



Portland and vicinity—Sunny, rain or snow, wind southwest, light to moderate. Oregon—Main southwest, rain or snow northwest, snow east portion, southerly winds. Washington—Snow west, snow east slightly warmer southeast portion.

WILSON CHOSE MIDDLE WEST WITH PURPOSE

Idea Was to Deliver His Message of Preparedness to Those He Believed to Be Least Inclined Toward It.

RECEPTION GRATIFYING ALL ALONG HIS ROUTE

All Washington Takes Great Interest in Watching Results of His Journey.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—President Wilson's appeal to the country in his speechmaking tour is the subject of supreme interest in political circles in Washington. These speechmaking trips were not political in any sense, as all the meetings were under non-political auspices, but reports of the president's reception and the comments of the press in the wake of a presidential train have been read with unusual interest.

In his trip into the Mississippi valley the president entered territory where it was assumed that the campaign for greater preparedness had made the least progress. In the great farming states of that region, far from the reports and from points of possible attack from an enemy, there is believed to be the strongest sentiment against spending money for dreadnoughts and armies.

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- Through its efforts a conference of 50 representatives of America, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Norway will hold continuous mediation conference in London.
- War is ended, Mr. Ford financing this conference.
- Every time I have spoken and have given an audience opportunity to ask questions and ever with me interviewed by newspaper people since leaving the peace party at Stockholm, the first question is invariably, "How about the discussion among the peace delegates?" said Miss Grace De Graff in an interview yesterday afternoon after her return from the trip made by the Ford peace party to Europe.
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Germany Insists That Therefore the Sinking Was Not Illegal Although Killing of Neutral Passengers Was.

OBLIGATION TO PAY FOR NEUTRAL LIVES GRANTED

German Reply to America Admittedly Omits Word "Illegal."

Washington, Feb. 5.—(I. N. S.)—It was possible today for the first time to obtain definite and reasonably certain information regarding the German note on the Lusitania case, delivered to the state department yesterday. Germany maintains that the sinking of the Lusitania was an act of retaliation, and that as such it was legal; that she acknowledged that an act of retaliation is not justified when it imperils the safety of neutral ships.

Germany makes an explicit admission of her obligation to pay indemnity for the American lives lost with the Lusitania. The demands of the United States were that Germany should acknowledge the sinking of the Lusitania as an act of retaliation, and that she should admit her obligation to pay indemnity.

The German reply, in this proposition, is strengthened to meet any contention and at the same time recognizes the merit of each government's contention and at the same time recognizes the merit of each government's contention.

In her reply, therefore, Germany endeavors to remain consistent in her position that the sinking of the Lusitania was an act of retaliation, and that as such it was legal; that she acknowledged that an act of retaliation is not justified when it imperils the safety of neutral ships.

Wilson Does Not See Lansing. Secretary Lansing did not see the president today. He left the state department at 11 o'clock and did not return. It was announced that he will confer with the president Monday on the Lusitania case.

Bulgarian Deserter Tells Ghastly Story. Man Says He Saw 300 Unarmed Serbian Prisoners Slaughtered by Cavalry; Some Buried Alive.

New Dormitory for Princeton. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The will of Mrs. Marie Antoinette, which provides for the building of a dormitory for Princeton University, was officially announced today.

Dissension Aboard Peace Ship Exaggerated--Miss De Graff

Portland School Teacher Who Was Member of Ford Party Returns Home and Declares European Mission Was Successfully Accomplished.

Portland, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—The report, headed by Mr. Rila, a school teacher of the late Jacob Rila, who returned New York yesterday, wrote a beautiful tribute to Mr. Ford, saying that while some of them had come aboard with anything but serious conviction, they had realized that it was made up of serious minded people on a serious mission and that they were glad to be identified with the party.

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RATE CASE TO FIGURE BIG BRANDS ROW

J. N. Teal of Portland to Defend Supreme Court Appointee Against Charges to Be Made by Iowan.

Washington, Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—A charge that Louis D. Brandeis, nominee for the supreme bench "threw the railway increase cases a year ago," at the request of President Wilson, will be made to the senate judiciary sub-committee Wednesday by Clifford Thorne, Iowa rate commissioner, according to friends of Thorne in the senate, who said they have been informed of his intentions.

Thorne's backers declare that Brandeis, despite his attorneyship for the government and shippers, gave the opinion that the railways needed more revenue; that this was in direct opposition to the case which Thorne had planned an excursion to see a match on skis.

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Four Dead in Toll of Flood

Thousands Are Homeless and River Still Rising; Train and Mail Service Discontinued.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Four dead and thousands homeless were results of flood conditions in Arkansas along the Mississippi river tonight.

Breaking of a levee at Clarendon, Ark., rendered 400 persons homeless. Three negroes were said to have been drowned there.

Warned by federal forecasters, the women and children of Clarendon fled to Bartley, Ark., as safety was the men remained behind to fight the onrushing waters. The levee broke tonight. Heavy damage was reported at Lake Village.

The river is still rising and will not reach its crest until late next week, according to government predictions. At Memphis tonight the river was at 42 feet, three feet and six inches below the high water mark. It is expected to reach 45 feet. The situation here is considered well in hand.

At Arkansas City all train and mail service has been discontinued and the city is completely cut off from communication today. About 500 people in that vicinity are homeless and without food. One man was drowned.

Bank Run Was Part of a Plot to Charge

Threatening Letters Followed Announcement of Participation in War Loan; Telephone Used in Campaign.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 5.—(U. P.)—Officials of the Farmers' Deposit & Savings Bank, which weathered a run of three days, issued a sensational statement tonight charging that the run was the result of a conspiracy carefully conceived and systematically executed.

The officers declare they have positive information that a mastermind was behind the attack. Every effort is being made to apprehend those guilty of any connection with it. The first intimation of the conspiracy reached the bankers following their announcement that they would participate in the Anglo-French war loan. At that time they received hundreds of threatening letters.

Some of the lights were restored last night in the evening but many were still out of commission at midnight. Street car service was little impeded by the new manifestation of the storm, the sleet forming a new snow on the wires caused brilliant flashes and correspondingly slow progress as the energy was wasted in light.

REAL HAW IS PART REPLICE BY SILVER HAW

Slight Rise in Temperature on West Side for While Turns Streets to Sea of Slush; Sleet on East Side

Hardly had the city shaken itself loose from the silver thaw and blizzard that followed it when a new "thaw" developed last night on the east side.

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