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HOME CANNED BEANS CAUSE DEATH OF SIX

Four Others Considered Dying at Albany After Eating Spoiled Vegetables—Two Others Recover

13 MONTHS OLD BABY NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Deadly Poison, Botulinus, Said to Have Been Cause of Fatal Illnesses

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—Reinhold Gerber died late this evening following an illness resulting from eating spoiled canned vegetables.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 4.—Six persons were dead and four others were thought by doctors to be dying here tonight as the result of eating home-canned beans which were believed to have spoiled and produced the deadly poison known as botulinus.

The dead: Mrs. Paul Gerbig, 34, Hilda Gerbig, 10, Marie Gerbig, 7, Godfried Ruehling.

Mrs. Godfried Ruehling, Werner Yunker, 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Yunker of Thomas station, near Seio.

The dying: Paul Gerbig, Esther Gerbig, 13 months old, Reinhold Gerber, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruehling.

Two other persons were stricken ill by the strange malady, but tonight were reported to have fully recovered. Mrs. Reinhold Gerber, at whose home the fatal dinner was served, apparently was none the worse for her experience, and two year old Margaret Gerbig was believed to have escaped the poisonous food. The child is still fed by bottle and it was not known whether or not she had any of the vegetable dish at dinner.

The death of 13 months old Esther Gerbig tonight was declared by attending physicians to be only a matter of hours and they held out no hope for the recovery of one of the other three victims. Godfried Ruehling was reported dead earlier in the day, but revived from the state of coma which usually precedes death from the strange malady and for a time was believed to be on the road to recovery. Early tonight, however, his condition suddenly became worse and he died.

Harding Most Popular Name for New School

Harding is the most suggested title for the new Junior high school on North Capitol street, according to a survey in the schools completed by the Chamber of Commerce, which will select three to offer to the school board, which will make the final selection.

Out of a total of 690 votes cast at the Senior high school, Harding received 226, Capitol 196, Roosevelt 73, Wilson 36, and Cherry City 8. Washington Junior high cast 517 votes, of which 147 were for Harding; Salem came second with 130, Roosevelt 59, Salem No. 1 56, and Capitol 44.

Grant Junior high cast 212 votes, 96 of which were for Harding, 41 for Webster, Capitol 38, Roosevelt 19, Wilson 6, and Mistland 1.

McKinley Junior high cast 63 of its 166 votes for Roosevelt, Harding 19, Capitol 17, Chemeketa 16, Franklin 12, and Cherry City 1.

Three other names received a long tally each. These were Herbert Hoover, Mark Twain and Cherrian.

GIVES UP

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4.—George R. Forsythe who said he was wanted in Spokane on a charge of forgery, today surrendered to deputy sheriffs here.

THE WEATHER

OREGON — Rain Tuesday; fresh to strong southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday) Maximum temperature 57. Minimum temperature 51. River 11.2 falling. Rain 1.4. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, south.

CHARLES LEVERMORE DISCLOSED AS AUTHOR OF PLAN OF PEACE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4.—Charles Herbert Levermore of New York, student of international relations, writer and former college professor, tonight was announced as the winner of the \$100,000 prize offered by Edward W. Bok, Philadelphia publisher, for the best plan to preserve peace among the nations of the world.

HONORS PAID BY THE STATE

People Will Be Asked By Governor to Show Respect to Wilson

All day yesterday from the artillery pieces of battery A in Portland, representing the entire Oregon national guard, guns boomed at 30 minute intervals in respect to the late war president, Woodrow Wilson. This was by order of Adjutant General George A. White and was in conformity with military custom at the passing of a man who has served as commander in chief of the nation's military forces.

Another mark of respect to be shown by the national guard will be the standing of the flags on all armories at half mast for a period of 30 days. Mourning will be worn on sleeve and sabre by all military officers.

Secretary of State Sam A. Kozar has caused to be placed at half mast all the flags on state buildings.

Governor Pierce on Sunday sent to the widow of Woodrow Wilson a message on behalf of the people of Oregon. It read:

"The people of Oregon, in common with those of other states, and foreign lands, join in mourning the death of your beloved husband. In his passing the world has lost the greatest man of this century."

The governor had in mind asking former United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, who lives in Washington, to represent this state at the funeral, but the simplicity of the funeral arrangements that have been made, may change this plan.

The governor will, however, issue a request to the people of the state to cease their usual activities for a time tomorrow, the day of the funeral, doubtless during the funeral hour. This request, which will not be in the nature of a proclamation, will probably be issued this morning.

LAW MAY HALT FUNERAL PLAN

Statute of 1893 Prevents State Departments Closing in Respect

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—Steps to suspend all activities of the government on Wednesday, the day of the funeral of Woodrow Wilson, were brought to a halt tonight by discovery of a law passed in 1893 expressly providing that executive departments of the government may not be closed as a mark of respect for a former official.

An executive order closing the department was written out yesterday but signature was withheld until the date of the funeral was learned. President Coolidge was at the point of signing it today when the 1893 law was discovered.

Several suggestions as to a way out of the difficulty was discussed. One was that each department head inform the employees under him that they need not report for work, thereby actually, although not technically closing the department, but this step, it was felt, would not accomplish the desired purpose of showing respect for the former president.

No decision having been reached, directions for a cabinet meeting tomorrow were sent out, although earlier in the day it had been decided to dispense with the session.

GANDHI FREED

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Bombay government has ordered the release of Gandhi, the Indian nationalist leader.

LODGE SPEAKS IN PRAISE OF DEAD LEADER

Massachusetts Senator, Political Enemy of Wilson, Named on Committee to Attend Funeral

PARTISAN DISSENSION IS BROUGHT TO HALT

Joint Resolution of Sorrow Adopted By Two Houses of Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—The clamor of partisan dissension was still in congress today in deference to the passing of Woodrow Wilson.

Neither in senate nor house was any speech made or any action taken except with the purpose of paying tribute to the dead.

On the senate floor, where so often in past years, the foreign policies of the fallen president have been the center of bitter contention, those of all parties joined in extolling the qualities of high idealism that guided him through the dark days of the great war.

Lodge Pays Tribute

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, leader of the Republicans and arch-enemy of the league of nations, was one of those who spoke in praise of Wilson, the man. He said he had felt in common with others "a very deep sympathy" for the sufferings of Mr. Wilson during his long illness and shared the general feeling of profound sorrow at his death. He described the former president as a man of "remarkable ability and of strong character," to whose lot it had fallen to "play the leading part in the unspeakably different work of making peace."

The Democratic senate leader, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, eulogized Mr. Wilson as fit for a place "among the renowned of all ages."

Funeral Committee Named

"Leaders in great crises," he said, "do not depend on favor or renown. Earnestness is indeed the path of immortality."

Both Senator Lodge and Senator Robinson will serve on a committee designed to represent the senate at the funeral services. In the house, the war president was eulogized by Representative Longworth of Ohio, Republican leader, as a great figure whose passing would be mourned throughout the civilized world, and by Representative Garrett, leader on the Democratic side as one who had "walked upon heights untouched before by human feet."

HIGHWAY BOARD TO CLOSE GAPS

Important Arteries of Travel Considered By Commission Yesterday

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 4.—The process of closing up the gaps in the main highways was continued today by the state highway commission in opening bids for the grading of the last section of The Dalles-California highway in Wasco county and the graveling of the final section of the Roosevelt coast highway between Coquille and Bandon.

The Wasco project involves a stretch of 14 miles between Critterion and Cow Canyon. Bids were also opened for resurfacing the old Oregon trail between Telocasset and Lone Pine in Union county. Other projects on which bids were called were a bridge over Mary's creek on the Columbia River highway 10 miles east of Astoria and an 80-foot viaduct between Pendleton and Adams on the Oregon and Washington highway.

MAYOR DISTURBED BY CITY RUBBISH HEAP

While the rubbish pile on North Capitol street may not be a menace to the health of the city it is a menace to the peace of the city's mayor.

Such was the emphatic statement of Mayor J. B. Giesy last night at the meeting of the city council following the statement of Ray L. Smith, city attorney, that the city, so far as he knew, could not prevent a property holder from collecting all the junk he wanted to collect on his lot, provided it did not interfere with the health, peace and welfare of the city.

Women Worry Mayor The mayor said that he has been visited by any number of irate women who desire that something be done "about the removal of the rubbish pile which the Salem Floral society and other organizations consider an eyesore on the entrance way to the city."

The council voted on the recommendation of the street committee, to permit the John Hughes estate to raise the level of the curb five six inches at the intersection of Ferry and High streets.

The motion to grant the permission was disapproved in discussion by several of the Aldermen but Alderman Dancy said that he had personally investigated the particular point and that inasmuch as the curb had apparently fallen since it was constructed, the plan proposed was not at fault. The motion to grant the permission

SALEM CITIZENS ARE ASKED TO HONOR WILSON

Mayor John B. Giesy last night issued the following official message to the people of Salem relative to manifestation of sorrow and respect on the day of the funeral of Woodrow Wilson:

"Peace on earth, good will towards man" is the immortal message which Woodrow Wilson earnestly sought to carry to the ends of the earth. The messenger has passed from our midst but his message will live on forever in the minds and hearts of the American people. In his passing the American nation has lost one of its greatest leaders and all humanity has lost a loyal friend. Woodrow Wilson was one of America's most distinguished citizens, an able statesman, and as our president he gave in service to the American people his all, even to life itself.

"It is my official request that all of the citizens of Salem unite in memorial during the funeral hour as a token of our respect for the late Woodrow Wilson."

PRESBYTERY IS FOR MR. FOSDICK

Modernist Preacher of New York Defended By New York Churchmen

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The modernist preaching of the Rev. Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, an ordained Baptist minister, and part time occupant of the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church on Fifth avenue, was approved today by the New York Presbytery.

The Presbytery accepted by a vote of 111 to 28 the report of a committee which conducted a lengthy investigation of charges that Rev. Dr. Fosdick's sermon, specifically his "Shall the Fundamentalists Win?" bordered on heresy and flouted the doctrines of the church.

THREE ESCAPES ARE ALL KILLED

Guards of Missouri State Prison Suspended Pending Investigation

(By The Associated Press) JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 4.—Death from the guns of a posse of prison guards ended tonight the dash for liberty of the three desperate convicts who early today escaped from the Missouri penitentiary after killing James Hart, a guard.

In the midst of one of the winter's fiercest blizzards, they made their last stand in a straw stack on a farm about five miles southeast of here. After firing the three remaining shots in their stolen revolver at the guards who were surrounding them, they fell riddled with bullets from a dozen or more guns.

6000,000 Boy Scouts to Honor Woodrow Wilson

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, today sent a telegram of condolence to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson in which he said that the 600,000 members of the organization would be asked to stand at attention for one minute during Mr. Wilson's funeral services.

The former president was honorary president of the scouts for eight years.

MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

President Coolidge opened a special conference on northwest agricultural conditions.

Further appearance of Albert Fall before the senate investigating committee was deferred until Friday.

Republican and Democratic leaders in congress eulogized Woodrow Wilson and then both house and senate adjourned out of respect to his memory.

Advices were received by the state department disclosing a definite revolutionary movement against the de facto government of President Gutierrez of Honduras.

QUIZ OF FALL IS DEFERRED TO THURSDAY

Adjournment of Senate in Respect to Woodrow Wilson Interferes With Oil Lease Inquiry

CHASE BANK RECORDS WILL BE SUBMITTED

Ungerleider and Other Brokers May Have More Time Before Questioned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Albert B. Fall, center figure in the naval oil lease investigation, was notified today that his reappearance before the senate investigating committee would be deferred until next Friday because of the adjournment of the senate until Thursday, out of respect to the memory of former President Wilson.

The first time secretary of the interior who has challenged the authority of the committee to proceed with its inquiry, had been summoned for tomorrow but efforts to examine him will be postponed until the senate has given the committee an additional grant of authority. This will be asked for Thursday with the expectation of prompt action.

Biggerman Summoned

The committee will meet tomorrow and adjourn until Thursday when Carl P. Biggerman, assistant cashier of the Chase National bank of New York is to be called.

Mr. Biggerman has been directed to bring to Washington the records of the Chase National bank relating to remittances of funds by that bank to any bank in Washington payable to the order of Harry F. Sinclair, or his personal counsel, J. W. Zevinsky, between September 1, 1921, and June 1, 1923. Mr. Sinclair obtained the lease to the Teapot Dome reserve on April 17, 1922.

Books May Be Forged

Samuel Ungerleider and officials of other Washington brokerage firms have been summoned for tomorrow but whether they will be called for that time was undetermined today. The committee will seek from them permission to have accountants examine their books in an effort to determine whether there was dealing by any government official in the stock of the mammoth oil company organized by the Sinclair interests to take over the books of the Teapot Dome lease. Such an examination now is being made of the books of W. B. Hibbs and company, a Washington banking

Empire grumbled, thrones collapsed.

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WAR PRESIDENT TO REST AT ARLINGTON; FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

No Splendor of Official Honors Will Mark Entombment—Widow Chooses Simple Church Service—All Departments of Government Offered by President Coolidge.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(By Associated Press)—America's war president will be laid to rest here Wednesday with a simplicity of religious service befitting the closing years of his life. No splendor of official honors will mark his entombment.

But while this decision was maturing among those he held closest in his heart, the name of Woodrow Wilson was again ringing around the world today in an outpouring of tribute to a leader who had given life itself in service for mankind.

Time was not so long ago, when the name kindled the war-stricken millions of Europe to frantic hopes that the vision that shone before his eyes could be wrought in a world reborn to peace. This was when the tramp of armed hosts on parade; the surge of the tens of thousands straining to glimpse his erect figure greeted him in the great capitals of Europe. The world hung upon his words as seldom, if ever before upon the utterance of any man.

And yet, after another day he will be laid to rest for a space in the marble vault on the hills overlooking the city, with naught but the brief ritual of the church to solemnize his entombment. The shouting and clamor ended for him, and with it all the pomp and circumstance of greatness of place when the heavy burden of the presidency slipped from his tired shoulders nearly three years ago.

WIDOW DIES EARLY SUNDAY

Illness That Began on Trip West Is Fatal—Career Remarkable

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(By The Associated Press)—Former President Wilson died at 11:15 a. m. Sunday. The end came when vitality no longer could ward the steady dissolution which set in with the stroke of paralysis that laid him low on his return from the western speaking trip in 1919 in which he declared he was glad to give his life for the league of nations if that would make it a success.

Was Twenty-Eighth President Twenty-eighth president of the United States, and the first Democrat since Jackson to serve two successive terms, Woodrow Wilson occupied the presidency during eight years of such world upheaval and turmoil, that his proper place in history cannot be assigned to him until his contemporaries are likewise assigned to their niches. Certainly, he ranks as one of the great war presidents of the American republic, and he exercised such an influence in world affairs as never before attached to his office.

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TRIBUTES ARE PAID WILSON BY PROMINENT CITIZENS OF SALEM

Governor Walter M. Pierce.—President Wilson will pass into history as one of the greatest and most far-seeing statesman of all time. He saw with clear vision the disastrous result of the World war, and sought by every means available to avert the terrible condition now existing in Europe and in agricultural America. He was an idealist with the ability to lead.

Sam Kozar, Secretary of State.—In the passing of ex-President Wilson the country loses one of its ablest public men. From a position of obscurity, we might say, he won his way by sheer force of character and ability to the highest honor which can be conferred by the American people—that of their president. During the period of the great war, when the United States was united with other countries in an effort to preserve integrity among the nations of the earth, he threw into the conflict all his vigor and mentality, and at its close was undoubtedly a great factor in arriving at the final conclusions upon which peace was based. He has many warm admirers other than partisan and will ever hold an enduring place in the hearts of the people of our beloved country in whose service he sacrificed his health and undoubtedly brought upon himself a premature death. By reason of the conditions and activities of the particular period in which he lived and served his country he will always occupy a prominent place in its history and politics.

Chief Justice McBride.—The value of a statesman's services is not a matter to be fully and properly appraised by his immediate generation. The passage of time is required to give the proper focus from which to view the worth of his efforts. That the great president was a man of wonderful talent, none will deny. That he was a sincere patriot, devoted to the best interests of his country as he viewed those interests, I have no doubt. That in the confusion of a mighty world cataclysm he made mistakes I think must be admitted, but these were to be expected. No great man was ever perfect. The source of such errors as he did make resulted from a combination of lofty idealism with a disposition that brooked little advice from others, and an inclination to disregard the lessons drawn from national and international history. But, take him all in all, he was a great and good president. He faced responsibilities as great as those thrust upon Washington or Lincoln and faced them courageously to the extent that our country emerged from the great conflict creditably and victoriously. While I differed in opinion on many questions of policy during and after the war, I ascribe to him sterling honesty, true patriotism and great abilities. He will go down in history as one of our great presidents.

W. E. Crews, State Corporation Commissioner.—The history of our country shows that three great Democratic administrations marked the peak of democracy and popular government in America—Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. (Continued on page 2.)

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