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WILSON NOT TO PUSH PEACE PROPOSALS NOW

Time Not Fully Ripe to Advance Suggestions To Belligerents

Washington, May 8.—President Wilson won't attempt to bring European peace now. A veiled suggestion in the German note has been unheeded. It is learned on high authority he will not make peace proposals until the promised offensive of the Allies is launched. American embassies in London and Paris, advised this.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT

Only that Part of German Note Touching U-boats Pertinent.

Washington, May 8.—President Wilson has announced acceptance of the German reply this afternoon. His position will be outlined in a brief note to Germany. Secretary of State Lansing will make the note public and the reply is perhaps en route to Berlin now. The communication formally acknowledges receipt of the reply and indicates America, accepting the pledges, considers itself not bound by the conditions to answer. The president takes the position. America is dealing with Germany apart from negotiations with England and will continue dealing with England without reference to negotiations with Germany. The message briefly accepts the part of Germany's reply covering orders as to submarines and rejects everything else.

Professor and Bride in Tiger Hunt

Peking, May 8.—If all has gone well with them since they left here April 10th to hunt big game for the New York Museum of Natural History, young Prof. Roy Chapman Andrews and his bride, formerly Miss Yvette Borup, daughter of Major Henry Borup, U. S. A., and sister of the late George Borup, arctic explorer, should be in the midst of their man-eating tiger hunt in the heart of the Bohemian mountains, 300 miles inland from the Strait of Formosa, today. Andrews and his bride are in one of the wildest regions of uncharted Asia, where no white woman and few white men ever go before. The region abounds in big game of all kinds and there are cannibalistic tribes to be feared also. When she left here Mrs. Andrews wore khaki knickerbockers just as the men wore, and carried an automatic pistol for self defense and a rifle as well, to help collect the specimens and provide food for the larder. Rev. Perry, L. Caldwell at Fut Sing, wrote so convincingly of the man-eaters that prevail around the native villages there Prof. Andrews was inclined to believe the missionary has really discovered a new species. These terrors of the jungles hang about the dwelling places of the coolies and often make a meal off a worker in the fields or snatch away a screaming baby whose careless mother has left it unguarded too long. As the missionary wrote: "They are of huge size, maltese brown in color, with broad stripes of black, ferocious to the last degree and not a bit afraid of a man with a gun they will charge him every time." The Andrews' expect to be gone about a year.

Golden Wedding Observed.

Chehalis, Wash., May 8.—A reception was held yesterday in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Dever, who were married April 3, 1866. Owing to injuries received by Mr. Dever some time ago, when he was struck by an automobile and suffered a broken leg, the celebration of the event was postponed until yesterday. Mr. Dever is 78 years of age, and was born Feb. 15, 1838, in County Donegal, Ireland. He came to the United States in 1850, and in Wisconsin he enlisted in company H, 11th Wisconsin infantry, in 1861, and served through the entire war. Mrs. Dever was Jane A. Dixon. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, 72 years ago, and came to the United States when an infant. The couple came to Chehalis in 1889.

Born After Mother Died.

Los Angeles, May 8.—The River of Doubt and the bearded fish are passe. Federal immigration officers here have unearthed a nature faka which they claim puts these world wonders ignominiously in the shade. Wong Quong, basing his calculations on Chinese mathematics, is on record today as having been born 10 years after the death of his mother. When officers questioned him, Wong told them he was born in 1886. In the same conversation he said his mother died in 1876 and his father's death occurred three years later. Quong faces deportation.

ELGIN TEACHERS NAMED.

A. E. Clawson Is Superintendent for Next Year.

According to former announcement the School Board of District No. 23, comprising Elgin city schools, met Friday evening of last week and elected a corps of teachers for the coming

school year, says the last Elgin Recorder. All positions were filled with the exception of two, there yet remaining a teacher to be elected to the high school faculty and an instructor of the manual training department. If a suitable man can be obtained the two positions will be combined.

A. E. Clawson, of Enterprise, was elected superintendent from among a large list of applicants. Mr. Clawson is a graduate of the University of Indiana and is a man of wide experience in school work. Prior to locating at Enterprise he was superintendent of the schools at Cheney, Wash., for several years and served in that capacity in other schools of that state. He has been admitted to the practice of law and has extended his educational training along various lines, including that of music. Clawson's recommendations are said by the members of the Board to be excellent and in addition he had personal recommendations of school men of this section who have first hand knowledge of his work. As a result of health conditions he purchased a farm north of Enterprise a few years ago and of late has been devoting his time to that.

The other teachers hired for the year include several who have been instructors in the local schools for the past year or more and are as follows: Miss Metzler, Mrs. Frank Fine, Miss Stella Mayfield, Miss Nellie Rush, O. C. Maxwell, Miss Richter and Miss Dougherty. Among the new teachers are Miss Myrtle Chandler, an Elgin young lady who is a graduate of the State Normal School at Monmouth, and who has been teaching in the La Grande schools during the past year. Miss Augusta Baker, another graduate of Monmouth, is among the new teachers and comes highly recommended as a teacher and director of music. She is a graduate of one of the leading conservatories of music and was selected by the Board because of her special fitness in that line.

There remains a vacancy to be filled in the high school and one for the manual training department, which the Board will take plenty of time in supplying with a view of obtaining first class instructors. The teachers, with the exception of Miss Mayfield and Miss Metzler, have not been assigned their respective grades and will not be for some time. Miss Mayfield retains her position with the First grade, and Miss Metzler will again be in charge of the domestic science department.

American Bankers Entertained

Brincliffe Manor, N. Y. May 8.—Leading American bankers, their wives and friends from many parts of the country, are here for the spring meeting of The American Bankers Association Executive Council.

During the two-day session the bankers will be entertained at dinner by President Frank A. Vanderlip of the New York National Bank.

A movie entitled "Thomas Jefferson Morgan, Jr. J. G." showing the effect of the Bankers national thrift campaign on young America, will be shown and a dinner will be served during which movies of the Pacific ocean will be thrown on the four walls, while the diners listen by long distance phone to the boom of the surf in California. Each guest will have an individual phone.

200 American Girls Training

Washington, May 8.—Sister Susie has ceased sewing shirts for soldiers. Today all decked out in a ducky uniform, she is learning how to wig-wag a heliograph, make a bandage, decode a wireless message, and cook for invalids, as part of the program for the first encampment, a feminist Plattsburgh, which the Navy league is conducting here to train women for their part in case of war or national calamity. The hundred volunteers, including many women from Washington, New York and Philadelphia societies, are among those present. Their encampment is out near Chevy Chase. They arise at 6:30, do a lot of calisthenic stunts before breakfast, then train under military discipline all day long. They are instructed and drilled under Red Cross and other expert teachers. Miss Francis Whitaker Baker of Wilwood, N. J., daughter of ex-Congressman J. T. Baker, insists on becoming a chauffeur. Her sister, Miss Katherine, is equally positive she could be an aviatrix if the War Department would send her a machine.

Mrs. James M. Thompson of New Orleans, daughter of Speaker Clark; Mrs. William Cumming Story, president general of the D. A. R.; Mrs. Frank G. Odenheimer, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; Mrs. John Hays Hammond, of New York; Mrs. George Dewey, wife of the Admiral, and Mrs. Hugh L. Scott, wife of the army chief of staff, are among those interested in the camp.

FLOUR WAR BEARS MARKETS HERE.

Cheaper flour is realized today through a local flour war that broke this morning, and the information offsets the 15-cent jump in sugar prices Saturday. Housewives comfort themselves with the ray of hope that at least one item is cheaper today than hereofore. The flour market is being beared by La Grande-made flour; all home-made brands going down 10 cents on the sack. Home-made brands include Blustem, Royal Patent, Sea Foam and others. The prevailing price on sugar today is the highest in about 20 years, pioneers have agreed. The cash price per cental is \$8.85 and \$9.25 for 30 days' time.

FRENCH RETAKE LOST TRENCHES

SUNDAY'S GERMAN GAINS REPORTED RETAKEN.

Fourth Big Drive on Verdun Thought To Be Under Way.

Paris, May 8.—French troops have recaptured most of the ground lost yesterday. Successful counter attack last night drove Germans from communication trenches. A part of 500 yards between Haudremont and Douaumont was retaken.

Military critics declared the German attack Sunday is a prelude to a fourth great offensive on Verdun. The light west of the Meuse attained the greatest violence yesterday. Germans flanked both sides of Hill 304, attempting to force evacuation, threatening to surround it. The same attack was used east of the Meuse.

French aeroplanes brought down two German machines near Verdun Sunday.

Germans Come Again.

Berlin, May 8.—Renewing the attack northwest of Verdun, Germans captured the entire French defense system on the north slope of Hill 304, it is officially announced. Three thousand twenty prisoners were taken. Germans have reached the summit of the heights.

ON A LONG TOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williamson Leave for Many Points of Interest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williamson left yesterday evening via Spokane and St. Paul over the "Milwaukee" for a long tour through the east. They will go to Atlantic City, N. J., where Mr. Williamson is a lay delegate to the General Presbytery. They will also visit in Washington, D. C., and at Philadelphia. At New York City Mrs. Williamson will attend the meeting of the national federation of women's clubs as a member of the Oregon state delegation and representative of the La Grande Neighborhood club.

Members of the Oregon delegation expect to make the trip to New York practically in a body and will also make a stop at Chicago and other points en route. Mrs. Williamson was requested to join them when they reached La Grande, but the La Grande lady preferred leaving at the same time with her husband in order to also be present at the meeting of the Presbytery. They will have a long and interesting trip.

FRUIT AND GARDENS SUFFER MUCH

Sacramento, May 8.—The grape crop in northern California will be 40 per cent normal as the result of killing frosts Saturday, the Viticultural commission has reported. The Napa valley crop was practically destroyed. Sacramento county suffered heavily. Ninety per cent of the grapes in this district are gone. The frost is the worst ever experienced in the month of May.

Fruit Situation in Epitome.

Cove—Cherry trees not seriously hurt. Crop was overloaded and frost generally did desirable thinning. Small fruit suffered, strawberries of early variety hurt some. No total loss in any line of fruit.

Fruitdale—Apples hurt some, cherries badly damaged, garden truck gardens generally safe. Early strawberry blooms gone with second bloom to save from total loss.

May Park—Conditions generally similar to that at Fruitdale.

Imbler—Apples only slightly hurt. Small gardens safe except for early beans.

La Grande—Roses generally hurt, lawn, fruit trees generally damaged, considerable garden truck nipped but not generally total loss.

Union—Damage but slight to fruit and truck.

Summerville—Light damage reported.

Saturday night's frost touched all parts of Union county, skipping

WILSON'S NOTE RUSHING VOTE ISN'T HEADED

COMMITTEE FAILS TO BE HURRIED OVER THE BRANDEIS MATTER.

TWO OBJECT AND NO ACTION TAKEN TODAY

Resentment Greets Letter from President Wilson Hurrying Up a Vote on His Nomination of Brandeis for the Supreme Bench—Shields Understood To Be Balking.

Washington, May 8.—The Senate judiciary committee was preparing to ballot today on the nomination of Attorney Brandeis for appointment to the Supreme bench, in response to President Wilson's letter urging immediate action on his nomination, but two senators objected and action was postponed. Members of the committee refused to say who the objectors were, but it is understood Shields was one of them.

The President's letter was received with resentment. Friends of Brandeis failed to even get an agreement to vote on the nomination at a definite day, and the meeting was stopped.

The President's letter was a reply to Culberson's note asking the reasons which actuated President Wilson in making the nomination.

Voting 221 to 142, the House today refused to concur in the senate amendment of the army bill providing a regular army of a quarter million.

ROADS BILL PASSED.

Senate Passes Shackleford Bill Appropriating Seventy-five Million.

Washington, May 8.—The senate has passed the Shackleford good roads bill. It has already passed the House and appropriates seventy-five millions.

SPECIAL TRAIN LIKELY.

Track Team Supporters May Get Special Privileges.

A special train may be run to Baker next Saturday in connection with the Eastern Oregon Track meet, providing 50 tickets can be sold as a guarantee to the railroad. The train would probably leave here about nine o'clock arriving in Baker about eleven and returning leave Baker about ten-thirty. The Baker students are entertaining all visitors and this train would give La Grande visitors ample time to enjoy Baker hospitality. It would be a great accommodation to those managing this affair if those who desire to take advantage of this train to report to Chas. Reynolds Jess Andrews or A. W. Nelson not later than Wednesday. It must be remembered that 50 tickets must be sold or the train cannot be run.

CHECKING ACCOUNTS BIGGER THAN MARCH 7th.

In the face of a terrific drain on the financial affairs of the county through the unprecedented importation of automobiles, the demand deposits checking accounts in La Grande banks increased \$44,647.28 from March 7th to May 1st, financial statements published today show. The joint total of funds for checking purposes in La Grande banks March 7, date of the last National bank call, was \$718,820.49, and May 1st, date of the last call, amounted to \$763,467.00 an increase of nearly \$45,000.00 in that department alone. The increase in all lines of banking business in the two banks since March 7th was \$50,000.00 in round numbers.

REPUBLICANS OPEN OFFICES

G. O. P. OFFICIALS REACHING CHICAGO.

Coliseum and Congress Hotel To Be First Headquarters.

Chicago, May 8.—Advance forces of the G. O. P. took Chicago today. The Coliseum, scene of the coming Republican Convention, was turned over to the National Committee for the convention opening June 7. Simultaneously the committee opened headquarters at both the Coliseum and the Congress hotel and began final arrangements for the "big show." Preliminaries to the opening of the convention promise to be more routine than usual because of the small number of contests. The primary laws in many states have practically eliminated contests. The committee shortly will announce when hearings on contests will be conducted. Because of the small number, contests may be filed up almost to the opening of the convention. Heretofore the committee has set a date for closing the lists.

Chairman Hilles and Secretary Reynolds of the National Committee expect to arrive in Chicago the first of next week, with their staff. Arrangements for seating the delegates is the big problem they face.

Delegates entitled to vote in the convention number 987, while there are six more, two each from Hawaii, the Philippines, and Porto Rico, entitled to vote only by the consent of the convention.

Give "Melting Pot" Tomorrow.

Neighborhood club members are much interested in the coming production tomorrow of "The Melting Pot" by members of the club under the direction of Mrs. Norman Frees. "The Melting Pot" has been studied during the winter, and now the dramatized form is to be presented.

Chicago Opens First Show of Autos

Chicago, May 8.—The Chicago Automobile Trade Association today took a novel step in solving the used car situation when it opened the used car show in the Coliseum.

This is the first used car show that has been staged on a large scale in this country.

About eighty dealers are represented. No trucks, accessories or 1916 cars are on exhibition. All cars sold may be taken out at night and other cars put in their places. The dealers are charged 25 cents a square foot for space. Each dealer takes 800 square feet of space, thus bringing the charge to \$200. This amount, however, is expected to be made in rebates. Admission is charged.

Wisconsin Cadets Defend Madison

Madison, Wis., May 8.—A battle in which University of Wisconsin cadets are defending the city of Madison from an attacking force is the main feature of the annual inspection of the university military corps by Major Monroe McFarland of the general staff of the United States army, today. The attacking force is advancing from Eagle Heights, a point three and a half miles from the university. The invaders awaited reinforcements at Eagle Heights, then advanced on the University boys encamped in a marsh two miles from the enemy. The enemy was halted by machine gun fire. The commanding officer sent a flanking column around the Madison forces and caused them to retire. The problem of the Madison boys was to work out their retreat from the marsh to a position in front of the university buildings. The narrowing of the attack was the problem of the enemy.

Iowa Needs A Lot of Farm Hands

Des Moines, Ia., May 8.—Iowa needs farm hands. John C. Nietzel, chief clerk of the state employment agency says so. The rush of spring work is upon the farmers. Farm hands can get from \$28 to \$32 a month with board, room and washing. Married couples are offered \$45 to \$50 with separate furnished houses, in some cases.

The state board of parole in one week recently issued 25 paroles to Iowa convicts, most of whom had jobs, awaiting them on farms.

OFFICIALS CONCERNED

NEW BANDIT RAIDS INTO TEXAS CAUSES MORE LETTER WRITING.

EUROPEAN AGITATORS HELD TO BE RESPONSIBLE

Glenn Springs Attack Had Been Hinted at and Was Not Entirely Unexpected to the Officials—Wilson Urges Carranza to Use Caution and Prevent Re-Occurrences.

Washington, May 8.—The American government today wrote to Carranza regarding the latest bandit raid in Texas. It suggested he exert his utmost power to prevent recurrence of the outrage and readjustment of Carranza forces is advised so the scattered bandits can't cross the border.

Agitators Are Blamed.

El Paso, May 8.—General Obregon is ready at noon today for what is expected to be the final conference with General Scott to ratify the international agreement. Generals Scott and Funston are enraged at the news of a successful invasion of Texas and murder of more American troops. Mexican officials are obviously worried and scared. Juarez officials believed European intervention seekers instigated the new raid. The Glenn Springs fight was not entirely unexpected as faint rumors were circulated for several days.

PURSUIT UNDER WAY.

Portions of Texas in White-Heated Rage Over Raids.

Alpine, Texas, May 8.—American troops are today rushing through the barren Big Bend country to pursue Mexicans who raided Texas towns Friday night, killing three American soldiers and one boy and kidnaping two Americans. The section is white hot in rage. The settlement and ranchers are rallying to the hunt with vengeance. At least a full battalion is pursuing.

The bodies of the three soldiers were brought here. Funston has ordered a machine gun company to join the expedition.

MR. MACINTOSH TO MOVE.

Chair of History of Leading Montana School Accepted.

The Missoula, Mont., county high school, one of the foremost schools of its kind in that state, has offered the professorship of history to R. S. MacIntosh of the La Grande high school faculty. Mr. MacIntosh has accepted and will take his new post next year. The salary is a considerable advance over his remuneration here, and Mr. MacIntosh's friends, loath as they are to have him leave, are pleased that his new position is an advanced one over his present position.

PRISONERS GET AWAY.

Alleged Bootleggers Break Jail at Spokane During Night.

Spokane, May 8.—Three prisoners charged with bootlegging escaped from the county jail this morning. They opened the doors with a towel and wire from a magazine and sawed the outside bars and descended on a rope of bed clothes in the alley.

Emerson Coming Back.

F. W. Emerson, who spoke at the Methodist church Friday evening to a rather small audience, will be in La Grande tomorrow night again and will once more address the public on the subject of prohibition. He is one of the foremost men of that party.

Bryan Invades Iowa Politics

Davenport, Ia., May 8.—In a special train furnished by the Iowa Business Men's Temperance association, William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, today started on a tour of the state in the interest of votes for women and temperance. He will work particularly for the election of a legislature which will vote for submission of the constitutional suffrage amendment. It is planned to have 200 workers constantly on the train. Each town will furnish workers to go to the next town.

They'll Live up to the Titles

London, May the 8.—When the wife of a British Tommy gave birth to twins a few days ago, she wrote to her husband in the trenches in France asking what to name the infants. "Strapnel and Lyddite" was the reply and the twins were duly named.