

PRESIDENT WILSON SENDS SECOND NOTE?

80 SAYS DISPATCH RECEIVED FROM BERLIN TODAY.

HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED

A Message From Berlin Gives This Information. Secretary Lansing Refuses to Comment on the Report That a Second Note Had Been Sent to Central Powers and Entente Allies to Correct Misinterpretation of First Note.

(By The Associated Press) Berlin, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—It has been learned that a few days ago President Wilson sent a second note explanatory of the first, to the Central powers, and the Entente nations.

The reason for withholding of the note is said to be that the German reply received in the interim showed that the German government had not been influenced by the "misconception" regarding the purpose and aims of President Wilson's step, which an unfriendly press in both camps attributed thereto.

Lansing Refuses to Comment. Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary Lansing refused to comment on the report that a second explanatory note had been sent both to the Central Powers and to the Entente Allies to correct the misinterpretation of the President's note calling for peace terms.

Other officials, however, said they were sure no second note had been sent, and the Berlin dispatch referred to the statement by Secretary Lansing, issued the day after the dispatch of the original note was announced.

He indicated that under the recent policy of silence adopted by the President and himself in peace negotiations, he would make no statement, either affirming or denying the such report. It is felt that much misunderstanding might arise in the popular minds, but it is held that the various governments addressed will be influenced only by official information which will be quite complete.

Secretary Lansing also refused to indicate whether he thought the Berlin report might have arisen out of the sending abroad of the information of American diplomats of his two statements authorized the day the note was published. It is known that these statements were transmitted to American diplomats to acquaint them fully with what had taken place here, but that they were not instructed to present them to the various foreign officers.

Secretary Lansing has been most emphatic ever since his statements were given out, in saying the President's note was absolutely self-explanatory, and required no further comment. He has stated also that no special instructions were sent to the American diplomats as to the manner of presenting the notes.

Intimations that the misunderstanding abroad, particularly in the public mind, might be dispelled by official statements from here, has met with an unfavorable reception. It has been said that no matter what public understanding there is just at present, this situation would eventually clear of itself, and must be sufficient as a part of the result of keeping negotiations absolutely confidential.

THE CONCERT LAST NIGHT.

Was Thoroughly Enjoyed By a Large Audience of Concord People.

Another exemplification was given last evening of the fact which has several times before been given, that Concord has musical talent of the highest order. The concert at the Central school building was attended by a large number of our people, and all realized more fully than ever before, if possible, that we have in our own midst musicians whose talents are of the highest order.

Mr. Sam Goodman was never in better form than last night, and his remarkable tenor voice charmed his hearers in the solo and quartette from Verdi's Rigoletti and again in the solo, "Jean." Mr. Lindsay Ross, who possesses a rich bass voice, sang with splendid effect "The Sea is the Home for Me," and "The Sea is My Sweetheart." Miss Helen Patterson, disguised as Aunt Melinda, a black "mammy," brought down the house when she rendered several colored religious songs. Miss Nancy Lee Patterson and Miss Nell Herring at the piano pleased as they always do. Mrs. W. H. Gorman gave in a most pleasing manner two readings which were much enjoyed.

In the last selection from Rigoletti the singers named were most pleasingly assisted by Misses Jan'e, Helen and Nannie Lee Patterson and Mr. S. K. Patterson. The credit for this delightful concert is due to Mrs. Gorman, who, it is hoped, will repeat the effort early and often.

MORE STREETS TO BE PAVED.

Aldermen So Voted Last Night.—Other Matters.

The Board of Aldermen held a called meeting last night at the city hall for the purpose of confirming the assessments for paving work done on East Corbin street, and on North Spring street, from Franklin avenue to Marsh street.

After this business had been disposed of, one of the aldermen introduced a motion that some of the street paving petitions be considered. The voting resulted in a tie, and the mayor cast his vote in favor of taking up the matter at that time.

Petitions for several streets were then presented, and in each vote it was necessary for the mayor to cast the deciding vote, which was always done in favor of the paving, and it was ordered that the work be done on the following streets: Buffalo street, from McGill to Ann street; Chestnut street, from South Union to South Spring street; North Church street, from East Depot to Buffalo street.

Some of the firemen presented to the board the matter of installing a better fire alarm arrangement than we have had. After discussion, it was decided that the city purchase a motor and install on the fire bell, so that when a button in the city hall is pushed, the motor will ring the fire bell.

Scandinavian Peace Note in Berlin and Vienna.

Berlin, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 30.—The Scandinavian peace note was presented today to the foreign office in Berlin and Vienna, the Swedish minister in Berlin, and Swedish and Danish representative in Vienna being the first to deliver the documents. The text agrees with the outline telegraphed from the Scandinavian capital.

More Platonic Than Swiss Note.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Swedish, Norwegian and Danish ministers delivered notes to the foreign office last night supporting President Wilson. The notes were identical and couched in terms more platonic than the Swiss note.

ANSWER OF ALLIES TO GERMAN NOTE

WILL BE HANDED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TONIGHT.

IS TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW

It is a Long Paper and Sets Forth Again the Responsibility of the Central Empires for the European War. It insists on Legitimate Reparation and Restitution as Outlined by Lloyd-George in His Speech.—Says Germany by Failing to Formulate Proposals for Peace Removes in Advance Any Basis for Peace Negotiations.

(By The Associated Press) Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the German note of December 12 will be handed to the American ambassador tonight, says the Petit Parisien, and published tomorrow.

It is long and sets forth again the responsibility of the Central empires for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate reparations and restitutions demanded by the Entente powers as outlined by Premier Lloyd-George and also says that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for peace, removes in advance any basis for peace negotiations.

The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet, having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties, cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as the powers respectful of signatures, and must offer guarantees.

STRIKE MONDAY IS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE

So Says W. G. Lee and W. S. Stone, Brotherhood Heads.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30.—Warren C. Stone, and W. G. Lee, heads of the railway engineers and railway trainmen's brotherhoods, arrived in Cleveland today, following the rejection of the demands by the managers' committee that the Adamson law be placed in effect January 1.

"It is highly improbable that there will be a strike Monday," Stone said. He declared the report that a circular letter had been sent to the railroad employes asking for a renewal of the authority to call a general strike were untrue. "No circular has yet been prepared," he said. Stone said no further statement would be forthcoming today in Cleveland, and that there would be no meeting of the Brotherhood heads.

Lee said he had nothing to add to the statement given out yesterday in New York. "There will be no immediate strike," he said.

NEW RECORD MADE ON WALL STREET

Total Dealings in Stocks for 1916 Were \$234,678,000.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Dec. 30.—Dealings on the New York stock exchange in bonds, which during the year which closed yesterday, totalled a par value of \$1,158,209,000 and set a new record. The total in 1915 was \$951,798,000.

The total dealings in the stock market for 1916 were \$234,678,000 compared with \$173,389,000 in 1915. The year's dealing in stock has been exceeded only on three previous occasions—in 1901, 1905 and 1906. The record was set in 1906 with 284,063,459 shares.

There were 76 days during the year in which stock exchange trading exceeded two million shares, and on December 21 transactions reached a high water mark of over three million shares.

Pi Kappa Phi Selects Charlotte.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 29.—With the annual election and installation of officers, selection of Charlotte, N. C., as the meeting place in 1918, the eighth biennial national convention of the Pi Kappa Phi college fraternity closed here today. Among the new officers is J. B. Belk, of Charlotte, eminent supreme chaplain.

Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Brown, aged 69 years, died at the home of her son, Mr. B. B. Brown, about four miles west of Salisbury, December 23, 1916, after an illness of about eight months.

Abe Martin Says: "Ever" feller that don't advertise ain't a fool but very few fools advertise.

Miss Lillie Tucker, of No. 11 township, has returned from Albemarle, where she has been visiting relatives.

WITH THE CHURCHES.

McGill Street Baptist.

9:30 Sunday school, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. S. W. Bennett. Morning subject, "A Message From God." Evening subject, "A Chapter From the Book of Life." All members of the church are requested to be present, especially at the morning service. Visitors and strangers cordially received.

First Baptist.

Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching at both hours by the pastor, Rev. Geo. V. Tiley, subject of the morning sermon, "A Satisfactory Peace." Evening, "Jesus and the Disciples in the Upper Room." Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. A cordial invitation to strangers and visitors.

Trinity Reformed.

Sunday school at 10 a. m., at which time the officers for the coming year will be elected. Church service at 11 a. m. by Rev. Paul Barringer, D. D. After church service there will be a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers. It is desired that every member be present. There will be no night service.

Central Methodist.

Sunday school at 9:45. Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject: "Watchfulness." Watch-night service beginning at 10 p. m. See announcement in another column. A cordial welcome to all.

First Presbyterian.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m.

Epworth Methodist.

On account of the absence of the pastor there will be no preaching services. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The Church Aid Society will meet immediately after Sunday school.

Methodist Protestant.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. N. G. Bethel, conference missionary of the church in North Carolina. The regular song service will precede the evening service. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Cannonville Presbyterian.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Come and worship with us.

St. James Lutheran.

Men's Bible Class at 10 a. m. Chief service at 11. Sermon subject, "Spiritual Soulship." Sunday school at 3 p. m. Luther League 10:45 p. m., vesper 7 o'clock. The sermon will be by Mr. C. E. Norman of our congregation and the Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Public invited to all services.

Forest Hill Methodist.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. A. R. Surratt, of Charlotte, N. C. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Watch-Night Service.

The public is most cordially invited to join in a watch-night service to be held at the Central Methodist Church tomorrow night, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Important phases of church life and activities, with especial reference to the world situation today, will be discussed by the following named laymen:

Mr. D. B. Coltrane, Hon. W. R. Odell, Hon. J. L. Crowell and Dr. J. E. Smoot.

Appropriate hymns will be sung. An attractive feature of the program will be special music, a part of which is indicated below:

Vocal solo—Miss Pat Adams. Violin solo—Mr. Frank Brower. Vocal solo—Miss Janie Patterson, with flute obligato by Mr. Kay Patterson.

At the close of the service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

Indication of Heavy Clearances Encourage the Bulls.

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Dec. 30.—Indications of heavy clearances for Europe tended today to encourage the wheat bulls. Opening prices which ranged from 1.3 to 4 cents higher, with May at 171 1/4 to 171 1/2 and July at 138 1/2 were followed by moderate further gains.

Moss-Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barbee announces the marriage of their daughter Sara Ella to

Mr. Homer Brantley Moss Christmas evening, December 25th, nineteen hundred and sixteen at eight o'clock at home Midland, North Carolina.

THE THREE POINTS IN AMERICAN NOTE

SURPRISE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD.

BY PRESS OF THE ENTENTE ALLIES

The Three Points Clearly Stated.—Guarantee Against Similar Conflicts in the Future, That Means Be Found for Comparing the Concrete Peace Terms of Both Sides, and the Fear That the Position of Neutral Nations Be Rendered Altogether Intolerable if the War Continues.—Second Arouses Most Comment of the Press and Others.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 30.—The American government, it became known authoritatively today, believes there are three principal points in its note to the belligerents, and is surprised that they have not been more clearly understood, particularly by the press of the Entente Allies.

These points taken in their order of importance from the administration's viewpoint are: The fear that the position of neutral nations may be rendered altogether intolerable if the war continues.

The suggestion that arrangements be made as a guarantee against similar conflicts in the future.

The proposal that means be found for comparing the concrete peace terms of both sides.

The last point has aroused the most comment and the first was emphasized by Secretary Lansing's statement afterwards modified, that the United States itself might be drawing near entrance into the war.

The Administration, it was learned today, though the suggestion for an arrangement to preserve peace in the future would attract more attention among the entente allies than it apparently has, and furnish a means through which the nations could enter with perfect sobriety into a serious discussion of peace.

If such arrangement could be made the administration feels there would be no ground for the fear that agreements over the terms made between the belligerents would not be kept after the present war ends.

THE WAR SITUATION.

Steady Progress Shown for von Mackensen's Forces Along Entire Front.—Operations On Other Fronts.

(By The Associated Press) The Russians and Rumanians are fighting heavy rear guard action as it has returned toward the line of the Sereth, in northeast Wallachia, and south Moldavia.

Today's Germany army headquarters report shows steady progress for Field Marshal von Mackensen's army along the entire front, despite the strong resistance they are encountering.

In the meantime, the attack on the Moldavian frontier is developing and the Russo-Rumanian positions have been carried and passed by the invaders, repeated counterattacks not serving to stop them. In this fighting the Teutonic forces took 660 prisoners and seven machine guns.

Operations on the Franco-Belgian front have been confined to minor movements except in Verdun, where Berlin announces the repulse of several attacks made by the French on the position on Deadman's Hill, of which the Germans recently reported the capture.

COTTON MARKET QUIET.

Opened Steady at an Advance of From 2 to 12 Points.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Dec. 30.—The cotton market was very quiet early today and opened steady at an advance of 2 to 12 points on coverings. There was scattered realizing, however, and after selling at 17.38, March reacted to 17.27.

Cotton futures opened steady: January 17.07; March, 17.35; May, 17.61; July, 17.59; October, 16.15.

Cotton closed fairly steady. January 17.01; March, 17.28; May, 17.57; July, 17.62; October, 16.17.

Miss Bertie Miller will begin school Monday, after spending the holidays with her parents in No. 11 township and relatives in Richfield, N. C.

MR AND MRS. A. CLINE ENTERTAIN

Roanoke College Boys Have a Pleasant Evening at Their Home.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cline entertained several "Roanoke College boys" on Wednesday evening at their home on East Corbin Street. The home was tastefully decorated in the college and athletic colors. A most delicious supper was served, followed by an evening full of genuine "old Roanoke" pep. It was, indeed, a happy occasion. Among those present were: Rev. R. A. Goodman, class of 1906, of Mount Pleasant; Prof. W. J. Weddington, class of 1899; E. M. Schenk, class of 1910, of Mount Pleasant; Frank Cline, ex 1913; Karl Broome, ex 1914; A. Campbell Cline, class of 1906; Clyde Popst, class of 1919; Ralph E. Cline, ex 1900; Oscar Blackwelder, class of 1917; Karl B. Cline, ex 1905.

Quite a number of alumni and old students are living in the county and it was decided that those present Wednesday should constitute a nucleus of a county organization, to be known as the Cabarrus Roanoke College Association. The following officers were elected:

President, Prof. W. J. Weddington, '99. First vice president, Rev. R. A. Goodman, '06. Second vice-president, H. A. Scott, '06. Secretary, O. F. Blackwelder, '17. Treasurer, A. Campbell Cline, '06.

MISS MELOHOR DEAD.

Young Woman Who Was Hurt in an Auto Accident Dies in Charlotte Hospital.

Miss Blanche Melchor, who was hurt Monday when the auto in which she was riding with Mr. J. R. Burr's turned over near Harrisburg, died last night at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte, where she had been taken for attention. Miss Melchor was caught under her leg when the car was overturned and she was internally injured. An operation was performed and it was seen that her condition was very critical.

Miss Melchor was 24 years of age and is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Melchor, who live on Missenheimer avenue, two sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. J. S. Fairchild, of Mooresville, Miss Fannie Melchor, Turner, Troy and John Melchor, all of Concord. Miss Melchor was a member of the Bayless Memorial Presbyterian Church, and had been making her home here for three years, her father moving here from Mooresville.

The funeral service will be conducted in the church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Beatty, and the interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery.

AT THE THEATRES.

The Auditorium will repeat the Red Feather feature, "A Romance of Billy Goat Hill," from the book by Alice Hezan Rice, author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." This picture showed to a packed house yesterday.

The Pastime programme today includes a two reel Selig drama, "The Flashlight;" Helen Gibson in "The Trapping of Peeler White," and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drek in "Too Clever By Half."

"The Little Girl Next Door," an International feature in five thrilling parts, is the feature at the Strand Monday and Tuesday. Today the Jetthro Almond Show will close a successful week's engagement at the Strand.

FAIR AND COLD WEATHER FOR NEXT WEEK

Rain Probably Wednesday or Thursday in Southeastern States.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 30.—Generally fair and moderately cold weather is forecast for the southeastern states during the week beginning tomorrow. Rains probably Wednesday or Thursday and weather will be warmer after Tuesday in the South Atlantic and east Gulf states.

Party Given By Mrs. Odell.

A beautiful event of Friday afternoon was the party given by Mrs. A. G. Odell, at her home on North Union street in honor of her sister, Miss Nancy Lee Patterson.

The invited guests included the college set and their attractive visitors. Holly, mistletoe and bright red poinsettias, emblematic of the holiday season, formed the cheery decorations. The beautiful salad course and candies reflected the Christmas colors.

Your Working Dollar Never Sleeps Get a Savings Bank Book From THE CONCORD NATIONAL BANK Deposits Made NOW or to January 5th will draw interest from January 1st.

Next Christmas Santa Claus will climb down your chimney if you will join our Christmas Club NOW Come, join in with your friends and neighbors in this splendid plan to SAVE DURING THE YEAR and assure yourself of ample funds for next year's holiday shopping. All you have to do is pay a small amount each week; you will be surprised how fast it will accumulate. No Red Tape No Expense to Join Everybody Welcome CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY