

WILSON TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

WILL MAKE AN ADDRESS PREVIOUS TO LEAVING ON SECOND TRIP.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT
ALSO A SPEAKER

Meeting Will Be Attended by the Various Secretaries of the League of Nations and is Called to Meet in New York City Next Tuesday Night.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson has accepted an invitation to speak in New York next Tuesday night, on the eve of his departure on his second trip to Europe. This meeting is essentially a rally of those who have been active in the promotion of the league of nations plan and will be attended by the various secretaries of the league of nations.

Former President Taft, who has just completed a tour of the country in the interests of the proposed league and who is an ardent supporter of the league, will be among the prominent attendants. It is expected that Taft will also be one of the speakers at the meeting.

CADETS TO BE INCREASED

Annual Compensation Fixed at \$780 in Military Academy Bill
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The annual pay of West Point cadets was fixed at \$780 through an agreement reached today by house and senate conferees on the \$2,200,000 military academy bill.

A senate amendment proposed an increase from \$600 to \$750.

BLOCKADE MUST STAND AT PRESENT

(By Associated Press to The Observer) LONDON, Feb. 27.—Lloyd George declared today that the blockade of Germany could not be raised until Germany has signed a peace treaty making war impossible.

NURSE BRAVES SHILLS

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 27.—Miss Louise Dilline, Columbus girl, just returned from overseas, where she nursed American soldiers in the sector where bombs and other forms of deadly war material were used frequently, was a speaker before the Instructive District Nurses' Association.

"I was not half so scared when I was bombed in France as I am in trying to make a speech," Miss Dilline explained.

HEROES TO EDIT PAPER.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—Chicago is soon to have a new newspaper—unique in that it will be edited and printed by the wounded men and the enlisted personnel at Fort Sheridan. The first issue of the new paper will appear early in March. Wounded men who desire to learn the newspaper game will be given a complete course of training.

ASSESSOR COUCH SICK.

County Assessor U. G. Couch is on the sick list and is at present unable to attend to his official duties at the court house.

WILL BE NO EXTRA SESSION

NOT UNTIL AFTER THE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT.

Wilson Says If Republicans Defeat Victory Loan They Will Be Responsible for Failure.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The president conferred with senators and rejected his determination not to call congress in extraordinary session until he has returned from France again.

He said if the Republicans defeated the Victory loan but they will be responsible for their failure regardless of their attitude on the extra session.

GERMAN MONARCHISTS READY TO RESTORE THE OLD ORDER

BASEL, Feb. 27.—That the monarchists of Germany are contemplating an early coup d'etat is the opinion of some of the Berlin correspondents who are in close touch with the conditions. They say that the old officer class has been gradually getting the whip hand since January 30th and this element now holds the government in its power.

At the first favorable moment this power will be exerted toward a complete restoration of the old order of things.

All are loyal to the end to the fortunes of the ex-emperor. It is believed that large quantities of munitions are stored in the homes in Berlin and that many strategic advantages are held in readiness for immediate use in case of a favorable opportunity for the contemplated coup.

CLEMENCEAU RESUMES WORK

PREMIER OF FRANCE IS AGAIN AT WORK

Gives Smile of Welcome to Those Assembled to Extend Greetings on Recovery.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, Feb. 27.—Premier Clemenceau resumed his official tasks today.

He left his residence yesterday afternoon for the first time since he was shot last Wednesday. A large crowd had gathered around the house in the hope of seeing the premier although the hour had been kept secret. Cheers and cries of "Vive Clemenceau!" arose as he stepped from the house and entered an automobile with Dr. Laubry.

The premier's face, which showed signs of the fever he had been through, bore a pleased smile as he acknowledged the greetings.

WILL REVIEW SENTENCES

FINDINGS OF COURT MARTIAL TOO SEVERE.

Sentences Returned Will Be Mitigated by a Review Conducted by Special Board.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Maj. Gen. Crowder, judge advocate general of the army, appearing before the senate military committee at a resumption of hearings on the court martial situation, said that all imprisonment sentences imposed on men of the army during the war and found upon review to be too severe would be mitigated through the president's power of remission.

General Crowder said that within 60 days the 5000 sentences imposed since the beginning of hostilities would be reviewed by a special board headed by Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Ansever, who was acting judge advocate general during the war and whose testimony as to severity of court martial sentences led the committee to extend its investigation.

Revoke Dishonorable Discharges.

Steps toward mitigating the sentences were begun. General Crowder said, prior to the investigation by the senate committee. Practically all of the men sentenced to dishonorable discharge and imprisonment, he said, already have had the dishonorable discharge provision revoked. He added that 1200 men sentenced to long terms at Leavenworth, Kansas, had been honorably restored to duty in the last year.

Lieut. Col. Alfred E. Clark of the judge advocate general's office, who preceded General Crowder before the committee, testified that only a few of the 15,000 or 20,000 court martial verdicts handed down during the war were criticized as too severe. All classes of men were brought into the army through the draft, he said, and it was necessary to punish insubordination severely.

NOT WELCOMED AS NURSES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 27.—Sentimental women—characterized as "brown stockings"—those only qualifications are that they are sister to the boys, are not wanted by the American Red Cross, according to Alfred Fairbank, chief manager of the Southwest Division.

"We need real nurses," Fairbank declares. "We don't want sentimental, altruistic women who want to get and fondle the sick and wounded soldiers."

LOVER WAS CAVE MAN

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 27.—Vito Venedi of this city used such forceful methods to win the heart of Leona Scholl, 17, that the latter was forced to summon the police to protect her from her youthful sweetheart, who, at the point of a gun, demanded that Miss Scholl marry him immediately. The police took Venedi in tow.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF INFLUENZA

Mrs. Lucy Sellers, wife of Joseph Sellers, died at the family home at 1504 Y avenue last night after an illness of less than two weeks with influenza. The deceased was 32 years of age and leaves a husband and other relatives who are residents of Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Sellers have been residents of La Grande only since last September, removing to this city from Baker. Mr. Sellers has been employed as a fireman on the railroad. They have no children.

The remains are at the Bohne camp chapel and will be forwarded to Baker for the funeral and interment.

AMERICAN HELD AS A HOSTAGE

WANT DEBS OR MOONEY IN EXCHANGE.

Every Effort to Secure the Release of a Prisoner at Moscow Has Met With Failure.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Information was received Wednesday from official sources that every effort by the state department to secure the release of an American citizen named Kolomatski, condemned to death by the Bolsheviks, had been met with demands that either Eugene V. Debs or Thomas J. Mooney be exchanged for Kolomatski. It also was said the Bolsheviks had offered to release American Consul Townsend, who was arrested some time ago, if either Debs or Mooney was pardoned.

The state department made public this statement obtained from a man who was imprisoned with Kolomatski in Moscow.

"Kolomatski was condemned to death by the Bolshevik government on December 3, 1918, and was incarcerated in the Kremlin at Moscow under particularly rigorous conditions. As late as the 17th of January he was kept in a cell closely guarded by 12 soldiers of the Red army whose conversation constantly dwelt upon revolutionary politics and particularly the expediency of slaying all foreigners in Russia."

SUCCESSOR TO GREGORY NAMED

A. M. PALMER, ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN, THE MAN.

Will Probably Assume the Office of Attorney General on the 4th of March.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—A. M. Palmer was today nominated by President Wilson to be attorney general. Palmer's resignation as alien property custodian has not been announced and no intimation has been given out as to who may succeed him in that position. The newly appointed attorney general will probably assume the duties of the office on March 4, which is the date on which Attorney General Gregory has asked to be retired.

JUMPS TO HIS DEATH

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—After setting his personal affairs in order, Simon Melnikoff, of No. 782 Prospect avenue, this city, telephoned for the undertaker and then jumped from a five-story apartment building. Death was instantaneous.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, Feb. 27.—Fair except in northeastern portion of the state; moderate westerly winds.

REMAINS TO GO TO IDAHO.

The remains of the late Mrs. J. C. Emerson, whose death occurred last Friday, have been sent to Star, Idaho, where the interment will be made.

NEW MINISTER TO DENMARK

NORMAN HAPGOOD NAMED TO SUCCEED DR. EGAN.

Appointee Is Known Throughout the Country as Editor of New York Weekly Publication.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Norman Hapgood of New York has been named as United States minister to Denmark to succeed Dr. Maurice Egan, resigned.

The resignation of Dr. Egan was due to declining health.

Norman Hapgood, the appointee, is well known throughout the country as the editor of the New York Weekly.

OREGON LEGISLATORS CONTINUE TUSSLE WITH LATE HOUR WORK

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SALEM, Feb. 27.—The plans to adjourn the legislative session last night, as was predicted yesterday, failed and the members are still engaged over some of the knotty problems. It is expected that adjournment will be made today.

The bill providing for the completion of the Tumalo project passed the senate.

The house has passed a measure creating a commission for the care of delinquent and dependent children, and appropriating \$6000 for the purpose.

The senate has concurred in the house minor amendments to the five-million-dollar reconstruction bill.

The senate indefinitely postponed the bill relinquishing the Malheur lake to the government for a bird preserve.

The bill introduced by Mrs. Thompson to regulate live stock running at large, by county vote, was killed in the senate.

The senate is wrestling over final action on the resolution for creating the office of lieutenant governor.

EVIDENCE OF VESSEL'S FATE

WRECKAGE OF SHIP'S CABIN REACHES SHORE.

Oil Tanker Last Seen in Storm Off Oregon Coast and All on Board Lost.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORT ORFORD, Ore., Feb. 27.—A ship's cabin bearing the name of George Loomis was found on the beach here today. This is believed to be the first definite indication that the oil tanker last seen in a storm off the Oregon coast several weeks ago, sank with all on board.

EDUCATOR IS ROBBER

Fatally Wounded During Attempt to Loot Automobile Office

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 27.—Thornton Rowlands, former instructor at the University of California and recently discharged from the United States army, died Wednesday as a result of a bullet wound received, it was said, while attempting to rob the office of an automobile company here Tuesday night. Rowlands was shot by a policeman, who said he observed Rowlands attempting to lock in a vault two employees of the company. Rowlands, according to the policeman, aimed his revolver at the latter, who fired first.

Rowlands, according to university authorities, resigned from the faculty to enter the army.

AVIATOR FLIES IN THE GRAND CANYON

KINGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 27.—Lieut. Chase V. Hugh, of the Gulf-to-Pacific aero squadron, Tuesday performed the hazardous feat of flying inside the walls of the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

The day was calm and no dangerous air currents were encountered. He did not observe any emergency landing places in the canyon, he reported.

ONE MONTH LICENSES.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 27.—Saloonkeepers may take out licenses for one month at a time now, according to an announcement by the assistant city commissioner. Heretofore it has been held that no dramshop licenses could be issued for a period of less than six months. Under the new ruling many saloonkeepers will take out licenses to continue in business until July 1, when the "bone dry" law goes into effect.

NAVAL EXPENDITURE HUGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Increased expenditures of the navy department due to the war amounted to \$1,591,979,884, Secretary Daniels informed the senate today in response to a resolution.

Two of Uncle Sam's crumpies, Harold Hill of Eugene and Lieutenant H. G. McGirr, of Boise, Idaho, have been sent to the Oregon Agricultural college by the federal board for vocational education to receive training to fit them for the work at the expense of the government. Hill was wounded while in the navy when a shell exploded and took off a portion of his hands. Lieutenant McGirr was crippled in an auto accident in Tacoma, when a car in which were several officers, went through a 40 foot trestle.

Twenty-two members of the I. W. W. were arrested in Portland Tuesday night to leave from the police department. Sheriff's office and federal officials, who either raided the I. W. W. at Second and Conch streets. The men, many of whom are foreigners, were charged with vagrancy.

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HONORS TO RETURNING VETERANS

PRESIDENT WILSON HEADS PARADE TO GREET THE HOME-COMING HEROES.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION MADE IN WASHINGTON

Airplanes and Dirigibles Hover Over-Head While Line of March Proceeds Down Pennsylvania Avenue—Sausage Balloon Broke From Moorings.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson, marching with a swinging stride and shouldering a big flag, led the parade down Pennsylvania avenue today in honor of the returning soldiers. Army airplanes and dirigibles hovered overhead.

A captive sausage balloon broke away from its moorings and swept over the city, landing nine miles away. The pilot, Lieutenant McMillan, is believed to have jumped in a parachute.

ARMY MAN AND PRINCESS ARE WED

(By Associated Press to The Observer) LONDON, 27.—Princess Patricia of Connaught and Commander Alexander May were married at Westminster abbey at high noon today.

BATH REGULATIONS SEVERE

PARIS, Feb. 26.—The soviet government in Moscow is regulating the number of baths each person is permitted to take in various public and private bathing places. It has divided the population into three categories, according to French refugees arrived here from Russia. Some are allowed to bathe twice a month, it is said, some once a month, and others never.

ROBIN BREAKS RECORD.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The first robin of the season has been seen by Keeper Perrier in Burnet park, this city. This is the earliest visitation of the robin noted by Mr. Perrier in the twenty-five years that he has been making records of the migration of birds for the federal department of agriculture.

TOOK POT SHOTS AT RABBITS

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27.—If you were shooting at Germans and Germans were shooting at you and a number of rabbits dashed forth in front of you, would you cease shooting at the Huns and shoot at the rabbits.

Captain R. C. Bangs told members of the Rotary Club that his company captured a large cage of rabbits which the Germans carried with them for food.

"During a hot engagement," he said, "someone let the rabbits out. And right in that fight at least 25 per cent of the Doughboys forgot the enemy and began to take shots at those rabbits."

UNION PEOPLE TO HAVE SHOW

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS A Lively One.

Mick Levy Is Chosen to Head the Organization—Arrangements for Event Under Way.

Tony Smith, mayor of Union, is in La Grande on business and to a reporter for The Observer, said among other things that are now transpiring in his city that the Live Stock show preparations have been started. A meeting was held a few nights ago by the directors of the institution and Mick Levy was chosen as the general manager to handle the show this year.

Loyal support is pledged him clear down the line and Union is the game bigger and better than ever before.