper. The business men who are carrying advertising in The Courier are the life, thrift and energy of the community. The thrifty business man realizes that he must keep his name before the people.

PRIVATE JOHN E. KING DIED A HERO

Mr. J. M. King, of Asheboro Star Route, has received a personal letter from Capt. G. T. MacKenzie, of Headquarters Company, 18th Infantry, France, in regard to the death of his son, Private John E. King, who died June 2, from wounds received on May 28. Capt. MacKenzie, who was Private King's immediate commanding officer, speaks in highest terms of the young soldier who gave his life for his country. Assuring Mr. King of the sympathy of himself and Private King's comrades, Capt. MacKenzie complimented the father on having such a son, "who, in the face of greatest danger, offered himself as a sacrifice freely and honorably for the sake of those at home." Private King was characterized as a "true friend and a brave comrade, always ready to do his share of whatever hardships might arise."

Mr. Corbett Scott, of The Courier force, who was a boyhood friend of Private King, received a letter from him, dated May 24, just four days before the mortal wound was received, in which the soldier expressed himself as enjoying life. Private King said that he had received some copies of The Courier and had enjoyed reading them very much. He was especially interested in "Over the Top," by Arthur Guy Empey, which he said seemed to be a true picture of life in the battle area, so far as he had seen.

Private King spoke of the fine wheat crops in France, but thought it unfortunate that the French people make the wheat into black bread. However, he said the black bread went like chocolate cake.

E-Mayor Mitchell Loses Life in Airplane Accident

Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, former Mayor of New York City, who was defeated by the present Mayor Hylan last fall, was killed last Saturday in an airplane accident near Lake Charles, Louisiana. Mr. Mitchell was still under 40 years of age. His rise in the world was almost meteoric in character.

Former Citizen of Randleman Dead

Mr. J. E. Sutcliffe, who formerly lived at Randleman, died in Greensboro one day last week, at an advanced age. The body was brought to Randleman for burial.

The deceased was the father of Mr. D. Sutcliffe, who was for several years a cotton mill superintendent in Randleman. He was a highly respected citizen.

Mr. J. H. Hill, of Worthville, who has been quite sick, is improving, we are glad to say.

Mr. J. I. Johnson, who is one of the most patriotic citizens of Ramseur, has popped up his subscription to January 1, 1919.

The merchants of Troy are not the advertising kind save on the sidewalks, or with fakers who have a scheme to separate suckers from their money. All of which is too bad, too bad.

Mr. E. S. Kennedy, of Ramseur, is among our renewal subscribers this week. Mr. Kennedy is a fine fellow and has been a subscriber to The Courier for a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frazier spent a few days recently in Providence township.

Mr. E. L. Reece, one of The Courier's standbys, gave us \$2.25 one day last week and his subscription is paid up to April 1, 1919. Nearly all of our subscribers at Ramseur are paid in advance.

Among our new subscribers last week were Miss May Shepherd, W. L. Kirkman, J. B. Hinchshaw, Sam Ferree, J. C. Welch, H. B. Scott, J. M. King, W. H. Wheeler.

Mr. Henry Lambert, who is working at Siler City, spent last Sunday with his family at Liberty.

The young men of Asheboro who became 21 June 5th and who registered, are receiving their questionnaires. After filling them out they will be called at once for examination. There are 188 registrants in Randolph county. Every one of them who is found fit will be in the training camps by November 1st.

The political pot in Randolph county is a little slow about boiling.

Mr. T. M. Jones, a good citizen of Franklinville, has our thanks for a renewal of his subscription.

Mr. D. C. Glass, of Randleman Route 2, spent a couple of days last week in Anson county on business.

Mr. Henry Hobson, a prosperous farmer of Staley Route 1, has paid up his subscription to Dec. 25, 1918.

One of the industries hard hit by the war is the restaurants. Quite a number of our young men are off to the war and they were the best patrons of the restaurants. The barber shops also feel the effects of the war along this line.

Mr. Harris Kearns, a prominent citizen of Farmer, was here a few days ago.

This vicinity was visited by a fine rain Monday evening that lasted for about three hours. The water as it fell soaked into the ground and will do a world of good. The farmers are greatly pleased over receiving the moisture which was badly needed for the growing crops.

Mr. Will Watkins, of Ramseur, was in town a few days ago.

ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE

VOLUNTEERS RETAKE AMERICAN CAPTIVES FROM BOCHES COLORED SOLDIERS CITED FOR BRAVERY

In the German counter attack against the new positions gained by the Australians and Americans around Hamel, last week, two Americans and five Australians were captured by the enemy. Volunteers were called for, and a party of Americans brought back the captured men and a German officer, while twelve Australians brought the number of German prisoners up to 50.

Henry Johnson and Robert Robinson, colored soldiers from New York, have been cited for bravery while fighting with their unit on the French front. They are said to have put to flight in No Man's Land a party of Germans numbering 40. The citation came from the French command.

The lull of the past few days on the western front is not expected to continue long, as it is believed the Germans will hurl their masses against the Allied line in an effort to crush it before many days. However, the Allied forces are giving the enemy little opportunity to perfect his plans for launching the attack. In Eastern France, there have been sudden thrusts at the German lines, some of which have made considerable progress.

OVER 28,000,000 DOLLARS PLEGGED BY 63 COUNTIES

Thirty-Seven Counties Not Yet Heard From. Nine Counties Over. Forty-Four Counties Over Half Over.

Winston-Salem, July 5.—According to the War Savings map that has been made at State Headquarters nine counties have pledged their quotas in full, sixteen have gone three-fourths over, eleven two-thirds, seven are half, and ten only a seventh, while thirty-six have not been heard from at all. From the counties which made reports, \$28,000,000 is known to have been sold and pledged together.

The counties which have pledged their full quotas are: Wilson, Martin, Forsyth, Pitt, Perquimans, Green, Jones, Cabarrus, and Lenoir. The counties that have raised three-fourths of their pledges are: Chowan, Northampton, Wayne, New Hanover, Franklin, Granville, Durham, Wake, Rockingham, Guilford, Stokes, Iredell, Mecklenburg, Union, Burke and Henderson. Those that have raised two-thirds of their pledges are: Pasquotank, Washington, Bertie, Pamlico, Johnston, Vance, Orange, Alamance, Davidson, Gaston and Haywood. The counties that have reported half of their pledges raised are: Edgecombe, Craven, Warren, Harnett, Moore, Scotland, Anson, Montgomery, Randolph, Rowan, Davie, Yadkin, Surry, Cleveland, Buncombe, Jackson and Cherokee, and those which have raised only one-fourth of their quotas are: Tyrrell, Halifax, Hoke, Richmond, Avery, Mitchell, Polk, Transylvania, Clay, and Swain.

As a result of continuing the War Savings drive till after July 4, State Headquarters expects all of the counties three-fourths over to report in full, also a large number of those that are now two-thirds and one-half over. Many county chairmen have made the statement that they will continue the drive as long as is necessary for every township in their county to subscribe its full quota. In other words, there is to be no letting up by either county and township organizations, or by the State organization till every county reports in full.

State Headquarters for War Savings has requested that every county in the State make a full report by Tuesday, July 9, as to the record it made by the War Savings drive.

Havoc Wrought by Allied Tanks

The work of the large fleet of tanks in the battles of last week, on the Western front, are said to have been invaluable.

One group of tanks alone destroyed or captured more than 30 machine guns and brought about the surrender of at least 200 Germans. In addition, many Germans were slain by these great engines.

Other tanks were doing similar work. Taken as a whole, the German infantry surrendered or bolted on the approach of these monsters, the appearance of which in itself is terrifying. The German machine gunners, however, fought to the last in many instances.

Numerous times the Australian and American infantrymen communicated with the tank crews and gave them the direction from which hostile machine gunfire was coming. In every case the tank was able to deal with the rapid fire, and thus allow the infantry to advance. One tank, which was 200 yards in front of the allied infantry, destroyed a nest of six machine guns by running over it after the gun crews refused to surrender.

Another tank crushed three rapid fire guns, but a fourth machine gun continued firing at a distance of five or six yards. The gun, in turn, was run over and destroyed, together with its crew.

At one point a tank moved against a mound which seemed a likely place for a machine gun. No sign of the enemy was to be seen at first, but after the tank had circled the mound once, about 40 Germans came out of a camouflaged trench and ran toward the allied infantry to surrender.

MR. W. F. MCCRARY DEAD

Prominent Citizen of Tabernacle Township Passed Away Tuesday Evening

Mr. W. F. McCrary, a prominent citizen of Tabernacle township, died at the High Point hospital, last Tuesday evening at the age of 78 years. Mr. McCrary had been in failing health for the past two or three months, and he was taken to the High Point hospital for treatment less than a week ago.

The funeral was held from Pleasant Hill church, Tabernacle township, yesterday afternoon, services conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. B. Johnson, of Trinity, assisted by Rev. Ira Erwin, of Asheboro, and interment followed in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. A number of people from Asheboro attended the funeral.

Mr. McCrary was a leading citizen of his community, a successful farmer, and business man. He lived in Back Creek township until about four or five years ago, when he moved to Tabernacle township, and lived there until his death. The deceased was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for perhaps fifty years.

Mr. McCrary is survived by his widow; one son, our townsman, Mr. D. B. McCrary; and one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Bulla, wife of Dr. J. D. Bulla, of Trinity; one brother, Mr. H. P. McCrary, of Kingman, Indiana; one sister, Mrs. Kate Westberry, Blacklands, Texas; besides a number of grandchildren, and other relatives with hosts of friends who mourn the loss of a loved and honored father and friend.

Selected Men to Various Camps

During the past week, numbers of selected men have been leaving Asheboro for various military camps of the South.

On last Friday, the following four young men left for Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.: Casper Tyson Cox, Asheboro, commander.

John Gryer Gray, Asheboro. Doctor Boyd Presnell, Seagrave. Moses Harvey Adams, Seagrave.

Two men, Messrs. Lumnie William Burgess, Ramseur; and Stephen Girard Richardson, Seagrave; left yesterday for Fort Scriven, Georgia.

Also, the following young men left yesterday morning for Camp Jackson, South Carolina: Jacob Trotter, Spero. Jay Williams, Ulah. Lucy Lee Parks, Millboro. Ernest Lee Summey, Fullers, R. I. Edward Frazier, Climax. Samuel O. Walker, Glenola. William Willard King, Caraway Route 1.

Troy Arthur Cranford, Pinson. James Olney Coble, Liberty. Nathan Vernon Spencer, Edgar. Lexie Willard Cox, Spokane. Alfred Williams, Seagrave. Gilbert Gatlin, Asheboro. Eustace Jerome Yow. Lem Hill, Spero.

Ira G. Hinchshaw, Randleman. Dannie Free Bell, Asheboro R. 2. Oliver King, Seagrave. Houston Beane, Seagrave R. 2. Elsie William Overton, Eleazer. Ulysses Beane, Cagle's Mill.

Everett Cox, Asheboro Route 1. Millard Ernest York, Liberty R. 1. James Wade York, Liberty R. 1. Calvin Harrison Beane, Seagrave.

Four men will go to Clemson College, South Carolina, for mechanical training next Monday; 12 colored men, to Camp Meade, Maryland, next Thursday; 83 white men, to Camp Hancock, Georgia, July 25; and four colored men, to Camp Greene, the last of July.

Fourth of July Celebration and Picnic

According to a custom inaugurated several years ago, the Messrs. Finch, who operate the largest chair factories in the world, at Thomasville, gave their annual celebration and Fourth of July picnic to their employees and friends last Thursday. This event has for several years been regularly pulled off at High Rock, but this year it was given at Wheatmore Farm, the beautiful country place of Mr. T. J. Finch, in Trinity township.

From 60 to 70 automobiles went back and forth between Thomasville and Wheatmore carrying the immense crowds to and from the picnic grounds.

During the morning a number of contests and athletic stunts were pulled off in which several prizes were given. At twelve o'clock, the picnic dinner was served, and a sumptuous affair it was. Barbecued pig, beef, lamb, chicken, pickles, cake and pie, and many other good things were served in abundance, while for dessert, a truck load of bananas, gallons and gallons of ice cream were passed.

Appropriate talks were made by Mr. William C. Hammer, of Asheboro, and

German Ambassador Assassinated

Coun. Von Mirbach, German ambassador to Moscow, Russia, reported to have been assassinated one day last week. The identity of the assassins had not been established nor have they been arrested, according to the dispatch bringing the news of the assassination.

The Russian Foreign Minister, M. Tchitcherin and his associate, M. Karakhan, called at the German embassy and expressed the regret and indignation, says a Berlin despatch.

Pomer Premier Kerensky, discussing the matter with the Associated Press, declared that while he could not feel elated over the death of a human being, he believed it was a good thing for Russia.