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## CALL SESSION OF PRESBYTERY HERE

**Rev. D. M. McGeachy Leaves Fayetteville Presbytery; Goes to Whiteville**

Thursday afternoon, January 5 at 1:30 o'clock the Fayetteville Presbytery met here in a called meeting.

Rev. D. M. McGeachy, who has been the pastor of churches in Johnston County for several years, requested the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and the Oakland and Spence churches. The churches concurring in this request, the pastoral relation was dissolved. The pastorate of the Whiteville group of churches. The churches which he has served regret very much to give him up, but he goes to an enlarged field of service and their best wishes go with him.

Mr. Russel from Lumberton, now a Junior at Davidson College, was received at this meeting under the care of the Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The ministers attending the meeting were: Rev. A. R. McQueen, of Dunn; Rev. A. T. Lassiter, of Benson; Rev. C. E. Clarke, of Kenly; Rev. D. M. McGeachy, of Clayton; and Rev. Neill McInnis, of this city. Elders present were Mr. E. S. Edmundson and Dr. L. D. Wharton, of the Smithfield churches; Mr. Young, of Spence and Mr. Smith, of Oakland church.

Rev. Mr. McInnis acted as moderator and Rev. A. T. Lassiter as clerk.

### High Sugar Prices May Come.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Higher prices for sugar may be expected, according to results of an investigation into the situation in the sugar industry made public tonight by the commerce department.

"The market," the department said, "is now entirely uninfluenced by any artificial control and the present low prices level manifestly cannot long continue without restricting the production of sugar below the world's demands and again creating high prices."

In its investigation the department found that there is an abnormal "visible" world surplus of sugar, amounting to about 1,200,000 tons, congested in the western hemisphere. "Invisible" stocks of sugar, in the hands of wholesalers and retailers was estimated at from 300,000 to 400,000 tons below normal, due to apprehension of further fall in prices.

The world production of sugar for 1922 was estimated by the department to be less by from 400,000 to 800,000 tons than production for 1921, while consumption for 1922 it was thought would be larger than in 1921 and "with general economic recovery should exceed production and thus absorb some or all of the surplus."—Charlotte Observer.

### What Congressman Pou Says

This is what Congressman E. W. Pou says in regard to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, now being brought before the public to honor our former President:

"I consider it a privilege to aid, even though it must be in a small way, to the establishment of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. It is impossible from this near viewpoint to make anything like a complete appraisal of the services of this great man. Certainly there are some of his achievements about which there can be no dispute.

"Like an inspired man, he led America safely through the perils of the great war. I believe his messages brought the war to an end almost a year sooner than it would have ended, thereby saving countless human lives. In the face of what appeared to be insuperable obstacles, he brought from Paris a treaty containing a practicable, workable plan whereby war was certainly rendered improbable. He did not entirely arouse an unthinkable world, but he did point out to mankind the certain pathway which leads to liberty and universal peace."

Mr. J. H. Wiggs has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the National Carbide Company. His territory includes Eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

## SUPREME COUNCIL TO HOLD AN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

Will Be Held at Genoa During First Two Weeks of March. U. S. Will Receive Invitation.

Cannes, Jan. 6.—The allied supreme council, in session here, this afternoon unanimously decided to hold a European economic conference during the first two weeks of March at Genoa. The United States will receive a formal invitation to participate, and it is expected that country will be represented by several unofficial observers.

Immediately afterwards, the premiers and foreign ministers met and adopted conditions under which Russia, Germany, Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary and other European powers will be invited to participate.

Turkey was not mentioned in the list of nations to be invited.

Among the conditions adopted in the form of resolutions, is the stipulation that "nations can not claim the right to dictate to one another the principles according to which they shall organize their interior systems of property rights, government or political economy."

Prime Minister Lloyd George in his only brief reference to the United States during his address today before the allied supreme council declared: "I was sincerely hopeful that the great republic of the west might have joined hands with us. I will not presume to express any opinion upon the attitude of that country. It has its own reasons."—Associated Press.

### Roxboro Man Shoots Himself.

Roxboro, Jan. 9.—Jesse J. Lee killed himself at his residence on South Main Street, using a shot gun for the act Sunday morning. Poor health of long duration followed by recent operation is assigned the cause.

Mr. Lee was confined to his bed but after his wife left the room to go about some household duties, it is presumed he arose, put on some clothing, fastened the door and prepared himself in this way for the deed. Following the report of the gun, the family upon rushing to the room found him seated in a chair with the gun between his knees with the head above the chin completely severed from his body. Fragments of the brain and skull were found scattered about the room. The deceased was sixty-three years of age and is survived by a wife and several children. The body was carried to Ebenezer today for burial.

## SECRETARY DENBY IN TROUBLE FOR HUNTING

Virginia Game Warden Wants To Know Why He Didn't Get License.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 8.—A communication has been addressed to Secretary of the Navy Denby by the Virginia State Commissioner of Game and Fisheries asking the Secretary to explain "why he hunted in Virginia without a license."

The communication was sent to the Secretary by M. D. Hart, secretary of the State Department of Game and Fisheries. Accompanying it was a clipping from a newspaper under a Fredericksburg, Va., date line, declaring that Secretary Denby "enjoyed a successful hunt at Point Farm, in Stafford county, near Fredericksburg; that the cabinet officer was accompanied by Colonel Cutts and Major Kingsberry and took back to Washington a fine lot of quail and duck, some of them for President Harding."

### Tribly's Revival.

With the revival of George Du Maurier's novel, "Tribly," on the stage, featuring Wilton Lackaye in the role of "Svengali" has come a revival of the novel's popularity. When "Tribly" was published in 1894, hypnotism and mesmerism were a great mystery. Few people knew the power of mind over mind, but, with added enlightenment on this subject, the public is now reading the book with a fresh interest as evidenced by the fact that the Harpers have just made a new printing to meet the demand.—The Greensboro Daily News.

Miss Frances Sanders returned yesterday to Gunston Hall, Washington, D. C., where she has been a student for the past term.

## THE FIVE POWERS TABOO POISON GAS

Only Two Topics Left on the Arms Conference List; Far East in Dead Lock

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Washington conference about completed its armament limitation program today by voting poison gas into the discard.

As in the case of the new rules to govern submarines, the prohibition against the use of gas in future wars was adopted by the five great powers as applicable among themselves, with an invitation to the rest of the world to join in the agreement.

That left on the armament waiting list of the conference only two topics—limitation of aircraft and general revision of the rules of warfare—and both seemed likely tonight to be passed over without definite action.

An air warfare subcommittee has reported after weeks of study that limitation of airplanes appears impracticable until a conference of wider scope has been convened, although it was suggested that some restrictions on use of lighter-than-air craft might be worth attempting.

A future worldwide conference for consideration of the rules of war also has been suggested and sentiment among the delegates seems to favor it. Italy, however, hopes to see the present negotiations develop some agreement against bombarding of unfortified cities.

So far the armament discussions proceeded that some delegations are looking forward to a plenary session of the conference by Wednesday or Thursday of next week to publish to the world the completed limitation treaty, and to record the further steps that have been taken in regard to the far east.

In the far eastern discussions today's deliberations contributed no surface indication of progress, despite an appeal by the Chinese to Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour to suggest a way out of the Chinese-Japanese deadlock on Shantung. The Chinese delegates saw the respective heads of the American and British delegations separately and opinion was divided afterward as to the prospects.

Facing a situation that both declared as delicate, it was apparent the two parties to the controversy could not even agree on a method by which negotiation could be attempted. The Chinese wanted to avail themselves of the offer of "good offices" made by Messrs Balfour and Hughes, but the Japanese took the position that such a step would be valueless unless China was prepared to make concessions she hitherto has refused to consider.

A solution hinges on the method of payment to be arranged for China's purchase of the Tsingtao-Tsinanfu railroad, and both sides say they have gone as far as they can toward a compromise. In American quarters, however, the opinion is expressed that the difference is so small as to make a final disagreement unthinkable.

It is considered certain that Mr. Balfour and Secretary Hughes, in their roles as mediators, will use every reasonable means to bring the two groups together, for there has been a tendency in many quarters to regard settlement of the long debated Shantung problem as an integral element in the solution of the remaining questions of the far east. These questions are to come in for intensive discussion during the coming week, and the delegates all appear to believe that the air would be cleared appreciably if Shantung were out of the way.—Associated Press.

### The HERALD As A Present.

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## IRISH REPUBLIC IS STILL IN EXISTENCE

De Valera says Recommending Approval of Treaty Is Not Ratification

Dublin, Jan. 8.—Large crowds assembled outside Mansion house today to witness the arrival of Eamonn De Valera and his supporters in the dail eireann who met for a consultation with regard to the future. All the well known leaders who spoke against the treaty were enthusiastically cheered.

Prior to the private meeting Mr. De Valera, in his drawing room and in the presence of the newspaper men, received an illuminated address voted him December 21, by a convention representing 50,000 members of the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Societies in Australasia. The presentation was made by the Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, who said the feeling in Australasia when he left that country was altogether republican for Ireland, and that he was certain great disappointment would be felt if it had not been found possible to secure an untrammelled Irish republic.

Mr. De Valera in reply to Dr. O'Reilly said the fight of Ireland has inspired the world. The Irish Self Determination league has been founded on the principle of free determination and not determination taken at the cannon's mouth.

"Let no man say," said Mr. De Valera, "that the Irish people have self-determined themselves within the British empire as British subjects. The heart of the Irish people is as republican today as ever. The wonderful opportunity of securing a lasting peace between two great countries, one of which has been the mother country of Australia and Canada, and in a large part of the United States, has been definitely lost once more by the triumph of British forces over reason and right. The heart of Ireland is absolutely for complete independence."

Mr. De Valera said he had worked hard to get help from every source to find a solution of the problem to reconcile the two peoples, consistent with the desire of the Irish people to maintain a distinct nationality and sovereign statehood. That has been turned down, he declared and therefore the fight was to go on.

"The republic of Ireland," Mr. De Valera declared, "still exists. Its sovereign parliament still exists. The resolution recommending the approval of a certain treaty is not ratification of that treaty and is not a loyal act. That will not be effected until the Irish people have disestablished the republic which they set up by their own will. As far as human brains and hearts can achieve it, the self determination of the Irish people will be forged and by the men and women of Ireland in this generation. They are not going to give it up now."

Mr. De Valera and his supporters then went into private session in the oak room of the Mansion house.—Associated Press.

### Increase in Unemployed.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Unemployment increased in the United States during December by a percent age which the Department of Labor, in estimates issued today, fixed at 4.7. This was in spite of increased activity and larger payrolls which were reported from the textile, steel, metal products, leather and paper industries.

Plants which produce foods, tobacco manufactures, automotive products and repair railroad equipment all had fewer men on payrolls December 31 than on November 30. In all, 1428 enterprises usually employing 1,600,000 workers reported forces less by 74,267 on December 31 than on November 30.—Philadelphia Record.

### New High School For Rockingham.

Rockingham, Jan. 8.—An election has been called for Rockingham for February 14 on the question of issuing \$100,000 in bonds for building a high school building and other school improvements. Attorney Jake Morehead of Durham, was in the city Tuesday conferring with the school board relative to properly calling the election.

## G. W. PEPPER NAMED TO SUCCEED SENATOR PENROSE

Philadelphia Lawyer Takes Seat Made Vacant By Recent Death of Penrose.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—George Wharton Pepper, Philadelphia lawyer was appointed United States Senator by Governor Sproul today to succeed the late Boies Penrose. Under the law, the appointment stands until a successor selected at the November election, to fill the unexpired Penrose term ending in 1927.

George Wharton Pepper is not unknown to many members of the Senate. During the time the Versailles treaty was under consideration, Mr. Pepper attracted wide attention by opposing the ratification of the League of Nations covenant in joint debate on the public platform with Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, in this city, and with Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, in Indianapolis.

Like Boies Penrose, Mr. Pepper comes from an old Philadelphia family. He will be 55 years old on March 16. He was educated in private schools and was graduated in 1887 from the University of Pennsylvania of which he is now a trustee, and from the law department two years later. He has had wide experience in the civil practice of law. He defended organized baseball in the federal league suits and had much to do with the drafting of the present national agreement of the America and National leagues.

Governor Sproul in announcing the appointment said that in order that there may be a full understanding of the situation he decided to say that he expected Mr. Pepper to be a candidate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Penrose.

Mr. Pepper in a formal statement said if nominated and elected to serve out the term of the late Mr. Penrose it was his intention to do so.

"The tender," he said, "has been made without any restriction, expressed or implied, upon my freedom of choice respecting my term of service."

Governor Sproul talked over the telephone with Vice President Coolidge and arranged that Mr. Pepper be sworn in tomorrow. Mr. Pepper will leave for Washington tonight. Mr. Pepper's commission was read and signed by the Governor. "I feel that we are fortunate in being able to command the service of so able and distinguished a citizen as Mr. Pepper," said the governor.

## SMITHFIELD HIGHS WALLOP KENLY TEAM BY 42-6 SCORE

Ellington Cages 16 Points; Good Teamwork and Passing; To Meet Wilson Friday Night.

The Smithfield highs ran roughshod over Kenly here Friday night. When the final whistle blew the locals held the big end of a 42 to 6 score. It was Smithfield's game from the start. Smithfield showed the best teamwork and passing yet. At the end of the first half the score 19 to 2 in favor of the locals. Three fouls were called on both teams. Kenly did not score any of their three. Brown caged two out of three chances. Smithfield will meet the Wilson Highs at Wilson Friday night. On the following Friday Wilson will play Smithfield here. Both games will be good ones. The Smithfield bunch are improving daily.

The following is the line-up:  
Smithfield (4) Kenly (6)  
C. Stevenson 6 R. F. Watson 2  
Ellington 16 L. F. Starling 0  
Stevenson 8 C. Flowers 4  
Godwin 8 R. G. Richardson 0  
Brown, 4 L. G. Wiggs, 0

### Mrs. Roosevelt Off

New York, January 8.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt sailed unaccompanied yesterday on a 22,000 mile journey by steamer, train and airplane that will include the British Isles, the European continent and South Africa. The widow of the former President left New York on the steamer Finland for Antwerp where Archie Roosevelt will meet her. They expect to spend several weeks on the continent and then fly across the channel to England where Mrs. Roosevelt will take ship for Capetown, South Africa. She also plans to visit Tenerife, Ascension, St. Helena and Madeira, before returning home in the spring.

## NEWS NOTES FROM BANNER'S CAPITAL

A Double Marriage Takes Place; Mr. Neill Stewart Dead; Personals

Benson, Jan. 7.—Master Jno. Lassiter and little Miss Ruth Lassiter have returned from a visit to their grandparents near Clayton.

There has been quite a number of bad colds and light cases of gripe around here. Mr. M. T. Britt was one of the number confined to his home for several days.

Mrs. Swannie Tart of Smithfield, spent the holidays here with friends. Miss Clara McLeod has returned after spending a few days with relatives near Jonesboro and Sanford.

Mr. Neill Stewart who lived near Benson died Monday and was buried at the Stewart family burying ground Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd attended the funeral. He was an uncle of our well-known citizen, Mr. H. B. Stewart.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church have been observing "Week of Prayer" this week.

Mr. J. R. Barbour returned Tuesday from a business trip to Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Charles Creech, of Wilson, spent the week end here with his family.

The friends of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin will be sorry to learn that their baby has been and is still quite sick.

Mrs. E. H. Evans, of Franklinton, is visiting Mrs. W. W. Hockaday.

Miss Vallie Hill returned Monday night from Washington where she had spent the holidays with her sister.

Miss Jessie Godfrey, of Jonesboro, spent the week end here with Miss Clara Woodall. Miss Woodall left for Raleigh Wednesday to resume her studies at Peace Institute.

Mr. Alton Hall of the Law Class at Wake Forest spent the holidays here with his parents.

Miss Julia Cannaday returned Wednesday of this week to Asheville, where she is teaching in the graded schools.

Mr. Cole, who has held a position for some time with Mr. Preston Woodall, has accepted a position elsewhere. He left last week.

Miss Mozelle Markham, of Raleigh, visited friends in town recently.

Miss Lucile Lee who has been teaching in the western part of the State for the past six months has returned home.

The ladies of the Benson Presbyterian church held their regular auxiliary meeting on Tuesday afternoon January 3rd at the Manse. The auxiliary was called to order and opened with prayer by the president. After the roll call, minutes read and business transacted a very interesting program was enjoyed by all. The subject "Chinese Opportunities."

1. Prayer That we measure up to our opportunities in China.

2. Devotional—Anxieties in the Home.

3. Possibilities of a Missionary Leaflet.

4. The present turning of China to America—Mrs. A. T. Lassiter.

5. A Chinese wedding—1920—Mrs. R. C. Wells.

6. The Chinese Bible Woman—Mrs. C. Weeks.

"My Father Runs the Trains,"—Miss Vermille High. Meeting closed with prayer.

A double marriage took place here in the Presbyterian church on Christmas day when Mr. Hallie Stephenson and Miss Jessie Turlington, and Mr. Clarence Grimes and Miss Irene Ennis were married by Rev. A. T. Lassiter in the presence of the entire congregation immediately after the morning service. Mr. Stephenson is well known here where he held a position before going to France. Miss Turlington is a granddaughter of Mr. James Turlington a prominent farmer near Benson. Mr. Grimes is a progressive young farmer who lives near here and his bride is also well known here where she has visited and has a host of friends. We wish for these two couples all happiness and long and useful lives.

Mrs. W. E. Coletrane and children of Dunn, are in the city the guests of Mrs. Coletrane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood.