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## PRESIDENT WILSON IN ROME TODAY

### Visits Pope and Methodist College. Title of Citizen of Rome Conferred Upon Him—Preparations Elaborate.

President Wilson arrived in Rome this morning at 10:30 o'clock. He is the guest of King Victor Emmanuel. During his stay in the Italian Capital he will visit the Pope and also the Methodist College and will continue his conference with the King, Premier Orlando and Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister.

Elaborate preparations were made to receive the President and he was given a great ovation.

For several days plans for the reception were carried out actively day and night.

The Via Nazionale is beflagged its whole length from the railroad station to the Quirinal, bunting flying from flagstuffs surmounted by gilded images of "Victory."

At the capital, where the President was received by the municipality and where the title of "Citizen of Rome" was conferred upon him, the preparations were particularly elaborate. The spacious halls of the capital are hung with priceless ancient tapestries and decorated with flowers and plants. All the shops are showing the American colors, and in their windows are portraits of President Wilson.

Tomorrow President Wilson will visit the Pantheon and will place wreaths on the tomb of King Victor Emmanuel I and King Hubert. The President will have luncheon at the American Embassy with Ambassador Page, after which he will visit Pope Benedict at the Vatican. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Wilson will be received by the Pope immediately after the President.

Tomorrow afternoon the President will attend a dinner given by the Dowager, Queen Margherita, after which he will attend a reception to representatives of protestant organizations at the American church. The same night he will leave Rome for either Naples or Milan.

### SELMA NEWS NOTES.

The Christmas holidays were quietly spent in Selma. There was no boisterous outbreak of any kind, very little drinking and law breaking. There were Christmas trees for the Sunday-school children. The Christmas services were unusually well attended. There were well filled stockings for all the children in the community. Good old St. Nick was careful in looking after the children that might have been neglected had his friends been mindful to help him out. But the spirit of the season filled the hearts of the prosperous and they thus gave Santy a share of their material blessings to divide among the unfortunate.

Many people came and went during the holidays. Some to see the home folks; others to visit friends and enjoy what the young folks call a "good time." Mr. Sam Wood went to Enfield to spend Christmas with his mother. Mr. Claybourn spent the holidays in Asheville with his mother and sister. Julia Ashworth, of Selma High School, spent the vacation in Norfolk with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock went to Fuquay Springs to visit Mrs. Hancock's parents. Miss Lottie Lee Jones visited friends in Norfolk. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edgerton, of Tennessee, spent the holidays in Selma with relatives. Mr. N. E. Edgerton and family, W. A. Edgerton and family. Mr. A. O. Bray, of North Wilkesboro, spent the time in Selma visiting friends.

Mrs. John Winston, of Wendell, and her son, Lieut. William Winston, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. M. C. Winston. Lieut. William Winston is an instructor in Aviation Academics. Lieutenant Winston says that he will remain in the service and has already enlisted for four years.

Mr. Ira T. Wood, of Dillon, S. C., was in Selma Monday on business.

Mr. M. C. Winston made a business trip to Richmond last week.

Mrs. Sadie Jones, of Fuquay Springs, spent Monday night in Selma with her daughter, Miss Lottie Lee Jones.

Mr. Lester Stancill, a former resident of Selma, was in town last week greeting many of his old friends. Mr. Stancill was very active in trying to get things done for the good of Selma.

ive part in getting up the stock for the new-paper, The Johnstonian.

The Selma schools opened Monday for the spring term with a very full attendance. The school looked the most like itself it has since the coming of the flu. In the town proper now the flu is about over with. If the people can see the importance of school and help keep the epidemic down we will soon be running school on a "pre flu basis." A number of new students from out of town have entered school since the holidays. Two of the teachers failed to return. Miss Paris is getting married and finds it inconvenient to return. Miss Jennie D. Evans, of Fayetteville, is kept out on account of illness.

The stockholders of The Johnstonian have arranged to purchase a linotype machine for the printing office. This will enable the managers to get out an eight-page paper instead of a four-page paper as they are doing now. The paper has met with success enough to warrant the new expenditure of money. The larger paper will mean that The Johnstonian can be counted among the better class of weekly newspapers in the State. The task of getting out a newspaper in Selma is purely a patriotic one. The lovers of a better town and a manifest civic pride need the need of a medium of expression for the town and the surrounding community. The motives back of the paper are pure and therefore it has met with success enough to warrant its stay in the county.

The last year has seen the people of Selma tried in many ways. We have a reputation that is not to be envied when it comes to some things connected with the government of our town. The health officer gave us a slam or two. But with it all we do have a record to be proud of. Selma has never been a slacker in the matter of Red Cross work, or in contributions to the humane organizations doing war relief work. She has stood at the top or nearly so, in all these drives. She has gone over her limit in Liberty Loan Bond campaigns every time. If I am correctly informed this postoffice sold more War Savings Stamps than any postoffice in the county. In the matter of using coal and conserving food Selma has done her share cheerfully. From a business point of view the year 1918 has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the town. There have been no business failures to speak of, while many of the business houses have made rapid progress. Our manufacturing plants show signs of prosperity all around even if the epidemic did hit them a hard blow.

Selma faces the new year with bright prospects and fond hopes of doing big things for the town, county and State. The outlook is a cheerful one, our leaders in industry and in business of all kinds are preparing to do the biggest business of their lives in the year 1919.

Selma, N. C., Jan. 1, 1919.

### PADEREWSKI MENTIONED AS PRESIDENT OF POLAND.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, noted pianist, who may be elected the first president of Poland, arrived in Posen during the recent rioting there, when German officers fired on the American flag, according to a dispatch from Warsaw. The trouble started when the Germans demanded that allied and American flags be hauled down from the city hall. The Poles refused, whereupon the Germans brought up machine guns and fired on the crowds and Polish troops, who returned the fire. Many people were killed. Further trouble was provoked when the Germans tried to prevent Mr. Paderewski from circulating in the streets.

### DR. BROOKS WENT IN OFFICE WEDNESDAY.

Principal among the changes in the State Departments Wednesday was the transfer of the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction from Dr. James Yarkin Joyner to Dr. E. C. Brooks. The formal ceremony took place in the office of the Governor at 12 o'clock, Chief Justice Walter Clark administering the oath of office.

### GREATER LENDING POWER OF FEDERAL LAND BANKS

Increase in the lending power of Federal land banks and the grant of authority for them to write fire insurance of farm property were advocated by the farm loan board in its annual report submitted to Congress.

## NEWSY LETTER FROM CAPITAL OF BANNER

### Death of Mr. Allen Barefoot—Isham Woodall Also is Dead—Marriages and Other Items of Interest.

Benson, N. C., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Cleo Haley, of Rich Square, has been here for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whittenton.

Miss Althea Stewart left this morning for Raleigh, where she enters college.

Miss Mary Jackson left this week for Buie's Creek, where she will attend school for the next few months. Miss Coward, of Raleigh, a trained nurse, has been here for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Johnson, who have been confined with flu.

Miss Maud Benson left this morning for Durham, where she will resume her course at the Conservatory of Music, after spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Barbour.

Mr. D. F. Ivey has accepted a position at Steadman, N. C., and it is understood that he will move his family there soon.

Mr. James Raynor went to Chapel Hill Tuesday. He was accompanied by Miss Loyd, his wife's sister, who has been spending some time at his home.

Mr. S. E. Williams has sold his home on Main street to Mr. Eldridge McLamb, who will move there some time shortly. Mr. and Mrs. Williams will move to the Williams brick building on Main street.

The situation in and around here regarding flu has not improved very greatly for the past few days. There are quite a large number of cases here and near here at this time.

Miss Wicher, of Danville, Va., came last night and will spend several days with Mrs. Claud Canaday.

Mr. George Johnson left yesterday to visit relatives in Florida for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dixon returned the first of the week from a several days' visit to relatives in Lee county. Miss Louise Temple and Miss Vallie Hill have returned to Benson after spending the holidays with relatives in and near Sanford.

Mr. O'Neal Brady returned to Massey's Business College after spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brady.

Mr. Fred Lee, who is in the United States Navy at New York, was here for a few days recently after spending the holidays with relatives in Bentonville township.

Lieut. Alfred Parker, son of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Parker, came home yesterday for a few days' visit. He is in the Aero Service and will possibly be retained in the service as an instructor.

Mr. John A. Mills, of Raleigh, was here for a day or two this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dr. Utley.

Mr. Booker Barbour came home yesterday from Camp Hancock, Ga., from which place he has been mustered out of service.

Mrs. Ben Hargis died suddenly at her home in Pleasant Grove township Tuesday morning. She was about 34 years old and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hardee. She was buried Wednesday afternoon at the family burying ground near her father's. She leaves a husband and four children surviving her.

Miss Leola Smith returned to her home in Henderson Tuesday after spending a few days here with relatives.

Messrs. M. T. Britt and Jasper Barbour were visitors to Lumberton Monday of this week.

Mr. Julian Barbour and Mr. Leary Moore, of the U. S. Navy Yard at Norfolk, arrived this week after being mustered out of service.

Messrs. Eli Morgan and Henry Coats returned to Norfolk yesterday after spending the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. J. B. Faircloth returned yesterday from Clinton, where he spent a few days this week.

Miss Pauline Blaylock spent the day here Monday en route to Greensboro, where she resumes her course in the Normal College.

Mr. Charlie Hall, a son of Mr. Jim Hall, of near Benson, was married Sunday to Miss Smitha Pollard, a daughter of Mrs. Loueza Pollard.

Mr. John McLamb, age about 55 years, died at his home in Harnett county Sunday night and was buried

Monday afternoon. He had been sick for several months and his death was not unexpected. He leaves three children, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. Rodger Burd and Mrs. John Stewart. He also leaves a brother, Mr. Sir Will McLamb, who lives near here.

Mr. Elton Hudson was married last Sunday, December 29, to Miss Ora Louise Johnson, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson, of our town. Mr. Hudson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hudson and is a merchant of Benson. The bride is an accomplished young woman, and they have many friends who wish them success in life. The ceremony was performed by A. L. Stephenson, J. P. They will make their home with the groom's parents.

Mr. A. L. Barefoot died at his home here this morning after having been confined to his home for a few days with influenza. He had a complication of diseases which caused his death following the flu. Mr. Barefoot was a prominent merchant of our town and a very useful man. He had been chairman of the Republican party in the county for several years and had done much work for his party. He leaves surviving him a wife and two sons, Jefferson Barefoot and Sherwood Barefoot. He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs. Frank Barefoot, of Greensboro, and D. T. Barefoot, of Benson. No arrangements have yet been announced as to the funeral and burial which probably will not take place till tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Barefoot was a man who was always interested in the things which build up a town, and spent much time in moulding public sentiment in favor of good roads and good schools for the township. He will be greatly missed by a large number of people in the county.

Isham Woodall, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Woodall, of Benson, died today at 12 o'clock at the home of his parents here. Isham had been sick for the past week with influenza, and suffering with a complication of diseases following it, he failed to recover. He was a bright young man and has suffered much for the past year. All that could be done was done for him but to no avail. No announcements have been made as to the funeral or burial, which will likely take place tomorrow at the cemetery here. He is survived by a father, mother, and one brother. He was of a most lovable disposition and will be sadly missed by his great number of friends, as well as by the immediate family.

Secretary Daniels, in explaining his plans to the House naval committee Wednesday said that after every war there is a tendency for the navy to retrograde and that to keep the navy "fit and on its toes," two great fleets, one based on the Pacific coast and the other on the Atlantic coast, will be established by next summer with war games and joint maneuvers as a part of a regular program of training. He said the fleet division had been determined upon to prevent any slump. The plan, he said, had received the "enthusiastic endorsement" of Admiral Wm. S. Benson, chief of operations who is now in Europe with the peace delegations.

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### NOTHING OFFICIAL OF AN OFFER TO THE PRESIDENT.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—Much interest was stirred here today by a press report that went out to the afternoon papers to the effect that the directorate of the University of North Carolina had afoot a plan to offer the presidency of the University to President Woodrow Wilson at a salary of \$20,000. No information on the subject could be gotten here and Secretary R. D. W. Connor, of the University directorate, definitely stated that there was no such plan having any official status. He granted that some individual trustee might conceive of such a plan and give it to the press, but certainly there is nothing official in any reports of the sort that may be extant.

### WILSON AT HOME OF MOTHER. President Speaks in North Country City in England—Mr. Wilson Journeys to Carlisle, Home of His Mother, and Delivers an Address at a Meeting of the Townspeople.

A splendid welcome was accorded President Wilson when he arrived here today to visit the home of his mother, says a press dispatch Sunday dated from Carlisle, England. The President was met at the railway station by the Mayor, Bertram Carr, and other city officials. He was escorted to the Crown and Mitre Hotel, a famous old coaching tavern, where he was presented with the freedom of the city and signed the city roll, which contains many famous names. Although it was raining, great crowds lined the streets and cheered as the President passed along. Buildings were gayly decorated for the occasion and Old Glory was everywhere in evidence. After leaving the hotel, the President went to Annetwell Street, where stood the church of which his grandfather was pastor, and where his mother used to live. He also visited the Old Cavendish place which his father built and was shown the room his mother occupied. After attending services at the Lowther Street Congregational Church, the President spent a considerable time talking with the citizens, who had been acquainted with his parents. President Wilson, speaking at the Lowther Street church during the service, said: "The feelings which have been excited in me today are really too intimate and too deep to permit public expression. Memories that have come home to me today of my mother are very affecting, and her quiet character, her sense of duty and dislike of ostentation came back to me with increasing force as these years of duty have accumulated. Yet, perhaps, it is appropriate that in a place of worship I should acknowledge my indebtedness to her because, after all, what the world is now seeking today is to return to the path of duty. "I believe that if this war has drawn the nations temporarily together in a combination of physical force, we shall now be drawn together in a combination of moral force that will be irresistible, and it is the moral force, as much as the physical force, that has defeated the effort to subdue the world. The knowledge that wrong had been attempted roused the nations and they have gone out like men upon a crusade. "And so it is from quiet places like this, all over the world, that the forces accumulated which will presently overpower any attempt to accomplish evil on a great scale. Like little rivulets that gather into the river and the river into the sea, so there goes out from communities like this streams that fertilize the conscience of man and it is the conscience of the world we are trying now to place upon the throne which others tried to usurp."

### FLU GETS DEATH BLOW IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—No more "flu" masks or nose sprays, no more reliance for protection on the stalwart figure of John Barleycorn—not even a chirp from the Chamber of Commerce about paralysis of commercial interests following segregation and the closing of stores. The ban is to be lifted because a new vaccine is giving "flu" his death blow. At least that is the view of the St. Louis city health department and they ought to know. St. Louis has suffered less from influenza than any great city in the country and now presents statistical proof that it is cleaning itself up completely by a new vaccine immunity bath. Twenty thousand people in the city took this immunity bath and not a single case of influenza or pneumonia was reported out of this number. Those who subjected themselves to the Rosenow vaccine treatment are enjoying immunity and believe in its power.

### SUFFRAGISTS TO MEET JAN. 10.

A conference of the North Carolina Suffrage Association will be held in Raleigh January 10, at noon in the Raleigh Woman's Club. This meeting will be followed at night by an address by Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

## RELIEF DEMAND IN FRANCE HEAVY

### Country Devastated by Germans. Coal Mines Destroyed, Factories Ruined—Many Months to Reconstruct Railroads.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Relief work being carried on in Northern France by the Commission for Relief in Belgium and the pitiable condition of the 1,500,000 inhabitants of that section who escaped the German invasion are described in a cablegram received at the headquarters of the commission here from Herbert C. Hoover at Paris.

Mr. Hoover's message revealed that the work of relief and rehabilitation in France will fall more heavily on the commission than had been expected. The destruction wrought by the German army was so complete, Mr. Hoover said, that the relief work must include not only food and clothing, but housing over a considerable area.

An enlarged organization to handle the situation is being built up and supplies have been obtained from the Quartermaster's Department of the American army.

Industrial life in the invaded region had been almost completely paralyzed, Mr. Hoover said. Railroads have been rendered almost hopeless of reconstruction for many months and the coal mines have been destroyed. "The Commission for Relief in Belgium," Mr. Hoover's message said, "had hoped to surrender the task of relief of Northern France to the French government immediately upon the German retreat. It has been found impossible, however, for the French government to undertake the food supply of this area for some months to come, and upon the urgent request of that government, the commission had decided to continue.

### U. S. LOST NEAR \$150,000,000 IN 1918 IN RAIL OPERATION

#### Does Not Include Large Sums Loaned Railroads—Increase in Wages Responsible Largely for Loss.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The government's loss in operating the railroads in 1918 is calculated by railroad administration officials at less than \$150,000,000. This represents the difference between the aggregate amount the government will be compelled to pay railroad companies as rental for the use of their properties—the so-called guaranteed return—and the net income which the government will receive from the railroads. It will take six months more of receipts from the increased freight rates to permit the government to recoup its losses, officials believe. If Congress does not approve the proposed five-year extension of Federal control, and as a consequence President Wilson carries out his announced intention of returning the roads to private management at an early date, the government's loss will not be made up. This deficit does not include the big sums—between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000—which have been loaned the railroads to help them pay for the extensive program of improvements and purchase of new cars and locomotives. These loans will be repaid eventually. The government's loss cannot be stated exactly until the compensation of each road is finally determined, and until the Interstate Commerce Commission compiles figures on earnings and expenses for November and December.

### ITALIAN LOSS IN KILLED ON ALL FRONTS TOTAL 460,000.

Rome, Dec. 31.—The supreme command of the Italian army has announced that Italian losses on all fronts during the war totaled 460,000 dead. Of this number, 16,362 were officers. Of the 947,000 wounded, 33,347 were officers. The number of men totally incapacitated by wounds and disease is estimated at 500,000.—Greensboro Daily News, Jan. 2.

### Favorable to Entente in Turkey.

A liberal cabinet, favorable to the entente, has been organized in Constantinople, under the presidency of Prince Sabheddin. This action followed the recent dissolution of the Turkish chamber. The food situation is reported to be deplorable, everything reaching exorbitant prices.