

WEATHER

Rain and colder tonight and Sunday. Moderate to fresh shifting winds becoming easterly.

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Walter Lippman Talks On "Cult Of The Second Best"

Associate Editor New York World Speaks Before State Historical Society At Raleigh, Giving Interesting Sidelights On Peace Conference And Some Practical Suggestions

Raleigh, N. C., December 9. (By The Associated Press)—When the peace conference at Versailles was deadlocked on the question of reparations, political pressure in Great Britain, led by the Northcliffe press, caused Lloyd George to switch from the "Heavenly Peace" to the "Hellish Peace" after he had decided in favor of the former, Walter Lippman, a former secretary under Colonel House and at present an associate editor of the New York World, declared here last night.

Farm Situation Much Improved

Washington, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—That the general agricultural situation in the United States is slightly improved is indicated by the monthly review of the Agriculture Department.

Cotton, grain and livestock products as well as prices of things farmers have to buy have risen slowly and "this has put little money into the pockets of some farmers, put heart into many more and has done both for those who carry farm products through channels of trade."

OUT AGAIN ON BOND

Asbury Williams, colored, was brought here from Philadelphia Wednesday night, where he was picked up this week. Williams was to have been tried here in Superior Court in September on the charge of appropriating \$400 worth of Irish potatoes last spring, but he did not show up. He is now under \$1,200 bond to appear at the March term of Superior Court.

dred and forty members of the House of Commons, whom somebody described as men who had done extremely well for themselves in the war, signed a resolution threatening Mr. Lloyd George with political death if he yielded to the Americans. The Northcliffe press let loose all its thunder. This was more than Mr. Lloyd George could stand. So he switched over and demanded the Hellish Peace.

"These are sufficient illustrations of what is meant by the Cult of the Second Best. And I shall, therefore, ask you to consider next what such a condition means in popular government."

"It means in the first place that the people do not learn from the insiders what the insiders think is most true or most wise, but what the insiders think the majority of voters will on the spur of the moment like to hear. It means that public opinion instead of being educated constantly by real discussion is forced to chew dry straw. It means that public opinion suffers one disappointment after another until you reach the state of mind now prevalent throughout the world."

"It is a state of mind which says that politics is a choice between tweedledum and tweedledee, that politics is a game for politicians. And this feeling has very dangerous consequences. It drives some of the people to despair of politics, and from despair to a belief in violence and direct action. It drives other people just out of politics altogether with a feeling that voting is hardly worth while and that public life is no place for them."

"There is no mechanical remedy for all this. You can't pass a law about it. The only thing you can do is by merciless criticism and by courageous example to make the cult of the second best extremely un-fashionable."

"Now I have argued this question a good deal with politicians, and in the end the argument has always come down to one point, which is the substance of what I have to say tonight. 'The politician in defending himself usually ends by saying that it is his business to serve the people by doing what they want him to do. And if he is a shrewd politician, he has usually turned upon me and said: 'You are a newspaper man, aren't you? Well why do newspapers take such splendid care not to step too much on their readers' toes?'"

"And when I had thought of it in that way I felt little more charitable about the politician's weaknesses. So what I've got to say applies to pretty nearly everybody, including perhaps college professors to anybody whose job depends upon votes, public favor, circulation or audiences. 'All of us are suffering from a confusion of mind which is, it seems to me, the foundation of our Cult of the Second Best. We have two jobs to do. We have to serve the interests of the public. That is one thing, and the most important. At the same time we have to make...

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ROTARY-ANNES HONOR GUESTS

Merriest Fun-fest Of The Year Is Ladies' Night Of The Rotary Club

The merriest fun-fest of the year was the first "Ladies Night" of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the Southern Hotel Friday night.

Rotarians outdid themselves in entertaining their Rotary-annes, the official designation of a Rotarian's wife—or sweetheart.

As a matter of fact, married Rotarians Friday night introduced their wives as their sweethearts and unmarried ones who had a very particular lady-friend along as guest would very manifestly have been delighted to be able to introduce their sweethearts as their wives.

As for blushes, they were as much in evidence among the matrons as among the maids. Wives of Rotarians may be in the habit of hearing their husbands address them as "my inspiration," "my sweetheart," and such, but being introduced in public in these terms was more-or-less novel. Less serious-minded Rotarians, indeed, spared their helpmeets some confusion by introducing them merely as "wife," "my boss," "my only wife," and so on; one, in happy blending of sentiment and humor, said, "sweetheart of my younger days, consolation of my bald-headed days"; while another was satisfied to say merely, "This is Fan."

Various Rotarians were called to their feet by President Blucher Ehringhaus for reprimand or praise from Rotarian Houtz. Sam Parker was required to give the date of the first appearance of the hoop skirt, which he placed at 1832; and to say how often a man should propose, to which his reply was: "Early and late, as often as the opportunity presents itself." As a reward for his bright and ready answers to these questions, Sam was made chief matrimonial adviser of all single Rotarians, with the exception of Howard Smith, who, it was unanimously voted, needs no advice.

Warren Pliner, in recognition of his valuable contributions to the spice and variety of the Rotary luncheon program during the past year, was made campaign manager for Andy Gump and Bill Duff.

Miles Clark was given a vote of thanks from the club for his zeal for work. "The way you handle yourself when there is work to be done," said Rotarian Houtz, "makes Romeo and Juliet's love affair look like a prize fight."

In view of the fact that the present head of the club is rounding out his time as Rotary president and also as Solicitor of the district, a tribute was to be presented to him in way of appreciation of his record in both offices. Rotarian Winfield Worth making a very touching speech of presentation. Rotarian Marshall Jones dropped the present of beautiful cut glass on the floor as he was entering the door with it, however, smashing it into fragments. In great confusion he apologized profusely and promised to replace it. Blucher assuring him that it was all right and expressing appreciation for the gift. As Blucher completed his speech of thanks and acceptance Dick Job rose to present a bill from the Five and Ten Cent Store for 45 cents for the pitcher and glasses. Some of the Rotarians and many of the guests have been trying to figure ever since whether the present was dropped on purpose or not.

But the big hit of the evening was yet to come. Police Officer Seymour entered and presented a paper to the President with a salute. "This is a serious matter," said the presiding officer, and proceeded to read a letter asking for a vote of confidence from Rotary in the existing city administration. When the letter had been read a motion was promptly made and carried that all city offices be declared vacant. The club then proceeded to elect a new City Council and Mayor from its own numbers—thorough going progressives—self starters, in fact, as most of them nominated themselves or at least seconded their own nomination. Here are the officers: Mayor, Zene Fearing; Councilmen, Bill Peters, Howard Smith, Sam Parker, Frank Kramer and Winfield Worth. These newly elected officers retired and at once proceeded to hold a "regular" meeting of the City Council, despite a telegram from Andy Gump protesting their election.

Zene Fearing was unanimously elected Mayor with two votes, one as Mayor and the other as Councilman. It was also agreed that he would be a fitting man to run for the Legislature and that in case he was elected he should have three votes.

Sam Parker asked for the job of city manager and got it without difficulty on his own speech of nomination, when he presented himself as a man who would be bound to make good at the job since he "must be good for something and had never been good at anything else." He was informed by the Mayor that his duties were to listen well, to say nothing and do nothing. He might inspect the streets of the city once a day if he would keep off Burgess street. Before the session was over he had been voted two months' vacation at double pay since he had worked hard as city manager, never having missed a single session of the City Council, and also since the town would get along just as well or better without him.

Trains Collide In A Heavy Fog

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Twenty persons were injured, two seriously, today when the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train number 89 ran into the rear of train 52 at Hannah Station. The collision was said to be due to a heavy fog that obscured the signals set by 52, when forced to stop on account of a hot box.

I. R. Edwards of Sumter died later in a local hospital.

Explosion Kills Four At Scranton

Scranton, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Four persons are known to be dead and several injured in an explosion today which destroyed the glazing mill of the Brass, Diamond Powder Company eight miles from here. The explosion was felt twenty-five miles away.

DEFENSE RESTS CASE

Oxford, Miss., Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—The defense in the trial of the damage suit filed by Miss Frances Birkhead against Governor Lee Russell rested the case today and attorneys for the plaintiff asked until two o'clock to consult witnesses for rebuttal testimony.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Spot cotton quiet. Middling 25.10. Futures closed steady. Closing bid, December 24.88; January 24.92, March 25.05, May 25.05, July 24.67.

New York, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Cotton showed renewed steadiness at the opening today. Opening, December and January 24.82, March 25.05, May 24.96, July 24.70.

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After voting each member of the Council a salary of \$8,000 a year, the motion was made and carried to buy the utilities, including the gas plant and Oak Grove Dairy and Charlie Robinson's pecan orchard. It was pointed out that it would be possible to get a good price for the city water by using it liberally in the milk.

The matter of skating on the sidewalk was brought up and it was the sense of the members that children should not be permitted to play anywhere any time except in the attic. A man couldn't drive a car down the street at 60 or 70 miles an hour, said Councilman Howard Smith, if he had to slow up two or three times to keep from running over children.

Councilman Worth declared that the city lights were too numerous and too brilliant, so much so in fact that they blinded one at night. "Something ought to be done about it," he declared with deep conviction; and all members agreeing with him, it was accordingly referred to a committee. Worth also nominated himself and was elected City Attorney with the privilege of employing outside counsel when there was any matter to be decided on.

"As the hour was growing late," the meeting finally adjourned after having been pronounced the most momentous ever held in the city by no less authority than the Mayor himself.

Other features of the program included a solo by Guirkin Cook and a radio concert by the courtesy of Bryan Venters.

Following is the menu provided by Rotarian Tom Nelson: Olives, Calery, Pickles, Oysters on Half Shell, Cocktail Sauce, Tomato Bouillon, Roast Turkey, Sliced Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Caudled Yams, Green Peas, Asparagus Salad, Ice Cream, Cake, Coffee, Camel Cigarettes, Cigars.

DOC WILLIAMS HEADS KIWANIS

Officers And Directors Elected And Relief Work Is To Be Continued

The Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club at its business meeting Friday evening elected Dr. C. B. Williams, president; Cam W. Melick, first vice president; W. Ben Goodwin, second vice president; J. C. Sawyer, secretary-treasurer; P. G. Sawyer, trustee, and the following directors: J. C. Sawyer, M. E. Dennis, G. R. Little, G. P. Hood, Dr. S. W. Gregory, H. G. Kramer, W. H. Weatherly, Jr., and C. R. Pugh.

A report of progress from the playground committee gave hopeful indications of something being done at an early date toward giving Elizabeth City youth a place for the expansion and expression of their activities of brain, mind and muscle.

A donation of one hundred dollars was voted in relief of the New Bern fire sufferers.

A committee composed of A. R. Nicholson, J. T. Stallings and Aubrey McCabe was appointed to serve with a similar committee from Rotary and the Merchants Association to solicit contributions from the business houses for the relief of the New Bern fire sufferers.

The new officers will be properly inducted into office at the next meeting of the club and a committee to see that the proper torture is administered was appointed. These are Chief J. B. Flora, S. G. Etheridge, Edwin Aydlett and Dr. Howard Combs.

It was reported that Wealey Woodley had recently ventured upon the sea of matrimony and a committee was appointed to convey to him the sympathies of the club through the presentation of an appropriate gift.

Clemenceau At Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Clemenceau speaking today in the city where America's Declaration of Independence was signed, urged that America come back to Europe and help spread independence throughout the world.

RECITAL TUESDAY AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Following is the program for the recital at the First Methodist church Tuesday evening, December 12th, at 8 o'clock:

The Son of God Goes Forth to War (Organ) .....Whiting (b)There, In the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Violin Solo, Cavatina .....Raff Mr. Menzel Solo, Babylon .....Watson Mrs. Greenleaf Angel's Harp (organ) .....Vaasner Violin Solo .....Selected Mr. Menzel Solo, Father In Heaven .....Handel Mrs. Greenleaf Offertory .....Selected Napoli (organ) .....Parker

GIRLS WIN GAME FROM HERTFORD

Elizabeth City Team May Try For State Championship This Year

The Elizabeth City High School girls basketball team easily defeated the Hertford girls at Hertford Friday night, the score being 31 to 4. Elizabeth City took the lead in the first quarter and kept it until the game was over, with Lorraine Sawyer and Lillian Harris to put 'em in the basket. Maxine Fearing and Sarah Lee Perkins as guards and Helen Dawson, Jessie Williams and Catherine Hathaway at center.

It is being suggested that Elizabeth City may try for the State championship this year and try to win the pennant, for E. C. H. S. has the best team in its history, coached by Prof. R. T. Ryland.

A large number of E. C. H. S. students attended the game at Hertford Friday night.

IN POLICE COURT

Rufus Harris paid a fine of \$25 and costs for being drunk and disorderly in police court Saturday morning.

John Davis, colored, was given a sentence of six months on the roads on a charge of abandonment and non support of his family, judgment being suspended, however, on payment of costs, on condition that Davis pay his wife \$4 a week.

F. H. Zeigler and Ab Williams were taxed with the costs for operating an automobile without displaying the proper lights.

NEW BERN RELIEF TAG DAY SUCCESS

And Relief Fund Continues To Grow Under Direction Of Commission Here

The New Bern relief fund continued to grow Saturday and the work of organization, as planned by the New Bern Relief Commission, continued to gain headway.

Tag Day, put on by the Senior Class of the Elizabeth City High School, was a pronounced success Saturday, \$65 being turned in to Secretary Job at noon with prospect of at least as much more by the end of the day.

The cause of New Bern relief was presented to the white teachers in their regular meeting Saturday morning by Superintendent M. P. Jennings and to the negro teachers in their regular meeting at the State Normal by Superintendent Jennings and Secretary Job. The teachers were asked to present the work in their respective schools.

Following are actual subscriptions made to the New Bern relief fund to date:

Previously reported .....\$278 Mrs. C. O. Robinson ..... 100 Kiwanis Club ..... 100 Tag Day (to noon) ..... 65 Red Men ..... 50 Achore Lodge, I. O. O. F. .... 25 The Advance ..... 18 Total .....\$636

Brownley Leaves For Pennsylvania

Had Expected To Leave At End Of Week Any Way And Said He Would Not Have Run

H. A. Brownley, held Friday by United States Commissioner T. B. Wilson for violation of the Mann Act, under a warrant issued from the office of the District Attorney at Raleigh, and bound over to the April term of Federal Court under \$400 bond, left Saturday for Pennsylvania, after having succeeded in arranging the required bond Friday.

Prior to his arrest Friday, Brownley had stated that he would not remain in the city after this week but would return to his former home at Allentown in order to go through with the matter of obtaining his divorce. That done he declares he will marry the woman with whom he lived here as man and wife and try to start life anew.

"My prosecution here came as a surprise to me," he said before leaving. "but if I had known it was coming I would not have run one step from it. I hold no hard feelings against those responsible for my arrest, because I know that they were only carrying out what they thought to be their duty to their community, and whatever price the law demands for my conduct I am anxious to pay, and get that much out of the way. I appreciate the confidence of those who believe in my good faith and the consideration of the officers who had me in custody and will be back here for trial in April if I have to walk."

Premiers Again Talk Reparations

London, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—Premiers of Great Britain, Italy, France and Belgium met today to sketch the latest and perhaps the most important chapter in the long story of German reparations. The details will be outlined in the forthcoming Brussels Conference, to which the conversations beginning today are preliminary.

Premier Poincare is understood to have told the conferees that France would consent to a two years moratorium for Germany if certain economic guarantees accompanied it.

JUDGE LEIGH TO TEACH ACME BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY Judge J. B. Leigh will teach the Acme Bible class at the First Baptist Sunday school Sunday morning and the president of the class, J. W. Wilcox, urges that every member be present to hear Judge Leigh.

MOTION IS DEFEATED Atlanta, Dec. 9 (By The Associated Press)—The motion by the University of Virginia delegate to split the Southern Intercollegiate Conference into two sections, the winners in each to play for the championship, was defeated at the session here today.