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Weather—For South Carolina, Fair except in west. Slightly colder in western portion Sunday, probably rain.

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HIGH POINT, N. C., MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 2, 1918.

FIVE CENTS.

NO RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM CAN BE OUTLINED JUST AT PRESENT, THE PRESIDENT TELLS CONGRESS

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES MANY OF THE VITAL ISSUES BEFORE THE NATION ON RECONSTRUCTION

HIS SOLEMN DUTY TO GO TO EUROPE

"Now My Duty is to Play Full Part in Making Food What the American Soldiers Gave Their Life's Blood to Obtain" He Tells Congress.

DISCUSSES FUTURE FATE OF NATION'S RAILROADS

Tells Congress He Stands Ready to Release Railroads Just as Soon as Plan of Readjustment Can Be Worked Out—Is Applauded.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—In an address to Congress in joint session today President Wilson formally announced his intention to go to Paris for the peace conference, saying that all governments have accepted the principles enunciated by him for peace and it is his paramount duty to be present.

The President said he will be in close touch by cable and wireless and that Congress will know all he does on the other side.

Referring to his announcement that the British and French governments had removed all cable restrictions upon the transmission of news of the conference to America the President said that he had taken over the American cable system on expert advice so as to make unified systems available.

Much of the address was devoted to railroad problems, for which the President said he had no solution to offer. He recommended careful study by Congress, saying that it would be a disservice to the country and to the railroads to permit a return to old conditions under private management without modification.

The President declared he stood ready to release the railroads from government control whenever a satisfactory plan of readjustment could be worked out.

The President said that he hoped to see a formal declaration of peace by treaty "by the time spring has come."

No definite program of reconstruction can be outlined now, he said, but as soon as the armistice was signed government control of business and industry was released as far as was possible. He expressed the hope that Congress would not be content to confer upon the war trade board the rights of fixing export priorities to insure the shipment of food to the starving people abroad.

As to taxes, the President endorsed the plans for levying \$6,000,000,000 in 1919 and for notifying the public in advance that the 1920 levy will be \$4,000,000,000.

The new three-year naval building program was endorsed because, the President said, it would be unwise to attempt to adjust the American program to a future world policy as yet undetermined.

Paying tribute to the people's conduct in the war he spoke particularly of the work of women and again appealed for woman suffrage by federal amendment.

He declared that he had no "private thought or purpose" in going to Europe, but he regarded it as his highest duty: "It is now my duty to play my full part in making good what they (the American soldiers) offered their life's blood to obtain."

Democratic representatives arose and applauded when the President announced his intention of going in person to the peace conference. The Republican side was silent and so were many senators on both sides of the chamber.

The President concluded after speaking for 42 minutes and left the chamber amid applause limited to the Democratic side. Interrup-

tions of the address for questions which had been threatened by Republicans in the house did not materialize.

Norway Real Sore At the Bolshevik Element of Russia

London, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Bolsheviks have entered the Norwegian legation at Petrograd and have removed documents belonging to Switzerland, whose interests are under the protection of Norway, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Mail. The Norwegian minister has protested in vain and the newspapers of that country are demanding that Norway break relations with the soviet government.

REGISTRAR RANKIN DIED EARLY TODAY

Popular County Official Died Suddenly From Acute Indigestion at 5 O'clock—Funeral Tuesday.

W. H. Rankin, register of deeds in Guilford county, died this morning at 5 o'clock at his home on North Elm street, Greensboro. Death came suddenly, resulting from an attack of acute indigestion.

The deceased was one of the best known and most popular residents of the county. He was 77 years of age and was a veteran of the war between he states, he having been captain of Company M of the 21st regiment during that memorable conflict. For the past eight years he had been the able and efficient register of deeds of the county and was elected on November 5 by one of the largest majorities ever given him.

Captain Rankin was a splendid gentleman of the old school. He was as much a part of Guilford county as the courthouse, seemingly, and the genial veteran who had lost a leg in the Civil war, was without a doubt one of the most popular of county officials.

Funeral services over the remains, it was stated at Greensboro this afternoon, will be conducted from the home of the deceased tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon, at 3 o'clock, interment to follow in Greene Hill cemetery. Surviving the veteran is a widow and an adopted daughter, Mrs. G. C. Goodman, also of Greensboro. Captain Rankin was originally from the Brown Summit section of the county.

The county officers will be closed out of respect to him tomorrow.

Burleson Cans Two Because They Saw Fit to Buck Plan

New York, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Postmaster General Burleson has dismissed from the government's service Edward Reynolds, vice president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, and A. B. Richards, general superintendent of the company's Pacific coast division, for alleged insubordination against the government's plan to amalgamate the Postal with the Western Union Telegraph company.

Nicholas, King of Montenegro, Is Put Out By His People

London, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—King Nicholas, of Montenegro, has been deposed by the Skupstina, the Montenegrin national assembly, according to a message received here from Prague today.

The dispatch was sent from Prague by the Czecho-Slovak press bureau by way of Copenhagen. It says that the Skupstina voted the deposition on Friday, last, and declared for a union of Montenegro with Serbia under King Peter.

TOM WARREN WILL GET MARSHALSHIP

One of Few Remaining Slices of Federal Pie Going to Democratic Chairman, That is If He Wants It.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.) Washington, Dec. 2.—There are times when rumors go for something and again they count for naught. If rumors around the capital today can be depended upon Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, chairman of the state executive committee, can have the marshaling of eastern North Carolina if he wants the job. There is a question as to whether Mr. Warren wants the place. If it can be arranged so that Colonel Tom can move the job to his home town he will in all probability consider the job in a favorable light and there should be no difficulty in arranging this.

Should Senator Simmons decide to name Mr. Warren he would follow the line of least resistance. Good honest non-thinking Democrats could not deny the right of the senior senator to give his state chairmanship a slice of federal pie before it is all gone.

George Bellamy, of Brunswick, Will Allen, of Louisburg, and a number of others are candidates, but until Colonel Tom makes up his mind as to whether he wants the place, they will not be given serious consideration.

ELKS HOLD ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Eulogy of Departed Member, W. P. Ragan, is Delivered Before Large Audience by J. J. Farris—Dr. Clark Speaks.

The annual memorial services of the High Point lodge of Elks over departed members was held yesterday at the South main street school auditorium. The only Elk who has departed from this earthly realm during the past year is the late W. P. Ragan and so the memorial services resolved into a memorial of the deceased mayor of High Point.

The Elks marched from the home on Broad street to the auditorium where a large crowd had assembled to hear the addresses and witness the cremation. The meeting was called to order by Exalted Ruler Mills, after which the eulogy of the departed member was delivered by J. J. Farris, who spoke in glowing terms of his virtues and capabilities. Following the eulogy Rev. J. A. Clark spoke on "The Brotherhood of Man." It was a masterly effort. Appropriate music was furnished at intervals throughout the ceremonies by the orchestra, this portion of the program being under the direction of Miss Clara Boyd.

CAPTAIN BLUE RAISED TO RANK REAR ADMIRAL

Secretary Daniels Sends Nomination of Captain of Texas to the Senate Today.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Captain Victor Blue, now commanding the super dreadnaught Texas, has been selected for detail as chief of the bureau of navigation with the rank of rear admiral. He was chief of the bureau for four years, ending in August, 1916, when he was assigned to sea duty.

Secretary Daniels announced today the sending of Captain Blue's nomination to the senate and also of Rear Admiral David Taylor for another tour of duty as chief of construction of the navy.

JAPAN'S POPULATION INCREASED BY 800,000

Tokio, Dec. 2.—Japan's population is increasing at the rate of 800,000 a year according to official statistics. Until a few years ago the rate of increase was a little over half a million yearly.

The population on November 31, 1917 was estimated at 67,998,373. This did not include Korea, Formosa or Saghalien.

FAMILIES IN NEED OF WARM CLOTHING

Mrs. Frank Gurley, Secretary of Association of Charity, Makes Appeal for Warm Bedclothing for Influenza Victims.

Mrs. Frank Gurley, secretary of the Associated charities, reminds the citizens that while most of them have plenty to eat and plenty to wear and enough coal to keep them comfortable during the long winter months to come, all of the inhabitants of High Point are not so fortunate, and in many cases those who were able to provide for themselves before the influenza broke out have been rendered almost destitute in combating the disease.

Mrs. Gurley specially stresses the need of warm, thick bedclothing among those who have been suffering with influenza. Many families having three or four small children, have not enough bedclothing to keep them warm. One case is cited where the mother of the family died of influenza, leaving five children, the oldest being a girl 13 years old, the others all small children. The father of the family works to provide subsistence for his family and the girl does all the house-keeping and nurses the small children besides. It is said that none of these children have enough bedclothing at night to keep the warm.

Mrs. Gurley requests that anyone having a blanket or a quilt that they do not need, communicate with her. She suggests that there are numerous blankets stored away in attics and closets that some unfortunate person would be glad to have and asks that such blankets and quilts be hunted up and turned over to her to be given to some person who really needs them.

NO MORE PASSES TO BE GIVEN OFFICERS

Law Requiring the Railroads to Give State Officers of New Jersey Passes Has Been Abrogated by Administration.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 2.—The federal railroad administration has decided that the state law requiring railroads in New Jersey to furnish passes to certain officeholders is of no effect while Uncle Sam is operating the railroads. Thus, after January 1, 1919, certain New Jersey citizens will either pay fare, walk, stay at home or board in Trenton.

The governor, state senators, members of the house of assembly, judges of the higher courts, certain state officers other than the executives have been entitled to these passes, as well as most of the legislative employes.

Each year the legislature either added to or made an effort to enlarge the list.

The passes, it is said, were used throughout the year by many holders and were especially desirable to the South Jersey resident who spent his summers at the shore. Many of the officials now commute to Trenton on their passes.

CONTROVERSIES OVER LOCATION OF GRAVE

London, Dec. 2.—Newspapers here have been engaged in a controversy as to the location of the burial place of Sir Walter Raleigh in connection with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth. Biographers of Raleigh supposed that, after his execution, the body was buried in the chancel of St. Margaret's. The Times, however, suggests that his body was placed there for a short time only and that Raleigh really was buried at Beddington in Surrey, where the widow desired that he should rest. Raleigh's head was embalmed and cherished by his widow in a "red leather bag" the day of her death. The head was afterward interred in the church at West Horsley, in Surrey.

AIR BRITT WEAVER MATTER ONCE MORE

One of Interesting Subjects of Conversation Around Capitol This Morning Concerned Possibility of Republicans Putting Britt in Office.

IF BRITT HAS ANY CASE HE WILL GET THE SEAT

Such Parker R. Anderson Gathers After Hearing Conversation Which Has Flowed Freely As Members of Congress Gather in Washington.

(By PARKER R. ANDERSON.) Washington, Dec. 2.—The Weaver-Britt contest over the seat now held by Congressman Zeb Weaver, of the tenth congressional district, is one of the most interesting subjects of conversation around the capitol this morning as congressmen from all sections of the states arrive to hear the President deliver what is expected to be the most interesting document he has ever presented to the joint session of the senate and house.

Republicans freely predict, and many Democrats fear they are correct, that the next house, which is Republican by a safe majority, will seat former Congressman James Jefferson Britt over Zeb Weaver, the Democratic incumbent. They figure that as the Republicans will be in control and as the contest must be decided by the Congress which begins after March 4, the Democratic congressman will have little chance of holding his seat unless he can put up a bomb-proof case.

Judging from past history in such cases one is forced to believe that Weaver will have little chance of retaining his seat with the house solidly Republican and every committee composed of a Republican majority. If Britt really has any case at all he is almost certain to be seated.

Then, too, the Republicans argue that Britt was elected two years ago but was counted out by the Democrats at the polls and then Weaver counted in in the contest which Britt waged at that time. It's different now, the Republicans argue, and on Republicans from the western part of the state, said he had some good money he is offering at 10 to 1 that Britt will be seated.

Some time during the day Majority Leader Claude Kitchin is expected to make a statement regarding the amendment to the revenue bill abolishing the zone system for newspapers and magazines. This amendment was put in by the senate finance committee and the house conferees are boiling hot over their action. It was strongly intimated last night that Democratic congressmen are prepared to hold up the passage of this measure indefinitely in order to keep the present objectionable law in effect.

BUEI NAKANO HEAD OF TOKIO COUNCIL DEAD

Tokio, Dec. 2.—Buei Nakano, president of the city council of Tokio, who with Baron Shibusawa headed a Japanese mission to the United States in 1909 is dead. He was for a long time president of the Tokio chamber of commerce and a leading figure in the Japanese business world. The mission with which he went to the United States nine years ago was received in many American cities and proved an important step in promoting business relations between Japan and the United States.

MISSOURI MULE DID GOOD WORK IN WAR

London, Dec. 2.—The Missouri mule more than made good in the British army during the war. Large numbers of them were used for moving the field artillery. The mule shared in the big British advances on the western front this fall and proved his grit and worth for many days by keeping the guns right up with the rapidly advancing artillery.

Royal Air Force.

London, Dec. 2.—A Royal Air Force club is shortly to be established and Lord Cowdray has given \$500.00 to endow it. He hopes that it will be housed in a building which will be worthy of the service and a memorial of its work in the war.

BUSY TIME AHEAD OF THE CONGRESS

Third and Final Session Will End Only by Limitation on March 3, 1919—Right of Way Given Wilson for Address on Opening Day.

MOST MEMBERS OF TWO BRANCHES ARE PRESENT

Important Legislative Business is to Be Transacted During the Winter Session—Business is Very Much Congested at the Present.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Problems of peace and reconstruction promised to occupy fully the time of the third and last session of the sixty-fifth Congress, which opened today at noon to continue until it ends by adjournment on March 3.

After a 10-day holiday following the long second war session, most of the members of both the senate and the house were on hand to start the work of the winter.

The legislative program had been held in abeyance to await the address of President Wilson an hour after the opening. The principal measures concerning the extraordinary congestion of business include many annual appropriation measures, revenue legislation, investigations and miscellaneous bills.

The usual formalities of the opening of a new session were hurried through with because of the fact that President Wilson, about to sail for Europe, desired to deliver his address on the first instead of the second day of the session.

WANT OFFICE PUT IN CHARGE OF MARSHALL

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A joint resolution introduced today by Representative Rodenburg, of Illinois, Republican, proposes that Congress declare President Wilson's trip to "Europe" constitutionally an inability to dispense the power and duty of the office of President and that so long as he is away from the country the vice president will act as president.

The resolution was dropped into the bill box without discussion on the floor. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

Senate Wants to Know.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, Republican, introduced today a resolution proposing that a senate committee of four Democrats and four Republicans be sent to France for the peace conference to keep the senate informed on questions arising there.

Senator Kellerg, of Minnesota, Republican, declared that he would oppose the resolution and hoped it would be sent to the foreign affairs committee and there be killed.

FATHER OF PROMINENT HIGH POINT WOMAN DEAD

John Folk, Father of Mrs. Grace Kephart, Died This Morning at 118 Elm Street.

John Folk, age 76, died this morning at 9:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grace Kephart. He suffered from no illness, but quietly passed away from the natural infirmities of old age. Mr. Folk has been a retired railroad conductor for more than 15 years. He was a member of several railroad organizations, including the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Pennsylvania Railroad relief fund. He was, also, a member of the G. A. R.

A short funeral service will be held at the residence, 118 Elm street tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, after which the remains will be taken on train No. 36 to Columbia, Pa., for burial.

Mrs. Martin Dead.

Mrs. Mary Ella Martin, wife of W. F. Martin, 207 Grimes street, died last night after an illness of one week with pneumonia. She is survived by her husband, W. F. Martin, father, A. L. Whitt, of Winston-Salem; two brothers, W. L. Whitt and E. E. Whitt; three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Ball, Mrs. T. A. Haney and Miss Cora Pitts, of High Point, N. C.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

UNEARTH PLOT TO RESTORE EMPEROR

Certain Officers of German Army Had Underway Plot to Restore Imperialism and Emperor in Germany—Mackensen One of the Leaders.

SECRET SERVICE MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIND

Overheard Telephone Conversation That Through Plan to Pieces—Munitions Makers Furnished Fund to Be Used in Putting Bill on Job.

London, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A plot to restore imperialism and secure the return of Emperor William has been discovered in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Express.

According to the dispatch, which was filed at Amsterdam on Friday, the chief men behind the plot were Field Marshal von Mackensen, General von Born and General Count Sixt von Arnim. It is said they instructed members of the Prussian officers corps to carry on a pro-emperor agitation, beginning immediately after the demobilization of the troops was completed. Large sums of money are said to have been placed at the disposal of the leaders by munition manufacturers.

The plot collapsed, owing to the fact that a secret service agent overheard a telephone conversation. Many arrests have been made in Berlin and other cities, while the government has long lists of suspects who had planned to seize members of the present government.

No direct evidence of William Hohenzollern's connection with the plot has been found, it is said, but it is believed that the outlines of the plan were brought to Berlin by two members of the suite of the former emperor, who recently went to the German capital for the ostensible purpose of taking the wife of the former emperor to Amrungen, Holland.

Why They Were Canned.

Paris, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Discussing the situation in Germany brought about by the former emperor's act of renunciation, the National Zeitung, of Basel, according to a dispatch to L'Information, says:

"The impression is made that the Hohenzollerns were dismissed only because they failed to conquer and not because they violated all laws of humanity."

LAFOLLETTE CASE OFFICIALLY ENDS

Senate Coat of Whiteness Given in Case Growing Out of Charge of Disloyalty—Report Filed Today.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A formal report recommending the dismissal of the proceedings on a charge of disloyalty against Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, because of a speech before the Non-Partisan league at St. Paul, Minn., on September 20, 1917, was presented to the senate today by Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, Republican, acting for a majority of the senate privileges and elections committee. The committee found nothing to justify final action by the senate.

No attempt was made in the majority report recently adopted by a committee vote of nine to two to analyze the charges or the evidence in the case. Neither was a request made for the adoption of a report Chairman Emergent, who with Senator Walsh, of Montana, both Democrats, opposed the majority action, plans soon to file as a minority report. This is expected to officially close the incident.

Deportation Case Ends.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Judge William Morrow, of San Francisco, sustained the demurrer and quashed the indictments in the Blaise deportation cases. A decision framed this morning in United States district court here.