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President Wilson Will Use The Whip To Stop Dilatory Tactics In Congress

LOCAL CHAUTAUQUA OPENS IN THREE WEEKS

Five Days Of Instructions And Amusement Arranged For Citizens

"PATRIOTIC DAY" WED JUNE 6th

The Scotland Neck Community Chautauqua will begin on June 6th and will be held for five days with a program each afternoon and evening. The junior chautauqua, which is promised to be better than ever this year, will start on the night before the opening session of the chautauqua week. The play leader will arrive in Warrenton on the fourth of June and will be present at a big rally to be held that night.

The management has already sent the first of the two advertising assistants and much of the advertising is already in place. The ticket sale is to start immediately and everyone should be ready to buy the season tickets which they are planning to use.

The program to be given this year is better than has ever before been attempted and will make a new record in chautauqua annals. The complete program will be as follows:

First Patriotic Day
Afternoon
Opening Concert—Mendelssohn Sextette.

Evening
Prelude of Patriotic Music—Mendelssohn Sextette.
Lecture "The True Patriotism"—Hon. A. C. Shallenberger, Ex-Governor of Nebraska.

Second Day — Community Day
Afternoon
Entertainment—Boston Musical Entertainers.

Evening
Lecture, "Community Efficiency"—James S. Knox, the noted business and community expert.

Third Day
Afternoon
Recital of Chamber Music—The Tchaikovsky Quartet.
An Afternoon of Southern Readings—Josephine Chilton.

Evening
Concert—The Tchaikovsky Quartet.
Lecture, "The City and the Soil"—Dr. E. L. Williams.

Fourth Day—Band Day
Afternoon
Popular Concert—Royal Blue Hussars.

Evening
Grand Double Concert—The Royal Blue Hussars and Irving F. Joy, Lyric Tenor.

Fifth Day
Afternoon
Lecture, "Salubrities"—John Kendrick Bangs, America's foremost man of letter.

Evening
Instrumental and Vocal Concert—Introducing the Sacred Hula Dance, the Steel Guitar and the Ukelele. This is the most talked of attraction in America.

200 LABOR MEN AT CAPITOL

(By United Press)
Washington, May 15.—Two hundred representatives of labor in their interests and employers met for a conference with the labor commissioners sent by Great Britain and Canada to discuss wartime proceedings.

NEWS FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

Raleigh, May 14.—The figurative "Keys of the City" are being handed over to the order of Elks whose annual state gathering begins Tuesday night with the open meeting at the city auditorium, to be followed by a big parade Wednesday afternoon and the "Elks Jubilee" Wednesday night; barbecue at the State fair grounds Thursday and various other events during these days. The business session is set for Wednesday morning, installation of the newly elected state officials Thursday, followed by the awarding of prizes, etc.

The principal business streets are gaily decorated and a big archway erected at the head of Fayetteville street on the south front of the capitol building, and a great welcome awaits the B. P. O. E.

One on Gov. Bickett
The worst joke of the season is perpetrated by a writer in one of our N. C., "country weeklies" who gets of the following more or less stupid quip concerning Gov. Bickett. The writer, in a story printed in a paper in a neighboring county, referring to the recent address of the Governor at Roekingham, Richmond county, says, "He is not an orator, but he is a pretty good talker and his words are worth hearing and pondering."

Bickett "not an orator!" Of all the fifteen governors of North Carolina during the last half century these only three or four were as much of an orator as Gov. Bickett—orator in the true sense of the word and not a mere declaimer of meaningless adjectives and high-sounding phrases, a speaker of power who weaves real thoughts and plans of action that often blaze the way along new fields of commendable endeavor, into most beautiful and thrilling and inspiring terms of eloquence. One of the most beautiful and inspiring illustrations of true eloquence, appropriately seasoned with a delightful flavor of elegant wit (as distinguished from the coarse jokes of the average stump speaker) where the speakers had complete control of his captivated audience, was witnessed here in Raleigh last fall when Governor Bickett delivered his campaign speech, the only one he made in Raleigh. I say this in all candor after working seven years in Washington and listening (and often reporting) the speeches of the greatest orators this country has produced and sent to Congress.

LOCAL COTTON SITUATION

As Seen By Some of The Most Conservative Scotland Neck Business Men

For several days past, since the cold snap of last week, especially the frost of Friday night, the cotton plants have been dying, and in view of the fact that cotton seed and the lateness of the season, the condition has caused no slight alarm.

Yesterday a committee composed of Messrs. G. Hoffman, Ray Boyette, W. T. Hancock and Ed Walston drove to several sections examining the plants, and to arrive at, as far as possible the status of the local situation.

Mr. Hoffman, always conservative, is of the opinion that the present showing is serious; that in many parts the affected plants, which will have to be plowed in and others planted will reach fifty per cent of the planting, while at other places, the plants not having been set so early will escape the ravages of the cold weather.

Mr. W. T. Hancock thinks that the whole matter is one that the next few days will determine; that if the weather is moderately warm, and the nights too, that the loss will not be as great as at first thought.

Mr. Frank Shields, one of the largest farmers of this section, if not the largest, has been watching closely the cotton of this section, and he states that the cotton dying on Saturday last and then it looked as though seventy five per cent would have to be replanted but Sunday was milder and the killing of the plants stopped, yesterday was even better and today was an improvement over yesterday, so that his estimate is that the re-planting will be from ten to twenty per cent, providing the weather continues warm.

GERMANS GAIN ON BOTH FRONTS

Counter Attacks So Fierce as to Represent Almost Counter Offensive

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, May 15.—Germany launched a concerted counter attack on both the French and British fronts today of such a fierce nature as to suggest almost a general counter offensive movement.

The attackers were repelled for the most part but both the British and French were compelled to relinquish insignificant parts of ground.

General Haig reported tremendous German bombardment on the positions his troops gained on the Hindenburg line, and particularly at Bullecourt, followed by attacking waves of heavy fighting. In the northern part of the village Haig frankly stated the British advanced positions had been forced back a short distance.

The French report showed violent bombardment on the position recently gained by General Nivelle's troops on Ladies' highway and of powerful German attack over a wide front near Labouville.

The assault was repulsed by machine gun fire except on one spot where a small advance occupied the position.

COTTON MARKET			
Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May not quoted			
July	30	19.76	19.56
Oct.	19.30	19.40	19.04
Dec.	19.39	19.39	19.14
Jan.	19.47	19.47	19.18
Local Market 19c.			

"The next few days will tell the story" said Mr. Shields "if it warms up the condition will not be so bad, but if it remains cool or we have frost, as we did Friday and Sunday last, then the condition is serious indeed."

EMPIRE BEREFT OF STRONG LEADERS

Freedom Has License And Control Is Entirely Missing

DESPOTIC STRONG ARM NEEDED

By William Shepherd (United Press Staff Correspondent)
Petrograd, May 15.—With free Russia crumbling in a fevered to blame the new democracy, the executive committee of the soldiers and workmen's delegates began to see the peril of the situation.

The committee will reconsider its vote of 23 to 22 when the coalition measure of the government and Duma was rejected. This is held to be indecisive.

Tonight the entire delegation of two thousand representatives will pass upon the coalition of forces and at the same time what is left of the provisional ministry will meet to discuss some form of coalition which may save Russia from disintegrating, meanwhile

provisional leaders, as another last resort measure will endeavor to obtain unity of action among conflicting elements.

It is proposed to dispatch foreign minister Milyukoff to the front to plead with the soldiers to show an united front to the enemy, and to stand firm for a responsible and united Government administration at home.

A few leaders, discussing the possibility of a move to save Russia suggest a return to dictatorial methods of the despot, by which he be raised by the people to exercise and control sepeccially lodged with him by the people. This is a mere suggestion by some, but unless an agreement is reached it may take more definite shape.

WILSON INSISTS UPON ATTENTION TO AFFAIRS

Says That If America Is To Aid Allies The Work Must Be Done Promptly

CALL CONFERENCE OF LEADERS

ROOSEVELT TO LEAD HIS ARMY

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 15.—An amendment authorized to be inserted into the conscript bill has been added but the committee has not authorized the president to raise a volunteer force of picked troops, but that such force be led by Roosevelt.

The conference will report an agreement to both houses which it is expected will be quickly concurred in.

BALTIC MISSED BY TEN FEET

(By UNITED PRESS)
New York, May 15.—A German torpedo missed the Atlantic liner Baltic by a bare ten feet on April 19, travellers say. The Baltic picked up six of the crew of a Danish sailing ship which was forty days out from Savannah.

ABOSSO SUNK 24 LIVES LOST

(By UNITED PRESS)
New York, May 15.—Ninety lives were lost April 24 when the British liner Abozzo was torpedoed off the fastnets, according to passengers who have landed here from Europe. The vessel was attacked and unwarmed.

"WHEN IS TEDDY COMING? ASKED"

Son-in-law Longworth Endorses French Inquiry About Father

Washington, May 15.—As Representative Longworth, of Ohio, opened debate on the revenue bill in the House today, Rep. Austin of Tennessee, asked him to yield while he read a pertinent article.

Austin presented a story from Sunday's Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, a Paris dispatch by W. S. Forrest, United Press Staff Correspondent—saying that France is inquiring "When is Teddy coming?"

"I didn't know what the gentleman wanted," said Longworth Roosevelt's son-in-law—but I agree with everything in the story."

Mrs. Horton of Goldsboro is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Peterson.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, May 15.—The president has decided to apply the whip to Congress close associates say, and that he is much put out with the dilatory methods of both houses.

He says that the members introduce extraneous matters into the various pieces of war legislation which the administration has decided must stop if America is to aid the allies.

The president has further decided to call the various leaders of the two parties and speak his mind plainly.

RED CROSS WORK PROGRESSING

The Red Cross Association of Scotland Neck held a very interesting meeting on Saturday afternoon last at which a large number of ladies of the town attended.

In addition to tearing bandages and knitting eye bandages the association made a good start in the work it has undertaken.

Mrs. Reba Shields resigned as vice-president and Mrs. R. C. Jossey was elected as vice-president.

The following ladies were assigned to lead the different departments, and anyone wanting to know anything about the work of the Red Cross Association can get the information from any of them.

Miss Lena Smith Mrs. B. W. Martin Mrs. W. H. Allbrook; Mrs. O. P. Smith; Mrs. W. C. Dickerson; Mrs. S. C. Pegram and Mrs. J. H. Alexander, Jr.

There will be another meeting of the Scotland Neck Red Cross Association on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the ladies of the town who have not yet become identified with the work are cordially invited to be present.

PARIS ORDERS ARMY CHANGES

(By UNITED PRESS)
Paris, May 15.—General Petain has been named as generalissimo of the French armies, and will be in command of the forces in the field.

General Foch succeeds General Petain as chief of staff, and General Nivelle, who has been in command of the active forces in the field will command certain army groups.

Sweeping changes have been decided upon at the recent council of ministers.