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VIGOROUS DEMANDS STARTLE KAISER REPORTED TO BE WEARY OF WAR

MANY DELICATE PROBLEMS HAVE COME TO LIGHT

VAN DYKE AFFAIR PROMPTS PROTEST TO GERMANY BY SEC. BRYAN.

LONDON CAN'T UNDERSTAND SUDDEN FIRMNESS BY BRYAN

Interest in War Suddenly Shifts to America Where Several Most Delicate Matters are Being Dealt With in a Stern and Vigorous Manner—Demands can be Complied With in a Week.

London, Feb. 12.—Interest in the war has shifted to America, for the time being. No sooner was England and Germany startled by the vigorous demands made by the state department at Washington than the Van Dyke fracas brought newer problems to the front. Both have been acted on promptly by the United States and diplomats do not understand the sudden sharpness in tones from the Washington state department.

Van Dyke Affair Protested. Washington, Feb. 12.—The state department has sent to Germany a protest against interference by German authorities with Minister Van Dyke's communications between Holland and Luxembourg, at which place he is the accredited representative of Uncle Sam. Van Dyke made sharp protest of the affair to Washington and Washington promptly took steps to relieve the situation.

Newspapers Say Little. Berlin, Feb. 12.—Newspapers have made but little comment to the American note. There is a general justification of the government's attitude in the few editorials that have appeared. The Tage-Zeitung said the suggestion that submarines must ascertain beyond a doubt that the ship attacked is a foe, cannot always be complied with.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The Zurich correspondent to the France-Mainet has wired that the Kaiser is depressed with the result of the war situation and that he recently told members of his suite that Germany must seek a way to conclude peace. The dispatch denied the rumor has expressed himself as still hopeful of being able to approach Russia through the small pro-German coterie in the Russian court.

Would Give Austria Chance. The correspondent says Germans will abandon Austria, if by doing so, she can make satisfactory peace for herself.

CLASSES TO REOPEN.

St. Peter's Industrial Work to Be Resumed Tomorrow Afternoon.

Commencing tomorrow from 2 until 5, the industrial classes of the St. Peter's church will resume meetings after the holiday rest. New equipment has been provided and the different grades will take up basketry, clay work, paper cutting and folding and the other phases of the class endeavor. All members of the classes are notified herewith by Mrs. Fred G. Schilke that the work is to resume tomorrow.

PROJECTS GET APPROPRIATION

KLAMATH AND UMATILLA PROJECTS AIDED.

House Passes Bills Carrying Funds For Oregon Reclamation.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The house today appropriated \$370,000 for the Klamath project and decided on \$366,000 for the Umatilla reclamation project.

These two appropriations will carry forward the work on these two projects the coming season.

WAR BULLETINS

London, Feb. 12.—That the United States intends to protect the rights and privileges of its citizens and merchant ships in the war zone is the construction placed on the notes forwarded to England and Germany regarding the Lusitania flag incident and the German extension of the war zone to British waters. There is no question but that the vigorous language of the communications was a distinct surprise to the majority of the diplomats.

Even Washington Surprised. Washington, Feb. 12.—Diplomats and government officials generally are expressing astonishment at the vigor of the American notes sent to England and Germany. Some authorities expressed the opinion that the communication to Germany would require the United States to go to war with the Kaiser should American ships be sunk by German war craft. The administration officials held that despite the "Strength tone" of both notes, neither involved the United States in international difficulties.

NATION PAYS HOMAGE TO LINCOLN IN FITTING WAY

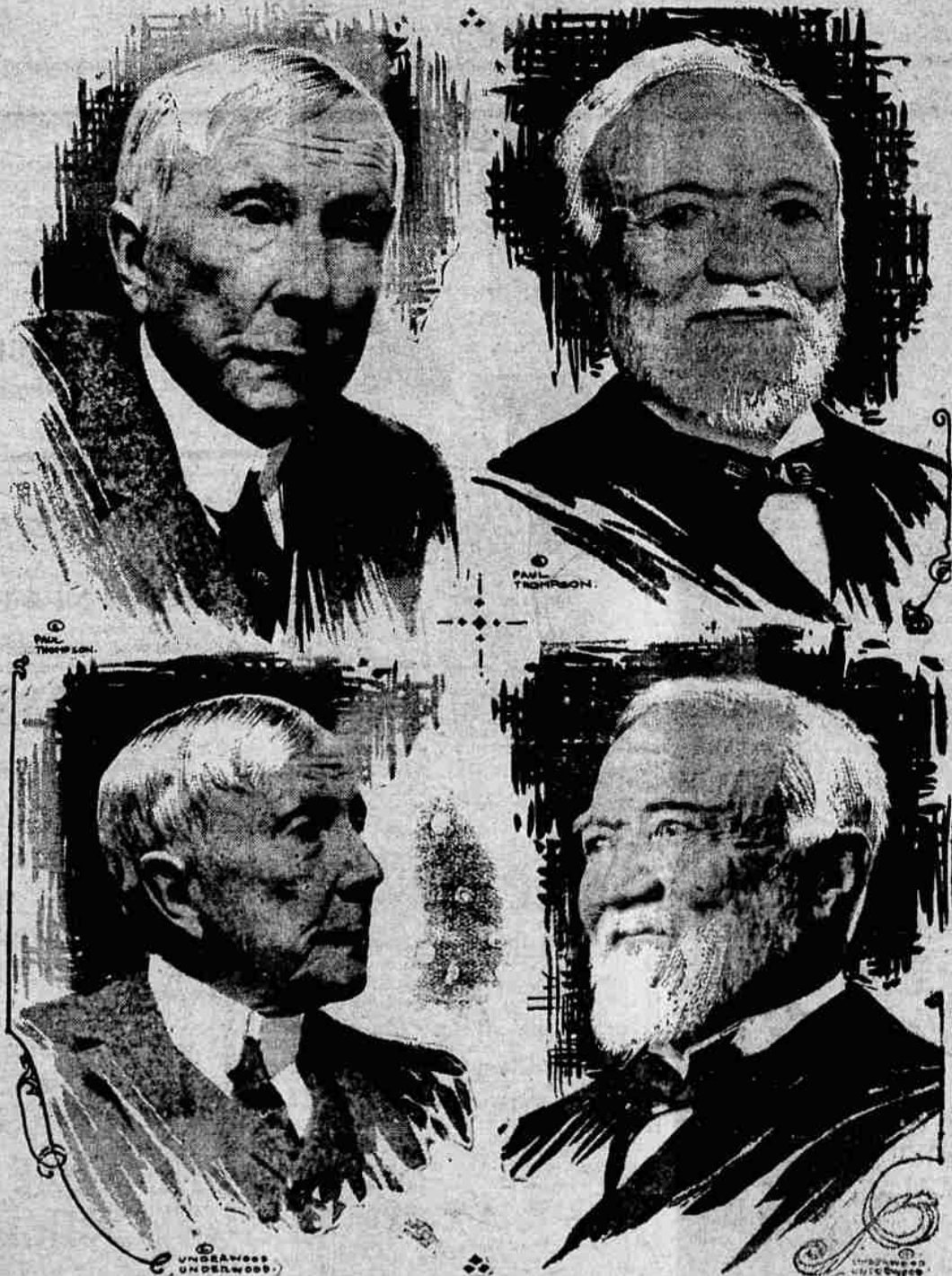
Washington, Feb. 12.—The Nation's Capitol today paid tribute to the great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln, on this, the 105th anniversary of his birth. Tonight the National Emancipation Commemorative society will hold a big mass meeting at which the speakers will be Representative Greene of Massachusetts, the Rev. James E. Churchman of New Jersey, and the Rev. M. W. D. Norman of this city.

A movement will be started to get Congress to make Lincoln's birthday a national holiday. New York, Feb. 12.—Governor Whitman, United States Senator J. E. Wadsworth, former Ambassador Myron T. Herrick and Congressman J. Adams Bode are to be speakers at the Republican club's banquet at the Waldorf tonight.

SCHOOLS REMEMBER LINCOLN High School and Grades Give Over Afternoon to Lincoln Day Plans.

In the various grade schools and the high school of the city, Lincoln day was observed with appropriate programs this afternoon. In the high school the following program was carried out, after which the students

VIEWS OF THE TWO RICHEST MEN IN THE WORLD, CARNEGIE AND ROCKEFELLER.



These are the two best photographs ever obtained of the two richest men in the world, Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller. They were taken when the two appeared on the witness stand at the inquiry of the Industrial Relations Commission in New York.

HIGH WHEAT LORE READS LIKE NOVEL

JOY AND SORROW COMBINE TO MAKE HISTORY.

Present High Price of Wheat Far Below That of Civil War Times and Subsequent "Corners."

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12.—The romance and tragedy of the people's bread-stuff in the last 50 years is a story of fortunes made and lost; of speculation and suicide, with the innocent consumer always paying the freight. Sometimes the grower benefited, sometimes not.

The rapid and sensational advance in wheat prices which has followed the war recalled to Chicago traders other wheat marks in years gone by. During the civil war, wheat at one time sold for \$2.85 in the Chicago grain market, while on the seaboard it could not be purchased cheaper than \$3 gold. The prices forced by the war lasted until 1867. From that time to 1883, wheat sold above \$1 every year. In the last 20 years, wheat brought above \$1 in 11 years—not continuously, but at times.

In 1872, the Franco-Prussian war, either by demand or speculation, forced wheat to \$1.67. Three years prior to that, September wheat was cornered. No one now in the Chicago trade remembers just who did it, but records show that this corner sent wheat to \$2.47 per bushel.

The most noted corners of the last 30 years were those engineered by E. J. Harper, B. P. Hutchinson, "Joe" Leiter and James A. Patten.

Harper's corner in 1887 took wheat to \$1.75, when the corner collapsed and sent banks and speculators tottering. "Old Hutch," now dead, one of the most spectacular of the old time traders, engineered his corner in 1888. It sent wheat to \$2 a bushel. There was no serious attempt after that to corner wheat until 1898, when "Joe" Leiter tried. He put May up to \$1.85, made millions and then tried to switch his corner to June and thereby lost a sum that he himself testified a few weeks ago totaled \$11,000,000. His father's estate, that of Levi Leiter, merchant prince, came to his aid and in later years Leiter recouped all his losses—but not in the grain pit.

The latest corner in 1909 was engineered by James A. Patten, Chicago trader, and Patten is believed to have cleared millions, how many not even his brokers ever knew. The record price in his coup was \$1.60. For two months after he closed his corner, cash wheat sold higher than the futures.

Patten ostensibly retired a few years ago and lives in a palace at Evanston, Ill. His gifts to colleges, hospitals and private charities total millions. The magnificent gymnasium at Northwestern University, Methodist institution at Evanston, was Patten's gift and bears his name. While Patten is "officially" retired, he maintains an office and is usually there when there is a "hen on" in the "flyer" so he calls it, involving a mere matter of a few hundred of thousands. Patten's friends say that all his winnings in the wheat pit now go to charity.

Michigan G. O. P. Candidates.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 12.—Michigan republicans met today in Grand Rapids for the annual spring convention of the party. Candidates were to be nominated for the following offices:

Two justices of the Supreme court; superintendent of public instruction; two regents of the University of Michigan; one member of the state board of agriculture.

Sodality Dance This Evening.

Rex hall will be the scene, tonight, of a jovial party when the Sodality girls are again hostesses to their friends at a pre-Lenten dancing party. Although the week has been socially busy, many have laid their plans to be present this evening.

ROBBERS SLAY RICH OAKLAND MAN AND WIFE

MORTAL COMBAT STAGED IN THREE ROOMS OF OAKLAND FAMILY HOME.

DEAD MAN PROMINENT IN CALIFORNIA BANKS

Bodies of Dead Couple Found This Morning and Blood Marks Show Nature of the Fight for Their Lives—Clubs or Axes Had Been Used to Still Those Who Defended Home.

Oakland, Feb. 12.—Oakland is mystified today at the developments of a bloody murder and robbery in the fashionable part of the city last night. Jacob Vogel and wife were found in their home this morning murdered by robbers. They had been beaten to death with an axe or a club while fighting for their lives and property.

Three rooms of the home were blood spattered, indicating the scene of the fighting had shifted from place to place.

Vogel was a wealthy banker, being president of the Bank of Sanger, vice president of the First National of Fresno, and a director in the Citizens National of Fruitvale.

SOCIAL ROOM NEARLY READY.

Regulations to Keep Boys Under 18 From Billiards Taken.

Many details of the Y. M. C. A. work were entered into by the board of directors at their meeting last night, chief among which, perhaps, was the question of a minimum age for patrons of the social room, which is almost ready for opening. A most sensitive problem was developed by this phase of the work when the question of admitting minors to the use of the bowling alleys and billiard tables was raised. After considering the matter very carefully, however, it was decided that the state law governing the matter should be followed to the letter and that boys under 18 years of age should not be allowed access to the social room.

"The fact that the state law prohibits minors from frequenting places where billiards and bowling are indulged in, is in itself sufficient reason for the action of the board in this matter," said J. T. Williamson, president of the board. "We gave this matter very serious attention and feel that this was the only proper course to pursue."

Action was also taken by the board prohibiting boys of grade school age from frequenting the "Y" after 6 o'clock at night. This action was deemed advisable for the reason that many of the younger boys have become so enthusiastic over the Y. M. C. A. work that they would allow it to interfere with their school duties unless some regulations were administered.

A communication was received from the Neighborhood club inclosing a check for \$30, the proceeds from the recital given by Miss Goodwin which is to be applied to the kitchen fund.

The Junior board of the Y. M. C. A., at their regular meeting last night closed a contract with Ellsworth Ellis for staging the coming minstrel show. Plans were also entered into for expanding the membership of the board to include a number of young men who are not yet actively into the work of the association.

Baker People at Lake.

Hot Lake, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Albert Geiser of Baker arrived at the sanatorium yesterday to visit the William Pollman family. He is taking the bath treatment.

SENATE TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION BILL TUESDAY—JITNEYS SAFE

Salem, Feb. 12.—By unanimous vote the senate committee on alcoholic traffic reported in the Anderson bill to the senate today, and the senate made it a special order of business for 2 o'clock Tuesday.

Jitney Regulation Falls. The senate has indefinitely postponed two bills intended to place jitneys under regulation of the state

railroad commissions. This leaves regulation of the jitneys in the hands of municipalities.

Sheriffs May Get Tax Job. The house passed a bill giving sheriffs sole jurisdiction in the collection of taxes. A bill forbidding the use of railroad tracks and rights of way by persons not authorized to traverse them was defeated in the house.