

# 'GENUINE' POLICY OF NEUTRALITY URGED

### Organization Formed to Demand "Free and Open Sea" for Non-Contraband.

## VOTING PLEDGE IS TAKEN

### Prohibition of Export of Munitions of War and Cable Controlled by United States Government Also in Platform.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. — Citizens from nearly every section of the country, some representing German-American societies, churches of different denominations or other organizations, and others acting individually, held a conference here tonight and resolved to form a national organization to "re-establish genuine American neutrality and to uphold it free from commercial, financial and political subservience to foreign powers."

Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, who presided at the conference, was chosen to head the organization committee, and Horace L. Brand, of Chicago, was elected secretary. Speakers included Dr. C. J. Hassamer, president of the German-American National Alliance, Rev. Thomas C. Hall, of the Union Theological Seminary, New York; Dr. Kurt H. Richter, of the German Historical Society; Professor William R. Shepherd, of Columbia University; Professor James T. Hartfield, of Chicago; Professor A. B. Faust, of Cornell; Rev. C. Berkmeier, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America; Joseph Frey, president of the German Roman Catholic Central Union; Dr. Edmund Von Mach, of Harvard; Representatives Porter and Barchfield, of Pennsylvania, and Lobbeck of Nebraska.

Resolutions adopted by the conference declared in favor of:

An American cable controlled by the United States Government, to assure possession of a free and open sea for American commerce and unrestricted traffic in non-contraband goods; immediate enactment of legislation (as a strictly American policy) prohibiting the export of munitions of war; establishment of an American merchant marine.

The concluding section of the resolution said:

"We pledge ourselves, individually and collectively, to support only such candidates for public office, irrespective of party, as will place American interests above those of any other country, a candidate who will aid in eliminating all undue foreign influence from American life."

## JURY'S WISHES FOLLOWED

Judge Stevenson Lent to Bartenders Against His Judgment.

"It being the recommendation of a jury of representative citizens, about 200 in number, of the sentiment of the community, that Charles Pessen, bartender, guilty of selling liquor to minors, be allowed to continue in the line imposed, I shall do so, against my own judgment in the matter and shall also remit the fine of \$250 levied in the parallel case in which Carl Nippie was convicted," Judge Stevenson declared yesterday in deciding the case tried before him Friday.

"I am not satisfied in my own mind that this should be done," commented Judge Stevenson later. "I doubt that the decision will have a deterrent effect upon bartenders who have unquestionably done wrong. Selling liquor they wished to buy, yet I wish to follow the recommendations of the jury, and as the case of Nippie, tried previously without incident, was better and no worse than that of Pessen, I feel it my duty to also remit the fine in this case."

## DEED TO LOCKS APPROVED

Oregon City Title Now Only Needs Secretary of War's Acceptance.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31. — Attorney-General Gregory today approved the deed by which the Federal Government will acquire title to the Oregon City locks, and sent his letter of approval, with the deed, to Secretary of War Garrison for acceptance. This practically closes negotiations that have been under way for nearly two years, and it is now necessary only for the Secretary of War to affix his signature and request the Secretary of the Treasury to pay over the cash.

When the purchase is completed the Secretary of War will announce the policy of the Government, and it is expected that the canal will immediately be thrown open to free navigation. Until that time plans of the War Department as to future work near Oregon City will not be made public.

## CIVILIAN MUST NOT SHOOT

Mayor of Nancy Suspended for Firing on German Aeroplane.

NANCY, France, Jan. 31. — (Via Paris, Jan. 31.) — The Mayor of a large town in the vicinity of Nancy has been suspended from office for a fortnight for shooting at a German aeroplane as it was flying over his town.

In taking this measure, the higher authorities of Nancy held that a civilian had no right to act as a combatant, as by so doing he only brought upon the heads of the civilian population severe reprisals.

## AMATEUR STRATEGIST HIT

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt Makes Plea for Battleship.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. — The necessity for an adequate Navy, kept at a high

point of efficiency, was argued by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and George von L. Meyer, ex-secretary of the Navy, the principal speakers at a luncheon of the Republican Club here today.

"There is no harm in saying that our Navy is the third largest today, and that France and Japan are progressing," said Mr. Roosevelt. "The future of the Navy is in your hands and the hands of your Congressmen, but unfortunately many people do not know where their own Congressmen are. If we had not an adequate Navy it would mean the loss of Hawaii, American Samoa, Porto Rico, the Panama Canal and the Philippines."

The secretary derided "amateur strategists, who say the day of the battleships is gone and advocate submarines."

Many people fail to realize that war vessels become obsolete, the speaker added. One of our modern dreadnoughts, he said, could fight and sink 15 battleships like the Oregon of Spanish War fame. Former Secretary Meyer declared that an adequate Navy is as necessary to the inland cotton grower and manufacturer as to the inhabitants of seaports. He called attention to the lack of battle cruisers.

"It was because the Bluecher was slow that she was sunk," he said. "Japan has four battle cruisers and Japan could wipe out our entire commerce in the Pacific because we have no ships that could overtake her battle cruisers." The fastest cruiser we have is the Knolls.

Herbert L. Satterlee, ex-Assistant Secretary of the Navy, said:

"Some people say you can raise an army of 1,000,000 men over night. But you can't raise bluejackets over night. You must have trained men in the Navy, and it's murder if they are not trained. Other speakers were General Francis V. Greene, ex-Governor of the Philippines, and Representative Calder.

## RUSSIANS ENTER TABRIZ

TURKS REPORTED ROUTED ON PERSIAN TERRITORY.

Colors, Guns and Military Supplies Captured—Hundreds of Killed Annihilated on Battlefield.

LONDON, Jan. 31. — The Paris correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company yesterday reported that the Russians have routed the Turkish troops in Persia and have entered Tabriz, capital of the Province of Azerbaidjan, which the Turks occupied early in January.

The Paris Martin prints dispatches saying that the Turkish right wing, which invaded Azerbaidjan, was routed by the Russians, who have returned to Tabriz. The Turks are said to be retreating toward Maragha, 20 miles south of Tabriz.

The official Russian report issued at Petrograd today said:

"In the valley of Alashkert we came in contact with the enemy, and after a stubborn battle captured their colors, guns and military supplies. The enemy himself retired toward Tabriz, abandoning on the battlefield many hundreds of killed."

Speaking of other fighting in the Caucasus, the report says:

"In the region around Tchorskoi, south of Batum, a column of troops of the enemy were repulsed in the village of Baschkiol. They retreated precipitately."

"On the front near Sari Kamysh there has been no important change. On January 23 the Turkish artillery cannonaded energetically a part of our front, but with no success."

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## GUARDSMEN TO BE GUESTS

Ex-Members to Dine Battery A on 49th Anniversary of Birth.

An interesting programme of music and addresses will be featured of the annual banquet of Battery A, Oregon National Guard, next Saturday night at the Commercial Club. About 100 persons are expected to attend. The affair will be given by the Veterans Association, comprising ex-members of the battery, and will be in honor of the present members. The day will be the 49th anniversary of the forming of the battery.

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## CONCERT SETTING IDEAL

Chamber Music in Sketchroom of Museum Most Impressive.

Some lucky genius in the instrumental trio composed of Mrs. Susie Fennel Pipes, Ferdinand Konrad and J. R. Hutchison must have had an unusually happy thought when it was determined to hold a series of chamber music concerts in the sketchroom of the Museum of Art at Fifth and Taylor streets.

Another of these concerts took place Saturday night, and so impressive was that the impression deepened that the Museum of Art is the ideal place for such educational, high-class musical treats, meant primarily for the elect and musical enthusiasts. The sketchroom, with its atmosphere of art, its

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Galloway*

## FATHER VERWILGHEN LOW

Popular Priest, Long in Charge at Vancouver, Very Ill.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 31. — (Special.) — Father Felix Verwilghen, for many years priest of the St. James' Catholic parish here, is very ill at St. Joseph's Hospital in this city. He has been ill for many months of heart trouble. For two days he has been in a stupor and doctors say the end cannot be far away.

Father Verwilghen was a very popular priest, not only with his parishioners, but with those outside. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, and three years ago visited his native land, Belgium.

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# ARRAZO A FLOOD OF RAIN AND SNOW

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## DAMAGE OVER \$200,000

### Streets of Nine Cities Are Under Several Feet of Water, Livestock Suffers and Animals of Phoenix Zoo Perish.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 31. — Rain and snow in the central and southern portions of the state last night brought about floods which were almost as disastrous as those of a month ago. Streets here and in Globe, Miami, Glendale, Tucson, Bisbee, Tempe, Buckeye and Arlington were under several feet of water. Ranchers in the lowlands were forced to flee for their lives, and much livestock, including the wild animals in the Riverside Park Zoo here, was destroyed. Total damages will aggregate considerably more than \$200,000.

The Salt River rose out of its banks, the flood attaining a volume greater than the most memorable high water herebefore. The Santa Cruz, Gila and Rillito rivers poured torrents over their valleys.

Globe and Miami were isolated for several hours today. One weak wire was working tonight. Over a month ago that one point more than 1000 feet of railroad track had been washed out. This was the only point at which railroad tracks were completely ruined, although all roads in the state, particularly those on the border, which had to contend with snow, as well as conditions created by heavy rains, experienced great difficulty.

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statues, its pictures, creates just the necessary mental surroundings for the enjoyment of chamber music. It is more suitable for such a purpose than the usual concert or recital hall.

Last night two trios were played with excellent and interesting effect. The "C Major No. 4" (Mozart) and the "Dumky Opus 39" (Dvorak). These two trios are markedly dissimilar. The Mozart is German, quiet, reposeful and the Dvorak is Bohemian, not wild, but gipsy-like, romantic, with shaded moods. The former belongs to yesterday and the other is of our own day. They were both splendidly played to the accompaniment on the roof overhead.

The pleasant surprise of the occasion was the Bruce Violin "Concerto, 3 Minor," played with ideal, charming tone by Mrs. Pipes to the piano accompaniment of Mr. Hutchison. Mrs. Pipes played from memory. The electric lights had been lowered and the tones of her fairly music stole in and out of her perfect style and accompaniment. Mrs. Pipes was recalled twice, and it was hoped she would play one dainty, short extra number, say "Traumerei" (Schumann) or "The Swan" (Saint-Saens), but she just bowed her acknowledgments.

The other concerts of the series will take place February 13 and February 27.

## OREGON MAY LOSE FUND

DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY LIKELY TO HIT IRRIGATION.

Unless Secretary Lane Specifies Certain Project, \$450,000 May Be Lost, Due to Programme.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 31. — There is a growing apprehension among members of the Oregon delegation over the proposed appropriation of \$450,000 for irrigation work in Central Oregon, recommended by Secretary Lane.

Representative Wilson has been conferring with heads of the appropriation committees, telling them to eliminate all, except absolutely necessary items, from appropriation bills and this caution as to economy is to apply to reclamation work along with all else.

Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House Appropriations Committee, has declared he will not sanction any new appropriations for reclamation work, unless the appropriation is asked for some specific project, with a detailed description of the project.

As yet Secretary Lane has not been able to designate any specific project in Oregon on which this amount can be expended and unless he does designate the project, the appropriation will not be made. Secretary Lane names some project there is danger the appropriation may be thrown out, just as the river and harbor committee has refused to make any appropriation for new waterway projects. The situation is none too favorable and the economy wave that is sweeping through the Administration is likely to result in some adjustment of Oregon's account against the reclamation fund.

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## FIRE SWEEPS SNOHOMISH

Blaze in Business District Does \$50,000 Damage.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 31. — Fire in one corner of district of Snohomish, former county seat of Snohomish County, east of Everett, had done \$50,000 damage at midnight. This information was given by a fire department official who was broken off by evacuation of the Snohomish telephone office owing to approach of the fire. All telegraph and telephone wires were severed. Among the buildings destroyed were those occupied by the Alcorn Furniture Company, Siegel Clothing Company, Bruhn-Henry Mercantile Company, Esig Hotel and C. R. Sydnay and Co., sporting goods.

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Portland Lawyers Pay Final Tribute to Late G. G. Ames.

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Resolutions which were adopted by acclamation, reviewed the life of Mr. Ames from his birth in Wisconsin in 1852, during his 32 years' membership of the Bar Association, and until his death. The resolutions condoned the relatives on his death.

Addresses were made by William M. Gregory, M. C. George, T. J. Geisler, George P. Lent, Charles J. Schnabel, C. M. Johnson, John F. Logan and George A. Brodie.

## INVITATION MADE WIDE

President Asked to Visit All Cities on Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31. — President Wilson was invited to visit all the cities on the Pacific Coast during his visit to the West next month, in a resolution adopted here today at the seventh annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific Coast.

It was suggested in the resolution that President Wilson should come to San Francisco by way of Seattle, and return to the East by way of Los Angeles.

The officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Thomas Burke, president of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce; vice-president, Rufus Choate, president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce; secretary, C. W. Burks, of San Francisco.

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