

HICKORY SCHOOLS HAVE HAD GOOD FALL TERM

Teachers and Pupils Have Worked Hard and Attendance Good, Despite Interruptions--Lost Time Almost Made Up--Next Term to Be Even Better.

The Hickory graded schools came to a close for the holidays Friday at twenty-thirty o'clock, the study period being omitted so that the children might get home by noon. The first four grades at the North school were in charge of the morning exercises in the chapel and greatly delighted the other children and the many visitors by their splendid Christmas program. The other grades gave appropriate exercises in their rooms, some being held Thursday and some Friday morning. At the South school and at Claremont there were several Christmas trees, and many tokens of appreciation were exchanged between teachers and pupils at all the schools.

In spite of the many handicaps of the fall term, the schools have done good work and the spirit of mutual helpfulness and cooperation was never better. Twice scarlet fever interrupted to such an extent as to cause the suspension of some of the grades, and yet the teachers have been able to make up the work with their grades until the children are about as far advanced as if there had been no interruption. The playground apparatus has greatly added to the interest of the children and when it was possible for a full attendance, there were very few who failed to answer to their names each day.

The spring term will open for the white schools on January eight and for the colored school on January 2. The new colored school building is rapidly nearing completion and it is hoped that by the middle of the spring term the new building may be ready for occupancy. The new building for the high school is also progressing rapidly and will be ready for use by the opening of the fall term.

Everything considered, the schools are in good shape, and with good attendance in the spring should round up one of the best year's work in their history.

VILLA CAPTURES TORREON; IT IS SAID

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Dec. 23.—Unofficial reports that Torreón had been captured by Francisco Villa's forces were forwarded to Washington by government agents early today.

These reports stated that the fighting early yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the city capitulated.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY FOR RAILWAY SWITCHMEN

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 23.—The eight-hour day with straight proportionate overtime is granted to the switchmen's union by the federal arbitration board in a decision announced today. The award gives overtime for both foremen and helpers. It was said here on behalf of the railroads that the decision should not be interpreted as an endorsement of the Adamson act.

MEMORIAL FOR WOMEN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 23.—A memorial service for Inez Milholland, noted suffrage leader, will be held in the statutory hall on Monday. It will be the first time that a memorial for a woman has been held there. Suffrage leaders planned it.

ASKS MR. WILSON TO STOP BIG WAR

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 23.—A special committee of the American neutral conference committee began here early today from Washington to present to President Wilson a letter from Bertrand Russell, the noted British lecturer and philosopher, appealing to the president to end the war in Europe. This letter was brought to this country by an unidentified messenger from England, a girl, in order to avoid the British censorship.

After asserting that the president now has an opportunity of performing a signal-service of mankind "surpassing the service of Abraham Lincoln," Mr. Russell states that it is within the president's power to bring the war to an end with a just peace, and that if the war is not ended now Europe will be ruined.

DRESDEN SCENE MORE FOOD RIOTS

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 23.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says there were food riots in Dresden, Germany 17, 18, 19 and 20, and that troops were called in to suppress the rioters.

The dispatch says the women stoned the shops on Sunday and then marched through the streets, the troops dispersing them.

There was another parade on Monday when the soldiers did not intervene.

MAIL SERVICE BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 23.—The news service from Berlin contains the statement that ordinary mail from Germany to the United States will be transmitted on submarines and that mail for neutral nations also will be handled.

HOW CHINESE TREAT TYPHOID FEVER CASES

(By Associated Press.) Wenchow, Chekiang Province, China.—Rhinceros horn is one of the chief remedies resorted to by Chinese doctors in the treatment of typhoid fever.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

When the members of Holy Trinity Lutheran church enter the edifice tomorrow they will be impressed with the decorations, the beauty of which is impossible to describe. Suspended from the pulpit in gilt letters are the words "Peace on Earth" fastened over holy, with cedar artistically entwined about the arches. The lectern with its gold trimmings was further adorned with gold pine boughs and holly. Green of course predominated, but the gold decorations acted as a foil to set off the beauty of the whole.

REMAINED WITH VICTIM ALL NIGHT

After having shot and almost instantly killed Ed Culbertson, wood foreman of the Ritter Lumber Company at Edgemont, Bill Mooney, a log loader employed by the same company, built a fire and remained with his victim through the night, according to persons arriving in Hickory today from the lumber town.

EXPRESS COMPANIES SWAMPED WITH LIQUOR

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—The Christmas demand for liquors of various kinds for the dry states of Virginia, the Carolinas and West Virginia has swamped the express companies. Two of the companies imposed an embargo on liquor from yesterday at noon to 9 a. m. today.

NO ACTION REPORTED ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 23.—Bad weather on the Macedonian front on December 22 prevented any military operations, according to the Paris war statement this afternoon.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Rev. W. E. Murray, pastor.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach tomorrow morning on the subject: "Three Great Facts About the Birth of Jesus." On Christmas morning at 6 o'clock, the subject of the sermon will be: "The Christmas Message to the Shepherds."

PETERSON-FRAZIER

Mr. J. E. Peterson of Hickory and Miss Mabel Frazier of Winston-Salem were married last Thursday at the bride's home and will be in the city tomorrow to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Peterson.

FUM DE RECORD FOSE EN ME

Les' thro' awa' our we En say er wurd er so 'Bout my Merry Trissmus, Taint no day tuh cry You'se go no tim' tuh die 'Case hits Merry Trissmus.

MARKETS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 17 to 33 points. The advance to 16.75 for March and 17.06 for July attracted considerable realizing for a reaction, however, and prices eased off 14 to 20 points shortly after the call.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

With the tree for the children this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Christmas exercises will be under way. The music at all the services will be especially fine.

CHICAGO IS SWAMPED WITH MUCH MAIL

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 23.—Postal officials in Chicago say they are handling the heaviest outgoing mail in the history of the local office. Eleven tons of parcel post and first class mail were dispatched in the last 24 hours and there is much congestion at the local station, the railroads, it is asserted, having much difficulty in handling the volume. Practically every train arriving in Chicago last night was delayed, due to cold weather and snow.

MOTOR COMPANY CHARTERED

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 23.—The Corbett Motor Truck Company of Henderson, capitalized at \$1,000,000, of which \$25,000 has been paid in, was chartered by the secretary of state today. The concern proposes to manufacture, buy and sell motor trucks, automobiles, supplies and accessories.

HAVE LEARNED TONGUES OF BELGIAN DISTRICTS

Brussels, Belgium.—The Germans have been administering things in Belgium so long now that most of them have acquired a workable knowledge of the various languages that prevail there. Accordingly the chief authorities in Brussels have issued new and drastic language regulations for all their subordinates.

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POST OFFICE TO HAVE SUNDAY HOURS

With the Christmas mail already reaching the proportions of a rush and a great part of the packages to be received, indications are that the local postoffice will do the largest Christmas business in its history.

BARACA BOYS COLLECT CHRISTMAS GOODS

Last night the Baraca boys of the Methodist church, as has been their custom for the past eight years, visited the homes of the Hickory people collecting cash, groceries, canned goods, confections and clothing to be distributed Christmas day to the poor of the city.

JOHN L. CASPER PARDONED

(By Associated Press.) Winston-Salem, Dec. 23.—John L. Casper of Winston-Salem, convicted in a federal court at Fort Smith, Ark., in numerous counts of defrauding the government and sentenced to the Leavenworth prison for a term of nine years, received his pardon last night at 9 o'clock according to a telegram received from him by a friend in this city. Casper states in a telegram that he will arrive here Sunday.

STEPS TO HARMONIZE CHINESE POLICIES

(By Associated Press.) Peking.—Feng Kuo-chang's election to the vice presidency is regarded as a vital step in the effort to harmonize policies. Three ballots in parliament were cast as a result of the election. Feng Kuo-chang was the leader in all and on the third ballot he received 520 votes, while his nearest competitor, Lu Yung-ting, received only 201 votes.

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ALLIES ARE NOT PLEASED AT PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Premier of New Zealand Speaks Out Plainly--French Press Does not Like it Either--Answer of Allies Soon to Be Sent to Germany.

SOLDIERS IN MEXICO RECEIVE MANY GIFTS

(By Associated Press.) Field Headquarters, Mexico, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five thousand dollars would not cover the cost of presents the people of the United States have sent to the soldiers of the punitive expedition, it was estimated today by the committee in charge of the distribution of the presents.

Although the majority of the gifts have come from Red Cross chapters, hundreds have come from individuals. Among the large consignments are 41,000 cigars, 1,000 pounds of candy, 600 pounds smoking tobacco, two complete sets of baseball equipment, and many other gifts.

DESTRUCTION OF SHIPS WON'T BE TOLD

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press is advised by its London office that all shipping reports except announcement of casualties are discontinued by an official order effective tonight.

MODERATE WEATHER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 23.—Moderate temperatures followed by decidedly colder weather for about Wednesday is forecast for the south Atlantic states. About the middle of the week rain or snow will occur.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Hickory Daily Record extends to its friends in the city, county and state the greetings of the season. From the depths of its soul the Record is appreciative of the magnanimous support accorded it, and its only goal is to be a good newspaper worthy of the people it endeavors to serve. Since we realize in part the shortcomings of the paper, and must therefore realize what our friends have pardoned out of their loyalty, our feelings of gratitude are only the greater.

WHITE GIFTS FOR KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock there will be a service, "White Gifts for the King," and a special address to the children. As there will be two responsive readings, all will be asked to bring their own Bibles with them to the church. The white gifts and envelopes will be collected and not only gifts of money but pledges of hearts to Christ will be made.

At 7 o'clock in the evening the illustrated lecture will be given, "Memories of Bethlehem," with 52 pictures of scenes around the Birth of Christ. An illustrated hymn, "Joy to the World," will be sung at the close of the lecture.

COMMUNITY TREE NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

Preparations are rapidly making for the community Christmas tree in the Chero-Cola building Tuesday night at 7 o'clock and the event promises to be one of joy and interest. The Boy Scouts have provided the cedar and will assist in the distribution of the presents.

AUSTRALIA HUNGARY CHANGES MINISTERS

(By Associated Press.) London, Dec. 23.—Count von Chudenitz has succeeded Baron von Burian as Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, according to a Reuter Amsterdam dispatch quoting a Vienna paper. Count Zernin was minister to Rumania until the time that country entered the war.

MAKING GERMANY COME ACROSS

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 23.—The only reference to President Wilson's note at the public sitting of the chamber of deputies was made by Deputy Renaudel who expressed the belief that it would compel Germany to tell plainly her war aims.

ANSWER ALMOST

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 23.—The allies answer to Germany's peace proposals is almost completed, according to a local newspaper. The paper says it is rather a long document and sets forth clearly "both the grievances of the allies and the crushing responsibilities of the central powers."

SENSATION IN PARIS

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's note and the statement of Secretary Lansing continued to be the sensation of the day and take precedence over everything else in the morning papers. The president's notes were not received favorably by the press.

Miss Kathryn Peterson left last night on No. 12 for Salisbury where she will spend a few days with friends. From there Miss Peterson will go to High Point where she will spend Christmas with her sister.