

INAUGURAL SPEECH OF PRES. HARDING

Delivered At Washington Friday After Taking Oath Of Office

INAUGURAL ADDRESS—President Harding in his inaugural address said:

"My countrymen, when one surveys the world about him after the great storm noting the marks of destruction and yet rejoicing in the ruggedness of the things which withstood it, if he is an American he breathes the clarified atmosphere with a strange mingling of regret and new hope. We have seen world passion spend its fury, but we contemplate our republic unshaken and hold our civilization secure. Liberty—Liberty within the law—and civilization are inseparable and though both were threatened we find them now secure and there comes to Americans the profound assurance that our representative government is the highest expression and surest guaranty of both.

"Standing in this presence, mindful of the solemnity of this occasion, feeling the emotions which no one may know until he senses the great weight of responsibility for himself, must utter my belief in the divine inspiration of the founding fathers. Surely there must have been God's intent in the making of this new world republic. Ours is an organic law which but one ambiguity, and we saw that effected in a baptism of sacrifice and blood, with union maintained, the nation supreme and its concord inspiring. We have seen the world rivet its hopeful gaze on the great truths on which the founders brought. We have seen the human and religious liberty verified and glorified. In the beginning, today our foundations of political and social belief stand unshaken, a precious inheritance to ourselves, an inspiring example of freedom and civilization to all mankind. Let us express renewed and strengthened devotion, in grateful respect for the immortal beginning, and utter our confidence in the supreme fulfillment.

Progress Proves Wisdom
"The recorded progress of our republic, materially and spiritually, in itself proves the wisdom of the inherited policy of non-involvement in Old World affairs. Confident of our ability to work out our own destiny and jealously guarding our right to do so, we seek no part in directing the destinies of the Old World. We do not mean to be entangled. We will accept no responsibility except as our own conscience and judgment in each instance may determine.

"Our eyes will never be blind to a developing world, and we are deaf to the call of civilization. We recognize the new order in the world with the closer contacts which progress has wrought. We sense the call of the human heart for fellowship, fraternity and harbor no hate. But America, our America, the America built on a foundation laid by the inspired fathers, can be party to no permanent military alliance. It can enter into no political commitments, nor assume any economic obligations or subject our decisions to any other than our own authority.

"I am sure our own people will not misunderstand nor will the world misconstrue, we have the right to impose the closer relationship. We wish to promote understanding. We want to do our part in making offensive warfare so hateful that government peoples who resort to it must prove the righteousness of their cause or stand as outlaws before the bar of civilization.

Association for Counsel
"We are ready to associate ourselves with the nations of the world, great and small, for conference, for counsel, to seek the expressed views of world opinion, to recommend a way to approximate disarmament and relieve the crushing burdens of military and naval establishments. We elect to participate plans for mediation, conciliation and arbitration, and would gladly join in that expressed conscience of progress, which seeks to clarify and write the laws of international relationship and establish a world court for the disposition of such justifiable questions as nations are agreed to submit thereto, in expressing aspirations, in seeking practical plans, in translating humanity's new concepts of righteousness, justice, and it has hatred of war into recommended action we are ready most heartily to unite, but every commitment must be made in the exercise of our national sovereignty.

"Since freedom impelled, and independence inspired and nationality exalted, a world super-government is contrary to everything we cherish and can have no sanction by our republic. This is not selfishness. It is sanity. It is not aloofness, it is security. It is not suspicion of others it is patriotic adherence to the things which made us what we are.

"Today, better than ever before, we know the aspirations of humankind and share them. We have come to a new realization of our place in the world and a new appraisal of our nation by the world. The usefulness of the United States is a thing proven, our devotion to peace for ourselves and for the world is well established, our concern for preserved civilization has had its impassioned and heroic expression. There was no American failure to resist the attempted reversion of civilization, there will be today or tomorrow.

Woman's Club Puts Over Big Minstrel

Performance Planned Large Audience At Opera House Last Friday Night

The Women's Club of this city, staged one of the best local talent shows ever seen here, when, on Friday, March 4, a big minstrel was given, the proceeds of which were used to pay for playground equipment at the school. The Opera House was filled and the production under the direct supervision of "Deep C." Green, was cordially received. The Misses Iva and Westray Battle, Julia Howard Beams, Janie Jackson, Margaret Wade and Janie Gentry in the roles of comedians met with much favor, while specialties by the Shrine Orchestra, Dunn Quartette, Mrs. H. S. McWay and Mrs. John Phillips (Miss Davenport), Mr. Harper Holliday and "Deep C." were big applause getters. Mrs. Annie Young acted as interlocutor and Miss J. C. Hodges, musical director. A neat sum was realized from the performance, which was reported in Duke Saturday night to a happy house.

Understanding.
America is ready to encourage cooperation to initiate anxious to participate in any scheme program likely to lessen the possibility of war, which must be God's highest conception of human relationship. Because we cherish ideals of justice and peace, because we appraise international unity and helpful relationship no less highly than any people of the world, we aspire to a high place in the moral leadership of civilization and we hold no maintenance America, a proven republic, the unshaken temple of representative democracy, to be not only an inspiration and example, but the highest agency of strengthening good will and promoting accord between continents.

"Mankind needs a world wide benediction of understanding. It is needed among individuals, among nations and among governments, and it will inaugurate an era of good feeling to mark the birth of a new order. In such understanding men will strive confidently for the promotion of their better relationships and nations will promote the comities so essential to peace.

Trade Ties Bind Closely
"We must understand that ties of trade bind nations in closest intimacy and none may receive except as it gives. We have not strengthened ours in accordance with our resources of our genius, notably on our continent, where a galaxy of republics reflect the glory of new world democracy, but in the new order of finance and trade we mean to promote, enlarged interests and seek expanded coexistence.

"Perhaps we can make no more helpful contribution by example than prove a republic's capacity to emerge from the wreckage of war. While the world's embittered travail did not leave us devastated lands nor isolated cities, left no gaping wounds, no festering sores, it did leave us in the delirium of expenditure, in expanded currency and credits, in unbalanced industry, in unspeakable waste and disturbed relationships, while it uncovered our portion of hateful selfishness at home, it also revealed the heart of America as soulful and fearless, and beating in confident unflinching.

"Amid it all we have riveted the pace of all civilization to the usefulness and the righteousness of representative democracy, where our freedom never has made offensive warfare, never has sought territorial aggrandizement through force, never has turned to the embracement of arms until nations had been exhausted. When the governments of earth shall have established a freedom like our own and shall have sanctioned the pursuit of peace as we have practiced it, I believe the last sorrow and the final sacrifice of international warfare will have been written.

Our Supreme Task
"Our supreme task is the resumption of our normal way. Reconstruction, readjustment, restoration—all these must follow. It would like to have them. If it will lighten the spirit and add to the resolution with which we take up the task, let us repeat for our nation, we shall give no people just cause to make war upon us. We hold no national projects, we do not hate, we do not covet, we dream of no conquest, nor boast of armed prowess.

"If, despite this attitude, war is again forced upon us, I earnestly hope a way may be found, which will unify our individual and collective strength and consecrate all American, materially and spiritually. I can envision the ideal republic where every man and woman is called under the flag for assignment to duty, for whatever service, military or civic, the individual is best fitted, where we may call to universal services every plant, agency or facility, all in the sublime sacrifice for country and not one penny of way profit shall in any way benefit private individual, corporation and combination, but all above the normal shall flow into the defense chest of the nation. There is something inherently wrong, something out of accord with the ideals of representative democracy when one portion of our citizenship turns its activity to private gain amid defensive war while another is fighting, sacrificing or dying, for national preservation.

Unit of Spirit and Purpose
"Out of such universal service will come a new unity of spirit and purpose, a new confidence and concentration which will make our defense impregnable, our triumph assured. Then we should have little or no disorganization of our economic, industrial and commercial systems as home fortunes to flout the sacrifices of our soldiers, no excuse for sedition, no pitiable slackness, no outrages of treason. Envy and jealousy would

SHOPLIFTERS ARE TRIED IN COURT

Negro Girls Arrested For Stealing From Many Stores In The City

Janie Williams, Clara Woodall and Gertrude Brady, negro women of Dunn, were tried before Judge Smith Monday on a charge of shoplifting. They were found guilty, but judgment was suspended with the understanding that they pay for the merchandise stolen, the cost in the case, and not appear on the streets of Dunn at a later hour than nine o'clock during one year from date of trial. If they fail to live up to the agreement they will go to jail for 60 days.

Several articles of merchandise were found in their possession when the arrests were made. This was returned to the stores from which it was taken.

Warnings have been issued for several others but the arrests have not been made yet.

ALLIED SOLDIERS ONCE MORE MARCH ON GERMAN SOIL

German Alternately Reluctance; Which A Council Re-accept

PREMIER DELIVERED MESSAGE IN SPIRIT OF CALMNESS

British Prime Minister Foreclosed Allied Ultimatum Apparently With Reluctance; Feeling in England One of Relief, Not Enthusiasm; German Expected To Retain Upper Hand and World-Wide Freedom of German Trade; French Army Will Form Bulk of Forces For The New March Into Germany; Conference Breaks Up.

The negotiations over the German indemnity were broken today; action comes tomorrow with the march of French, British and Belgian soldiers into Germany and the occupation of a large section of her richest manufacturing belt. Even now the allied troops are on the move, for a late Berlin dispatch says that French troops who were at Dueseldorf have advanced within six miles of that city.

The allied ultimatum was foreclosed apparently with reluctance by the British prime minister. The French do not appear to be satisfied while the Germans left the Reichstag, where the conference had been held, plainly depressed over their train for home tomorrow.

Plan
Two long hours of the conference ended with a final break before Marshal Foch and General Wilson wrote a joint statement to the commanders of the allied armies, whereby Germany agreed to pay the annuities for the next five years demanded in the reparations plan, and also the equivalent of the proposed 12 per cent tax supports, but clung to the condition of the retention of Upper Silesia and world wide freedom of German trade.

Mr. Lloyd George, delivering judgment for the allies, said they deeply deplored the minority of the decision which Dr. Brüning clung to the last to the contention that the Paris demands were impossible for Germany to fulfill. The allied strategy for delay and the latest plan as one whereby the whole treaty would have to be reconsidered after five years, when Germany might hold a more favorable position. Dr. Brüning really asked for further time in which to consider the German cabinet. This was denied.

French of Farnish Troops
The French army will furnish the bulk of the forces for the new march into Germany. Britain's contribution will be only large enough to show solidarity with the allies, who will with the deepest interest for the German government's attitude of loyalty.

General Foch, England's supreme commander, without enthusiasm, the prime minister explained the position of the House of Commons tonight in a speech, in which there was no mention of the allied ultimatum. He said that the allied ultimatum should have been freely voiced by the French press. He said that if M. Briand returned to Paris bearing the burden of a decision to Germany his premises was doomed.

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Penalties That Are To Be Visited Upon The German People

London, 7.—Application upon fulfillment of her requirements were made to the Germans Thursday by Lloyd George.

They are:

- 1. German industrial production beyond the Rhine, by treaty.
- 2. Imposition of each allied country of a tax upon German imports as it may deem fitting.
- 3. The establishment of a customs boundary under allied control along the Rhine.

THE CEMETERY HAS BEEN BEAUTIFIED

Committee Appointed A Year Ago Has Accomplished Much. Those Who Paid

The Greenwood Cemetery Association, which was organized in Dunn about a year ago, has done wonderful work in beautifying the cemetery and arousing public sentiment to the importance of keeping this place attractive. The women of the town have taken the lead in this work and were assisted by T. L. Riddle, secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. Those who have visited the cemetery recently are wont to praise what has been accomplished and are anxious to see the work continue. The project was financed by the lot owners, who have laid out one buried three and contributions from the public generally, which amount was supplemented by an appropriation of \$1,000 by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Dunn. Below is a list of those who contributed for the cause.

Ward No. 1. Mrs. J. R. Smith, Collector. Names and amounts paid: W. J. Jones \$2.00, J. B. O'Neal \$2, J. H. Holland \$2, R. W. Kinlaw \$2.00, S. Cooper \$2.00, V. L. Stephens \$2.00, Robert Wheeler \$2, Frank Bailey \$2, Mrs. C. B. Hayes \$2, Mrs. J. A. Andrews \$2, H. Lev, Jr. \$2, Ed. Purdie \$2, W. R. Howard \$2, R. M. Warren \$2, Claude Bell \$2, Mrs. E. M. Jefferys \$2, Rev. R. C. Craven \$2, A. E. Norris \$2, J. C. Stephens \$2, G. P. Pope \$2. Total \$10.00.

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Fayetteville Chamber Plans For Wide Activity

Fourteen Sections of Commercial Body Will Direct Various Activities

Fayetteville, March 6.—With two or three hundred representative business men present, the Fayetteville chamber of commerce was reorganized last night and placed on such a business basis as it never enjoyed before in all the years of its usefulness to the community. The question of form of reorganization has been hanging over since the first of the year, but a mass meeting of citizens was called for last night to final action and one of the best assemblages of the city's representative men that has been seen in a long time turned out and put it across.

John H. Tolar, Jr., was the chairman of the meeting and explained the plan of reorganization which was adopted unanimously. Two members from each of the fourteen sections into which the membership is divided was appointed to raise the subscriptions which will run the chamber for the coming year. It was determined that \$8,000 will be the minimum sum on which the chamber will start work. Not more than one hundred dollars will be asked of each firm or corporation, nor less than \$25, while the minimum subscription from individuals will be \$10.

The budget for any one month shall not exceed one-twelfth of the annual budget. The officers will be a president, vice-president, treasurer, and paid secretary, a board of directors, consisting of the chairman and the various sections, finance committee composed of the presidents of the banks of the city, and an executive committee consisting of the president, vice-president and treasurer of the chamber. The secretary will have the power to suggest and direct activities only, with no power to govern the policy of any section.

The fourteen sections of the chamber will each be independent and responsible for itself. They will represent the retail merchants; transportation; manufacturers; wholesale merchants; retail produce merchants; financial institutions; legal; sanitary and health; real estate; insurance; automotive agricultural; contractors; hotels, restaurants and amusements. The civic section will be composed of the chairman of the other sections.

Retiring Cabinet Sends Greetings to Mr. Wilson
Former President Receives Letter of Appreciation From His Co-Workers

Washington, March 5.—Woodrow Wilson received a letter today from the retiring members of his cabinet, telling him how great a place he occupied in their honor, love and esteem.

"The final moments of the cabinet on Tuesday," said the letter, "found us quite unable to express the poignant feelings with which we realized that the hour of leave taking and official dispersal had arrived.

"Will you permit us to say to you now, and as simply as we can, how great a place you occupy in our honor, love and esteem?

"We have seen you in times of momentous crisis. We have seen you uncomplainingly toll under the heavy and unrelenting burdens of the presidency. We have had the inestimable privilege of sharing some of your labors. At all times you have been to us our ideal of a courageous, high-minded modest gentleman, a patriotic public servant, an intense and passionate lover of your country.

"You have displayed toward us a trust and confidence that has touched us all, supporting and defending us, when under partisan attack, with staunch and untiring loyalty, and in the most considerate way, the wisdom of your great qualities. History will acclaim your best qualities. We who have known you intimately bear witness to them now.

"We fervently wish you, dear Mr. President, long life and the happiness that you so richly deserve and have so abundantly earned."

WOMAN'S CLUB MINSTREL PLEASURES DUKE APPEAL
(Special to The Dispatch.)
Duke, March 5.—The Women's Club Minstrel, of Dunn appeared here tonight before an audience which taxed the Auditorium to the limit of its capacity. An hour before the line of people waited patiently for the doors to open. The performance was the best that has been here this season and the songs and clever local jokes of the end ladies, Misses Lennie Gaine, Iva and Westray Battle, Julia Howard Beams and Janie Jackson brought forth rounds of applause and no small amount of laughter. A special specialty by Miss Gladys Davenport and blackface monologues by "Deep C." Green were also big applause getters.

It might be wise for the few remaining European monarchs to lay aside something for a reignless day.—Long Island City Star.

TWO MEN ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Accused of Highway Robbery And Under Sentence For Gun Toting

Lee Richard Wright and Guy C. Roberts, soldiers of battalion A, 5th field artillery, Camp Bragg, were arrested on the Fayetteville highway just outside of Dunn Sunday night by U. S. Page and W. F. Nipper of the local police force. They are still in the police station here, being held for payment of a fine imposed by Judge Smith of the Recorder's court for carrying a concealed weapon. It will take \$50.00 plus cost, for each of them, which they may pay in preference to a six-month sentence on the road. When they get out of the local courts they will be carried to Fayetteville where they are charged with highway robbery and the theft of an automobile.

It is alleged that they hired L. W. Kunnery, a jitney driver of Fayetteville, to take them for a ride Sunday night. The two men were accompanied by a woman. After driving three or more miles into the country they ordered the driver to stop his car and they got out. After a few minutes wait, during which time the two men and the woman absented themselves from the car, one of the men approached the driver and ordered him to hold up his hands. When a pistol was thrown in his face he immediately obeyed. The other man then proceeded to rob him of all the valuables he had, including his money. What this was done they got into the car and demanded that the driver crank them off, and they speeded away, leaving Mr. Kunnery and the woman alone in the road. They immediately returned to Fayetteville and reported the case to the police authorities, who phoned to officers in neighboring towns to look out for the men with the car. They were arrested here a few minutes later.

The Fayetteville authorities were notified of their arrest. The owner of the car was told to come to the claim his property. As soon as their case for carrying a concealed weapon is settled here they will be turned over to the Cumberland county officials.

Secretary Is Ready To Take Applications
A. A. McDonald Says Farm Loan Board Will Soon Again Be Working—Urges Applications Now

Secretary-Treasurer A. A. McDonald of the Lillington Farm Loan Association is now ready to receive applications for loans through the Federal Farm Loan Act. He has received word from Columbia, S. C., to distribute blanks and take in applications for loans.

It has been the opinion of those who are in position to know that the Federal Farm Loan operations would begin soon to again function. The secretary says he is certain that loans will start going out to farmers in a short while. This will come as good news to farmers who have found themselves devoid of finance as a result of the low prices offered for their products.

The Farm loan idea is the nearest point to which the government will go in furnishing assistance to the farmer. Uncle Sam cannot buy the crops, but money can be loaned on a short term, thus enabling the growers to hold crops for better prices and at the same time have surplus funds with which to finance another crop.

Those desiring this assistance from the government should apply to Sec. McDonald at Lillington for the coupons for necessary blanks and file their petitions early.—Harnett County News.

NEW ROUTE SHORTENS ROUTE NORTH AND SOUTH
Twenty miles have been wiped out of road travel between North and South by the completion of the new bridge over the Roanoke River near Palmer Springs, and besides being a boon to tourists and commercial travelers, links up the capital of Virginia and Capital of North Carolina in a closer tie.

Now it is possible for motorists to forego the devious route from Raleigh through Durham, Oxford and Clarksville and take the more simple expedient of a straight road from Raleigh through Henderson, over the Roanoke River Bridge to South Hill and thence to Albemarle, Dinwiddie, Petersburg and Richmond.

The bridge which displaces the ferry which has served for travel across the Roanoke River and was erected by a stock company composed of South Hill and Henderson, and businessmen at a cost approximating \$50,000. The contract was awarded to the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, of Roanoke, Va., on June 16, 1919 and its delay in the construction of the bridge was due to labor difficulties, inability to get materials, high water and accompanying obstacles.

The original program called for the completion of the bridge by January 1, 1920. It is now finished one year late, the first travel having been permitted over the bridge February 23.

FAR CLEARANCE HEARING ADVANCED TO APRIL 11
Washington, March 7.—The Supreme court today advanced to April 11 hearings of arguments in the suit brought by fourteen country banks of Georgia against the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. The country banks are seeking an injunction which would restrain the Atlanta institution from enforcing par collection of checks.