

Big Events of Year at Home



Photos by American Press Association.
 On the upper left is William Sulzer of New York, who was removed as governor after he had been impeached. Upper right is shown the scene attending the swearing in as president of Woodrow Wilson. In the center are pictured the steamer Volturno burning in midocean and Captain Inch, its commander. The lower picture shows an encampment of United States troops near the Mexican border.

Happenings That Held Attention In Year 1913

War With Mexico Threatened. Sulzer Removed—Volturno Burned at Sea—Morgan and Gaynor Died

Middle West Devastated by Floods Which Caused Great Loss—Jessie Wilson and Helen Gould Brides

By JOHN J. BREEN.

WINGING like an aeroplane through the atmosphere of time, another year is gone. Each day brought its quota of happenings, some great and others small. There were fast and strenuous doings in the world of politics, the grim reaper exacted its usual toll, playing no favorites; the menace of war between the United States and Mexico loomed large, and the Athletics again showed the Giants how to play the great national game.

President Wilson from the date of his inauguration started out to make good on his promises of tariff and currency reform. After months of jockeying by both branches of congress, and after many amendments had been written into the original draft of the document the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill became a law. It is too soon as yet to say just what effect it will have on the prosperity of the country. It has long been held by some statesmen that a new tariff bill will be a panacea for all ills, real or imaginary. Others have held that tinkering with this important subject would result in a national disaster. It is too early as yet to say who are the false prophets.

Having succeeded in passing a new tariff bill, President Wilson at once set about getting a new currency measure. Toward the end of the year his supporters declared that he would also win this fight. Just what kind of a bill would finally meet the favor of congress none would say. Some bankers maintained that any radical interference with the monetary system of the country would work disaster, while bankers of the south and west insisted that money reform would greatly help the crops and would make for unprecedented prosperity.

Sulzer Helps Mitchell.

It is agreed that the removal of Governor Sulzer was a big factor in the New York city election. Many who thought Sulzer guilty wanted to rebuke the forces that sought his impeachment. Sulzer announced himself as a candidate for the assembly in a lower east side district in Manhattan. He ran on the Progressive ticket and was elected. There was a union of the forces against the Tammany Hall candidate, Edward J. McCall, and

John Purroy Mitchell was elected mayor.

President Wilson took a personal interest in the gubernatorial election in New Jersey and was pleased when the returns showed that James Fairman Fielder was elected. Fielder has been called a progressive Democrat, and his election was regarded as a personal tribute to the president. In the November elections also David I. Walsh, Democrat, was elected governor of Massachusetts, and Henry C. Stuart, Democrat, was elected governor of Virginia.

When President Wilson entered office he was confronted with the tangled Mexican situation, and toward the end of the year our relations with that country came near the breaking point. Matters became so threatening that troops and marines were dispatched to the border line. A great fleet of American warships assembled in Mexican waters, and the border patrol was re-enforced by several divisions of regular troops.

Following the assassination of Francisco I. Madero Feb. 22 and the assumption of the presidency by General Huerta, President Wilson flatly declared that this country never would recognize the new order of things, which was characterized as a rule of blood and iron. This government figured that Huerta was near the end of his financial resources.

The year had its usual quota of disasters and accidents. When the wireless on Oct. 9 told that the steamship Volturno was burning in midocean there came visions of another Titanic horror. But the wireless brought quick aid to the doomed ship, and 500 of its passengers were removed in safety to other vessels that answered the calls for help. One hundred and thirty-six of her passengers and crew were lost. There were pathetic scenes when the ships bearing the survivors docked in New York city.

Floods Sweep Middle West.

The great floods of the middle west which occurred in March aroused the sympathy of the country for the sufferers. For weeks great sections of this country were under water. Entire cities were marooned. Secretary of War Garrison took personal charge of the relief movement. It was impossible for days to get any authentic

news from the stricken territory, and exaggerated stories of loss of life were circulated. For days entire communities lived on the upper floors of tall buildings to escape the rising waters. It was a common sight to see entire families go drifting by on trees and small frame houses carried along by the rushing streams. A conservative estimate of the damage to property is \$100,000,000.

Other casualties which caused more than passing interest were two wrecks on the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; a cyclone which swept the central and southwestern states, entailing a loss of over 100 lives and several million dollars in property; thirty-four killed and many injured by the collapse of a pier at Long Beach, Cal.; twenty killed and many injured by the explosion of mill dust in a Buffalo mill; fifty lives lost in a factory fire at Binghamton, N. Y.; twenty killed in a mine accident at Tower City, Pa.; Hot Springs, Ark., was swept by fire, with a loss estimated at \$300,000. In a wreck on the Mobile and Ohio railroad at Buckatuna, Miss., forty-five soldiers of the coast artillery were killed and 100 injured.

Two of the social events of the year which attracted more than passing interest were the weddings of Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, and Francis Bowes Sayre and Helen Gould and Daley J. Shepard. Miss Wilson and Mr. Sayre were married at the White House Nov. 23 and went on a honeymoon trip abroad. Mr. Sayre is a lawyer and when his engagement was announced was attached to the office of District Attorney Whitman in New York city. Miss Gould and Mr. Shepard were married on Jan. 22. Mr. Shepard was a railroad man, and Miss Gould met him while she was on a tour of inspection of the Gould railroad properties in the west.

Among the noted men who died during the year were John Pierpont Morgan, the financier, and Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York city. Mr. Morgan died in Rome, whether he went in search of health. Mayor Gaynor died aboard the steamship Baltic at sea. He had just been denied a nomination by Tammany Hall and had accepted a nomination tendered by a body of citizens. His death had a big effect on the New York city campaign.

Other deaths in the year were James R. Keene, financier and turfman; Dr. Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, founder of the Lowe observatory; Captain Orin R. Smith, designer of the Confederate flag; James McCrea, former president of the Pennsylvania railroad; Congressman ("Big Tim") Sullivan of New York; Benjamin Altman, dry goods merchant, and Charles G. Gates.

The crowning event in the sport world was the triumph of Connie Mack's Athletics over John McGraw's Giants. Incidentally the series was a rebuke to the knockers who are ever ready to cry fake. The series was ended in five games, the Athletics winning four and the championship.

Bostic

Quite a large crowd of the A. Special to The Free Press.]
 Bostic, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Seth J. Bridges, who have been in Virginia for a few days, have returned home.

Several of our young people attended the box supper at Ellenboro Saturday night. Miss Virginia Harrill of this place was voted the prettiest girl present, and Mr. George Guffay received the honor of being the ugliest man.

There was a "clean-up day" at Walls School today. Much has been done toward beautifying the grounds.

Messrs. Claude Webb and Omer Spratte are home from the Farm School for the holidays.

Quite a large number of our farmers attended the annual meeting of the State Farmers' Union at Shelby.

A party composed of Misses Vesta Jones, Fannie Tate and Mary Z. Early and Messrs. Joe Jones and Chiv E. Early were Christmas shoppers in Shelby one day last week.

Mr. J. W. Webb is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Hamrick are all smiles—it's a boy.

Best wishes to The Free Press.
 "Bill Jennings."

Handsome Calendars

The Forest City Loan & Insurance Company, T. R. Blanton and King & Reinhardt Company have issued beautiful calendars and are distributing them among their patrons. They are unusually pretty and will ornament any wall.

Box Supper at Dobbins

The young people of the Dobbins section gave a successful box supper and voting contest last Thursday night. Miss Ethel Burnett was voted the prettiest girl and Engineer Dan Flowe the ugliest man. The receipts, amounting to \$40.15, will be used for school improvements.

Nearly "Halved Itself"

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 P. S. This is my fifth bale of this variety.

Very Quiet Christmas

Forest City People should be proud of the good order which has prevailed here during the holidays. The season has not been marred by crime or accidents and few arrests have been made. The citizens took a day off and observed it in a dignified manner. The churches of the city gave the little folks a treat and these in turn punctured the stillness of the nights with a few explosions of fire-crackers, but their amusement was harmless and the older people did not complain.

Local Agents in Class A

Messrs. W. W. Hicks and M. H. Moody of the Forest City Loan and Insurance Company attended the banquet given by the Southern Life & Trust Company at Greensboro last night in honor of the "\$100,000 Club." A luncheon, smoker, auto ride and banquet were features of the occasion. There are only eight members of this club and it speaks well for the local agents to be numbered among them. This is their first year in the field and they passed the \$100,000 mark inside of the first ten months.

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TWO CLUBS FORMED

Boys and girls of Dobbins School to Contest in Growing Corn and Tomatoes—Other News of Interest

Special to the Free Press.

Ellenboro, R. 2, Dec. 27.—The Dobbins school closed the 22nd for the Christmas holidays. On this day the patrons of the district met pursuant to a call by the teacher for the purpose of organizing a boy's corn club and a girl's tomato club. Mr. S. Dobbins was elected president of the meeting and Miss Virginia Biggerstaff secretary. The following were enrolled in the corn club: Clark H. Padgett, Hall Padgett, Walter Green, Clarence Biggerstaff, Hoyt Dobbins, J. A. Green, W. F. Dodson, O. T. Dodson; and the following over 18 years of age—S. Dobbins, A. A. Biggerstaff, Ben Biggerstaff, R. P. Biggerstaff, J. Q. Padgett, H. W. Dodson, R. L. James, Roy Harrill.

The members of the tomato club are: Lilly Padgett, Bertha Green, Emely Hollifield, Carrie M. Whitaker. There is much enthusiasm over the prospects for success in the two clubs. Several valuable premiums are to be offered, among them J. Q. Padgett & Sons offer one Duroc-Jersey pig, pure bred, value \$15, to the winner in the boys' contest, and one trio of Buff Orpington chickens to the winner in the girls' club.

The school at this place reopens Monday for the spring term.

Everything seems to be moving smoothly, with very little excitement during the holidays. The weather has been very bad and mud is plentiful.

Mr. M. M. Farris, a successful sawmill man of Kings Mountain, accompanied by his family, visited relatives in this section Christmas.

Mr. Anderson Rome is erecting one of the handsomest cottages in this section in a beautiful grove just south of his father's home. You can guess the rest.

I must close, but hold: I forgot to tell you that at the close of the school for Christmas the people presented the teacher, Miss Virginia Biggerstaff with one of the prettiest lamps ye scribe ever saw.

We wish the editor of The Free Press and the paper's many readers a joyful New Year; may their paths be strewn with flowers and their lives crowned with success.

Good Roads Notes

Work is progressing nicely on that portion of the Chimney Rock road between Mountain Creek and Cove Creek. This work is being done by the chain gang force and if the weather permits this part of the road will be finished by early spring. Only about one mile of the old road between them two points is being used, the rest being an entirely new road.

A fine location has been secured, making a much better and cheaper route than was possible to get by following the old road. With few exceptions this route seems to be giving general satisfaction.

As soon as right-of-way can be obtained work will be begun on the Rutherfordton-Marion road via. Gilkey.

This is a very important piece of road, and it is hoped that there will be no trouble encountered by the road commissioners in securing right-of-way.

The Forest City-Carolene road was completed last week, with the exception of a short space just outside of the limits of Forest city, and the building of three small bridges at Carolene.

Marriage at Henrietta

Mr. Charles B. Mahaf'ee and Miss Ethel Hutchins of Henrietta were united in marriage Friday night at the home of Mr. Moses Hyder, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Frank Armstrong. These are among Henrietta's most popular young people and many friends are extending congratulations.

Professor Adams a Visitor

Mr. Joseph Q. Adams, assistant professor in English of Cornell University, arrived last week to spend several days here hunting. He is the guest of Mr. G. F. Foote of Ithica, N. Y., who is spending the winter in Forest City. Professor Adams is a son of Rev. J. Q. Adams, pastor of the Forest City Baptist church. He is no stranger to Forest City and his friends are glad to see him again. He returns to Cornell about the 5th of January.

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