

WILSON TO KEEP UP NEW JERSEY FIGHT

Governor Declares Perpetual War on Smith-Nugent Political Machine.

PLEDGE MADE TO PEOPLE

President-elect Says He Will Come Back From Washington to Stump State Against Reactionaries if Ever Need Arises.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 17.—Governor Wilson indicated in two public utterances today that although he had been elected President of the United States he would continue to fight at every turn the Smith-Nugent forces in New Jersey and other elements in the Nation's Democracy which he considers reactionary or non-progressive.

He proclaimed it as his duty to "stand back of the progressive forces in the Democratic party everywhere and at every juncture," and added that the Democratic party should stand at a point where it might choose whether it will be progressive or not.

Activity May Be Extended. Just to what extent Mr. Wilson's activity might extend, either in New Jersey or elsewhere, was not disclosed, but at the Governor's office it was said that even as President, Mr. Wilson would come back from Washington and go on the stump before the people of the state against elements which he considered reactionary, whenever the people of the state encouraged him to think they wished his aid and counsel.

His announcement of intentions was coincident with his return to his office after a month's vacation in Bermuda, when he learned that in the recent party caucus for the speakership of the New Jersey Legislature, Leon Taylor was elected by a majority of four votes and was supported by the 12 assemblymen from Essex County who are alleged to be controlled by the Smith-Nugent wing of the party.

Taylor Not in Disfavor. Mr. Wilson's choice for speaker, Charles Hendrick, was defeated, but the Governor declared today that he had found Mr. Taylor "always ready to do the right thing," and personally had no objection to him, but is concerned about the forces which supported Mr. Hendrick's election as opposed to Mr. Taylor.

Early in the day he issued his statement announcing to the voters of the state that he would not forsake them after he went to Washington.

Wilson to Stay in New Jersey. Later on a delegation from Augusta, Ga., called on Mr. Wilson to urge him to take up winter residence there. The Governor said he had received many invitations to make his residence in the South but that his enemies in the state had begun to point to this as an evidence of his early exit from New Jersey affairs.

The Governor said he was too engrossed in the New Jersey situation to think now of any vacation and he would not leave the state until after a fight on the question of whether he would shorten his term as Governor, but that he could continue to use as President every power in behalf of the people of the state.

HARBOR FORTS ISOLATED

General Schuyler Says San Francisco Defenses Need Better Roads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In time of war it would not be difficult to cut off ammunition and the necessities of life from the strongest defense to the harbor entrances at San Francisco, according to the annual report of Brigadier-General Schuyler, commanding the Department of California. In a report to General Schuyler, Colonel John P. Wiser, commanding the District of San Francisco, says of the fortifications there:

"Fort Barry is probably the strongest defense of the entrance to this magnificent harbor—the great strategic point on this coast—and yet in time of war it could be supplied with ammunition and the necessities of life only with the greatest difficulty, due to the defect in wharf and roads. Battery Kirby at Fort Baker also suffers from a similar disadvantage, and should be made more easily accessible by means of a good road just above the water level around the cliff. At present it can be reached from Fort Baker proper by road over the high hill between."

BRITAIN'S OFFER ACCEPTED

Mrs. Whitlaw Reid Decides to Let Warship Convey Husband's Body.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Whitlaw Reid decided today to accept the offer by the British government of a warship to convey the body of her late husband to the United States. The arrangements will be completed between the British Foreign Office and the American State Department.

Among the first wreaths to reach Boroche House was one from the Queen Mother.

Hundreds of applications have been received for seats in Westminster Abbey for the memorial services for the late Ambassador, which is to be held on Friday.

Heartly tributes were paid to the late Ambassador at a meeting today of the American Society. Many appreciative speeches were made and resolutions were adopted paying respect to his memory and expressing sympathy with his family.

BAILEY REMAINS SILENT

Texas Senator's Friends Believe He Is About to Resign.

NEW JERSEY "MOUNTAINERS" ACCUSED OF THREATENING LIFE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON.



Left to Right—Sweeney Davenport, Jacob Dunn and Warren Dunn. The Last Named Was Discharged From Custody Yesterday and Motion to Dismiss Davenport Is Pending. The Government Says It Has a Strong Case Against Jacob Dunn.

NEW THREAT MADE

Another Letter Writer Says He Will Kill Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Without any disposition to evade the obligations imposed by treaty and by the dictates of humanity to do everything possible to prevent a renewal of the war in the Balkans, officials of the State Department are reported to be of one mind in holding that the complex issues between the contending states should be adjusted entirely by the good offices of neutral European states, which are thoroughly acquainted with the problem.

DOZEN DETECTIVES BUSY

One of Mountaineers Accused of Similar Offense Is Discharged. Another May Be; Case Against Third One Is Stronger.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—President-elect Wilson's life has been threatened by a letter writer. The letter was mailed in New York on December 12, received by the Governor's secretary at Trenton the next day and turned over to the postal authorities. It is now in possession of United States Assistant District Attorney Lindabury, who declines to discuss it.

The receipt of the second threatening letter became known today at the arraignment of Jacob and Warren Dunn and Sweeney Davenport, of Wharton, the three so-called mountaineers, who were charged with having sent Governor Wilson on November 11 last a letter demanding \$5000 under threat of death.

One Case Is Dismissed. The hearing was not concluded, but United States Commissioner Stockton dismissed the case against Warren Dunn and took under advisement a motion to dismiss as the letter never reached him, but was intercepted by Mr. Tumulty.

Against Jacob Dunn, alleged author of the threatening letter, the Government made out a strong case. Commissioner Stockton said he held Dunn, pending the conclusion of the hearing tomorrow afternoon, when Joseph P. Tumulty, Governor Wilson's private secretary, will be called to testify that he received the letter.

Wilson Does Not Attend. Governor Wilson did not attend the hearing, and it was said he would not be required to do so tomorrow. Instead, the letter never reached him, but was intercepted by Mr. Tumulty.

The second letter threatening the Governor's life was unsigned and addressed to the Governor, but that it was understood that the mischievous did not reach the Governor, but was intercepted, like the first one, by Mr. Tumulty.

PEACE PROCEEDINGS HALT

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on possible American intervention said: "If an understanding between the Balkan states and Turkey is impossible, notwithstanding the friendly advice that certainly will come from the conference of the ambassadors, I believe that American intervention will be most opportune and will be received as justifiable, because of American interests in the Balkans and Turkey, which are not lacking, and have sufficient importance to entitle Washington to tender its good offices for an impartial settlement of the conflict."

"The United States has colonies, commercial firms, maritime lines and missionaries throughout the Balkan states and Turkey. Besides, she has with Bulgaria ties of culture, many among us having been educated in the use and having brought from that land of liberty and independence that worship of freedom which has hastened the explosion of our national vindication."

"Our people have the same spirit of enterprise as the Americans and with a few years of resurrection they will change the face of our country. Indeed, we aspire to become the Americans of Europe."

Word Intervention Carefully Used. "I repeat, intervention by the United States, coming in case of failure by the European powers, would be received with open arms. But I call it purposely intervention, not wishing to underline any other word, as mediation might then be too little, while arbitration, being too much, could not be accepted or admitted."

General Danglis, aide to Crown Prince Constantine of Greece, arrived here tonight, brought important documents for Premier Venizelos, who also has received an avalanche of telegrams concerning the situation in Greece and the Greek military and naval operations.

Greece alone among the Balkan states is fighting Turkey, on four different fields—in the east at Saloniki, to the north, and on the Adriatic and Aegean coasts.

The whole Greek delegation is busy deciphering dispatches. The Greek premier, pointing to them tonight, exclaimed:

"Now, nobody will any more say that it was an exaggeration to have my delegation composed of 32 persons."

Swiss Prepare Against War. BERNE, Dec. 17.—The Swiss government, in view of the possibility of war, is augmenting the amount of ready cash at its command. A consignment of \$5,000,000 in gold and silver arrived here today by special train from Paris and was lodged in the Swiss National Bank. The government also continues to order quantities of grain from America.

SEA FIGHT IS DRAW

Greek Cruiser Battles Alone, Then Withdraws.

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There has been no intimation from any official source that America will be called upon to play the part of mediator, and it is pointed out that the necessity for such mediation virtually has disappeared, the present assemblage of plenipotentiaries, all charged with instructions to bring about peace, being itself a mediating body.

Article VIII of the Hague convention provides that in case of a definite rupture of pacific relations, the signatory powers are charged with the joint task of taking advantage of any opportunity to restore peace. This has been generally understood as imposing an obligation upon a friendly neutral state not to lay down terms of peace, but to bring the principals into friendly conference with that purpose.

Article IV defines the duty of a mediator to be the reconciling of opposing claims and appeasing the feelings of resentment which may have arisen between the states at variance. But it is felt here that, now that the hostile states have of their own volition entered into an armistice and begun the discussion of peace conditions, they have anticipated the good offices of a mediator and that at this stage further progress toward peace can be made by direct dealing between the principals, freed from the interference of third parties.

If the plenipotentiaries in London should reach an impasse and a return to hostilities be seriously threatened, it would be a duty of the signatories to the Hague convention to take what steps could be taken to prevent a resumption of the war. But that the intervention of America in this manner will not be required is believed to be assured.

WAR MAKES MANY DESTITUTE

Mrs. Rockhill Describes Misery and Relief Given by Red Cross.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The condition of dying men crowded around the beds endeavoring to obtain water is described by Mrs. Rockhill, wife of the American Ambassador at Constantinople, in a letter to Miss Isabel T. Boardman, of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Rockhill writes that in and about one building in San Stefano were lying 500 men in complete destitution as a sequence to the Balkan war. She says it is impossible to estimate the number of the sick or dead, but that many corpses are unburied.

She reports that American efforts in taking care of the dying and the dead who hitherto lay in helpless, hopeless misery.

Through the co-operation of several members of the British Red Cross Hospital unit, the American committee has been able to start a field hospital of 50 beds, in tents.

SERVIANS DRUNK WITH FUTURE

Austrian Close to Emperor Vexed by Unjust Suspicions.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—"The Servians are drunk with the future and forgetful of the past and perhaps of the present," according to Rudolph Sieghart, who was recently appointed ambassador of Austria to France by Emperor Francis Joseph.

Writing to the Temps today, Sieghart, who is one of the Austro-Germanic intimate advisers, complains of what he calls the campaign of detraction and suspicion against Austrian policy current in Europe. The Austrian government, he says, has been observing for some time the massing of Russian troops on the Austrian frontier.

The Austrian military measures, he said, have been taken simply as necessary to the protection of the country and they have been unwillingly taken.

Mrs. John S. Newberry Dead.

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—Mrs. John S. Newberry, one of the city's most widely-known philanthropists and a leader in social circles, died suddenly here today. She was the widow of Representative Newberry and the mother of Truman H. Newberry, ex-Secretary of the Navy.

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TURKS RETURN TO ANCHOR

Engagement Near Entrance to Dardanelles Is Chiefly at Long Range—Smaller Vessels Keep Under Cover.

SEDIL-BAHR, Dardanelles, Dec. 17.—Another naval battle was begun between the Turkish and Greek fleets this morning near the entrance to the Dardanelles. The firing was heavy. After the naval battle off the Dardanelles, the Turkish warships returned to their anchorage with flags flying and bands playing amid the enthusiastic applause of the crowds lining the shore.

According to an eye-witness who verifies the official report of the engagement, after a long range exchange of shots, the smaller Greek vessels retired leaving the pride of the Greek navy, the cruiser Georgio Averoff, to bear the brunt of the fighting. The cruiser seemed to be using only her small caliber guns and showed signs of having been struck by three or four shells. Finally she slowly retired from the combat.

The Greek torpedo boats and submarines remained behind an island under cover during the fighting.

'LOOK IN EYE' IS COSTLY

MAN INVESTS HIS ALL WITH UNBLINKING BROKER.

House and Savings Go Into Wisner Enterprises, on Assurance of Infidelity, Says Witness.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—C. N. Johnson, of Rockford, Ill., who described himself as a "family man," testified today for the Government and told how he had lost his life savings and the house over his head by investing in the stocks promoted by A. L. Wisner & Co. A. L. Wisner and John J. Meyers are on trial charged with using the mails to defraud.

"I first read of A. L. Wisner & Co. in the Morning Herald," said the witness. "It was said their stocks were big dividend payers, and it was impossible to lose. I went to San Francisco, where the main offices were, and saw John J. Meyers, their agent. He looked me straight in the eye and said I could not possibly lose. After he looked me in the eye I had confidence in him and gave him all the money I had."

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CENTENARIANS FIGHT DUEL

Friends 101 and 103 Years Old Quarrel Over Woman of 50.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—A duel, arising out of jealousy, has been fought in the neighborhood of St. Petersburg between two centenarians.

The adversaries were Kujas Sabotoff, 101 years of age, and a noble named Viarjanin Garryn, two years his senior. The two lived on terms of intimacy, their properties adjoining one another. Recently, however, Sabotoff took exception to the attentions which Garryn paid on his frequent visits to the former's housekeeper, a woman of 50.

After a violent altercation a duel was decided on and duly fought with pistols. In the presence of four military officers, who acted as seconds. When both veterans, bleeding from many wounds, were placed hors de combat, honor was declared satisfied.

A Performance De Luxe.

London Cor. "The complete realization of an artist's dream" is Richard Strauss' own verdict on the recent performance of his latest opera, "Ariadne auf Naxos," in Stuttgart. Certainly, from all accounts, there was nothing wanting to contribute to the perfection of the ensemble. Strauss' Ariadne auf Naxos, in Stuttgart. Certainly, from all accounts, there was nothing wanting to contribute to the perfection of the ensemble.

In having a delightful theater at his disposal and in having carte blanche to gather together from all points of the compass the most brilliant singers, the orchestra in "Ariadne auf Naxos" played on instruments that altogether represented a sum of 300,000 marks. There was a cello by Amati of Cremona, two Stradivarius violins dated 1672 and 1703, and also Amati violins. The text of the opera has been written by that deft renovator of ancient classic drama, Hugo von Hofmannsthal. The introduction of "Moiere's "Bourgeois Gentlehomme" in the first act affords scope for some of Strauss' most characteristic comic music, while the pathos of the scenes which center round Ariadne are tremendously Straussian. No precedent exists for this mingling of opera seria and comedia della arte, but in Strauss' "Ariadne" there can be no question of its triumphal success.

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