

PRESS OF THE UNITED STATES APPLAUDS WILSON'S DEMANDS

President's Note to German Empire Greatly Commented Upon.

NEWSPAPERS ARE EMPHATIC IN PRAISE

"Has Voiced Sentiment of the Nation," Says Chicago Tribune.

EXCERPTS FROM THE LEADING PAPERS

Feel that Situation Has Been Put Squarely Up to the German Empire.

President Wilson's note to Germany was editorially commented today with distinct praise and approbation. Excerpts from editorials of some of the leading newspapers follow:

New York Herald—Mr. Wilson has overcome the influence of those members of his cabinet who are for peace at any price. He has lived up to the very best traditions of his character.

New York World—It is calm. It is restrained. It is courteous, but with a cold, cutting courtesy that gives added emphasis to every word. The president has made it as easy for Germany to do right as to do wrong.

Richmond News Leader—Germany must now decide whether she will accept the American protest as an ultimatum or as an opportunity of rescinding an indefensible proclamation. Our protest is unequivocal and was meant to be so.

Waukegan Journal—The note asserts rights guaranteed American citizens under the laws of nations. The president's firmness and desire for friendship are certain of support from all Americans.

Sacramento Bee—The American people today have a rich reason to be proud of their president. Woodrow Wilson has met a grave crisis splendidly, facing it with firmness, without fireworks.

Chicago Tribune—Whatever the fate of our relations with Germany, the president undoubtedly has voiced the sentiment of the nation upon the use of the submarine and as to the rights of neutrals on the high sea.

Boston Herald—President Wilson has never written a great state paper more exactly suited to the occasion.

Philadelphia Record—The note is in every respect a masterly document. There can be no mistaking in the concluding paragraph.

Baltimore American—It has evaded nothing; it has mitigated nothing; and it shows no spirit of truckling. Germany must now either concede or stand outlawed before the world.

EZELL IS AGAIN WITH THE COLUMBUS CLOTHING CO.

Two Gents' Furnishing Stores Consolidate—Will Make Improvements.

The Ezell Clothing Company consolidated the past week with the Columbus Clothing Company, under which name it will in the future be known.

Mr. George H. Ezell, who was formerly with the Columbus Clothing Company, will be president of the firm, and Mr. Henry Beard, who has owned the business for the past year, will be secretary and treasurer.

Messrs. Ezell and Beard expect to make the Columbus Cloth-

McKAY DELIVERS ADDRESS TO PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

Lowndes County Planters Hear Fine Talk on Marketing Potatoes.

The Lowndes County Produce Association held an interesting meeting at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Mr. J. F. McKay, market agent of the A. and M. College, gave a very instructive lecture on how to grade potatoes for market. The members of the association expressed themselves as well pleased with the instruction given and all of them now have clear cut ideas about how to prepare their potatoes for shipment. Mr. McKay illustrated his talk with a grading board and the members got a clear idea about how to make it for themselves.

Mr. A. A. Breast, vice-president of the association, was instructed to order the potato sacks and each member stated how many he would need. From the best information at hand, there will be between ten and fifteen cars shipped, beginning between the first and tenth of June.

The matter of selecting a manager to attend to the shipping was left to the board of directors who have it under consideration and will select the manager during the coming week.

Mr. James A. Fuson appeared before the meeting and announced that his firm in Tennessee would move one of their canning factories to Columbus, saying that he had already secured sufficient acreage to assure them of material but that he wished to secure as much more acreage of tomatoes, beans, corn, cucumbers, cabbage, etc. as possible. The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday June 5th, at which time a full attendance is expected as it will then be determine when the first shipment will be made.

STATE EDITORS TO VISIT I. I. AND C. WEDNESDAY

Members of Mississippi Press to Be Accompanied by West Point Band.

The members of the Mississippi Press Association, who will meet the coming week in West Point, will arrive in this city next Thursday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, accompanied by the West Point Hussar Band, and will remain here until 11 p. m. While in Columbus they will be the guests of the Industrial Institute and College.

On account of the special train arriving here at such a late hour former arrangements to entertain the editors otherwise than at the college have been called off.

A special committee will meet the visitors at the train and will do every thing possible to show to them a fine time while in this city.

ing Company one of the handsomest gents' furnishing stores in the State. The stock and furniture of the Ezell Clothing Company will be placed in the Columbus Clothing Company's building.

Messrs. Goree and Peddy, who were members of the Ezell Clothing Company, will retire from the business.

Mrs. H. F. Simrall returned Friday from Vicksburg, where she attended the D. A. R. Convention. While away she visited relatives in Vicksburg and Warren county.



WOODROW WILSON.
"THE MAN OF THE HOUR," Whose Protest to Germany is Approved.

A. AND M. WINS TWO AND TIES OTHER WITH AUBURN

AT AGE OF NINETY-ONE
MRS. R. E. STALLINGS DIES

Christian Woman Passes Away After a Long and Useful Life.

After a long and useful life, Mrs. R. E. Stallings, age 91 years, passed away at her home on South Sixth street about 10 o'clock Friday night. Several months ago she was stricken with paralysis and has been confined to her bed ever since.

Mrs. Stallings was a faithful member of the First Baptist church, a loyal friend and a devoted wife and mother. She was ever ready with words of comforting cheer to those in distress, and her Christian example is worthy of emulation. She was the wife of the late Joe Stallings who was first circuit clerk here after the Civil war. She is survived by one son, Mr. Will Stallings, of Beaumont, Texas, and two daughters, Mrs. Fox, of Sessums, and Miss Augusta Stallings, to whom the Commercial extends heartfelt sympathy.

Funeral services were held from the family residence on South Sixth street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. S. Slack, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and interment took place at Friendship cemetery.

Won First of Double Headers 4 to 3; Second Game 1 to 1

TEAMS CLOSE SEASON YESTERDAY

Ends One of Most Successful Years A. and M. Has Ever Had

AGGIES TAKE FRIDAY'S GAME 3 TO 0

Roberts for Mississippi's Team Pitched a Pretty Game, Allowing One Hit

Making a whirlwind finish in the last half of the eighth inning, the Mississippi Aggies won out 4-3 in the first game of a double header scheduled to go seven innings, with Auburn here yesterday.

The second game was called at the end of the fifth to allow Auburn to catch a train with a score 1-1.

The first game resulted in an extremely exciting finish. Auburn scored once in the second as the result of an error, a sacrifice and a wild throw. A. and

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Francis X. Bushman and Norma Talmadge at Princess Monday.

The program at the Princess for Monday will consist of two big features of the photo-play world enacted by the biggest favorites.

Essanay presents Francis X. Bushman and big cast in "The Return of Richard Neal," a problem play in 2 reels, produced in conjunction with "The Ladies World," a strong and compelling story with beautiful settings.

Vitagraph offers our little favorite, Norma Talmadge supported by Donald Hall, Van Dyke Brooke, Rankin Drew and others in "Elsa's Brother," a high class drama in 2 reels, making 5 reels of entertainment from the studios of the world's best producers.

Excellent musical program. Admission 5 and 10c.

We will offer as a special feature attraction for Tuesday, May 18th, the photo-play beautiful, "Graustark," adapted from the famous book by George Barr McCutcheon, produced in 6 reels by the Essanay Company, with an all star cast, including Francis X. Bushman, Beverly Bayne, Bryant Washburn, Edna Mayo and 35 others. This production is conceded to be Essanay's supreme achievement.

There will be a special musical program by the Princess orchestra. Admission for Tuesday 10 and 20c 2 shows afternoon, 3 and 4:45 o'clock. Night, 2 shows 7:30 and 9 o'clock.

LOCAL BOYS WILL PLAY GAME ON NEXT TUESDAY

Franklin Academy and Columbus Players to Meet at Lake Park.

The Columbus baseball players are now in fine condition after several weeks practice and will play a game with the Franklin Academy team at Lake Park next Tuesday afternoon.

The game which was to have been played last Tuesday evening was postponed on account of rain.

It is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance at the first game of the season to be played by the Columbus boys.

COLLEGE TERM IS NEARING A CLOSE

Thirtieth Annual Session of I. I. and C. to End May 31.

NINETY-SIX TO GRADUATE

Commencement Sermon Will Be Delivered By Bishop T. D. Bratton, of Jackson.

The thirtieth annual commencement of the Industrial Institute and College will begin on Thursday, May 27, and will close May 31, bringing to an end one of the most successful sessions in the history of the institution.

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 27, the historical play, "The History of Columbus," will be given on the college campus. Nearly one thousand people will take part in the pageant, which will give a history of the past and present, showing scenes of the Indian period, pioneer period, ante-bellum period, Civil war period, reconstruction period, and founding of the Industrial Institute and College, written by Mrs. Frances O. J. Gaither, of Mobile, a former graduate of the I. I. and C.

On Friday, May 28, Class Day exercises will be held and in the evening the regular concert by the Glee Club will be given under the direction of Miss Mattie Lou Brown.

Industrial exhibits will be on display on Saturday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., and late in the afternoon the Alumnae garden party for the Seniors will be given. At 8 o'clock the annual recital by the Bach Society will take place. Sunday morning, May 30, at 11 o'clock Bishop T. D. Bratton, of Jackson, will deliver the commencement sermon, and will also deliver a sermon before the Young Women's Christian Association at 8 p. m.

The regular graduation exercises will take place on the following Monday, when ninety-six graduates will be given diplomas.

PAGEANT WILL BE BEAUTIFUL AFFAIR

First Complete Rehearsal is Given For the Big Play.

MANY VISITORS EXPECTED

Music For the Occasion Furnished by the A. & M. Band.

In the first complete rehearsal of the big pageant, "The History of Columbus," which was held on the campus of the Industrial Institute and College, it was gone through with without any hitch, each scene showing the effort that has been expended upon it. This play will be seen here on May 27, and several thousand visitors from over the south are expected for the occasion.

In the rehearsal held the acting was done on the immense outdoor stage prepared for its

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WILL SHOW PICTURES OF PAGEANT AT EXPOSITION

John L. Smith Arranges to Have "Movies" of Play at World's Fair.

Hon. John L. Smith, manager of the commission having in charge the Mississippi display at the Panama Exposition, spent Friday in Columbus and arranged with Miss Emma Odj-Phol, who is managing the play, to have scenes of the pageant to be given on the campus of the I. I. and C. May 26, shown at 'Frisco.

Mr. Smith expects to show pictures of the big pageant three times each week at the World's Fair. Several moving picture concerns are making efforts to secure rights to make pictures of the play.

FRIERSON ON TEXT BOOK COMMISSION

Principal of Local Schools Among Eight Educators Named.

TO SERVE FOR FIVE YEARS

Will Select Books to Be Used in Public Schools For Next Five Terms.

Governor Brewer during the past week named the new text book commission to select the books to be used in the public schools in Mississippi during the next five years. Among the eight educators named was Prof. W. V. Frierson, superintendent of the local public schools, who is to represent the first district. Others named were: George G. Hurst, Oxford, second district; H. B. Heidelberg, Clarksdale, third district; Claude S. Hill, Grenada, fourth district; Thos. Sykes, Meridian, fifth district; R. H. Watkins, Laurel, sixth district; J. G. Bridges, Meadville, seventh district; P. H. Eager, Jr., Florence, eighth district.

None of the commission named by Gov. Noel four years ago was retained by Governor Brewer.

The commission is expected to make its selections in time for purchase and distribution of books throughout the state before the beginning of the next scholastic term.

The books chosen shall be used in the schools for a period of five years. The exchange price between old books and new books of the same or similar grade shall not exceed fifty per cent of the retail contract price of new books.

The law prohibits the commission from changing more than twenty-five per cent of the books now in use.

Mr. Darrah Peebles, of Carrollton, Ala., spent Thursday here on business.

Passes Examination.

Mr. Hugh Waddell, the young son of Mrs. H. M. Waddell, is being congratulated upon having passed an examination recently entitling him to enter West Point Military Academy. Mr. Waddell has been assisting in teaching at Marion, Ala., the past two years, under Dr. H. O. Murphy, and he is due much credit for his good work there.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

"There is one incident the world will remember in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania," said the Bishop of London while presiding at a meeting of the Waifs and Strays Society. "When Alfred G. Vanderbilt was face to face with death he said to his valet: 'Come and let us save the kiddies. Those words will run around the world in a way no millionaires millions could ever do.'"

At a meeting of the State members of the Mothers' Congress held the past week in Jackson, Mrs. J. Benjamin Lawrence was elected president.

At the annual session of State doctors held the past week in Hattiesburg, Greenville was selected as the place of meeting in 1916.

The North Carolina anti-liquor shipment law, limiting receipts of liquor to one quart every two weeks to any individual, was upheld in two decisions handed down in superior court in Raleigh Friday.

To the Public.

Having sold my blacksmith business to Mr. J. H. Robson, I wish to thank the people of this section for the patronage given to me in the past, and will appreciate it if they will continue to patronize the same old stand.

Respectfully,
H. C. Foreman.