

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

PRESIDENT'S FIRST DAY ABOARD GEO. WASHINGTON

Mr. Wilson Turns Promptly to Work in His Study—Quarters Not Luxurious—How the Convoys Protect Big Passenger Ship As She Steams For West, France.

By the Associated Press.
The United States Ship *George Washington*, Dec. 5.—(By Wire to the Associated Press).—President Wilson spent most of the day in his office part of his study. After acknowledging from the bridge the greetings that were given him as the ship put to sea, he turned to the pile of letters and telegrams awaiting him and worked with his secretaries.

In the afternoon on the advice of the physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, he lay down and rested for some time because of a slight cold that was affecting his voice.

Later the president received calls from several officers on board, including the British and French ambassadors.

Following this he took a walk on deck with Mrs. Wilson.

The presidential party dined quietly in the dining room, being served by a waiter who claimed to have attended former Emperor William and the empress on the same ship.

The reports that the presidential suite had been fitted up in a luxurious manner are untrue.

The dining hall music was furnished by the ship's band a quartet of sailors.

The president is keeping in touch with Washington by wireless.

German destroyers with the *Landship Pennsylvania*, leading the convoy, are keeping in close touch with the steamship carrying the president. Mine sweepers are running ahead of the bow of the ship. They are loaded with steel bullets so as to penetrate deep into the water.

The weather is cold and misty, but it is calm.

At 10 o'clock Mrs. Wilson released from the *George Washington* the two divisions of Vice Admiral Gleaves with orders of thanks for the arrangements for the trip.

Representatives of the Associated Press, the United Press and the International News Service are accompanying the presidential party aboard the *George Washington*. Arrangements were made in advance for the correspondents to send in their reports, these to be released at 11:30 a. m.

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MORE SOLDIERS RETURN HOME TODAY

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 5.—The British transport *Orea*, with 1,922 American troops aboard, advised here today from Liverpool. She is the fourth transport to arrive with American troops.

LONDON PAPERS WELCOME WILSON

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless Service).—The British newspapers in the last few days in publishing President Wilson's address to congress and American opinion have taken occasion to point out the British public's ever-growing appreciation of the American soldier.

"We would ask the Americans," says the *Times*, "to believe that the allied peoples regard the coming of the president in the same spirit in which they regarded the immense war effort of the United States and the coming of their troops."

SENATE REFUSES TO SEND OUT SPIES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—By unanimous vote the senate foreign relations committee today disapproved the resolution of Senator Cummings, of Iowa, Republican, proposing to send a senate committee to the peace conference.

BRITISH NAVAL STRENGTH WILL REMAIN SUPREME

Winston Churchill Declares That Government Will Allow Nothing to Change Its Policy—President Wilson Has Views of Allies on the Former Kaiser and Others.

EXPECT TERROR IN BERLIN FRIDAY

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 5.—A terrorist revolution under the leadership of Dr. Liebknecht, the radical Socialist, will break out in Berlin Friday evening, according to advices received by the Zurich correspondent of the *Journal*. Liebknecht, it is reported, is in command of 15,000 troops.

The population of Berlin, according to reports, is at the mercy of gangs of marauders, and there appears to be no authority.

TO DEAL WITH GUILTY

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—The substance of the discussion early this week between the representatives of Great Britain, France and Italy relative to the peace conference was cable to the United States and it is believed they reached President Wilson before he sailed.

Reuters, Ltd., says there is reason to believe the president's advisers are of the opinion that the views of the conference regarding former Emperor William are likely to coincide with those of the president himself. Responsible opinion, says the news agency, holds that the ex-emperor and other persons guilty of breaches of international law during the war should be dealt with by a tribunal of the allied powers, especially those which suffered most.

BERLIN AFFAIRS APPEAR VERY OBSCURE

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless Service).—The political situation in Germany appears to be extraordinarily obscure, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the *Daily Express*. Everybody seems to be quarreling with everybody else and every member of the Socialist party is trying to see who can be the most radical.

Two grave dangers, the correspondent declares, appear to be confronting the new German republic. One is the separatist movement headed by Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, who is issuing propaganda against the leadership of Berlin and appears to be willing to create a south German republic.

The other danger which the correspondent adds is equally pressing is that arising between the Berlin Soviets and the Berlin executive committee.

NORTH CAROLINA RANKS HIGH IN FOOD

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless Service).—You English clamor to get father and me away from Holland. We are down and out and my father is a broken man. Isn't that enough punishment?" the former crown prince said on the island of Wierengen, where he is interned with a correspondent of the *Daily Mirror*.

Frederick William added that he always favored an agreement between Germany and Great Britain and wished them to work together. A number of his close friends live in England and he would like nothing better than to live there as a private citizen.

"I quarreled with my father in Great Britain," he said. "I told him the British would be against him. He never believed this and would never take into account that possibility."

SAYS FATHER IS BULL-HEADED FELLOW

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—(British Wireless Service).—The value of crops is nearly five times what it was 18 years ago and compares with 1916 as \$417,846,000 does with \$700,000,000. The corn yield is 63,000,000 bushels, wheat 13,167,000 bushels, tobacco 242,252,000 pounds, potatoes 4,512,000 sweet potatoes 972,000 bushels, peanuts 5,510,000 bushels and cotton 73,000 bales.

Wheat is grown this year in every county. That may account for any increased claim for any reduction in the price of wheat.

Henry Page said much during the spring about big wheat crops. The millers protested Major Graham's rhapsody. Major Graham makes bigger claims than ever and varies it only in the amount that the state sells to outsiders. He had believed formerly that each North Carolinian has 10 pounds of surplus flour. The number of bushels required for bread is 11,092,000; for seed, 1,472,000 and the surplus is 597,000 bushels.

Which individual after all the bread had been made up. The grain and fruit crops have shown up well and these figures are based upon government reports. These were they which Marse Henry Page, a section of the government attacked last spring when the federal government was about to requisition North Carolina for a few millions of bushels of surplus wheat. Millers thanked Marse Henry and asked him to muzzle the major.

Corn production has gone to 21 bushels an acre, wheat to 12, potatoes to 85, sweet potatoes to 90, tobacco to 170 pounds, peas to 35 bushels and hay to 1.3 tons an acre.

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IS SAID TO DEPEND

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Holding that the question of right to organize among municipal employees is a separate matter for the right to organize in industrial plants, the national war labor board today refused to assume jurisdiction in a case brought by the city firemen of Omaha, Neb., seeking the right to organize for higher pay.

TO CAMP GREENE

The soldier clerk, Pvt. Henry L. Bumgarner, who has been on duty at the local board office for Catawba county at Newton, has been ordered to report to Camp Greene December 6. He leaves for Camp Green on 36 Friday morning.

STATE SCHOOL LAW UPSET BY OPINION

By reversing Hill against commissioners of Lenoir county, the supreme court in Raleigh overthrew the school law of 1911 and settles all school elections which have the double proposal to carry county-wide special tax, but failing in that to impose it in townships where a majority of the votes have been favorably cast. Justice Walker writing the opinion regards it one of the most important cases decided in years.

Chief Justice Clark alone stands up for the school law. He holds that the court has no right to reverse a judgment based upon the general assembly act. The chief justice dissenting vigorously while Associate Justices Allen and Brown endorse Judge Walker.

The case has been many weeks in court. A week or two ago it was apparent that Kinston had lost because the time for special levy had gone. Lenoir county held in early summer an election on proposing a county-wide tax of 30 cents and 90 cents on the poll. The act under which the election was held provided that the townships which vote a majority in favor of county-wide proposals may impose the tax even when the larger unit fails. Mr. Hill sought to restrain the tax levy in Goldsboro. Judge Frank Daniels heard the arguments and dissolved the restraining order, the plaintiff appealed and by reversing the lower court the higher court knocks out the law.

Judge Walker decides the case on the point that the lower court's construction of the law is against publication; that elections in which there are two separate proposals are invalid; that if two distinct propositions could be voted for there is none in this law that provides for the casting of a separate ballot; that sufficient legal notice was given for a election of this character. That there should be one issue is whether there should be county tax for special purposes or whether there should be none and that voters were not allowed to express themselves on the actual issues raised. He said the township tax issue was not submitted and the voter is denied the right of declaration there. He objects to the disposition of the fund and declares finally that the question is important as giving the voter the right to say how he shall be taxed.

Chief Justice Clark rubs it into the state "which stands with New Mexico at the bottom of the literacy list." He thinks the hundred thousand majority for schools indicates interest in education and that if the voters could not get it in Kinston the township tax and the legislature has the right to pass such a law, he thinks.

NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 5.—The realizing which had developed on the early advance of yesterday and caused the late reactions was followed by fluctuations in the cotton market today. The opening was steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 15 points. Prices later worked some 15 to 30 points higher.

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS MAY BUY OWN COAL

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—All requisitions of the fuel administration for the shipment of bituminous coal to industrial plants has been cancelled. The administration announced today that its policy in the future will be to leave to the plants themselves the work of obtaining coal.

ROCKETT NOW LEADS ENTIRE CARRIER FORCE

Carrier O. T. Rockett, or better known as "Over the Top" Rockett, now leads the city and rural carriers in the sale of War Savings Stamps. For the greater part of the year carrier J. L. Bolick led, but Rockett centered his efforts in securing a large number of buyers and did not worry about the large buyers or purchasers of stamps and has always been confident that he would win by having the greatest sales. The sales by carriers today are as follows:

| City Carriers | Total Sales |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| O. T. Rockett | \$24,490.00 |
| J. L. Bolick | 24,290.00 |
| H. H. Bowman | 18,100.00 |
| Rural Carriers | Total Sales |
| H. D. Fry (and W. A. Hahn) | \$11,220.00 |
| D. K. Fry | 9,695.00 |
| L. S. Huffman | 6,510.00 |
| N. A. Yount | 5,915.00 |
| J. H. Fry | 5,820.00 |

GLASS' NOMINATION IS SENT TO SENATE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Carter Glass of Virginia was nominated today by President Wilson for secretary of the treasury of the United States.

Mr. Glass will go into office on December 10 under an agreement with Secretary Mellon, whose resignation was accepted by the president to take effect upon the appointment and resignation of his successor.

Before assuming his duties Mr. Glass will go to his home in Lynchburg to adjust his affairs, to which he could not give as much attention as he did while a member of congress. Mr. Glass' resignation as a member of the house within the next few days after 18 years' service will cause a special election to be held in his district to be his successor. No change in the policy of the treasury is to be expected, Mr. Glass said today.

PAPAL SECRETARY TO AWAIT PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 5.—It is stated in Vatican circles that Monsignor Cerretti, the papal under secretary of state, will await the arrival of President Wilson in London to arrange for his visit to the pope, according to the Rome correspondent of the *Echo de Paris*. As far as can be seen, no obstacles appear in the way of the meeting, which will be of great political importance.

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BILLION DOLLARS OFF IN NAVAL ESTIMATE

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—More than a billion dollars has been cut from the navy's estimate for the coming fiscal year. Secretary Daniels disclosed today that the estimates sent to congress Monday were based on the war program, and the reduction was in order.

SOMEBODY TO WORK FOR THAT GOOD SUIT

"Major" W. A. Hahn, a mighty fine salesman of War Savings Stamps and a former carrier on rural route No. 2 from Hickory has decided that he will not let Captain "Dock" Frye have that nice suit of clothes that Mr. J. D. Elliott, chairman of the War Savings Committee of the county, and others have promised as a prize to the rural carrier of the county who sells the greatest amount of War Savings Stamps. Although Mr. Hahn resigned several months ago, his sales at the time he left the postal service were greater than those at the present time of "Captain" Frye. "Major" says that the boys at the railway shops, where he works will buy more stamps this month than "Old Dock" has sold during the twelve months to the patrons of rural route No. 4. "Taint so," says the captain.

LOVETT WILL RETURN TO UNION PACIFIC

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 5.—Robert S. Lovett has resigned as director of the railroad administration division, and will return to his former duties as chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific Railroad.

MISS PANKHURST GOES TO PARLIAMENT

By the Associated Press.
London, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—Among the candidates nominated for parliament yesterday were 14 women. They include Miss Christobel Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the suffragist leader.

ANSWERED

It is not hard to explain how he became the greatest man living:
Wise;
Independent;
Leader;
Son-in-law;
Gen. mil.;
Notes.
—Charleston evening Post.



DEATH OF MRS. MAYER

Mr. J. O. Moore, Mrs. J. T. Setzer and Miss Lois Frye attended the funeral of Mrs. J. A. Mayer at Back Mountain. Mrs. Mayer, a former resident of Hickory, had a number of relatives and friends who will be pained to hear of her death. She leaves six children, two brothers, Dr. J. L. Payne of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. H. C. Payne of London, England, and one sister, Mrs. Laurence Frye of Hickory. Mr. J. A. Mayer, her husband, a merchant of Hickory and Back Mountain, died some years ago.

AUTOMOBILE FIRE

Mr. W. N. Sherrill's Oakland automobile furnished diversion at 2:30 this afternoon when fire started under the hood and sent up flames and smoke for a minute or two. The pyrene juice was applied and Chief Whitener hurried with other chemicals, but the blaze was extinguished without trouble. A short circuit is said to have caused the fire. The damage was small.

K. OF P. NOTICE

The Knights of Pythias will meet tonight at 7:30.

TURKISH FLEET NOW OUT OF COMMISSION

By the Associated Press.
London, Dec. 5.—The entire Turkish fleet is now in the hands of the allies, the admiralty announced today. The warships after surrendering were interned in the bay at Constantinople. The former German cruiser *Goeber*, was among the surrendered vessels.

MACHINE GUNS USED TO SUPPRESS RIOTS

Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—Machine guns were used in suppressing food riots in Cologne, according to telegrams from that city.

Several stores in different parts of the city were plundered. There were a number of casualties.

After plundering the stores a great crowd gathered at the food depot but the "weifaer committee" of the city decided to suppress the disturbances without mercy. The mob retreated in disorder.

Other casualties occurred in conflicts between the mobs and police.

IN THE FUTURE

"There is one time coming when men will really enjoy their wives' biscuits and rolls."

"What time is that?"

"When we look back and remember the war bread mother used to make."

—Detroit Free Press.

INFORMATION WANTED REGARD TO POSITIONS

The soldier and sailor boys are beginning to come home, and they will be looking for positions. These they will find without much trouble. Yet the home service committee of the local chapter of the American Red Cross desires to secure and file information that will enable any soldier or sailor to secure a position—as soon as he wants to go to work after a good long rest without any trouble or loss of time. Therefore the committee requests that all manufacturers, business men, farmers and others desiring to employ the services of one of the boys to so notify in writing Mr. Chas. H. Geitner, Mr. Leroy Abernethy or Mr. Chas. W. Bagby. The notice should state the number of men desired, the character of the work, the salary or wages to be paid, and the frequency of the payments. This information will be filed at the post office and the committee will gladly assist any soldier or sailor in securing the kind of work for which he is best suited. All are requested to send their notices stating the number of men desired, etc., to the committee without delay.