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WILSON OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN FOR DEFENSE

TELLS CHURCHMEN WHAT HIS POLICY IN MEXICO IS AND WILL BE.

SUFFRAGETTES ARE AGAIN DISAPPOINTED

Busy Day in New York Hears Many Expressions Concerning Wilson's Policy—Church Antagonism is Decried—Mexicans Must Carve Out Own Destiny Says President.

New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson did many things while in New York today. First, he told 250 suffragettes that he hasn't changed his view concerning suffrage, still holding that it is a matter for the states and no for congress, to decide.

The President, his wife, Secretary Tammy and Doctor Grayson arrived at the Waldorf at 6 o'clock this morning. He spoke briefly at the Aeolian hall before the federation of churches, and tonight he opens his preparedness program in addressing railroaders and afterward the board of trade.

Justice, Not Aggression, Keynote.

Justice without aggression is the keynote of Mr. Wilson's Mexican policy, he said before a gathering of 2000 clergymen later in the day. He declared he is committed to a policy of allowing the Mexican to work out his destiny without interference. He said the growth of religious antagonism within a nation is a dangerous tendency.

"One must search for the foundation peace. The greatest force in the world is character. This can be expressed on a national scale. America always has stood resolutely for the right of every people to determine its own attitude toward their own affairs. I welcome the acceptance to challenge a fight. I know the best purpose will prevail. Peace doesn't mean inaction. We are all spiritual kith and kin, and are building up a family which will set an example to the world."

Wilson Now a Scrapper.

Wilson indicated he is no longer too proud to fight. He declared "I always accept, perhaps by some impulse of native blood, a challenge to fight."

EDUCATOR COMPLIMENTED.

State Teachers' Monthly Refers to Superintendency in This Comity.

The Oregon Teachers' Monthly, in its announcements concerning the office of school superintendents in the state at large and Union county specifically, says: "The primary election for nomination of officers for the next general election in November, will be held May 19. Most of the present county superintendents will be candidates for nomination and re-election. So far as we know there are only two superintendents who will not be candidates—H. C. Seymour of Dallas and W. S. Buel of Tillamook."

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe has more than made good in Union county and will ask for re-election; she ought not to have any opposition and doubtless will not have."

This indicates that Mrs. Ivanhoe is a recognized leader in educational circles throughout the state. She has been favored with invitations from educational centers of Oregon in a way that only a few others have, and she continues to receive these—having now invitations to appear before educational gathering in various parts of Oregon during next few months.

Traveling Accommodations Needed.

S. L. Brooks, Imbler stockman and general booster for Grande Ronde, is on a short visit in La Grande, and among other things "seconds the motion" on the proposition of some means by which people of the lower part of the valley and Elgin may have better traveling accommodations for the Farmers' and Homemakers' meeting in La Grande next week. At this time of the year, and particularly in the present condition of the roads the attendance would be wonderfully increased from branch line localities if there were a train service.

Old Railroad Man Here.

J. D. Matheson, one of the first engineers to pull the throttle out of La Grande and until recently in official service between Portland and Seattle, is in La Grande. He has some business interests to look after and is putting in the extra time greeting old friends.

FOUR BOYS ROB A BANK

Officials and Thirty Customers Present During the Holdup

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Four boy bandits held up the cashier and thirty others, in the Washington Park National bank and escaped with \$12,000 in cash. Jake Stahl, vice president of the bank was among those robbed. The robbers, none apparently over twenty, drove to the bank in an automobile without license, displayed their revolvers, warned customers to stand back and directed the teller and cashier to open the safe. Stahl was in

his office and the lads forced him to stand in line, hands up, with employees and customers.

Municipal Judge Frye, hoisted his hands.

Bandits then grabbed the loot and ran, warning those inside to remain quiet. The teller seized an automobile and gave chase, but the robbers were lost in a mass of traffic.

The four were masked.

LAMP IGNITES CLARK HOME

MOTHER SAVES BABIES HURRIEDLY.

Entire Contents Destroyed by Fire From Explosion.

Mrs. Marn Clark early this morning barely had time to gather her three children and carry them to safety when she accidentally tipped a lamp while preparing breakfast at the Clark farm home south of the city. Before she could get her sleeping youngsters out of the house and call her husband who was at the barn, the home was a mass of flames and was burned with a complete loss of personal effects, clothing and furniture. A cream separator standing on the porch was the only article saved.

The lamp exploded the moment it tipped over. It is likely that the fire would have been conquered had Mr. Clark been on the spot but first to save her children from the home, and then go to the barn took time enough to let the fire get the strong grip.

ROAD THOUGHTS TO GET PRIZES

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL CONDUCT CONTEST.

Awards to be Made by Time Big Road Meeting is Held Here.

Twenty-five dollars will be given by the Commercial club of this city for the best school student essay on good roads. The specific theme will be "Advantages of Good Roads to a Community." Thought is to be a very essential point of grading but composition will likewise count for something, essays being graded on those two groundworks.

The school children haven't much time to act. The papers must be in the hands of the county school superintendent, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, next Thursday morning, and the awards will be made at the Friday meeting for good roads, when government and college experts will be on hand to conduct the meetings and speak. The winning papers will be read at that time, and the checks issued.

A division of money will be made along this line; For best essay from high school students, \$7.50 for first, \$5.00 for second; For best essay from seventh or eight grade students, the same division as for high schools. No students under the seventh grade is eligible to compete.

LACK OF FAITH FORD'S NEMESIS

(BY CHAS. P. STEWART)

United Press Staff Correspondent
The Hague, Jan. 15.—(By Mail)—Henry Ford's peace party mission failed for lack of "faith." According to his faith was Ford's sole stock when he started. He had not enough and those who accompanied him, with a few exceptions appear to have had but little.

Those of the party who really wished the expedition well, were so bitterly hated that an effort was made to maroon a number of them at the first European port touched. Ford's plan, as nearly as it is possible to put so intangible a thing on paper was to give the warring nations mental science treatment, attributed to him that he intended to "get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas," he did not count on immediately ending the war.

What Ford did believe was that he could "make a dent" by gathering about him a whole ship's company, uniting the members minds on one "big thought of peace and continually adding to the volume and intensity of this thought as he and his crusaders traveled from neutral country, on the edge of the zone of war, or even in the zone itself.

Whether this plan would have succeeded under favorable circumstances can't be stated, because the peace delegates failed to concentrate on thoughts of peace. The Oscar 11's voyage from New York to Christiania was horrible, not so much because of the incessant quarreling as on account of the atmosphere of suspicion and malice after the first day or two out.

Ford speedily took to his cabin and for more than half the trip was hardly seen by any but his closest advisors. He was ill, it was stated. The nature of the illness never was made clear. Several of the correspondents whom the expedition's managing committee was trying to separate from the party did see the patient for a few minutes the night before the Oscar 11's arrival at Christiania. It is true that he looked like a sick man then, but his malady seemed rather of the spirit than the body.

Ford moved and spoke like a person in a semi-trance. He seemed almost completely broken. Early in the voyage he declared that squabbling among the peace delegates was a small matter, that disagreements were to be expected in any community and that when the party landed at Christiania these troubles would quickly disappear. On this night however, his manner suggested that he realized the fundamental weakness hope.

While Ford admitted that he based his organization—that he had lost his early hopes only on faith, Mme. Rosike Schwimmer declared she had

written assurances from officials of all the neutral European governments that they would welcome such an effort as the one undertaken by Ford and from men in high positions at the chancelleries of certain of the warring nations on both sides that they were at least friendly to the plan. The second day of the party's stay in Christiania Premier Knudsen of Norway denied the truth of her statement. Numerous cables received in Christiania from Mme. Schwimmer, addressed to peace organiza-

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EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA HIT BY 2 STROKES

CONDITION BELIEVED TO BE SERIOUS, INDICATE DIS-PATCHES FROM ROME.

EUROPE KNOWS U. S. SECRET CODES FULLY

Many Articles, Not Necessary for Living, Prohibited by Proposed English Blockade—Believed to Relieve Situation from English Stand-point a Declaration.

Rome, Jan. 27.—Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, has suffered two strokes of apoplexy and his condition is serious, diplomatic reports here declared.

American Secrets Known.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Practically every belligerent in Europe knows the supposedly secret diplomatic codes of the United States government, it was learned today. Col. House will ask the state department to change its cipher.

Shipping Rules Shape.

London, Jan. 27.—It is announced in the Commons that the government has decided to prohibit importation of many articles, not absolutely necessary to a nation, to relieve the shipping situation. The entire British mercantile marine is placed under control of the government.

Robbed Three Times in Two Months.

Beaverton, Or., Jan. 26.—On Monday night robbers broke into Johnson's pool hall and confectionery here and relieved the owner of all cigars, boiled hams and canned goods in stock. This place has been robbed three times since December 1, twice while occupied as a saloon, and a large window has been broken on each occasion. Sheriff Reeves, of Hillsboro, is investigating, and is anxious to get the gang.

Will Build Baptist Church.

Haines, Or., Jan. 26.—A subscription paper soliciting funds with which to build a Baptist church in Haines is being circulated. A large number of new members have been added to the church as the result of a recent series of revival meetings conducted by the pastor, the Rev. A. M. Williams.

FLAG DAY SALES TO AID CONGRESS

TEN-CENT FLAGS TO BE DISPOSED OF.

Congress of Mothers Paves Way for Assisting Extension Bureau.

Saturday, Feb. 5th will be Flag Sales Day in Oregon and on that occasion, members of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teachers' association will sell flags for 10 cents each to raise money to enlarge extension work conducted by these organizations. "Money coming in from circles" writes Mrs. Eriatene N. Felts, chairman of the extension bureau of the Oregon Congress of Mothers at Portland, "is only sufficient to buy postage and very necessary stationery. Annually we hold a Flag Day. Last year we have flattering response but hope that it will be more generous than that this season. We are going to hold a conference in La Grande next week, but we need to have others throughout the state."

Committees Meet Tomorrow.

When the Parent-Teachers' associations of La Grande meet tomorrow the matter of flag day sales will come up and committees will be appointed to handle the work here. It is anticipated that there will be a great gathering of people here that day and that the sales, at 10 cents each, will be liberal. The proceeds will be used entirely to further extension work, such as will be conducted here next week.

SCIENCE CLASS BOOMS

Many Working to Have Gals Week During Big Gatherings.

Promoters of domestic science have a busy week mapped out for the Farmers and Homemakers' week beginning Monday. Mrs. E. Polack is local chairman and has announced that the Domestic Science department of the Alpha club of Baker will be prominently identified with the week's program. Among those who are on the committee having domestic science in charge for the week coming, are Mesdames Walsinger, Lytle, Carroll, Huffman, Holman, Eberhard, Moe, Miller, Madsman, French, Holt, Williams, Pierson and others.

2 PRISONERS RETURN SAFE

MEXICANS DELIVER TWO TAKEN YESTERDAY.

General Funston Makes Full Report on Drowning of Soldiers.

Brownsville, Jan. 27.—Mexicans this afternoon delivered Privates Wheeler and Peterson, unharmed, to General Funston. These two were captured during the bathing episode

SOLOM LOUDLY SCOLDS WILSON PEACE POLICY

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE GIVES VOICE TO SEVERE GRILLING ON FLOOR.

DREAMER, THEORIST AND VASCILATING, IS CHARGE

Washington Solon Heard in Bitter Attack—European Attitude Made a Menace by Weak, Uncertain and Intermeddled Policy Adopted by President Wilson He Says.

Washington, Jan. 27.—One of the bitterest attacks on President Wilson's Mexican policy yet heard in the halls of congress came this afternoon from Representative Humphreys of Washington. He pictured President Wilson as a scholar, a dreamer and a theorist; W. J. Bryan as a preacher on the chautauqua for peace—almost at any price.

Mr. Humphreys further declared the Mexican policy has earned the contempt of the world, and has influenced an attitude from European belligerents that will be hard to overcome. He said the President's policy is weak, uncertain and vacillating, showing uncontrollable desire to intermeddle.

yesterday when four American soldiers were drowned.

General Funston has telegraphed the details of the drowning to Washington.

Mexicans captured two of the swimming party. He says, four men of Battery D, Fourth artillery, swam across the Rio Grande, strapped, and began bathing at Progresso. Three Mexicans, armed, took two of them prisoners and removed them to the interior. The other two swam back and several shots were fired at them. A rescue party swam across and were fired upon. American troops returned the fire. Sergeant Clements, Corporal King, and Private Rhode and Wiltenbest drowned while attempting a rescue.

MORE ROOMS NEEDED.

Proposition Not One of Earning Money but Being Hospitable.

Response for an offering of rooms in the city next week, has not been generous, it is reported. Just how many will be here next week is not known, but the list will be considerable, and the Commercial club must be in position to handle all who come. The matter is not one of money-making but one of hospitality, and a list of available rooms needs to be on hand for reference. H. E. Dixon or F. B. Currey will receive such listings now. Visitors to the programs next week will be guests of La Grande and must be considered and treated as such. It will no doubt be necessary for people to open their doors to outsiders at some inconvenience to themselves and it is expected this response will come from others than those who regularly have rooms to rent.

STOCKHOLDERS MEET.

C. W. Nibley Among Men Attending Meeting at Perry Today.

Stockholders of the Grande Ronde Lumber company are holding their annual meeting at Perry today. C. W. Nibley, well known capitalist and L. D. S. church head, of Salt Lake, and Mr. Channel of Twin Falls, are among the stockholders present from the east. James Minnaugh of Wallowa is present.

SECOND DRUNK FINED

E. O. Patton, a logger, bought alcohol at a local drugstore, signed up for it properly, claiming he needed it for a sore leg, and then proceeded to acquire a "jag" because of all this he drew a fine of 30 days in city jail and was paroled. This is the second drunk man arrested by Chief of Police Ardrey since the beginning of the year. The officials are looking up the details as to how he secured it with a view of learning if every detail was as required by law.

BACK DOOR TO OFFICE OF THE NEW YORK GOVERNOR



Back Door.

Governor C. S. Whitman.

Back Stairway.

Governor Whitman of New York, candidate for re-election and also for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, has opened up the old back door to the executive chamber in the capitol at Albany. Years ago

when the magnificent \$26,000,000 capitol was built a back door and back stairway for such governors as choose to use them was provided. Governor D. B. Hill about thirty years ago closed the door. Governor Charles E.

Hughes, now supreme court justice tore away the stairway. Governor Whitman has rebuilt the stairway and opened the old door.

The stairway has become ammunition for political opponent.