

FIGHT FOR LEAGUE OPENED BY WILSON

President Hurls Defiance at Opponents in U. S.

BROAD VISION IS DEMANDED

American Help to Free People of Old World From Age-Old Tyrannies Deemed Need.

BOSTON'S GREETING IS WARM

Nation's Chief Executive Is Wildly Welcomed as He Parades Through Streets.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will fight at home as he has fought abroad for a league of nations. Returning from France, he had been an American soil not more than three hours today before he threw down the gauntlet to those who distrust the proposed concert of governments. He said, on the American ideals which had won the war for justice and humanity.

An America confining to her own territories her conception and her purpose to make men free, he said, would have to keep her honor "for those narrow, selfish, provincial purposes which seem so dear to some minds that have no sweep beyond their nearest horizon."

Big Auditorium Filled. Before a responsive audience that filled the biggest auditorium in the city, the president pictured the old world fighting with stubborn desperation, and expecting in the end nothing better for the peoples than they had known for centuries.

He pictured the American nation entering the lists with a new purpose—the freedom of mankind. The old world had caught the vision, and any treaty of peace drawn otherwise than in the new spirit would be nothing more, he asserted, than a "modern scrap of paper," and the present peace, unless guaranteed by the united forces of the civilized world, could not stand a generation.

Mr. Wilson Hurls Defiance. Bending over the speaker's table, his face set in tense lines and his right hand clenched, the president exclaimed:

"Any man who thinks that America will take part in giving the world any such rebuff and disappointment as that does not know America. I invite him to test the sentiment of the nation."

Interrupted by applause, the president halted and then evoked the greatest demonstration of the afternoon when he added that he would accept no sweeter challenge than the issue of the American purpose in the war.

Intense Feeling Shown. "I have fighting blood in me," he said with apparent feeling, "and it is sometimes a delight to let it have scope, but if it is a challenge on this occasion, it will be an indulgence."

At another point in his address, the president said that if the great hope of the world for a league of nations was disappointed, he would wish "for any part never to have had America play any part whatever in this attempt to emancipate the world. I have no more doubt of the verdict of America in this matter than I have doubt of the blood that is in me."

Welcome Is Rousing. New England gave the president a rousing welcome home. This city probably never has seen a greater crowd than gathered at every point of vantage along the route from Commonwealth pier, to which the naval cutter Ossipee brought his party from the steamer George Washington, through the downtown districts and around two sides of Boston Common to the Copley Plaza hotel, where a stop was made for luncheon.

At every turn, the president was cheered. Hat in hand, he stood in his motor car throughout the two miles of the parade except in one block between Washington and Tremont streets, where, because of the narrow way, spectators were not allowed to congregate.

Guard of Honor Formed. The national army, the navy, the state guard and the city police in lines on either side of the route formed a guard of honor for the entire distance.

VICTORY LIBERTY LOAN TO BE FIVE BILLIONS

NEW ISSUE OF BONDS TO BE FLOATED LATE IN APRIL.

House Ways and Means Committee Submits Legislation Authorizing Sale of Short-Term Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The victory liberty loan to be floated late in April is expected to be for \$5,000,000,000, the house ways and means committee reported today in submitting legislation authorizing sale of short-term notes instead of bonds. The bill will be called up in the house tomorrow.

After the ways and means committee had reported the treasury authorized the statement that the \$5,000,000,000 mentioned by the committee as the possible size of the victory loan was not necessarily exact, since the amount would be determined finally by the treasury for a month and a half. The size then will depend upon government expenses, which cannot be forecast accurately for the next month or more.

The committee estimate was based on the assumption that expenditures for the fiscal year ending next June 30 would be \$12,000,000,000, which is \$3,000,000,000 more than the receipts of \$11,000,000,000, exclusive of the yield from the victory loan.

In explaining the provision in the proposed bill for \$7,000,000,000 of notes the committee report said: "The treasury department and the committee believe that out of an abundance of caution we should authorize the issue of \$7,000,000,000 of notes, since the excess over \$5,000,000,000 will doubtless be required early in the next fiscal year."

FIREMEN SAVE 300 GIRLS

Blaze at Pittsburg Business College Spectacular One.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 24.—More than 300 girls were rescued by firemen, a score overcome by smoke and a dozen injured in a spectacular fire which late today destroyed the building occupied by Duff's Business college, in the heart of the business district. One girl who fell from the arms of a fireman at a third floor window was probably fatally injured.

Of the 450 students in the school when the fire alarm was sounded, only about 100 girls and 50 boys were able to reach the street in safety before smoke and flames cut off the escape of 200 others. Trapped on the second and third floors, the remaining students were taken from windows or jumped into fire nets in the street below. The damage was estimated at \$100,000.

CHICAGO CAMPAIGN ENDED

Pre-Primary One of Liveliest City Has Ever Seen.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The last big meetings in one of the most spirited mayoral and aldermanic primary campaigns ever held in Chicago were held today.

Interest centers in the contest for the mayoral nomination sought by three republicans and two democrats in tomorrow's primary. The republican race is between Mayor William H. Thompson, Judge Harry Olson and Captain Charles E. Merriam. Robert M. Sweitzer and Thomas Carey are the democratic candidates.

ARMY OF 538,498 PLANNED

Senate Committee Approves War Department Project.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Provisions for a temporary army of 538,498 officers and men after next July 1, as recommended by the war department, was inserted in the billion-dollar appropriation measure today by the senate military committee.

SOLDIER CEMETERY URGED

Senate Passes Bill Providing Burial Ground in France.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—A bill by Senator Spencer of Missouri authorizing the secretary of war to acquire land in France for the burial of Americans who lost their lives in the war, was passed today by the senate and sent to the house.

The French government already has offered to provide the site, which will be known as "The American Field of Honor."

BADEN PROCLAIMS REPUBLICAN RULE

Formal Announcement Is Made at Mannheim.

MILITARY PRISONERS FREED

Castle Raided by Crowd and Archives Destroyed.

MUNICH AGAIN COMPOSED

Ebert Government Apparently Does Not Intend to Interfere in Bavaria for Present at Least.

PARIS, Feb. 24.—(Havas.)—Following a meeting at Mannheim, called in honor of the memory of Kurt Eisner, the republic of Baden was proclaimed, says a Havas dispatch. The people opened the gates of the military prison and liberated men in prison and then raided the castle and burned the archives.

BERLIN, Sunday, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Conditions in Munich have settled down into a fair measure of order and temporary political stability. The Ebert government for the present apparently does not intend to interfere, although the decision to incorporate in the Bavarian government representatives of the workmen's, peasants' and soldiers' councils, it is believed, contains elements of future political conflict.

New Constitution Voted.

Such an arrangement is opposed to the provision in the new German constitution, which recognizes only state governments based upon democratic general elections, while the soviets are purely class organizations.

GENEVA, Feb. 24.—Prince Leopold, former commander-in-chief of the German armies on the Russian front, has been imprisoned at Munich on suspicion of being one of the instigators of the murder of Premier Eisner.

A list of persons to be assassinated by the reactionaries is said to have been found, and it is asserted that it has been decided to take 20 hostages from among the aristocracy. All the students in the university have been searched.

A provisional ministry has been constituted, consisting of nine members, instead of eight. Among the ministers is Professor Friedrich Forester, of the (Continued on Page 5, Column 1.)

NEW YORK STRIKE OFF AS CONFERENCE RESULT

BUILDING TRADE UNIONISTS ORDERED BACK TO WORK.

All Matters in Dispute to Be Adjusted by Joint Committee of Employers and Workmen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—All workmen on strike in the New York building trade dispute and all other sympathetic strikers were ordered back to work tonight under an agreement reached at a conference here between representatives of the Building Trades association, the union and the secretaries of war and labor.

PRICE FOR LIQUORS SOAR

San Francisco Saloons Boost Whisky to 25 Cents a Drink.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—(Special.)—After tonight a drink of whisky will cost 25 cents in all parts of the country where the so-called first-class saloon exists. The reason is that the government tomorrow will double its tax on whisky. The cost of other saloon drinks also is to be elevated. There are no more imports of champagne, Scotch whiskies and cordials.

Beginning tomorrow, a pony drink of any cordial will cost 50 cents. The present price is 35 cents. A drink of Scotch whisky is to cost 30, 35 and 40 cents. Champagne has hit the ceiling hard, with the price of \$100 a case. On this account the saloons say they cannot afford to sell it for less than \$12 a quart.

SCHOOL WORK CRITICISED

Nation's Educational System Held More or Less Wrong.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—All branches of educational systems in the United States from kindergartens to colleges were criticised here today by educators who spoke at various meetings held in connection with the convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education association, now in session.

Dr. Leightmeier Wimer of the University of Pennsylvania declared the present method of teaching foreign languages was all wrong because it lacked thoroughness.

Dairy Board Bill Introduced.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—The following bill was introduced in the house tonight: H. B. 528, by Griggs (by request)—Creating dairy registration board.

AUTOMOBILE SHOW SURPASSES OTHERS

Attendance Shatters All First-Day Records.

EXHIBITS 50 PER CENT MORE

Superb Lighting System Sets Out Beautiful Decorations.

SEARCHLIGHTS PLAY PART

Tenth Annual Display of Pacific Northwest Dealers Compares With Eastern Expositions.

Portland's star in the automotive firmament never shone so brightly as it did yesterday when the 1919 automobile show opened in the Hippodrome building, Twentieth and Marshall streets.

A superb lighting system and decorations of thousands of white and pink roses, ivy and hunting, and the individual touches in the respective show spaces combine to make the setting ideal for the display of 50 per cent more gasoline-propelled vehicles than ever before have been assembled in the northwest.

First-Day Records Surpassed.

Several thousand visitors viewed the exhibits, the attendance shattering all previous first-day records and coming near the largest days of other shows. As soon as the doors were opened at 10 A. M. spectators began to arrive, the stream of visitors steadily increasing in volume until late evening.

That the city's tenth annual show far surpasses any previous exhibition held in the northwest is freely admitted by show veterans. The automotive display is compared favorably with the nationally famous ones staged in New York and Chicago and declared the equal of the most ambitious efforts of the dealers in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Searchlights Give Surprise.

As a prelude to the official opening program last night the lights were turned out. Then several large searchlights played up and down the exhibition floor, singling out first one shining show car and then another. The spectators, recovering from their surprise, were quick to applaud the novel stunt.

In a balcony above the entrance an orchestra played. Two soprano solos (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

SCHOONER, HELPLESS, ADRIFT FOR 14 DAYS

ENTIRE CREW AS STRICKEN WITH SPANISH INFLUENZA.

Men on Moana, Engaged in Copra Trade, Have Distressing Experience in Mid-Pacific.

PAPEETE, Island of Tahiti, Feb. 7.—(By Mail.)—For 14 days the schooner Moana drifted helpless in mid-ocean while her entire crew lay stricken with Spanish influenza, not one of whom was able to navigate her. The Moana, which left San Francisco on December 14, 1918, was eight days out when the plague laid the men low. Three of the crew died and were buried at sea. The schooner arrived here on January 26.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—The schooner Moana, reported to have drifted helplessly in the South Pacific, while her crew lay ill with influenza, is a two-masted wooden vessel of 140 tons, and is owned by a French shipping firm in Tahiti. For the past two years she has been on the "copra run" between South Sea Islands and this port. Her captain is V. Brisson of Tahiti.

MILTON YOUTH CONFESSES

Harry Samuels Admits Murder of Omar Olinger.

PENDLETON, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—Harry Samuels, 19-year-old Milton boy, is said to have confessed to the sheriff's office that he killed Omar Olinger, proprietor of a store 12 miles south of Milton, last Wednesday. The lad is said to have shot Olinger with a high-power rifle following a quarrel between them.

Samuels was arrested Saturday morning in Pendleton by Sheriff T. D. Taylor and is being held at the county jail. The body of Olinger, buried beneath a manure pile, was found near the store on Friday by Sonny Stark, a wood cutter in the Blue mountains.

The funeral services of the murdered man were held in Milton yesterday. Samuels is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Samuels of Milton, well-known residents of the east end of the county.

PRESIDENT WELL GUARDED

Every Precaution Taken for Protection of Executive.

BOSTON, Feb. 24.—Some details of the arrangements for the protection of President Wilson during his ride through the streets were made known after he reached his hotel. In addition to the many soldiers and sailors who lined the streets and uniformed policemen and plain-clothes men mingled with the crowds, sharpshooters with high-powered rifles also were stationed on the roofs of buildings at various points. Other soldiers kept watch from windows and points of vantage.

Their services, however, were not needed, for the crowds were orderly throughout, intent only on giving the president an enthusiastic welcome.

SENATE AIR HELD DEADLY

Oklahoma Member Explains High Mortality Rate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Appealing today for steps to purify the atmosphere in the senate chamber, Senator Owen of Oklahoma said he believed the poor ventilating system had contributed greatly to the mortality among members of the senate. He pointed out that in 11 years 38 members had died during office, while 23 others had died after retiring, and declared his belief that their health had been impaired by impure air in the senate chamber.

"I think the senate is suffering more from hot air," said Senator Thomas of Colorado, as Senator Owen continued.

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ULTIMATUM ISSUED IN PORT DISPUTE

Multnomah County Delegation Demands Names.

NOON TODAY TIME LIMIT

Resolutions and Telegrams Show Division of Sentiment.

RUSH CHARGE IS RESENTED

Representative E. E. Smith Makes Attempt to Compromise by Retaining All Commission Members.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 24.—(Special.)—An ultimatum has been issued to the business men of Portland that they will be given until noon Tuesday to submit a list of names for the Port of Portland commission. This was the decision of the Multnomah delegation after a somewhat stormy conference this afternoon.

The delegation, after meeting a committee of business men Saturday, understood that Portland business men would suggest names today. Instead, there was received a long set of resolutions which demanded that the bill changing the present personnel be killed.

No sooner was this ready than a number of telegrams also were read to the committee from business men in Portland urging the passage of the bill as it stands, with the personnel named in the bill. It was apparent to the delegation that business Portland is split on the question and only after the insistence of Representative Gordon was another 24 hours of grace granted.

Resentment Is Expressed. Considerable resentment also was expressed by senators and representatives over the charge that the bill was rushed through in the eleventh hour. Senator Moser explained that there was discussion of a consolidation of the block commission and Port commission for months prior to the session and that a bill for such consolidation was in preparation and had been promised. Week after week he asked for the bill so as to introduce it, but always came an excuse instead. Finally, in what would normally have been the last week of the session, he introduced the present bill, which raised the torpedoes.

If he had not been assured repeatedly that the consolidation bill would be ready for introduction, continued Mr. Moser, he would have had a bill of his own in the first week and not the last week of the session. Senator Huston resented the resolutions received from Portland in view of the conference Saturday. So did Representative Loggren, Senator Banks and others.

A sort of compromise was suggested by Representative E. E. Smith. He offered an amendment that the terms of office be fixed in the bill and that no change be made in the personnel at this session. His reason for doing this was men are put on the commission after this session they could accomplish little, as they would likely be confronted with the antagonism of the members retained, that this scheme would spread through the city's social, financial and business life. Any other action than the one he suggested, declared Mr. Smith, would defeat whatever good might be attempted.

Action Is Demanded.

An editorial from The Oregonian was read, showing some things the Port commission should do and what it has not done. This served as a text for a number of speakers. It was agreed by the delegation that the commission needs new blood, new life and one vim, vigor and vitality and that the commission has not accomplished what it was organized to do in 18 years ago, chiefly because it has been under control of the same cluster of men.

The best members, it was explained, are those elected to the commission in recent years by the legislature and these are in the minority. In the opinion of Mr. Smith, the commission has sat around and done nothing and this bill will serve notice on them to get into action.

"We've lost the port business," asserted Senator Moser, "because the members have not the right idea. High towage charges up the river should be overcome. The commission was expected to operate the tow boats at a loss, but several members have tow boats and are in that business, and the commission sold one of its tow boats and has only one to use. It should have more."

Gordon Urges Delay.

Mr. Gordon, stating that he wanted to see the business men of Portland get what they wanted, urged that action be delayed until tomorrow. He thought a matter of such grave importance should be considered with deliberation. In view of the conflicting telegrams received, it was palpable that commercial interests in the city were clashing and he hoped that by a brief delay there might be some prospect of the factions harmonizing.

Mr. Lewis was in favor of immediately proceeding with making selections for the commission, there having been a decided change in the atmosphere since Saturday, and a number of new names are being suggested for places on the commission (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

