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VON HINDENBURG IS FORMING

A NEW LINE SIX MILES IN THE REAR OF THE ARMISTICE LINE AND THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO KNOW WHY? OLD GERMAN LEADERS FORMING TO TAKE CONTROL OF THINGS.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has notified the Berlin government that he is fixing a new front six miles behind the zone designated by the Armistice signed by the allies according to a despatch to Zurich. The government has asked the Field Marshal to explain his purpose in doing this. It is also announced that two regiments will be sent to Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

The dispatch announces that the Prussian Minister of War and Von Hindenburg are behind a counter-revolutionary movement. They affirm that the existing government is incapable of bringing about a restoration of stable conditions.

People's League Formed in Germany
London, Dec. 20.—A people's League has been organized in Berlin says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen. The league is composed of Prince Maximilian of Baden, former Chancellor of the Empire, Hugo Hasse Independent Socialist, Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador to America, Matthias Erzberger the Centralist leader.

NAPOLEON PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Protesting his innocence to the last Napoleon Spencer, fifteen years old, was put to death this morning for the killing of Mrs. Harry Hester, a white woman, last March. The offense was committed in Surry county and the North Carolina Supreme court approved the findings if the lower court. While the evidence was circumstantial yet it was well connected and a Surry county jury declared that he was guilty. Mrs. Hester and her husband were killed at their home near Winston last spring and Hester was charged with the double killing. He was tried on the charge of killing Mrs. Hester.

POSSIBLE SUGAR FAMINE RELIEVED

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—As a result of an actual or threatened sugar famine in a number of Eastern North Carolina cities and towns. The Food Administration has authorized Virginia jobbers and brokers to supply their North Carolina customers with such sugar as they may have on hand, the Virginia dealer sto replace all sugar shipped into North Carolina by purchase of sugar from Louisiana from which territory all North Carolina merchants are required to secure their supplies of sugar.

MERCHANTS SELL WAR SAVINGS QUOTA

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—The merchants of the State have gone "over the top" in selling their quota of War Savings Stamps, which amount is \$2,312,093. By November 30 they had sold \$2,315,000, and by December 31 they are planning to have sold over \$3,000,000.

OWEN H. GUNON IS NAMED FOR JUDGE

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Governor Bickett last night announced the appointment of Judge Owen H. Gunon of New Bern as successor to Judge H. W. Whedbee of the Fifth Judicial District, resigned.

Pay your bonuses and dividends in War Savings Stamps and buy the Stamps this month.

WILSON COUNTY POULTRY SHOW

Holds Its Annual Show in Center Brick Warehouse Beginning Dec. 31st

SECRETARY'S STATEMENT

The Wilson County Poultry Association will hold their fourth annual show from Dec. 31st to January 3rd in the Center Brick Warehouse. We had about decided to pass it up for this season but the Government has requested that we do our best to have one and we are going to have it. They ask that we do all we can to encourage poultry and egg raising in order to save meat for hungry Europe. Can you help? Come to the show, bring the family and select the kind you want to raise.

In order to get every farm stocked with good poultry, we have asked every breeder who exhibits with us to send a few of his chickens for sale. Scrub hogs and cattle are a thing of the past, so why not do away with the scrub hen and get some good stock? They eat no more they lay more eggs and look so much better in the yard on the farm. Last year we sold over \$1,500 worth of good stock chickens at the show, and this year we want to double that amount. Your scrub stock chickens are not looked after and the hens do well to lay 50 eggs a year. They are treated like the old Piney woods rooster was fifteen years ago. They were large enough for barbecue at 12 months and for the smoke house at from 2 to 5 years. When you get better stock, they got better results. Why then do you neglect poultry? Your country has called and all who have room for a few chickens should answer.

If you don't know the kind of chickens you want come to the show and let us help you select some. We will do our best for you and will charge you nothing for our time. We have asked the breeders to price their chickens as low as possible and I am sure you can find some to satisfy you both in price and quality.

Don't forget the date—Dec. 31 to January 3rd. Come. G. T. Fulghum, Sec.

MARKETS

COTTON

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market showed indications of an easier technical position during today's early trading. The market opened steady with an advance of 37 points with December closing about as it did last night. Later the positions were from one point lower to five points higher and soon the months sold 25 points under last night's close.

New York, Dec. 20.—The cotton market opened steady with Jan. 23.00, March 25.55, May 25.55, July 24.60, October 22.70.

STOCKS

New York, Wall street, Dec. 20.—Short covering exerted an unsettling influence at the opening of the stock market today. The position of rails and other representative shares selling down from yesterday.

The oils improved and Brooklyn Rapid Transit rallied but the Coppers and Shippings fell back with their affiliated shares. Liberty Bonds 4's, 4-1/4's made a new low record.

If the people of North Carolina would invest the ten Million Dollars that is estimated they will spend for Xmas gifts in War Savings Stamps, the State would sell its quota.

FORMER ORGANIZER A LEAGUE OF NATIONS J. Z. GREEN

Points Out the Troubles of the Farmers Union in the Marshville Home

REPUBLICANS IN CONTROL

Last spring after I had held a conference with my conscience and better judgment and relieved myself of an exceedingly undesirable attitude some friendly critics gave it as their opinion that I should have stayed in the "council," suggesting that "it may be possible for the conservative membership of the organization to purge it of politics." It should be noted, however, that another member of the "council," Prof. C. C. Wright, followed with his resignation and two other members, W. H. Moore and C. T. Weatherby, refused to stand for re-election last week at Wilson. Things had happened in "council" meetings during the year to remind them that "whatsoever you sow that shall ye reap." When Doc Alexander provided for "vindication" at the memorable Winston-Salem meeting by causing the defeat of the biggest and best agricultural worker in the South, Dr. Clarence Poe, and descended to the other end of the sliding scale and enlisted as chief manager of his ring a sore-headed Butler-Republican it presented the beginning of the end of the State Farmers Union. Whatever may have been its past achievements it was evident to any student of the history of farmers' organizations that its prestige and influence as a potent force in this State were gone forever.

When I suggested last spring that there has probably never been a more opportune time to begin to organize a successor to the Farmers Union, which should retain most of its finances at home in the local organizations I was severely and frankly criticized by the Alexander-Dixon machine, kept well oiled by finances which under a better and safer plan of organization would have been kept at home in the Local and County Unions where it has been greatly needed. The suggestion that a successor to the Farmers Union should be organized struck a vital part in the Doc's machine. It was somewhat like throwing a monkey wrench in the machinery while it is in motion.

After the government authorities had decided that Dr. Alexander's "Bulletin" was an undesirable publication to be transmitted through the mails, Leader Dixon's "Co-operator" at Wilson was chosen as the Doc's campaign organ which was sent unsolicited to all members who had not dropped out of the Union and to some who had already withdrawn. Having plenty of the farmers' money in the Farmers treasury they found no difficulty in financing this campaign sheet which Fairless himself announced was to be issued in defense of the "head" of the State union. The first few issues of Leader Dixon's "Co-operator," following your humble servant's resignation, were almost insanely frantic, and in character and tone it ranked lower than any partisan paper that has been issued in the State within a decade. It was what you might term a typical campaign slander by wholesale denunciation of everybody who opposed him. And of course a liberal portion of it was directed toward the ex-organizer-Lecturer, of Union county. So frantic and insane were their charges against him that they even denounced the county in which he lived, boldly declaring that it was a "slacker" county in the purchase of Liberty bonds after it had just over-subscribed its allotment by about thirty thousand dollars. If nothing else is finally saved from Doc's machine, copies of Dixon's "Co-operator" ought to be preserved as a strange freak among North Carolina publications, representing fully Doc Alexander's idea of what it takes to make about the only pure-in-heart paper in the State. Without discrimination he calls the balance of the press "rotten" and unreliable.

Whatever else may be said of the Doc's manager, who has been promoted to the position as State Organizer, Leader Dixon must be given credit for enlisting a sufficient number of Republican politicians of his type to completely control the Farmers Union convention at Wilson and made it absolutely safe for his chief, Dr. Alexander. He had plenty of "new blood" in evidence—men who had never been to a Farmers Union convention before. In their noisy and hazy eulogies of the Doc these new and sudden accessions made

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BE YE READY

The Red Cross campaign begins in the morning. The organization desires that you have ready when the members of the committee visit your home one dollar for each member of your family and as much more as you desire to donate for the great cause that appeals to the heart of every soldier in the service and every one who has suffered in Europe.

A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

President Wilson Still of the Opinion That a League of Nations Must Be

THE BASIS OF PEACE

Paris, Dec. 19.—The movement for the formation of a League of Nations at the coming Peace Conference gained momentum today.

Senator Leon Bourgeois, President of the French Society for a League of Nations, and Count d'Estournelles de Constant, also a delegate of the society, gave the Associated Press a brief account of a conference they had with Premier Clemenceau.

A draft of the complete plan for the constitution of such a league, they said, was submitted to the Premier, upon which an exchange of views took place. The Premier declared that the principle of a League of Nations would not fail to be inscribed in the preliminaries of a peace such as would be decided upon by the Allies.

M. Clemenceau agreed that the Allies must resolve on a common plan of organization, and he invited the delegates of the Society for a League of Nations to confer with the members of similar societies in the allied countries, with a view to preparing a complete text which could give the Governments concerned inspiration and ideas.

After four days of gathering views of leaders in France, President Wilson's closest advisers say that he has seen no reason to change his belief that the foundation of a League of Nations is inseparable from the actual peace treaty itself.

These advisers say the President, in explaining his definition of "the freedom of the seas," will reassure Premier Lloyd George that he has no intention of demanding a reduction of the British Navy to a point involving the unsafety of the empire, but will emphasize his feeling that the plan of a league would strengthen the empire.

King Victor Emmanuel, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow, has been fully advised of the President's plans through conferences held by the President with Count di Cellere, Italian Ambassador to the United States, but the President will take the opportunity to make personal explanations to the King, and also to make clear his friendliness toward Italy.

Dissipating Misunderstandings

The hope is expressed by those surrounding the President that the exchanges of views will clear away any misunderstandings which may exist in regard to Mr. Wilson's attitude and prepare the way for the assembling of the conference with all complexities removed, so that it will be ready to deal with principles and any outstanding differences of opinion that remain.

Mr. Hoover has been here nearly a fortnight. He has a vast task to perform. Has he all the resources and all the authority he needs? He has immense experience and energy, but no man can make bricks without straw, and we are not so sure about the straw.

The Guardian refers to the impossibility of an indefinite stay by President Wilson who had come with definite principles and policy, it says which the allies had formally and definitely accepted, but the President could not have been long in Paris, it adds, without discovering what it calls the strange discrepancies between "this professed acceptance and the sectional and purely nationalistic demands put forward by various countries, not excluding our own."

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RAIN TONIGHT AND SATURDAY

Washington, Dec. 20.—For North Carolina: Rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; warmer Saturday east portion, increasing northeast and east winds.

COTTON GINNED 10,252,402 BALES

THE PRESIDENT MEANS BUSINESS

Is Not Going to Spend All of His Time in Ceremonies Jealousies AMONG VARIOUS NATIONS

London, Dec. 20.—There is undisguised confusion in American centers here as the result of the change in President Wilson's plans regarding his coming to London and the most directly interested are anxiously awaiting an official notice of the President's early coming which not to be had up to noon yesterday.

With nothing more definite than the British official announcement to work upon, the avar representatives are making endeavors to reach American naval headquarters in Paris to learn what they can concerning the President's trip.

In the absence of such notification it is recalled that the President is reported to have ceased to consider himself an official guest of France when the official reception ceremonies ended.

It was suggested in American centers that the President might come to England in a French or British vessel although there is nothing available at the British Admiralty to show that such plans are contemplated at present.

All of the American battleships that were in European waters have sailed for home, but there are plenty of American destroyers for the escort of any vessel bearing the President.

The reception of the President in London will not be participated in by the American army to any extent, according to indications.

President Means Business.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 19.—In commenting editorially upon President Wilson's visit to London, now in immediate prospect the guardian today regards it as signifying that the "President means business which the leisurely arrangements previously contemplated hardly seemed to imply."

"It is unnecessary to speculate," continues the newspaper, "upon the precise causes of this sudden change of plans but obviously the circumstances of the moment are not such as to brook delay. The news from Germany shows that two things are essential if order is to be kept and a stable government maintained—the population must be fed and the industries started by the returning soldiers and munition workers thrown out of employment, and yet we hear of nothing effective being done."

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PRIOR TO DECEMBER 13TH NORTH CAROLINA HAS GINNED 715,648 BALES OF COTTON. NAPOLEON SPENCER INSISTS THAT HE IS INNOCENT OF THE CHARGE OF MURDER BEFORE BEING EXECUTED THIS MORNING. MRS. MATT RANSOM DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cottoned ginned prior to December 13th were 10,252,402 running bales including 139,074 round bales and 12,793 bales of American Egyptian cotton and 3,160 bales of Sea Island cotton according to the Census Bureau announcement issued today. Prior to December 13th last year the total ginnings were 10,131,594 bales, including 179,966 bales and 83,288 bales of Sea Island. The ginning by states is as follows: North Carolina 7144,848; South Carolina, 1-329,207 and Virginia 18,297.

Mrs. Matt Ransom Dead

Hickory, N. C., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Matt Ransom, 88 years old, the widow of the late Senator Ransom who was also minister to Brazil, died here last night of pneumonia. She will be buried at Verona in Northampton county tomorrow.

CASUALTY LIST FOR TODAY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American Expeditionary Forces:

Killed in action 124
Died of wounds 82
Died of accident and other causes 26
Died of airplane accident 253
Wounded severely 1,802
Wounded, degree undetermined 1,402
Wounded slightly 1,798
Missing in action 289

Total 5,784

The following North Carolinians are included in the list for today:

- Killed in action**
Corporal Lewis P. Vann, Wilmington.
- Died of Disease**
Private Ernest C. Bailey, Roxboro
Private Charles Clark, Aberdeen.
Private Brant Lewis, Creston.
Private Milan G. Price, Grifton.
Private John Lea Caswell county.
Private James W. Cox, Elm City.
Private John I. Faysoux, Gastonia.
- Wounded Severely**
Sergeant Henry C. Kearsey, Franklinton.
Corporal Lonnie A. Webster, Gibsonville.
Corporal Brack M. Kinney, Albemarle.
Lieutenant James W. Alston, Raleigh.
Sergeant William E. Green, Newbern.
Sergeant Ernest Hackney, Durham.
Sergeant Joseph E. Hullin, Greensboro.
Private George Bernard Reese, Greensboro.
Sergeant Clyde V. Wright, Durham.
- Wounded Slightly**
Corporal Hubert M. Ashley, Chapel Hill.
Corporal Jack Hicks, Canton.
Corporal John Bowen, Ridgemont.
Corporal Melvin Hutchins, Union Mills.
Frank Dewey, bugler; Goldsboro
George M. Temple, mechanic; Willow Springs.
Private Thomas J. Robinson, Federal.
- Missing in Action**
Private Albert H. Walser, Blount
Private Adison Houck, Marion.

The government accepted your pledge in good faith and spent the money to bring the war to a close, now the government is counting on you to buy the stamps.