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PEACE HINT SEEN IN GERMANY'S ANSWER

Wilson Considering All Possibilities.

OPPORTUNE TIME AWAITED

Hague Convention, However, Provides for Procedure.

ALLIES PROBABLY UNREADY

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HINT OF PEACE CONTAINED IN GERMANY'S REPLY.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—President Wilson read today with careful attention the portion of the note touching on peace. This said:

"The German government, conscious of Germany's strength, twice within the last few months announced before the world its readiness to make peace on a basis safeguarding Germany's vital interests, thus indicating it is not Germany's fault if peace is still withheld from the nations of Europe."

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—(Special.)—That a step toward European peace will be taken this Summer is fully expected in official and diplomatic circles in Washington.

From two sources has come a suggestion to President Wilson of this character. In the German note there is the statement: "The German government, concessions of Germany's strength, twice within the last few months announced before the world its readiness to make peace on a basis safeguarding Germany's vital interests, thus indicating that it is not Germany's fault if peace is still withheld from the nations of Europe."

Action Would Not Offend.

It is admitted by high officials that President Wilson is empowered under The Hague conventions to quote to the allies the German statement given and to ask them if they do not think the time for peace has come. The Hague conventions specifically say that such action shall not be construed as offensive.

Nevertheless, Mr. Wilson does not propose to extend his good offices unless he has evidence actually in his possession showing that all the belligerents are disposed to enter into negotiations.

It is argued by some of the President's advisers that the time is about due for a suggestion in the interest of peace. Mr. Wilson is perfectly willing to lend a ready ear to anything that might be said to him by the several governments at war and to act if conditions justify it. But he proposes to avoid creating resentment among the allies and according to what he has learned of the attitude of the latter they would construe an offer of mediation as friendly to Germany.

Allies Said Not to Be Ready.

It is asserted, however, that no such interpretation could be placed on any proposal from the United States in view of the threat recently made that unless Germany effected and abandoned her objectionable submarine

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WOMAN OVERCOME IN RESCUING FINERY

EMMA CRAWFORD RUSHES INTO FLAMES, BUT IS SAVED.

Fire Makes Headway Rapidly in Basement Full of Furniture and Second Alarm Sent.

Emma Crawford's affection for a trunkful of finery was the cause of her being overcome by smoke and gas fumes in an aggravating and spreading fire, which, at 8 o'clock last night, was forcing its way through the three-story, slow-burning brick building at the northeast corner of Second and Davis streets.

Timely efforts of the firemen, in pursuing her to her boudoir, where they found Miss Crawford overcome by the gases, probably saved her life. Miss Crawford, colored, is the owner of a barber shop at 245 Davis street. She was resuscitated when the firemen succeeded in dragging her to the street.

The fire started in the basement of the Foster Hotel, from a cause as yet undetermined. The close-in West Side apparatus was all out on the first alarm.

A second alarm was sent in after a half hour's unsuccessful battle, and when it was discovered that the basement was stored with furniture, which was making good fuel for the fire.

Members of the Steamboat Men's Union, Local 38, were meeting in their rooms above the fire at 62 North Second street, and were driven to the street by the smoke.

The loss was estimated last night at less than $5000, sustained chiefly by the R. R. Thompson estate, owners of the building, and Mrs. G. Lancaster, owner of the furniture.

Another fire started at 9 o'clock in the Inman-Poulsen mill, at the foot of East Caruthers street, but was put out by mill employes before the Fire Bureau arrived. The damage was small.

GRESHAM PAIR IN PERIL

Boiler in Boat Explodes, Burning Mother and Son Severely.

GRESHAM, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—When the engine of the launch in which they were crossing Columbia Slough exploded Thursday night, Mrs. E. Fitzgerald and son, Robert, were severely burned. The occupants of the launch were crossing over to their home on the Sandy road from Blue Lake when the accident occurred, and the surface of the water was a mass of flames. A son, James, heard their cries and rescued them after considerable danger to himself. The launch was badly damaged.

SNOW FALLS ON HEIGHTS

Winter Makes Belated Attack on Spring Suits in Portland.

Straw hats and Spring suits of Portland Heights residents were assailed last night by a fall of snow, which began at 9 o'clock and was still coming down at a late hour.

The belated attack of Winter made life miserable for pedestrians, but at no time succeeded in making the ground white. The flakes stuck to the clothing, and its wetting qualities were much superior to the penetrating power of the rain which fell in the less elevated sections of the city.

ELECTION CARDS TABOO

Commisioner Dieck Issues Orders Effective at City Hall.

Election campaign cards which have been plastered about some of the offices at the City Hall by candidates are taboo.

Commissioner Dieck yesterday posted notices that no election cards may be posted in any office in his department.

Some of the offices had the walls literally papered with the cards.

"We are neutral," said Mr. Dieck, "so from now on no cards shall be permitted on display in any office."

FIRE TRAP NEEDED TO STIR AMERICANS

Would You Go? Question to Be Answered.

LIVING PATRIOTISM DOUBTED

Mrs. Roberts Says People Are Lacking in Unselfishness.

WILL ONE-TENTH RESPOND?

Nation Already Faces Crisis, Blind and With Empty Hands—Protest Against Armament Based on Wrong Beliefs.

BY MARY ROBERTS RINEHART.
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What has become of patriotism in America? Is it living, the same vital force which made its volunteers starve at Valley Forge and sent the North and South fighting for principles diametrically opposed, but dearer than life itself? Is it merely sleeping, heavy with the National fetich of the full dinner pail? Or, is it dead?

Some eighty million of people would answer that it is living, that it is still the rock on which the Nation is founded, that to impeach the essential patriotism of the American people is to impeach the National integrity and the National honor. Perhaps they are right. Perhaps we are still a Nation of patriots.

"A patriot is one who loves his fatherland and is zealous for its welfare."

Latent Patriotism Needs Quickening.

We love our country, certainly. But zealous for its welfare? Are we that? I think not.

Patriotism is an active condition, not a passive virtue. We have plenty of latent patriotism. I do not question that. But latent patriotism is as potent as latent heat. It is a negative quality until it is made positive. Will it, after all, require a war to bring out this quality of love of country and zeal for its welfare, without which no nation is truly great?

I am not arraigning the American people individually, but in the mass. The psychology of the mob is not the psychology of its units. A people may be individually brave, and nationally weak. It is a mater of unity of spirit, of singleness of purpose, of one vision and one ideal.

Big as we are, a federation of states, differing as we must in the things by which we live, our East and our West, our North and our South, our farming lands, our mineral states, our factory regions—unwieldy by our very size and greatness—something more than a National Government must hold us together.

Overgrowth Not Foreseen.

That something must be National spirit.

Individually brave to the point of recklessness; idealistic, even romantic, so that we have been called a Nation of dreamers, what are we Nationally? Dreamers our forefathers certainly were. They dreamed of a great Republic, awake and stirring. But even they did not foresee our overgrowth, our wealth. They did not realize that they were giving us a land so rich that it would leave us poor. For poor we are in the things that could make us great. Poor. The mob—and nations are but sublimated mobs—is at the call of some great voice. We have many voices, but none are great enough to unite us. Left to ourselves, we have no single purpose, no National ideal to follow.

We have much that calls itself pa-

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LETTER TO WILSON COMES FROM POPE

MESSAGE SAID TO BEAR ON SUBMARINE CONTROVERSY.

Officials Refuse to Discuss Contents, Giving Confidential Nature as Their Reason.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Monsignor Giovanni Bonzano, the apostolic delegate, called at the White House today and delivered a message to President Wilson from Pope Benedict. He did not see the President, but left the communication with Secretary Tumulty.

White House officials at first refused to discuss the message, and so did the apostolic delegate. Later it was said that it bore on the submarine issue between the United States and Germany. It was understood it reflected the apprehension of the Pope at the possibilities of a rupture between the two countries.

The message was at once sent to the President, and officials explained their refusal to discuss it by saying it was confidential.

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WASHINGTON SENDS 14 FREE DELEGATES

Republicans Are Unit for Preparedness.

WILSON AND LISTER SCORED

S. A. Perkins Restores Harmony by Withdrawing.

MR. HUMPHREY APPLAUDED

Submission of Constitutional Convention Issue to Popular Vote Is Favored, as Well as Big Navy and Training.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Washington Republicans in a harmonious state convention today elected 14 uninstructed delegates to the National convention.

All delegates were elected on the understanding and with definite statements from most of them that they are absolutely unpledged and with open minds. The delegation appears, however, to be about evenly divided between men friendly to Justice Hughes and those favoring Root or Burton, with one or possibly two preferences for Weeks. A few delegates favor Roosevelt in the event of immediate danger of war.

Mr. Perkins' Withdrawal Surprises.

The only friction that had developed in pre-convention conferences was dissipated today when S. A. Perkins, of Tacoma, National Committeeman, to whom a place had been assured on "the big four," sprang the surprise of the day, by withdrawing in favor of Millard T. Hartson, of Tacoma, state chairman. Mr. Perkins later was indorsed unanimously for re-election as National Committeeman.

The resolutions adopted by the convention declare for compulsory military training and for a Navy equal in strength to that of any other nation. Only one protest was made against the "greatest Navy" plank and none against compulsory military training. Both brought loud applause.

State Non-Partisan Plank Adopted.

On state matters the resolutions declare against nonpartisanship in state and county affairs and in favor of the programme of election revision bills passed by the last Legislature, requiring initiative, referendum and recall petitions to be signed at registration offices and providing legal county and state platform conventions that may bind candidates.

The resolutions favor submission to the voters of the constitutional convention question. An attempt to eliminate this plank failed by a vote of 219 for elimination to 513 against. The resolutions also provide for elimination of the second choice voting provision of the primary law.

Wilson Policy Condemned.

Sweeping condemnation, both for the National and state administrations, the former for the lack of foreign policy and broken platform pledges, and the state for lack of economy and inefficient appointees, are contained in the document.

Charles Hebberd, of Spokane, substituted as temporary chairman at the last moment in place of T. B. Bruener, of Aberdeen, on account of the latter's illness, delivered a brilliant keynote speech in which he scored the National Administration for "watchful wobbling waiting" and received most marked applause when he charged Governor Lister with failure to fulfill platform pledges of economy.

Representative Humphrey, of Seattle,

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EASTERN OREGON VISITED BY SNOW

HIGH WIND AND SUMMER MINGLE IN MELANGE.

Baker, Pendleton, Heppner and La Grande Report Temporary Reversion to Winter.

BAKER, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Driving wind, Winter snow and Summer sun visited Baker in rapid succession this afternoon. The wind got up to a velocity of 28 miles an hour and did damage in tearing shingles from roofs, whipping awnings, upsetting garbage cans and spreading waste and dust in a thick cloud over the entire city.

As soon as the wind died the air was filled with a driving snow storm and two hours later the sun had melted the snow and Summer again prevailed.

PENDLETON, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—The sudden change to cold weather has brought danger to the stockmen of Eastern Oregon, especially to the sheepmen, who are just in the midst of the shearing season.

The rains of yesterday and last night fell as a light snow in the hills. At Heppner the foothills were white this morning down to the edge of town. The storm was not so heavy at Pendleton, but .28 of an inch precipitation was officially recorded.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Spirited gales were followed by a snowfall that was whipped about in January style this afternoon. The snow did no harm to fruit and melted as it fell, except on the foothills, which are white tonight. For a time vision was obscured for more than a block or two. Trees were uprooted and fences blown down during the noon hour, when the gale was at its height.

R. A. BOOTH GRANDFATHER

Little Robert Represents Third Generation of Oregon Natives.

EUGENE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—R. A. Booth became a grandfather yesterday, when a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roy Booth, of Yoncalla, who are visiting in Eugene. The little fellow has been named Robert and is the fourth member of the family in direct lineage to bear that name, and represents the third generation of the family to be born in Oregon.

Robert Booth, aged 96, the great-grandfather, resides at Salem and is the oldest Methodist in the state of Oregon. He was born in England in 1820 and came to America in 1830. Since 1852, he has been a resident of Oregon. Fifty years ago, he rode circuits in the state. He was the father of 12 children, of whom nine are living.

LUSITANIA IS RECALLED

Survivors Are in Procession That Commemorates Disaster.

LONDON, May 6.—The anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania was commemorated today by a procession from Westminster to Hyde Park, where a meeting was held. A large model of the Lusitania figured prominently, with a banner inscribed: "Remember the Lusitania. Seventh of May, 1915. May that crime be forgiven in heaven, but not forgotten on earth."

Several survivors of the disaster marched with delegations of the Red Cross, wounded soldiers and Canadian nurses and representatives of the entente allies, wearing national costumes.

BRYANITE THREATENS BOLT

Ex-Minister to Greece Would Form Political Party for Peace.

BOSTON, May 5.—Formation of a political party to uphold peace principles was advocated by George Fred Williams, ex-Minister to Greece, in an address at a mass meeting in the interests of peace here tonight.

"I am ready to return to politics to fight the fight for peace and leave my party if necessary to do it," said Mr. Williams, who for many years was prominent in the Democratic party and an ardent supporter of William J. Bryan.

TRIBUTE IS PAID ON FIELD OF CHAMPOEG

Excursionists Honor Oregon Founders.

PIONEERS, FAMILIES, ATTEND

Saving of Territory to Nation in 1843 Is Recounted.

ANNUAL DRIZZLE FALLS

Exercises Are Held in Weather-Stained Hall and Demand for State Auditorium Is Born From Such Exigency.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

The steamer Pomona blew a long blast from her whistle, coughed hoarsely in self-agreement, and slipped from the Taylor-street dock yesterday morning at 7:30. She pointed her prow up the Willamette channel, outward bound for Old Champoeg, 33 miles south of Portland. At the prow fluttered the jack, white stars on a blue field, in honor of the Founders' day excursion.

At the lowering clouds the steward threw a weatherwise glance. "Well, this is genuine Champoeg day weather, isn't it?" he observed with resigned emphasis. The steward was wrong; it didn't rain—much.

Monument Marks Spot.

Old Champoeg as the port of a river trip—a bit of river-bank pasture land, fringed with trees, a second border of distant firs, a weather-hued shed, a flagstaff flying the colors and a monument.

But on that monument are cut the names of 52 pioneers, by whose voice and vote, on May 2, 1843, the first American civil government west of the Rocky Mountains was established. Of 102 settlers, a choice between the proposed measure and the domination of the Hudson's Bay Company, the 52 stood forth for the organization of a provisional government under American auspices. It was by their act, at a most crucial period of Northwestern history, that the then no-man's land of Oregon was saved to us.

Old and Young Attend.

There were 130 persons on the Pomona's passenger list. The cabins and decks were thronged with gray-haired men and women, happily recalling incidents of early days. There were pretty girls, whose grandparents had crossed the plains, and there was more than a freckled sprinkling of plain boys, replicas of those who trudged beside the ox teams and shied stones at prairie dogs.

Past banks where the yellow grace of Scotch broom showed against the green, where the whiteness of the dogwood blossoms was a target for the vision, the boat steamed up the river. George H. Himes, sponsor of the excursion and curator of the Oregon Historical Society, directed attention to the many historic points of the route.

A little old house, gowned in ivy, perched on the left shore. "Look," said a grandmother to the young woman beside her. "There's where I was born. And there's the old apple tree!"

They enjoyed themselves, those pioneers and their children, and the guests who wanted to belong. They flocked about the dining-hall, while the veteran quartet, with feeling and harmony, sang old favorite songs, such as "Pride of the Ball" and "Call All Hands Upon Deck."

Meanwhile the Pomona promenaded up the current, and in due time—somewhat overdue, in fact—bumped her blunt nose against the bank at Old

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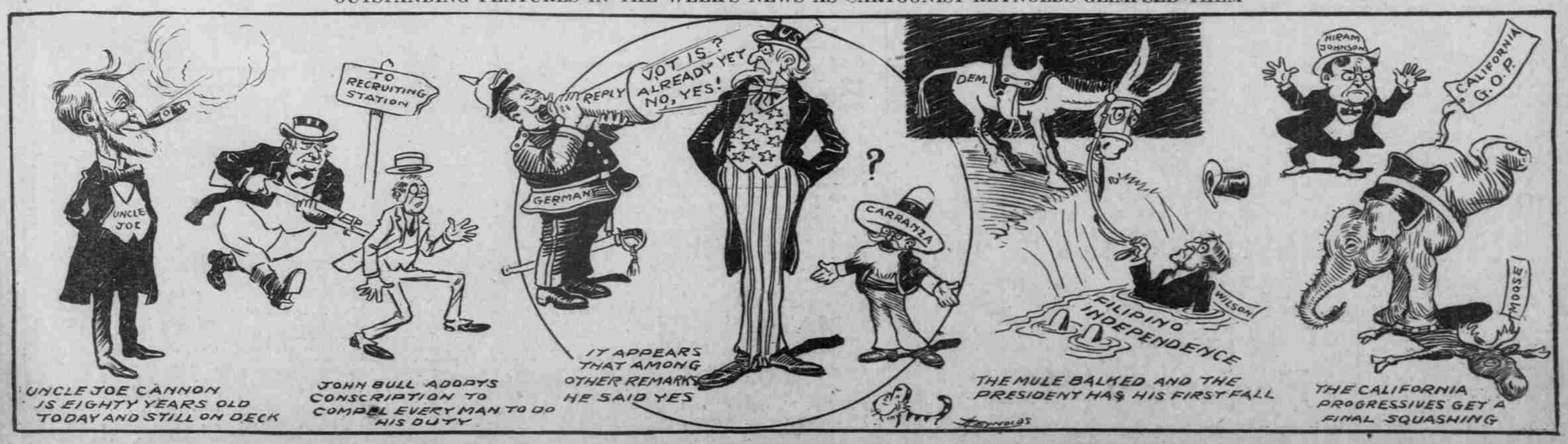
OUTSTANDING FEATURES IN THE WEEK'S NEWS AS CARTOONIST REYNOLDS GLIMPSED THEM