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BELIEVE IN THE PRESIDENT

THOSE CLOSEST TO WILSON SAY "DOOR IS NOT CLOSED" IN SPITE OF GERMANY'S REPLY

(By United Press)

Washington, December 27—Despite the general hopelessness among government heads over prospects for peace, resulting from Germany's latest communication, the men closest to the President believe that he will strive to the utmost to prevent the situation from getting beyond his control.

President Wilson is actuated by two reasons in his actions, it is said: First, his desire to end the war; second his desire, if possible, to avoid breaking relations with Germany should she overstep her submarine pledges.

Officials expect the Allies to reject Germany's latest proposals because it does not include a world peace guaranty, but those closest to Wilson say "The Door is not closed". Even though the Allies throw down the German idea of an immediate conference in some neutral city, the President can still make another move especially with the backing of the neutrals.

While the idea prevails that peace is uppermost in the mind of the administration, there is in the inner circle the idea that a break with Germany may become inevitable if the President's peace proposals fall utterly.

One of the highest officials stated to a representative of the United Press today that the present plan called for no note writing to Germany and added, "If the Marina and the Arabia and other cases develop to be clear cut violations of the German pledges in Sussex or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails,—then a break is the only answer."

THINK GERMANY INSINCERE

London, Dec. 27—The Allies certainly will not accept Germany's proposal for immediate peace conference. That is entirely clear here today. But the Teutonic reply to Wilson's note was hailed here as affording splendid opportunity for England and the Allies to set forth before the world a statement which would completely epitomize the ideals and aims of the Entente Powers in the war. By her lack of sincere responsiveness in the conclusiveness of her reply, England holds that Germany is self-convinced of a lack of sincerity in her peace proffers.

MEXICO AGAIN TO THE FRONT

Washington, Dec. 27—Two developments today thrust the Mexican situation in the foreground. First, the unsolicited statement from the State Department that unrest in Northern Mexico is growing and as a result attention is once more focused on the border. Second, the announcement of Secretary Lansing that he would call a conference of the American members of the Mexican-American Commission at an early date.

Early in the afternoon no word had been received as to whether Carranza had signed the troop withdrawal protocol. The department declares that it has information of large groups of bandits on rampage and the situation is such to give the department fresh concern. The Department suspects Villa of getting all the arms he needs across the border. Those in touch with

Bundy-Reid

The marriage of Miss Mattie Reid and Mr. Edgar E. Bundy was solemnized Wednesday 5:15 a.m. at the home of the bride on Church street.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Dr. B. C. Henning, in the presence of the immediate family. The wedding was a very quiet one without attendants or decorations. The bride wore a handsome blue suit with gray gloves and shoes.

The bride is the very attractive daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Charles Reid of this city.

The groom is the son of Rev. J. D. Bundy, now of Fayetteville, but formerly pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Bundy left on the early train for Fayetteville where they will spend some time with the groom's parents before making their home in Williamston, where Mr. Bundy is principal of the Williamston High School.

McLemore Is Wedded

(By United Press)

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 27—Miss May Clark of Galveston was married here today to Congressman Jeff McLemore of Houston. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's widowed mother and only members of the immediate family were present.

Congressman McLemore is the man who drafted the now historic congressional resolution to prohibit Americans from traveling in armed vessels on the high seas during the war. The fight was bitter and close, involving endorsement or repudiation of President Wilson's policy on the point, but the resolution was defeated.

BRYAN FEATURES ANTI-LIQUOR MEET

ORGANIZATION WILL ASSURE COMMONER ITS COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

(By United Press)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 27—Special trains from St. Louis and Chicago and special cars from all parts of the country will start for this place tonight with several thousand members of the Students National Intercollegiate Prohibition association's national convention here tomorrow.

W. J. Bryan is to be the big feature of the meeting; and it is planned to give the Commoner the organization's assurance that it has its complete support in his national prohibition fight. Mr. Bryan is expected to outline some of his plans for national prohibition. The convention will end December 31.

TO THE TAX PAYERS OF CAMDEN COUNTY

I will be at Camden Court House on Monday, January 1st 1917 and I wish to invite every citizen of Camden County to meet me there to discuss the subject of a better road system and such other legislation as the public desire.

M. W. FEREBEE
Representative of Camden County.

the Department's maneuvers believe that today's emphasis of Mexican affairs is intended as preparation of the public for possible serious developments.

Live Little Locals Many Minor Matters Merely Mentioned

Dr. C. B. Williams has returned from Jackson where he spent Christmas with Mrs. Williams mother, Mrs. E. P. Buxton. He was accompanied by Mrs. Williams and Master Robert and Miss Renie Williams, who are remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. Frank Hollowell after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. P. W. Hollowell at Bayside left today for his home in Portsmouth. He was accompanied by Miss Margaret, Masters Charles and Frank, children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hollowell who will spend some time with their uncle, Mr. P. G. Gatliff in Norfolk.

Messrs. Cheeleigh Ballance, Earl Caton and John Caton of Currituck spent the week end here, the guest of friends.

Miss Hattie Trueblood who is teaching school at Grandy this year is at home for the holidays.

Messrs. Willis Dowdy and Kenneth Simpson of Grandy were in the city Saturday.

Mr. Wilfred Peele left Saturday night for Raleigh and Clarksville, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Catherine Drane of Edenton was here Monday night to attend the Christmas dance.

Miss Ruth Cooke is at home from the East Carolina Teachers Training School at Greenville for the holidays.

Mrs. M. G. Harris is at Edenton the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Ballard.

Prof. E. C. Harris who is teaching at Lenoir is at home for the holidays.

Miss Annie Cooke who has been teaching in Providence township is at home for the holidays.

Dr. Lev McCabe is at home from the Medical College at Richmond to spend the holidays.

Miss Evan Walker of Norfolk was here Monday night to attend the Christmas dance.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones of Richmond are here for the holidays the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Leary. Mr. Jones is manager of the Lexington Hotel at Richmond.

Mr. Henry Grice who has been critically ill with pneumonia at his home on Fearing street is reported to be improving.

William Meekins is at home from school for the holidays.

M. W. Ferebee of Camden was in the city Tuesday on business.

Mr. George Fische spent Christmas in Petersburg, returning to the city yesterday.

C. C. Walker of Rulls was in the city Tuesday.

Miss Adelaide Swain of Richmond is visiting her sister, Miss Lillian Swain of this city.

Mr. Hugh Chapelle of Dendron, Virginia, spent Christmas with his brother on Burgess Street.

Mr. D. J. Pritchard of Deep Creek Virginia spent the holidays here.

Mr. S. R. Siff has returned from Petersburg where he spent the holidays.

MARRIAGES OF THE HOLIDAYS

HYMEN, CUPID, SQUIRE MUNDEN AND THE PREACHERS NOT ALLOWED TO REST DURING HOLIDAYS

The Christmas rush into matrimony came on Wednesday before Christmas, but a number of marriages have taken place in and out of the city since that time.

WILLIFORD-LASSITER

Jesse R. Williford and Miss Annie R. Lassiter both of South Norfolk were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden Saturday night at just about midnight.

The license was purchased just before the stroke of twelve and the ceremony performed just after

ROGERSON BRIGHT

Mr. John Rogerson and Mrs. Kate Bright, both of this city, were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the groom's mother on Glade street.

SAWYER-NORRIS

Mr. Wm. Sawyer and Miss Mabel Norris were married Sunday at South Mills by Rev. N. H. Shepherd at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Norris in the presence of a large number of friends. The groom is the son of Mr. C. T. Sawyer, a well known merchant of Lily. The bride was eighteen years of age and the groom younger.

STEVENS-STEVENS

Mac D. Stevens and Miss Ethel Gregory, both of Camden, were married by Justice of the Peace, J. W. Munden Saturday afternoon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stevens of Camden county and a sister of Bennie Stevens of this city. The groom is the son of the late Walter Stevens of Camden County.

THOMPSON-WHITEHEAD

Mr. Matthew Thompson of Hertford and Miss Deanie Whitehead of Pasquotank were married by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden Saturday.

WILLIAMS-HOLTON

Mr. W. D. Williams Jr. and Miss Vesta Holton were married Saturday night by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden.

W. C. Etheridge returned to Norfolk Tuesday after a visit to his parents in the city.

Miss Blanche Lister left Tuesday for Jackson for a two weeks visit to her uncle, Dr. E. W. Lister.

Mr. Louis Siff has returned from a visit to Petersburg.

Mr. Sam Loftin returned to his home in Petersburg Tuesday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Loftin's Mr. G. W. Brothers. Mrs. Loftin remained for a longer visit.

William Ballance is visiting his grandparents in the country this week.

Sheriff John Mitchell of Old Trap was in the city today.

W. F. Small of Weeksville was in the city Tuesday.

Misses Pearl and Winifred Ballance are visiting their grandparents in the country this week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Walker and children left today for Creswell to spend a few days with Dr. Walker's parents. They will return Friday afternoon.

Mr. W. B. Blades of New Bern is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Blades on Main Street.

Sounds Like Babel Again

(By United Press)

Chicago, December 27—The lobby of the Dearborn Hotel here sounded like a reunion of the Amalgamated Workers of the Tower of Babel all talking at once today. It is headquarters for the delegates to the three day meeting of the modern Language Association of America opening here today. Teachers of English, German, French, Spanish, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish were present, greeting newcomers in their respective languages.

PRISONERS HAVE MODEL WORKHOUSE

AND WILL OPERATE UP TO DATE CHAIR FACTORY TURNING OUT THOUSANDS OF CHAIRS

(By United Press)

Granville, Dec. 27—Milwaukee county prisoners Monday will occupy new quarters in the luxurious establishment built here at a cost of \$700,000, and said by officials to be one of the largest, finest, and most comfortable county work houses in the country. The buildings, of which there are twelve, have been under course of construction for the last two years. They have a capacity for 650 prisoners. Each inmate has a separate cell, while those who sleep in the dormitories will have plenty of room and a number of cubic feet of air to breathe. The inmates will have luxuries denied many persons even in moderate circumstances. Each cell will contain a toilet and wash basin, while shower baths will be installed along the cell corridors. So as not to fatigue prisoners, the chair factory has been located in such a manner that they will not have to walk a great distance.

The factory will turn out thousands of chairs of all kinds each year. It was built at a cost of \$100,000.

WARD OF THANKS

We, the husband and children of the late Josephine C. B. Spence, take this method of expressing our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the many kind friends, who with willing hands, rendered such valuable service to her during her last illness and death.—J. T. Spence, J. Paul Spence, J. C. Spence, J. A. Spence, Geo. J. Spence, Emily J. Raper, Sarah G. Spence.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual Stockholders meeting of the Camden Telephone Company will be held at Camden Court House, on Monday January 1st 1917 at 10 o'clock a. m.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of Directors for said corporation for the ensuing year.

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M. W. FEREBEE,
President.

SAVINGS BANK AND TRUST CO Elizabeth City, N. C.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Savings Bank and Trust Company will be held at its banking house in Elizabeth City, N. C. Monday, January 8th, 1917 between the hours of three and four p. m. for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before said meeting.

H. G. KRAMER,
dec 27-Jan 3 Cashier.

WILSON REACHES 60TH MILESTONE

STRONG AND WELL THOUGH SHOWING HEAVY LINES IN FACE SINCE BEGINNING OF ADMINISTRATION

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 27—The President of the United States will be sixty years of age to-morrow.

At this, the beginning of his second term as President, the Executive shows his years much more than he did at the beginning of his occupancy of the White House in 1912. He is a bit more stooped than then and the heavy lines in his face are much more sharply drawn than they were before he came through the international crises that have confronted him since the war began. He is, however, strong and well.

Letters, telegrams and remembrances from friends and relatives began pouring into the White House today by scores.

MOVIES PRODUCE GOOD SPELLERS

OHIO SCHOOL ENTHUSIASTIC OVER GOOD RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE MOTION PICTURE METHOD

(By United Press)

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27—The movies are producing good elementary spellers here today.

Pupils at Grandview Heights who spell correctly every word of twenty lessons receive a certificate which entitles them to admission to a special movie show in the school auditorium. And the kiddies are making good. Two hundred and fifty of the 289 eligibles won admission to a recent show.

The school faculty has become so enthusiastic over the benefits obtained via the motion picture route they're planning to extend the show tickets to other studies.

But the movie is not the innovation that's been in vogue at the Grandview school. Second graders often bring their pet dogs and cats to the school room are permitted to play with them during the regular play hour. These tots also think its lots of fun to get their spelling lessons by telegraph in Morse code. The teacher clicks off the dots with her ruler and the pupils 'pick up' the words.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Elizabeth City, N. C., for the election of directors will be held at the banking house between the hours of two and three p. m. Tuesday January 9th 1917.

W. G. GAITHER, JR.,
dec 27 30 Jan 3 6 Cashier.

ENTERTAINMENT SOUTH MILLS

A very delightful Christmas entertainment will be given at South Mills Baptist church Thursday night.

Instead of a Christmas tree a large wooden bell will be used to hold the gifts. At the close of the exercises this bell will be lowered from the ceiling and the gifts distributed.

STOLE CHRISTMAS DINNER

A Christmas dinner thief broke through the screens of Mr. Henry Raper's porch on Burgess Street Sunday and carried off a dressed turkey and a roast ham, leaving no clew behind him whereby justice might be meted out.