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NOT AFRAID OF ANYBODY

President is Only Afraid of Not Being Ready to Do Duty— Warns Nation.

Cleveland, Ohio.—President Wilson, speaking as he said "solemnly," warned the nation that the time may come when he cannot both keep the United States out of war and maintain its honor. He declared that the country must be prepared to defend itself and prepared at once.

"America is not afraid of anybody," he said. "I know I reflect your feeling and the feeling of all our citizens when I say the only thing I am afraid of is not being ready to perform my duty. I am afraid of the danger of inadequacy; I am afraid of the danger of not being able to express the chief character of this country with tremendous might and effectiveness whenever we are called upon to act in the field of the world's affairs."

"Let me tell you very solemnly you cannot postpone this thing," he declared. "I do not know what a single day may bring forth. I do not wish to leave you with the impression that I am thinking of some particular danger."

"I merely wish to tell you that we are daily treading amidst intricate dangers. The dangers that we are treading amongst are not of our own making and not under our control. I think no man in the United States knows what a single week, a single day may bring for them."

Pittsburg.—President Wilson opened his six-day speaking tour of the Middle West by addressing an audience of more than 4,000 that packed Memorial Hall here, later appearing before an overflow meeting where his hearers were mostly women. In both addresses he set forth the need for a program of national defense and at the larger meeting said that the test of national preparedness lay not with congress, but with the young men of the country in their answer to the call to volunteer and their employers who should oppose no obstacle to free response.

He believed, he added, that both the young men and the employers will do their duty and that he was not afraid America will not do enough.

FLOOD SWEEPS OTAY VALLEY.

Repeated Floods Drowned Over 100.— Big Property Loss.

San Diego, Cal., by wireless to San Francisco.—One hundred lives have been lost, as nearly as any estimate can show, and charming little valleys for 50 miles north of the Mexican line lie desolate from floods and cloudbursts.

With the death toll in the Otoy Valley seeming established at 50 and all relief agencies working in that direction, reports reached here of floods sweeping the San Luis Rey and San Pasquel Valleys, doubling the loss of life.

Looting, described by Rear Admiral Fullam, commanding the Pacific reserve fleet, as "The worst I have ever seen," broke out in the Otoy Valley, flood swept by the breaking of the Otoy dam. The lower valley was turned into an armed camp patrolled by marines and sailors from the battleship Oregon and the cruisers Milwaukee and South Dakota in San Diego Bay with orders to shoot looters on sight.

The sailors and marines toiled hard to recover the bodies of those who lost their lives in the disaster and at sundown 29 bodies, some of which were mutilated had been gathered together.

A new flood poured down the Tia Juana River which has risen four feet at its mouth at the foot of San Diego May. Officials here said that this undoubtedly indicated the bursting of the Morena dam, 60 miles back in the hills.

Zeppelin Raids Paris.

Paris.—A Zeppelin dirigible passed swiftly over a section of Paris dropping about a dozen great bombs, which killed 24 persons and injured 27. Warnings were given again shortly before 10 o'clock and a second air attack was momentarily expected by the residents of the darkened city. The fact that only one German machine appeared leads to the belief that the Zeppelin was making a reconnoitering trip and the supposition is that the Germans have in view a similar operation on a larger scale.

Miss Harris Elected Rural Supervisor of McDowell Schools.

Miss Maude Harris has been elected to succeed Miss Maud Barnard as Rural Supervisor of McDowell County. It will be remembered that Miss Barnard resigned this position last December to take a position with the B. F. Johnson Publishing Company.

Miss Harris is a native of Rowan county and has been in school work practically all her life since leaving college. McDowell County is fortunate in being able to secure her services, since she has had some three or four years experience in supervision work in Wake County. For the past two years she has been teaching in the Marion Graded School. The teachers and children will find her an unusually pleasant woman with whom to work, and we feel sure that she will do excellent work in McDowell County.

About the latter part of February, Miss Harris will take charge of the Normal Training work at Nebo, giving special attention to Primary work. She will also probably assist in this work at Old Fort and Marion Graded Schools. The Progress welcomes Miss Harris into her new field and wishes for her much success in this work.

Camp Fire Girls Entertained.

The Cullakeena Camp Fire had had thirteen members who took their first degree, that of the Woodfather's, last Friday night. The girls had a semi-social ceremonial meeting given them at the home of Mrs. Edward Walker by their guardian, Miss Harris, assisted by Miss Rena Neal and Mrs. I. J. Cox. The following list are the names of the girls taking the degree and receiving their rings as token of requirements: Mary Hudgins, Sara Hudgins, Mary Griffin, Helen Lonon, Ruby James, Margie White, Bessie Tate, Virginia Banner, Ruth Kirby, Sara Troutman, Gertrude Jones, Mary Douglas Gay, Sara Margaret Neal. After the ceremonial exercises the girls enjoyed making candy, playing games and being initiated into the art of bandaging, which is one of the requirements for the next degree of the Camp Fire.

Wedding Reception.

Mrs. Margaret Carson Sinclair has issued the following invitation to the wedding reception of her daughter at their home on South Main street:

"Mrs. Margaret Carson Sinclair requests the pleasure of your presence at the wedding reception of her daughter, Moffitte Duart, and Mr. John Leland Henderson on the evening of Tuesday, the fifteenth of February, at half after nine o'clock. At home, Marion, North Carolina."

Mr. Henderson, who is a native of Hickory, is assistant sales manager of the S. B. Penick Company, New York. The couple will make their home at Bloomfield, N. J. Both are prominent socially in this section of North Carolina and the announcement of their approaching marriage will be read with much interest.

Military preparedness is uppermost in the public eye, but the old eye is doing a deal of blinking.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County— Items About Home People.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Jan. 31.—Following is the honor roll of Garden City school for the past week: Rena Jameson, Rebecca Hennessee, John Ray Jameson, Carl Haney, Dillon Woody, Ernest Gibbs, Reddie Bird, Zara Walker, Melvin Patton, Estelle Patton, Cecil Woody, Nina Quinn, Ruth Chapman, Lula Mae Gibbs, Georgia Hennessee, Mina Lou Young, Myrtle Hendley, Alice Hendley, Addie Quinn, Caskie McCormick, Frank Haney, Douglas Woody, Warner Young, Billie Gibbs, Milton McMahan, Fred McMahan, Rena Patton, Viola Self, Josie Ellis, Ausher Ayers, Robert Chapman, Avery Woody, Avery Willis, Vernon Ellis.

Misses Nellie Gibbs and Feneva Bird are at home now from Nebo where they have been in school.

Mrs. J. E. Jameson is spending a few days visiting in Marion, with her daughter, Mrs. D. T. Harris.

Miss Delia Gibbs spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks here.

Miss Lizzie Biddix spent the weekend with Miss Blanche Houck near Marion.

FAIRVIEW

Fairview, Jan. 31.—An interesting program was rendered by the school last Friday. The question debated was "Resolved, That the Horse is more Beneficial than the Cow," with Jessie Dobson, Georgia Anderson and Frank Holland for the affirmative, and Callie Anderson, George Dobson and Emma Toney for the negative. There was reading by Herbert Randolph, Mary Jarret, John Gardin, May Randolph, Edgar Bailey and Henry Randolph.

Jay Simmons of Marion visited her mother here last Sunday.

Miss Mary Dobson spent last Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Mrs. A. W. Owensby of Old Fort visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dobson, last week.

H. F. Randolph was in Glenwood, Thursday.

Chas. Holland visited in Bridgewater Friday.

D. W. Dobson was in Marion, Thursday.

Ed. Toney, Floyd Lewing and Chas. Holland spent Friday in Marion.

H. F. and W. B. Randolph spent a couple of days in Marion last week.

THOMPSON'S FORK

Thompson's Fork, Jan. 31.—J. A. Browning of Linville visited his sister, Mrs. Maggie Janes, the latter part of last week.

Ralph and Sue Tate of Nebo visited their grandmother here last week.

I. H. Gibbs, Thomas Cuthbertson, Duff Browning and John Buff made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Albert Buff of Morganton visited his sister, Mrs. M. D. Browning last week. J. H. Janes made a business trip to Marion, Friday.

"The Bohemian Girl."

Joseph F. Sheehan, Mirth Carmen, Elaine De Sellem, Arthur Deane, Eugene Crowel and Phil Fein, said to be six of the highest priced stars on the American singing stage, head the famous all-star revival of "The Bohemian Girl," which comes to the Auditorium, Asheville, Friday, February 4.

Each and every one of these stars were selected from a host of applicants for their particular excellence in the role they depict, and the success of the all-star cast is now a matter of history. Many of our foremost critics pronounce it absolutely without a flaw and say it is the finest cast ever heard in "The Bohemian Girl"; add to this such other principals as Dave Cronberger and Lillian Hall in minor roles and the specially selected chorus, under the direction of Basil Horsfall, the eminent conductor, and you have an ensemble seldom, if ever, equalled in the annals of the stage.

Seats at Allison's Drug Store. Prices 50c to \$2.00.

Nebo High School.

The Spring term of Nebo High School had a very encouraging opening. All of the old pupils returned and several new ones were added to the roll. The fine weather helped to stimulate the school spirit and we were making our plans for commencement when an epidemic of petigo appeared on the north side of town. At first there was some fear of smallpox but both the local physician, Dr. Taylor, and the county health officer, Dr. G. B. Justice, assert confidently that it is nothing but impetigo and they hope to have the disease stamped out in a few more days. To this end the only two houses where this malady has developed have been quarantined and will be kept under quarantine until all danger of spreading the disease has passed. As a further precaution and to prevent an epidemic from getting into the dormitory school has been suspended until Wednesday, February 16. By this the school term will not be shortened at all, but commencement will come later in the Spring, a time more suitable for such occasions.

While school is not in session some improvements are going on in the auditorium and besides the entire building and the dormitory have been renovated and disinfected. This was done on general principles of sanitation, a treatment that every school house should have every few weeks. I am advised, too, that the two houses that were quarantined will be thoroughly fumigated as soon as the quarantine is lifted.

The management of the school wish to thank Drs. Taylor and Justice for their careful and efficient management of the community's health conditions and to assure the patrons that their children will always be well cared for and looked after while at Nebo High School.

L. L. HARGRAVE.

Death of Tina Jones.

On the night of January 21st the Death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones at Forest City and took from them their little daughter, Tina Elizabeth, age five years and three days. She was taken ill with typhoid pneumonia 52 days ago which resulted in her death. The remains were brought to Marion and interment made at Providence cemetery, Sunday, the 23rd. Rev. L. D. Thompson conducted the services. Her place was always filled in the Sunday School and she will be greatly missed. A large number of relatives and friends mourn her death, but our loss is her gain. "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." H. S.

Hankins School Honor Roll.

Following is the honor roll of Hankins school for last week:

Edna Whetstile, Grace Whetstile, Gertrude Barnes, Pearl Lewis, Lee Morgan, Jack Hemphill, Ben Hemphill, John Bailey, Belle, Minnie and Fate Lentz, Jock Whetstile, Cora McNeely, Sadie Lewis, Patton, Lela and Margaret Odom.

Keep on pushing and pulling for Marion and McDowell.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Teachers' Assembly will hold its next meeting in Raleigh—Thanksgiving week.

Judge Howard A. Foushee of Durham is dead. He was Superior Court judge for two years but retired on account of ill health.

The libel suit of Editor DePriest against Editor Weathers of Shelby, called in the county court at Newton Friday, was continued for the defendant until February 28.

Louis D. Brandeis of Boston was nominated by President Wilson Friday for the place on the Supreme Court bench made vacant by the death of Associate Justice Lamar.

While in Charlotte last week ex-Gov. Blease told the Observer that if the primaries were held now he would be chosen Governor of South Carolina by a majority of 25,000 to 50,000 votes.

At the meeting of the Mecklenburg county Republican convention Wednesday Hon. John M. Morehead opposed a resolution denouncing President Wilson's foreign policy and the resolution was stricken out.

Plans for the establishment of a military feature at the University of North Carolina will be discussed at the June meeting of the board of trustees, according to the decision of the executive committee of the board at a meeting in Raleigh last week.

A Nine Million Increase.

The farmers of North Carolina on January 1, 1916, were nearly nine million dollars richer in horses, mules, milk cows and swine than in 1910 when the census was taken. They had 16,000 more horses, 25,000 more mules, 11,000 more milk cows, and 372,000 more swine.

Our rates of increase during this five year period were 9.6 per cent in horses or nearly two and a half times the rate of the country at large; mules 14 per cent or nearly 3 times the general rate; and swine a 30 per cent increase against a 3.6 per cent increase in the United States.

Our increase in milk cows is not up to the mark; 3.5 per cent against 5.6 in the country at large. Also we had 4000 fewer cattle of other sorts, and 45,000 fewer sheep.

But all told, here is a most wonderful increase in livestock in five years! It keeps pace with our increases in crop production as noted in the University News Letter, January 12th.

Barring only sheep, milk cows, and other cattle the increases show well against the increases during the census period. We are improving the breed of our dairy and beef animals, but the Federal Livestock Report of January 18 indicates that we are failing to gain in numbers as fast as we ought to do.

The man of millions is the one who will profit most by our new policy of preparedness. Hence the man of millions is the one who should cough up liveliest in the matter of paying the freight. Tax the big incomes—and collect the taxes.