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WILSON STATES PEACE TERMS.

France to Get Alsace-Lorraine. Foe Must Restore Belgium and Withdraw from Russia. No Trade Boycott to Follow War. Seas to Be Open at All Times and No Secret Treaties. Permanent Freedom of the Dardanelles.

Washington, January 8.—President Wilson appeared before Congress today and made a ringing address in which he accepted the challenge issued by the German peace delegates at Brest-Litovsk and stated in the clearest and most unequivocal language the war aims of the United States and the conditions which this Government deems essential to a just and permanent peace. The President announced his programme as follows:

1. Open covenants, openly arrived at, with no ensuing secret treaties.
2. Freedom of the seas in peace and war, except as closed by international action for enforcement of international covenants.
3. Trade equality among nations consenting to the peace.
4. Reduction of armaments.
5. Impartial adjustment of colonial claims, with regard for the wishes of the inhabitants.
6. Evacuation by Germany of all Russian territory and assurances of unhampered opportunity for Russia's political and economic development.
7. Evacuation and restoration of Belgium.
8. Evacuation of occupied French territory and righting of the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871.
9. Readjustment of the Italian frontier along lines of nationality.
10. Autonomous development for the people of Austria-Hungary.
11. Evacuation and restoration of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro, with access to the sea for Serbia.
12. Turkish sovereignty for the Turkish portions of the Ottoman Empire, with autonomy for other nationalities now under Turkish rule, and permanent freedom of the Dardanelles.
13. An independent Poland with access to the sea.
14. A league of nations to enforce specific covenants.—New York Evening Sun.

A JOHNSTON BOY IN FRANCE.

John R. Massey, of Princeton, is Another One of Our Young Men in The Overseas Service of Uncle Sam.

Princeton, January 8.—The many friends and relatives of Mr. John R. Massey, of Princeton, will be glad to learn of his safe arrival in France. He is a member of the 117th Engineers. Mr. Massey is one of our best boys and one his country should feel proud of. After spending two years at the State University he heard his country's call and gave up his studies. With the true patriotic American spirit he enlisted last June at Wilmington and has gone to do his bit for his country.

DEATHS IN MEADOW TOWNSHIP.

Thomas McLamb, Sr., and George Holly Passed Away This Week.

We learn from Mr. J. B. Kinsey, of Meadow Township, who was in town Wednesday of the death of two of Meadow's citizens. Mr. Thomas McLamb, Sr., who was known as "One-Eyed Tom McLamb," died Monday night at his home near Peacock's Cross Roads. He was perhaps seventy or seventy-five years of age. He had been a sufferer for sometime with Bright's disease. He leaves a wife and ten children, six sons and four daughters. They are all grown and married. He was buried in the family burying ground Tuesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Mr. J. R. Jones. Mr. McLamb was a good citizen and neighbor and will be greatly missed in his section.

Early Tuesday morning, January 8, Mr. George Holly, who lived a little below Peacock's Cross Roads, died after a short illness of pneumonia. He was about sixty or sixty-five years of age and was a good citizen. His community will greatly miss him.

Official recognition of the moving-picture campaign which has been carried on by the Committee on Public Information to stimulate interest in the war, has been given by President Wilson.

GENERAL NEWS MATTERS.

Items of Interest at Home and Abroad Told in Brief for Busy Readers.

New York City schools, teachers and pupils, bought \$31,386,900 worth of Liberty Loan bonds. Not much like disloyalty.

The Food Administration has arranged to control during 1918 the supply of binder twine, so important to farmers, particularly those of the granger states.

Worth Bagley Daniels, son of Secretary Daniels, has been nominated for appointment at Annapolis. Worth Bagley, who is the second son of the Secretary of the Navy to take steps to serve his country, is eighteen years old, and is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina.

The British Admiralty reports the sinking in the past week of 18 merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over, by mine or submarine, as well as three merchantmen under that tonnage. Four fishing vessels were also sunk. This was a material increase over the previous week, when the sinking numbered twelve.

The pay roll of fighting forces of the United States is now nearly \$100,000,000 a month. This sum includes salaries of officers and enlisted men in the army and navy, serving both in this country and abroad, but does not include "family allowances" paid by the government toward the support of families of enlisted men.

The past year was prosperous for copper miners. They kept their mines operating to capacity and enjoyed the highest prices for the metal which have ruled in fifty years. The American output falls short of the previous year's by more than 67,000 tons. The decrease in production was general. The war has impaired land and sea transportation to such an extent that its effects are reflected even in the remotest mining centers.

There was a decrease in gold production on most of the principal gold fields during 1917; the estimated production being valued at \$460,000,000, as compared with \$469,200,000 in 1916, and \$473,124,590 in 1915. It is probable that in the next few years further declines will be recorded. The high peak production was reached in 1912, when the yield amounted to \$474,333,268. This was closely approached in 1915, when the yield was \$473,124,590.

The United States Department of Agriculture has designated Walter Smallbones, of Wilmington, as official distributor of nitrate of soda for all North Carolina, who will serve without compensation. Wilmington will be the receiving port in North Carolina for the State's quota of the 100,000 tons of nitrate of soda to be imported from Chile. Detailed instructions as to how the farmer is to proceed in getting nitrate, after it has been received in the United States, are in type and these will soon be sent broadcast over the country.

Higher wages will be asked of the railroad administration soon by nearly all classes of organized railroad labor. Strikes are not contemplated by any organization, it is said, the increase of wages being asked for to keep employees from being attracted to other industries. The Director-General McAdoo announced Wednesday that he expected to name railroad directors for certain sections of the country to assist him in administering government operation. Mr. McAdoo said specifically that he did not plan to name State directors.

America's coal exports this year will be limited strictly to shipments to be used for war purposes and to those necessary in exchange for commodities the United States must have. In announcing this policy, Fuel Administrator Garfield declared that in no event will exports be permitted to equal in volume those of the year just ended. The Fuel Administration has turned over to the War Trade Board figures showing the amount of coal the country can spare and asked the Board to exercise supervision over its distribution abroad. The amount available for export was not made public. Canada will be excepted from the regulations and shipments to the Dominion will be left in the hands of the Fuel Administration.

TWO FARMERS INSTITUTES.

One at Royall (Elevation) School House and the Other at Glendale School.

Two Farmers Institutes will be held in Johnston County next week, the first at Royall, (Elevation) school house on Wednesday, January 16, and the other at Glendale on Thursday, the 17th. The meeting at Royall school will be in connection with the group meeting of teachers. The morning session will open at 10:30 and the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Soil fertility, food and feed crops, live stock, marketing, etc., by the County Agent, Representatives of the State Department of Agriculture, Experiment Station, Extension Service and others. There will be held at the same time and place a Woman's Institute, conducted by Miss Lizzie J. Roddick, District Agent Home Demonstration Work, to which women are invited to come and join in the discussion of Home Conveniences, Food Conservation, War-time Receipts and other things pertaining to the home. A. M. JOHNSON, County Agent.

TEN MILLION BALES GINNED.

Prior to January 1st the Number Is 10,450,401. North Carolina Ginned 543,523.

Cotton ginned prior to January 1st amounted to 10,450,401 running bales, counting the round bales as half bales, and exclusive of linters the census bureau announced Wednesday. Round bales included were 184,510 and Sea Island 86,813 bales.

Last year to January 1st ginnings amounted to 11,039,491 bales, including 188,052 round bales and 113,343 bales of Sea Island.

Ginnings by States included North Carolina with 543,523 bales.

THE NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, Jan. 9.—Misses Barbara Gully and Blanche Ellis spent the past week end with friends in Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of Lillington, arrived this week to make their home here. Their many friends are glad to have them here again.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Gully returned to their home at Smithfield Monday after spending a week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hamby returned to their home here after spending sometime with relatives at University Station.

Mr. Ronnie Ellis returned last week from Camp Jackson. He received a discharge from the army on industrial grounds.

Miss Sulou McCullers left Tuesday of last week for Stanton, Va., where she will re-enter Mary Baldwin Seminary.

Mr. Irving Gower who belongs to the U. S. Ambulance corps, stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., spent several days during the past week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gower.

Mr. Roy G. Gully returned to Camp Jackson last Saturday after spending five days here with his mother. He was called home on account of the funeral of his father which was held Wednesday of last week.

Prof. N. Y. Gully, of Wake Forest, was here last week to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. J. D. Gully.

MAJOR PETERSON MUST APPEAR AT MARCH TERM.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Major George L. Peterson got his continuance today in Wake superior court in the case charging him with the embezzlement of \$7,600 while disbursing officer for the North Carolina national guard, but it is only to the March term and preliminary for trial at that time instead of an indefinite postponement asked.

Judge Calvert said from the bench that Peterson be ready for trial at that time and that he could take no official note of the fact that Peterson's attorneys have deposited a check with the state treasurer for the \$7,600 as "amount due" and the case must stand on its merits.

The surety company on Peterson's bond, having been fully protected in the case, is taking no part in the prosecution of Peterson who has gone back to his military duties at Camp Sevier.—Wilmington Star.

SELMA'S LIVE BATCH OF NEWS.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Sarah Whitley at the Home of Her Daughter. Mr. R. E. Richardson Moves to Wendell. Good Work of Municipal Woodyard.

Selma, Jan. 10.—Mess. J. A. Eason and Weldon Barnes, of Wilders township, were here today for a few hours on business.

Attorney J. R. Williams and Mr. J. R. Hinton, of Clayton, were here Thursday on business.

Mr. Ed. Pearce was here Thursday enroute to Providence, R. I., where he goes for assignment, he having enlisted in the Hospital Corps of the Navy. Mr. Pearce has a number of friends here, whose best wishes go with him as he does his bit for Uncle Sam.

Mr. R. E. Richardson who has been connected with the Selma Supply Company here for several years, moved this week to Wendell, where he and his associate, Mr. Thomas Cook, have bought out the Todd Bros. Hardware Company, and will engage in the Hardware business. Mr. Richardson and his family have made a host of friends in and around Selma, who see them leave with regret, but here's to a "fair sea" and smooth sailing, Uncle Bob.

Mrs. T. C. Henry and children, Edith and Dixon, left Monday morning for their new home in Wilson, N. C. Mr. Henry came up Sunday and accompanied them back. Mr. Henry is the live and popular manager of the Lee-Henry Company, Inc., and has moved the stock of goods of his company to Wilson where they will continue to do business. The best wishes of a host of friends here go with them.

Mr. J. W. Barham spent Wednesday in Raleigh on business.

Mr. D. T. Worley, of the firm of D. T. Worley and Company, has opened a fancy grocery and cold drink stand on Raiford street in the building formerly occupied by the Selma Grocery Co.

Mr. E. V. Deans has resigned his position with Roberts, Corbett and Woodard, and accepted a similar position with Roberts Atkinson Co., where he will be glad to serve his friends.

We regret to note the continued illness of Mr. Herber Morgan, who is confined to his room with bronchitis at his home on Webb street.

Mrs. Daniel Hamilton was called to the bedside of her mother in Covington, Ky., by a telegram stating that her mother was seriously ill.

Mr. W. B. Roberts, the popular manager of the Roberts Atkinson Co., has sold his farm near town and will move his family to town. We understand they will occupy the home of Mrs. P. A. Holland on Green street.

Mr. G. A. Morgan, who has been engaged in work at the Army Cantonment at Petersburg, Va., returned home Saturday night ill with "Grippe." His condition is now somewhat improved and we hope for him a speedy recovery.

The Selma Graded School started up again Monday morning for the Spring Term. The holidays were extended on account of the severe cold weather and the shortage of fuel for a week longer than was at first anticipated.

The many friends of Mrs. J. W. Oneal will be glad to learn that she is improving after several weeks serious illness.

Mr. John Dale who lives near Selma came to town one day this week with a tale of woe that was rather mirth provoking. On last Thursday while walking through the woods near his home, he passed an old well that was full of water and frozen over. He decided he would cut through the ice with his ax to see how thick it was, and when he hit the ice with his ax, the ax went through the ice and into the well and required about two hours time to recover it.

Our town was shocked and surprised Tuesday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Sarah J. Whitley, which occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Woodard, that morning about eleven o'clock. Mrs. Whitley was in her usual health and ate breakfast Tuesday morning as usual. She was attacked with a nausea, and before medical assistance could reach her, expired. Mrs. Whitley was 67 years of age and a member of the Methodist church at Sanders Chapel, where her remains were interred Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. K. Proctor at Sanders Chapel church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS.

Live Items of Interest Clipped And Culled From North Carolina Newspapers.

Rowers, Riley, Plato, Ulysses and Pink Philips, all brothers, of Swain County, are serving in the United States Navy.

Raleigh and Wake County will soon have a pair of blood-hounds at their disposal if plans, submitted to the County Commissioners recently, are carried out.

Statesville received four car loads of coal last Sunday, the first to be received in that city in several weeks. Not more than a half ton was allowed to any one person.

Roanoke Island is still ice bound. The sound is frozen to a depth of four to six inches. There is no prospect of an early change in conditions, and due to low supplies on the island, suffering is anticipated.

Wilson is threatened with a milk famine brought about by the retirement of dairymen from business. For several days a sufficient supply for the sick and babies has been secured from nearby towns.

Associations will be organized at LaGrange and Kinston for the purpose of providing immunizing equipment for the prevention of Hog Cholera. Along the banks of the Neuse in Lenoir County the death rate among the hogs has been heavy. Frequently all of a farmer's hogs have been wiped away in a few days' time.

A report is rife on the streets of Tarboro, that the United States Government was seeking a site for the location an aviation training camp at the Edgecombe Capital. Citizens of Tarboro are making investigations and are hunting for a tract of 640 acres of level, clear land, which, it is stated, the Government would require.

The Wake County Commissioners Wednesday ordered an election, at a date to be fixed, for a \$40,000 bond issue for the construction of a modern paved road from Raleigh to the eastern limits of Garner. It is thought, the bonds will be voted with but a few dissenting ballots. The \$40,000 furnished by the Garner property owners will be supplemented by about \$20,000 from the State Highway Commission.

The health department Tuesday started a thorough sanitary survey of the city of Kinston. For a week or two Dr. James S. Mitchener, head of the department, and his assistants, will delve into the back lots and alleyways of Kinston seeking out the danger spots to health. These will be recorded, and then the findings will be exhibited. The city council sanctioned the survey a few hours before it was begun.

Eighteen million automobile tires were manufactured in the United States last year, valued at \$450,000,000.

o'clock, and the burial followed immediately in the church cemetery. The following children survive her: Mrs. P. A. Holland, of Sanders Chapel section, Mrs. W. T. Woodard, of Selma, Mr. J. C. Whitley, of Florence, S. C., and Mr. W. B. Whitley, Clinton, N. C. She was also the grandmother of our townsman, Mr. S. A. Godwin. The sympathy of our people are extended to the bereaved family.

Your correspondent regrets that the recent extremely cold weather with its attendant ice and snow, together with pressing duties in the office, has kept him from reporting the items from our city, but with better weather and a slacking of office duties he hopes to be able to appear regularly from now on, and hopes that any who have news items of importance will not hesitate to send them in.

For the last few weeks, Selma has experienced the coldest weather oldest inhabitants say, that has been here for many years. The shortage of coal here caused considerable inconvenience, but the Municipal Woodyard has met the immediate needs and we do not think there was cause for actual suffering here. We think this has been a sufficient test of the Municipal Woodyard as it has certainly proven its worth during the past cold wave.

ABOUT HIGH COST OF SHOES.

Manufacturers Try to Justify the Sudden Rise. Deny Famine of Leather. Declare This Year's Crop Is Equal to Past Season.

The National Retail Shoe Dealers' Association, attended by 2,000 members, met in convention at Chicago Tuesday and some of them were kept busy establishing alibis for high prices.

John O'Connor, general chairman of the convention, said that this year's harvest of leather was equal to that of the past season—he did not really consider that there was a leather shortage except in grades used for the military—and then he and his associates explained the why of the \$15 and \$20 shoes for women and the \$9 and \$11 shoes for men. It appeared that cotton drilling has gone up 300 per cent to a maximum of 70 cents a yard, and that if there were a pair of feet in the country requiring a yard of shoe lining 70 cents of the price was accounted for. Shoe laces cost \$2.50 a gross, and so if your shoes have a gross of laces with them it accounts for \$2.50 more of the price. Beeswax, too is up, but the cost was not analyzed and it cost 10 cents more to make eyelets. With 20 or 30 eyelets in a woman's shoes it was pointed out that some more of the cost was obvious. And, then, too, there are nails. A pound of nails cost eight cents more than it used to. Figuring the number of pounds of nails to the shoe runs the total still higher.

NEWSY NOTES FROM KENLY.

Kenly State High School to Open Next Monday. An Entertainment to Be Given Soon.

Kenly, January 10.—After a long recess, the Kenly State High School will open for the spring term on Monday morning, January 14.

The "White Gift" entertainment program rendered by the various classes of the Methodist Sunday school Monday night was a decided success. Each class in the school took part in the program, and a collection amounting to something more than forty-five dollars was received. It has been announced that the money will be used in making a contribution to the relief of suffering children in Armenia.

Owing to the illness of the pastor, Professor M. B. Andrews filled the Reverend C. P. Jerome's appointment at Lucama last Sunday morning. Mr. Jerome is rapidly improving.

For the benefit of the school library fund, a two-night entertainment program by one of the leading Chautauqua concerns of the country will be given in the school auditorium within a few days. A large number of new books and magazines have been added to the library collection this year, and it is hoped that the entertainment may be most heartily supported by the people of the community.

MISSISSIPPI FIRST TO RATIFY.

Legislature Takes Action Within Fifteen Minutes After Governor Had Urged Adoption.

Mississippi was the first state in the union to ratify the proposed prohibition amendment to the federal constitution. Fifteen minutes after Governor Bilbo had urged such action in his message to the 1918 legislature, which opened at Jackson Tuesday, both houses had adopted resolutions ratifying the proposed amendment.

In the lower house the vote was 93 to 3 and in the senate 32 to 5. Representatives from Warren county, in which Vicksburg is located, cast the only negative votes in the house. In the senate the votes were from scattered districts.

Adjournment was taken after the vote on the prohibition amendment.

Byrd-Jernigan.

On last Sunday Mr. William Byrd and Miss Vira Jernigan drove over to Rev. Starling Messingill's and were quietly married, only a few relatives and friends being present to witness the occasion. Mr. Byrd is a young farmer and the son of Mr. William Byrd formerly of Pleasant Grove. Miss Jernigan is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jernigan. May their trials be speedily and well met. A happy life and a happy new year.—Poplar Springs Cor. Benson Review.