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## WILSON DEFINES WORLD PEACE PROGRAM

### WILSON SAID TO PLAN SHAKE UP OF DIPLOMATS

"LESS POLITICS, MORE EFFICIENCY," SAID TO BE THE PRESIDENT'S HOPE.

### RUMORED THAT SEY. LANSING WILL REPLACE AMBASSADOR PAGE

Changes Will Come March 4 When All Members of Diplomatic Corps, According to Precedent, Will Send Resignations to President—No Other Posts, Mentioned.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—It is reported on reliable authority that President Wilson is planning a shakeup in the diplomatic service effective March 4, when all diplomats, according to precedent, will submit their resignations at the close of the presidential term.

The president intends to improve the service, having less politics and more efficiency.

It is stated, though unconfirmed, that Secretary of State Lansing might replace Ambassador Page in London.

#### Unitaries in Legislature.

Harrisburgh, Pa., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—Organized labor has two score union men among the 207 members of the Pennsylvania House this winter. They say that the House is the battle ground and they will have little trouble in the Senate with anything put through the House.

#### La Grande Beats Cove Volley Ballers.

The La Grande business men's volleyball team of the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Cove team five straight games Saturday night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, the scores being La Grande 21, 21, 21, 21; Cove, 9, 8, 5, 10 17. The lineup for the La Grande team was F. L. Meyers, Dr. J. P. Graham, H. E. Dixon, Don Scott, Linden McCullough and A. H. Prince. The Cove men played a great game, considering that this was their first outside game. The team was somewhat handicapped on the size of the floor and the method of serving, but for returning the ball over the net they were very good. A return game will be played in the near future.

#### Pendleton Enters High.

Thomas Murphy of Pendleton, arrived last week to enter high school.

### K. DYAL SUPPORTS PREVIOUS LETTER WITH MANY FIGURES

CORRESPONDENT BELIEVES LESS PRODUCTION WITH MORE ACREAGE MEANS BUT ONE THING—IMPROVEMENT OF SOIL—HE SAYS HE HAS SEEN "THROWN AWAY" LAND PRODUCE BIG BIG CROPS WHEN PROPER FERTILIZERS HAVE BEEN USED.

La Grande, Ore., Jan. 22.—(To the Editor of The La Grande Observer.)—Dear Sir:—Many have taken issue with my previous letter regarding the high cost of living being due in great extent, to the inability of our agriculturists to obtain proper fertilizers. I wish briefly to call their attention to one fact. If a want of proper fertilization had nothing to do with the short crops of the last year, how does mankind account for the fact that we produced 411,522,000 bushels less corn than in 1915? Wheat, 385,915,000 bushels less? Barley, 47,924,000 bushels less? Rye, 6,667,000 bushels less? Potatoes, 74,284,000 bushels less? Sweet potatoes, 4,684,000 bushels less, and beans, 1,455,000 bushels less than in the previous year. I can't believe that within a period of 12 months farmers changed their methods of planting and cultivation to such a degree that they would bring about such a difference. We Americans have given little attention to the preservation of the soil until recent years. There has been a tendency

### UNITED PRESS SCORES BEAT AFTER BEAT ON GERMAN RAIDER STORIES

For Four Days U. P. Kept World In Touch With South American Happenings—Hearst's I. N. S. "Lifted" and Rewrote "Stories" Keeping Purposely Placed Typographical Error—Associated Press Papers Leaned On U. P. Service.

New York, Jan. 22.—(United Press)—News pirates feasted last week on the exclusive United Press cables from South America, which gave the first news of the German commerce raider. It was not merely a one-day orgy for the pirates; it was literally a four-day feast. The United Press not only gave the world the first news, but it gave the first details and continued to lead all other agencies in covering the story by such a wide margin that there was no competition—except from the pirates.

Hearst's International News Service "lifted" and "rewrote" United Press cables in such detail that identification was obvious. But to clinch the proof, the United Press on Wednesday carried the name of the steamer Yarrowdale as "Yanondale." It promptly appeared as "yanondale" in the International News Service. Hearst's New York Evening Journal simply lifted United Press cable stories without taking the trouble to rewrite. In one instance The Journal serenely lifted a purposely placed typographical error from The New York Evening World, which receives the United Press service. The mails have brought to the United Press general offices in New York from United Press clients numerous copies of Hearst papers and "International" News clients containing alleged cables containing proof that they were lifted from the United Press.

The New York Globe, a member of the Associated Press, but not a client of the United Press, on Wednesday lifted bodily a United Press cable story, without credit, and carried it through practically all editions after being scooped by the United Press papers here.

The Boston Globe, another Associated Press member not a client of the United Press, lifted verbatim United Press cables. These are only a few instances. Investigation by the United Press indicates that the Associated Press itself, although badly beaten, did not lift or appropriate United Press cables in any way. The action of Associated Press members, indulging in piracy, apparently was taken on their own individual initiative. The United Press established and maintains the only comprehensive South American news service, at great expense. All United Press papers legitimately profited by this investment of money and effort.

#### Choir Members Enjoy Sleigh Ride.

The Methodist Episcopal church choir enjoyed a sleigh ride Saturday night and later a "feed" at Dr. and Mrs. Graham's home.

### Cotton to Lecture Here on January 24

The Y. M. C. A. received a letter this morning from Judge W. W. Cotton of Portland, who will deliver the last number of the Y. M. C. A. high school lyceum course, that he will be in La Grande on Monday January 29 and will deliver his lecture at 8 o'clock in the high school building.

### STATE DEPARTMENT WILL PROTEST CONVERSION OF ALLIED MERCHANT SHIPS

Ambassador Gerard Cables That 469 Prisoners Taken by German Raider Were on Yarrowdale But Mentioned No Americans—State Department Has Asked Germany if There Are Any.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—Ambassador Gerard cabled the state department today from Berlin that 469 prisoners were aboard the captured Britisher Yarrowdale. No American prisoners were mentioned. The department announced it had asked Germany whether any Americans were captured. Officials indicated that the intention would be to demand immediate release, if there were any. The United States will contend that the Yarrowdale was a peaceful merchantman and that a belligerent has no right to convert captured merchantmen into raiders.

### Will Spend \$728,000, 1917, This Division

O-W. Will Continue Policy of Improvement—Second Street Viaduct Here Said to Be Included.

According to the budget prepared by President J. D. Farrell of the O-W. R. & N. company, the railroad, in 1917, will continue the policy of road improvement adopted several years ago. Heavy steel rails will replace lighter roadbeds, curves will be eliminated and trestles filled.

The La Grande division will receive more than any other—\$728,000 of the \$2,500,000 or \$3,000,000 estimated in the budget for the entire road. The construction of the Second street viaduct is said to be included in the budget.

### Dr. Mayville Gives Reasons For H. C. of L.

Dr. Mayville, Friday night, answered K. Dyal on "What Causes the High Cost of Living," in the city hall to a fair sized and appreciative audience.

In the course of his lecture he covered the physical, the commercial and the mental phases of the subject, in which he said that the natural analysis of the physical conditions of the soils of the United States showed that a full and adequate crop is being produced to the full requirements for the consumption of our nation, if collectively and economically distributed (commercially). He endeavored to make plain the unearned values that lay between the producer and the consumer. He maintained these are partial causes of the present high prices; also contended that if distribution was collectively managed it would eradicate most of the high cost (mentally). He argued that the real cause rested with the undeveloped inner minds of the people, which, if developed, would apply the altruism so essential to the obedience to the law of cause and effect. He further contended that our public schools and avenues of information should be based upon this principle. In conclusion, although Mr. Dyal was not present, he commended him for having been the means of bringing this question before the people.

#### MARGUERITE CARNEY SOLOIST

Miss Marguerite Carney, La Grande's little blind soprano, has been selected by Mrs. Walter Reed, Portland vocal teacher and director, as a soloist at the Treble Clef club's, of Portland, concert for the school of the blind in Vancouver, Wash., next Sunday. Laurence Woodfin is the other soloist and Miss Geraldine Coursen, accompanist.

### BILL TO CREATE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION INTRODUCED AT SALEM

Three Members to Be Appointed by Governor, Provided for in Lauregaard's Bill.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—Representative Lauregaard introduced a bill creating a state highway department in accordance with plans of county judges and commissioners as stated in their recent Portland convention.

The bill provides for a highway commission of three members to be appointed by the governor. The commission will have jurisdiction over road work.

Roads designated from Portland to California were: Willamette from Portland to The Dalles, Ontario and Pendleton; from Portland to Seaside, St. Helens, Astoria.

#### TO CONSIDER 'BONE DRY' TODAY

Salem, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special)—The "bone dry" bill came before the state legislature today for discussion. It was reported that an effort would be made to eliminate the emergency clause whereby Governor Withycombe in affixing his signature, makes the measure effective immediately. Proponents of this move, it is said, want to delay the law two years. Referendum against the bill is being contemplated by its enemies.

### \$20,000 Realty Deal Recorded at Imbler

Imbler, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Special)—One of the most important land transactions recorded here in recent months was consummated a few days ago when Cap Tuttle purchased the 420-acre farm owned by George Childers. The farm is located a short distance southeast of Imbler and is one of the best in this section. The consideration is said to be about \$20,000. In the transaction Mr. Childers took the 10-acre orchard tract owned by Mr. Tuttle just north of Imbler.—Elgin Recorder.

### Late Wires

No Lumber Carriers Available. Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—London lumbermen today informed Portland dealers no more British vessels were available to carry lumber until after the war. All the vessels are carrying grain.

### Bopp Sentenced to Two Years; \$10,000

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—German Consul Bopp was sentenced today to two years imprisonment and was fined \$10,000. The charge was that Bopp had violated the United States neutrality.

#### Artillery Halts German Attacks.

Paris, Jan. 22.—(United Press)—It was announced today that artillery fire had halted two German attacks north of the Courieres Woods. Patrol engagements in Alsace are raging.

#### UNABLE TO RATIFY PACT.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—The Senate today was unable to ratify the Washington-Oregon pact providing concurrent jurisdiction over Columbia River fisheries. The idea expressed by the senators was that this is not the time to consider the proposition. The pact may be ratified at the next session.

#### British Grenade Attack Fails.

Brelin, via Sayville, Jan. 22.—(United Press)—A minor British grenade attack upon Loos has been repulsed. German reconnoiters captured several Frenchmen, and one machine gun at Bezonvaux. Russian raiders have been repulsed in the Carpathians. Isolated clashes are reported along the Macedonian front.

#### CAPTURED CREW NBAR MUTINY.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—Consul Stewart, at Pernambuco, cabled the state department today that the captured Japanese steamer Hudson-Maru's crew was near mutiny.

### PROPOSES THAT NATIONS TAKE MONROE DOCTRINE AS BASIS

In the Coming Peace There Must be No Differentiation Between "Big and Small" President Says

### "I SPEAK FOR FRIENDS OF HUMANITY IN EVERY NATION" EXECUTIVE TELLS SENATE

"Power and Authority" of United States Will Be United With Other Neutrals If Peace Is On This Basis. "Freedom of the Seas" and "Limited Armaments" Are Parts in Peace Program.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—President Wilson addressed the Senate early this afternoon, outlining a peace program for the world, designed to safeguard all nations against further aggressions. The President said he spoke "for liberals and the friends of humanity in every nation." He declared that a lasting peace must be "based upon equality and common participation in things of common benefit." "Guarantees," he said, "must not recognize or imply a difference between big and small nations."

He cited the following basis for lasting peace and said that the United States would add its authority and power to all nations' authority in order to guarantee peace.

"Justice throughout the world," said the President, "is founded on peace based upon equal rights." He said that the peace should provide an united, independent and autonomous plan, giving all nations freedom for the full development of their resources and a direct outlet to sea highways. The freedom of the seas should be established and the nations' armaments limited.

At the close of the speech Wilson said: "I am proposing the nations should adopt the Monroe doctrine as a world doctrine, that is, that no nation seek to extend polity over any other nation and that every people be left free to determine their own polity development, unhindered, unthreatened and unafraid. I am proposing all nations henceforth avoid entangling alliances and selfish rivalry. There is no entangling alliance in the concert of powers. When all unite to act in the same sense, and for the same purpose, all live under the common protection."

"The belligerents' very explicit assurances regarding peace imply that the coming peace will be without a victory."

A belligerents' peace was defined by the President as that of the victors' terms, imposed upon the vanquished."

### Bethmann-Hollweg Will Probably Make Favorable Reply

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—The German embassy stated that the Government Liberals undoubtedly would favorably receive Wilson's peace address. It was thought that Hollweg probably would soon reply, though indirectly.

### THE WEATHER High School Enrollment Numbers 276

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.—(United Press)—Tonight's weather forecast is: Tuesday, partly cloudy in western Oregon and generally fair in eastern Oregon; warmer in east portion. Southerly winds.

20 Below at North Powder. The thermometer at North Powder registered 20 below zero this morning.

### Home Economics Day Observed Tomorrow

Tomorrow is Home Economics Day at the Neighborhood club. The following program has been arranged: "Home Management," Mrs. O. E. Moran; "Food Sanitation," Dr. Belle Myers; "Clothing," Mrs. Guy Byrkit; vocal selections, Mrs. T. J. Scroggins.

#### Audiences Like Colored Views.

The audiences at the Christian church Sunday evenings enjoy the colored views shown. Mrs. Ford sang an illustrated song, Newman's "Lead Kindly Light." The next two Sunday evenings Rev. Mr. Ford will answer a series of infidel questions. Next Sunday's illustrated song will be Sankey's famous song, "The Ninety, and Nine."

### CHINA PHEASANTS NEED HELP

According to Al Andrews, secretary of the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club, China pheasants throughout the country are suffering because the snow and ice has covered their feeding ground. Mr. Andrews asks that farmers throw out refuse wheat for the birds.

#### Olaf Groupe Is Happy.

A seven and a half pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Groupe last Friday afternoon. Mother and daughter are well.

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