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## MR. KNOTT ADVOCATES PLAN TO CONTINUE THE FAIR

### It Could Be Operated Successfully In Connection With a Farmer's Exchange.

Editor Public Ledger:

I read with interest your recent article on disposition of the Granville County Fair property, which is to be sold at an early date. I agree with you in that if this property was handled by a party of several, conducted as a fair proposition on strictly business lines, it would not only pay expenses but pay a good dividend on investment.

One reason our fair failed was because the salary paid to the secretary was so small no one cared to hold the position more than one year; therefore the fair was always conducted by inexperienced men.

In 1916 I was the secretary of the fair, and I now look back on that year's work with regret, not only on account of heavy financial losses sustained personally, but on account of my inexperience and the mistakes I made.

The man who manages a fair successfully must be experienced, resourceful, popular, progressive and chock full of ideas. You cannot secure the service of such a man for \$300 per year. Managing a fair is a big man's job.

It seems to me that just now we need this institution in Granville county.

Some one said that the reason the fair did not succeed was because our people thought only of raising tobacco. Unfortunately this is true in a measure, but any county that holds to the one crop idea in future is doomed—matters not what that crop sells for. When the Southern farmers realize that they have soil capable of producing anything, and when cotton and tobacco is on the decline shift to some other crop that is profitable—until we learn to do this we will always be victims of a fluctuating market. I know of no better agency to demonstrate and bring out these ideas than through a county fair.

Frankly, I would like to see a company organized to take charge of our fair and run it, cutting out all leaks that we all know have existed, and make it go. Conducted in this way, it would succeed and pay those who are connected with it. Employ a man capable of doing the work; run in connection with it a Farmer's Exchange, and demonstrate to the farmers that not only can other crops be produced in our county, but that it would pay them to produce these crops. When we learn this we will have a more stable market for our tobacco and cotton.

Men of Granville county, be not deceived, the present high prices for tobacco will not last without an effort on your part. That effort must be diversified farming.

P. W. KNOTT.

## PITY THAT IT IS TRUE.

### A Scoundrel Married Louisburg Girl While Wife Was Living.

The Washington Post says that an indictment was returned by the local grand jury last Friday afternoon against Franklin C. Morris, said to be business man of New York and Detroit, alleging that he recently married Miss Aline P. Webb, of Louisburg, N. C., a clerk in the war risk insurance bureau, while he had a wife living in New York. Morris is alleged to have married Miss Ada M. Levins, of Detroit, April 12, 1899, and they lived together in New York and Detroit until the husband came here six months ago to enter the government service. It is said that Morris kept up a daily correspondence with his wife during the time that he was paying court to the North Carolina girl whom he subsequently married. Morris is 42 years old.

HERE IS YOUR CHANCE FOR A FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

### Tickets Are Selling As High As \$50,000 For the Privilege.

A New York merchant, who is somewhat of an expert in gas engines, has offered his services to the Aero Club of America as engineer on the first airplane that is to fly across the Atlantic. He asks no wage or salary. On the contrary, he offers to pay \$50,000 for the privilege of helping at the motors on the flight across. The would-be passengers have not been heard from yet, but we need not be surprised to hear of bids anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for "first tickets." But what the public is now most interested in is announcement by the club of the sailing day of the first airplane to Europe. Later on it will become interested in the matter of tickets and prices.

## WILSON PRESENTS UNANIMOUS REPORT ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO PEACE CONGRESS

### Pact Affords a Permanent Organization—United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, and Four Smaller Powers, Join—President to Call First Meeting of Delegates to World Union.

(Associated Press Report.)

The executive council of the proposed league of nations, as outlined in the covenant read by President Wilson today, will consist of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, together with representatives of four other States.

The council shall meet as often as is necessary, but at least once a year, at whatever place may be designated. Any matter within the sphere of action of the league or affecting the peace of the world will be dealt with.

The President of the United States shall summon the first meeting of the body of the delegates and of the executive council.

### Permanent Secretariat.

The league will have a secretariat under the direction of a secretary general, who shall appoint the other members. The secretary general shall act in that capacity at all meetings.

### Guarantees for New Members.

No State shall be admitted unless it gives effective guarantees to observe international obligations and unless it shall conform to conditions prescribed by the league in regard to its naval and military forces armament.

### Provides for Arbitration.

The high contracting parties reserve the right to take any action to safeguard the peace of nations. The executive council shall formulate plans for the establishment of a permanent court of international justice.

### To Maintain Peace.

Concerning armaments the covenant says that the maintenance of peace will require the reduction of national armaments to the lowest point consistent with national safety and the enforcement of international obligations by common action, the geographical situations and circumstances of the various States being taken into account.

### World Army Rejected.

The French proposition for an inter-allied military force to enforce peace was defeated by an overwhelming vote of the commission on the society of nations, which adopted the complete draft.

### Will Adjourn Sine Die.

As soon as the conference has relieved itself of this burden it is expected to adjourn sine die. It has been said by a highly competent authority that the date of adjournment would be about June 1.

## TAYLOR CANNADY BUGGY CO. INAUGURATES NEW FEATURE

### Complete Force of High Class Workmen Have Been Engaged.

The Taylor Cannady Buggy Company has enlarged its plant so as to include a department for upholstering and repainting automobiles. Mr. Will J. Evans, who is now touring the automobile factories of the west with a view of securing high grade materials, will give his personal attention to the details of the department.

Mr. N. H. Cannady, president of the Taylor Cannady Buggy Company states that the plant will be sufficiently large to take care of the work from all over the State; that high-grade workmen have been secured and that only the best of materials will be used.

The plant will be in operation by March 1st. See formal announcement elsewhere in this paper.

## AMERICANS OPPOSE MOVE TO POOL DEBTS OF ALLIES

Paris, Feb. 16.—The movement in the Peace Conference to adopt an international pooling system of debts, to include all neutrals, even against their wishes, met determined resistance from American delegates, who feel that America did her full share by furnishing troops and almost unlimited supplies of money and material.

They are understood to be quite willing to extend further credits to permit France to rehabilitate her industries and enable her and Belgium as well, to hold their own in the world's market, but they appreciate their incapacity to commit their country to participation in any monetary credit system with European Powers.

They feel that some countries have been derelict in not imposing, as the United States and Great Britain did, taxes during the war to meet their obligations, instead of calculating upon indemnities.

## WILL HURT AND BEN TEASLEY SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR

### As To Who Fired The Fatal Shot There Is Considerable Uncertainty.

The Superior Court, for the trial of both criminal and civil cases convened Monday, February 10, and is still in session, with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, N. C., presiding. During the past week much of the criminal docket, which was greatly congested by reason of the fact that only a few of the urgent criminal cases were tried at the November Term last owing to the prevalence of the influenza, was disposed of, though the April term will find several important cases for trial carried over from this term.

Judge C. C. Lyon is not a stranger in Granville, he having held the courts of the county during the spring of 1914; but his conduct of the present court has augmented the favor with which he was already regarded by both the legal fraternity and general public. To the layman he appears to possess that imperturbability and fairness essential to success as a trial judge, and with the bar he is regarded as a learned and ever courteous administrator of the law.

This week will be devoted to the trial of civil cases only, though some were set for trial last week. However, there were but few submissions most of the cases having been contested vigorously, most notably being the cases State vs. Bud Simpson and Van Horn for the manufacture of whiskey and the trial of Will Hurt and Ben Teasley for murder. In the case of Bud Simpson the jury convicted, and acquitted in the case of Van Horn. Simpson was sentenced to one year in the State prison. After the summoning of a special venire of one hundred men and the taking of testimony for a day and a half, Ben Teasley, through his counsel, tendered a plea of guilty of manslaughter, and Will Hurt likewise tendered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree, which pleas were accepted by the solicitor for the State. The former was sentenced to 4 years and the latter to 8 years in the State prison. As to who did the shooting that resulted in the death of the negro Young in Brassfield township on January 21, there is considerable uncertainty, as the testimony was exceedingly conflicting, and the general impression is that it was one set of negroes lying against the other, and the Teasley group seemed to have had the better of the contest.

## STEPS TAKEN TO ENTERTAIN THE HOME-COMING SOLDIERS

### Banquet, Music and Speaking Included In the Program.

At a meeting in the store of Mr. J. Robert Wood last Friday night, steps were taken to entertain the home-coming members of the Thirtieth Division on their return from overseas.

Mayor Mitchell's committee is as follows: J. Robt. Wood, J. W. Horner, R. H. Lewis, A. A. Hicks, A. H. Powell.

The above committee appointed the following chairman of committees:

Finance—W. T. Yancey.  
Secretary—Miss Mary B. Williams  
Asst. Secretary—Miss Edna White.  
Program—B. W. Parham.  
Decoration—G. B. Phillips.  
Music—Major Will Landis.  
Refreshments—J. R. Hall.  
Publicity—Dan A. Coble.

The above chairmen will appoint their assistants and report at a meeting to be held later in the week. The committees practically agreed to hold the entertainment in one of our spacious warehouses. All of the Granville county soldiers and sailors who have returned will be invited to attend. Plans were also discussed as how best to show our appreciation for the part the colored soldiers played in the world war. This can be done later on when an all-day event will be staged for all of the soldiers of Granville county.

## RED CROSS NOTES.

Mr. Summers, the sewing machine agent, has very generously donated to the Granville County Chapter a Richmond sewing machine, and he has, also, kindly loaned another sewing machine for use in the work room. This kindness of Mr. Summers comes at an opportune time, for sewing machines are in great demand in the work room at this time, and the Chapter expresses its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Summers.

It is hoped that a large number of the ladies from both the town and county will call at the work room on Main street and assist in the work of completing the large order for refugee garments. These garments are urgently needed and the chapter is anxious to keep up its good name by completing all allotments.

## PLAN OF LEAGUE ACCEPTED ON 13TH, WILSON LUCKY DAY

### President Wilson Retains 13 as his Lucky Number.

The agreement on the plan for the society of nations was effected on the 13th.

He arrived in France December 13th.

He was first inaugurated President in 1913.

He was the 13th President of Princeton.

He has 13 letters in his name.

The League of Nations is now an accomplished fact. The draft has been completed and adopted, and the President is speeding across the Atlantic with a copy in his pocket.

This is the instrument upon which the preservation of the future peace of the world is based, and thus the one great detail of the Peace Conference is of final adjustment. The public may now prepare itself for the long-expected discussion of indemnities, reparations and organizations of tribunals for the consideration of charges against military authorities for responsibility for the war and for the outrages that characterized its prosecution on part of the German military Government. The Conference will shortly be in the midst of these interesting matters.

The full text of the League of Nations embrace twenty-six articles. The plan as approved by the special commission, is a simple affair, after all. It will comprise a small body of representatives from the great and small countries which will govern the Society of Nations. This body will have stated meetings at some place which will be internationalized. Each country will be represented by international law experts who will act as arbitrators in case of disputes between Nations. The country adjudged in the wrong must accept the ruling. In case it should be inclined to go to war, it will find that it has to war against the combined military strength of the countries parties to the Society. The Continental and Latin Powers stood out for detail in the matter of military force, while Great Britain and the United States desired agreement on general principles only. As usual, in case of dispute, they turned to President Wilson and he was ready with a way out of the difficulty. Under his plan no country will be obliged to go to the rescue of another country unjustly attacked, but all parties to Society membership would be compelled to join in an economic boycott against a country which violates its rules, and also to maintain friendly neutrality in favor of the attacked country. When war should become necessary, all parties to the Society would join in helping the Nation upon which war is made, but the boycott would be first resort.

## ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS TROOPS TOTAL 215,749

### More Than a Million Officers and Men Demobilized in This Country to February 10.

The War Department says that from the signing of the armistice to February 8, 287,332 American troops in France and Great Britain had embarked for the United States, while up to February 10, 67,454 officers and 1,069,116 men had been demobilized in this country. Total arrivals of overseas troops up to February 7 were 215,749.

Since the end of hostilities 53,042 sick and wounded have arrived in this country, bringing the total since the beginning of the war to 63,160. On February 1 the occupied beds in hospitals in the United States numbered 60,777, while there were 47,048 vacant beds available for returning cases.

## MR. J. T. POYTHRESS DEAD

### The Old Painter Was a Victim of the Flu.

Mr. J. T. Poythress, 57 years old, died at his home on Raleigh Road last Saturday morning after a brief illness of influenza-pneumonia.

Some years back Mr. Poythress served on the police force and was regarded as a fearless officer. He was a painter by profession. He is survived by three children.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Harte Sunday afternoon and the interment was in Elmwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Harvey Murray, R. W. Brown, W. J. Longmire, R. Bowden, L. G. Mangum, E. Z. Rainey.

## The Baraca-Philatheas.

May 16 is the date set for the annual Baraca-Philatheas State convention to be held in Greensboro. The principal meetings of the convention will be held in the First Baptist church and in West Market Street Methodist church.

## WILSON WILL LAND AT BOSTON TO MAKE AN ADDRESS THERE

### Great Welcome Meeting To Be Arranged In Boston For President Upon His Arrival Home.

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson left Brest on his return to the United States on board the United States Ship George Washington shortly after 11 o'clock last Saturday morning.

The President will land in Boston February 25, where he will deliver an address covering the achievement of his trip to France.

### Articles In His Pocket.

On leaving France, President Wilson cabled a request to the Foreign Relations committees of Congress to defer debate on the constitution of the proposed league of nations until he had an opportunity to go over it "article by article" with the members.

"There is a good and sufficient reason for the phraseology and substance of each article," declared the President in his message, transmitted through Secretary Tumulty.

### To Rush Matters.

Members of the Senate and House committees will dine at the White House on February 26, the day after the President is expected to land at Boston. This early meeting was interpreted as evidence of the President's determination to get the details of the new world federation for peace before Congress as quickly as possible.

### Respect President's Wishes.

Democratic and Republican leaders indicated that both parties were inclined to respect the President's wishes in the matter of debate, although it was said some members might desire to express their views forthwith.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

### Recommends That the Vaults in the Clerk's and Register's Office Be Enlarged.

To His Honor, Judge C. C. Lyon, Judge Presiding:

We, the grand jury of February term 1919, Granville County Superior Court beg leave to report as follows:

We have passed upon all bills presented for our consideration. We investigated the Home of the Aged and Infirmit and found that the members are well cared for and the management of the institution satisfactory. We found therein 23 inmates as follows: White males 3; white females 4; colored males 8; colored females 8. We found the following stock: 4 cows, 3 mules, 1 horse, 4 sows, 18 shoats, 2 barrels of molasses, 250 pounds of lard, 1800 pounds of meat, 4 tons of corn stover, 8 tons of pea hay, 5,000 pounds of fodder, 125 barrels of corn.

We visited the jail, and found the prisoners well cared for. We would recommend that screens be placed in the windows and doors by spring. We visited the several officers of the Court House and found them conducted satisfactory. We would recommend that vaults in the clerk's office be enlarged; we found papers outside that ought to be in vaults; we also recommend that the vault in the register of deeds' office be enlarged, as all space in vault is filled. We find that there are 30 justices of the peace in the county and only 9 reported.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOBGOOD, Foreman.

## WAR REVENUE BILL NOW LACKS ONLY SIGNATURES

### To Be Signed By President Wilson On His Return From Abroad.

(Washington Special.)

Final legislative action on the war revenue bill levying \$6,000,000,000 in taxes this year and \$4,000,000,000 yearly thereafter until revised was taken by the senate without a record vote, and with but a few scattering "noes," the conference agreement was adopted as approved recently by the house. After the bill is signed by Vice President Marshall and Speaker Clark it will be sent to the white house for approval by President Wilson after his return from France. Formal approval of the bill by the President is regarded as assured.

## In the Casualty List.

In the casualty list issued Sunday William Hill Powell, of Oxford, is reported slightly wounded. This no doubt refers to the dose of gas received last fall, from which he has completely recovered. He is a son of Mr. J. B. Powell, Register of Deeds and he is wearing the distinguished medal awarded for bravery.

Mr. Josh King, buyer for the Long Company, left for New York today.

## DR. HARTE LAUDS THE WORK OF BILLY SUNDAY

### The Evangelist Is the Greatest Single Religious Force In the World Today.

Dr. J. D. Harte, pastor of the Oxford Baptist church, made a trip to Richmond last week and while there heard Rev. Billy Sunday preach six sermons. On his return so many people asked Dr. Harte about the great evangelist he sat aside last Sunday night to pay a just tribute from his pulpit to the man whose voice is heard by five million people every year.

It has been the custom here, as well as elsewhere, for the uninformed to criticize Rev. Billy Sunday, but the close range view that Dr. Harte got of the great evangelist, as outlined to an overflowing congregation, will cause those who heard him to withhold their criticism until they, too, get an intimate view of the man who possesses the greatest religious force in the world today.

Dr. Harte started out by saying that Rev. Billy Sunday is 63 years old. That within itself was a great surprise to the congregation. He spoke of the early life of the great preacher; how he was converted on the streets of Chicago; his entrance upon his great career 25 years ago as a handy-man in the employ of the late Dr. Alexander, the great evangelist; later purchasing a tent and preaching to large congregations in the West.

Dr. Harte attributes much of the success of Sunday to the perfect organization down to the minutest detail. In Richmond he said, one thousand select musicians furnish the music; that the entertainment before the sermon lasts for one hour and is interspersed with high class sacred music. Across the street from the auditorium, said Dr. Harte, is a cafeteria run by the Sunday forces practically at cost to prevent others from profiteering by virtue of the great throng of people who stand in line for hours waiting to be admitted to the auditorium.

Dr. Harte spoke of a meeting held in Richmond last week which was attended by forty ministers, one of whom spoke discouragingly of Mr. Sunday's preachings, but when questioned as to the grounds for his attitude could not name a single shortcoming of the great evangelist. In this connection, Dr. Harte stated that the whiskey men of Cincinnati for many years had a standing reward of \$25,000 to any one who could furnish proof that Rev. Billy Sunday is a grafter and not sincere. To prevent damaging reports by unscrupulous people, said Dr. Harte, Mr. Sunday throws a safe-guard about himself; that he will not entertain any lady, or delegation, unless in the presence of his wife or other reliable persons.

Dr. Harte said that he would be afraid to speak discouragingly of the great evangelist's work. He is satisfied, he said, that Mr. Sunday is the greatest single religious force in the world today. He said that he had no fault to find with him for jumping and skipping about the platform. Those antics, said Dr. Harte, are a part of his very nature, and after you hear him a couple of times, and know the man, they appear to be absolutely natural. Let the actions be what they may, continued Dr. Harte, Sunday arrives at the fundamental truths of the Scriptures. He is an educated man—a man of letters—and through the maze of words and action is able to make you laugh or shed a tear and through it establish the divine truth.

Billy Sunday will be in Richmond two weeks longer, announced Dr. Harte, and he urged all who can possibly hear him to do so—to hear him more than one time if possible.

## ROMANCE OF A POCKETBOOK.

### Sweetheart Claims Purse of Soldier Dead At Ypres

A Winston clothing firm has received a pocketbook which it sold several years ago. It was sent by R. Bartrup of Essex, Eng., and in his letter he explained that it was taken from the pocket of an unidentified officer after he was killed on the battlefield of Ypres a few months ago. Stamped on the inside of the pocket book was the name of the firm which sold it and also the address. A few hours after the pocket book was placed in the window of the Winston clothing firm a sister of the dead soldier and the young man's sweetheart appeared and identified it by the kodak picture on the inside as that of Private William B. Johnson of Stokesdale, who left home for camp last April and who went to France with his company in July. He was killed August 2 by a bursting shrapnel.