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FIRST PROCLAMATION SEEN NEAR LIVERPOOL, CALLING UNMARRIED MEN.

MILAN BOMBARDED AND SIX REPORTED KILLED

French and Germans Exchange Blows During Sunday in Upper Alsace—One Saved Out of Large Crew on Battleship Sunk by German Submarines Recently.

London, Feb. 14.—The first proclamation calling unmarried men to colors under the conscription act was posted this morning at Walleys, near Liverpool.

One of Entire Crew Saved.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Only one member of the crew of 375 of the French cruiser Admiral Charner was rescued. A German submarine sunk the Charner off Syria, a message declared.

French and Germans.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Germans have captured two hundred yards of trenches upper Alsace, it is officially admitted. The French regained most of the ground through counter attacks. Yesterday French captured several German trenches at Frise and Germans counter attacked. Nearly the whole German company was killed and 70 captured. The German losses were considerable.

Graham-White Not Injured.

London, Feb. 14.—Claude Graham-White personally today denied reports he was wounded in France. He has been here ten days.

Milan Feels Bombs.

Rome, Feb. 14.—Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Milan last night. Six are reported killed.

English Cruiser a Loss.

London, Feb. 14.—The British cruiser Arethusa was mined off the east coast. The admiral fears she is a total wreck. Ten of the crew were lost.

Germans Seize Trenches.

London, Feb. 14.—A Berlin official statement claimed the capture of a mile of French trenches in Champagne and 400 yards in Vosges. Germans stormed the trenches in north-west Taire where, Saturday they are reported taking 700 yards of trenches. Seven French officers and 300 men were captured in Champagne.

Fire Is Mysterious.

Schenectady, Feb. 14.—Mysterious fire in the munitions department of the General Electric company has wrought serious damage. The corporation first reported the damage slight and said it was caused by spontaneous combustion in oil from overheated steam pipes. The company's fire department aided the Schenectady fire department. Officers are investigating the theory that the fire was incendiary.

First Time in Quarter of a Century.

Concord, N. H., Feb. 14.—The same old gallows used at the last execution in this state, 23 years ago, when Frank C. Almy dangled and strangled for sixteen minutes, will be mounted by Oscar J. Comery, confessed wife murderer, here next Friday morning. Concordians, who as children stood in the sinister shadows of its weather-beaten old timbers have grown to be young men and women, looking upon the gallows as more of a relic than anything else; and the story of Almy's hanging to them is almost a legend. But those who chanced to go that way today paused at the sound of hammers whacking upon seasoned wood. It was Sheriff George L. Stearns' men putting the gallows in shape for its work in nearly a quarter of a century. Stearns does not like his job. He will have to tie and blindfold Comery, put the noose about his neck and spring the trap. Stearns is a staunch churchman and opposed to capital punishment, but he says that he has accepted the office he holds and there is nothing for him to do but do his duty and take the responsibility. Comery, the man to be hanged, received \$500 insurance after his wife died. After some time it was learned that Comery bought two grains of strychnine just before his wife's death, "to kill a dog." Mrs. Comery's body was exhumed, the poison found in her stomach and Comery was arrested. Comery admitted his guilt, it is said, declaring he wanted to marry another woman. The jury found him guilty and recommended capital punishment, a mighty rare thing for a New Hampshire jury to do.

Wilson Formally Announces His Candidacy For 1916 Re-election

TYPICAL POSES OF NATION'S EXECUTIVE WHO TODAY BECAME FORMAL CANDIDATE FOR RE-NOMINATION AND ELECTION



Washington, Feb. 14.—Woodrow Wilson formally has announced himself a candidate for re-election. He wrote Secretary of State Hildebrand, of Ohio, consenting to use his name in the Ohio primary. He said: "I am willing to permit use of my name so Democrats in Ohio may make known their preference in regard to a nomination. To satisfy technical requirement of the statute, I hereby consent to the use of my name for a candidate for the presidency by any candidate who seeks election as a delegate to the National Democratic convention which assembles in June. "The letter was mailed, and made public at the White House without comment.

FIRE IN CANDY STORE.

Proprietor Leaves Oil on Hot Stove—Explosion Comes.

Because the proprietor of a little candy store in the room formerly occupied by the western Union, kindled a fire and left a can of floor-cleaning oil on the stove, an explosion resulted and brought out the fire department yesterday noon. Earl Nutter, whose store is next door, broke into the rear door when the explosion occurred, and did much toward hindering a blaze. There was nothing for the department to do but let the smoke out when it came. No harm was done.

SCHOOL IS RESUMED.

After Being Idle a Week Students Are Taken up Once More.

Having been idle a week less a half a day at this time, and three or four days the previous week, schools resumed this morning again. Storms and flood and snow caused the postponed last week.

POSTOFFICE AT COVE IS ROBBED

The Cove post office safe was blown open last night some time and all contents therein taken—Everything of value was taken out including stamps, but the postmistress, Miss Helen Ramsdel has not had time this afternoon to check over to ascertain the exact amount taken. It is estimated that \$100 is the total of the loot.

No trace was left by the yeggmen in their work, but there being no trains out, it is presumed that they drove out of Cove with a team or are in hiding in that vicinity still.

It is expected that a postoffice inspector will take charge of the case.

APPOINTMENT MEETS DELAY

Washington, Feb. 14.—Upon his return from a cruise on the Potomac, President Wilson indicated he may defer appointment of a successor to Secretary of War Garrison for several days. The cause of changed intention is unknown. He has started a series of conferences with congressional leaders, mainly about some definite plans for increasing the army.

STUDENT IMPLICATED.

Empty Two-Ounce Bottle Sold by Madison Druggist to Orpet.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 14.—A drug store clerk has admitted selling William Orpet, the University of Wisconsin junior, accused of the murder of Marian Lambert, 18, an empty two-ounce bottle the day Orpet held the tryst with the girl, whose body was found in snow. The student is under arrest.

New Cult on Trial by U. S. Today.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Inner secrets of the Newthot cult were booked for the limelight today when Dr. Newthot New went on trial in Federal court with Mrs. Marie T. Graham, charged in indictments with misuse of the mails.

The government charges Newthot with advertising that his religious system, held not to be a religion, could give the secret of youth. It also claimed that New, while preaching purity and abstinence did not practice them. New is said to have described himself as an octogenarian, though he looks to be about 45.

Back of the trial is rumored the story of a woman spurned. The government is said to have gained its information from a woman formerly associated with New. New had a booth at the exposition, where he took in a great deal of money from the sale of Newthot books.

Police to Prevent Riot at Theatre.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14.—To prevent any possibility of a race riot at the presentation here tonight of a film play which has caused much discussion and been barred from the movie theatres of certain cities, Mayor F. S. Meals has detailed a special corps of police for the initial performances. Some rioting followed the presentation of the film in Philadelphia. Mayor Meals has informed a committee of colored citizens that wanted the picture barred from Harrisburg that the National Board of Censorship and the Pennsylvania Board having O. K'd the film, he will not stop it.

War News of One Year Ago Today.

Germany told the United States she would not accede to the American request that the submarine war zone be abandoned, unless England agreed not to cut off her food supplies. Winston Churchill told Parliament Germany's food supply would be cut off. Lloyd George told Parliament the Allies would spend Ten Billion dollars on the war in 1915.

MEEKER SEES CERTAIN WAR IN THE WEST

JAPANESE, HE ADVISES PRESIDENT, CERTAIN TO BRING US TROUBLE.

TRAIL BLAZER VISITS WITH THE PRESIDENT

Aged Pioneer of the Pacific North West Has Audience With President in Pushing Claims for Big Road to St. Louis—Foresees Certain Oriental War.

Washington, Feb. 14.—"The time will come when there will be war on the Pacific Coast," So Ezra Meeker, aged 85, and prominent Oregon trail blazer, warned President Wilson today. Representative Dill of Washington engineered the visit.

Mr. Meeker spoke in behalf of the military highway along the Oregon Trail from Olympia to St. Louis Meeker said:

"Japanese are a proud people. They believe they are as good as anybody else, or a little better. History will repeat itself. We must either abandon the open door policy in China or prepare to defend our soil."

JAP SPY BLAMED.

American Naval Code Book May Have Been Stolen by Spy.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Every justice department agency on the Pacific coast is seeking the Japanese spy believed to have stolen the code book from the Destroyer Hull. Meanwhile final action in the court martial of Ensign Kirkpatrick and Lieutenant Jones is suspended. The navy department is preparing a new code to replace the lost one. This is second alarming incident in recent years. The day after Wilson's inauguration plans were stolen which show where to hit American battleships to disable them. These were never found.

Wilson's to Make Merry.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President and Mrs. Wilson will make merry at a real, old fashioned St. Valentine's party given by the Congressional club tonight. The President for the evening will put aside international crises and the other grave concerns that have engaged him also ever since the war began. The spirit of the evening may be imagined from the nature of the valentine that will be presented Mrs. Wilson upon her arrival; an old fashioned nosegay in a lace paper holder. The only reminder of present day affairs will be the secret service men who will search the club house this afternoon and attend the party tonight. Only members of the Congressional club have been invited and the list of guests has been submitted for President Wilson's approval.

Sheep Tender is Drowned

Heppner, Ore., Feb. 11.—Pete Grady was drowned in Willow creek near Jordan Siding this morning. It is reported here that he was crossing the creek on a foot bridge and the bridge gave way. He was engaged in feeding sheep for Gus Wilcox.

ONLY SEVEN FILE THE FIRST DAY

Seven filings were made in the United States land office today on the 19,000 acres of land in the dry farming belt of Pine valley in Baker county, thrown open to entry by the government recently when the state of Oregon relinquished its rights to put the project under the Carey act for irrigation. While the number filing here is small, Register Bramwell and Receiver Skiff expect a large number of applications to come in by mail in a day or two from Halfway where it was possible for applications to make their filings before the land office commissioner.

The land in question has been described only recently by the Observer, being a big tract which the state attempted to put under irrigation but gave up the plan when it found it impossible to get contractors to build the works at a price that seemed reasonable. The land is largely dry farming in nature and is at present snow-covered which may in a large measure be responsible for the shortage of filings.

OREGONIANS DO LINCOLN HONOR

PORTLAND MEETING PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE.

Bruce Dennis Among Speakers at Lincoln Banquet Saturday Night.

Portland, Feb. 14.—Republicans of Oregon are elated today at the after effect of the Lincoln banquet Saturday night when Oregon paid a tremendous tribute of love and respect to the memory of Abraham Lincoln. The occasion was a monster banquet party at the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of the newly organized Oregon Republican Club.

It was a patriotic outpouring of loyal Americans to demonstrate their affections for and their appreciations of the greatest American that ever lived.

While the gathering was arranged by a political organization the proceedings were patriotic as well as partisan.

As one of the founders of the Republican party which has guided the destinies of the Nation through more than a half century of progress and historic achievement, Abraham Lincoln was extravagantly lauded by a corps of able speakers. His life's activities and the many noble qualities of his character were held forth as the inspiration for future party success, as well as for future individual success.

Indeed the mention of Lincoln's name coupled with reference to the notable record of the Republican party frequently aroused the banqueters in enthusiastic roars of approval.

A spirit of optimism pervaded. The Republicans there were confident of approaching party victory. The fact that the various elements of Republicanism were gathered around a common table was the subject of much happy comment by nearly every speaker.

Pestoons of American flags decorated the room. A picture of Lincoln, draped in the National colors, appeared behind the speaker's table. The menu cards bore a portrait of the martyred President.

John McCourt, president of the club, started the proceedings soon after the six-course meal—to the accompaniment of orchestra music—had been disposed of.

Mr. McCourt was the first to call attention to the fact that the many shades of Republican faith had been blended into one.

La Grande Man Speaks.

Among the speakers were Bruce Dennis of La Grande, who said in part:

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen: When General Burnside's army was besieged at Knoxville facing starvation, President Lincoln received a telegram saying firing was heard

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STEVE HILLS CONVICTED.

Extreme Leniency of the Court Petitioned for by Jury However.

Late Saturday evening Steve Hills, a North Side resident, was convicted in Circuit court on a charge of having assaulted a son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Harnden. The jury advocated extreme leniency of the court, and this morning when sentence was fixed, Judge Knowles said he felt justified in placing the minimum fine, that of \$50, which he did.

ROOSEVELT QUOTED.

Claimed That he Said Wilson Fears Two Men—Kaiser and Teddy.

Washington, Feb. 14.—"President Wilson is afraid of two men, the Kaiser and myself," Roosevelt said recently at Oyster Bay, declared Representative Sells, of Tennessee, today. Roosevelt favored anyone for the presidency who could beat Wilson. He believed the administration's dealings with Mexico and Europe have deadened the conscience of America.

EASTERN MONEY EASY.

Middlewestern Farmers Get Loans for Four and Five Per Cent.

That money is free and easy, especially for real estate loans but that money for promotion purposes is holding back a little until after the fall election, is the contention of E. S. Norris, recently returned from a visit to Chicago. Mr. Norris found bankers loaning money on central west realty at four and five percent, but that were the same people to place it on similar securities in the west, seven per cent was no bait. However there is plenty of it for the middle-western people.

Mr. Norris found a poor grade of crop being sold at fancy figures, and that middlewestern wheat, bin-heated and otherwise very unsatisfactory, was being dumped on the market ahead of good western wheat. The red variety, dealers said, should not be mixed with western wheat, and the dealers also intimated that as soon as the home crop was over, there would be a stiffer demand for western wheat.

PROHI LAW'S POINTS ISSUE IN FIRST CASE

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN BY SPECTATORS DURING THE TRIAL.

BEER SOLD IN DECEMBER DELIVERED IN JANUARY

First Case Under the Prohibition Law Comes up in Circuit Court—Proven that Beer Was Sold and Paid for Before State was dry, But Delivered Late.

The case of State vs. Will Hamilton charged with selling beer to Pat Burns, a local meat cutter, on the 24th of January in violation of the prohibition law, is on trial in the circuit court today. The case will probably not reach the jury until tomorrow morning, although at noon the state had finished its opening case and several witnesses for the defense had testified.

State Case Outlined.

The evidence of the state aims to show that Mr. Hamilton, after recovering from an operation and returning from the hospital, came into a local drug store, at which he had previously been employed, and asked the delivery boy if he knew where certain beer presumably belonging to Mr. Hamilton, was located in the basement, and on receiving an affirmative reply, the state testimony goes on to show, Mr. Hamilton directed the boy to take the beer from the basement and place it at the right of the rear door of the drug store at 8 o'clock that evening. The state promised the jury, in the opening statement, that it would be shown that Hamilton referred to the beer as "My beer," but the defense was able to get the witness for the state to say he was not sure about that statement, and could not testify whether Hamilton did or did not make it. The testimony of the state further goes to show that the boy placed the beer at the place requested, without knowing Burns was in the deal and that the boy saw Burns take the box of beer away at 8 o'clock.

Night Officer Weagle testified about having seen Pat Burns come out of the rear yard of the drug store drawing a little handled upon which the box containing beer was placed and that Burns started toward his place of employment but after going a short distance abruptly turned and went the other way in the alley and out on the street, only to be followed and overtaken by Weagle and both taken into custody by him. The state also called Burns to show that Hamilton at 6 o'clock that evening told him the beer would be out at 8 o'clock.

Defense Scores Point.

The defense scored slightly in securing from Burns a statement that he requested Hamilton to have it placed out for him.

Sold Previous to Jan. 1.

Witnesses for the defendant testify that about 10 days before the first of the year Hamilton came into the place of employment of Burns, and negotiated a sale of some 20 pint bottles of beer for \$3.00 and that Hamilton then received the money. Paul F. Rhor, a fellow employee with Burns, corroborated the statements of the defense and stated that he heard Hamilton tell Burns that he could get the beer anytime he wanted it.

Other witnesses for the defense testify that Hamilton did not refer to the beer as "My beer" when he instructed the boy to put it out at the time and place directed. The whole bulwark of the defense seems to be that the beer was legally brought into the state, and was sold and paid for, and constructively delivered, all prior to the Prohibition days.

New Principle Involved.

The state is allowed by the Prohibition law to simply prove the delivery and to rest its case. It is presumed that this principle will be held in invoked by the state in behalf of its case.

The trial this morning was largely attended, many ministers and prominent temperance workers as well as about an equal number of persons curious as to the trial, being present.

Lawyers Attracted.

A number of lawyers not connected with the case remained during the forenoon and intently watched the proceedings. When the state began to note exceptions to ruling of the courts against the district attorney, many attorneys looked at each other in wonderment, as such a practice has heretofore been unknown. It is said. Upon looking up the statute at noon it developed that the state is allowed a right of appeal in prohibition

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