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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Gives Formal Notice of His Intention to Go Abroad—Reviews Accomplishments of War.

Washington.—Congress in joint session heard President Wilson announce formally his purpose to attend the peace conference and give his views on the part the government should play in dealing with reconstruction problems.

Democrats of the house received the announcement with cheers in which some senators joined; the Republicans were silent almost throughout the address, except when the president referred to the valor or efficiency of American soldiers and mentioned the names of Pershing and Sims. Threatened interruptions by members who disapprove of the trip and of the president's failure to include a senator among the peace delegates, however, did not materialize.

During the first hour of the new session, Senator Cummins, of Iowa, Republican, introduced a resolution to send a committee of eight senators to Paris to keep the senate advised of the progress of the peace conference, and in the house, Representative Rodenburg, of Illinois, Republican, had offered a resolution proposing that the vice president take over the functions upon the departure of Mr. Wilson from the country. Senator Sherman, of Illinois, Republican, announced later that he would submit a resolution similar to that of Representative Rodenburg, except that it would declare the office of president vacant.

The president's annual address was read before a crowd that filled the house chamber. He reviewed at length the country's accomplishments in the war, paying tribute to the armed forces and to loyal workers at home. He disclosed that he thinks the problems of readjustment is taking care of itself without government aid.

Of the railroad question, Mr. Wilson said that he had no solution to offer.

Recommendations included a renewed appeal for woman suffrage in recognition of woman's work in the war; a request for early and favorable action on the unratified Colombian treaty, and a suggestion that authority should be given the war trade board or some other body to continue control for a time over exports.

The president concluded with the announcement of his forthcoming trip overseas. He said since the associated governments had accepted principles enunciated by him as the basis for peace, he regarded it as his paramount duty to go.

REGULAR ARMY OF HALF MILLION MEN PROVIDED FOR

Washington.—A regular army of approximately half a million men is provided for specifically in estimates submitted to congress for the fiscal year 1920, beginning next July 1. Detailed items on the pay of the army show that in the total of \$1,920,000,000 asked for, exclusive of the fortification estimates, provision is made for the payment of only 21,259 officers and 382,667 men of the line and approximately 130,000 non-combatant troops with the requisite staff officers.

The inclusion in the estimates, however, of five items of pay with a nominal appropriation of \$100 each asked, shows that the whole question of the strength of the army after the conclusion of peace has been deferred and that supplemental estimates are to be expected under these headings when it is possible to present a completed project. The items thus held in suspension are those providing for the pay of reserve and national guard officers and men.

UNITED STATES DIVISIONS EXTEND MARCH INTO GERMANY

American Army of Occupation.—Three or four days will be required, it was estimated, for the four first line divisions to complete their crossing into German territory, although the start was made soon after daylight. Clouds threatened rain, but later the sun broke through the haze, but hardly long enough to relieve the dismal atmosphere of the German villages through which the Americans passed.

New Officers Take Control.

The recently elected county officials took the oath of office last Monday and immediately entered upon their duties. Those elected for the first time are as follows: L. W. Gettys, I. W. Davis and J. M. Gibson, county commissioners; W. H. Hawkins, clerk of court (formerly served as county treasurer); Joseph M. Mashburn, sheriff, and Thos. L. Epley, register of deeds. Millard Poteat, of course, succeeds himself as treasurer. L. A. Haney was also sworn in as surveyor.

Quite a crowd came to town to witness the going out and the coming in. It looked for a while as if Marion was going to witness a regular inaugural day exercise. Friends of the newly elected officials were somewhat disappointed to learn there would be no demonstration or speech making of any kind.

The new county commissioners seemed anxious to waste no time, and got down to business early in the day. Mr. L. W. Gettys was elected chairman. He dispatches his official duties with as much ease and expedition as if he were no novice at the business. Mr. C. C. Lisenbee was made legal advisor to the board.

On Tuesday the question of an auditor to succeed the late R. L. C. Gibson was brought up for discussion, the retiring Democratic board having failed to appoint a man to fill out the unexpired term. The new board decided that the office of auditor is essential and appointed Mr. William Sweeney to the vacancy.

The bridge work will be continued for the present, at least, and Constructor Moody was advised to go ahead with the work already begun.

The board was in session two days. The regular monthly bills and claims were examined and ordered paid.

Sheriff Mashburn will have as jailer the present incumbent, F. A. Curtis. J. P. Ray was sworn in as deputy and B. L. Robbins as constable.

The jury for the January term of court was drawn as follows:

First week—C. Y. Banning, B. T. Daves, Thomas M. Davis, F. S. Price, T. B. Faw, B. M. Steppe, J. H. Morris, W. P. Artz, R. H. Hennessee, R. Williams, W. A. B. Garrison, W. E. Gardin, C. A. Morris, C. R. Wilkerson, Samuel Brown, Jr., W. H. McMahan, H. S. Quinn, J. H. L. Miller.

Second week—E. G. Goforth, Geo. F. Rhom, T. C. Patton, J. O. McDaniel, W. C. Flinn, J. Q. R. B. Clark, W. R. Garrison, B. P. Hensley, G. C. Freeman, A. R. Byrd, C. L. Morgan, S. W. Cannon, E. K. Hild, J. H. Walker, Ed. Allison, D. M. Gibson and W. L. Allison.

Our Peace Delegates.

President Wilson, Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, Henry White, former ambassador to France and Italy, Col. E. M. House and General Tasker H. Bliss, representative of the American army with the supreme war council at Versailles, will represent the United States at the peace conference.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Dec. 2.—Floyd Satterwhite and family of Spencer spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Satterwhite.

John Mangum is home for a few days after spending several days at the plant of the Southern Power Company at Bridgewater.

Jake Walker of Spencer spent the week-end with his family here.

T. B. Landis made a business trip to Nebo last Saturday.

James C. Goforth opened school at Laurel Hill last Monday.

Cronje Langridge has gone to Marion to work for W. O. Ledbetter & Brother.

H. B. Brackett has moved his saw mill from South Muddy Creek to a point near the Hennessee mill, where he will saw timber for Frank Daves.

Lance Goforth of Vein Mountain spent Thanksgiving with homefolks.

J. L. Spratt and J. A. Taylor made a trip to Nebo last Monday.

NEBO

Nebo, Dec. 3.—No influenza in school but pupils in the dormitory are still quarantined on the school grounds to prevent the epidemic being brought in. All old pupils may return at any time provided they have not been exposed within a week.

Miss Zelda Hensley of Marion entered school Monday.

Miss Edna Brown of Marion visited her sister, Charline, at the dormitory Sunday.

Reid Bird re-entered school Monday.

Mrs. Masters spent Sunday in Marion. Miss Virginia Ballenger of Bridgewater visited Virginia Rust Sunday.

Prof. Penland was called home last Friday to attend the funeral of his sister. The teachers have decided to offer three medals this year—a scholarship medal, a recitation and a declamation medal.

Mr. Gibbs has been making things lively on the hill this week with his gasoline saw and has tickled the boys who chop wood with the fall of the ax by cutting it for them.

The Nebo district went "over the top" with the war fund by raising \$317.65. The school paid \$46.00 of this amount. Frank Wilson won the prize of one dollar offered by the chairman for securing the largest subscription.

Glenwood High School News.

The business class is progressing nicely under the leadership of Miss Elsie Stacy. Two new students have joined in the last few days.

The Literary Society which has been suspended on account of the influenza, had a call meeting Friday afternoon and elected officers.

The student body is preparing two basket ball grounds.

Miss Faye Morris, of Forest City, has been a visitor here for several days.

On last Wednesday the boys, under the leadership of Mr. Hensley, cut down trees on the school ground and converted them into stove wood.

Who Can Tell?

If the folk of Ireland are Irish, Are those of Switzerland Swiss? Or if a good American, Went to England would he be English-an?

If the people of Belgium are Belgians, Are those of Jerusalem Jerusalemians? If we had a lot of New Yorkers, Go to Cork, would they then become Corkers?

If Bulgaria's soldiers are Bulgars, Why are not Hungarians Hungars? And so on please what is the rule, Most of us couldn't learn it in school. Is there anyone who knows How they ever named Eskimos? But—Wait—Uncle Sam's boys are unfurlin'—

The stars and stripes in old Berlin. We then can rejoice with the Frenchies, The soldiers are out of the trenches. Subscriber.

Lieut. Artz Located as Prisoner.

After being given up for dead by his family and friends comes the announcement that Lieutenant John Artz, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Artz, of Old Fort, is alive, and has been located in a German prison camp at Lembrug. Word to this effect was received last Saturday night from the American Red Cross at Paris, and it was further stated that Lieutenant Artz had been released and was on his way to the French capital.

Lieutenant Artz was reported missing after making an aerial flight over the German lines on September 12, the first day of the famous American drive at St. Mihiel. Several weeks ago W. P. Artz, father of the young lieutenant, received a letter from a member of the Eighth Aero squadron wherein the writer expressed the fear that Lieutenant Artz had been killed in aerial battle, but Mr. and Mrs. Artz continued to entertain the hope that their son was living, believing that he had been taken prisoner by the Germans. Subsequently inquiries, however, failed to bring the longed-for news and the worst was feared. Persistent efforts by the American Red Cross and other American agencies to locate the young officer resulted in the happy tidings received last week.

The Casualty List.

The casualty list of last Thursday contained the name of J. R. Hobbs of Marion, who is reported as having been killed in action. J. T. Holland, of Nebo, is also listed among those who died of disease. S. E. Pyatt, son of Sam Pyatt, of Nealsville, is reported as missing.

Tuesday's casualty list contained the name of Weldon Willis, of Marion, who is listed among those as severely wounded. Mr. Willis is a son of Mrs. Sallie Willis of this place. He held a position with The Progress several years ago.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS TO INVESTIGATE OWN CRIMES

London.—The German government is starting an investigation into the German crimes in Belgium.

Among those held responsible, according to an Amsterdam dispatch, are General von Sauberzwegel, the former military governor of Brussels; General Baron Kurt von Manteuffel, military commander at Louvain, and Baron von der Yancken, civil governor of Brussels at the time of Miss Cavell's execution.

TRANSPORT READY TO SAIL WITH WILSON AND PARTY

New York.—The American transport George Washington, selected by President Wilson to convey to Europe himself and other members of the American delegation to the peace conference, will be conveyed by the battleship Pennsylvania and a fleet of five fast destroyers. The George Washington is lying at her pier in Hoboken ready to sail on her history making trip at a moment's notice.

FAMOUS SIXTH REGIMENT IS WITH ADVANCING ARMY

With the American Army of Occupation, Treves.—When the American army entered Germany flags were flying and bands playing along the route, the same as was taken by the armies of the French republic in 1792. One division had passed one side of the ancient city of Treves when the Sixth regiment, famous in American history since the days of the revolutionary war, made its entry.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The railroad administration has agreed to take under Federal control the operation of the Elkin and Alleghany railroad, which had been left out along with other short line railroads.

Demobilization of the S. A. T. C. at the University of North Carolina will begin on Wednesday, December 4th, and continue with the view of completion by the 10th. Most of the students will remain through the 18th, however, in order to stand examinations for credit for the term's work. Those who have no intentions of returning to college will probably leave as soon as disbanded.

Mr. George Evans, Sheep Field man for the Agricultural Extension Service, is shipping 250 head of breeding ewes from New Mexico to Spruce Pine in Mitchell County. Two hundred of these go to farmers in the county, while 50 go out to the sheep experimental farm near Spruce Pine. The Experiment Station now has a total of 175 breeding ewes on this farm, and under the direction of Mr. W. R. Radford, as Superintendent, is gaining some important facts about sheep and wool production.

School Superintendents to Meet in Raleigh Dec. 17.

N. F. Steppe, county superintendent of schools, has received notice from State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner that a special call meeting of all city and county superintendents of schools in the state will be held in Raleigh, December 17 and 18. It is planned to discuss the legislation in connection with the administration of the six months school law now part of the constitution of the state.

Better payment for teachers of the state will be one of the interesting things to be worked out at this conference. Tentative bills for demonstration purposes only, of course, have been drawn up and the superintendents will be asked to give their opinion regarding its construction.

Waynesville and Azalea Hospitals Made Permanent.

Government tubercular hospitals at Azalea and Waynesville are to be made permanent institutions. The hospital at Azalea will be further improved and enlarged and the Waynesville hospital will be retained.

This information was made public yesterday by the surgeon general's office at Washington, according to a special dispatch received last night by The Asheville Citizen.

Must Have Return Address.

No letter mail for delivery to members of the American Expeditionary forces will be accepted for delivery at any United States post-office unless it has a return address on it. This order is issued by the Postmaster General at the request of the Secretary of War to insure delivery of mail to the soldiers that reaches France after they have left there.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Little, a son.