

**THE WEATHER**  
Cloudy with probably light rain tonight. Saturday fair. Moderate shifting winds.

# FORMER PRESIDENT WILSON AT POINT OF DEATH

## Turn For Worse Came In Night And Hope Was Soon Abandoned

### Week's Illness Had Not Seemed At All Serious, As He Was Subject To Attacks Of Indigestion, And Bulletin's Issued Last Night Had Reported Him As Better

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, February 1.—Former President Woodrow Wilson lies at death's door at his home in this city.

For a week he had suffered with a slight illness but he was subject to attacks of indigestion and his condition was not considered serious. Bulletins issued last night stated that he was better.

The change for the worse came in the night and this morning Rear Admiral Cary Grayson issued a bulletin that he considered the former President's condition very critical.

Early Friday afternoon hope for Mr. Wilson's recovery was practically abandoned.

At noon Wilson seemed to rally just a little but there was no material change in his condition.

He was fully conscious and in a faint voice talked with those at his bedside.

At six o'clock Friday evening he was reported as resting quietly but with vitality very low and with death, humanly speaking, only a question of hours. He was hardly expected to live through the night.

### CALDWELL SUCCEEDS MAJOR WALLACE STONE

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Captain Kenneth Caldwell of Concord was appointed inspector general of North Carolina National Guard yesterday to succeed Major Wallace B. Stone of Charlotte.

### IMMIGRATION BILL FAVORABLY REPORTED

Washington, Feb. 1.—A bill proposing the restriction of immigration to this country to two per cent of the foreign born of each nation here in 1890 and permitting the virtual selection of immigrants at the port of embarkation was ordered favorably reported today by the House immigration committee.

### WILL SHOW WONDERS OF NATIONAL PARKS

At the Court House tonight at 8 o'clock Dr. Williamson will give a free lecture on "Our National Parks" illustrated with numerous stereoscopic views.

Dr. Williamson comes here at Government expense, representing the Department of the Interior, through the efforts of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club.

Views will be shown and descriptions given by this lecturer and traveler of seventeen years experience, of Yellowstone Park in Wyoming, Glacier Park in Montana, Mount Ranier Park in Washington, The Yosemite and Sequoia Parks in California, Rocky Mountain Park and Mesa Verde Park in Colorado, and Grand Canyon and the Petrified Forests of Arizona.

No admission will be charged but a silver collection will be taken for Boy Scout work in Elizabeth City.

### J. K. DOUGHTON MAKES STATEMENT THURSDAY

Greensboro, Feb. 1.—J. K. Doughton, indicted in the failure of the Salisbury bank, has issued a statement declaring his innocence and saying that he awaits with confidence the outcome of the trial.

### RETURN OIL RESERVES IS IMPORTANT MATTER

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—Josephus Daniels yesterday issued a statement declaring that the return of the oil reserves is the most important matter now and that prosecutions should follow this action.

### KILLS FOUR IN A DISPUTE OVER CHILD

Kluten, N. D., Feb. 1.—Theodore Larson yesterday killed his wife, her two sisters, and her brother in a dispute over his child in possession of his wife. He then rode away on horseback with the child but was later captured.

### Revisions Suspended For Next Five Months

Washington, Feb. 1.—Revisions upward in rates on vegetables from the Carolinas to the Middle West which were to have become effective today were yesterday suspended for five months pending an investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

### VOTE ON FORD'S OFFER

Washington, Feb. 1.—The House military committee today voted to report out Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals as embodied in the McKenzie bill and the Madden amendment. The committee defeated an amendment which would have made Ford personally responsible for the full performance of every phase of the contract. Acting Chairman McKenzie was instructed to draw up a bill which would embody practically the same terms as originally presented by Ford.

### HIGHWAY BIDS OPENED

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The State Highway Commission yesterday opened bids totaling \$2,948,747.46 on 17 roads and two bridge projects, this being the first of the 1924 program of 800 miles of new roads. The total mileage of the letting is 108.83.

### BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Elizabeth City Athletic Association will meet Hertford in a snappy basketball game in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. This is expected to be one of the best games of the season and the association asks the support of the public.

### MEET IN APRIL

Goldshoro, February 1.—The Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina Baptists will be held in this city at the First Baptist Church on April 1, 2, 3, 4. It is estimated that between 500 and 600 will be here for the meeting.

### USE PAPER PROFITABLY IN CONSTRUCTION HOUSES

Stockholm, February 1.—A new building material made from waste paper and designed for ceilings and wall linings has been perfected by a Swedish engineer, and production on a large scale soon will be undertaken. The raw materials are ordinary waste paper such as accumulates in cities, clay and sulphate lime, the cheapness of which warrants an inexpensive finished product. The covering is said to be fireproof and durable; can be applied by unskilled labor, will take paper, paint or stain, and can even be polished. It is a good non-conductor, and does not respond to changes in temperature.

### FORD OFFER UNDER WATER POWER ACT

Washington, Feb. 1.—Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals would be placed under the Federal waterpower act with the exception that the lease would run for 100 years instead of 50 under agreement made to the McKenzie bill at an executive session Thursday of the House military committee.

### Recover More Jewels

New York, Feb. 1.—Detectives today recovered from a steam ship an additional \$75,000 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. Hugo Schoellkopf on New Year's eve, 1923. This makes a total of \$161,000 recovered.

### JUDGE CHIPMAN DEAD

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Judge Norton Parker Chipman died here today.



WOODROW WILSON

### SAFETY FIRST PLAY AT WEEKSVILLE HIGH

Chapel exercises at the Weeksville High School were in charge of the ninth grade Wednesday morning. Mrs. A. T. Haley is the teacher and under her direction the class performed a 15 minute, one act play, entitled, "How Safety First was Taught." Practically all of the 45 class members took a part in the play.

This is part of the work being carried on in the State under the direction of the Safety League which Mrs. J. G. Fearing so efficiently directs.

### PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Weeksville Parent-Teacher Association will meet Friday night in the Weeksville High School at 7:45. Great enthusiasm was fired the people in that section of this County in their dealings with anything that helps make for better education among their children, and an excellent program is planned for the meeting.

### KIWANIS LUNCHEON FRIDAY

The Kiwanis Club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting and luncheon in the Red Men's Hall Friday evening at 6:30.

## All Dressed Up And Somewhere To Go

### That's the Fancy Clothes Squad, Latest Addition to the New York Police, Who in East Side Parlor Have Certainly Got It Good

By ROWLAND WOOD

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New York, Feb. 1.—Enter the "fancy clothes squad"—the latest improvement on the traditional "plain clothes squad" of policemen.

Every evening now a crowd of swell dressers, both men and women, emerges from the dingy Elizabeth street police station, down in the heart of the East Side ghetto, and makes the night life life centers—Broadway, the Roarin' Forties and Greenwich Village.

Some of the men and most of the women wear evening clothes. All are nattily, if not formally clad, and all have plentiful rolls of the necessary in their pockets. In the parlance of the East Side, where they have their headquarters this new genus of cop and coppers "have got it good." All they have to do is pick out some jazzy cabaret, dine comfortably at the city's expense, dance a few times, kid the waiter into serving them with drinks—and pinch the place.

The fancy clothes squads are police commissioner Enright's latest move in campaign to dry up wet New York. This campaign, they hope to tell you up at police headquarters had its inception long before a certain major general of marines was imported into Philadelphia to batelize booze and vice in that wicked metropolis. Away back last summer, Commissioner Enright issued court instructions to all his inspectors to list every rum joint, high or low in the city and to mop them up. So far as the casual observer could see, nothing in particular resulted. Prices weren't even boosted in the hundreds of speakeasies and speak leads where the "scofflows" do their scoffing.

A few days ago, as if reminded of his order by the big doings at Philadelphia—although police officials

### BAPTIST LEADERS TO MEET MONDAY

Chowan Association Meeting Called for 10 O'clock at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church.

Pastors and other leaders of the Chowan Baptist Association will meet at Blackwell Memorial Baptist church Monday at ten o'clock for an all day meeting which will be filled with inspiration and information.

Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, who is at the head of the task of rounding up the Million Dollar Campaign in North Carolina, has secured speakers from in the State and out of the State for this meeting.

Similar meetings are being held throughout the State this month in the effort to awaken the Baptist denomination to the task to be undertaken this year.

Rev. R. F. Hall is the associational director of the work and has written to pastors and other leaders in the association urging their attendance at the meeting Monday.

The ladies of the First Baptist and Blackwell Memorial churches will furnish dinner and supper at the church.

### KEROSENE EXPLODES AND WIPES OUT FAMILY

Unionville, Mich., Feb. 1.—Edward Bowles, his wife, and two small children were burned to death today in their farm home near here when a five gallon can of kerosene used to start the kitchen fire exploded.

### FOUR BURN TO DEATH

Akron, O., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Arthur Smith, aged 22, and her three small children, were burned to death, and her brother, David Haynes, was seriously burned when fire destroyed their home in East Akron today.

### YELLOW PINE ADVANCES

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—Orders for yellow pine have shown a remarkable increase since January 1. They have jumped from an average of 70,000,000 feet a week in December to 105,000,000 feet in the middle of January. The latter figure was 35 per cent above production. Prices have advanced from \$1 to \$3 a thousand.

Mrs. Gustav Sandin of Washington has returned home, after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitehurst of North Road Street.

do a little scoffing at this suggestion—the commissioner preferred charges against every last inspector in charge of a regular police district. Reason: failure to mop up the wet spots in their respective bar-works.

He softened the blow, however, by issuing a statement in which he said in effect that the Federal authorities were really to blame, because they failed to co-operate in putting police liquor prisoners over the bumps. Along this kindly suggested line of defense, the first of thirteen inspectors "under fire" now is defending himself against the thirty-eight specific charges laid against him.

Meanwhile the commissioners organized the "special service squad" gave it a special headquarters all its own, and sent it out to try its hand at the mopping up on which the regular district men had fallen down.

This special service squad, some three hundred men and women strong, is composed of the "nifties" of the force. Ability to wear clothes and to mingle unobtrusively, in places, with the merry-making scofflows are among the prime requisites.

The writer visited the Elizabeth Street headquarters in quest of further details.

"That's just what the cabaret owners would like to have," said Deputy Inspector Zano, a competent, good natured but knowing, supercilious, whom the writer found in charge, "nothing doing on the details. We are getting the bootleggers, that's all you need to know."

But the inspector couldn't keep the writer from seeing some of the elite ones who sauntered in and out. And he hopes to tell you that "fancy clothes squad" doesn't tell the half of it. They are all dressed up like Mr. Astor's famous horse.

## Income Tax Reduction Affect March Returns

### That American People Who Make Out Income Tax Returns Next Month May Count on 25 Per Cent Less Tax Than Under Present Law Now Assured

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Jan. 31.—When the American people make out their income tax returns on March 15 of this year they can count on a straight reduction of one-fourth of the total tax they otherwise would have paid.

Both Democrats and Republicans are agreed on the proposal and the only question now is whether the present law will be amended by a joint resolution or whether the reduction will be made a part of the general revision of the revenue laws which have been under consideration for several weeks. The method is not important, for the result is assured.

In other words, Congress has decided to permit the American people to cut themselves a piece of cake. Out of the \$323,000,000 surplus in the Treasury fully \$225,000,000 will be refunded in the form of tax reduction applied to 1923 incomes.

When tax reduction was first proposed by Secretary Mellon the general understanding, of course, was that the new bill would not apply to 1923 incomes but would be felt by the tax payers for the first time when he made out his income tax returns in March 1925. Political leaders wondered whether a promise of something that was to happen in 1925 would be remembered when the voter went to the polls in November, 1924, and the conclusion reached was that if the tax payer could be made happy when he pays his taxes during 1924 it would be of far greater value politically speaking than a reduction in the future.

The Democrats planned the same kind of action but whether the Republicans thought of it by themselves or heard of what the Democrats intended to do or whether the minds of the statesmen in both parties ran along the same channel is hard to determine. The plan on the Republican side originated with Representative Green of Iowa, chairman of the House ways and means committee, who obtained the tentative approval of Secretary Mellon of the Treasury Department, which of course means the sanction also of President Coolidge.

It is a shrewd move and will have important political effects. Naturally the Treasury Department would like to see the 25 per cent reduction which applies to 1923 incomes made a part of the general tax bill so that the course of the latter will be accelerated. Indeed, public opinion may now be expected to get behind the tax measure with unparalleled strength so that the tax payer may actually enjoy on March 15 next a reduction in taxes. The Democrats will try, of course, to separate the new proposal from the main tax bill on the ground that it needs quick action and that the tax bill which will apply to 1924 incomes can be debated for the rest of the present year if necessary without doing anybody any harm. In answer to this the Republicans will say that business should not be kept on the anxious seat but should know definitely during 1924 what taxes are to be payable in 1925.

As for the taxes that individuals will pay next March on their incomes of 1923, there are many who pay their whole tax bill in a lump sum and do not divide it into quarterly installments. These persons would get a one-fourth rebate later on if the new proposal isn't passed by March 15. On the other hand, the tax payers who pay one-fourth on March 15, one-fourth on June 15, one-fourth on September 15 and one-fourth on December 15, would have the privilege of omitting one installment so as to get the benefit of the one-fourth reduction to which they are entitled.

The Republicans have taken the initiative in reducing taxes for 1923. Both parties are vying with each other to give the people a tax reduction. Little is heard about the bonus. Mr. Mellon's tentative approval is said to be based upon a desire to know what obligations will be incurred in connection with the bonus. The Republican leaders realize that to pass the original bonus bill would amount the Treasury to say that the tax reduction was not possible. At least for 1923 incomes. Under the circumstances the Republicans now are discussing among themselves a plan for a soldier bonus which is in the nature of a paid up insurance policy but without the privilege of borrowing cash on it as provided in the bill which went through both houses last year, but which Mr. Harding vetoed.

The Republicans would like to get

## NEW SUBPOENA ISSUED FOR FALL

### Former Secretary of the Interior Now Declared Able to Appear for Senate Oil Investigation.

Washington, Feb. 1.—Albert Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, is now in condition to appear for examination in the Senate oil inquiry, the investigating committee was told today by a special medical commission appointed to examine him.

Agreement was reached today by House leaders to take up the Walsh resolution for annulment of the naval oil leases without referring it to a committee. Debate will be limited in the effort to obtain a vote before adjournment today.

A new subpoena will be issued for Fall requiring his presence before the Senate committee tomorrow, Chairman Lenroot announced.

To Cancel Leases  
Washington, Feb. 1.—Without debate the House this afternoon passed the Walsh resolution already approved by the Senate directing the President to bring about cancellation of the Doheny and Sinclair naval oil leases.

Both McAdoo and Thomas Gregory, who was chosen by Coolidge to prosecute the oil cases, have at times been employed by the oil interests, Doheny testified today before the Senate oil committee.

### IDLE MILLS START

Biddeford, Maine, Feb. 1.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—Fresh orders have encouraged cotton mill owners here, and many idle looms have been started. Some departments of the Pepperell and Laconia mills which have been on a three-day-a-week basis have increased their schedules.

### RESTRICT MEXICAN COMMERCE.

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—One or two vessels loaded with crude oil continue to reach this port from Tampico, Mexico, each day, but shipments of merchandise to Mexico from here are greatly restricted by the revolution.

### WHEAT FARMERS DIVERSIFY

St. Paul, Feb. 1.—(By The Consolidated Press.)—There has been a most wholesome decrease in the spring wheat acreage in the Northwest and farmers apparently are going in strong for crop diversification this year. The increased aggregate crop income last year has improved the financial position of the farmers, although their total indebtedness

### COTTON MARKET

New York Jan. 31.—Spot cotton closed quiet, Middling 34.10, an advance of 50 points. Futures, closing bid, March 33.75, May 34.07, July 32.78, Oct. 28.12, Dec. 27.65.

New York, February 1.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 33.60; May 34.00; July 32.70; October 28.12; December None.

Miss Aine Louise Forest of Norfolk is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mae Willey on West Main street.

a bonus bill through. The chances are they will find it necessary to pass the original bill in order to fulfill pledges already given, but when the measure fails to get enough votes to pass over the President's veto then a proposal will be made to strip the bill of the cash features and enable soldiers to enjoy some of the various forms of aid which do not require an immediate cash outlay. Vocational training, land grants and other things which it has hitherto been thought would not be chosen by the ex-service man when cash was offered would then become more attractive. A bill which does not require a large cash outlay either now or in the future undoubtedly would get President Coolidge's approval so that the Republicans might go to the country in the coming campaign with a tax reduction applying to 1923 incomes, another reduction applying to 1924 incomes, and a soldier bonus besides.