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## FORD PEACE PARTY RAPIDLY BREAKING UP

### Lieut. Governor Bethea Quits Party

### DISAGREE OVER PROCEDURE

#### One Delegate Characterizes the Peace Plan as Nebulous and Vague. Mr. Ford Left United States Without Definite Plans. None Developed.

Stockholm, via London, December 26.—Andrew J. Bethea, Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, will leave the expedition tomorrow on account of personal business. Mrs. Boissevain plans to start for Holland at the same time.

A meeting of the members of the Ford peace commission last night resulted in a disagreement over the mode of procedure and Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain announced her withdrawal from the expedition. Mrs. Boissevain explained that she was compelled to abandon the peace trip and would leave immediately for home.

Henry Ford, on departing for America, had appointed seven delegates to carry on the work of the expedition. These delegates, the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones chairman, announced the plans without reference to the general meeting. Mrs. Boissevain protested. She described the peace plan as nebulous and vague, and said that when the peace ship left New York, Mr. Ford had no definite plans, but that she hoped later that one developed. She said this had not materialized and instead there were dissensions and misunderstandings. She expressed the belief that the expedition was doomed to failure because of un-democratic principles of a small group, including Mme Rosika Schwimmer, in controlling opinion.

"We have appeared to the public what we are in fact, a confused mass of amiably-intended persons of vague thinking and no collective planning," Mrs. Boissevain said, and continuing she accused the leaders of the party with having arrived in Scandinavia without any plan convincing to the people whom it was sought to win over to peace.

### "UNCLE JACK" HOODOOED

#### Balliff at the County Jail has One Almost "Put Over" on Him.

Charlie Jernigen is in the county jail and C. M. Jernigen, his brother, is serving a sentence from the mayor's court, both of them being charged with larceny. The former is charged with entering stores at Fountain Inn and Clinton and the latter with larceny from the person. The "person" happens to be "Uncle Jack" Glenn, the representative of Sheriff Owings at the county jail.

According to court house gossip, C. M. Jernigen got into trouble on account of his brother who was already in jail. It is said that he used various and sundry "wiles" on Uncle Jack Glenn in the hope that the latter would give up the jail keys. The unsuspecting "Uncle Jack" did indeed go to sleep under the spell of the scheming Jernigen and was relieved of considerable cash money and other valuables, but the keys did not show up. Somebody else did, however, and as a result of the evening's activities Jernigen, as aforesaid, is now serving time on the chain gang.

### Death of Mrs. John Anderson.

Mrs. John Anderson, of the Fork section near Waterloo, died at her home Thursday and was buried at Mt. Pleasant church Friday. Mrs. Anderson was in the 58th year of her life. She is survived by her husband and several children. Mrs. Anderson was a consecrated, Christian woman and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

### Opens New Cafe.

Mr. Jonas B. Ward, of Greenwood, has opened a cafe in the Martin building where the Laurens Motor Car Co. was formerly located. It will be in charge of his son, Mr. Willie Ward. The American Cafe is the name of the new concern. They expect to give high class service in every respect.

### BURGLAR CAUGHT.

#### John Woody Landed In Jug After Breaking Into Several Places.

After breaking into three places Monday night, John Woody was caught by the city officers just as he was entering the office of the Southern Express Company about two-thirty in the morning. Woody first broke through the plate glass window of Todd, Simpson Company, from which he took several cheap watches. After this he rambled down into the wholesale district and extracted about one hundred cans of sardines from the warehouse of J. S. Bennett Sons and Company. After placing his watches and sardines in his private store-room Woody decided to have a drink and headed for the express office. As he was about to leave the building with the night's haul, the officers nabbed him. Though he at first denied his guilt, he finally confessed to the two previous robberies of the evening and to having broken into the express office several weeks ago. Monday night he was about to get away with seven gallons of whiskey and on his former visit he hauled off four gallons.

### R. F. D's. PROTEST.

#### Meeting is Held Against Combining Routes in Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, Dec. 27.—The Spartanburg court house was crowded this morning with rural letter carriers representing the counties of the Fourth Congressional district who had come to discuss with Congressman S. J. Nicholls the proposed motor routes. The postmaster general has indicated his intention to consolidate some of the existing routes and have them covered by carriers using automobiles and covering much greater territory. Opposition to the change was general, many of the carriers speaking in opposition to the plan.

Mr. Nicholls expressed the belief that the federal government would at no distant date inaugurate plans that would aid the several states in road building, but until there was decided improvement in the character of the highways over which the carriers must travel he regarded the motor route as impracticable and would do all within his power to have them held up.

### Louie Lift the Rag.

Louie Alexas, who some time ago, bought a fruit stand from Charlie Hondros, left for parts unknown several days ago, after getting a lot of goods from local merchants on credit. After he had run his debts up to about three hundred he hit the trail for other portions of the country. Yesterday he was found in Cincinnati and officers expect to go after him at once.

### ATTRACTION AT MOUNTVILLE.

#### The Mildred Morrison Company to be at the Schoolhouse Tomorrow Night.

One of the finest attractions of the season will be at the Mountville schoolhouse tomorrow (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock. The attraction is The Mildred Morrison Company and it comes to Mountville with the very highest recommendations and with a record of having pleased their audiences wherever appearing. The company will present Miss Mildred Morrison, in songs and readings, Miss Vera Anderson, violinist and Mr. Carl Taggart, baritone and trombone. The following from one of the Texas papers shows how well they have pleased those who have heard them: "Each performance received numbers of encores, which was additional proof that their program was more than had been claimed for it." Tickets for the show are on sale at Hipp Brothers store.

### Cotton Ginnings.

The cotton ginnings for this county up to December 17th when the last report was made, amounted to 37,551 bales. Up to the same time last year 35,366 bales had been ginned. The increase this year, therefore, is over 2,000 bales.

### Governor Offers Reward.

Governor Manning has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of Greenwood Rogers, who escaped from the State farm about December 2nd. Greenwood Rogers was from this county and was serving a life sentence for the murder of Mr. Geo. Young near Renno.

### SOUGHT TREASURE OF ANCIENT INCAS

#### Post office Inspector Returning After Vain Search for Buried Wealth in Peru.

Colon, Panama, December 26.—Harry A. Barber, a United States postoffice inspector, who has been in the interior of Peru trying to locate the buried treasure of the Incas, will start for Washington tomorrow, having, it is said, failed in his quest.

Inspector Barber was sent to Peru to investigate for the Federal authorities at Wilmington, Del., the alleged existence of a \$500,000,000 placer gold deposit, which figures prominently in the McCune case, in which the Duponts and other leading Delaware financiers are mentioned. McCune, it is said, floated a large corporation on the strength of having discovered the source of the gold of the ancient Incas. He finally became involved with the postoffice department. McCune is now at liberty under \$10,500 bail and, according to Barber, is in Peru again endeavoring to locate the treasure.

The mine is said to be near the head waters of the Amazon River. According to the McCune prospectus there is an exceptionally rich vein of free gold. Barber said that he spent six weeks making an investigation, but declined to state with what results. He said, however, that the natives told him they had never known of any gold in the vicinity. On his return to Washington Barber said that he would make an exhaustive report to the postoffice department.

### Returned With Fugitive.

Rural Policeman A. R. Sullivan returned from Olfertman, Ga., Friday, where he had been to secure Sam Jones, a negro wanted in this county for a murder committed in 1901, fourteen years ago. According to the records in the clerk of court's office, Jones killed another negro by the name of Will Mason near Goldville as a result of a row over a woman. Immediately after the shooting Jones left for parts unknown. The sheriff and his officials have been on his trail for some time.

### Attended Hotel Meeting.

Mr. H. C. Rohr, proprietor of the Laurens Hotel, attended a meeting of the S. C. Hotel Men's Association, held in Columbia last week. Mr. Rohr took a prominent part in the discussions in the meeting and was elected vice president of the association. John J. Cain, manager of The Jefferson, at Columbia, was elected president. Mr. Rohr is considered one of the best posted men in the state on hotel matters.

### ORGAN RECITAL THURSDAY.

#### Dr. John A. Earnshaw of Columbia College Will Give Recital in Methodist Church.

Dr. John A. Earnshaw, director of music at the Columbia Female College, will give an organ recital in the Methodist church here tomorrow, (Thursday) evening beginning at seven-thirty. Dr. Earnshaw is well-known to the music lovers of Laurens and is considered a leader among Southern musicians. The following program will be rendered:

Great Fantasia in G Minor J. S. Bach  
Slavonic Cradle Song Neruda  
Golden Wedding Gabriel Marie  
Toccata in E Minor Collaerts  
Adoration Borowski  
Grand Choeur Gullmant  
Humoresque Dvorak  
Fantasia in D Minor Bach  
Nocturne Chopin  
Round the Fair Bossi  
Christmas in Sicily Yon  
Finlandia Likellus

The recital is being given under the auspices of the Davies Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. During the evening a silver offering will be taken.

### Moves From Spartanburg.

Mr. S. R. Darrah, who has been farming near Spartanburg, is moving this week to the place he recently bought from Mr. J. B. Machen several miles south of the city on the Waterloo road.

### Crowder-Bishop.

Miss Auda Belle Crowder, of Mountville, and William Bishop, of Kinards, were married at the home of Rev. W. H. Murray, at Kinards, last Saturday. Rev. Murray performing the ceremony. Both are popular young people in their respective communities. They will reside at Kinards.

### NO CHRISTMAS TRUCE FOR MEN IN TRENCHES

#### No Heavy Fighting, but No Truce Either. English Government Under Newspaper Attack.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas passed without heavy fighting anywhere on the European fronts. It passed also without a truce, which gave a touch of humanity to Christmas a year ago. The United Kingdom, however, witnessed a general abandonment of the truce between the political parties, which was observed during the early months of the war and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the coalition government was formed.

The past week has seen a steady growth of the newspaper attacks on the government, the general burden of which is the slowness, the lack of foresight and decision and the mismanagement of the Dardanelles enterprises. While all newspapers disclaim any partisan motives all the more prominent ones participating in the opposition belong to the conservative party with the exception of the Manchester Guardian.

The newspapers generally hold Premier Asquith responsible for the conduct of affairs. The Northcliffe group headed by the Times and the Daily Mail with the support of the Morning Post was joined today by the Observer which is the foremost Sunday paper, and the Referee which has a large audience among the masses.

David Lloyd-George is the only candidate advanced for succession. He commanded Lord Northcliffe's support sometime ago in his speech charging the government with being "too late" at the most important crisis of the war and at the same time gained for himself a larger following.

The two latest counts of the indictment of the cabinet are the postponement until after the holidays of the munitions bill and the postponement of giving the country any insight into Lord Derby's report on his recruiting results. In the meantime the verdict of union labor on Mr. Lloyd-George's appeal to relax union rules in munitions works to permit of the entry of 80,000 unskilled laborers is awaited with interest. One hundred and fifty delegates of the engineering society met in London this week to consider terms for settling all differences with the government.

### The Salonki Situation.

Speculation over the development of an attack on the Allies at Saloniki, continues. Some papers credit the Central Powers with a plan to bear down on Saloniki from three sides, the Germans forming the center with the Turks and Bulgarians on the light and right wings, respectively.

From different correspondents come various reports on the situation in the Balkans, some contending that the Bulgarians have accomplished all the territorial gains within their immediate ambitions and therefore will not move further. Other correspondents represent them as being determined to extend their boundaries to include the important port of Saloniki.

Germany probably is confronted with the problem of reconciling the conflicting ambitions of her two Balkan allies, Turkey and Bulgaria and also trying to keep the friendship of Greece whose support she is credited with still hoping to gain.

### Greece's Latest Move.

The latest reported Greek move is the prohibition of the export of food supplies from Greece to the Franco-British army at Saloniki. General Caselneau, chief of the French general staff has visited King Constantine and met the Greek army staff and the ministers of the Allied countries. King Peter of Serbia has arrived in Italy from Avlona and will be the guest of King Victor Emmanuel. King Peter will be entertained in the royal palace at Caserta.

### Birth and Death Record.

That there is little danger of race suicide in Laurens county for some time to come is indicated by the birth and death record issued by the state department of health several days ago. According to this record there were 507 deaths in the county between January 1st and October 31st as against 925 births. The records are accurate as the law requires physicians to return all births and deaths.

### REPORT OF PROGRESS IN LAURENS SCHOOLS

#### Figures on Which was Based Award of Second Prize in School Contest.

The report below was made by Miss Wil Lou Gray, county rural school supervisor, in competing for the state prizes offered for school improvement. It will be remembered that this county won the second prize, Dillon winning the first by a narrow margin. The report is as follows:

#### Detail Improvements in Laurens County—1914-1915.

School	Community	Trustees
Laurens City	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00
Laurens Mill	95.00	
*Trinity Ridge	145.00	250.00
*Prospect	5.00	10.00
*Woodrow Wilson	38.00	30.00
Bailey	15.15	16.20
*Copleland	17.00	550.00
*Fleming		50.00
Watts Mill	10.00	50.00
*Oak Grove	20.00	14.00
*Lanford	51.00	10.00
*Ora	85.10	65.74
*Ebernezer	32.30	24.34
*Patton	8.00	14.84
*Friendship	66.00	30.00
Warrior Creek	10.00	40.00
*Riddle's Old Field	8.00	11.00
*Huntersville	56.00	3,120.93
*Grays	37.67	
Central	4.15	
*Youngs	105.00	165.00
*Greenpond	263.15	10.00
*Eden	100.00	2,600.00
Shiloh	15.00	
Harmony	5.00	43.80
*Gray Court-Owings	253.00	20.00
*Barksdale	66.41	211.55
Dials	10.00	40.76
Merna		
*Princeton	64.00	22.00
Mt. Bethel		42.02
Poplar	15.00	66.12
*Hickory Tavern	*00.00	37.45
*Friendship	20.48	
*Brewerton	25.65	13.65
*Waterloo	0.00	100.00
Mt. Gallagher	40.00	30.86
*Palmetto	10.00	30.00
Bethlehem		
*Ekum		30.00
Center Point		
*Oakville	225.00	650.00
Mt. Pleasant	30.00	10.00
*Mt. Olive	228.20	1,886.00
Reedy Grove		
*Cross Hill	116.00	566.30
Long View		1,000.00
Pine Bluff		
Wade	12.00	
*Pine Grove	7.00	
*Mountville	313.01	16.50
*Lisbon	38.15	20.00
Rock		
*Rock Bridge	155.00	
Wadsworth		
*Clinton	25.00	600.00
*Lydia Mill	20.00	10.00
*Goldville	45.00	53.00
Belfast		6.00
Youngs		
*Hurricane	85.00	117.81
*Shady Grove	30.00	24.62
*Reno	110.00	124.45
Huntington—New building being built		
Odell's		
*Long Branch	22.20	10.00
Musgrove	5.00	69.22
Langston		
*Sandy Springs	35.00	10.00
Total	\$3,401.42	\$13,109.27

\*—The schools which have organized School Improvement Associations.

### Miscellaneous Facts.

Schools—69.  
One-teacher . . . . .34  
Two-teacher . . . . .19  
Three-teacher . . . . .8  
Four-teacher . . . . .2  
High . . . . .6  
Teachers—160.  
First grade . . . . .135  
Second grade . . . . .21  
Third grade . . . . .4  
New Schools Value Equipment  
Eden . . . . . \$2,600 \$250.00  
Bethany . . . . . 3,000 170.93  
Mt. Olive . . . . . 2,000 113.66  
Long View . . . . . 1,000  
Oakville . . . . . 650 75.00  
Copleland . . . . . 500 150.00  
Districts voting (increasing) tax—  
10: Oakville, Belfast, Jacks, Laurens, Rock Bridge, Greenpond, Reedy Grove, Riddle's Old Field, Princeton, Gray Court-Owings.  
Voting bonds—1: Mt. Olive.  
Reedy Grove and Bethlehem schools have consolidated.  
Libraries increased—21.  
Librarians established—2.  
Over \$500 invested in books in the last year.  
Over \$200 invested in maps in the last year.  
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## TORPEDO CLAIMS 80 MORE LIVES

### French Liner Victim of Undersea Fire

### BELGIAN STEAMER ALSO TORPEDOED

#### French Liner Sent to Bottom Without Warning. Not Known Whether or Not Any Americans Were Among Those Who Perished. Other News from Various Fronts.

The French steamer Ville de la Ciotat, proceeding from the far east for Marseilles, with many passengers aboard, has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The loss of life among the passengers and crew is estimated at 80, the survivors being picked up by a British steamer and taken to Malta. The official announcement of the attack from Paris says that the vessel was sunk without warning.

Casualties likewise are believed to have occurred in the torpedoing of the Belgian steamer Ministre Bernart, two boatloads of the crew of which are said to be unaccounted for. Submarines Very Active.

The activity of the submarines of the Teutonic allies is further evidenced by the fact that within the last few days they have sent to the bottom British, French and Belgian shipping amounting to a tonnage of nearly 18,000.

Should the American citizenship of one of the survivors of the Japanese steamer Yasaka Maru be established, the sinking of that vessel by a submarine, it is announced from Washington, will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations by the American government.

The British Indian army corps has been withdrawn from the front in France "for another field of action." King George, in a message delivered to the departing soldiers by the Prince of Wales, highly praises them for the courage and endurance and "deeds nobly done in the days of the ever-memorable conflict."

### British Fight Arabs.

Again there has been considerable fighting between the British and Arabs in western Egypt, near the Triploitan border, but the result is somewhat clouded, owing to the divergent reports of London and Constantinople, London claiming success for the British and Constantinople for the Arabs.

The British have put down an attack of the Turks against Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, where the Turks had succeeded in breaching the fortified positions and entering the bastion of one of the forts. The Turkish losses in the several engagements are estimated at 700. The British killed and wounded numbered 190.

Little fighting of consequence is going on elsewhere except by means of artillery and sapping operations. Both Paris and London report the infliction of damage to German trenches at several points on the western line.

### Italian Fire Increasing.

On the Austro-Italian front the Italian bombardment of the Tyrolean section has grown in intensity and on the Isonzo front the big guns of both sides are exchanging shells.

On the Russian front and in Galicia there is no change in the situation, while in the Balkan theatre the fighting seemingly has ended, except for isolated battles in Montenegro.

Greece, according to Berlin advices, has requested Bulgaria to withdraw her troops from Albanian territory and the reply of Bulgaria is expected to be satisfactory.

### Attention Subscribers.

On account of the large amount of clerical work connected with giving credit for subscriptions turned in during the content, many labels have not been changed yet. Proper credit will be given as early as is possible.

### Big Sale Starts Monday.

As announced in their page advertisement in this issue of The Advertiser, the big Reorganization Sale at Davis Reper Company will begin next Monday, the third of January. For this sale they have made great reductions in prices on all goods and they expect to have another of their successful sales.