

SECOND NOTE WAS SENT BY THE U. S.

However, American Diplomats at Neutral Capitals Were Instructed on Certain Lines.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON OWN INITIATIVE

Spanish Suggestion Not Commented on My American Officials Today at Washington.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 1.—The American government, it was made known here today, sent no second note to the neutrals subsequent to the dispatch of President Wilson's peace note, but American diplomats at neutral capitals were instructed that in transmitting the peace note they should convey the suggestion that if the neutral governments thought it wise to take action on peace the United States considered the time opportune. It stated definitely that no other government knew the United States was contemplating action; that no other government was asked to approve its action before it was taken, and that the American government acted entirely on its own initiative and no attempt was made to act in concert with any other nation.

While the form of instructions to the American diplomats in transmitting the American note to the neutrals was not disclosed it is learned that President Wilson considered the instructions immaterial. It is said to be possible that some American representatives may have made it appear that the United States was directly urging co-operation of other neutrals. This idea was based on the note of Spain to the United States in which mention was made of a second communication.

Spain's suggestion for sending of neutral nations to define the rights of neutrals was not commented on by officials here. The delivery of the American note to the neutrals was not construed by administration officials as an effort to invite their co-operation.

In discussing the question today officials made it clear that there was no such intention on the part of the President.

The United States, it was said, would continue to act on its own initiative. It was reiterated again today that as well a note for peace President Wilson's note was also intended to point out that the position of neutrals was becoming intolerable.

CONCORD GIRL WILL WED CHAPEL HILL MAN.

Concord, Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. C. Gibson announces the engagement of her daughter, Ellen Phifer Gibson, to Cameron MacRae of Chapel Hill. The marriage will take place in February.

COUNTY COURT CASES.

A Number Coming Up From the County Disposed of. There have been a number of cases disposed of in the county court since last report. However, all of these were cases in which the defendants had either been arrested prior to Friday or where they came from the county outside of Salisbury. Not a single arrest had been made by the police force since Thursday and up to noon today.

FORTHCOMING NOTE.

London, Jan. 1.—The hope is expressed by the Manchester Guardian that the forthcoming note of the ententes to President Wilson will be written by a different hand and in a different spirit than the reply to the allies.

GOVERNORSHIP IS IN DISPUTE

Two Men Claim to Have Been Elected and Trouble Was Feared at State Capital.

E CAMPBELL HAS BEEN ISSUED A CERTIFICATE

Governor Hunt, However, is Contesting the Election, Alleging Fraudulent Voting.

(By Associated Press.) Phoenix, Arizona, Jan. 1.—Rumors that attempts would be made to prevent the governor-elect from entering the State house drew a large crowd to the capital grounds today ready for the ceremony of inauguration of a governor of Arizona. Two men—E. Campbell, governor-elect, and Governor G. W. Hunt, the present incumbent—claim the office. The adherents of each maintained that there would be a double inauguration. The only statement administration leaders would make was that Governor Hunt had been elected and would hold the office or "know the reason why."

Campbell has been officially declared elected by the State canvassing board and given a plurality of 30 votes over Hunt by Secretary of State Osborne.

Hunt is contesting the election on ground of alleged fraudulent voting in several precincts. The courts are inspecting the ballots as a preliminary to a formal contest.

RECORD ON LYNCHING FOR THE PAST YEAR

Tuskegee Institute Gives Out the Record for the Year 1916 and Compares With 1915—Georgia Led the States in Number of Lynchings.

(By Associated Press.) Tuskegee, Jan. 1.—Fifty-four persons were lynched in the United States during the past year, according to statistics prepared and made public by Tuskegee Institute by Robert Moton, president of the school. Of the 54 lynched, 50 were negroes, and 4 were whites, and in the records were included 3 negro women. In 1915 there were 67 Lynchings, 13 of these being white persons. Fourteen, or more than one-fourth of these were lynched in the state of Georgia. Of those put to death, 42, or 77 per cent were for crimes other than assault. Charges on which the whites were put to death were, murder, 3; suspected of cutting a woman 1, one of these was a Mexican. The charges on which the negroes were put to death were, attempting assault 9; killing officers of the law, 10; murder, 7; hog stealing and assisting another to escape 6; wounding officer of the law, 4; assault, 3; insult, 2, and one each for the following offenses; Salping by, robbing a store, brushing a girl on the streets assisting son to escape, entering house for robbery, defending his son who in defense of his mother had killed a man, fatally injuring a man with whom he had a quarrel, speaking against a mob lynching another, and attacking a man and his wife.

By states lynchings occurred as follows: Alabama, 1; Arkansas, 4; Florida, 8; Georgia, 14; Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 2; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 1; North Carolina, 2; Oklahoma, 4; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 9.

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The Herald is about the last semi-weekly in the state to leave the dollar hole. We simply cannot make ends meet and only get a dollar, but we are allowing all old subscribers to renew, and urge them to do so. We thought we had made some plain enough, but some seem not to understand it—remember all our subscribers have the privilege of a renewal at \$1.

1917 SIGNAL SALVOS FIRED FROM TRENCH

Greetings Sent to Germans by British Use of Artillery Firing From Front.

ALLIES BELIEVE NEW YEAR MARKS BEGINNING OF END

Conviction That Next Twelve Months Will See Victory Perch on Allies' Army.

(By Associated Press.) With the British Army in France, via London, Jan. 1.—The arrival of 1917 was welcomed on the western front by the British and French soldiers as a beginning of the end of the great world war. There may be varying views and theories as to how the end is to be brought about but there is no question that throughout the British army there is a conviction that the next twelve months will bring victorious peace to the allies.

On most sectors of the British front the New Year made its bow with little ceremony. So many flares and rockets are sent up from the trenches on the long dark winter nights that it is impossible to say how many of these tonight were in honor of 1917.

There is one sector, however, where the British artillery followed the practice adopted last year and welcomed January 1st with salvos against the enemy from guns of all calibre along this front. All guns from the biggest machine guns to the biggest heavies joined in the firing of one first round, then nine, then one, and finally six.

"We do not know whether the Germans recognized it or not but we will try them again tonight," said an artillery captain as he started along the line to give the necessary instructions. In sending the greeting to the Germans there were further complications on account of difference in time, the Germans observing continental time, one hour ahead of British and French clocks. To avoid all doubt the British artillery fired signal salvos at 11 o'clock and midnight.

HOMICIDE IN WESTERN ROWAN COUNTY.

Negro Woman Killed at a Camp Where Road Work Was in Progress Shortly After Noon Today.

Reports came to Salisbury shortly after noon today of a homicide committed at a camp where road work was in progress in Western Rowan, near Cleveland. The person killed is said to have been a colored cook, supposedly a woman. No particulars were given. Sheriff Krier and Deputy David Graham went to the scene but had not returned when the Post went to Press.

FIRED ON AUTOMOBILISTS.

Jealous Negroes at Hickory Ambush Party of Negro Boys and Girls and Several are Wounded.

(Special to the Post.) Hickory, Jan. 1.—Rob Wilson and Tom Wittenburg while out automobile riding with a party of girls were fired on from ambush just outside the corporate limits of Hickory last night. Several of the party were peppered with shot from a shot gun. A fire was built up beside the road and the auto sped by the assault was made. Jealousy is attributed as the cause. Ten arrests have been made. All of the parties are negroes.

SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD LABOR LAW

The New Child Labor Law in South Carolina Went Into Effect With the New Year and the Textile Mills Let Many Workers Under Age Go.

PEACE HOPE HINGES ON WILSON'S NOTE

Reply of Entente Allies to Germany's Peace Proposal Has Not Been Forwarded.

GERMAN DIPLOMATS BELIEVE PROGRESS BLOCKED

Peace Situation Outwardly Unchanged and No Immediate Further Move by U. S.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 1.—The reply of the entente allies to the German peace proposal has not been forwarded today and indications were that it would not be sent on before tomorrow at the earliest. There is no intention to delay it beyond the time necessary to make certain a complete and accurate copy is being forwarded to all the Central belligerents.

The peace situation outwardly remains unchanged with the probability that there will be no further move by the United States at least until the entente governments have replied to President Wilson's note.

LEGISLATURE IS NOW MOBILIZING

Session of 1917 Will Open Wednesday and Members are Getting Into Raleigh for the Session—Candidates are Lining Up for Appointment.

Raleigh, Jan. 1.—With the arrival yesterday of Lieutenant Governor E. L. Daughtridge of Rocky Mount, who will rap the Senate to order next Wednesday and preside over that body until the following Wednesday, when his successor, Hon. Max O. Gardner, together with the other State officers elected in the recent election are sworn in and others, Raleigh began to take on the General Assembly air.

Mr. Walter Murphy, of Rowan; Mr. Henry Page, of Monroe, and Mr. Gallatin Roberts, of Buncombe, candidates for the speakership, and Mr. O. Max Gardner, governor-elect, several members of the legislature and candidates for positions in the House and Senate, were among the arrivals.

The biggest interest at present centers about the speakership and the friends of each are pressing the claims of their favorites. With the arrival of other members of the General Assembly today and tomorrow the contest is expected to become particularly interesting. All three of the candidates for Speaker are quartered at the Yarbrough.

Among the other members of the Legislature who arrived in the city yesterday were Mr. E. S. Hurley of Montgomery; Mr. E. Ellis Gardner of Yancey, Mr. E. J. Griffin of Chowan.

Among the candidates for positions in the House and Senate who are here are the following: Mr. C. C. Broughton of Troy, for reading clerk of the Senate; Capt. W. S. Lineberry of Randolph, for assistant sergeant-at-arms; Mr. W. B. Howell of Montgomery, for assistant sergeant-at-arms of the House; Mr. David P. Dellenger of Cherrylville, for reading clerk of the House; Mr. Aler Lassiter of Aulander, for principal clerk of the House; Mr. J. J. Lewis of Raleigh, for sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Other candidates are as following: Mr. J. H. Manning, of Morrisville, for sergeant-at-arms of the House; Mr. Frank Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, for principal clerk of the House; R. O. Self, of Statesville, for principal clerk of the Senate; Mr. Paul Webb, of Morehead City, for reading clerk of the House.

The first thing on the program, of course, is the caucus of both houses on Tuesday night. Owing to the fact that the constitutional amendments adopted at the November election after the first ten days of the election will eliminate the consideration of local legislation by the General Assembly, a perfect flood of bills are expected to pile in with the convening of the body, as many cities, towns, counties and districts

STATE CONVICTS FOR RAILROAD WORK

Special Train Will Leave State Farm in Halifax County this Evening With Men Going to Western North Carolina Road Work.

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The state of North Carolina is returning several hundred prisoners to work on various railroad construction from which they were withdrawn some months ago. These prisoners will leave the State farm in Halifax county this evening and will travel on a special train. They are to be distributed for work on the Elkin-Alleghany railroad, the Wilkesboro-Boone railroad and the Statesville-Mt. Airy Railroad. The special train will arrive in Greensboro early tomorrow morning and those for the Boone road will be taken up through Winston-Salem to their destination. Those for the Statesville-Mt. Airy road will be brought to Salisbury, arriving here early tomorrow morning and will be transferred to the West-ern road en route to Statesville. At Statesville they will leave the train and march a distance of 22 miles where a camp has been established for them.

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are anxious to have local measures passed. This condition, therefore, will make the opening ten days the heaviest in the history of the legislature.

The fact that after the opening ten days local legislation, which has heretofore clogged the wheels of the legislature, will have been eliminated, it does not mean, by any means, that the coming legislature will have any idle times, for there is an unusually large number of general bills to be considered.

The most important matter that the legislators must first confront is to pass an act to give the cities, towns and counties the authority to provide for the enactment of local legislation which is to be barred from the Legislature. Under the new order of things the counties will be endowed with greater powers than they have ever had in the history of the State, therefore in the framing of this law there is going to be wide diversity of opinion and much discussion and time will necessarily be consumed before the bill is whipped into shape and passed.

FORTY-SIX WOMEN ARE CREMATED IN ASYLUM

Patients of Canadian Hospital Were all Women and Numbered 180—Origin of Fire Unknown.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire that destroyed St. Ferdinand de Halifax asylum at St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Megantic county, Quebec, late Saturday night, according to a report received here.

Patients of the asylum of whom there were 180, all were women. St. Ferdinand de Halifax is in an almost inaccessible section of the province and communications on Sunday were poor. Meager reports obtained from available sources give no intimation of the cause of the fire, which started while the inmates were asleep and apparently spread rapidly.

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SPECIAL SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S.

Leading Lutheran Congregation of the City Closes a Splendid Year in Appropriate Manner.

Monday was a day full of interest and pleasure, as well as helpfulness, for the members of St. John's Lutheran church. The congregation closed what was probably the best year in its history, and there were two largely attended services. At the morning hour Holy Communion was administered to a large congregation and at the evening service Dr. Kinard made an appropriate address. A special feature of the day's services was the special musical by a fine choir, under the leadership of Mr. Francis Griffith, director of music of St. John's.

The congregation had hoped to get in the new church by New Year but delay in arrival of the new church furniture prevented this.

MEASLES INTERFERE SPENCER SCHOOLS

Large Number of Pupils Expected to be Absent Tomorrow on Account of Disease.

BLOWING OF WHISTLES USHER IN NEW YEAR

Southern Shops Taking a Day Off—Work Resumed on Erection of New Shops.

(By A. W. Hicks) Spencer, Jan. 1.—Spencer's basket ball team took another last game from Hickory on Saturday night at the latter place by a score of 28 to 16. The first half brought a score of 12 to 9 in favor of Hickory but in the last the railroaders showed up in better form and changed the final result. In the last half coach Wyant's squad humiliated by defeat administered by the Hickoryites on Nov. 30 played with more vim and with determination to win and literally played the Hickory boys off their feet, as the score will indicate. Sciufford featured for Hickory in goal shooting, while Chas. K. Younce at guard for Spencer tossed six field goals through the ringlet.

The final score was Spencer 28; 28; Hickory 16. Line up for Spencer: R. F. Oliver Barnett; L. F. Orvin Barnett; Centre Cullin; R. G. Holt; L. G. Chas. K. Younce. Goals from the field Orvin Barnett 2, Quillin 4, C. K. Younce 6, Holt 1, Foul Goals Barnett 2.

The prevalence of something like 50 cases of measles in Spencer has brought about a condition that is giving the school board and faculty much concern. School is to open tomorrow morning after a recess for the holidays and Prof. W. L. Wyant, expects to have 125 out on account of the disease. It is said the condition has not improved for the past ten days and many are of the opinion that it cannot be cured and that many of the present cases can be cured and every home thoroughly fumigated. Under the quarantine regulations a child can not return to school until the home has been disinfected under the direction of the City Physician, Dr. J. G. Busby.

The good New Year of 1917 was ushered in with a welcome at Spencer by the blowing of hundreds of whistles and with a number of watch services, one being largely attended at the Methodist church. In addition to the devotional features coffee and other light refreshments were served. Dozens of Spencer young people who have been spending the holidays at their homes in Spencer have returned to the various colleges in this and other states. Others who are still here will leave in a few days for school.

Nancy Lorine, the bright seven weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Beaver died at Silver City last Tuesday and was buried at Love's Creek Wednesday. Before her marriage Mrs. Beaver was Miss Hattie Dorsett, of Spencer, and her many friends will regret to learn of the bereavement. A sister, Miss Mabel Dorsett, went down to attend the funeral.

Following a policy established several years ago the Spencer shops took holiday today and hundreds of the employees spent the day away from home. The big plant opens up again Tuesday morning and on account of heavy demands for rolling stock will be rushed for months to come.

Mr. Lee Ketchie, one of Spencer's well known carmen, returned Sunday from a trip to Keota, Oklahoma, where he spent last week. He went to look after some matters of business as well as on pleasure and was much pleased with the country.

B. E. Swain, of Paraiso, Canal Zone, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swain in Spencer and left the last of the week for New York from which place he sailed for Panama. J. C. Hicks has returned to Bedford, Va., where he has a position with a large automobile concern, after spending the holidays with his parents in Spencer. Among the Christmas visitors here the past week was Prof. W. M. Pickens, of Pinehurst, where he is principal of a school. ROWAN COUNTY MAN WEDS AT TROUTMAN. Troutman, Dec. 31.—Guy Lowrance of Rowan County and Miss Minnie Long of the Shepherd's vicinity were married Friday at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. J. C. Keever. Mr. Lowrance is a prominent young farmer and his bride is the daughter of one of the leading farmers at Shepherds.