

Mass Meeting Did Not Accomplish Its Purpose Yesterday

(Special to the Gazette)
Wentworth, Feb. 5.—In answer to the call of the Citizens' Committee appointed last July at a mass meeting held then, another mass meeting was held here in the courthouse, at which there were over a thousand citizens present.

The meeting opened with R. S. Montgomery, of Reidsville, presiding. He explained that the purpose of the mass meeting was to find out some way to stop the building of the Fishing Creek bridge. He then read a resolution, or invitation, to the County Commissioners, asking them to come upstairs and hear the proceedings of the meeting. A committee of five was appointed to take this invitation to the Commissioners. The committee returned and informed the chairman that only two of the Commissioners were in Wentworth. These two were invited up, and responded to the invitation.

Mr. Montgomery explained that the Commissioners had promised to notify him when the contract for the building of Fishing Creek bridge was to be let. He read a letter to Thomas R. Pratt, the chairman of the board, which he had written, asking when the contract would be let. He also read Mr. Pratt's reply in which Mr. Pratt said that he did not know when the contract would be let, but that the bridge would be built.

These two letters were dated in the latter part of December, Mr. Montgomery said, and yet on the first Monday in January the contract for the bridge was let. "It must have taken a lot of decision in that short time," said Mr. Montgomery.

The chairman then read a letter from J. M. Sharp, of Reidsville, who was too sick to attend the meeting. Mr. Sharp's letter spoke of the suit that was being instituted against him and several others. Among other things the letter said in substance: "Look at the legal talent that the Commissioners have arrayed: Brooks, Fisher and Smith, Greenboro, so if the case is tried in Guilford; Graves, Brock and Graves, Winston-Salem, or if the case is tried in Forsyth; J. C. Brown, Madison, and one unnamed name, P. W. Gildewell, Reidsville, in the case goes to Rockingham, and if the case is tried anywhere in the Eleventh district, the 'beloved prosecutor,' S. Porter Graves."

After the reading of Mr. Sharp's letter, which was received with tremendous applause, Mr. Montgomery called on A. D. Ivie to speak. Mr. Ivie spoke lengthily on the way the citizens of the county had been treated in this matter. He said he was present at the board meeting when the contract was let and when the question of submitting new bids came up Mr. Pratt refused to consider it. He further told that Mr. Pratt was elected as chairman of the Commissioners by his own vote. Mr. Ivie explained to the meeting that a bridge at Fishing Creek was unpracticable. He said the only logical way to cross there was in an aeroplane.

Mr. Ivie charged activity by Pratt, McCollum and Pruitt. Their first activity was raising the tax rates from 96 cents to 1.35. "Is that keeping their promise?" More than 40 per cent higher this year than last. "Am I libeling any body today?" The speaker enumerating some of the expenditures said, "Go with me to Leaksville and get on the Boulevard and you can ride straight down to B. Frank's home. After ordering the building of this private road they decided to call it a public road," said Mr. Ivie.

After Mr. Ivie had concluded amidst applause, M. G. Wilson spoke. He said that it was intimated a large proportion of the crowd was curious, seekers. He asked a vote of all who are in hearty accord with these movements to please stand up. Practically all stood.

Mr. Wilson told about seven miles of hard-surfaced road in Leaksville township costing \$283,000, which the county and citizens had to pay for in unincorporated community.

"As long as there is a drop of blood left, and this crowd is with us, I am willing to shed it for this cause," he said.

CONVICTION OF JULES HICKY ARUSTEIN CONFIRMED TODAY

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—The conviction of Jules Hicky Arnstein and four others in 1920 of bringing stolen Wall Street securities to Washington for hypothecation by local banks was confirmed by the District of Columbia court of appeals today.

FAKE BILLS UNLOADED ON INEXPERT MONEY CHANGERS

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Feb. 5.—Bogus money has become very common in Germany since the decline of the mark and the passage of financial transactions out of regular banks into the hands of money-bootleggers.

Late News

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—A 25 per cent reduction in all personal income taxes payable this year was approved by Republicans of the House Ways and Means committee.

(By Associated Press)
Moscow, Feb. 5.—General Popeliov, former commander of the Siberian White Army and twenty of his followers have been sentenced to death by a military tribunal at Chita for their counter-revolutionary activities in Siberia after Kolchak's defeat. Fifty-seven others were given prison terms. Popeliov has asked for mercy which it is thought will be granted.

(By Associated Press)
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 5.—Actual hearing of testimony in the trial of Lieutenant Governor Cooper and his brother, Thomas, on charges of conspiracy were started in the United States District Court after the reading of the indictment by District Attorney Irvin Tucker. The brothers are charged with various alleged criminal acts; nonconnection with the failure, about a year ago, of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington of which they were the principal officers. Forty-two government witnesses were introduced and sworn. Clarence Latham, chief State bank examiner, being the first to take the stand.

ent but by hundreds who were unable to be present yesterday. He thought it an obligation to stand by this committee and uphold their hands. He was in favor of anything permissible under the law to give the citizens their rights.

Mr. Wilson said he would temporarily withdraw his motion provided he could make another motion which was to the effect that this matter be left to the committee to thresh out till hell turned to an iceberg. This motion was carried.

Commissioner Barber told of the action of the board in awarding the contract for building the bridge. He said Messrs. Pratt, McCollum and Pruitt had never consulted him about building the bridge. He said on the first Monday in January he and Commissioner Martin decided that if the matter was brought up they would insist that new bids be advertised for. Mr. Barber said that personally he was now strongly opposed to the project because of the attitude assumed by the three commissioners. He said that he begged them to call for new bids, that building conditions were different from those they received last summer and which they were then getting ready to open. Mr. Barber said that Mr. Gildewell spoke up and said, "That's just a scheme to block the game." Mr. Barber said that no one had requested him to make this request, but he did so in the interest of the county. Mr. Barber said they thereupon voted to open the bids.

UNION PRAYER SERVICE SPRAY BAPTIST CHURCH

There will be Union prayer service of the churches, to be held at the First Baptist Church, Spray, on Wednesday evening. A good attendance is expected, and all should give their meeting their attention, and be present.

AUSTRAIN COUNT SEEKS VAINLY FOR CITIZENSHIP

(By Associated Press)
Prague, Feb. 5.—Count Berchtold, who was minister for foreign affairs in Austro-Hungary at the outbreak of the great war, now finds himself a man without a country. His citizenship is a tangle in international law which has become so complicated that the old statesman apparently must wipe out all his claims and become naturalized in one of the countries which sprang from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire.

NEWSPAPER EDITORS MEET IN CHARLESTON WITH EDWIN DENBY

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 5.—Newspaper editors from practically all of the States in the country will be represented in the group who will board the U. S. S. Henderson, naval transport, at Charleston on February 10th, upon invitation of Edwin Denby, Secretary of the Navy, to witness the fleet maneuvers in the vicinity of the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean Sea. About 125 men will be in the party.

As many of the guests will arrive in Charleston before the transport sails, the city is making extensive arrangements to entertain the visitors. Besides the newspaper editors there will be several naval officers, and Major General LeJeune, Commander of the U. S. Marine Corps, will also make the trip. The Henderson is the vessel which carried the late President Harding to Alaska last summer.

An interesting program of entertainment has been arranged for the city's guests on February 9th, the day before the Henderson sails. They will be shown numerous points of historical interest and will be taken on an inspection of the Navy Yard, where they will have luncheon aboard the historic Hartford, which was Admiral Farragut's flagship during the War Between the States. A banquet will be tendered at night.

The navy department invited the editors along so that the people of the country might be thoroughly informed in regard to what it is doing and attempting to do. The maneuvers are held annually. The increase operating efficiency, improve morale, and foster sea habits. They uncover defects and teach valuable lessons, besides furnishing an opportunity for the fleet to prepare, solve, and carry out problems under simulated war conditions.

The first stop of the Henderson will be at Culebra Island, February 15th, after which the visitors will be transferred to battleships. The Henderson is due to arrive March 2nd at New York, and the fleet will be distributed to several ports.

The Henderson is a vessel of unusual interest. She represents the navy department's initial attempt to design a vessel for the special purpose of transporting Marine expeditionary forces overseas with the maximum degrees of safety. The unique feature of her construction is the underwater protection which, by means of solid bulkheads, carried above the water line, renders her nearly impervious to damage by collision or grounding.

The Henderson transported the first American Troops to France during the war. She carried the Secretary of the Navy and party to Japan on the occasion of the visit to that country.

STRANGE CUSTOM

"Women raise such a row about wife-beaters—"
"Yes?"
"And yet we read in the papers every day about 'women clubbing themselves together'."—Farm Life.

Spoiled Can Beans Cause Death of Seven; Others Ill

(By Associated Press)
Albany, Ore., Feb. 5.—Botulism poison in home preserved beans caused the deaths yesterday and today of seven persons and affected three others so seriously that little hope is had for their recovery. The beans, which had spoiled after being preserved, were eaten at a family dinner Saturday.

COOLIDGE IN PROCLAMATION PAY TRIBUTE TO WILSON

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Coolidge's proclamation on the death of Woodrow Wilson follows:
By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION

To the people of the United States:
The death of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States from March 4, 1913, to March 4, 1921, which occurred at 11:15 o'clock Sunday at his home at Washington, District of Columbia, deprives the country of a most distinguished citizen, and is an event which causes universal and genuine sorrow. To many of us it brings the sense of a profound personal bereavement.

His early profession as a lawyer was abandoned to enter academic life. In this chosen field he attained the highest rank as an educator, and has left his impress upon the intellectual thought of the country. From the presidency of Princeton university, he was called by his fellow citizens to be the chief executive of the State of New Jersey. The duties of this high office he so conducted as to win the confidence of the people of the United States, who twice elected him to be chief magistrate of the republic. As President of the United States he was moved by an earnest desire to promote the best interests of the country as he conceived them.

His acts were prompted by high motives and his sincerity of purpose can not be questioned. He led the nation through terrific struggle of world war with a lofty idealism which never failed him. He gave utterance to the aspiration of humanity with an eloquence which held the attention of all the earth and made America a new and enlarged influence in the destiny of mankind.

In testimony of the respect in which his memory is held by the government and people of the United States, I do hereby direct that the flags of the White House and of the several departmental buildings be displayed at half staff for a period of 30 days, and that suitable military and naval honors under orders of the secretary of war and of the secretary of the navy may be rendered on the day of the funeral.

Done at the city of Washington this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-eight.

CALVIN COOLIDGE,
By the President.
CHARLES EVANS HUGHES,
Secretary of State.

Read Your County's Daily Paper First.

German's Refrain From Lowering Flag for Wilson

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—By direction of the Berlin government the German embassy here has refrained from making any display of mourning for Woodrow Wilson. No flag has been flown over the embassy at any time since Wilson's death, although other embassies and legations have had their colors at half staff since the official notification reached them before noon Sunday.

Baron Leopold Plessen, third secretary at the embassy, made this explanation: "The German government considers the late Mr. Woodrow Wilson a private citizen and therefore has instructed the German embassy to refrain from any official display of mourning."

SPLENDID WORK BEING DONE ON NEW CONCRETE BUILDING

Accompanied by John Smith, of the Leaksville Lumber Company, which firm has the contract for the large warehouse now under construction for the Carolina Cotton and Woolen Mills Company, at Spray, the Gazette man visited this important construction work, on what may be the best work of its kind in this section.

The location of this warehouse faces the railroad on one side and on the other side Warehouse Street. It is just beyond the big offices, but on the right.

FLOWERS AT WILSON HOME

Washington, Feb. 5.—Hanging on the big door of the home in which Woodrow Wilson spent his last days is a steamer of fresh, yellow jonquils, mignonettes and forsythia with a yellow crepe sash and a green fern background, the whole bound around with a metallic ribbon. Each hour these flowers, a sign of death within, are taken down and fresh ones put in their place.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR WOODROW WILSON

Memorial service will be held at Centenary M. E. Church, Winston-Salem at 3 o'clock tomorrow and at Burlington there will be special union services of the churches at the First Presbyterian Church at the same hour—this being the hour the services of former President Wilson will be held in Washington.

RIGHT OF IRISH PEERS NOW TO SIT IN HOUSE OF LORDS QUESTIONED

(By Associated Press)
London, Feb. 5.—The question of allowing the Irish representative peers to retain their seats in the House of Lords which was not touched upon in the treaty that created the Irish Free State is being actively attacked by the Conservative press and anti-Irish organizations in England.

The attack on the Irish representative peers has been carried on almost entirely in England by anti-Irish organizations and apparently has not aroused any of the political parties.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET WITH MRS. OULD

The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Namie Ould Monday, February 4th.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Richardson.

The officers for the year were asked to stand and receive the order of service read by Mrs. R. P. Ray, the president.

Mrs. J. F. Barksdale read "The Christian's One Rule."
Mrs. Carlisle Campbell outlined the study course for the year, and eighteen ladies joined the class. The first meeting will be with Mrs. E. E. Richardson on February 16th.

Mrs. Luther Hodges, chairman of the program committee, read a paper entitled, "A Creed for the New Year."
Mrs. Leslie Barksdale read "Protestant Missions in Mexico Today." This was a sketch of the life of Baring-Gould, who wrote "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Mrs. S. M. Hampton presented "Onward Christian Soldiers."
Very encouraging reports were given by the Home and Foreign treasurers, and after the usual business was transacted, the meeting adjourned.

During the social hour Mrs. Ould, assisted by Mrs. Ray, served tea, wafers, crystallized ginger and pickle.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. A. D. Ivie on March 3rd.

LOCALS

Mrs. W. D. Carter will entertain the Wednesday afternoon bridge club tomorrow.

Mrs. W. O. Jenkins entertained the Tuesday luncheon club today.

People Watch Near Wilson Home Those Who Come and Go

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—A fringe of folk on S Street before the Wilson home waiting to see the great ones who came and went; and a guardian of police who turned unnecessary traffic from the steep narrow street, alone marked outwardly the preparations for the last honors to the dead war president.

No marshalling of troops for a parade of sorrow was needed; no setting of the lines that thousands might pass beside his pier, for he will go to his long sleep tomorrow in the character in which death found him—a plain American citizen, with the days of his place and high dignities put aside forever.

FILIPINOS TO GET BIBLES IN THEIR NATIVE TONGUES

(By Associated Press)
Manila, Feb. 4.—The earthquake and fire in Japan last September were the cause of bringing to Manila the largest individual typesetting and printing order ever undertaken in the Philippine Islands. The job is that of putting into type every word of the Bible in seven Philippine dialects for the American Bible Society.

Prior to the earthquake the printing for the American Bible Society in the Philippines was done in Japan, but the plant at Tokio was destroyed.

The contract for the typesetting, which requires about 24,000,000 ems, was signed today by L. C. Moore, manager of the Sugar News Press, and Rev. G. B. Cameron, manager of the American Bible Society in the Philippines.

The work will be done on a single linotype, which will be operated sixteen hours a day by two men working eight hours a day each. They will be busy for the next year and nine months. More than 21,000 Bibles are included in the first order. The seven Philippine dialects are Ilocano, Pangasinan, Pampangan, Tagalog, Bicol, Panayan and Cebuano.

Senate Committee Compelled to Await Arrival of Witness

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Feb. 5.—Because of misunderstanding as to the hour of meeting of the Senate oil committee, Samuel Underleider, head of a Cleveland stock brokerage firm was not present to testify to his name when it was called. No other witness had been summoned for today and further investigation of naval oil leases was deferred until Thursday.

MILESTONES IN LIFE OF WOODROW WILSON
Washington, Feb. 4.—Woodrow Wilson's life was marked by these milestones:
Born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856.
Graduated at Princeton University, 1879.
Selected as president of Princeton, August 1, 1902, after 17 years as college professor.
Elected governor of New Jersey, November 8, 1910.
Nominated for President in the democratic national convention Baltimore, July 2, 1912.
Elected President, November 4, 1912.
Inaugurated March 4, 1913.
Re-elected President November 7, 1916.
Asked Congress to declare war on Germany April 2, 1917.
Sailed for France, December 8, 1918, as head of American peace commission.
Signed treaty of Versailles, June 28, 1919.
Carried fight with Senate over League of Nations to country September 3, 1919.
Suffered nervous breakdown near Whiteita, Kansas, September 26, 1919.
Stricken with paralysis at White House, October 5, 1919.
Retired from Presidency, March 4, 1921.
Died at Washington, February 8, 1924.

DR. CHARLES HERBERT LEVERMORE IS WINNER OF BOK PRIZE, \$50,000
Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—Dr. Charles Herbert Levermore, of New York, student of international relations, writer and former college professor was announced as the winner of the \$100,000 prize offered by Edward W. Bok, Philadelphia publisher, for the best plan to preserve peace among the nations of the world.

Dr. Levermore was announced as the winner by John W. Davis, of the policy committee of the American peace award, at a meeting at the Academy of Music. Mr. Davis also presented him with \$50,000, half of Mr. Bok's prize, and the remainder will be given only if the plan is accepted by Congress of the United States. Dr. Levermore's plan was number 1469 in a total of 22,165 received.

"It's the easiest thing on earth for a man to deceive himself.—Ben Franklin.

BILLY SUNDAY ADDS TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF WOODROW WILSON

A beautiful tribute was paid Woodrow Wilson Sunday afternoon by Billy Sunday at the men's meeting at the tabernacle when 8,000 or more men were present.

He said: "Woodrow Wilson was a Christian. It was what Woodrow Wilson put into his life that caused the flags to stand at half mast today. Woodrow Wilson gave his life for principles that echoed over the moonlit hills of Judea, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

"Woodrow Wilson was a Christian. The words of Wilson last night when he said he was ready proved this. Tragically beautiful was the expression to which he gave utterance to his physician, Dr. Grayson, 'I am a broken machine.'

"I thought I heard heavenly music at 11:15 this morning. It was the angel greeting Woodrow Wilson."

The use of radio is still in its infancy, but new and marvelous uses to which it may be put are crowding hard and fast on the wings of time, and the end is not yet.

The cat in gloves catches no mice.—Ben Franklin.

Many Attending Mass Meeting at Wentworth
Wentworth, Feb. 4.—The citizens' mass meeting here today is well attended.

At noon, the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Neither the County Board of Education nor the Board of County Commissioners were meeting at their usual hour.

Who is wise? He that learns from every one.—Ben Franklin.

Weather
Showers today, colder; fair, colder tomorrow.

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.—Ben Franklin.

The cat in gloves catches no mice.—Ben Franklin.