

PRESIDENT'S TALK IN NEW YORK INTIMATE

Mr. Wilson Avoids Politics in Speaking to Homefolk.

HIRAM JOHNSON IS HEARD

Californian Seems Physically More Fit Than Roosevelt to Make Presidential Campaign.

BY ANNE SHANNON MONROE.

NEW YORK, July 15.—It's one season for president in New York, and everybody's taking a shot at them—that is, everybody who isn't falling down and worshipping. Hero-worship seems coming in with the homecoming boys, and we can't be neutral or coolless about anything any more. We are staunch fiery-eyed adherents, or we are vigorous and vocal opponents. There is no middle road.

President Wilson on his return found a New York waiting to see, but when he saw, it melted right up into a deep and reverent and human love. He was thin and worn and gray—so very gray; and his eyes lighted with such joy in getting back, as he put it in his speech "all from the heart," in Carnegie hall, "getting back where the rest of the folks are." It wasn't a political speech. He didn't talk on the league of nations. It was just an intimate heart-to-heart talk to the home-folks. He has in a remarkable measure, the power of seeming to talk to just you when he is talking to a multitude, making it intimate and close and personal, giving you the feeling of knowing him as a big brother or nice uncle or something that is fatherly and kind—a sort of "I'll look after you" manner that makes one feel like not bothering any more, just let him do it.

Greeting is Enthusiastic. Carnegie hall was one mass of waving flags and waving persons, cheers, smiles, happiness and good humor, and certainly a returning president could ask for nothing more in the way of hands held out in welcome. Who first started the idea that our president is an austere, cold man, certainly had suffered some kind of personal frost that chilled his veins. Whatever our president is, he is human and never cold.

Mrs. Wilson appeared very lovely in soft, silvery gray from head to foot—no jewels, no ornaments. Then he had Hiram Johnson, who virtually threw his hat into the presidential ring when he came out in his great Carnegie hall speech attacking the league of nations. He is strong and robust, more capable physically of enduring the strain of a presidential campaign—should such intention really be in his mind—than was Theodore Roosevelt in his later years. Johnson is in fine oratorical trim. It was difficult to gauge the pulse of the audience as to its reaction. It was largely Irish audience, consuming itself in boos and hisses every time England was mentioned, and as the speaker had to mention England repeatedly in attacking the league, the hisses and boos made a fairly steady accompaniment. It was a wild, noisy, interrupting audience, but on one point—Irish freedom—whether it considered Senator Johnson seriously is difficult to tell.

17,000 Hear De Valera. Then came the great Madison Square Garden Irish meeting, the largest crowd ever gathered in New York, for 17,000 were admitted, and an equal number sat on the floor, some with their backs to the speaker. The president of the Irish republic, De Valera, was the attraction. He is occupying the same suite in the Waldorf, it is said, which was occupied a few days earlier by President Wilson. The meeting was Irish from floor to garret.

"Who wants to hear me?" was the wistful, heart-hungry, heart-rending cry from the innermost depths of these dauntless sons and daughters of Erin. "President!" "President!" "President!" "I'm like a flame of pure white light; almost puritanical, and he has a good thick Irish brogue that counterbalances the effect of his very Irish name. He is in earnest, deadly in earnest, all Ireland's, without a particle of self-consciousness or vanity like a man so steeped in his determination to see Ireland free that he has long since ceased seeing himself at all. He is not an orator; his voice is not strong, and he does not appear any too strong himself so far as his physical frame is concerned, but he is a fine figure of spirit about which Ireland in America gathers as steel to a magnet. He has the kind of magnetism of absolute sincerity and self-direction. After he heard him, and hearing the Irish hear him, one is rather of the opinion that England might as well get together around a life peace table and settle up her affairs with Ireland as quickly as possible, for the settlement is bound to come.

Oregon Welcomes. I wonder how many Oregonians in the soft breezes, all rose-laden, of their own beautiful state, give a thought to the little Oregon club down here in sweltering New York for returning soldiers, sailors and marines? How many realize just what it means to these sea-weary, foreign, land-tired and heart-hungry Oregon boys to drop into a little bit of Oregon maintained for them here? All the home papers are there and greetings from most of the home counties in placards on the walls, and a handshake and a "Hello, buddy; what can we do for you?" from some one in charge, and a register that tells them where their pals are and who's got back, and a real friendly interest that goes to the extent of lending them a few dollars for emergencies when they are strapped. There is a great ten-gallon jar of ice cold lemonade, a bit of a kitchenette where sandwiches and coffee are theirs for the making, plenty of cigarettes, information about the city and where to go. Many callers take the boys out for dinners, rides, shows and dances. I wonder if Oregon has a vivid picture of just what this club means to the boys, and if it is the first step on arriving from overseas, when, more than ever again, they need the welcome home? I wonder if Oregon mothers realize that unless this club is kept open till September or October a big lot of the boys will miss all this? It is hardly fair to do more for one than for another? Should the lucky early-returning boys have more done for them than those who have been held till the end, every minute pulling at the leash like greyhounds? I find that the club may be closed by the end of July unless more funds are supplied, and I understand that the people of Oregon, through the legislature, appropriated a considerable

sum to see that the boys were welcomed here in New York. The Oregon club has had the use of only \$1300, a very small sum compared with the good it has done. The club could not have been maintained during the returning-troops period at so small a cost had not loyal Oregonians given their services without salary.

Services Are Donated. Judge T. C. Burke, one of the commissioners, is there daily to look after things, while Peggy Curtis, the hostess, deserves a monument. She has served entirely without pay. And unless the Oregon citizens bestir themselves right away quick there won't be an Oregon club or any Peggy Curtis loan fund to take care of the rest of the boys still due; there will just be big hot, blistering strange New York, with no place to go that's a bit home-like, and nothing to do but get in trouble.

JAPAN PLEDGES COREA AID

PREMIER HARA ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING POLICY.

Statesman Avers Plans Are Under Way for Substantial Modification of Government.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—"A distinct improvement of conditions," and "administrative reform" has been promised for Korea by Premier K. Hara of Japan, according to information given out here today by T. Ohta, Japanese consul-general. The premier's statement was in answer to inquiries by the committee on oriental relations of the federal council of churches of Christ in America, regarding Korean affairs. The statement was as follows: "I beg to say to you that the reports in circulation regarding abuses said to have been committed by agents of the Japanese government in Korea have had no serious consideration and I am prepared to meet the established facts. As I have said on other occasions, the administration established in Korea at the time of the annexation, nearly 10 years ago, demands substantial modification in order to adjust it to the altered condition of things. "Since the organization of the present cabinet in September last I have given much thought and labor to a plan of administrative reform in Korea. A plan with this object in view is already under advisement. For patent reasons it has not been possible to put it into effect during the unfortunate disturbances which have broken out in various parts of the peninsula. In view, however, of recent betterments in the situation, the contemplated reform measures can now, in my judgment, be safely introduced and same will be put into effect as soon as definite and certain legal procedure have been completed. "More specific announcements of the plan must be withheld for the present, but I hope that the earnestness with which my colleagues and I are endeavoring to promote the welfare of our Korean kinsmen—guaranteeing distinct improvement of conditions—will not be misconstrued."

Examined Marshall of the Interstate Commerce commission will open a hearing in Portland today during which the proposed radical increases in freight rates, living rates and other charges affecting transportation of northwestern fruits, which have been ordered by the railroad administration, will be argued pro and con. The fruit interests of the northwest will be represented by J. Curtis Robinson, traffic expert, who has been gathering data, and James G. Wilson. The northwest growers and shippers will have the co-operation of the public service commissions of Oregon and Washington.

Those interested in the fruit-raising industry are all thoroughly aroused, as the increases threatened, if put into practice, will materially restrict their operations. A number of the leading fruit shippers of Oregon and Washington are in the city and will take part in the hearing. Among these are Harry Crowl of Wenatchee Produce company, G. Nelson, secretary of the Wenatchee Traffic association; I. L. Plette, secretary of the Yakima Traffic and Produce association; L. F. Sansbury of the Garretson Fruit company, North Yakima; Mr. McCullough, general sales manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' association, and Charlie Mount, traffic manager of the Earl Fruit company of the Northwest.

HAYS DISCUSSES LEAGUE

REPUBLICAN LEADER THINKS RESERVATIONS NEEDED.

United States Must Retain Power of Independent Action at All Times, He Says.

NEW YORK, July 15.—(Special.)—Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, said this evening: "The situation respecting the league covenant is simply this: There must be effective reservations. These reservations must safeguard the sovereignty of the United States in every particular; must guarantee the Monroe doctrine beyond the shadow of a doubt; must include the right to withdraw from the league at any time without hindrance or condition of any kind upon giving suitable notice. "It is up to the administration to decide whether it will or will not accept these essential reservations. American independence, which would unquestionably be promptly accepted by the other nations."

AUTO LICENSE IS CLEW

OREGON NUMBER PLATE FOUND NEAR WOMAN'S GRAVE.

Reports of Pet Dog Being Investigated by Police in Olympia Murder Mystery Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 15.—(Special.)—Olympia officers engaged upon the Plum station murder mystery are giving some attention to an Oregon license plate for 1919 numbered 1572, which has been found in the Pacific northwest near Kalama, as a possible clue to the strange machine that was seen at the scene of the murder in charge of a suspiciously acting stranger on the night of June 9. While the plate may have been lost from any one of many owners touring Oregon auto authorities of the latter state have been asked to trace its ownership in order not to overlook any possible clue in the case. Reports that a small dog was lingering around the grave from which a woman's mangled body was taken are also being investigated. It is thought the animal may have been a pet of the murdered woman that has remained behind and somehow managed to live in the woods.

"FORD MOTOR" NEW NAME

Eastern Holding Company Changes Title, Puts Stock at \$100,000,000.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 15.—By certificate filed in Dover today the Eastern Holding company changed its name to Ford Motor company and increased the capital stock of the company from \$100,000 to \$100,000,000. The Eastern Holding company was chartered July 9, 1919, with a capital of \$100,000 to deal in investments. The amending certificate filed today did not disclose any reason for the change "Ford Motor" in the name of the company, merely stating that the change was authorized at a meeting of the board of directors held in New York yesterday. No reason for the change was known at the office of the secretary of state.

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PROPOSED FREIGHT RISE TO BE CONSIDERED TODAY.

Northwest Fruit Growers and Shippers Are Aroused by Threatened Increases.

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DINNERS COST 29 CENTS

O. A. C. Girls Slaughter Old Man High Cost of Living.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, July 15.—(Special.)—Making bread, pies and preparing other dishes for the first time has aroused the interest of the foods and cookery class at the college, directed by Miss Mary Klefer, who has planned the work to cover kitchen and dining room problems. Much attention has been given to labor saving devices in the home, meal preparation, experimenting and testing recipes, and determining best methods. Well-balanced, substantial meals have been worked out in cost per person and with required calories for those of different occupations. Breakfast costs range from \$ to 12 cents, a two-course luncheon averaging from 19 to 18 cents, and the three-course dinners from 19 to 27 cents.

OIL COMPANY IS REFORMED

Eastern Syndicate Purchases Interest in California Concern.

LOS ANGELES, July 15.—Details of a plan whereby a New York syndicate, the Commonwealth Petroleum company, headed by Henry Lockhart, New York banker and oil man; Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, and Percy Rockeffer will purchase stock valued at more than \$20,000,000 in the Union Oil company of California were announced last night by Mr. Lockhart. The partnership has been sought, says Mr. Lockhart, with the hope that the assets of the Union Oil company may be extended to the markets of Europe, South and Central America and the Orient.

ELOPEMENT IS FRUSTRATED

Young Couple Fail in Attempt at Early Morning Marriage.

ALBANY, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—Ralph Warren of Oregon City, aged 21, and Bessie Nixon of Harrisburg, 17, walked seven miles in the early hours this morning, eloping to wed, but their plans were interrupted and this evening Miss Nixon went back home with her mother, Mrs. Martz. Miss Nixon left her home three miles north of Harrisburg just before midnight and met Warren in the road. They walked to Junction City, where they took a train for Albany at 5 o'clock this morning. The girl's absence was discovered when her mother awoke this morning. Summoned by telephone, Sheriff Kendall found the young couple eating breakfast in a local restaurant. The boy and girl met four months ago at Bell Fountain, where Warren was working and Miss Nixon visiting. The girl said they had planned to marry next November, but asserted she had been mistreated at home, so they decided to elope.

PARTIES CLASH IN HOUSE

REMODELED SUNDRY CIVIL BILL MEETS WITH DELAY.

Soldiers' Rehabilitation Fund Is Doubled in Attempt to Overcome President's Veto.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Consideration in the house today of the sundry civil appropriation bill as remodeled to meet the objections raised by the president in vetoing it, precipitated a partisan battle, which finally prevented further progress on the measure and ended only when the republicans forced through a motion to adjourn. The discussion began when the rules committee brought in a special rule for the immediate consideration of the appropriation measure, changed to provide \$12,000,000 for the rehabilitation of wounded soldiers and sailors, instead of \$6,000,000, as originally carried. Democrats opposed the resolution, declaring if it were adopted and the sundry civil bill would be passed it would enable the republicans to evade placing themselves on record as being opposed to the president's veto, and therefore opposed to an increase in the appropriation for the vocational training board. They contended that a president's veto, according to the constitution, would have to be rejected or accepted by a record vote. Republicans argued, however, that such a course was backed by precedent and would expedite action on the measure. Speaker Gillett overruled a point of order raised by Minority Leader Champ Clark and the resolution was adopted by a substantial majority. Debate on the appropriation bill itself resulted from attempts of democrats and Representative Madden, republican, of Illinois, to increase the vocational training appropriation. It was contended that the first duty of the country was to provide for its injured soldiers regardless of the expense and that \$12,000,000 was entirely inadequate. The amendments were opposed by Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, who declared that even \$12,000,000 was more than the vocational training board had ever asked for.

FARMHAND IS FINED \$50

Eugene Justice Assesses Penalty for Malicious Destruction.

EUGENE, Or., July 15.—(Special.)—William Chappelle, a farm hand of Meadowview, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff George Croner charged with malicious and wanton destruction of property. It is alleged that Chappelle and a companion, whose name is Jensen, on their way home from Eugene a week ago Sunday, became quite hilarious and that Chappelle shot a hole through a big water tank belonging to the county. It is on account of this offense that he was arrested, but it is also alleged that he shot holes through a number of mail boxes. Chappelle appeared before Judge Wells and was fined \$50.

Man's Head Blown Off in Well

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