

THE PRESIDENT EULOGIZED MECKLENBURG DECLARATION IN CHARLOTTE ADDRESS; URGED PERPETUATION AMERICAN IDEALS

Great Throongs Assembled to Do Honor to Nation's Chief Executive and First Lady of Land, Who Honored the State With Their Presence—Mr. Wilson Avoided Political References In His Address, Which Was Brief—Sensationalists Had No Opportunity—Wants United States to Be "Big Brother of the World"

(By C. W. M'DEVEITT, Staff Correspondent)

Charlotte, May 20.—Ten thousand people heard the President's address this afternoon, the feature of the Twentieth of May celebration.

He spoke briefly. Those who looked for something sensational were disappointed. Mr. Wilson didn't refer to the political situation.

The Chief Executive eulogized the Mecklenburg Declaration. He referred to "the minor declaration at Philadelphia." He pled for perpetuation of those American ideals that have made this the great nation that it is.

In conclusion the President quoted Scripture. After everything, "the still small voice of humanity" must be heeded, he said. This was taken to indicate his opinion that this Nation should be the "big brother of the world."

Charlotte, N. C., May 20.—Charlotte's population was swelled almost to 100,000 by the most conservative estimate, by the thousands who flocked into the city from Central and Western Carolina and parts of South Carolina and Virginia, and even from Tennessee, last night and this morning, to help North Carolina's Queen City celebrate the 141st anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. There are some hundreds here from Eastern Carolina; many a familiar face is seen by a person from "down home."

Presidential Party Arrives.

The President, Mrs. Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Grayson, the President's physician, and others in the Presidential party arrived at the Southern station about 10 o'clock, having come on the section of a regular train from Washington. The President's program is to end early in the afternoon by his expressed wish, and he will spend the remainder of the day here resting. The party will return tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and party were received at the reviewing stand at 10:30 o'clock by Governor Craig, Governor Manning of South Carolina and Governor Stuart of Virginia, with members of their staffs in uniform, civilian dignitaries and ladies. It was quite a brilliant assemblage on the platform to greet the Chief Executive and the others.

Splendid Parade.

At 11 o'clock there started the finest pageant Charlotte ever witnessed. A brigade of the North Carolina National Guard—cavalry, infantry and coast artillery marching as infantry headed the line. The industrial section was a magnificent spectacle. Charlotte's merchants and manufacturers spared no expense to show off the city's industrial achievements to the visiting throongs. Cadets, veterans and pretty girls were in the procession, which was many blocks long. Seven or eight brass bands, including the Kinston band, were in line.

Decorated to the Limit.

The lights and bunting used to decorate the West Carolina metropolis for this occasion cost a fortune. The display outdoes by far anything in the way of decoration ever undertaken in the State before. The police, fire and health departments' employees were spanning new uniforms, just to show the world there was nothing cheap about Charlotte. The police, by the way, about half enough in number for such a city—handled the crowds in metropolitan fashion.

Carnival attractions and the parks, with "something doing every minute," were filled during the early afternoon as fast as cars running on a double schedule could carry the people.

Sham Battle a Feature.

A sham battle is to be pulled off during the afternoon, with more than 2,000 militiamen participating.

The Kinston contingent will leave Charlotte at 1 p. m., arriving home at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

NATIONAL GUARD TO PRESENT THE BATTLE OF MARNE AT SHEEPSHEAD

Sheeps-head Bay, L. I., May 20.—

Several hundred Congressmen, Senators and State and city officials from all over the United States are here today to see the historic battle of the Marne reproduced by 10,000 national guardsmen at Sheepshead Bay Speedway.

Another big event of the seven day meet will be the 250-mile cavalry races of picked cavalry groups starting simultaneously from cities in New York, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Massachusetts and other States and racing to New York City. It will be the first race of the kind ever staged.

THEY THROW AWAY THE KEY EVERY QUARTER A CENTURY IN CAFE

Milwaukee, Wis., May 20.—Twenty-five years ago today, with solemn ceremony, the key to one of Milwaukee's little German cafes was thrown into the Milwaukee river. In commemoration of the anniversary today, a procession of rotund men again moved down Mason street to the river, where a huge wooden key was tossed into the water by Otto Wagner. Then the celebration started. The place has not been closed for twenty-five years and is a headquarters for politicians, newspaper men and other leading lights.

GATTI-CASSAZA NOW SEEKING VOICES TO VALUE FEW MILLIONS

New York, May 20.—Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera, sailed today for Genoa aboard the Duca d'Aosta, to seek a new crop of operatic stars for next season. Some contracts expire this season with artists, that may not be renewed and substitutes must be found. Gatti-Casazza will comb war-torn Europe for a couple of million dollars worth of voices. He is just as apt to find a \$100,000 tenor serving soup in a restaurant, or a \$50,000 baritone bawling the Italian equivalent of "Ra-ags, Bones and Bottles" as he is to find them to the manner born.

FULL DINNER PAID PRESIDENT'S TALK TO RAILROAD MEN

Spoke to Shopmen at Spencer En Route—New Age Beginning and Leaders Must Know the New Problems

(By ROBT. J. BENDER,

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Charlotte, May 20.—Thousands of descendants of the Scotch-Irish mountaineers, who a hundred and forty-one years ago today declared their independence of Great Britain, greeted President Wilson when he arrived this morning to make the principal address at the anniversary celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration. Among the thousands who gathered were Governors Craig of North Carolina, Manning of South Carolina, and Stuart of Virginia. Senators Overman, Secretary Daniels and many other distinguished guests. A spectacular industrial parade was reviewed by President Wilson and other dignitaries soon after their arrival. Mrs. Wilson, Secretary Tumulty, Dr. Cary T. Grayson and staff are in the presidential party.

President Spoke En Route. At Spencer President Wilson talked "full dinner pail" to railroad shopmen. "We're working on full time and good pay and that the dinner pail's a-heaping," shouted the men. "Yes, and those pails should be filled to overflowing," answered the President.

The President said at Spencer, "Whether we will or not, we're at the beginning of a new age. We must be sure not to give countenance to men holding us back. Republican leaders, not knowing the problems of the new day, are trying to block our progress."

At Charlotte the grandstand was surrounded by 40,000. When two-score Confederate veterans passed the President stepped to the front and saluted them. At Charlotte the President's subject was "How we shall keep the fires burning under the melting pot to keep out untainted Americanism."

AMATEUR DRIVERS GET CHANCE TO LET 'ER OUT AT CHICAGO TODAY

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Ill., May 20.—Amateur auto drivers, those who just fairly hone to "let 'er out" will have their innings at the Maywood Speedway today where the Chicago Automobile Club will stage its annual non-professional auto contest. Only those pilots whose cars have qualified under the preliminary examination of the technical committee and who have withstood the elimination trials in the last few weeks, will compete. Drivers from all over the central west are entered. The biggest race is for the western Interclub trophy.

SUPERIOR COURT TO SIT HERE NEXT WEEK

Several Important Cases to Come Up During One-Week Criminal Term—Partello Woman, David Lawson and Sanderson Facing Trial—Judge Bond to Preside

Superior Court for a one-week criminal term will be convened Monday morning by Judge Wm. Bond of Edenton. Several important cases are expected to be tried during the term.

Margaret Partello, charged with killing Harry Stein; David Lawson, colored, accused of murdering a boy of his race, and Bryant Sanderson, alleged slayer of Amos Becton, a well-known planter, a week ago, are likely to be brought up for trial.

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EASTERN CAROLINA EPISCOPALIANS TO MEET HERE TONIGHT

Annual Diocesan Council Sessions to Begin at 9 P. M.—Noted Speakers for Tomorrow—Many Delegates Coming

(By the United Press)

The annual council of the Diocese of East Carolina will be convened in St. Mary's Episcopal church here tonight at 9 o'clock. Two hundred and fifty delegates may be in attendance. The congregations of Wilmington and Edenton are expected to send about equal numbers. Bishop T. C. Darst will preside. New Bern, Wilmington, Kinston and Washington are expected to be the cities most largely represented.

Tomorrow's Services. Rev. Archer Boucher of Fayetteville is scheduled to preach the conciliar sermon tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. An address on social service is to be given in the Grand Theater Sunday afternoon at 4:30 by Dr. J. Hardy Dillard of Charlottesville, Va. Dr. S. Harrington Littell of Hankow, China, will speak on missions Sunday night. The public generally is invited to attend all the services.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Where Sessions of Council of East Carolina Diocese Will Be Held

Monday a Busy Day.

Tonight's session will be given over to organization.

On Monday business sessions of the council will be held and the affiliated women's organizations will meet. Several important addresses are to be made.

The Woman's Auxiliary in session Monday at 11 o'clock will have its president, Mrs. J. G. Staton of Wilmington, in the chair.

Mrs. F. R. Rose of Fayetteville, the leader of the Junior Auxiliary,

GARMENT WORK'RS WANT TO STANDARDIZE COLORS

Chicago, May 20.—Steps toward adopting standard colors are to be taken by American garment manufacturers to offset the dye shortage caused by the war in Europe, at the annual meeting of the American Garment Manufacturers' Association which will open here tomorrow. Representatives of 300 firms are here for the meeting.

The dye question will be the most important to come before the meeting although the shortage of raw materials also will be discussed.

Galbraith Miller, Jr., of Milwaukee, is president of the association. Red Cross reports from Canada say thousands of soldiers in Europe have been poisoned by the inferior dyes manufacturers have been compelled to use in clothing made for the troops.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS WILL ABOLISH THEIR FIELD SECRETARIES

Sensation Sprung at Asheville Convention Today—Publication Boards to Be Consolidated—New Orleans Next Meeting Place

(By the United Press)

Asheville, May 20.—The Women's Missionary Union today pledged fifteen thousand dollars to the Southern Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Board's debt. There was a sensation when the convention voted to abolish the field secretaries and consolidate the publication boards. New Orleans was chosen for the next convention. Rev. C. W. Duke of Tampa is to deliver the sermon.

HOUSE PASSES SHIP PURCHASE BILL TODAY

Washington, May 20.—By a vote of 211 to 161, the House passed the Alexander administration ship purchase bill.

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AUSTRIAN HEIR TO THRONE DIRECTING FIGHT ON ITALIANS

German Seaplanes Raid English Coast—One Shot Down After Thrilling Night Chase—No Casualties Reported From London

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Rome, May 20.—Emulating the example of the German heir apparent, the Austrian Crown Prince has arrived at Trent to direct the campaign against Vincenza, the Verdon of the Italian northern front. Though the Italian official statement admitted a further retirement, it is believed here that the Austrian offensive has been halted. Over 200,000 Austrians are engaged.

German Seaplanes Raid English Coast.

London, May 20.—German seaplanes raided the east coast of Kent county at 2 o'clock this morning, the war office announced. One was brought down near the Belgian coast, after a thrilling night chase.

PRISON PHYSICIAN SAYS ONE OUT OF A SCORE IS INNOCENT

(By the United Press)

St. Paul, Minn., May 20.—Minnesota was urged today to hire capable attorneys to advise penitentiary prisoners, upon whose conviction the State spent hundreds of dollars, how to get out, when Dr. G. A. Newman, prison physician at the Stillwater penitentiary, appeared before the State Pardon Board.

He said he is convinced one prisoner in 20 now behind the bars is innocent. F. A. Whitton, State parole agent, favors the plan.

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BOSS COX ANSWERS SUMMONS.

Cincinnati, May 20.—George B. Cox, the former political ruler and Ohio Republican leader, died at Clifton Home today, following a stroke of paralysis suffered in February.

SECOND PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IS TO BE WITHDRAWN NOW

Col. Sibley's Forces Have Accomplished Mission Across Border and Will Be Returned to Patrol Duty at Once

(By the United Press)

San Antonio, May 20.—Withdrawal of the second American punitive expedition from Mexico to Boquillos will be accomplished in a few days. Col. Sibley believes the mission of dispersing the Glenn Springs raiders has been accomplished, and has notified the War Department. Therefore the Sixth cavalry will be utilized for Big Bend patrol service.

OREGON REPUBLICANS ARE FOR MR. HUGHES

Early Returns From Preferential Primaries So Indicate—Mr. Wilson the Unanimous Choice of the Democrats—He Was Unopposed—Burton and Cummins Behind

(By the United Press)

Portland, Ore., May 30.—Justice Hughes is overwhelmingly the choice for presidential nominee of the Oregon Republicans, according to early returns from the preferential primary. Returns from twelve out of sixteen counties, indicate that Hughes had a tremendous plurality over Burton and Cummins. On the Democratic side President Wilson is unopposed.

ANNUAL MEETING FREE PRESS STOCKHOLDERS

Good Year's Work Reported—Splendid Circulation Increase—Directors Chosen—Adjourned Meeting Directors Next Friday for Organization and Other Business.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Kinston Free Press Company was held in the directors' room of the First National Bank building Friday afternoon. The report of Manager Braxton was heard and the directors for the ensuing year were elected. The same board which has served since the new management took charge was re-elected. Those chosen were Messrs. N. J. Rouse, T. V. Moseley, Lovit Hines, J. F. Taylor, H. E. Moseley, J. H. Canady, C. Felix Harvey, D. T. Edwards and D. F. Wooten. The directors will meet again next Friday afternoon to elect the officers and take up such other matters as will come up before them. The reports of the business for the past year, read to the stockholders yesterday, showed that a very satisfactory business had been done, during the past twelve months. Particularly gratifying was the splendid showing in the subscription department. (Continued on Page Three)

ALL SPECIAL TAXES WILL BE SUSPENDED IF ADMINISTRAT'N PLANS CARRY BEFORE DECEMBER -- TWENTY FIVE MIL'ION SAV'D

Washington, May 20.—American citizens will participate in the benefit from the Treasury's prosperity to the extent of \$25,000,000 if Administration plans carry. The leaders are planning to suspend between July and December 31st all forms of special taxes on tobacco, bankers' taxes, stocks, pawnshops, commercial, custom house and brokers' taxes, theater, music and concert halls, circus and other exhibition taxes, commission merchant taxes, taxes on bowling and billiard halls, taxes on documentary papers, on telegrams, long distance phone calls and legal papers, including notes.