

# NATION AT PEACE AMID WORLD WAR

PRESIDENT WILSON IS GRATEFUL  
FOR AMERICA'S MANY  
BLESSINGS.

## NAMES DAY TO GIVE THANKS

President Calls on America to Express  
Appreciation of Its Manifold  
Blessings During Year.

Washington.—President Wilson, in a proclamation designating Thursday, November 25, as Thanksgiving Day, called attention to the fact that the United States has been at peace while most of Europe has been at war.

"We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal," said the president.

The text follows:  
"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed our day of national thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of changes which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"Another year of peace has been vouchsafed us; another year in which not only to take thought of our duty to ourselves and to mankind but also to adjust ourselves to the many responsibilities thrust upon us by a war which has involved almost the whole of Europe. We have been able to assert our rights and the rights of mankind without breach of friendship with the great nations with whom we have had to deal; and while we have asserted these rights we have been able also to perform duties and exercise privileges of succor and helpfulness which should serve to demonstrate our desire to make the offices of friendship the means of truly disinterested and unselfish service.

"Our ability to serve all who could avail themselves of our services in the midst of crisis has been increased, by a gracious Providence, by more and more abundant crops; our ample financial resources have enabled us to study the markets of the world and facilitate necessary movements of commerce which the war might otherwise have rendered impossible; and our people have come more and more to a sober realization of the part they have been called upon to play in a time when all the world is shaken by unparalleled distress and disasters.

"The extraordinary circumstances of such a time have done much to quicken our national consciousness, and deepen and confirm our confidence in the principle of peace and freedom by which we have always sought to be guided. Out of darkness and perplexities have come firmer counsels of policy and clearer perceptions of the essential welfare of the nation. We have prospered while other peoples were at war, but our prosperity has been vouchsafed us, we believe, only that we might the better perform the functions which war rendered it impossible for them to perform.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-fifth of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this twentieth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

"By the President: Robert Lansing  
Secretary of State.

"WOODROW WILSON."

**Hundreds Fell Each Second.**  
Berlin (Wireless to Tuckerton).—The Tages Zeitung says that during one period of the great battle at Loos the British fell at the rate of 100 men a second. "The British attacked in dense rows of eight sections," says the Overseas News Agency in a resume of The Tages Zeitung's dispatch. "Their attack presented a spectacle like that of a Napoleonic battle before the days of machine guns or cannon with long range. The British artillery came up as far as possible without being the rifle range.

**Turks Protest Charges.**  
Washington.—The Turkish embassy issued an official report from the general Ottoman headquarters charging that many atrocities have been committed against the Moslems on the Caucasus frontier by Russian troops assisted by the Greek and Armenian population. Bands of Russians, Greeks and Armenians are accused of attacking many women and having pierced the cheeks of babes so that they starved to death. Tortures of the middle ages are said to have been revived by Armenians.

## SHOOTING IS YET A MYSTERY

More Than Seventy Witnesses Are  
Examined By the Coroner at In-  
quest Into Cohen's Death.

Charleston.—Examination by the coroner of eight witnesses cleared up but slightly the question in what manner Sidney J. Cohen received a mortal wound in the lungs during the riot which broke up the meeting of the city Democratic executive committee, a meeting called to declare the result of the hotly contested municipal primary of Tuesday, October 12, which meeting Mr. Cohen attended as a reporter of Charleston Evening Post. About all that was accomplished was to set up the likelihood that the young newspaper man was laid low by a bullet proceeding from one of three distinct eruptions of gunfire. The consensus of the testimony so far adduced seems to be that in the centre of the room was a man some witnesses identified as Henry Brown, shooting several times, more or less promiscuously while struggling for possession of revolvers held by Committeeman McDonald and by Chief Cantwell resulted in the discharge of those weapons. Evidence developed up to now leaves the possibility open that Mr. Cohen may have been killed by a bullet from any one of these three sources. Until today only the statements from the Grace side among the several broadsides given publicly had concentrated suspicion of gunfire upon Brown and McDonald, who had been held by the police as principals in the Sidney J. Cohen homicide and who were transferred by Judge Smith to the custody of the sheriff to await the verdict from the inquest, pending leave to move for bail, but on the resumption of the inquest testimony regarding these men came from the Hyde faction also. Eight witnesses were examined, four being Hyde men and four Grace men. All of them are members of the executive committee.

Messrs. Black, Barnwell and Poulnot, Hyde men, said that a man standing in the centre of the room fired a pistol.

This man, Mr. Barnwell said, was Brown. Mr. Michel, a Grace partisan, said Brown fired four times. Mr. Robson a Hyde man, said that a man in the centre of the room, whose forearm and hand only were visible to him, fired rapidly several times at William Wingate, a Grace supporter. Mr. Hancock, a Grace man, said he saw Brown shooting at Wingate, but admitted he "couldn't say" that was the man who did the shooting.

### Minister Breaks Arm.

Lykesland.—The Rev. W. S. Myers suffered a broken arm while paying pastoral visits. While cranking his automobile after a call he was struck on the right arm by the crank, two bones in his arm between the elbow and wrist being broken. Medical assistance was quickly secured and while the hurt is painful it is not expected to prove serious.

### Record Cotton Sale.

Bishopville.—The largest single sale of cotton in the history of Bishopville was closed a few days ago when J. W. Thames, local representative of Alex Sprunt & Sons, bought from J. M. Hearon 1,307 bales of cotton, giving check for \$79,901.75 in payment for same.

### MARKET REPORT.

Prices paid for cotton, cotton seed, corn, wheat, oats, peas, etc., on the different markets in South Carolina during the past week:

Central—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 60c bu.  
Cheraw—Corn, 93c bu; oats, 55c bu; rye, \$1.50 bu; butter, 35c lb; eggs, 30c doz.  
Belton—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 57c bu.  
Hamberg—Corn, \$1 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; oats, 65c bu; rye, \$1.40 bu; peas, \$1.25 bu; butter, 25c lb; eggs, 25c lb.  
Abbeville—Corn, \$1 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; oats, 65c bu; rye, \$1.40 bu; peas, \$1.25 bu; butter, 25c lb; eggs, 25c lb.  
Allendale—Cotton, 11 3/4c; cotton seed, 58c bu; butter, 30c lb; eggs, 20c doz.  
Denmark—Cotton, 11 3/4c; cotton seed, 58c bu.  
Orangeburg—Cotton, 12c; cotton seed, 53c bu.  
Edgefield—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 58c bu; corn, \$1 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; oats, 70c bu; rye, \$1.75 bu.  
Fort Mill—Butter, 25c lb; eggs, 25c doz.  
Ridgeland—Corn, \$1 bu; oats, \$1.10 bu; peas, \$1.50 bu; butter, 25c lb; eggs, 25c doz.  
Saluda—Corn, \$1.10 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; oats, 70c bu; rye, \$1.50 bu; peas, \$1.50 bu.  
Winnabow—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 60c bu; corn, \$1.10 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; butter, 30c lb; eggs, 25c doz.  
Laurens—Corn, \$1 bu; wheat, \$1.50 bu; oats, 70c bu; rye, \$2 bu; peas, \$1.50 bu.  
Lanester—Cotton, 12 1/2c; cotton seed, 60c bu; butter, 30c lb; eggs, 30c doz.  
Honea Path—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 58c bu; butter, 20c lb; eggs, 25c doz.  
Hartsville—Cotton, 12c.  
Pinewood—Cotton, 11 3/4c; cotton seed, 48c bu.  
Clinton—Cotton, 11 3/4c; cotton seed, 50c bu.  
Anderson—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 50c bu.  
Columbia—Cotton, 11 3/4c.  
Camden—Cotton, 12 1/4c; cotton seed, 50c bu.  
Cameron—Cotton, 12c.  
Charleston—Cotton, 12c.

### SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS ITEMS

Florence will soon erect a new school building.  
The farmers of Horry county have organized to promote the cattle industry.  
South Carolina stood thirty-ninth in the national team match of the American Army at Jacksonville.  
Cornwell, in Chester county, held a successful community fair last week.  
A new road is being built from Gaffney to Broad river in Cherokee county.

# MAY OPEN SCHOOL IN EVERY VILLAGE

PEOPLE WILL COOPERATE IN  
WORK.— ONLY MONEY IS  
NEEDED, SAYS BROWN.

## DISPATCHES FROM COLUMBIA

Doings and Happenings That Mark  
the Progress of South Carolina People,  
Gathered Around the State  
Capitol.

### Columbia.

George D. Brown, state supervisor of mill schools in South Carolina, who spent one day recently in Columbia, says it would be no difficult task to organize a night school for adults in every mill village in South Carolina if sufficient funds were available. Mr. Brown has visited the greater portion of the mill schools in the state, and in every community he has been met with a ready response to his efforts to provide more effective school facilities.

"The greatest obstacle is a lack of sufficient funds," Mr. Brown said. "The people all manifest a sympathetic attitude toward the work and wish to acquire an education, where early opportunities were denied. Many night schools are being organized; several districts have voted a special tax; manual training and domestic science courses introduced; libraries provided and a new school building erected for Pickens. If we had sufficient funds it would be possible to introduce these features into every mill village school in the state."

During the last ten days Mr. Brown has traveled more than 500 miles in an automobile, visiting the mill schools in different communities in the state. The recent itinerary included Ninety-Six, Greenwood, Abbeville, Calhoun Falls, Iva, Autun, Pendleton, Seneca, Newry, Walthalla, Westminster, Oconee, Central, Catachee, Liberty, Pickens and Easley.

Distinguished successes have been made in several places. In Marion the mill school was consolidated with the city public schools, the six grades from the mill village being absorbed in the city public school. The teacher, previously engaged for the mill school, now serves as an extra teacher—a clearing house for all deficient pupils. This method serves to bring all pupils up to uniform grading, in that a special teacher gives her attention to those "lame pupils who need helping over the stiles."

Consolidation is also being tried out in Pendleton. One hundred and fifty pupils have been enrolled in the city public school, one-third of which number come from the mill village. "The children are all delighted with the change, and under the management of a thoroughly capable superintendent are making excellent progress," Mr. Brown commented. In this school manual training and domestic science courses have been introduced and a kindergarten department organized.

### Tax Commission Issues Report.

The South Carolina tax commission has issued an advance sheet containing part of their annual report, which sets forth the work which the commission has been doing. The tax commission was created by act of the last session of the general assembly "in order to effectively carry into execution the equitable assessment of property for taxation."

The powers hitherto lodged in the state board of assessors and the state board of equalization were conferred on the state tax commission and both of these boards abolished. The act gives the commission general supervision over the assessment and tax laws of the state, over all boards of assessors and equalization, over all assessing officers in the performance of their duty, to the end that "all assessments of property may be made relatively just and equal in compliance with the laws of the state."

The tax committee can not assess real estate this year under the act.

### Winthrop Will Attend State Fair.

Winthrop college will attend the greatest state fair and the harvest jubilee on Friday. This was definitely decided a few days ago when the Winthrop student body voted unanimously to make the trip to the capital city.

Friday will be a big day at the fair for with the Winthrop girls in attendance, the automobile races and the Carolina-Davidson football game, the floral parades and other features of ladies' day, it is expected to be the best Friday ever.

### Series of High School Conferences.

A series of conferences for high school teachers has been begun by Prof. W. H. Hand, state high school inspector. The meetings are arranged largely according to the convenience of railroad schedules. The first meeting was held at Florence on Friday night and Saturday, October 8 and 9. Ninety-five were present. The last conference met in Anderson Friday night and Saturday, October 22 and 23. The teachers of Oconee, Pickens, Greenville and Anderson counties attended this meeting.

## Urges Calm View of Better Times.

"There is an atmosphere of optimism and contentment throughout all South Carolina today that is highly gratifying," said Gov. Manning. "Our prosperity and this prosperity is brought about very largely by the high price of cotton. We must not allow ourselves to run wild, however, and plant the whole earth in cotton next year. The present prices are, in my opinion, brought about by reason of the small crop this year and, if we continue to hold down our cotton acreage and raise our home supplies we will then be in position to live in peace and contentment without regard for the outside world and their wars.

"I am especially gratified to note the growing feeling of brotherly love and personal interest in each other's welfare among the people of South Carolina. Men of every business, trade and profession are getting in closer touch with each other and working together for the upbuilding of our state. The use of the word 'class' is gradually dying away and the expression 'South Carolinians' is being substituted therefor. We have a great many problems before us, and in order to solve them successfully it is of the greatest importance that we put our shoulders to the wheel and unite our efforts as South Carolinians for the upbuilding of the state we love so well.

"I always enjoy my visits to the various parts of the state. It gives me the opportunity to meet the people face to face and discuss with them their problems and needs. I find that the best information I can get for my guidance as the servant of the people is secured by close personal touch with the people themselves. My office is always open to the people of South Carolina and it is my desire for the people to call and discuss with me any matter looking to the upbuilding of the state at all times."

### Four Treasurers Send 1915 Taxes.

The office of the state treasurer has received remittances from four county treasurers for 1915 taxes, which were due October 15. The treasurers are: Ross D. Young of Laurens, A. D. Fair of Orangeburg, J. B. Armstrong of Barnwell and E. L. Wingard of Lexington.

The promptness of these county officials in sending in their collections on the first day taxes was due was highly commended by the clerical force in the treasurer's office.

### Many Deaths From Pellagra.

The death rate in South Carolina from Pellagra based on reports in the bureau of vital statistics, has been 90 per 100,000 inhabitants for the first eight months of this year. The death rate from typhoid fever for the same period was 26.5.

The number of deaths from pellagra from January 1 to August 31, inclusive, was 1,083, apportioned as follows: 125 white men, or a percentage of 11.5 of the total deaths; 232 white women, 21.4 per cent; 215 negro men, 19.9 per cent; 511 negro women, 47.2 per cent.

### Borrow Money For Clemson.

Acting under a resolution of the last general assembly the state's finance board borrowed \$62,400 for Clemson college. The fertilizer tax revenue was materially reduced this year as a result of the war and it was necessary to borrow this money for the college. The money was secured at a rate of 2.44 per cent from the Palmetto National bank of Columbia.

The secretary of state has issued a charter to the J. A. Carroll Cotton company of Gaffney with a capital of \$10,000. The officers are: J. A. Carroll, president; G. G. Byers, vice president; W. E. Bell, secretary and T. D. Daniel, treasurer.

The DuPre Printing company of Columbia has been commissioned with a capital of \$7,000. The petitioners are E. C. DuPre and C. S. Monteth.

The Clinton Cam company of Clinton has been chartered with a capital of \$2,000. The officers are: H. L. Scaife, president, secretary and treasurer, and A. G. Kennedy, vice president.

Hammett, Davis and company of Arlington has been chartered with a capital of \$3,000. The officers are: J. M. Davis, president; J. M. Rector, vice president, and S. D. Hammett, secretary and treasurer.

The Superior Planing Mill company of Spartanburg, has been chartered with a capital of \$5,000. The officers are: J. W. Johnson, president; B. W. Burnett, vice president, and C. C. Johnson, secretary and treasurer.

The Charleston Vulcanizing company has been commissioned with a capital of \$1,500. The petitioners are: J. E. Redding and B. B. Johnson.

The Clarendon County Fair association has been commissioned with a capital of \$250. The petitioners are: E. C. Horton and J. D. Dinkins.

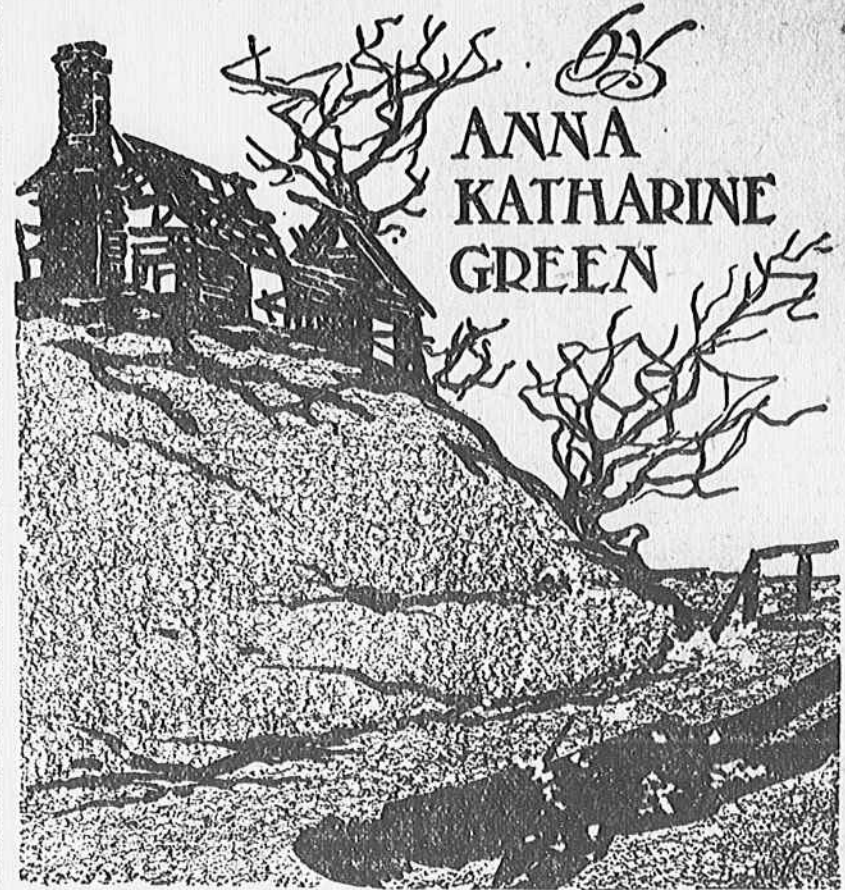
### Secretary Issues New Charters.

The secretary of state has commissioned the Citizens' Bank and Trust Company of Rock Hill, with a capital of \$60,000.

A commission has been issued to the Florence Chero-Cola Bottling Company, with a capital of \$25,000. The capital stock of McPhee Grocery Company of Spartanburg has been increased from \$1,200 to \$1,800.

The secretary of state has issued a commission to the Brunson Loan and Trust Company of Brunson with a capital of \$25,000.

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