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### GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS ARE RECEIVED BY WILSON

No Difference in Official Text From Unofficial Version--Grew Tells Why Berlin Offered to Stop Fighting Now--President Wants to Put Stop to War.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The note conveying the proposals for peace by the central powers which the United States is to transmit to the entente belligerents arrived during the night and is being prepared for President Wilson's examination.

The document was said to be substantially the same as published in the unofficial dispatches from Berlin in the report of the Overseas News Agency.

Accompanying it was a confidential report from the American charge at Berlin understood to be an outline of affairs which led up to the German chancellor's speech in the reichstag in the pending peace proposal.

The actual transmittal of the peace offer now brings up the important question of whether President Wilson will decide to act as intermediary or whether he will accompany the transmittal with some expression of hope that the belligerents can accept the terms.

There is a prevailing opinion here that the president wants to do something of the sort and is looking to some league of nations to enforce peace after the war.

It is possible that some means will be taken to establish more definitely the temper of the allies towards the proposals before the president acts, but it is understood there will be no delay in its transmission.

### MRS. WELLS DIES RESULT OF BURNS

Mrs. Harry C. Wells died at her home in East Hickory at 5 o'clock this morning as the result of burns sustained when her dress caught fire from the dining room stove yesterday afternoon shortly after 4 o'clock.

Although learning over the table cutting out a dress four or five feet from a King heater, a spark of flame leaped from the draft and set her clothing on fire. Mrs. Wells made a heroic effort to extinguish the flames, even running to her bedroom and winding a quilt about her and, that catching fire, falling on the floor and having her 12-year-old daughter throw water on her.

Members of the family were at a loss to account for the accident. Nor could Mrs. Wells, who was conscious up to a few minutes of her death, and who talked freely, despite her great suffering, explain the accident. She was terribly burned, even her inner garments being consumed. It was only a question of hours until death would relieve her sufferings and she welcomed the end.

Mrs. Wells was 45 years old and was a daughter of Mr. Dan Keever. She is survived by her father, husband, eight children and six brothers and sisters. The oldest child, Harry A., is 21 and the youngest, a girl, is six months. The brothers are Messrs. A. H. and C. E. Keever of Hickory and Mr. Lester Keever of California; the sisters are Mrs. S. C. Nichols of Winston Salem and Misses Mary and Bertha Keever of Hickory.

Mrs. Wells was a member of the Presbyterian church and was an unusually active and bright woman and was a devoted wife and mother. She loved her church and her life was consecrated to good deeds.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. G. Garth and interment will be in Oakwood cemetery.

### WILSON GETS VOTE IN WEST VIRGINIA

(By Associated Press.)  
Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Although Charles E. Hughes carried West Virginia by a plurality of 2,271, the official county, nearly completed shows that President Wilson gained one electoral vote.

Colonel S. A. Scott, Republican elector who was placed on the ticket following the resignation of J. W. Dawson, was defeated, receiving a smaller vote than Orland Depew, Democratic elector.

### SAYS PRESIDENT IS NOT WELL INFORMED

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Germany's reply to the American protest against deportation of Belgians arrived at the state department this morning.

It is understood to contend that the United States has not been accurately informed as to the reasons for the deportations, which are claimed to be necessary for social and economic reasons.

### NEWSPAPER FELLOW MADE TOWN MOVE

(By Associated Press.)  
Rocky Mount, Dec. 14.—M. W. Lincke, editor of the Nashville (N. C.) Graphic, who, after he had criticized through his newspaper the city government for its failure to provide municipal improvements, was elected mayor of Nashville and told to "run the town," has made good. Nashville last week placed its electric light plant in commission, the waterworks plant will soon be in operation and the town now boasts of more than four miles of paved sidewalks which improvements all were begun during the administration of Mr. Lincke.

### GOVERNORS SPEAK AT CLOSING SESSION

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### ITALY RECEIVES PROPOSALS OF PEACE

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec. 14.—The peace proposal of the central powers have been delivered to the Italian government. No definite information has been received as to their contents.

### BRITT-WEAVER CASE ARGUED IN RALEIGH

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The appeal of Representative Britt, Republican, from the decision of Judge Adams denying an injunction against the board of canvassers in Buncombe county, was argued in the state supreme court today.

It is hoped the court will hand down a decision before January 19 in this case, as it is said it will have a direct bearing on the temporary restraining order prohibiting the state board of canvassers from counting the vote on that date. If the state board is allowed to count the vote of Buncombe county, Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, will be elected to congress.

### MERCURY FALLS TO FOURTEEN DEGREES

With the temperature registering 14 degrees above zero during the night and the thermometer hovering around 16 degrees at 8 o'clock this morning, to say nothing of snow promised for this section by the Washington bureau, Hickory was in the center of the cold wave today. Weather Observer Barb's thermometer showed it was cold during the night, in fact the coldest in two years, when the mercury dropped to 11 degrees.

The weather will be somewhat milder tomorrow, it is claimed, but on top of that might be a heap of snow. The air felt like it during the greater part of the day, and no doubt the mountains are covered with the white mantle at this time.

The lowest temperature reported this year was 19 degrees a few weeks ago. Yesterday the mercury registered 20 degrees.

### CANADA FAVORS PROSECUTION OF WAR

(By Associated Press.)  
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Canada's attitude toward Germany's peace proposal is contained in the following official cablegram sent to London:

"Canada stands with you and the empire for vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

### ENGLAND TO ARM MERCHANT SHIPS?

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 14.—In the house of commons today the financial under secretary announced that the admiralty had under serious consideration the question of arming merchant ships.

### GOVERNORS MEETING IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The ninth annual governors' conference opened here today with more than a score of chief executives present to discuss state administrative subjects. The executive budget was one of the principal matters for discussion.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. LAWRENCE

Funeral service for Mrs. A. S. Lawrence, whose death occurred Tuesday morning, was held from the residence at 11 o'clock this morning by Rev. J. D. Harte, interment following in Oakwood cemetery. Mrs. Lawrence who was 61 years old, is survived by seven children, one daughter and six sons—Mrs. George Sherrill of Caldwell county, Mr. Robert Lawrence of Hickory, Mr. Will Lawrence of Chester, Pa., Messrs. Frank and Eugene of Hickory, Mr. Samuel of Chattanooga and Mr. Roy Lawrence of Hickory. She is also survived by two brothers and one sister—Mr. John Dixon of Greensboro, Mr. Cicero Dixon of Liberty, and Mrs. John Cude of Friendship.

### ALLIES PREPARE TO SQUELCH GREECE

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 14.—Fully alive to the dangers of delay in dealing with what he termed the unsatisfactory situation in Greece, Lord Robert Cecil told the house of commons this afternoon that the allies were about to present certain demands to the Greek government for the purpose of clearing it up.

### FREE-WILL BAPTISTS TO BUILD ORPHANAGE

(By Associated Press.)  
Wilson, Dec. 14.—The executive committee of the board of trustees of the Free-Will Baptist Orphanage to be established at Middlesex will begin the construction of a \$10,000 building in the early spring, it has been announced here. The Rev. B. R. Beams of Middlesex has donated forty acres of land to the institution and the trustees already have pledged of \$5,000 with which to begin work. The orphanage will accommodate fifty persons.

### STOCKS FALL SHARPLY ON PEACE REPORTS

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 14.—Apprehension over the effect of the Teutonic proposals on the earnings of munitions and steel companies caused another severe break in the stock market today. After an earlier decline, stocks during the noon hour were literally poured out.

### PLANS TO RAISE ONE MILLION MORE MEN

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 14.—A supplementary estimate issued today provides for an additional 1,000,000 men of all ranks for the army service during the present financial year. The original estimate was for 4,000,000 men.

### MARKETS

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 14.—Bullish overnight spot advices and relatively firm cables encouraged an opening advance of 16 to 14 points in the cotton market today and prices sold 23 to 30 points net higher shortly after the call. The easier turn in the stock market led to increased Wall Street selling and before the end of the first hour prices showed reactions 10 to 14 points.

### SHIP CHRISTMAS BOX ON SATURDAY

The Christmas box for the soldiers on the border will be sent off Saturday, but there still is time for persons who wish to contribute to send their chickens, turkeys or cakes to Mrs. J. Worth Elliott. Already a number of packages have been received and more are promised, and no doubt the members of Company A will have a fine treat Christmas day.

### THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy in eastern; snow in western portions. Tonight not quite so cold; Friday rain or snow and warmer, moderate north-east to east winds.

### BRITAIN SPENDS \$28,000,000 EACH DAY

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 14.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the daily average expenditure of Great Britain in the war had risen to 5,710,000 pounds.

Mr. Bonar Law said the actual expenditure had exceeded the estimates owing to increases in armament and the loans to Great Britain.

The chancellor said: "Financially we cannot hope to go on indefinitely on the present scale, but we can go on, and it will not be from financial causes if we fail to secure victory."

### NO INTOXICANTS FOR FRENCH PEOPLE

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec. 14.—Total prohibition throughout France of the consumption of such alcoholic beverages as brandies and liquors has been decided on. This is shown in the text of the official journal reporting Premier Briand's remarks in parliament.

### TRAIN RESERVE OFFICERS AT A. AN DM. COLLEGE

West Raleigh, Dec. 14.—A reserve officers' training corps, under provision of the antional defense act, will be established at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts beginning with the next college year.

### AMERICAN MILLS USE MORE COTTON

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—Cotton manufactured during November amounted to 584,082 running bales, compared to 514,743 a year ago, and for the four months 2,227,375, compared with 1,978,635 a year ago, the census bureau announced today.

### LONDON IS WITHOUT PEACE PROPOSALS

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec. 14.—Andrew Bonar Law said in the house of commons this afternoon that no proposals for peace had been received by the entente allies. He added that the entente allies required adequate indemnities for the past and adequate assurances for the future before they would consider peace.

### OPERATIONS CONTINUE ON VARIOUS WAR FRONTS

Allied Countries to Make Joint Answer to Germany's Proposals--Fighting in Rumania in Progress--England Prepares to be Ready to do More Work.

### ALLIES TO CALL GERMANY FOR SHOWDOWN

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The embassies of the entente allies here today reflected the view that Germany's peace proposals will not be rejected without examination, but that the allies in reply probably will call for a statement of proposed terms so that they may not be placed in a position of unqualifiedly rejecting these.

### TO PREPARE PLANS IN PRESS MEETING

(By Associated Press.)  
Raleigh, Dec. 14.—To consider plans for the annual convention in Morehead City next summer and the Newspaper Institute next winter, a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association will be held here in January, according to Edward E. Britton, president of the organization. Mr. Britton states that he will issue a call for the committee meeting within the next few days.

### EMPTY STOCKING FUND GROWING SLOWLY

The empty stocking fund has now reached a total of \$116.50 and the prospects are that the amount will reach \$200 before the end of the week. It will require exactly \$100 Captain Coy estimates, to provide baskets for the poor Christmas day. That does not include the Christmas tree or the winter relief fund.

The Record has reported \$105 so far, and today Captain Coy announced the following contributions: Friend, Mr. N. A. Abernethy, \$2.50; Mrs. A. Orbonnais, \$3, and Mr. W. X. Reid, \$3.

### PROHIBITION IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The proposed national prohibition amendment today was ordered favorably reported to the house by the judiciary committee.

The proposed universal suffrage bill was reported without prejudice.

### BRITISH TANK SHIP HIT POWHATAN LINER

(By Associated Press.)  
Newport News, Dec. 14.—The mystery surrounding the collision in lower Chesapeake Bay last night in which the merchant and marine liner Powhatan were hurt by falling beams that she had to be beached was cleared up early today when the British tank steamer Telena arrived here and proceeded to the docks for repairs. She was not badly injured.

Four negro mess attendants on the Powhatan were hurt by falling beams when the Telena struck her.

### FAVORABLE REPORT ON HIGH COST BILL

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec. 14.—The Boreland resolution ordering the federal trade commission to investigate all angles of the high cost of living including the producing capacity of the United States violations of the anti-trust law, received a favorable report today.