

SOCIALIST LEADER LEAVES PRISON

MAKES SPEECH IN WASHINGTON STATION WITHOUT PERMIT.

Freed Christmas day by President Harding from Atlanta federal penitentiary, where he was serving a ten-year sentence for making speeches in violation of the war laws, Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, was reprimanded Tuesday night in Washington by union station police for making a speech without a permit before leaving for his home in Terre Haute, Ind.

Before boarding his train Debs addressed a crowd of several hundred persons in the station, including admirers, who had come to say good-bye, expressing his gratitude for his reception in Washington and closing with a reiteration of his opposition to war and belief in the force of love in the redemption of the world.

No effort was made by uniformed police in the crowd to interfere with the address but immediately upon its conclusion a plain clothes man rushed up to Debs and demanded if he had a permit to speak in the station, and upon being informed in the negative, declared:

"You have taken a great liberty." Debs, who had grasped the plain clothes man by the hand under the impression that he was a well-wisher, apologized and said he had not known he was doing wrong.

Debs went immediately to his train but considerable excitement prevailed in the crowd, due chiefly to the efforts of newspapermen to learn the identity of the plain clothes man. He refused to give his name, but after rather excited bickering with reporters declared he was the chief of police of the union station and flashed a badge pinned to his belt. He said he had had no special orders with respect to Debs but that the regulations of the station forbid speech-making without a permit.

STUDENTS HONOR WILSON.

Special Issue of Paper Dedicated to Noted Alumnus.

Davidson, N. C. Dec. 28.—The staff of the Davidsonian, student weekly publication of Davidson College, have just issued a special Woodrow Wilson number. This issue is the most pretentious ever attempted by The Davidsonian and said to be one of the largest ever published by any Southern Collegiate weekly.

It is a Woodrow Wilson issue in fact as well as in name for it carries about twenty-five columns about the ex-president. Every effort has been made to secure only authoritative material from the pens of able men. Dr. Thornton Whaling, class-mate of Mr. Wilson and noted Presbyterian church man, contributes a notable article on "Wilson's Education" and Dr. J. M. McConnell, of the History Department of Davidson College, contributes an article on "Wilson's accomplishments at the Paris Conference," discussing them from the political angle. In addition to the above, the paper carries articles about the family of the ex-president and about various phases of his career. The front page carries a picture of the ex-president and a facsimile copy of a personal letter from him to the Editor-in-Chief.

Every one of the regular departments was run as usual but in an enlarged form. Every departmental editor made a special effort to make his page truly representative and worthy of that particular phase of college life. The Athletic Department is especially noteworthy in that it carries individual write-ups of the 1921 Wild Cat team in addition to a resume of the 1921 football season. The Business Department made the issue of the paper possible by the securing of eight pages of special advertising.

W. J. Cooper of this place, a student at Davidson is a member of the Davidsonians official staff.

Co-operative Marketing Campaign

Attention is called to the advertisement in this paper relative to the limited time remaining for farmers to sign contracts with the co-operative tobacco marketing association which is to become effective in Virginia, North and South Carolina next year. The campaign in Williamsburg county will close Saturday, there are only two more days in which farmers can pledge their support to the association. At a meeting here last night over 100,000 pounds was pledged by progressive raisers of tobacco in this community. Get together men and don't let this opportunity pass.

A thorough survey of the State in the field of the feeble-minded reveals the fact that there are over ten thousand feeble-minded persons in the State. The only home in the State for this class of citizens is located at Clinton and that institution is at present crowded with inmates and a waiting list of 100, the actual capacity of the home.

The Williamson Reunion.

One of the largest and pleasantest occasions of the kind was the reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Williamson, at their home in this county. This affair was to have been held on Christmas day, but as that day fell on Sunday, it was held on Monday 26th. A large number of the children and grand-children of Mr. Williamson were present. Besides these, Miss Lottie Dukes and Mr. P. B. Lockwood were visitors.

The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present, and one that will be long remembered.

A barbecue dinner was served, and everything desired by the inner man was on hand. Indeed, it was a feast to please the gods.

The number of little children present were enough to make a man wish he had been married before he was born, or could live always among these dear little ones, the little golden chains that draw us nearer Heaven, and make life worth living. The writer has always loved children, and it made us "feel a boy again" to be with them.

Mr. Henry J. Williamson is one of those wholehearted, courteous Southern gentlemen, a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of this county. He is in his 77th year and is still in good health. He served two years in the Confederate army, and bears the unique distinction of serving in the army, and not receiving a cent pay. He is still active and we wish him many happy years to come.

Those present were the following with their children: Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Williamson, Wilhelmina, Edward, Hoyt and Herman, of Cades; Mr. and Mrs. G. Furman, Hessie, Julius, Steve, Evelyn, George, Aurelia and Douglas, of Cades, and Elizabeth, and Annie of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. J. Melton Williamson, of Indiantown; Mr. and Mrs. Needham Williams, Otis, Haskell, Lurlice, Cooper, Juanita, Algie and Varnadore, of Cades; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williamson and Miss Fannie Williamson, of Leesville; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Williamson, Parniece, Clifton, Duva, and Vernol Loyd, of Cades; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McElveen, Willard, Ellen, Maude, Frances, Richard and Robert, of Rhems; Mrs. H. H. Hatchell, Ernest, Carlisle, Gena and DeLeon, of Charleston; Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Thornton and Roy, Jr., of Cades; Mr. and Mrs. Sauls and Mrs. Sauls' grand daughter, Violet.

Visitors: Mr. P. B. Lockwood, of Rhems, and Miss Lottie Dukes, of Mouzon.

Present: 18 children, 32 grand children, 1 great grand child.

The following were absent: H. H. Hatchell, son-in-law; Ozzie, Giles, Edison and Myrtle Mims, grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Poston and children, Elton, Lucile and J. B. Poston; the last three were great grandchildren.

Reduction in Transportation Janury 1

On January 1, 1922, passengers and shippers will realize a very substantial reduction in freight and passenger transportation on account of the removal of the tax on transportation effective on that date. Instructions have been issued to agents and others concerned providing that no tax on freight or passenger transportation furnished on or after January 1, 1922, will be charged. Tickets for transportation may be purchased at any time during the remainder of the present year without the payment of any tax provided the transportation service is not performed until 1922.

SOUTH CAROLINA TOBACCO CROP

TOTAL PRODUCTION IN THE STATE THIS YEAR, PLACED AT 50,000,000 POUNDS.

B. B. Hare, Agricultural Statistician in South Carolina for the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, reports the total production of tobacco in the State this year at 50,000,000 pounds, with an estimated value of \$4,500,000, while in 1919 the production was approximately 80,000,000 pounds and sold for a little more than \$18,000,000.

Estimates as to production and value for 1921 are shown in table below, by counties:

County	Production pounds	Estimated value
Bamberg	260,000	\$ 23,400
Berkeley	408,000	36,720
Chertessfield	728,000	65,520
Clorendon	3,402,000	306,180
Colleton	11,000	9,000
Darlington	5,952,000	535,680
Dillon	4,550,000	409,500
Dorchester	208,000	18,720
Florence	8,540,000	768,600
Georgetown	1,241,000	111,600
Horry	8,320,000	748,800
Lee	615,000	55,350
Marion	5,120,000	460,800
Marlboro	120,000	10,800
Orangeburg	270,000	24,300
Sumter	1,260,000	108,000
Williamsburg	9,480,000	855,200
All others	350,000	31,500

Life Prolonged By Health Service.

During the second week in January, Columbia is to hold a Health Institute, or winter school for the benefit of all persons interested in better health conditions.

In view of the great success of the Institute of the Public Health Service held in Washington last December and of the difficulty, due to the conflicting dates of other meetings, of arranging for another on the same scale this fall, the Service some time ago decided to try to meet the insistent, nation-wide demand by arranging a series of Institutes to be held in the larger widely scattered cities of the United States. Locations and dates were so arranged that at least two or three of the meetings should be held within reasonably convenient reach of nearly every resident of the country; and a tentative schedule of courses and of speakers was mapped out. The plans were promptly adopted by many cities, with some variations to meet special local needs.

Columbia is one of the score of important cities in the United States selected for a Public Health Institute. Dr. J. Adams Hayne, State Health Officer is to be the director of the institute and the preliminary arrangements are being made by Dr. C. V. tion; Dr. Hayne of the venereal disease control work in this State. Dr. Hayne will be section chairman of the tuberculosis section. Dr. C. Fred Williams of the mental hygiene section; Dr. Hayne of the venereal disease sections and the sanitary engineering section; Dr. Robert Wilson, Jr., of the non-communicable disease section; Dr. Robert Rankin of North Carolina, of the administrative problem section; and Dr. A. M. McCormick of Kentucky, of the section of nutrition in health and in disease.

Governor T. W. Bickett of North Carolina died yesterday at Raleigh, without having regained consciousness after a stroke of paralysis. He was 52 years of age.

BREAK IN CONFERENCE.

France Refuses to Consider Limitation of Submarines.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Efforts to limit the naval strength of the powers in submarines and auxiliary warships came to an abrupt end today after they had drawn the French and British arms conference delegates into a plain spoken exchange over the possibilities of a future war between France and the British Empire.

The French acting under renewed instructions from their government, told the conference naval committee with an air of finality that France must remain free to build a submarine flotilla nearly three times as great as that she now possesses and to construct, in addition, cruisers, destroyers and other auxiliary craft up to a tonnage of 330,000.

To the proposal the Americans, Japanese and Italians replied with expressions of surprise and regret, while the British charged openly that such a building program must be regarded as a menace to British shores. Arthur J. Balfour added that he had no doubt, if occasion arose, Great Britain would be equal to it, but only if she reserved complete freedom of action as to the construction of all types of auxiliaries which might be useful against underwater warfare.

Agreeing that further argument would be useless, the committee turned its attention to collateral subjects, including regulations for future use of submarines, proposals for limitation of the size and armament of individual auxiliary vessels, and details of the agreement already sealed in principle regarding capital ships.

For the American delegation Elihu Root proposed a joint declaration reaffirming the obligation of submarine commanders to warn merchant ships before attack, to refrain from sinking vessels whose crews and passengers could not first be placed in safety, and to conform in general to all the established practices of international law. In addition, Mr. Root also suggested a change in existing usage to prohibit attacks on merchant vessels altogether and to make submarine commanders who violate the regulation liable to trial as pirates.

General sympathy for the purposes of these proposals was expressed by the representatives of all the powers, but definite action was deferred. Should an agreement be reached, it is to be submitted to all civilized nations with an invitation for the world-wide adherence.

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