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STATE BANQUET IN PRESIDENT'S HONOR

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING MEETS HEAD OF GREATEST REPUBLIC ON EARTH.

WAS CHIEFLY A WORKING DAY

After Luncheon, Mr. Wilson Unveils Portrait of Washington Presented by Lord Albemarle.

London.—The environment of President Wilson's second day in England was quieter than that of the first day. The only ceremonial event was a state banquet in Buckingham palace which was notable not only as a spectacle such as probably no other court in Europe can provide the setting for, now that the thrones of Russia, Germany and Austria have disappeared, but from the representative character of the men summoned to meet the head of the American government.

Besides the members of the royal family, the official world was represented by the foreign ambassadors to the court of St. James, the heads of the government, present and past chiefs of the army and navy, colonial officials and members of the royal household. There was also present dignitaries of the church of England, representatives of universities and men high in the world of literature, art and journalism.

President Wilson escorted Queen Mary into the banquet hall, while King George gave his arm to Mrs. Wilson.

The day, however, was chiefly a working day with the President. Five hours were taken up by two conferences with Prime Minister Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Balfour, on peace problems.

For three hours in the morning President Wilson sat with Lloyd George and the foreign secretary before the open fireplace in the President's apartment in Buckingham palace. The second meeting was in the cabinet room of the premier's residence in Downing street. The two sessions were broken by a luncheon at which Mr. Lloyd George gathered a dozen leading British statesmen of the conservative, liberal and labor parties.

There was a picturesque incident after the luncheon when President Wilson unveiled a portrait of George Washington, presented to the premier's residence by Lord Albemarle.

TART INVITATION GIVEN BY HOOVER TO PAIR GERMANS

Washington.—Food Administrator Hoover, in Europe, arranging relief for the people of the war-devastated territories, has refused in emphatic terms to discuss German food conditions with Baron von der Lancken and Dr. Rieth, who sought a meeting with the food administrator.

A message from Paris said these two German officials, who were prominent in the German administration of Belgium, wired from Berlin to Walter Lyman Brown, director of commission for relief in Belgium, that they had been appointed by the German government to negotiate with Mr. Hoover for food supplies. In answer to the request for a conference, Mr. Hoover sent this message:

"You can describe two and a half years of arrogance toward ourselves and cruelty to the Belgians in any language you may select, and tell the pair personally to go to hell with my compliments. If I do have to deal with Germans, it will not be with that pair."

MORE THAN HALF MILLION SOLDIERS MUSTERED OUT

Washington.—Sixty-eight thousand American soldiers had been returned from overseas December 21, and slightly more than 500,000 in this country had been mustered out of service, members of the house military committee were told at their weekly conference at the war department.

MAJ. GEN. J. T. DICKMAN



The American Third army, designated as the army of occupation, it under the command of Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, formerly commander of the third division.

REAR ADMIRAL PEARY'S PLAN

MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IS AWARDED TO AMERICAN COMMANDER.

Pale Hands From Thousands Glorious Graves Reach Out the Laurel Wreath of Victory.

Washington.—High tribute to the work of General Pershing and the officers and men who served under him was paid by General Tasker H. Bliss in conferring upon the American commander the distinguished service medal at the direction of President Wilson.

General Pershing in creating and training on French soil an American army of more than two million men. General Bliss said, in part: "With your aid our ancient ally has regained her former boundaries. And you and your army have played a glorious part in a world event transcending in its momentous importance any other since Charles Martel beat back the flood of Moslem's invasion on the plains of Tours."

"And you have done it all with the thorough devotion of the American army, its officers and men, and of all who helped to make that army and to get it here."

"Just as it is our President who hands to you this medal, so I seem to see from thousands of glorious graves pale hands reaching out to you and your comrades the laurel wreath of victory which they did so much to win."

ONE-SEVENTH POPULATION DEAD IN ISLAND OF TAHITI

Papeete, Tahiti.—Influenza has turned the island of Tahiti into a charnel place. At the rest of Papeete burn great pyres, with a sick, sheet-covered, of bodies of many natives waiting to be thrown into the glowing ashes of those who have been consumed by the flames.

Fully one-seventh of the population of Papeete are dead. In almost every native home families are with no medicine and little attention, while the fever consumes their lives. They beg in vain for food. Those Europeans and Americans who escaped the disease formed a volunteer corps to carry food and medicine to the sick, but the situation grew seriously, and soon got out of hand.

INFLUENZA CONTINUES TO RAVAGE MASSACHUSETTS

Boston.—Reports of influenza and pneumonia, reaching the state board of health from 84 cities and towns outside of Boston showed 1,794 new cases and 23 deaths. Officials pointed to the low death rate as indicating that the present outbreak was not as serious as the earlier epidemic.

OVER THE LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO CAROLINIANS.

Greensboro.—It is generally understood that the chamber of commerce committee favoring a manager plan of government for the city will start the machinery early in 1919 necessary to have a vote on the question. A petition signed by 50 per cent of the voters is necessary.

Goldboro.—Millard L. Parker, of Raleigh, a well-known professional baseball player, was shot and killed here. Ashly Southland, an automobile driver, is being held, charged with the killing, pending a coroner's inquest.

Washington.—A list of soldiers who have been reported prisoners of war in Germany, issued by the war department, include the following: Reported to be at a hospital, Lieut. Alfred H. Walker, Durham; at an unknown camp, Corp. Kluis B. Lippard, Maiden; Purley J. Taylor, Stecoah; Robin Walker, Weanes Ford; Samuel Winstead, Spring Hops.

Wilmington.—R. H. Dorsett, one of the best known of the city's business men and a Mason of state-wide acquaintance, died at his home here. He was a past grand master of the grand council of North Carolina, being a Scottish Rite Mason.

Charlotte.—The health department gave out Christmas greetings in the announcement that only seven cases of influenza were reported during the day, this being the smallest number reported in many days.

Wrennboro.—A Curtiss airplane was wrecked here when it struck a tree at the fair grounds. Lieut. J. W. Cantwell and Sergeant B. Van Aker, in the machine, escaped injury.

Kinston.—Astounding nerve was exhibited by moonshiners who located a still on the farm of Dr. J. M. Hodges, a prominent physician of the La Grange section, and within 400 yards of his residence at that.

Raleigh.—Deputy Sheriff Ernest Raines, Deputy Sheriff Stone and Chief of Police Smith of Apex, captured an illicit distilling plant near town. No one was found at the plant.

Wilmington.—Ensign Harry Shaw was buried here with men and officers of the naval reserve stationed here acting as pallbearers. He died in New York, during the week, of pneumonia.

Raleigh.—Mr. J. F. Stanback has received a letter from his son, Lieut. Jeffrey F. Stanback, stating that he is at Le Mons, France. Lieutenant Stanback is a bacteriologist with the American forces.

Kinston.—Mrs. Mary Moody and John K. Moody were married recently in Trent township, Lenoir county. Each is 72 years of age. Magistrate J. G. Whitfield performed the ceremony. The bride was the widow of a nephew of the bridegroom.

Bowden.—Ed Cooke, the 23-year-old white man who eloped with 13-year-old Gladys Baars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Baars, has been arrested, and placed in jail at Goldsboro to await trial on the charge of seduction.

Wilson.—The town of Stantonburg, nine miles east of Wilson on the Norfolk Southern railroad, is forging to the front. Besides several large enterprises an oil mill to cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 is contemplated.

Washington, N. C.—A letter received from Reg. Fulford by his parents intimates that Battery B may soon be on the way home.

Wilmington.—Wilmington achieved her goal of 5,000 members for the Red Cross and will be able to add more when all reports are in. The message sent to Atlanta headquarters announced 5,000 memberships and the winning of the goal fixed.

WALTER HINES PAGE



This brilliant North Carolinian, Ex-ambassador to the Court of St. James, recently died, at his home at Pinehurst, N. C.

HE PLAYED A GLORIOUS PART

EXPEDITION BEING PLANNED ON EXTENSIVE SCALE TO START NEXT JUNE.

Purpose of Enterprise to Explore, Survey and Photograph Unexplored Parts of Arctic Regions.

New York.—An expedition, to be led by Capt. Robert A. Bartlett, noted explorer, will be sent to the polar regions next June to survey the North Pole by airplane, according to an announcement here by the Aero Club of America.

The plan, it was said, was conceived by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the pole.

The purpose of this expedition, will be to "explore, survey and photograph the unexplored parts of the Arctic regions and establish the existence or non-existence of land or lands in that region. It is also intended "to explore the upper air and the bottom of the polar basin."

14,000,000 MEMBERS ENROLLED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS

Washington.—Approximately 14,000,000 members had been enrolled by 60 per cent of the chapters of the country when the American Red Cross annual Christmas roll call ended, according to reports received at national headquarters here. If the same ratio should be maintained the total enrollment would exceed 20,000,000.

OVER THREE BILLIONS IN WAR CONTRACTS CANCELLED

Washington.—War contracts totaling more than \$3,000,000,000 have been cancelled by the war department. Secretary Baker said that while many protests against cancellations based on fears that unemployment would result had been received, the number of communities where labor is greatly needed exceeded by far those where there is or may be a surplus.

AMERICAN PRISONERS' GRAVES IN GERMANY TO BE MARKED

New York.—Arrangements for marking graves of all American soldiers who died while held prisoner by the Germans have been made by A. C. Harte, Y. M. C. A. representative at Harze, and Conrad Hoffman, the American Y. M. C. A. secretary who was allowed to remain in Germany during the war to aid American prisoners. The plan provides for a central American memorial as well as small memorials for each American grave.

SERIOUS RIOT IS RESULT OF INSULT

AMERICAN FLAG FIRED UPON CAUSES BLOODY FIGHTING ON STREETS OF POSEN.

CAUSED BY GERMAN OFFICER

Delegation from British Mission Protested to German Commander Who Declared He Had No Control.

London.—Firing by German officers on an allied automobile carrying an American flag was the cause of street fighting in Posen late Friday, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen. The Germans were defeated in the fighting. About 138 persons, including a number of women and children, were killed during the rioting.

The dispatch says: "There was severe fighting between the poles and Germans in Posen Friday, which resulted in 33 women and children and about one hundred Germans and Poles being killed. The affray originated as a result of a German officer firing on an allied automobile which was proceeding to Warsaw, carrying the American flag."

"The Germans insulted the flag and the Polish guard was called out. The fighting lasted several hours and the Germans were defeated.

"A delegation from the British mission to Posen protested to the German commander in the town. General Schimmelfeng, but the German officer declared that he had no control over the soldiers."

EFFORTS MADE TO PROVE INNOCENCE OF EX-KAISER

Berlin.—A "league for the protection of the kaiser," has been formed and will issue an appeal to the former advisers of the ex-emperor, as well as diplomats with whom he was associated, to submit all possible documents to prove the kaiser's innocence of bringing about the war. Prince Henry, of Prussia, who was proposed for president of the league, suggested Von Hindenburg for the post.

HORSE MEAT EXPERIENCES ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PRICE

With the American Army of Occupation.—Horse meat again has experienced another advance in Germany. Meatless days are being generally observed throughout Germany.

In Coblenz, the week beginning December 16, was a meatless one. The ruling prices of horse meat in the area occupied by the American army is at present as follows per pound: Horse sausage, one mark, 80 pfen nigs; horse meat, one mark, 60 pfen nigs; horse liver, one mark, 40 pfen nigs.

GREAT FIRE CAUSES LOSS OF \$1,000,000 IN PROPERTY

Bristol, Tenn.—Va.—Fire which originated in the five-story building occupied by Mitchell-Powers Hardware company in State street, on the Virginia side, completely destroyed that structure and four other buildings in the heart of the business district, at an estimated loss of \$1,000,000 partially covered by insurance. The other buildings destroyed were occupied by the Bristol Gas & Electric company offices, the Lynn-Kaylor company, and the other two by clothing stores.

The fire, which was the most disastrous in the history of the city, was gotten under control shortly after midnight when it reached the Dominion National bank building on the north and the Strauss department store on the south, damaging these buildings.

Lack of water and the explosions of powder and shell in the Mitchell-Powers building greatly handicapped the firemen and when the blaze began to spread on each side of this building an appeal was made for assistance from Kingsport and Johnson City.

Just and Righteous Peace.

"A peace with a soul," as Milton expressed it, is the kind of peace far-sighted men of all ages have prophesied. It is what is now demanded in a peace which shall be permanent."

Representatives of the allied nations, unspoiled by victory, yet faithful to their trust, must unite in their prayers for a just and righteous peace.

So ring out, Christmas Bells, and proclaim us never before the glad tidings—

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Vice-President: M. SHERROD
Cashier: M. C. BRASWELL
Assistant Cashier: WILLARD F. JONES

Statement of Condition of Farmers & Merchants Bank

Rocky Mount.

At Close of Business, Aug. 30, 1918.

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts, \$187,827 85
Overdrafts, 189 43
Banking House, Fixtures, 23,888 36
Bonds and War Stamps, 18,225 54
Cash and due from Banks, 49,919 97
Total, \$280,562 21

LIABILITIES:
Capital, \$60,000 00
Undivided Profits, 1,965 74
Residuals, 19,500 00
Bills Payable, 45,000 00
Deposits, 156,992 42
Total, \$280,562 21

Deposits Computed as of Sept. 6th:
Sept. 6, 1917, \$64,838 64
Sept. 6, 1918, \$200,689 74

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