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Plans Completed For Wilson's Return Trip.

Paris, March 1.—(By Associated Press.)—As a result of an exchange of cable messages today between President Wilson and the American delegation, plans were completed for the President's return to Paris and for the early assembling thereafter of the peace congress, with German delegates present.

He will land at Drest March 13 or 14 and come direct to Paris. The British prime minister will reach Paris about the same time and with the others of the council of the great powers they will take up the preliminary peace treaty. It is expected these sessions will last until March 22, when Mr. Lloyd George will return to England and President Wilson will go to Brussels and the devastated regions.

The peace treaty will probably reach such a definite stage during the sessions in which President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George will take part a decision may be reached for the assembling of the peace congress, with Germans present, between April 1 and 10. The peace treaty will then be presented and will include military, naval, financial and economic features, all of which will in the meantime be formulated.

Besides the military and naval terms now before the council of the great powers, they will also receive Monday the report of the reparations commission on the huge sums the enemy countries will be required to pay for damages.

The Ex-Kaiser Appeals For Money to Live On.

Weimar, Feb. 27.—(By Associated Press.)—The former German emperor it is learned from competent sources, recently appealed to the German revolutionary government for money. It was said in his behalf it was impossible for him to continue living upon the bounty and good will of the Dutch nobleman, in whose castle he now resides.

Herr Hohenzollern, it is said, declared he already had been forced to borrow 40,000 guilders from his host and could not continue as a debtor. He asked to be allowed at least a portion of his private fortune.

The government, after considering the matter, agreed to his request and instituted a detailed investigation to determine what portion of the former emperor's supposed fortune really was his and what portion belonged to the government. Investigation showed the former ruler might legally claim 75,000,000 marks as his own, but the government decided to allow him temporarily only 600,000 marks to meet present indebtedness and future expenses.

Congress Fails To Provide For Railroads.

Washington, March 4.—Adjournment of Congress without appropriating \$750,000,000 for railways, left the railroad administration with practically empty coffers, about \$381,000,000 back debts and no funds with which to finance the extensive program of improvements planned for this year as a measure to take up slack in the materials and labor market.

Immediate relinquishment of the roads to private management loomed as a possibility, but officials said this would be done only if it finally appeared not feasible for the railroads to borrow privately the millions needed, or to have the war finance corporation extend large loans to the companies.

This seems to be "moving day" in Wilkesboro. Mr. Dennis is moving to the Smith cottage in east Wilkesboro, which he recently purchased from Mr. C. H. M. Tuibert; Clerk of the Court Stroud is moving to the cottage near Mr. Sherman's home, which is being vacated by Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Joe Gaynor is vacating the home Mr. Dennis will occupy and will occupy the J. J. Hayes cottage, which Mr. Stroud is vacating. Just a case of "fruit-basket turn over", except none of the players will be without a home.

To Subscribers.

Please look at the date that follows your name on the label on your paper every week, and, if you are not paid in advance, send us a remittance. Our list is corrected to date. Any errors reported will be cheerfully corrected.

THE WILKES PATRIOT.

Road Commissioners Meet.

The good road commission held a meeting Monday, and invited the proposed new road commissioners to meet with them, and go over the road situation. Messrs. J. E. Finley, J. E. Caudill, W. S. Weiborn and N. E. Parler, four of the new commissioners, availed themselves of the opportunity and attended the meeting. Mr. U. G. Foster, the other new commissioner, not being in town, was not present. The relations between the old and the new commissioners are entirely friendly and apparently the new administration will have the complete sympathy and cooperation of the old.

The Patriot learns that the new commissioners will not dispose of the County's inns at present, at least, but will use them until they get the work well under way and if found profitable will continue to employ them in the future.

Red Cross Notes.

Plans have been perfected by the American Red Cross whereby photographs of the identified graves of American soldiers in France will be sent to the relatives of heroes in this country. Several hundred of such photographs have already been forwarded to the families of men who died in service overseas and an announcement from the American Red Cross Headquarters today says that the work of obtaining photographs has been speeded up to the point where production from now on is expected to reach about seven thousand every month. The photograph will be sent to the dead soldier's next of kin.

The American Red Cross has taken over the task of photographing the graves at the request of the war department and is acting under the authority of Lieut. Col. C. C. Pierce of the graves registration service. The Headquarters of this service is in Tours, France.

Each photograph will be mounted in a cardboard folding frame one side of which contains data concerning the dead soldier. While all requests for such photographs should be forwarded to the bureau of communications of the American Red Cross and not to the graves registration service of the Army, such requests are not really necessary and will not hurry the receipts of the photograph. Neither will special requests receive any special consideration. Every identified grave in France is to be photographed under the plan worked out by the army photographers and they will not be permitted to deviate from this arrangement in order to take a picture of any particular grave. The American Red Cross will forward the photographs to relatives as soon as they are received at headquarters.

Ferguson Items.

A big dance was given at Elkville last Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horton. A large crowd was present. Music was furnished by Miss Gray Greene, Mr. Randolph Carter and others, after which cake and candies were served. Singing by Mr. W. S. Wellborn of Wilkesboro was greatly enjoyed. After the dance, Mr. W. E. Horton furnished teams for a straw ride and carried the guests to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hartley will return today after an extended trip to New York.

Miss Effie Allen and Mr. Wesley Martin were married at Winston last Thursday. Miss Allen is an attractive young lady of Elkville. Mr. Martin is from Eclipse, Va., at which place they will make their home. Miss Docia Allen, the bride's sister went down to be present at the marriage, returning Friday.

Misses Louise and Mary Greene of Roaring River have returned to their home after visiting at Ferguson.

Mr. W. J. Simmons has sold his large truck to Mr. Tom Coffey of Lenoir. Mr. W. E. Horton will drive the truck to Clover, S. C., today and be with Mr. Coffey a few days.

Lecture at Methodist Church.

On Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Methodist church at Wilkesboro, Rev. R. M. Courtney will give an illustrated stereoscopic lecture relative to the work done and showing the needs of the Mission work of our Church. This is in the interest of the Centenary Movement. The public is invited to be out at this time. Members of this church are earnestly requested to be present.

Road Law Passes Final Reading.

The following telegram was received from Mr. P. B. Hendren, who is in Raleigh, at noon today: "Road bill passed final reading without change."
—P. B. HENDREN.

Commercial Club News.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors on Monday, March 3rd, the following chairmen of the various committees were appointed:

- House and Auditing—J. R. Hix.
- Membership—P. W. Eshelman.
- Finance—E. G. Finley.
- Civic Improvement—L. Vyne.
- Industrial—C. C. Smoot III.
- Entertainment—J. C. Reins.
- Railroads—J. L. Clements.
- Good Roads—J. G. Hackett.
- Publication—L. E. Stacy, Jr.
- Agriculture—A. G. Hendren.
- Education—John R. Jones.
- Tobacco—E. C. Willis.
- Fruit Culture—B. C. Price.

These chairmen will promptly appoint their committee and notify the secretary of the personnel of their committee as it is important to start work in the club's various activities as soon as it is possible.

The report of the treasurer is satisfactory considering the number of members that are in the army or have been in war work. A number of these have already returned and as three new members came in unsolicited during the past week the club's members, feel encouraged and are confident of the future success of the drive.

Mr. P. W. Eshelman, the new membership chairman will arrange a drive week in the near future for new members. This is but following the lead of progressive cities like Greensboro and Charlotte. In a city of 15,000 population the Commercial Club raised the membership initiation fee from \$10 to \$25 and putting on a drive secured over 400 new members. Our rates will remain \$10 but the club's membership should never be less than 150 members in order to properly advertise the county's resources.

Advertise North Wilkesboro, Wilkesboro, the Scenic Brushies and the Yadkin and see the County develop her resources.

Moravian Falls Items.

Mrs. C. D. Harris left last Saturday for Winston-Salem where she will visit her daughter, Miss Pearl Harris.

Miss Carrie Pardue of Adley is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. B. A. Ferguson left Tuesday for Statesville where she will take treatment at Dr. Long's Sanatorium.

Mrs. W. G. Meadows left last week for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Jennings of Winston-Salem.

Mrs. R. L. Pearson who has been ill for sometime went to Statesville last week where she will take treatment at a hospital there.

The latest reports from Mr. Carl Lowe who was injured in a railway accident, does not show any improvement. His condition is giving his family and friends much concern.

Mr. Felix Holder of this place made a business trip to Lenoir last week.

Ex-Sheriff E. B. Edwards of Alleghany Dead.

Ex-Sheriff E. B. Edwards, of Laurel Springs, Alleghany County, died of heart failure at his home in Laurel Springs, Tuesday night. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and two children; Dr. B. O. Edwards of Landis and a daughter who is the wife of Dr. O. R. Black, of Landis. He also left several brothers and sisters and was a prominent man in his county having been sheriff there for six or eight years, several years ago.

Death of Mrs. A. J. Marley.

Thursday night of last week, Mrs. A. J. Marley, of Purler, died of cancer of the stomach, after about three months' sickness. She leaves a husband and five children, viz: Coy Marley, of Elk Township, Floyd Marley, of Purler, Mrs. Clinard Jones, of Elk, Mrs. Harrison Adkins, of Purler and Mrs. Frank Anderson, of Ferguson. Mrs. Marley was about 60 years of age and was buried Saturday at Triplett's graveyard, near Ready Branch.

With The Board of Education.

The erection of Several Modern School Buildings Planned—Second Original and Supplementary Libraries Established.

The County Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 3rd, and transacted the following business viz:

In the absence of the Chairman, C. P. Fields, R. L. Proffitt was made Chairman pro tem.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. A petition of certain citizens of Walnut Grove and Mulberry townships asking for the establishment of a new school district was filed and ordered to be heard at the meeting of the board on the first Monday in April.

The petition of certain citizens of District No. 13 of Edwards township asking for an election on the question of local school tax was ordered to be advertised and heard at the next regular meeting of the Board.

A loan of \$300.00 for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new school building was granted to District No. 3 of Lorelace Township.

An appropriation of \$5.00 was made to District No. 5 Wilkesboro Township for the purpose of establishing a supplementary library.

A loan of \$250.00 was made to Beaver Creek School for the purpose of buying patent desks.

An appropriation of \$5.00 was made to the school at Oakwoods for the purpose of securing a Supplemental Library for the school at that place.

An appropriation of \$5.00 was made to District No. 2 of Beaver Creek Township for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new school building.

An appropriation of \$5.00 was made to District No. 1 Colored Race of the same Township for the purpose of purchasing books for the school there.

An appropriation of \$25.00 was made for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a foot bridge across the Yadkin River at Brown's Ford connecting the two portions of Adley School District.

A loan of \$500.00 was made to the school at Goshen for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new school building.

After the transaction of the usual routine business of the board it was on motion adjourned to the first Monday of April.

Death of Mrs. Rebecca Elledge.

Mrs. Rebecca Elledge died at her home near Hays postoffice Tuesday. She was 88 years of age on the day of her death. Four sons and three daughters survive her, viz: Mrs. L. M. Jennings, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. G. V. Brown, of Cross Roads; Mrs. J. A. Elledge, of Hays; J. P. Elledge, of Hays; Center Elledge, of Hays; Win. Elledge, of near Ronda, and George Elledge the youngest son with whom the deceased made her home. She was buried today at 2 o'clock P. M. in the family burying ground. Mrs. Elledge was the grandmother of Rev. S. S. Jennings of North Wilkesboro.

Cold Wave Coming.

Washington, March 5.—Cold wave warnings were issued today by the weather bureau for Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and northwest Florida. The fall in temperature has been very decided over the Mississippi valley and west gulf states and abnormally low temperatures continue over the Plains States, reaching to the freezing point as far south as central Texas and Arkansas.

President Returns to France

New York, March 5.—President Wilson sailed today on his second voyage to France determined, as he speech here last night, "not to come back 'till it's over over there." The transport George Washington, bearing the presidential party, left the Hoboken pier at 8:15 a. m.

Lewis Fork Creek to be Bridged.

An act providing for a bridge across Lewis Fork Creek, near Champion, either below the fork or across the two prongs above the fork, has been passed by the legislature. Mr. Steelman's bills for bridges at Brown's Ford and across Mulberry, east of North Wilkesboro, failed to pass the senate.

Farmers Union Meeting

At a regular meeting of The Wilkes County's Farmers Union, held at the courthouse last Monday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. G. Hendren, President; H. C. Kilby, Vice-president; R. B. Phary, Secretary and Treasurer; R. L. Church, Conductor; Rev. W. M. R. Church, chaplain; C. M. Tevepaugh, doorkeeper; J. J. Hendren, R. L. Proffitt and H. C. Kilby, members executive committee.

It was ordered that a meeting of all local unions in the county be held next Saturday night, March 8th, and that they decide how much fertilizer they will need this spring and advise President A. G. Hendren at once of the amount decided upon.

Recovered Goody Sum He Had Lost in a Hotel.

To have slept peacefully in the Carolina hotel for one whole night while \$1,200 in cash and a \$100 bond were hidden behind the dresser was the fate of two men who spent Thursday night in that hotel without discovering the hidden treasure.

The money was left in a remote corner by E. Call, of Alaska, who was successful in finding a room there when others were full the day previous. The following morning he was in a hurry to catch a train for Wilkesboro, his old home, and it was not until after he had reached that place that he discovered the loss. He telephoned to friends in this city, and a careful search yesterday morning revealed the money, all of which was intact.

Mr. Call recently returned to America from Alaska, and was en route to his old home in Wilkes county. The money was kept in a money belt which is worn by residents of the Yukon, although he did not wear it in this country. For this reason, the money was not discovered until he reached Wilkesboro, and made several purchases.

He is pleasantly remembered here by a number of old friends, who will learn with pleasure that he was successful in having the savings found. —Greensboro Daily News.

(Mr. E. Call is a son of Mrs. Sarah Williams—nee Call, of Call postoffice, and left Wilkes County 35 years ago and traveled in the west for about 10 years, then went to Alaska, spending 25 years in that rather isolated region. Mr. Call has purchased a farm in Florida and expects to go there soon, so The Patriot is informed by a relative of the wanderer.—The Patriot.)

Late Locals

Mr. J. T. Prevette was in Raleigh one day last week.

Mr. A. L. Reeves, of Halls Mills, was in town Monday on business.

The condition of Mr. J. M. Kunkel who has been very sick for sometime is slightly worse today, so The Patriot is informed.

Messrs F. B. Hendren and L. E. Stacy remained in Raleigh this week to watch Wilkes County's road legislation.

Mrs. D. F. Shepherd spent the first of the week with friends in Winston, where she was joined by Mr. Shepherd on his return home from Raleigh.

The Willing Workers Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of little Miss Florene Forester this afternoon. After the meeting the hostess served cream and cake.

Mr. A. Caudill, Sr., is very ill at his home in Rock Creek and a telegram has been sent to his son, Mr. A. Caudill, Jr., at Keysville, Va., to come to his father's bedside.

Mr. David Bower, of Lenoir, was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. C. Winkler this week, while en route to Raleigh on business.

Pvt. Charles C. Parker, of Wilkesboro, Route 2, who was discharged from military duty at Camp Taylor, Ky., recently, was in town Monday and informed The Patriot that he will leave for Moline, Ill., the last of the week, where he has employment in the railway service.

Wilkes Casualty List.

Wounded slightly: Franklin B. Carlton, Buck; John Snyder, R. L. Wilkesboro; Bowman C. Staley, Roaring River; William B. Somers, Wilkesboro.

Wounded degree undetermined: William W. Miller, North Wilkesboro.

Some Things the Legislature Did Last Week.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Deciding that further delay might prove dangerous, the Republicans today presented to the general assembly their bill providing numerous amendments of existing statutes pertaining to elections in North Carolina. This measure, in which the cardinal idea is purification, was introduced in the house by Minority Leader H. S. Williams, while Senator W. H. Fisher, of Sampson, offered it in the upper branch.

Today the senate acquired a fair measure of speed and, among other things, passed the Burns bill requiring health certificates as a condition precedent to the obtaining of marriage licenses, while registers of deeds will not be permitted to issue license to prospective bridegrooms who are unduly intimate with John Barleycorn at the time of application.

The four general health bills, which had been prepared by the state health department and introduced by Senator Joe Brown, of Columbus, also were adopted by the senate without material opposition. These bills contemplate the abatement of certain nuisances, embodying a definite declaration of war against venereal disease and prostitution. Machinery is provided for their enforcement, the aid of doctors being specifically enlisted, while penalties are provided for offenders.

One of the most significant events of the day was final passage by the senate of the bill presented by Senator H. E. Stacy, of Robeson, providing equal pay for equal service, in the schools of the state. This bill, which is strongly backed by Miss Julia Dameron, of the faculty of the State Normal, Greensboro, and by the North Carolina Educational association, is designed to bring an end to discrimination to women teachers, many of whom now receive pay far less adequate than is provided for men who are performing the same work. The house now will be asked to concur in the senate's action, giving its blessing to a measure which has evoked general approval throughout the commonwealth.

Shortly before adjournment of the house today a beautiful bronze tablet in honor of the memory of Daniel Boone was presented to the general assembly, the speech of presentation being made by Chief Justice Walter Clark, while Representative Rufus A. Doughton accepted it for the body. The flags of United States, Great Britain and France were held aloft on Speaker Brunmitt's desk during the ceremonies.

Chief Justice Clark recited briefly that while Daniel Boone was not a general, nor distinguished man of his day, he exemplified the ideal of manhood which ever carries a strong appeal and in him patriotism was a shining virtue. Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Missouri had honored the great pioneer and now North Carolina proudly does homage to his name and works. "He was every inch a man," said the chief justice.

Representative Doughton referred feelingly to the old pioneer and frontiersman as "a maker of history, a patriot, a legislator, a man of courage, a bold and brave pioneer," whose "acts have interwoven many happy traditions handed down to us."

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—At 11 o'clock tonight the senate, by a vote of 35 to 12, adopted the municipal suffrage bill. The vote was taken after a debate of three hours, in which opponents were greatly outnumbered by advocates of the bill, which gives North Carolina women the right to vote in all municipal elections except where bond issues are involved. An amendment offered by Senator Scales, of Guilford, providing that women will not have to pay poll tax in order to vote, was passed. The measure is yet to come up in the house.

Rev. Courtney Will Be in North Wilkesboro.

Rev. R. M. Courtney will preach in the North Wilkesboro M. E. Church next Sunday morning and night. Mr. Courtney is the one who helped in the revival meeting at that church last spring. The people will be glad to hear him again. Dr. Ware received a letter from him this week saying he would be sure to be here by Sunday.

March term of Wilkes court will begin next Monday and last two weeks. Judge Webb will preside.