

LINE DRAWN BY THIS GOV'N'T BETWEEN LIFE AND PROPERTY

Affords Basis for More Interpretations of the President's Peace Soundings—Wilson and Lansing Remain Discreetly Silent

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Fear that the present peace negotiations will fail and this nation then must clear its slate of the submarine situation with Germany grew apace today. But as stated yesterday President Wilson intends to push the peace work to the limit to avoid any possible subsequent unpleasantness with Germany, if possible.

Both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, however, have decided to maintain distinct silence on this. This is due it is believed to be wearing a chip on their shoulder when peace is being talked.

There is now no mistaking officials believe that President Wilson's peace notes to the belligerents against unbridled acts of war which would involve either American lives or rights, since this Government's attitude in the violations which effect property is no compared to the violation effecting life, the warning is generally interpreted as directed against the central powers.

Berlin Thinks Answer Helpful.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The general opinion in Berlin is that the German answer to the Wilson note warmly appreciated the President's intentions, and perhaps added practical suggestions for the conclusion of peace, the press bureau today announced. It also said the Teutonic answer was handed to American diplomatic representatives at all the Central Powers' capitals. It is to be noted that the above dispatch apparently was filed before the text of the German note, but the text was given preference and came through first.

No Confidential Terms With Note.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Germany's answer to Wilson's peace note reached the State Department today. It is stated by an official that nothing confidential was attached to the answer although it had been suggested that Germany might give her terms secretly in an accompanying message to Gerard for transmission here. The copies sent the President are understood to be practically the same as the press text.

Switzerland Gets Same Answer.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Germany and Austria have replied to Switzerland's reiteration of President Wilson's peace suggestions with practically the same phrases in which they acknowledged the American note, German dispatches today said.

MILITANT SUFFRAGISTS ARE STILL MILITANT IN A DIFFERENT WAY

(By WILBUR S. FORREST, United Press Staff Correspondent)
London, Dec. 1.—(By Mail)—England's militant suffragettes are still on the warpath.

But the battle of the militants has turned from smashing windows for votes to an energetic campaign against passive war makers and pacifists.

"The suffragette armies are principally fighting for big battles," Miss Jessie Kenney, one of the leaders, explained today. "Most important is our campaign to force England's ministers to fight the war to a finish. We are fighting in South Wales where peace cranks abound; we are fighting on the Clyde, in Scotland, where pacifists are interfering with the workers; and lastly, we are sending our workers into munition factories to help toward victory by making shells."

CARRANZA MAY ASK FOR FURTHER PEACE CONFERENCE, THO'T

Growing Feeling in Washington that First Chief Has Not Signed Protocol, and Is Submitting Counter Proposals

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—That Carranza has not signed the troop withdrawal protocol, but instead has again submitted counter proposals, is the growing belief here.

This is so even in those official circles, where earlier today the hope was expressed that the first chief ultimately would sign. Men in close touch with the situation said they believed Carranza will seek another peace conference. Such a request is expected to be submitted by Chairman Cabrera of the Mexican Commission when he sees Secretary Lane early this afternoon.

DR. BROUGHTON BROKE UP BIG CIRCUS AT ATHENS

Tonight's Lyceum Attraction Has Pulling Power Unusually by Many Platform Men—Will Make Address at First Baptist Church—Benefit Playground

Some years ago a large circus that often visits the South was at Athens, Ga., and, as is the custom in many sections, a large crowd had gathered to witness the performance. During the day, however, it was learned that Dr. Len G. Broughton, a speaker of national reputation, and one whom the people were very anxious to hear, would speak out on the tracted so much interest the circus was unable to draw a crowd sufficient to give its exhibition, but out on the square Dr. Broughton was speaking to what otherwise would have been the circus audience. He is one man who draws the people even though a circus is scheduled to show.

Dr. Broughton will speak in the First Baptist Church this evening at 8 o'clock. Don't forget the playground is needed, so attend the lecture and help secure this very worthy object.

TORNADO SWEEPED ARK., LEAVING DEATH IN TRAIL

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Reports tonight from virtually all of the towns and larger settlements in the area swept by yesterday's tornado in South Central Arkansas place the number of killed at 12 and the injured at 50. No accurate estimate of the property damage was available tonight, although some reports indicated that the loss might reach \$20,000,000.

Six of those killed were white persons. Frank and James Bridges, students at Ouachita College, who were spending the Christmas holidays with relatives, were crushed to death when their home at Double Wells was demolished; Albert L. Schwartz, a farmer, was killed near England and three children, Chas. and Allalee Padgett and Frances Snow, were killed near Carlisle.

"Cotton Plant was among the towns which reported heavy property damage but no casualties.

AMERICANS WIN OVER FOREIGN TENNIS TITLES

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 28.—Roy E. Peterson of LaCrosse, Wis., hopped into the Brazilian limelight here recently when he and Sydney Pullen won the tennis doubles championship of Brazil. They defeated Haynes and Tegeus, 6-1, 5-3, 7-5.

GO'THAM PREPARES FOR BIG SUNDAY DRIVE IN APRIL

Billy, the Great, Will Descend Upon Wicked and Worldly American Metropolis With All Force of Remarkable Organization

(By GEORGE MARTIN, United Press Staff Correspondent)
New York, Dec. 28.—Powerful forces, both sinister and benign, are being set on here today for the case of Billy Sunday vs. Broadway, Wall Street, Bohemia, et al., which goes to trial April 1.

What sort of reception Sunday and his old-time shouting Methodist campaigning style will get in the world's richest, wickedest, most material city, is the subject of much speculation among the residents.

It will be a battle royal, and preparations are being made accordingly. Broadway, as Broadway, seems to have paid little heed to Sunday's plans. But scratch the surface and you find that what Cyclone Davis calls The Boys of Booze and Boodle are not asleep.

The belligerent Billy, though busy with Boston, is watching carefully every move in his preliminary campaign here. Already a small army of Sundayites are organizing the big team.

"Billy Sunday, Incorporated," with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as one of the principal stockholders, is officially in existence in New York City. Plans for the erection of the mammoth tabernacle, the great pine and sandalwood temple for the spiritually unwarmed, are well under way.

Committeemen and women have divided the city into sections and the population into classes for organization on a house to house and man to man basis.

No one has been neglected. Bible meetings and song services will be held daily on the New York Car and at the portals of the New York Stock Exchange. Wall Street will be combed for the spiritually unwarmed. That work is even now under way.

Unquestionably, Sunday faces the largest of a lifetime in New York. Wall Street, whose hall mark is "his shearing a Lamb; Bohemia, with its loose leaf ledger weddings, a lavender souls and sun god cults.

The slum, steeped in squalor and filth, from which uptown respectability distills pure gold.

The homes of the gunman with their morose scale of murder prices and of the painted lady who drives her Beauvaine and reckons her income in six figures. All these and more are here for Sunday to deal with.

Tommy Rodeheaver, Sunday's choir director, expects to organize a double choir of 8,000 to 10,000 voices. George G. Dowie will lead the prize trail hitters from Philadelphia and elsewhere, some of them having been converted seven years ago. These will be used to prove that Sunday conversions are not "flash in the pan" work.

Nothing is being left undone to pave the way for Sunday's triumphant advance upon New York; nor, on the other hand, is anything left undone to pave the way for Sunday's triumphant advance upon New York; nor, on the other hand, is anything left undone to circumvent his efforts.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT. North Carolina—Lenoir County: NOTICE.

J. R. Harvey and L. J. Chapman, partners, trading as—
J. R. Harvey & Co.,
vs.
Virginia Miller Carr, Executrix of the Estate of M. H. Carr, deceased, Mrs. H. E. Carr, and Virginia Miller Carr, individually.

The defendants, Virginia Miller Carr, Executrix of the estate of M. H. Carr, deceased, and Virginia Miller Carr, individually, will take notice and each of them will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior

LAWSON SAYS LEAK MADE OVER SIXTY MILLION WALL ST.

Predicts Lack of Quorum Both Houses When Investigation Is Called—Will Last for Weeks, It Is Thought

(By the United Press)
Washington, Dec. 28.—Over sixty million dollars was made in Wall Street by those having advance information on Wilson's peace note, according to a telegram received today from Thomas Lawson by Representative Wood.

The message said if it is actually believed in Washington that there would be a real investigation to last for weeks into the alleged leak, there would not be a quorum in either the House or Senate Monday. There would be a shifting of bank accounts similar to those in sugar investigation days.

Court of Lenoir county to renew judgment against the defendant, Virginia Miller Carr, as executrix of the estate of M. H. Carr, deceased, in the sum of \$719.89 with interest, all as represented by sealed bonds executed by the said M. H. Carr, deceased, et al, the said M. H. Carr, deceased, being the principal debtor, the said amount being now due and unpaid to the plaintiffs; and for the purpose of having the said judgment and the said debt declared a lien and encumbrance against the interest of the real estate owned by the said deceased at the time of his death, and that it be declared a prior lien and encumbrance to any interest of the said Virginia Miller Carr as devisee under said will, or as widow of the said deceased, or as grantee under any instrument of writing under which she might undertake to claim; and that the complaint in this action has been filed; and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the term of Superior Court of Lenoir county to be held on the sixth Monday before the first Monday in March, it being the 22nd day of January, 1917, at the courthouse of said county in Kinston, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This December 9th, 1916.

J. T. HEATH,
Clerk Superior Court,
Lenoir County, N. C.
Dly-Dec. 13, 20&27; Jan 3

INVESTIGATION OF EXCHANGE SHOTS ON BORDER IS STARTED

Kentuckians and Mexican Snipers Still Gunning for Each Other—Three Hundred Shots Fired Thursday—Reports Conflict

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Dec. 28.—Because of conflicting reports of affairs, an investigation is under way looking into the outpost skirmish early today between Mexican and American snipers and a patrol of the 3rd Ky. Guard,

in which more than 300 shots were fired across the Rio Grande by guardsmen after a fusillade of shots came from the Mexican side. The entire city was aroused by heavy firing. Regular army officers in the vicinity declare they heard no shots from the Mexican side, while other officers of the guard on patrol duty state the scattered firing continued for several minutes from the other bank.

GREENSBORO PLANS FOR PALATIAL HOTEL SOON

Big Stock Company Organized and Papers Forwarded to Raleigh for Incorporation—Will Probably Cost \$320,000 and Be Completed 1917

Greensboro is planning to put the finishing touches on her plans for a big hotel. The agitation has been on for some time, and a big stock company has been organized to build a palatial affair to cost about three hundred thousand dollars. The Greensboro News of Thursday morning makes the following statement:

By Christmas, 1917, Greensboro will have her new hotel. This was agreed yesterday, when the second day's work of the hotel committee resulted in complete success. The \$75,000 capital stock which had to be placed with business men and others here was subscribed for and the committee, losing not a day, has forwarded proper papers to Raleigh to the Secretary of State for the immediate incorporation of the Greensboro Hotel Company. This means that in a year's time—possibly a month or two more or less—this city will have a \$320,000 hotel which will probably surpass in beauty and convenience any hotel between Washington and Atlanta.

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REVIEW OF WILSON'S ADMINISTRATION AND ALSO PREVIEW

Some of the Eventful Incidents of Worldwide Moment Staged During Past Four Years at the White House

(By ROBERT J. BENDER, United Press Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson faces a new year fairly teeming with the portentous problems in international affairs. Peace discussion in Europe—with the President as one of the foremost characters in the drama—loomed large on the year's horizon. Behind this vision, however, there rose intricate and dangerous questions of trade and diplomacy, the readjustment of world affairs and the economic revolutions bound to follow the close of the war. In brief, 1917 promises to be the most eventful twelve months of Mr. Wilson's administration. The year nevertheless made its bow at the White House mildly, inaugurating no changes in the President's regular program of daily work.

Looking back on 1916 the calendar pages disclose twelve months of almost constant strain at the White House.

"Our own rights as a nation, the liberties, the privileges, and the property of our people have been profoundly affected" as a result of the war, the President declared recently. The White House itself has housed some of the most dramatic scenes in its history. Full details may never be told of the dramatic conference between the President and administration leaders in the library of the executive mansion when it appeared inevitable that the United States would be drawn into war with Germany.

It was then the President told Senator Stone of the Senate foreign relations committee that if another American life were lost as a result of violation—by Germany of her pledges to this country on submarine warfare, the only course left open to him, was to sever diplomatic relations with Germany. And questioned as to whether or not such action would mean war, the President replied he had been told it would.

It was followed by an effort to pass resolutions in Congress warning Americans off armed ships. There was another dramatic conference in the White House. The Gold room, famed for its spectacular social events during years gone by, was opened to a conference between the President and 500 railroad trainmen in an effort to ward off a nation-wide railroad strike. This was followed by the appearance of railroad executives, representing millions of dollars of capital, and for days the conference went on to no avail.

Immediately afterward the President went before Congress and forced the passage of an eight-hour law, averting the strike.

Then came the election. The President himself tells an interesting story of the occasion when the returns gave the result first to Hughes and then to Wilson.

During Tuesday evening he was with Mrs. Wilson and his daughter, Margaret, in the library of the mansion hearing the returns. They were a dubious lot of returns, and after all the New York papers had awarded the victory to Hughes there seemed little hope for him in the outlook. "I retired about 12:30," the President says, "of his feelings, and at that time the situation could not be termed encouraging. I was having the next morning when my daughter, Margaret, who has risen early in order to catch a train for New York, came up and informed me I was elected.

"O, pshaw!" I said to her, "what do you mean? Let's have some of the details." The President that day played an exceptionally good game of golf. Mrs. Wilson's confidence in the

2 COUNTY SCHOOLS HAD TO CLOSE UP ON ACCOUNT SICKNESS

Attendance at Others Cut to 50 Per Cent. Because of Prevalence of the Measles and Mumps—No Health Officer

The need for a whole-time health officer in the county is made more apparent by the fact that two of the county schools were forced to close prior to the holidays on account of the prevalence of measles and the mumps. The Hugoand Sand Hill schools, the latter one of the largest in the county, employing three teachers, suffered from the epidemic of the disease to that extent.

Not only were these two schools closed, but teachers' reports in the office of Supt. Kinsey for the month of December show a considerable falling off in attendance at most of the schools. This decrease, attributable to sickness, ran as high as fifty per cent. in some of the schools the week just before Christmas.

About a year ago the County Board of Education undertook to adopt a suggestion of the health department to have medical inspection in the schools, but the county commissioners could not see their way clear to make a small appropriation for the work, and nothing was accomplished in that direction.

TRIBUTE TO MR. COWPER FROM JUDGE W. M. BOND

The News and Observer of Raleigh carried Thursday morning the following tribute from Judge Bond to Hon. George Cowper, father of Mr. G. V. Cowper of Kinston. Mr. Cowper, senior, died a short time ago.

"To the Editor: Your paper informs me of the death of Hon. George Cowper of Winton, N. C. It is needless that I say the sad news has caused me pain.

"For many years I have been chained to him by close association and by fondness that even the grave cannot sever. "He was a learned and able lawyer, a most sincere and companionable friend. In scholarly attainment he had no superior among his brethren of this section, and shining far above all his noble attributes was his kind, humane and always charitable disposition.

"If cutting remarks were made by one of another in his presence he would prefer to lessen their intensity by adding something in behalf of the assailed.

A stranger to viciousness, his generosity was prominent, and in his judgment of the faults of others his mercy and tenderness were as marked as is that of a kind and sympathetic woman.

"He has met life's duties with beautiful bravery and borne its burdens with no murmur of complaint. "I beg to pay his memory this little tribute because of my admiration and fondness which close association of years has generated. I bid him an affectionate farewell until life's battles have ended with me, and pray he may enjoy an eternity of peace. My sympathies are tendered his loved ones.

"W. M. BOND.
Edenton, N. C., Dec. 22, 1916."

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