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#### PEACE NOTE PRESENTED

German Proposition Handed to All Greensboro News. Enemy Governments Yesterday-Lloyd-George Makes Speech This Afternoon Giving England's Reply.

The peace note of the Cer al Powers was handed to the Brand Government yesterday by Walter Hines Evidently these newspapers and thoughtful citizens of that communi-Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

There were no formalities in conpeace proposals by Mr. Page. note was enclosed in a large white envelope. It was handed by Authassa-der Page to Lord Robert Ceell without any comment and the recipient the transmission of the message from the Central Powers.

The two diplomats spent a short time in conversation but as one said: We talked about everything but the contents of the envelope."

#### Torms Seem Necessary.

The note is being considered by the the Allies of Great Britain so that joint action may be taken. This is expected to take at least a week.

The presentation of the German evasion of responsibility, note to the Entente Allied Governments has now practically been ac-complished. While the British Foreign Office was receiving the docuaftern noon a similar delivery was taking place in Paris.

The Swiss Minister at Rome has presented the note of the Central and through the same channel the message was presented to Belgium and Portugal also without comment. The Netherlands Minister tendered the peace proposals to Serbia in behalf of Bulgaria.

Prior to receipt of the note by the British Foreign Office, the deliveries to Italy, Belgium and other countries had permitted exchanges concerning the exact official contents which proved to be substantially the same as given in the speech made in the Reichstag by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and without containing any specific indication of the

It is also being observed in official circles that the note was uniformly berculosis League of that city as folpresented without comment. This is lows: taken to indicate that Germany framed the communications so that the neutral intermediaries would act only as forwarding agents, at least

the House of Commons today is ex-pected to show the general attitude of the British Government. after exchanges between the Entente Allies will determine the nature of the joint reply, but informal conferthe ground.

Child is Killed in Auto Accident. Gastonia Dispatch. Dec. 17

Gamewell Smith, aged four, was instantly killed and his father, Barnett Smith, a well to do merchant of Kings Mountain and the latter's wife, were badly bruised at six o'clock this evening when Smith's car turned turtle, a mile west of the city. and Mrs. Jason Fry, also of Kings Mountain, who were riding with them, were more or less seriously injured. The party had been to York, C., and were en route home when the accident occurred. Fry was driving, having asked Smith to let him try his hand at the wheel and stating that he had had experience running autos.

They met another car and in passng it the young driver apparently became excited and put on full speed. He lost control of the machine and

it left the road, turning over twice. A two year old baby of Smith's which was in its mother's lap, was also badly bruised and may be injured internally. The dead boy's body was brought here and will be shipped to Kings Mountain tonight.

## JERRY WANTS A LUNG

Purchase of Red Cross Seals Will

Help Supply Need, WANTED: A good lung. This was the theme of a letter in rhyme received the other day by the St. Louis Society for the Relief and Prevention of Tuberculosis from ten-year-old Jerry O'Connor, a pupil at the open air school formerly conducted by that society. His poem, inspired by the Red Cross Christmas Seal sale fol-

"Now, if there's a present goin round.

There's just one thing for me, Ask Santee for one new lung. A right one-mine's T. B.

"T. B. is what skinny folks has., It kills us poor, weak boys. So, in your prayers remember me. I wish you a thousan' joys,

"A Merry Christmas to you all, A song I've often sung-But don't forget dis skinny kid.

And pay for his new lung. There are thousands of Jerrys all over the United States who want 'new lungs" and a chance to save their old ones. The sale of Red Cross Seals helps to provide open air schools, sanatorium, and home carfor such boys as Jerry. You can help by buying some.

tice writing "1917."

Commission Government for Town FRENCH DRIVE IN VERDUN And County.

It is announced that the Asheville papers have united in editorial advocacy of the "commission form" of government for their county of Buncombe.

railed at the Foreign Office early in ty perceive that county government the day. In the absence of A. J. Bat- could be rendered more economic. four, the Foreign Secretary, he pre-sented the note to Lord Robert Cecil. more efficient, and more responsive to the people's will, if it could be reshaped according to the model of the new municipal government in Ashenection with the presentation of the ville, which has been so uniformly The satisfactory in town and cities all over the country. Evidently, there must be some special virtue akin to magic in it.

If these citizens will take the troumade no reference to the question of peace, simply thanking Mr. Page for study to the subject, they will perceive that these various charters have a few things in common. These in-

There are very few elective officers. These few officers are important enough to attract and to deserve publie attention.

There is a concentration of power British Cabinet today. The next step and responsibility. There is a well-after the meeting of the Cabinet will defined sphere of responsibility and be to get into communication with duty for each elective officer, and in the Allies of Great Britain so that any in lance of un atisfactory adminintration, there can be neither doubt to where the fault should lie nor

These are visible officers and this is visible representative government. Such government the Daily News has for years advocated for Bunment from Ambaesador Page shortly combe county, for Guilford county, for every county in the State, and for

the State itself. We do not, however, call it "com-mission" government; the counties Powers to Italy without comment, already have government by commis-We call it by its proper dession. criptive title, as does everyone who has had his attention directed to the essential principle#the principle that has the magic in it. We call it short ballot government.

#### SECRETARY BAKER LIKES RED CROSS SEAL IDEA

Wants His Children to Become Partners in Anti-Tuberculosis Fight.

Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, is an enthusiast in the use of Red Cross Christmas Seals. A year ago, when he was still Mayor of Cleveland, he wrote to the Anti- Tu-

"I enclose my check for \$1.75 for this year's seals and also my order for seals for 1916. No other one thing means so much to life, health and happiness to the people of Cleve-Premier Lloyd-George's speech in land as the fight against tuberculosis The League is offering a great privi-There giving them this opportunity to join forces in a great cause.

"Please send twenty-five Seals to each of my children. Address them ences already have prepared much of Betty, Jack and Peggy Baker, respec tively, at my house, 1851 Crawford Road. I want them each to put seals on each of their Christmas presents so that they will learn that they, too, are partners in the community burden and share the community opportunity.

"Yours very truly "NEWTON D. BAKER. (Signed)

Have you bought your Red Cross Seals and shouldered thereby your share of the community burden and opportunity?

#### Newspaper Situation. Washington Dispatch, Dec. 18.

The Federal Trade Commission in inquiries to all the interests conage exists.

Publishers of the larger papers were asked if they will relinquish some of the paper they have contracts or theusands. for during 1917; small publishers were asked the extent of their 1917 needs; manufacturers were directed 1917 contracts and their next year's production; and jobbers were requested to furnish general information regarding the amount of newsprint paper they will handle.

The conference discussed a plan proposed by manufacturers in which objection on the part of the large cent campaign. publishers. Plans of the publishers W. Marsh for financing paper mills to help take him the following letter: of newspaper needs, it was "My Dear Mr. Treasurer, said today, are taking rapid shape.

own needs or go out of business. ufacturers and jobbers will be called pleasure in enclosing my cheque for into conference again, probably next two thousand five hundred dollars week.

## Social.

Mr. W. H. Andrews of Washington, and Col. W. P. Andrews of Atlanta will arrive Friday to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. L. D. Andrews.

Miss Gene Ashcraft, who has been teaching science in Miss Scoville's One excellent and harmless way of arrive Friday to spend Christman deen thankfulness for a great many Anherait.

## SECTOR NETS NEW GAINS

Additional Ground and Prisoners Taken-Berlin Asserts War Losses of British and Freach Total Are Now 5,100,000.

The British Prime Minister will rely Tuesday afternoon in the House and French Forelan Others, an church Send nd al a will outline the policy of the that will have a far-reaching effect fourth chapter of J.

ntire occupancy of the Chambrettes to him and Mrs. Steve farm, northeast of Verdun, and about rival hast spring. "Conroe is my the center of their advance of last home town," and Mr. sievens," and week. Frizoners taken in the latest French thrut on the Verdun front now total more than 11,000, in addition to 115 cannon and 107 machine captured or destroyed. Parist reports the repulse of several Gernan offensity attempts in the Somme town. End N. W. Sevens, and St. Sevens, and St.

he British losses at 1,300,000. estimated at 800,000. share being 550,000. The German the masning of the word until we the G 500,060.

Von Mackensen have been successful in miner engagements. Petrograd asserts that in the region of the Filipe Chti Railroad station east of Buzeu, three to twelve are put to death at hostile attacks were arrested.

The Babadagh - Pecineaga Line, about 40 miles north of the Tehernavoda-Constanza Railway, has been crossed by the Teutonic troops, who for having servants, but it pays to do now have taken virtually all the ground they held during their previous advance in northern Dobrudja. The advance in Dobrudia brings the forces of the Central Powers near the important railroad and storage centers of Ibraila and Galatz.

On the western Moldavina trontier the Russians have taken two ridges of heights, according to Petrograd. One ridge was in the Uzul Valley and the other east of Galshutte, where more than 200 prisoners were captur-

Except for the repulse of Russian attacks by the Austro-Germans near Lutsk, in Volhynia, and near Zboroff, in Galicia, there has been little activity on the other battle fronts.

Berlin announces that a French battleship of the Patrie class was damaged heavily by a torpedo from a German submarine in the Mediteredoed southwest of Sicily. The French Admiralty denies the loss of a French warship of the Patrie class.

Seventeen American muleteers the British horne transport, Russian, was sunk by a submarine in the Moditerranean Sea, according to an announcement by the British Admiralty, Eleven members of the crew also lost their lives. The Russian is declared to have been empty at the time she was sunk.

## CHILDREN AS SEAL SELLERS

Medals For Successful Salesmen of Holiday Stickers.

Children are live wire salesmen of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Medals of merit await those who excel in Federal Trade Commission After this year's sale. Last year Mary Kendall of Grand Rapids, Mich., beat all records with a sale of 34,250 seals. But there were other good sellers. conference today with committees of For example, there was Ona Wendt, facturers and jobbers in an effort to entire sale in six towns in Lake counwork out a plan for relieving the ty, Oregon. Erin Pratt acted as masnewsprint paper situation, addressed cot of the Seal sale at New Orleans and sold seven thousand herself. cerned throughout the country to as- Julius Peters, aged nine, of Lake certain if an actual newsprint short-seals soid in her town, 552 in all. ure in heaven. We need 40 helpers market prices. In the matter of girls who helped by selling hundreds what will be your life work? In mak-

Every boy or girl who sells ten button and certificate of enrollment to inform the commission concerning in the National Modern Health Crusaders. For one hundred seals, he will get a silver pin and for 500 a

#### Pres. Wilson Contributes to the Campaign Funds.

President Wilson is the latest notalarge publications would give up five ble contributor to the fund being per cent of their 1917 contracts supplies to fill the needs of small published by popular subscription to pay off the deficit incurred by the Demolishers, to which there is a growing cratic national committee in the re-Treasurer Wilbur has just received from

"I do not want to be left out in Some publishers are of the opinion the work of paying the deficit in the the publishers of the country campaign funds which you and your must arrange to take care of their associates are working so unselfishly to make good. I therefore beg that The committees of publishers, man- you will let me contribute and take

"Cordially and sincerely (Signed) WOODROW WILSON. Hon Wilbur W. Marsh, Treasure: Democratic National Committee." This is the President's second contribution to the fund, he having sent

As time goes by the American peo ple will realize more and more fully welcoming the new year is to pract with her parents, Dr. and Mrv. J. E. ovit things that might have betailen them in 1916 and did not!

before the election.

## CIGARETTES AND THE GOSPEL

Shall the American Tobacco Company Be More Active in Spreading Their Products in China Than the Teaching of Christianity? Asks Rev. G. P. Stevens, Who Spoke in Presby-terian Church Sunday.

Rev. George P. Stevens, who has of Commons to the German peace been doing missionary work in China note which has been transmitted by for the past seven years, spoke to a the Agerican Ambarsasi as to the large congress. Presbyteri-

The server and red with the ew Government-a pronouncement reading of thaty vives from the on the world war.

French troops have regained the tion of the couldal go Mr. Scever : cores at his appreciaing extended on their aran offencive attempts in the Somme us in this union be vice. As you will require about four pints of soil that the source of the Breach plant is the government of t lin place the losses of the French now being a Republic and the Presi-army to date at 3,890,000 men, and deat is favorable to Christianity. Water kee which is very encouraging, as "the The Argio-French losses on the pulse of the nation changes with the gish. It lowers the blood pressure. Somme to the end of November are estimated at 800,000. The German some some and declared by see conditions there. One cause of empty stomach. L. L. Lev le on less than so much poverty is so much poverty is famine. Two famines have over-In the region of Buzea, Berlin taken the land since I have been cesses of digestion, states, the soldiers of Field Marshal there, caused by floods. Because of the habit of delability

> men receive eight cents per day and a servant can hired for \$2.50 per month. We are sometimes critizised and restlessness. so in order that the women may have

more time to teach. Dishonesty is great too. Nearly all officials will take bribes and the head man in a village will collect toll from every member of the village to en-

rich himself. You cannot help remarking upon the vast illiteracy of the country. Only 10 out of 100 men can read and 1 out of 100 women. The boys run wild and grow up without education the seven pestilential diseases.—h. Cole, baritone; James Merrow and the seven pestilential diseases.—h. Cole, baritone; James Merrow and D. Stewart.

Christian schools that the pupils do Whitfield, drummer. Christian schools that the pupils do all they can to help themselves, but some of them cannot raise the required 30 cents to go to school. Superstition as you know abounds in Chi-

were killed on December 14 when them and even the heathen teachers only thing that can uproot supersit- of individual workers. were enrolled in Bible classes. In

United States; they read American Here's a new cutton crop soon com- terest of their complayees in their history and talk of Washington, Lin- ing on the market, for example. Be-coln and Wilson. They are eager for kin planning to get it properly grad-eral letters that Mr. Countingham Western education and the one peril ed, and then get two, ten or twenty has received from the General Manwith the influx of Western science is neighbors to sell with you. Pooling atheism.

opportunities like the women. Shall combined patronage to warehouses customers. while-invest in China, lay up treas- packing methods in order to get full wishes. I am, And there were hosts of boys and in our work. Young men and women. ing your decision don't forget the profit. call to China and other places. Are men in Monroe who are willing " Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

## THE HEAVENS IN CONTEST.

Graded School Children Will Present a Unique Contest Between Father Time and Mother Earth Thursday

On Thursday evening, December grades of the Monroe Graded School will present the play entitled "The Glory of the World."

The theme of the play is a contest in which Father Time and Mother Earth are to come to a final decision as to what is the greatest glory of the

Among the contestants are the Sun. Moon, Stars, Snow, Rain, Wind, Aurora Borealis, Rainbow, Flowers, Harvest, Toil, Liberty, Fame, Folly, Youth, Learning, Charity, Gold, the Christmas spirit and her attendants. Admission ten cents, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the school.

Everybody should so live that he in order to celebrate fittingly twelve a cheque for a like amount six weeks months hence the dying of the present bright young year.

Some people are afraid to keep a diary because of the fool actions they year. regardless.

#### Water.

Water, water, water, everywhere and not a drop to drink. Our Monroe water is too hard and

too heavy. Our water system needs a filter water.

Mud, clay, lime salts and other solids accumulate in the pipes, If there are any wells or springs of

kept in condition for use. Of the four natural health agencies after which water is the most important.

Water is by far the best remedy to preciate their work. prevent or to overcome the chronic idosis. Chemically, physiologically and

Eighteen hundred colories of food learn to blow their instruments.

Water keeps the blood current from becoming too thick and slee-

It should not be taken at meal

It should not be taken at town advantage time as it interferes with the pro-time as it interferes with the pro-stand and scats.

Some of the members want to se-

ing water to keep us all well and a fortable during the hot summer days. cheap water for commercial purposes,

drainage, cleansing, sprinkling, etc. health of any community.

ver, typhus fever, Asiatic cholera, bu-

## Why Not Market Farm Produce This Way.

If our farmers are to prosper as But why do I speak of these things that we have all heard about so often? I heard of them before I went to market co-operatively. What would a German submarine in the Mediter-ranean Sea on December 12 and that on the previous day a French trans-port, carrying 1,000 soldiers, was torthink we should be reminded lest in the rush of business and other things how excessive would be the cost, and that accompdation and a respect for how much greater are the profits the wishes and convenience of the There is an encouraging sign and made in manufacturing today be-There is an encouraging sign and made in manufacturing today be public, instead of the "public be a would speak of that. Those people cause in every factor in America damned" attitude maintained by corappreciate what you are doing for there is one selling agency or office porations for years, were essentials -selling scientifically the product of

> 1900 from ten to fifteen thousand in co-operation with your lather, office have almost doubled, and they brothers, and near klafolk, taking are still on the lactuage. There are great opportunities in in other neighbors as fast as your you higher cotton seed may selling butter, wise selling methods

Or take the marketing of surplus Seals this year will get a handsome there not some young men and wo- products vegetables, fruit, poultry, ggs, on the average farm. Too of give up their best to give China the ten one farmer makes a trip to town just to sell a ham, another to sell a half-dozen pullets, another to sell a almost as much as he gets out of his sales. The farmer does not know market conditions nor what are fair prices. The whole system is about he worst that could be imagined. much better it would be for How 21. at eight o'clock, the intermediate every neighborhood to adopt instead a plan such as farmers in one neighborhood recently adopted: One man was employed to act as marketing agent for the entire group, going to the market town, say on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and selling for a commission of 15 per cent. Three collecting stations were named (at farmers' honess', one say three miles, one six ndir and one nine miles from the market town. these collecting stations the neighbors sent on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings whatever stuff they wished their market man to sell for them the following day. Thus one may do the work of many; a regular Hae of customers may be built up: will not need to become intexicated the marketing man will know what prices are right and get them, and there are other obvious advantages. Begin co-operative selling now!

> On the first day of the glad New Year a goodly crowd of men will get know they will commit during the busy and assist in preparing those Others write the facts down famous pavements made of good intentions. This is a good work.

HO FOR THE MONROE BAND

Local Musicians stave Received Their Instruments and Are Bary Practic-

Nearly seven hundred and fifty and a distiller to soften the drinking dollars worth of band in truments and music was received here Saturday by the members of the historie band, which was recently organized, The boys paid upot cash out or their roft water around Mouroe, they are own pockets for the instrumenta just treasures to be taken care of and to show the town folks that they meant business, but later on they hope to receive substantial aid from the business men, and others who ap-

J. T. Holloway has been chosen to billious state or the condition of ac- lead the band, and he wall also instruct those who cannot you play their Instruments. Four members, N. W. Tharp. Rob Laney, Geomet Lee and

and other entertainments in Monroe and throughout the Stale provided they can secure engagements. It has Water absorbs or neutralizes the also been suggested that they render concerts next summer every Sunday People should drink water on an afternoon on the court house square, mpty stomach. The boys are willing to do this if the town authorities will provide a band

cure regulation band suits. One the famine they have a great many the habit of drinking from three to member has suggested that they serobbers. The execution ground is six pints of water a day. cure a blue and white uniform-It is just as necessary to health as coats and white pants-and masthree to twelve are put to death at a time. Labor is cheap. Laboring tion to the child. on to the child.

Water and oxygen, inside and out probable that Monroe folks will witare the best remedies for nervousness hess the right of reeing the boys dressed up in the red band uniforms, Our city needs a good soft drink- which make the wearer as uncom-

There are fifteen musicians-or about-to-be musicians-in the band. Good drainage and good sanitation Their names and the instruments are absolutely necessary to the good they will blow, follow: Clarence health of any community.

The unsanitary conditions in some parts of our city, if allowed to obtain in a hot zone, would cause yellow fereign to be the parts of our city. If allowed to obtain in a hot zone, would cause yellow fereign to be the parts of our city. If allowed to obtain in a hot zone, would cause yellow fereign to be the parts of the parts o Amos Stack, trombone: bonie plague and any other three of Hasty and Curtis Lee, clarinet; Bill

## PLEASING THE BOSS

should, they must learn to R. H. Cunningham, Local Western Union Manager, is Making an Enviable Reputation for Himself, and He Received the Congratulation of

Years of work in the rallegad serfor success in these days. say that the Christian religion is the scores, hundreds or even thousands the Western Union people lures, him tion. It is encouraging to see the willingness of the educated Chiness sonsen, and that they are learning it, willingness of the educated Chiness is proved by the letters in this issue, noticeable at once. Now, during the monthly the If you can't go any further, be course of five months, the monthly 1990 from ten to fifteen thousand satisfied to make a start by selling receipts of the local Western Union

The Western Union people are They are friendly to the can convert them to the betier way, ever on the alect to increase the inager of the Southern Division

I trust you friends here in Monroe, profits than you think possible, some newspaper clipping of Town Sketchseeing this great opportunity will co-operators receiving 2,500 pounds es', attached, is gratifying to me, and earnestly pray God's blessing on us of meal for a ton of seed this spring. I constatulate you upon the good serand our work. The men of the Or take tobacco; some farmers are vice rendered and the favorable imconference today with committees of a 14-year-old girl, who managed an church do not seem to awake to these getting big profits by turning their pression made upon your friends and We are all working for the American Tobacco Co. be more that recognize them. If you are sell- the same interests, and I can assure active in spreading cigaretts and to- jug corn, hay, meat, etc., it is all you that each of us is always pleased bacco than you are in spreading the the more important to sell in quanti-gospel? Do something really worth ties and learn proper grading and "With kind regards and best "With kind regards and best

> Very truly yours, "J. C. Wharton are bringing 10 to 12 cents a pound General Manager Southern Division. 'Richmond, Va."

## Mineral Springs News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mineral Springs, Dec. 18 .- Our little town has been very much cheered bushel of peas, another to sell a peck of late by having with it Miss Virginia of onlons. Each man's time is worth Lilly of Fayetteville, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. M. Winchester. Mr. and Mrs. William Hartage of

> Chattanooga, Tenn., are spending some time with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krauss. Miss Edna Winchester is spending the week-end in Monroe with her sis-

> ter, Miss Ruby Winchester. Mrs. Richard Driskill of Hamlet was a visitor here Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. George Winchester delightfully entertained the pupils

> and teachers of the school a few evenings ago at a "corn popping" Mrs. Lee Polk and daughters, Miss Viola and little Miss Helen

> visited in Waxhaw last Funday. Miss Olive Krauss spent the latter part of the week here with her pa-

> Miss Ruby Winchester visited her parents from Saturday until Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Doster of Monroe laitevd relatives here Sunday. Miss Smith entertained her pupils

> Friday evening from 7 to 9:30 o'clock. The most interesting feature of the evening was a book contest, in which Miss Vivian Winchester was the lucky contestant. Ambo sale was served at the close to the at

School will suspend Friday evening for the holidays, with any rinte exercises and a Christmus Tre-