

NEW ACTIVITY'S DIRECTED TOWARD RATIFYING TREATY

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The plan to form a new national women's party was led by Miss Margaret Vall, niece of President Wilson. She and her supporters in the Women's Democratic club said today to be going ahead with their plans for the formation of an independent women's party.

TAFT HAS SUGGESTIONS

William H. Taft has again entered with suggestions for altered reservations, the text of which has not been made public, but which is said not to be in any way radical as compared with previous efforts on the part of the mild reservationist. He has written Senator McNary to urge that a flying wedge be formed in combination with Democratic friends of the treaty, in disregard, if need be, of what Senator Lodge and President Wilson may advise.

It is apparently Taft's view that Lodge and Wilson have taken a position against compromise, and that the senate must turn aside from both to work out a compromise. Taft could easily quote Lodge to prove that the Massachusetts senator has refused compromise, but it is difficult to find anything in what the president has said to justify the conclusion that he has refused to permit concessions. The testimony of the president himself is to the contrary.

WILLING TO COMPROMISE
In his letter advising the Democratic senators to reject the treaty with the Lodge reservations, the president has distinctly suggested compromise. Senator Hitchcock has since stated that from his talks with the president he knows that the president is willing to accept reservations, but that he has accepted the reservations which Hitchcock offered by way of compromise the day the senate voted on the treaty, when the Republicans were saying "Take the Lodge reservation or leave it."

It has been said that the Democrats have made no proposals for compromise, and Mr. Taft has apparently been deceived by some of the statements to that effect. When that statement was repeated on the floor of the senate a few days ago by Senator Lenroot, Senator Hitchcock denounced it, and gave a statement of some of his efforts in that direction, in the course of which he said:

"We have never had the opportunity on this side of the aisle to arrange an adjustment of differences upon the question of reservations with senators upon the other side of the aisle. We have sought little conferences with a few men, but upon the other side of the aisle there has been no agreement as to reservations, and even we from this side have offered reservations which we knew to be absolutely acceptable to seven or eight senators on the other side, those senators themselves have voted against the reservations which they had created and which we offered."

A BIT PARADOXICAL
Hitchcock is supported by the record in this statement. He offered reservations which had been prepared by McCumber and other mild reservationist Republicans, and found that McCumber, who went further than any other Republican, voting against his own reservations. Hitchcock summed up the Lodge position.

"The senator from Massachusetts occasionally indicates that he is in favor of the ratification of the treaty; but his whole course in the conduct of the treaty in the senate, in cooperating with the enemies of the treaty in the framing of reservations, makes it almost impossible to give credence to the statement which he makes."

French Relax Rule Regarding Removal Of Soldier Bodies

Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. S. N. S.)—The commanding general of the American forces in France has cabled that the French minister of the interior, on behalf of the council of ministers, has agreed to the removal of bodies of American dead outside of the zone of armies.

A previous decree held that until the bodies of French dead could be removed from the old zone of armies that the removal of American bodies in the same territory would be unwise, but General Connor, in command of American forces in France, said that it is hoped to get a modification of this decree, which would permit the removal of American dead not only from outside of the zone of armies but within the zone as well.

Opposed to Special
Legislative Session
Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 27.—State Senators O. T. Vornwell and H. Cox and Representative W. H. Kirkman of this district have stated in interviews that they believe that Governor Hart will make a great mistake if he calls a special session of the Washington legislature this winter to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment. Representative E. J. Cantowine is the only state legislator from this district who favors calling the session.

SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH EARL GRAY'S BUNGALOW ORCHESTRA, formerly YE OREGON GRILL ORCHESTRA at MURKIN HALL, Washington, at 234 St. Andrews 1919-1920 WATCH PARTY and MIDNIGHT CARNIVAL OF FUN with a SNAPPY BATTLE ROYAL OF JOY and FRIVOLITY.

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realize the seriousness of the situation, Admiral Decker, at a time and again brought to his attention by the American naval attaché.

NOT SO PRECARIOUS
When state department officials tonight were shown a copy of the letter written to Secretary Daniels by Admiral Decker, they said the situation was not quite as precarious as the American naval officer thought it to be. It was admitted, however, that the question was very seriously discussed at Madrid. In connection with the disclosure of Admiral Decker, however, it was revealed officially tonight that when the submarine campaign off the Spanish coast, in the Atlantic, the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean, was at its height, the allied governments, including the United States, discussed a note to Madrid calling attention to the apparent ease with which depredations were committed on allied shipping. Soon after the transmission of this note Spain addressed a communication to Germany emphasizing the fact that she was a neutral, and she followed this up by internment some of the German underwater craft.

These events apparently confirm the opinion of Admiral Decker that the attitude of Spain, at least of the Spanish court, was of extreme danger to the cause of the allies, and likewise one which took little account of the supposed position of neutrality which the nation had declared. It is evident from the letter of the American officer that he had positive knowledge that the Spanish foreign office in March, 1918, was in favor of having Spain cast her lot with Germany. England, however, it was learned tonight, suspected the Spanish foreign office from the very beginning of the war. One of the most sensational episodes at the outset of the war was the seizure of the steamer Kroonland at Gibraltar, which carried a large cargo of copper, and although this was to have been landed at a Spanish port, it was seized by the British authorities on the theory that the ultimate destination of the metal was to be Germany.

DANIELS WILL LET WILSON
DECIDE NAVAL WAR HONORS
Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. S. N. S.)—President Wilson will decide the entire question of naval war honors. Secretary of the Navy Daniels has "washed his hands" of the controversy which has arisen out of his policy in conferring war decorations, he said.

This policy to date has led four high naval officers to refuse to accept distinguished service medals and naval crosses and has caused protests from others. The Knight naval award board, which was reconstituted today by Secretary Daniels for January 5, will have absolute authority to approve or remodel an entirely new list, he declared.

Then the list as it comes from the Knight board will go directly to the White House for the formal approval of President Wilson as specified in the law authorizing the awards. Daniels said that he will not act in any way on the awards as made the second time by the Knight board, thus departing from the custom of a secretary in acting for the president in passing on decorations.

"Then if there are any heartburns the naval officers will know that men of their own profession (the members of the Knight board) have made the decision as to their awards," Daniels said tonight.

Daniels' decision to "wash his hands" entirely of a day of consideration of the matter. Earlier today, he said that he again would pass on the Knight board's report, adding he hoped the board would make its second report in such a way as not to make changes necessary.

100 Jewish Families To Go to Palestine

Chicago, Dec. 27.—One hundred Jewish families, approximately 500 persons, are prepared to leave this city for Palestine as soon as the difficulties of obtaining passport and transportation are lifted. It was learned here today that Great Britain will shortly accept a mandate for the Holy Land, thousands of Jews in the Middle West are said to be preparing to go to Palestine.

Extra Leapyear Ball AT DE HONEY'S BEAUTIFUL ACADEMY

234 and Washington
New Year's Night
JAN. 1—DON'T MISS
THIS PARTY
DANCING GUARANTEED
In 3 1/2-hour lessons.
LADIES \$2.50, GENTLEMEN \$5.00
New Classes for Beginners start Monday and Friday evenings. Advanced classes Tuesday evenings 8-11:30. All latest and popular dances taught in eight three-hour lessons.
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Plenty of desirable partners and practice. No embarrassment. Separate men's room and extra teachers for backward pupils. A printed description of all dances free for pupils. The social feature alone is worth double the price. Private lessons all hours. Learn from professional dancers who guarantee to make dancers of you and where you meet refined people. Others derive their profits from public dances. We cater to teaching alone and conduct each class lesson the entire evening. No doubt one lesson from us is worth six in the average school. Call afternoon or evening. Learn in a real school. Phone Main 7655.

DR. SHORT NAMED ON M. E. BOARD OF TEMPERANCE

Pastor of Wilbur Appointed Extension Secretary, According to Announcement Saturday.

Appointment of Dr. Francis Burgette Short as extension secretary of the board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, has been officially announced in Portland through the report of Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the board.

Dr. Short, pastor of Wilbur Methodist church, successor to the famous pioneer Taylor Street church, will find it necessary to resign his pulpit here within the next few weeks in order to take up his new work, which will demand that he travel extensively, prominent churchmen Saturday declared. His headquarters will be at Washington, D. C.

MINISTER IS SILENT
Declining either to comment upon the appointment to the position of national importance in church work or to discuss his plans, Dr. Short late Saturday made a very serious statement at Madrid. It is necessary for information-seekers to go to the official report of the annual meeting of the board to determine the local pastor's status. Not only does the official report announce the appointment as executive secretary, but it lists Dr. Short in the official roster as extension secretary, succeeding Dr. Elmer L. Williams.

The Wilbur church pastor is said to have had counsel with Dr. W. W. Young, superintendent of the Portland district, on the subject of the appointment, but the plans coming therefrom are unknown to churchmen.

The pastor's reticence is attributed to the requirement that local announcement of the appointment come from Bishop Matthew S. Hughes.

SELECTION DEEMED CERTAIN
That the appointment has already been accepted is held certain, in view of the fact that Dr. Short's name appears in the new roster of the board. Wilbur church, whose congregation is made up largely of members of the destroyed Taylor Street church, has been holding services in the gold room at the Multnomah hotel since Dr. Short was called to the Portland pulpit from Spokane. Dr. Short has been untiringly active in social service work in Portland and through his efforts social workers have been placed in some of the leading factories of the city. He was also instrumental in causing a periodic inspection of public dancing places.

LOCAL MEN HONORED
The board of temperance, prohibition and public morals is headed by Dr. Wilson, former pastor of Centenary Methodist church of Portland. He is said to have been instrumental in drawing Dr. Charles C. Rarick from the pastorate of the Central Methodist church here to the board, to which he has recently been reappointed executive secretary after more than a year of service. With Short on the board, three of the nine positions will be held by Portland men, including the position of general secretary.

Along with the announcement of Dr. Short's appointment comes certain definition of the board's stand officially representative of the Methodist Episcopal church attitude, on the current anti-

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PASTOR NAMED FOR HIGH CHURCH POST



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Dr. Wilson's statement anent these two world topics is as follows:
DISTINCTION IS DRAWN
"The board, while approving all proper efforts to educate the public to a realization of the harmful effects of the use of tobacco and approving the prohibition of the sale of tobacco in any form to minors, hereby places on record the fact that it recognizes the fundamental difference between the traffic in tobacco and that in alcoholic liquors, which has been declared by the courts to be responsible for most of the insanity, pauperism and crime, and further places on record the fact it does not contemplate any attempt to prohibit the production, sale or use of tobacco except as above indicated."

Love Cult Priest
Indicted in 1918
Taken in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Dr. Ottmar S. Adusht Hanish, high priest of Mazdaznan, profit of the sun, prince of peace and Mantra Magi of Temple El Katman, was arrested here today and tonight is on his way to Los Angeles where he will have to face an indictment returned in 1918 containing 15 charges.

The charges against Hanish in Los Angeles is based on the testimony of 15 children who told the police there of the strange practices of Dr. Hanish and his apostles of the love cult.

Since 1918 the Los Angeles police have conducted a search for the econtric cultist.

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Irreconcilables Fear G. O. P.
Leader Is Showing Signs of
Weakening for Compromise.

By L. C. Martin
Washington, Dec. 27.—(U. S. N. S.)—Irreconcilable foes of the League of Nations have decided to break off relations with Senator Lodge and conduct a filibuster against any treaty compromise presented to the senate.

The decision to ignore Lodge was caused, the irreconcilable senators indicated, by a belief that he is "weakening" on reservations because of the insistent demands of mild reservationists that he take the lead at once in bringing about a compromise.

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