TALK IS "THROUGH HAT," SAYS WILSON

President So Terms Forecast of Defeat, Addressing Democratic Committee.

"DRESS PARADE" AIR ENDS

National Body Is as Big Family, With Chief Executive as Its Host at White House Luncheon. Threatened Split Denied.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Addressing the members of the Democratic National Committee, who were his luncheon guests at the White House, President Wilson today declared, after explaining that he did not think it necessary to address the committee in parliamentary language, that "any who says we can be beaten in the 1916 campaign is talking through his hat."

The President spoke briefly. He told the committeemen the Democratic party should be in good order for the next campaign, because it had carried out its pre-election promises.

Speaking, as he said, "in the family," the President reviewed the acts of the Administration since it came into power. The committeemen applauded him enthusiastically. No other addresses were made.

Fred B. Lynch, of Minnesota, who has been suggested as a possible successor to Chairman McCombs, assured the committee that no differences exist between him and the chairman.

No attempt will be made, it is now understood, to displace Mr. McCombs before the end of his term.

Dress Parade Words Cast Off.

Throughout his entire talk, which dealt with subjects ranging from Democratic chances of victory to features of "life of a chief executive," the President was informal. Taking his place at the head of the table, he thrust his hands into his trousers pockets, cast aside what he termed his dress parade language and talked freely and confidentially.

It was the first time, committeemen said, that their body had been received as a whole in the White House.

At the outset the President said he wanted the members to feel that they were a part of a big family of which he was a member. He asked whether any one present could suggest any campaign argument other than the tariff which the Democratic opposition could advance, and the committeemen all shook their heads. Nobody knew at this time, he added, what sort of a tariff measure must be framed to meet changing conditions resulting from the war.

Mexican Peace Forecast.

Discussing parties and policies generally the President insisted that the Democratic view was that the majority should rule, while that of their opponents was that a "board of trustees" should act for the people.

Touching on the Mexican problem he said this same majority rule should apply in Mexico as well as in this country, without regard to the wishes of persons residing in other countries who held Mexican property. He expressed the belief that in due time peace would come in Mexico when the people were thoroughly tired of raising disturbances.

The President faced a united committee, leaders declared tonight, rumors of threatened breaks between friends of Fred B. Lynch, the Minnesota committeeman, and Chairman William F. McCombs having been promptly disposed of.

Mr. McCombs and most of the other committeemen left for their homes tonight.

CITY CONTESTS RATE RISE

Woodburn Challenges Right of Commission Under Phone Franchise.

WOODBURN, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The City Council has instructed City Attorney Blaine McCord to bring action to restrain the Western Telephone Company from raising telephone rates over those specified in the franchise granted the company by the city on October 4, 1910. The monthly maximum rates in the franchise agreement are $1.50 for a single party, $1.25 for two-party, and $1 for more than two-party.

The Public Service Commission recently granted the company permission to raise the rates over the franchise maximum rates. The principle involved is the authority of the Commission to trespass on municipal franchise premises.

NEW INDUSTRY FORESEEN

After War, Lane Nut Growers Using Canal Can Meet World, Is View.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Growers of nuts in Lane County can successfully compete with other sections of the country after the close of the war, according to A. J. Miller, of Hood River, one of the speakers at the Commercial Club luncheon today.

Mr. Miller says already Hood River farmers and fruitgrowers are starting to plan on shipping their fruit to the Atlantic seaboard via the Panama Canal. When this time comes, he says $40 an acre can be saved by growers in that vicinity through canal freight rates. Mr. Miller says he believes the Lane County nutgrowers can find a similar advantage in the gravity haul to the coast.

HERDER FREED OF MURDER

Shad Fields Faces Trial on Charge of Killing Another.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—After deliberating for 22 hours, the jury in the case of Shad Fields, a sheepherder, charged with murder in the first degree, returned a verdict of not guilty. Fields was on trial for killing Ed Ward in Boise County last September. A second indictment charging him with the murder of Wyman Ward has been filed.

Prosecuting Attorney Rhodes, of Boise County, declares that the accused man will be tried on the second charge next month. Many women in the courtroom shook hands with Fields and congratulated him on his acquittal. The slain men were settlers and leave widows and eight children.

RED CROSS REORGANIZES

Military and Civil Relief Work to Be Separated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson and ex-President Taft sat on the platform together here today at the annual meeting of the American Red Cross. They greeted each other warmly.

In a brief address, President Wilson praised the humanitarian work being done by the American Red Cross in the European war, saying it was the greatest agency the United States had for good.

Reorganization of the society to meet the need of separate divisions in charge of military and civilian relief work was the chief business of the meeting.

President Wilson occupied the chair while Dr. Richard Strong told of the American Red Cross sanitary work in stamping out typhus in Serbia, and during the address of Charles J. O'Connor, special representative of the Red Cross, who brought word of famine and misery as he saw them two months ago in Mexico City.

Dr. Strong, in concluding his address, turned toward the President as he said:

"We have heard much in the United States of the preparedness of our country for general defense. One important problem in this connection is the question of the preparedness of our physicians to deal with epidemics of infectious diseases in the field and their knowledge of the problems relating to the hygiene of camp life and of large bodies of troops."

Mr. O'Connor replied to those who have charged Red Cross workers with giving untrue reports of conditions in Mexico by saying that he had data showing that in the federal district about Mexico City in October the daily number of deaths due to starvation was about 220. He added that he considered it a conservative estimate to say that at least 2000 were dying every day in the whole of Mexico for lack of food or on account of disease attendant on famine conditions.

"In the streets," he declared, "I often saw gaunt women and children clawing in barren garbage heaps for scraps. I saw groups of pathetic wretches waiting hours before doors of private houses for a cupful of soup. I saw acres of pauper graves, where the dead were buried so fast that the tin name plates required by law were not set above the graves."

DEFENSE NOT PARTISAN

REPUBLICANS TO CO-OPERATE FOR GOOD OF NATION.

President Tells Senator Gallinger He Does Not Approve Making Party Issue in Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Gallinger told the President today that the Republicans in the Senate would make no partisan fight on the National defense programme if it were not made a party measure. Later Mr. Gallinger said that President Wilson had told him he would not approve of the Democratic caucus making the defense plans party measures.

"I agree with the thought in the minds of the President and Secretary Garrison in the preparation of the Administration plans," said Senator Gallinger at the White House, "but I have not yet studied all the details. The Republicans will not treat this matter in a partisan manner, and so I told the President.

"We will honestly co-operate with the party in power in working out defense plans which will be adequate and sane. But we will not agree to have the Democrats frame their plans in caucus and then ask us to approve them.

"The question of preparing for the defense of the Nation is not a party one, and the Republicans are ready to meet the Democrats half way if the majority party is really willing to discuss this question on a non-partisan basis."

CREW THEFT SUSPECTS

SWITCHMEN HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CAR LOOTING.

Southern Pacific Employes at San Francisco Charged With Systematic Robbery for One Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—A Southern Pacific Railroad switching crew of three men was arrested today in connection with the systematic robbing of freight cars here during the last year. Loot valued at $2500 was recovered and the total of all the robberies was said to have been $10,000.

All of the robberies took place, the police say, while the crew was on duty. Information was given the police by a jitney driver and a peddler, alleged to have been employed to haul and sell the stolen goods.

The crew consisted of the foreman, Fred Tanger, and two assistants, William Ferguson and Frank Harrison. The police said the men represented themselves as customs officers when selling their loot.

OREGON CITY LEVY PENDS

Assessor Says Change From 10.5 to 14 Mills Optional With Council.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Whether Oregon City will pay a 10.5 or a 14-mill city tax rests entirely with the Council, said County Assessor Jack today. An amendment to the charter, passed Monday, provides that the Council shall levy 7 mills for operating expenses and 7 mills to take up an issue of bonds to be issued to call in outstanding bonds, or a total of 14 mills.

However, the Council has passed an ordinance levying 10.5 mills for 1916 and notice of the levy has been filed with the County Assessor and the County Clerk. Unless the Council files a second notice declaring the levy 14 mills, Assessor Jack will extend the 10.5-mill levy.

KINDNESS WINS SUSPECT

Prisoner in Gratitude to Sheriff Reveals Cache of Money.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Grateful to Sheriff R. P. Anderson, who has treated him with kindness during his recent illness in the County Jail, William Erby, arrested in connection with the robbery of $150 from A. McAdams in the Elks' Hotel last Wednesday, volunteer to direct the officers to the hiding place of the money.

Accompanied by the Sheriff, Erby went to the Weitz feed barn and uncovered a tobacco can hidden under chaff in a feedbox in one of the rear stalls. The can, apparently, was filled with tobacco, but $90 was found cached at the bottom. Erby admitted having hidden the money, but denied having anything to do with its theft.

Ashland Tax Deficit Is $2538.

ASHLAND, Or., Nov. 8.—(Special.)—Of the municipal tax for 1915, which approximates $45,800, all but $2900 has been paid up, the levy being made in 1914. All but $538 of the general tax for 1913 also has been paid. The delinquent sewer tax for 1914, a local assessment, amounts to a trifle more than $4000, being Bancroft act obligations. This as a whole is considered a good showing.

M'ADOO WOULD TAX SMALLER INCOMES

Secretary Also Asks Further Provision for Preventing Evasions of Laws.

BOND ISSUE IS OPPOSED

Recommendation That Stamp Taxes and Duty on Sugar Be Continued Is Reaffirmed—Increased Imports Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, in his annual report, a summary of which was made public today, outlined his plans for raising additional revenue.

Secretary McAdoo would reduce the income tax exemption so as to tax married persons with $3000 incomes and single persons with incomes of $2000. He would increase the collection force, declaring that many persons now evade payment, and would change the law so that gross income, instead of net income, shall be returned and so that the tax should not be withheld at the source.

He also recommended continuance of the present stamp tax and the duty on raw sugar. He opposes a bond issue to meet the situation. Taxes on gasoline, crude and refined oils, horsepower of automobiles and "various other things" are suggested as further revenue-raising measures.

Taxes Still Due Government.

Mr. McAdoo, in asking for an increased collection force, said that, on the basis of the examinations, apparently more than $4,600,000 in personal tax and more than $20,891,000 in corporation tax still is due the Government.

"Many inaccurate returns are made," said the report, "some deliberately and some ignorantly, and there are, without doubt, wholesale evasions of the law throughout the country. It is absolutely certain that the Government is losing through inaccurate returns and evasions of the law a sum many times greater than the cost of the necessary field force to investigate and check the returns and to bring to account those who are failing to make returns as required by law."

A further recommendation reads as follows:

"By the act of October 22, 1914, a tax of 55 cents per proof gallon is now imposed on brandy and wine spirits used in fortifying domestic wine. This tax, however, will, under the provisions of the act, expire by limitation January 1, 1916. It is therefore recommended that a like tax be imposed on all brandy or spirits used in fortifying such wine on and after that date.

"The policy of providing for the expenditures of the Government by taxation and not by bond issues," said the report, "is undoubtedly a sound one and should be adhered to. A nation, no more than an individual, can go constantly into debt for current expenditures without eventually impairing credit. A wise, sound and permanent policy of raising the additional revenue required for preparedness and the expenditures of the Government should therefore be devised and adopted."

Mr. McAdoo expresses the belief that with a return of peace in Europe customs receipts, which fell off $86,000,000 in the last year, would increase and that the legislation suggested, with a provision to make the surtax of the income tax law applicable at $10,000 instead of $20,000, the whole or part of the additional revenue could be raised.

The total estimated appropriations for the fiscal year which begins July 1, next, Mr. McAdoo put at $1,285,557,898, including $216,264,879 for the postoffice which is reimbursable, and about $90,000,000 more for the Panama Canal and sinking fund. Receipts for the same year based on existing law without extension of the sugar duty or the emergency tax, Mr. McAdoo put at $830,200,000 and ordinary disbursements at $832,301,000 leaving an excess of disbursements over receipts, if legislation is not passed to change conditions, of $252,761,000.

Prosperity Declared Established.

Mr. McAdoo said that the business of the country was improving steadily and that prosperity had been "firmly established throughout the country."

"The financial situation of the country," he continued, "has never been so strong and favorable as now. Our financial resources are the greatest in our history, and our banking system, through the creation of the Federal Reserve system, is now the strongest in the world. In every respect the economic and financial condition of the country is extraordinarily sound. It is greater than that of any other nation and if we use our resources and our opportunities intelligently and wisely, we shall establish the prosperity of this Nation upon an impregnable foundation for many years to come."

In that connection the Secretary's report showed the stock of gold in the United States on November 1, 1915, was $2,198,113,762, compared with $1,895,876,580 on January 2 and that it is by far the largest sum in gold ever held by one country. Indications were, he added, that the present stock would be greatly augmented.

The method of legislating for public buildings in an omnibus bill received the Secretary's disapproval and he asked that it be discontinued. Needless waste of public money, he said, would be avoided if Congress would hereafter not authorize the acquisition of public building sites until authorization had been made for the buildings to go on the sites. He asked that the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to fit the building to the city and not to make it just as imposing as the sum appropriated under the present system will permit.

Jail Sentences Follow Fast.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Recently Henry Herman was sentenced to the County Jail on a vagrancy charge after he had been arrested at Adna with a complete safe-blowing outfit in his possession. The man's term expired yesterday, but he was resentenced on a charge of carrying concealed weapons to permit Sheriff Foster continuing his investigation of the man's past record.

Oil Find Near Burns Is Reported.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Considerable excitement was created at Burns by the news that oil was discovered at the oil well, 17 miles south of Burns. The well has reached a depth of 2700 feet and drilling has been discontinued until casing arrives, when it will be determined whether the well is of commercial value.

Road Supervisor Is Elected.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Dryad Good Roads Association, George W. Onn was elected road supervisor for the coming year. About 35 new members were added to the association at the meeting.

GEOGRAPHY CHANGES AD

WORD GOOD IN UNITED STATES, BLASPHEMOUS IN BRAZIL.

Difference of Conditions in Latin-America Should Be Studied Here, Says Tradesman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—What is good advertising in Virginia is not always good advertising in Venezuela, declared Hugh M. Kahler, of this city, in telling at the closing session today of the International Trade Conference of some of the pitfalls into which American manufacturers fall in framing their advertising to be translated into a foreign tongue. Differences of language, race, climate, laws, customs and institutions must all be considered in advertising goods in Latin-American countries, the speaker said.

As evidence of the care that must be exercised by American advertising in the South American countries, Mr. Kahler instanced an advertisement in Brazil of a gas engine guaranteed not to freeze. This man failed to realize, he said, that the climate there is so hot that it would boil an egg.

Still another spent thousands of dollars advertising an article, the name of which, translated into Spanish, was worse than blasphemy.

Veteran Succumbs at Cottage Grove.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The funeral of Charles Bohm was held today. He died Monday night at the age of 75 years. The funeral was conducted under the auspices of Appomattox Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Bohm was born in Germany. He had been a resident of Oregon for a quarter century. At Buffalo, October 20, 1877, he married Miss Reginia Reitz, who survives. He served during the Civil War in Company C, Twenty-first Regiment, New York Volunteers, was wounded at Antietam and was honorably discharged February 13, 1863. Surviving children are Charles Bohm, of Drain, and Mrs. R. W. Waters, of Medford.

Albany Pythians Elect.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Charles C. Curry, chief deputy in the County Clerk's office here, was elected chancellor commander of Laurel Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, of this city, in the semi-annual election this week. Other officers were chosen as follows: Vice-chancellor, Richard F. Thom; prelate, Fred Fortmiller; master of the work, L. Reade Dowlin; keeper of records and seal, L. M. Curl; master of finance, John G. Bryant; master of the exchequer, Francis M. Arnold; master-at-arms, William J. Patterson; inner guard, Ralph Thom; outer guard, Cleo Jenkins; trustee for three years, W. A. McClain.

A FINE TREATMENT FOR CATARRH

EASY TO MAKE AND COSTS LITTLE

Catarrh is such an insidious disease and has become so prevalent during the past few years that its treatment should be understood by all.

Science has fully proved that Catarrh is a constitutional disease and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Sprays, inhalers, salves and nose douches seldom if ever give lasting benefits and often drive the disease further down the air passages and into the lungs.

If you have Catarrh or Catarrhal deafness or head-noises, go to your druggist and get one ounce of Parmint (Double strength). Take this home and add to it ¼ pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved, take one tablespoonful 4 times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises, clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and mucus stop dropping into the throat.

This treatment has a slight tonic action which makes it especially effective in cases where the blood has become thin and weak. It is easy to make, tastes pleasant and costs little. Every person who wishes to be free from this destructive disease should give this treatment a trial.—Adv.

MINE LIENS ARE $19,366

Foreclosure Proceedings at Vale Are Against Humboldt Corporation.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—F. L. Hubbard and J. H. Nichols, attorneys for F. L. Anderson, of Mormon Basin, made public today the filing of foreclosure proceedings at Vale against the Humboldt Consolidated Gold Mines, seeking judgment for 37 labor and material liens assigned to Mr. Anderson and totaling $16,716.63. For attorneys' fees $2550 is asked, and for filing fees $100.30, making a total of $19,366.93.

J. T. Donnelly, trustee, is named as a defendant because of his holding a trust mortgage given to obtain a bond issue made by the mining company, and the complaint asks that the labor and material liens be declared prior in right to the claims of Mr. Donnelly.

Former Centralian Goes With Ford.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Hampton A. Steele, until 1912 city editor of the Centralia Daily Chronicle, is a member of the Ford peace delegation on its way to Europe. Mr. Steele is representing the State Journal of Topeka, Kan., with which paper he has been connected since leaving here.

HAVE COLOR IN YOUR CHEEKS

Be Better Looking—Take Olive Tablets.

If your skin is yellow—complexion pallid—tongue coated—appetite poor—you have a bad taste in your mouth—a lazy, no-good feeling—you should take Olive Tablets.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets—a substitute for calomel—were prepared by Dr. Edwards after 17 years of study with his patients.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color.

If you want a clear, pink skin, bright eyes, no pimples, a feeling of buoyancy like childhood days, you must get at the cause.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act on the liver and bowels like calomel—yet have no dangerous after effects.

They start the bile and overcome constipation. That's why millions of boxes are sold annually at 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

Take one or two nightly and note the pleasing results.

The Olive Tablet Company, Columbus, O.—Adv.

HEAD STUFFED FROM CATARRH OR A COLD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Opens Air Passages Right Up.

Instant relief — no waiting. Your clogged nostrils open right up; the air passages of your head clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh disappears.

Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly.

It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh.—Adv.