



WILSON MESSAGE ADVISES ECONOMY

Budget System Also Is Urged on Congress.

BIG CROWDS DISAPPOINTED

President, at Doctor's Bidding, Does Not Appear.

TREATY IS LEFT ALONE

Recommendations Are Confined to Domestic Questions and Present Financial Stringency.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Both houses of congress were in brief session today to hear President Wilson's annual message. It was read by the clerk, Mr. Wilson having heeded the advice of his physician not to appear in person to present his recommendations.

Galleries in senate and house were crowded. Both the galleries were drawn by the chance that the president might appear in person or by the possibility that his message might touch upon the league of nations question, or his own approaching retirement to private life, but were disappointed.

Mr. Wilson confined himself almost wholly to domestic questions. Only by inference did his message refer to the nearing close of his administration and that was in concluding.

President Asserts Faith.

The proposals he presented, the president wrote, were not so much a series of recommendations as a confession "of the faith in which I was bred and which it is my solemn purpose to stand by until my last fighting day."

Congress made definite progress on one of the problems it faces during the brief session. The house received a rule under which an effort will be made Thursday to take up the immigration bill for prompt action. It would limit general debate to four hours. The two days' interval was allowed to permit Representative Sleight, New York, a member of the immigration committee, to frame a minority report.

All Else With Committees.

No other matter in either house had passed today beyond the committee stage. At both ends of the capitol however, members were deep in plans to deal with business depression, unemployment and farmers' relief. Discussions in the senate of the plight of farmers delayed the reading of the president's message.

The Industrial Situation Also Found a Place in the President's Message.

Recovery from war effects gave promise of early completion "only in our fortunate country," Mr. Wilson said, and even here "halts and impedes at times." A program of "immediately serviceable acts of legislation" to aid that recovery "and prove the indestructible recuperative force of a democratic government of the people" should be undertaken, Mr. Wilson said, adding:

"One of these is to prove that a great democracy can keep house as successfully and in as businesslike fashion as any other government."

Workable Budget Urged.

First among the recommended steps, Mr. Wilson placed enactment of a "workable budget system." He said he had vetoed the budget bill passed at the last session "reluctantly" and because of "a constitutional objection," but as it was later revised in the house, he believed it would, with other measures, furnish "foundations for a national budget system."

Mr. Wilson cited figures as to the national debt and urged "rigid economy in which all branches of the government should co-operate."

"I cannot overemphasize," he said "the necessity of economy in government appropriations and expenditures and the avoidance by congress of practices which take money from the treasury by indefinite or revolving fund appropriations."

Difficulties Are Cited.

This year's estimates "strikingly illustrated," the importance of specific appropriations, he added, the transportation act having "disturbed" the relationship between current receipts and expenditures to the extent of over a billion dollars.

"It is obvious," the message continued, "that these large payments have already seriously limited the government's progress in retiring the floating debt."

The President renewed some of the recommendations he made at the opening of the last session and added:

Loan to Armenia Favored.

"I do not feel it my privilege at present to suggest the detailed and particular methods by which these objects may be attained, but I have faith that the inquiries of your several committees will discover the way and the method."

The only recommendations for other than domestic matters was that for a loan to Armenia to be administered through American commissioners to

YONCALLA MEN QUIT, WOMEN TAKE OFFICE

MAYOR AND COUNCIL RESIGN CITY GOVERNMENT.

Officials Beaten at Polls Give Up Jobs to Successors Before Expiration of Terms.

YONCALLA, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Mayor Lasswell and all the other city officers turned in their resignations at last night's council meeting and appointed in their places the women who were elected at the general election November 2. The women, who successfully opposed the men at the polls and captured the entire city government, would have taken office January 1 had the men served out their unexpired terms.

The women who took office today were Mrs. Mary Burt, mayor, and Mrs. Jennie S. Lasswell, Mrs. Edith B. Thompson, Mrs. Bernice Wilson and Mrs. Nettie Hannan. After the recent election Mayor Lasswell, whose wife had been elected a member of the city council, announced that the women would have every assistance he and his colleagues could give them.

The women's party took the men completely by surprise at the November election. There was a sort of gentlemen's agreement that there would be an all city election, and that the incumbents would hold over for the next term without the formality of being elected.

The women, however, did not feel bound by an agreement to which they were not a party and they quietly nominated candidates and voted them into office. The women had protested that the men officials took no interest in the city, which the women maintained, might be lost to the city for good if the men farmers. The women have announced an immediate cleanup campaign and the inauguration of many city improvements.

The retiring officials declared in farewell speeches that they had resigned merely to let the women inaugurate their civic improvements at once, without waiting until January 1. They professed absolute goodwill toward the feminine city government which was about to assume control.

The councilmen first resigned and the mayor appointed the councilwomen-elect to their places. Then Mayor Lasswell himself resigned and the new councilwomen elected Mrs. Burt.

PLANE FALLS INTO SEA

Air Craft Floats All Day Without Help for Ten Passengers.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 7.—Navy seaplane No. 13, with 10 persons aboard, fell from an altitude of 1100 feet into the ocean off Newport beach, about 20 miles south of Los Angeles harbor, late today and for hours drifted about until tonight.

The plane was returning to Los Angeles from a trip of inspection to San Diego. Over Newport beach, the engine broke down and the pilot managed to volplane to the waves.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK

Several Injured, 2 Missing When Sunshine Special Turns Over.

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 8.—Four persons were reported to have been killed and several injured early today when the first section of the Texas & Pacific "Sunshine Special," north-bound, turned over five miles south of Texarkana.

A baggage man and fireman were still missing. A relief train, carrying physicians and railroad officials, has gone from here to the scene of the wreck.

HISTORIC PAPERS IN PERIL

Original Copy of Constitution Kept Only in Steel Safe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The original copies of the declaration of independence and the constitution are protected only by a thin steel safe in the library of the state department and surrounded by combustible materials usually found in libraries, says a memorandum to congress from Secretary of State Coby, transmitted to congress today.

He asked for an appropriation of \$25,000 to safeguard the documents.

POLITICIAN GETS 2 YEARS

G. W. Egan of North Dakota Convicted of Fire Insurance Fraud.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 7.—George W. Egan, prominent in business and political circles in South Dakota, was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary here today after conviction last May of having made fraudulent affidavits in connection with insurance policies covering a fire. Attorneys for the defendant served notice that the case will be appealed.

MAN AT BAY DIES IN FIRE

Homesteader Burns in Cabin Surrounding by Posses.

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 7.—E. F. Lamson, a homesteader near Tuffley, Mont., was burned to death in his cabin last night in an effort of a posse to capture him, after he had shot and dangerously wounded Jesse Garfield, sheriff of Golden Valley county.

Garfield was endeavoring to arrest Lamson on an insanity charge.

DUTY, NOT GLORY, HARDING'S VISION

Presidency Seen to Mean Self-Sacrifice.

CAPITAL FOUND RESPONSIVE

Impression Made by Senator Distinctly Favorable.

MUCH HEARD, LITTLE SAID

President-Elect Non-Committal as to Many Plans, but Already Moving for Results.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—When Senator Harding left Washington this afternoon he had spent almost exactly 40 hours in the capital. He saw a good many persons and they told him a good many things. Harding himself did more listening than talking. About the only thing that he himself initiated action as is reasonable on what is conveniently called the league of nations question, but is, in fact, the whole problem of our foreign relations. He brought this up with several members of the senate committee on foreign relations and with other senators and urged action on their part toward getting on common ground.

Senator Harding himself was a member of the foreign affairs committee and sat with it during all the sessions that dealt with the league of nations. He knows the various points of view held by individual members and he tried yesterday and today to make a beginning toward a common ground on which all differing views can meet.

Action on Cabinet Urged.

This is about the only affirmative thing that Harding did, about the only thing in which he took the initiative. But he listened to a lot of other things. Among the suggestions laid before him by one or another of those who called were the following:

He was urged to name his secretary of state and his secretary of the treasury immediately, without waiting until he has made up his mind about the cabinet as a whole. The idea of those who urged this course was that the names of these two officials would carry a certain amount of weight with the public and would give business men and others interested a basis upon which to make their calculations for the future. It was urged also that these two officials

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COLONEL McALEXANDER UP FOR HIGHER RANK

WILSON NOMINATES "ROCK OF THE MARNE" FOR PROMOTION.

Colonel Amos A. Fries, Formerly Stationed in Portland, Named for Advancement.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 7.—Colonel U. G. McAlexander, known as "the Rock of the Marne," was nominated by President Wilson today for advancement to the rank of brigadier-general. Colonel McAlexander was at one time stationed at Oregon Agricultural college, Corvallis.

Another military officer well known in Portland, where he was at one time stationed, Colonel Amos A. Fries, also was nominated for the same advance in rank. Colonel Fries, like Colonel McAlexander, received several decorations on account of gallant performance with the American expeditionary forces.

James J. O'Keane was nominated for receiver of the land office at Vancouver, Wash., and Charles S. Dunn was named for register of the land office at La Grande, Or. George Clay Jones, whose residence is given as in Oregon, was nominated for hydrographic and geodetic engineer, with the rank of lieutenant in the navy.

Major Arthur E. Rowland, Fort Stevens, Or., is ordered to Oregon university, Eugene, as assistant military instructor.

SHOOTING STORY DENIED

Report of Wounding Robber in Holdup Near Elma Explodes.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A report that a robber had been seriously wounded by the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Knowles, four miles east of Elma, as the robber was staging a hold-up in the Knowles residence was emphatically denied this afternoon by residents of Elma who know the people involved.

The story printed in some papers stated that the young man, hearing a strange voice in the front room of his parents' home, looked through the door to see a man ordering Mr. and Mrs. Knowles to put up their hands. Knowles Junior, the story went on, shot the intruder, who was taken to Montezano in a serious condition. The sheriff's office at Montezano has received no intimation of either robbery or shooting.

PRIZE TO BE GIVEN DEC. 10

President to Get Nobel Award of \$40,000.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Announcement has been made that the Nobel peace prize will be conferred on President Wilson of the United States December 10.

The Nobel peace prize carries with it a grant of about \$40,000, which is one-fifth of the annual interest on about \$2,000,000 left for that purpose by Alfred B. Nobel, the Swedish scientist and the inventor of dynamite, who died in 1896. The only two Americans who have in the past received the Nobel peace prize were Theodore Roosevelt in 1906, and Eltha Root in 1912.

ALASKANS STARVING; BUREAU NEEDS FUNDS

FOOD AT ONCE ASKED IN MESSAGE TO SEATTLE.

One Native Found Dead; Sickness Reported Sweeping Through River Settlements.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Natives in the Kuskokwim river region in Alaska are confronted by death from starvation this winter unless food is sent them at once, according to an urgent message received here today by the Alaska bureau of the United States department of education from George W. Hoffman, United States commissioner at Iditarod. The Alaska bureau has no funds with which to buy food.

One native was found dead from starvation last week. He is survived by a widow and six children, who were reported to be without food. Sickness and starvation are reported to be sweeping through the native sections on the Kuskokwim river below Napanum.

Food can be supplied from Iditarod, Commissioner Hoffman states in his message, provided the government will supply funds with which to purchase it and pay for transportation across the divide.

BAN ON JAPANESE URGED

State Controller of California Says Congress Must Act.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 7.—Action of congress to stop immigration and denial of citizenship to children born here of parents ineligible to citizenship are the next steps needed in dealing with the Japanese situation, John S. Chambers, state controller, said in an address before the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union here tonight.

He advocated a "trading tariff" that would make it possible "to bargain with other countries along the most beneficial lines."

The federal government, he said, is doing much for the wheat and corn growers, but is neglecting the prune and raisin growers. He advocated co-operative buying and marketing.

STEAMER SUBBURY AFIRE

Blaze Not Under Control, but No Assistance Is Asked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 7.—The steamer Subbury, bound from New York to San Francisco, reported herself afire tonight between San Diego and San Pedro, in a wireless message to the marine department of the chamber of commerce. The message said the fire was not yet under control.

JAPANESE LOSSES 1437

Siberian Casualties Show 586 Die of Illness and 1522 Wounded.

TOKYO, Dec. 7.—Casualties among the Japanese troops in the Siberian fighting to date include 1437 men killed in action and 586 deaths from sickness. It was announced by the war office today.

The records show 1522 wounded in action.

TEACHER KILLED; AUTOISTS CAUGHT

Miss Maud Ferguson of Jefferson High Hit.

TRICK BY PAIR IS FAILURE

Quiz as Witnesses Brings Accidental Admission.

FIRST STORY IS FALSE

Tale of Unidentified Driver Speeding On After Hitting Woman—An Collapse.

Miss Maud Ferguson, aged 33, teacher of English at Jefferson high school, was struck down and almost instantly killed by an automobile at the intersection of East Forty first and Gilliam streets at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, driven by Alfred Axelsen, 25, of 2064 Wasco street and carrying Pat Caves, 50, of 2054 Wasco street, according to a confession made by the men after they had declared that they witnessed the Police of the trail in the investigation that was sure to follow.

At 1:30 this morning at police station Axelsen admitted that he was driving the death car and that the tail of another machine hitting the woman was false.

Windshield Blocked View.

In their confession the men said they were driving 15 miles an hour and that the windshield was covered with mist and rain and that they did not see the woman until after they had knocked her down and had run 20 feet past the body. Three other cars, they said, were ahead of them and each insisted that one of the three cars also hit her.

Axelsen was held on the charge of failing to report an accident. His bond was fixed at \$500. Caves was allowed to return to his home but will report at the hearing this morning.

The arrest was made by Lieutenant John Goltz and Inspectors Tackaberry and Phillips, who went to the home of Caves to hear his version of the accident. Caves intimated that the machine might have struck the woman and the patrolmen took him into custody.

The four men went to the home of Axelsen. He was routed from bed and the two autoists were then taken to police station.

Autoists Give Aid.

The woman, after she had been hit, was picked up by Caves and Axelsen and H. L. Crosby of 228 East Fifty street. They called to E. W. Martin of 706 East Sixty-sixth street North, who assisted in carrying her to the home of Mrs. E. J. Scheffer, 1196 East Gilliam street, where they called for the ambulance.

In the first version of the accident, given to reporters and the police, the men insisted that they were a block away from the scene of the accident and that the car was driven by a man, who they declared to be an unidentified driver, hit the woman and that they had rushed to the aid of the victim.

Woman Boarding Car.

They also at first declared that the woman had just stepped into the street while about to board an approaching street car, when the automobile struck her and dragged her for more than 20 feet.

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Home Made With Sister.

Miss Ferguson had been living at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph L. Collett, 1192 East Davis street, where her mother, Mrs. C. E. Ferguson had also been living until recently. She had left the home shortly before 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon to take a street car to the west side. She had planned to meet other high school teachers on the west side and take dinner with them.

When the body was first taken to the morgue there was nothing on her clothing or in her shopping purse which would give any clue as to her identity and it was not until 7:30 o'clock last night that the first positive identification was made.

Christmas List Is Carried.

In the shopping purse which Miss Ferguson carried was a Christmas shopping list containing the following:

CATTLEMEN ASK FOR EXPOSE OF PACKERS

ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO INSTITUTE INQUIRY.

Disclosure of Means by Which Retailers Are Enabled to Keep Prices Up Desired.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 7.—Resolutions calling upon Attorney-General Mitchell Palmer to institute an inquiry aimed to expose the methods between packers and retailers which were alleged to keep the retail price of meat at a high figure and effect reforms that will effectively lower the prices were adopted today at the conference of officials of the 12 western states cattlemen's associations.

The conference adopted a resolution relating to the devising of plans whereby the reasonable surplus of cattle from the western states may be gauged and means were adopted for preventing the glutting of markets with surpluses. The resolution calls upon the western states cattlemen to co-operate in furnishing the United States bureau of crop statistics with estimates as to the number of cattle to be shipped outside of the several states.

A resolution to enact federal legislation to eradicate tuberculosis among cattle was adopted, also one relating to the withholding from prime cattle markets of half-fat cattle and feeders.

EYEWITNESS NOT HEARD

State Refuses to Call Man Who Saw Alleged Murder Done.

PENDELTON, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The state rested its presentation of evidence today in the retrial of Frederick Bader, Grant county man charged with the murder of E. E. McCue in February, 1918, near John Day, Or., whose case was remanded to the circuit court here by the state supreme court, without calling Frank Bates, only eyewitness of the shooting, to testify.

Nine witnesses were called. Their testimony centered for the most part on a purported death-bed confession by McCue that Bader had shot him twice.

The defense, using self-defense as the basis of its plea, closely cross-examined the witnesses for the purpose of showing that McCue was shot in an altered state of mind, which had started. It is thought the defense will call Bates to the stand tomorrow.

MRS. HARDING IS GUEST

Mrs. Thomas Marshall Entertains With Luncheon at Capital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding was the guest of honor at a luncheon given today by Mrs. Thomas Marshall, wife of the vice-president.

The luncheon was attended by about 40 wives of senators and other officials and was the second social affair for Mrs. Harding during her two-day stay in Washington. Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president, having entertained her at tea at the White House yesterday.

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"You Would Also Be Killed;" "What Of It?" Is Reply.

CAPTURE IS ACCIDENTAL

Ex-Officer and Alleged Thief of Company Funds Is Recognized by ex-Comrade in Street.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Sensational disclosures of his mission to this country as a spy for the German government were given in an alleged confession by John Willers, formerly captain in Company 1, 48th United States Infantry, alleged thief and deserter, after his arrest here tonight, charged with absconding with \$5000 of his company funds on December 19, 1918. His regiment was then stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

His capture was accidental. He was crossing Fifth avenue at Forty-second street, when Hugh J. Hannigan, formerly a lieutenant in Willers' company, recognized him. Hannigan called a policeman and Willers was arrested.

Prisoner Further Identified.

At a police station the prisoner was further identified by two other ex-lieutenants in company 1, Sidney P. Howell and Francis Hatch. Willers was then taken to Governor's island and placed in confinement at Port Jay.

Willers, the police said, recited in a brazen fashion how he was sent to the United States as one of 200 cadets trained in acts of espionage to be employed by the American army.

On his arrival in the United States, Willers went to Albany where he enlisted, he said, as a private. His military aptitude won him rapid promotion and his knowledge of English and the American language, like an American's, enabled him to obtain a commission.

Slaughter of Men Planned.

Willers said he had never been sent across the ocean and while in this country his instructions were to act the part of a loyal American "and to take no action until he reached the war zone."

"What was your plan after reaching the other side?" he was asked.

"I could lead the company to slaughter," the police said he replied. "You would also be killed," he was reminded of that? Thousands of better men died that way."

The police say Willers remarked that they would be surprised if they knew "the number of officials at Washington during the war who were employed by Germany as spies."

"Are they still there?" he was asked.

"That I don't know," he was said to have answered. "But there were many of them during the war."

Deserter Weds American.

The 48th Infantry was still at Camp Sevier when the armistice was signed and his usefulness as a spy at an end, Willers told the police, he decided to become a deserter and to take, they alleged, the company funds. The deserter then went to Chicago, where, about a year ago, he married an American woman named Crawford.

From Chicago, Willers roamed about the country, at various times trying unsuccessfully to get a passport to Germany. He disguised himself and was an opportunity to quit the country. A pair of heavy eyeglasses, he said, was an important part of his disguise.

When questioned by military authorities at Governor's island, Willers declared to amplify his alleged confession.

COX TELLS WHY HE LOST

Defeat Blamed Upon Human Nature by Ohioan.

Human nature defeated Governor Cox in his race for the presidency, according to a letter he has written to Miss Lillian M. Hackleman, secretary of the Cox-Roosevelt club. Says the recent candidate:

"I am constrained to believe that it was again a case of human nature. Conditions were the same everywhere. The reactions of the war brought resentment, prejudice and misunderstandings, but let us hope that in the end things that are vital will be conserved by the result."

FIRE DAMAGE IS MILLION

Blaze in Shops of Southern Pacific Company Spreads Rapidly.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 7.—Fire which broke out in the shops of the Southern Pacific railroad company here tonight had caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000 and the flames were still spreading. The paint and air-brake shops, an office building and a storeroom, together with a quantity of rolling stock, were destroyed.

A stiff wind was carrying the flames to the heart of the shop district, which covers four blocks.

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