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WILSON ASKS FOR PEACE

CALLS UPON NATIONS TO SET FORTH THEIR VIEWS.

President Unexpectedly Forces Request That Both Sides State Their Terms and See How Far Apart They Are.

Washington Dispatch, Dec. 20.

President Wilson has appealed to all the belligerents to discuss terms of peace.

Without actually proposing peace or offering mediation, the President has sent formal notes to the Governments of all the warring Nations suggesting that "an early occasion be sought to call out from the Nations at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or kindling of any similar conflict in the future, as would make it possible frankly to compare them."

Wholly without notice and entirely contrary to what Administration officials have described in his course, the President last night dispatched notes to all the belligerents and to all the neutrals for their information. Summarized in the President's own words as contained in the notes, his attitude is as follows:

"The President is not proposing peace; he is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral Nations with the belligerent, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks will be understood by all concerned and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

All the notes proceed identically as follows:

May Take Initiative.

"The President suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the Nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its renewal or the kindling of any similar conflict in the future as would make it possible frankly to compare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the initiative in its accomplishment, in any way that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instrumentality. One way will be as acceptable to him as another if only the great object he has in mind be attained."

"He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak people and small States as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful States not at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future, along with all other Nations and peoples, against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind. Each would be jealous of the formation of a league of Nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the present war upon terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the Nations involved."

U. S. Vitrally Interested.

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world the people and Government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the Governments now at war. Their interests, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker people of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or Government. They stand ready, and even eager, to co-operate in accomplishment of these ends, when the war is over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest; the President does feel that it is right and his duty to point out their intimate interest in its conclusion, lest it should presently be too late to accomplish the greater things which lie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral Nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than all, an injury be done civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired."

"The President therefore feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a comparison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world, which all desire in which the neutral Nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed toward undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of

CRAG GIVES TO PRISONERS' FAMILIES

Orders Ten Dollars Sent to Each Out of the Prison Funds for Christmas Present.

Six hundred and fifteen dependent families of convicts in North Carolina will receive within a few days \$10 each from the funds of the State Prison under authority of a resolution passed by the board. The action was taken upon recommendation of Governor Locke Craig, who yesterday declared that while this may be a stretch of legal authority yet, if the legislature should disapprove of the appropriation or a private citizen, through legal process should demand its return to the treasury "it will be returned with promptness."

Coming on the heels of his sweeping authorization and request for the Christmas parole of trusty convicts, Governor Craig goes before the people with the announcement of a Christmas gift that will send cheer into 615 homes by the appropriation of \$6,150 by the State Prison Board. Governor Craig further states that he will recommend to the Legislature such action that will make this gift systematic and will also recommend that the Prison Board retain sufficient earnings to construct a modern prison at the State farm.

Governor Craig made the following formal statement: "The board of directors of the State's Prison have passed a resolution appropriating a sum of money necessary to give ten dollars to the dependent and needy families of the prisoners confined in the State's Prison. The resolution was passed by the unanimous vote of the board of directors, on the recommendation of the Governor."

"During my administration the State's Prison has been more prosperous and successful I believe than ever before. It has made clear, above all expenses of every kind, about \$350,000. The State gets the benefit of this large surplus. This net earning of the prison has been due to wise and economical management, and has been earned by the labor of the prisoners."

"The farm has been managed well, and has succeeded beyond precedent. Many prisoners have been hired out to the Hardaway Construction Company, at the price of \$1.50 and \$2.00 a day, under the supervision of the prison."

Families Are Needy.

"While the prisoners have been earning this money for the State the dependent families of most of them have been in hard circumstances for the necessities of life. It seems to me but just, and it seemed to the prison board but just that a small sum should be appropriated by the board and donated to the dependent families, who are in need. A large amount could not be given to each family—it would aggregate too much, and then it might be wasted. Under this resolution six hundred and fifteen families will be aided, making the total of \$6,150."

"The hardships of winter press upon the poor. In this time of universal prosperity, in these days of general rejoicing and benevolence this gift from the directors of the Prison Board will relieve some suffering in the lowly homes of the unfortunate, and may be to all a testimonial that the State remembers them in sympathy."

"The appropriation of this money made by the Prison Board may be some stretch of legal authority, but every citizen of this State can be assured that if the Legislature should disapprove of this appropriation, or, if by legal process, any citizen of this State should demand its return to the treasury of the Prison, every dollar of it will be returned with promptness."

Recommend to Legislature.

"I will bring this subject to the attention of the General Assembly, and make recommendations in accordance with the action of the Board of Directors of the State's Prison, with the view that the subject may be systematically managed. The Governor stated that he would further recommend to the General Assembly that the Directors of the State's prison retain a sufficient amount of the earnings of the prison to construct a modern prison at the State farm, equipped for the best management and care of the prisoners."

Child is Killed When Range Back Explodes.

Newton Dispatch, Dec. 20.

Nancy Shelton Wagner, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner, was almost instantly killed when the frozen water back in range at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wagner exploded a few moments after a fire had been built in the firebox. Mrs. Clyde Wagner, the child's aunt, was holding her in her arms, and the explosion literally blew the girl out of her aunt's arms, through an open doorway and into an adjoining room. Flying metals crushed her skull and broke her arms. Mrs. Wagner herself escaped without injury but was stunned. The range was wrecked completely, a kitchen cabinet was broken up and a door blown from its hinges. Windows were smashed and the entire kitchen made to look as if a tornado had hit it.

Marshville and Her Hotel.

Marshville Home. It will be good news to the people of this section to learn that the Marshville hotel is to remain open under the direction of Mrs. Fitzrander and Miss Wrenn, two enterprising ladies, formerly of Hoffman. These ladies are confident of their ability to give Marshville a first class hotel, and desire the co-operation of the public in their efforts. Water will be put in and other conveniences added.

MADE TO ORDER BANKERS.

Captain Howie Is Being Urged to Become a Money Changer by Mail.

Messrs. J. D. Henby, D. J. Henby, J. W. Rallings, and the other promoters of the proposed Indian Trail bank, had better be keeping a strict watch on Capt. W. L. Howie, else he will cap the whole bank for himself. Little did Perry Garmon, the Journal's Indian Trail correspondent, dream of the prominence that would come to the Captain as a result of a feature head announcing that a bank had been organized for Indian Trail, and that Capt. W. L. Howie was building the floors for the building.

The Manufacturers' Record, always on the lookout for anything pertaining to commercial or manufacturing enterprises, copied the Indian Trail item and printed it in its columns. Not knowing the name of the president, one of the stockholders, they showed Capt. Howie's name in order that jobbers and bankers could get in touch with the promoters through him. Today the Capt. was completing his heavy mail. He can't find time to answer all of the letters, and to employ a stenographer would be too much of an expense. So the letters remain unanswered.

One bank, the Third National Bank of the City of New York, wrote to the Capt. requesting that they be allowed to finance the bank, while numerous other firms are desiring to sell Capt. Howie some bank fixtures, stationery, etc. One firm offered to supply all of the fixtures at a reasonable price, and throw in four bronze eagles—a sign of wisdom—to boot.

With such inducements as have been offered the Capt. has been advised to go into the banking business. If Indian Trail refuses to accept him as the town banker, he has been advised to seek other locations, Stout, or Mineral Springs, for instance. Anyway, the Capt. promises to give The Journal one of those eagles if he decides to take the offer up.

How the Thing Works.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

The price of white newspaper continues to soar, having now advanced from two and a quarter cents per pound to nearly eight cents per pound for the kind the Ansonian uses. Last week's issue of this paper cost us nearly forty dollars for paper alone. And yet some people see no reason why a paper should charge more for it than it cost to produce. The Postoffice Department now advises the government to charge newspaper publishers more postage for sending their papers through the mails and it is likely that the papers will be required to pay more postage. This is not said in any spirit of complaining. We want the government to charge what is right for carrying the Ansonian through the mails and we are going to pay. We have raised the price of the paper from one dollar to one dollar and fifty cents per year and this, we think is justified by the higher cost of white paper, labor, metal and other things included in the cost of publishing the paper. We do not believe the majority of our subscribers blame us for this and we are glad to note that they keep right on renewing.

The dollar we received for a year's subscription last year would buy eight dozen eggs but the one-fifty we get today will buy only four dozen; last year we could take the price of a year's subscription and buy eight pounds of ham but today, with the extra fifty cents added, a year's subscription buys only five. Then it took ten pounds of cotton to pay for a whole year's subscription while today it takes only eight, with the extra fifty cents added. These facts, we think, prove that our subscription price is lower in proportion than farm products. Now come on across with that dollar and a half and let us continue to talk back and forth to each other during 1917.

[What the Ansonian says is doubly true in the case of The Journal for the Ansonian is just the size of The Journal but only once a week.]

Death of Mr. Edwards.

Marshville Home.

Mr. W. A. Edwards died at the home of his brother, Mr. T. M. Edwards last Friday after an illness of long duration. Mr. Edwards was born in Marshville township and resided here until about 13 years ago when he went to Los Angeles, Cal. During his stay there he was engaged in school work. He married there and his wife and two children survive him. He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. T. M. Edwards and A. R. Edwards and three sisters, Miss Ellen Edwards and Mrs. W. H. Griffin of Marshville township, and Mrs. J. D. High of Union S. C. Deceased was about 43 years of age. He returned here from Los Angeles last September.

The family has the sympathy of the public in their sorrow.

Marks of Catawba Flood.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

The marks of the big July flood will be on Catawba river bottoms at Van Wyck for many years. Trees as large as a man's body were uprooted or broken off. The sediment from back water in the bottoms is a foot thick in many places and in some considerably more. At one place in Mr. Yoder's bottoms where he had fine corn there is now a mound of mud of similar water. Another place is a bottom of mud and now has a growth of grasses and weeds. Still another place is a bottom of mud and now has a growth of grasses and weeds.

Wingate News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, Dec. 21.—The following students have returned from colleges to spend the holidays at home: from Wake Forest, Messrs. John Bivens, Roy Liles, Brooks Liles and Spurgeon Black; from Meredith, Misses Mary Perry Stewart, Mary Gaddy, Ellen Gaddy, Mary Bennette; from Oxford, Misses Ruth Black and Bessie McIntyre; from Chowan, Miss Ethel Snyder; from Coker, Miss Lee Griffin; from Greensboro Normal, Miss Hope Watson; from Chapel Hill, Mr. William Redfeare. Very few towns of Wingate's size are better represented at the various colleges. Wingate is proud of her college folks and their high standing.

Prof. and Mrs. B. Y. Tyner and Miss Sarah Bivens of Fredericksburg, Va., are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bivens.

The Fidelity Sunday school class of the Meadow Branch Baptist church will entertain the Berean class at the Wingate high school auditorium tonight.

The lower grades of Wingate high school will give an entertainment Friday night in the school auditorium. This marks the close of a very successful fall term. School opens again on January 2nd.

Miss Ruby K. Lee, of the Commercial department of the Wingate high school, left today for her home at Blanche, N. C., where she will spend the holidays. Miss Lee has carried the largest commercial class in the history of the school. She has twenty-three pupils.

Mr. LeGrande Bennette has received the annual commercial class scholarship for the spring term because of his record in typewriting.

The Meadow Branch Baptist church sent a valuable box to the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage last Tuesday.

Mr. Hamp Griffin has been quite sick for the past few weeks.

Mr. Enoch Griffin fell from his porch several days ago and broke two ribs. He is recovering slowly. Mrs. Griffin has also been very feeble for the past two or three weeks but is improving.

Rev. J. A. Bivens has been quite sick for the past few days.

Mr. Brooks Jerome, who has been attending school at Cullowhee, and Mr. Eugene Stewart from Cary have returned home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Almost all of the boarding students and teachers will go home for Christmas.

Miss Thelma Humphrey left Friday morning with Miss Thelma Carroll to spend the holidays at Turkey, N. C., Miss Carroll's home.—A Student.

Stouts News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Stouts, Dec. 20.—Mr. J. B. Hayward of Clip Point is visiting relatives in and around the village this week.

Mr. J. T. Hargett and family motored to Charlotte Sunday and spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. T. L. Conder.

Born, Saturday 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hargett, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilder Stinson of Center Grove spent Sunday in the home of Mr. W. T. Ballentine.

Mr. Perry Rich left last week for Mt. Holly to assist his brother, Mr. H. R. Lewis, during the Christmas holidays in the drug business.

Messrs. George Honeycutt and Vance Williams spent Friday night and Saturday in the home of Mr. R. M. Conder.

Miss Olive Honeycutt spent Sunday afternoon with her friends, Misses Mollie Keziah and Myrtle Conder.

Mr. White Hilton and family spent Sunday in the A. L. Funderburk home.

Born, Monday 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Helms, a daughter.

Mr. R. M. Conder is not worrying about the high price of oranges this year as his friend Mr. G. M. Merritt of Linden, Fla., has shipped him a crate.

Mr. Clayton Yandle spent Tuesday night in the Wesley Chapel neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Turner spent Tuesday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Auberry.

Miss Vergie Rushing will leave Friday for Dudley, S. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rushing.

News From Corinth.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, Route 4, Dec. 20.—All members are requested to be at church next Sunday for the purpose of reorganizing our Sunday school.

Mr. Henry Spittle of the Howie Mine spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Spittle.

Mrs. W. F. Alexander and son, Page, spent Sunday with relatives in Waxhaw.

Mr. Frank Gordon was struck on the head with a lever on a log cart sometime ago and was hurt very badly, but is recovering now.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Spittle spent the week-end with Mrs. J. T. McCorkle.

Mrs. John Swarington and little daughter, Uvon, of Charlotte arrived last Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Swarington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Tucker, and other relatives.

News froze up this week but as soon as it thaws I will write some more.

A goodly number from here are preparing to go to Ebenezer to the Christmas tree next Monday. All are expecting a good time.

Visitors from Ebenezer spent a while with relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Helms and children have recently moved to the place which for a long time has been known as the Totten farm.

Mrs. R. S. Spittle has made up the sum of five dollars to send to Rev. J. W. Whitley of Gastonia for a Christmas present.

Snow, rain, sleet and mud have been on docket for this week, but hopes is for a fair week next.—Farm Boy.

Wagon Tongue Killed Auto Driver.

Charlotte Observer.

Joseph P. Wilson, a well-known hotel man, formerly of Columbia, but more recently of Ridgecrest, was killed Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock when he drove his touring car into a team of mules on the Statesville road, seven miles north of Charlotte. The tongue of the wagon crashed through the wind shield and struck Mr. Wilson between the eyes, inflicting a horrible wound, from the effects of which he died about 20 minutes later. Mrs. Wilson, who was sitting beside her husband, suffered a slight scratch on the left cheek but otherwise was not hurt. Mrs. R. C. Knox, a sister, who was sitting in the rear of the car with the Wilson children was not hurt at all nor were the children. One of the two mules hitched to the team had a leg broken and was shot. The tongue was broken and the right fore standard shattered. The wagon was being driven by two boys and was on the right side of the road. According to those who arrived shortly after the accident, Mr. Wilson was on the wrong side of the road and was evidently moving at a rapid rate of speed. It was presumed that he did not see the approaching wagon owing to the mist and rain on his windshield. The accident occurred near the residence of H. M. Armstrong and was on a level stretch of highway.

Mr. Wilson had been on a shopping trip in Charlotte and was on his way to Davidson where he and his family have been visiting relatives. He was a native of the upper part of the county, a son of the late Joseph M. Wilson and was 47 years of age. For many years he has been engaged in the hotel business, having conducted hotels in Columbia, Ridgecrest and other points. He managed the big hotel at Ridgecrest last summer and was well known throughout the State.

Selling Well in Waxhaw.

Waxhaw Enterprise.

The Red Cross seals are selling exceptionally well this year. Mr. S. G. Hawfield, in charge of the local sales, has had to order a new supply. These little seals, or stamps, for a penny apiece, are attractive and convenient for sealing letters and packages, and by purchasing them the user aids the Red Cross society in its great fight against tuberculosis.

Plans for pressing a \$30,000,000 omnibus public building bill at this session of Congress were practically agreed upon at conferences between members of the House rules and public building committees. The measure was reported last season, but determined opposition prevented action.

Jealous of the attentions of another man to Mrs. Maggie Brouder, who spurned him, William Brouder, former police detective at Richmond and Petersburg, Va., shot and killed the woman and then turned the gun upon himself with fatal result, at Phoebus, Va. The dual tragedy was enacted in the presence of the 7-year-old son of the woman.

Baron R. E. Oppenheim, a cabin de luxe passenger on the Holland-American line steamship Noordam, said to be a member of a wealthy family of bankers with offices in London and Paris, was prevented from landing and ordered sent to Ellis Island by immigration authorities, when the steamship arrived in New York Sunday. He is charged with having committed some crime.

Eleven survivors of the Spanish steamship Plo IX, wrecked in a storm and sunk several hundred miles off the Canary Islands on December 8 arrived at New York Sunday on the steamship Buenos Aires. Eleven others were reported to have been saved by a French transport. Forty of the crew, including the captain, were drowned.

A New Bullfine For the C. & L.

Page Land Journal.

Several weeks ago the patrons of the Chesterfield and Lancaster road asked for a morning train or motor car on this road to leave Page Land in the morning and return in the afternoon. The officials promised to do what they could about the matter. They priced electric cars and found them too high. Then they turned to a gasoline driven car, and as a result a car for this service is expected to arrive in Cheraw in a day or two. The shed for it is being built here, where it will be kept at night. The car is made to carry ten persons. The schedule has not been announced. The car will be started within a few days.