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## WILSON IS FOUND MENTALLY ALERT

### President Jokes With Two Visiting Senators.

## MEXICAN SITUATION KNOWN

### News of Jenkins' Release Comes During Conference.

## STAGING HELD PERFECT

### Comment Is Hitchcock's—Fall Is Emphatic in Pronouncing Executive Fully Competent.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Distressing rumors concerning President Wilson's condition will be partially allayed as the outcome of the visit of Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska and Fall of New Mexico, a special committee of the senate, to the White House this afternoon to discuss the Mexican crisis.

When the two senators emerged from the main door to the White House proper at a few minutes after 2 o'clock, they were surrounded by a zealous group of newspaper men in whose minds but one question was uppermost.

"It was not about Mexico. It was directed to the president's health and this dialogue with Senator Fall quickly ensued. 'Senator, from your conversation with the president are you satisfied that he is fully competent to handle this Mexican situation?'"

"Mentally, do you mean?" queried the senator.

"That is right."

"Yes" is emphatic.

"Yes, entirely," he replied with emphasis.

All of the early questions were highly personal, bearing on the president's demeanor and physical appearance. Two or three inquiries were to learn if they found the president as attired in his old gray sweater for which he has shown somewhat of a passion in the last few weeks during his hours out of bed. Other questions followed in rapid succession.

"Senator Fall did the most of the talking, ask him," suggested Senator Hitchcock, but before the inquisitive correspondents could turn their batteries on the senator from New Mexico, Senator Hitchcock said:

"The president appeared much better than when I conferred with him some time ago. He was feeling well and displayed a fine sense of humor. His brightened conversation threw several little jokes and even grew humorous on the subject of his own condition in the conversation with Senator Fall."

President Tells Story.

This was understood to mean that the president had made some witty references to the alarming rumors of his breakdown.

"When the matter of Mexican intervention was mentioned," continued Mr. Hitchcock, "the president told the story of how some one asked Hennessey if he would take Mexico, to which Hennessey replied: 'Shore, Mexico is getting so contagious I don't see how we can help taking it.'"

Senator Hitchcock then told how the news of the release of Jenkins had been communicated by the state department to the president by Dr. Grayson right in the midst of the conference and, commenting on the peculiar psychology of the situation and the message at that moment, said: "Oh, this thing was perfectly staged."

The newspaper men had been apprised of the release of Jenkins by Secretary Tumulty a few minutes before the senators came out.

The two senators said they found the president in bed, instead of being in the much-mentioned wheel chair, as they may have anticipated. He was not propped up, but reclining in a comfortable position with his head pillowed in the ordinary manner.

"Did he say whether he had been officially advised by the state department of the Mexican situation?" someone asked Senator Fall, who replied: "I did not ask him."

Mexican Knowledge Shown.

Senator Fall said that while the Mexican crisis was not gone into in detail the president exhibited a general knowledge of the situation and asked that the report of the investigation made by the Fall subcommittee be submitted to him. This memorandum, Senator Fall said, would be sent to the president in a few minutes. A copy of the Fall resolution to sever diplomatic relations with Mexico was left with Mr. Wilson and whether he had seen it before was not revealed.

The president was not asked whether he approved the course of Secretary Lansing in dealing with the Carranza government, Senator Fall said, and the latter when asked if the interview had been satisfactory replied: "Oh, yes, I had him where he had to listen and I improved the opportunity," and he and Senator Hitchcock smiled as though they had enjoyed the brief visit, which lasted approximately 40 minutes.

Dr. Grayson, the president's physician, was seen later at the executive offices and said that the conference (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

## TEAM FOR PASADENA TO BE CHOSEN TODAY

### OREGON ELEVEN HAS ODDS OVER WASHINGTON.

### Committee Takes Time to Investigate Fully Before Choosing Western Players.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Whether the University of Oregon or the University of Washington will line up against Harvard in the annual east-against-west grid-iron classic at Pasadena on New Year's day, is still a matter of conjecture. Although the Seattle institution is not yet out of the running, the odds seem to favor Oregon.

Members of the alumni of both are hot after Messrs. W. F. Creller, Seward A. Simons and A. J. Bertone, who compose the football committee of the tournament of roses.

An official notice signed by the trio of members of the football committee was issued after its meeting at the Maryland hotel, Pasadena, today gave out the information that the western choice will not be named until tomorrow. Today's bulletin read: "In justice to the Harvard football team, the public and the west, and in courtesy to numerous requests which have come over the wires this morning the committee will take until Saturday to investigate carefully the situation before making its announcement of the western team."

Chairman Creller said that the western club may not be named until tomorrow night.

## ITALIANS LEAVE AMERICA

### Steady Exodus Attributed to Prohibition in U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Prohibition is beginning to reap its harvest in a hegebra of Italians from San Francisco, according to the announcement of the railroad officials, who reported that a special train carrying 17 Italian bound for New York, on route to Genoa, Italy, left the Oakland Mole today. This is the second such special train to depart from California in the last three weeks. The train cost the travelers \$17,000. Their total transportation expenses to their native land will be \$42,000.

At the local banks it was learned that members of the party today carried with them letters of credit aggregating more than \$200,000.

Tomorrow another party consisting of 10 passengers will leave here, bound for New York in two special cars. It is generally conceded that prohibition is the real cause of the departure of the Italians. It is also stated that the fact that an American dollar is equal to 12½ Italian lire is another reason.

## ICE-BOUND MEN ESCAPE

### Skis Made From Seats of Boat Caught in Klamath Lake.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—After becoming ice-bound when the engine of their motorboat failed several miles off-shore near Rocky Point, on upper Klamath lake during last week's cold spell, Paul and Louis Wampler, ranchers, escaped by fashioning skis from the seats of the boat, on which they were able to cross the ice safely.

The boat is still in the ice and will remain until spring. Report of the ranchers' experience reached here today. The cold came on, they said, with unusual rapidity, and as their boat lay in the water, with its engine dead, the ice seemed to form about it instantly. In a few minutes they were absolutely hemmed in.

## PLANE USED AT ELECTION

### Yakima Schools Plan Opponents Drop Circulars Over City.

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Opponents of the school nurse plan and other similar school activities, through their organization, the School Protective league, adopted modern methods of circulating the city on election day.

They engaged an airplane to scatter their circulars broadcast over the city. The work was done late in the day, however, and lost much of its effect, its promoters admit. At any rate their candidates were defeated.

## FRANCS AND POUNDS DROP

### New Low Levels Reached in New York Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Demand sterling or bills on London fell to \$3.84½ to the pound in this market today, representing a decline of 2½¢ from the recent low level and a discount of about 2½ per cent from the pre-war rate of \$1.85.

Rates on Paris also made a further decline; the purchasing power of the franc falling to almost 10,74 to the dollar, or a discount of slightly more than 50 per cent.

## HILDA ROOSEVELT SCORES

### Cousin of Late Colonel Succeeds in Paris Comedy.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Miss Hilda Roosevelt, cousin of the late Colonel Roosevelt, made her first appearance at the Opera Comique last night in "Manon."

Newspaper critics praise her operatic debut highly.

## ALLIES THREATEN GERMAN INVASION

### Plan to Occupy Essen, Frankfurt Rumored.

## PEACE TERMS INSISTED ON

### Field Marshal Wilson Confers With Marshal Foch.

## ULTIMATUM IS FAVORED

### French Press Expresses Belief That Coercion Is Necessary to Make Impression on Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—There was a persistent rumor in the stock exchange this morning that the supreme council of the peace conference had threatened Germany that unless the final peace terms were agreed to, allied troops would occupy Essen and Frankfurt. Up to this time the market has not been affected by the report.

Official announcement that Field Marshal Wilson has gone to Paris in response to "an urgent summons to consult Marshal Foch in connection with the peace treaty," is regarded by some morning newspapers as of considerable significance. It is printed alongside the address made in Glasgow last night by Andrew Bonar Law, in which he said he believed the allies had the power and if necessary would exercise it, to insure putting into effect the Versailles treaty by Germany. It is suggested that steps to exert pressure on Germany may be imminent.

Ultimatum Is Suggested.

"There has been enough solemn finger wagging at the Germans, who have come to believe it safe to defy the allies," says the Daily Mail, in commenting on the situation. "A wise and merciful course would be to tell them plainly that if within a fixed time they do not comply with the allied conditions and fulfill the treaty terms the blockade will be renewed."

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Coercion is the only argument likely to make an impression upon the Germans and induce them to sign the protocol of the peace treaty, according to today's newspapers. It is said this conclusion was reached at the secret session of the council of five yesterday, at which Marshal Foch was present.

It is reported that the marshal undertook to execute the plan he drafted last June, the mere threat of which (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

## MOTHER AND BROTHER OF DEAD GIRL TAKEN

### WALTER TABOR, ARRESTED AT WEED, DENIES CRIME.

### Mrs. Lester Tabor Is Found at Bray, Cal.—Prisoners Are Removed by Sheriff to Yreka.

WEED, Cal., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Walter Tabor, presumably the brother of Miss Maud Tabor, whose body was found in the trunk at Lawton, Mich., was arrested here today by Sheriff Andrew Calkins and his deputy. Mrs. Lester Tabor, his mother, was arrested and held at Bray, Cal. The pair will be brought to Yreka tomorrow.

YREKA, Cal., Dec. 5.—Walter Tabor was taken into custody at Weed today by Sheriff A. S. Calkins. His mother, Mrs. Lester Tabor, was detained tonight at Bray for the night. He was holding them on telegraphic instructions from Michigan authorities in connection with the finding in a trunk at Lawton, Mich., of a body supposed to be that of Miss Maud Tabor, sister of Walter Tabor, and daughter of Mrs. Tabor.

The sheriff said that the telegrams contained the information that Michigan officers would come west, bringing formal charges.

Tabor, who was brought to the county jail here tonight, said he had a sister named Maud Tabor living at Lawton, but denied all knowledge of her death, according to the sheriff. He had left his mother at Bray while he went to Weed to take railroad employment, he said.

LAWTON, Mich., Dec. 5.—Reports received here tonight that Walter Tabor and Mrs. Lester Tabor, brother and mother of Miss Maud Tabor, whose body was found in a trunk in the basement of the family home here last Sunday, had been taken into custody in California, revived the dwindling hopes of local authorities of clearing up the mystery of the young woman's disappearance four years ago.

The mother and brother, it was established at the coroner's inquest, were the only members of the family at home on the day Miss Tabor was last seen here, and officials had searched throughout the west, finally adjourning the inquiry until next week in the hope of having them here as witnesses.

The released witnesses, Prosecuting Attorney Adams admits, have failed to produce evidence warranting arrests in the case, nor has the manner in which Miss Tabor met death been definitely established.

Mrs. Florence Tabor Critchlow, sister of the dead woman, and Joseph Virgo, Miss Tabor's close friend up to a short time before her death, are being held as material witnesses in the inquest.

## TACOMA STRIKE ENDS; TODD PLANT TO OPEN

### AGREEMENT REACHED ON QUESTIONS INVOLVED.

### Eight-Cent Increase in Wages Held in Abeyance; 5000 Men to Resume Work.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 5.—The Todd Drydock & Construction company strike, called by the men October 1, ended officially at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, when representatives of the builders and the metal trades council affixed their signatures to an agreement under which the plant would be reopened and more than 5000 men return to work.

The principal features of the agreement, which is designated as an interpretation of the San Francisco wage agreement of last August, provide that the increase of 8 cents an hour be left in abeyance, with the provision that if at any future time the government grants any wage increase, nothing in the agreement shall prevent the men from receiving it; that all men employed on September 26, when the strike was declared, shall be re-employed in their former positions and at former rates of pay, and that two weeks' grace shall be allowed for all old men to return to work, with no new men being employed during that time.

Joseph Reed, vice-president of the International union of boilermakers, here as the personal representative of the metal trades department of the American Federation of Labor, did not sign the document, because, he said, the San Francisco agreement, to which the metal trades department was a party, stipulates that there should be no section agreement.

The department could not thus put itself in the position of officially being a party to a violation of the San Francisco coast district pact, officials declared.

Mr. Reed, however, was quoted as saying that while the international unions and the metal trades department were not parties to the local agreement signed today, it had been entered into in good faith by the local unions and must be kept.

Commissioner E. P. Marshall, federal mediator, expressed himself as highly pleased with the outcome. He leaves for Seattle tomorrow, but will spend a few days here next week before returning to San Francisco.

One hundred maintenance men will go to work at the yard tomorrow to get the various departments in shape for the resumption of work next Monday. The department is estimated that two weeks will elapse before the entire crew of 5000 men will be at work again.

## MAYNARD STARTS SOUTH

### "Flying Parson" Will Deliver Address Before Commercial Congress.

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Lieutenant Belvin W. Maynard, the "flying parson," left Mitchell field today on a flight to Savannah, Ga., where he is to address the Southern Commercial congress Saturday afternoon.

Maynard plans to return here before December 11 and then start on his one-stop flight across the country to San Diego, Cal.

## JENKINS RELEASED BY MEXICAN COURT

### State Department Says Notes Get Results.

## SITUATION MUCH RELIEVED

### Dispatch Arrives as Fall Confers With Wilson.

## PRESIDENT IS INFORMED

### Consular Agent Opposes Talk of Intervention, as He Believes Some Other Way Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—William O. Jenkins, American consular agent imprisoned at Puebla, Mexico, was released Thursday night by the Mexican authorities. The American embassy in Mexico City reported his release in an official dispatch received by the state department this afternoon and almost at the same time news dispatches were received from Mexico City which said a check for \$500 had been deposited with the civil authorities at Puebla.

This difference in the two reports seemed to raise some doubt as to whether Jenkins was released unconditionally on the diplomatic representation of the United States government, or whether he had been released on bail by the Mexican authorities contended he could.

Protest Gets Results.

The state department, however, took the view that Jenkins had been released on its diplomatic representations and issued this statement: "The release of William O. Jenkins, the American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, was reported this afternoon from the embassy at Mexico City."

The release of Consular Agent Jenkins was brought about by urgent diplomatic representations made by this government and the resulting investigation made by General Pablo Gonzalez, who was sent to Puebla by the Mexican government to investigate the facts in the case. The investigations by General Gonzalez, who was at Puebla on December 3, had then practically substantiated the position taken by this government on behalf of Jenkins.

Two men from Santa Lucia admitted to General Gonzalez that they had made declarations against Jenkins under duress. Other witnesses testified they had been compelled to make false statements against Jenkins under duress. One witness was threatened with a pistol, another suspended by a rope, and still another beaten until he made his declaration against Jenkins.

"These facts are shown in the court record of the case."

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## FLAMES CAUSE PANIC IN NEW YORK STREETS

### SEWER GAS EXPLOSIONS SHAKE BUILDINGS FOR BLOCKS.

### Lights Extinguished and Burglar Alarms Set Ringing—Police Used to Control Crowds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Hundreds of theater-goers were thrust into a panic tonight by an explosion of sewer gas in the White Light district which blew the tops off a score of manholes.

Blue flames leaped above the pavement and police reserves had to be summoned to control the frightened crowds.

Hundreds of persons in adjoining buildings rushed into the streets believing that an earthquake had occurred. Windows were shattered for blocks and electric lights throughout the region were extinguished. The ringing of private burglar alarms added to the confusion. At Broadway and Twenty-seventh street a wide crack appeared in the sidewalk.

Several persons were severely injured by flying glass.

A building occupied by the War Camp Community Service in West Twenty-seventh street was badly shaken and practically all windows broken.

The heavy plate glass windows in the New York Telephone company building in Broadway were shattered. The explosions continued for nearly an hour.

Carloads of sand were used to extinguish the blue flames escaping from the sewers. The sand was poured down the manholes until the fire was smothered.

## JUDGE'S AUTO KILLS BOY

### Vancouver Lad Struck by Auto Driven by Officer.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 5.—(Special.)—Byron Dimick, aged 8, stepson of L. H. Converse, 212 West Thirty-first street, was struck and killed by an automobile driven by Cedrick "Hat" Miller, police judge of Vancouver, at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. Young Dimick died almost instantly.

An inquest held by W. G. Knapp, county coroner, tonight showed that the boy started to cross the street, sighted the lights of the machine driven by Judge Miller, hesitated and then started to go back.

The accident is a setback to the campaign begun here several days ago to reduce the number of traffic accidents. Eight violators of traffic rules summoned before Judge Miller in connection with the operation of citizens was requested to prevent deaths.

## HUNGARIAN TREATY READY

### Approved Provision Puts Western Galicia in Poland.

PARIS, Dec. 5.—(Havas)—The peace treaty between the allied and associated powers and Hungary is ready for signature, the supreme council having adopted economic, financial and reparations clauses today.

The supreme council also approved treaty provisions regulating the frontier between Poland and Czechoslovakia, which places western Galicia within the boundaries of Poland.

## Operators Deny Compromise.

The operators' committee issued a statement characterizing as "vicious and misleading" published reports that they were considering proposals to compromise with striking miners by paying more than the 14 per cent increase suggested by Dr. Garfield in the southern coal fields. There will be no compromise, the secretary said.

In connection with the action of the federal court at Indianapolis ordering a grant of injunction against the strike, announced today that they will be assisted by J. H. Ralston of Washington, attorney for the American Federation of Labor. Information was filed with the federal court today charging officers of two locals at Clinton, Ind., with violation of the court's injunction by the payment of strike benefits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The general coal situation was discussed today at a meeting of the president's cabinet, but there was no intimation of what new step was contemplated by the government to meet the growing appeals from various sections of the country for action to keep the big industries in operation.

Fuel Administrator Garfield, summoned here from his home in Massachusetts to take up some of the big problems developing in the last few days, and Director General Hines told the cabinet what had been done. Dr. Garfield later conferred with department of justice officials and the executive committee of the bituminous coal operators. The fuel administrator indicated that coal production was increasing over last week.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—There was optimism in the east that soft coal production was slowly increasing in spite of the miners' strike, and surface indications that changes for the better were anticipated among the operators, but in the west there was little improvement and closing of industry and business houses continued.

One-third reduction in passenger service now has been ordered on nearly all the government-controlled railroads of the country. The eastern and southern regional directors today took nearly the same action as the directors of the north, central and southwestern regions took yesterday in ordering a one-third reduction in "train miles" which meant cancellation of many trains and much luxury equipment. Two famous 20-hour trains between New York and Chicago, the Twentieth Century and the Broadway Limited, were ordered suspended.

Many Trains Canceled.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul system had arranged for cancellation of 36 trains. More than a dozen fast trains on the Missouri Pacific, the Frisco and the M. K. & T. systems were ordered eliminated. The reduction in the north, central and southwestern regions is effective Monday, in the southern Tuesday and in the eastern Wednesday.

Coal was said to be at a low 45 per cent of normal production.

Governor Cox of Ohio, after a conference with operators and miners, said prospects were good for opening some Ohio mines soon.

Only a few men returned to work in Missouri where Governor Gardner had called out state troops and appealed to the miners to return. The mines were seized and volunteers will go to work soon.

Governor J. D. Robertson of Oklahoma proclaimed martial law in the telegram defense attacks Alzakam Lucas in libel suit trial. Page 10.

