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WILSON READS MESSAGE ON CURRENCY REFORM

BILL READY TO BE INTRODUCED IN BOTH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS

"No President Audacious Enough to Play Politics With Nation's Credit" Wilson Says.

TO FREE BUSINESS MEN

Whether People or the Bankers Shall Control, Are Only Alternatives—Currency Bill As Much Administrative Measure As Tariff—Emergency Fund Is In Plan.

Washington, June 23.—Declaring that no president would "be audacious enough to play politics with the credit of the nation," President Wilson announced to correspondents today the whole weight of the administration will be put to support the currency reform bill, to be introduced this afternoon or tomorrow in the senate by Owens and in the house by Glass. He said the only two alternatives possible for reorganizing the currency was whether the people themselves or the bankers shall control. The currency bill is as much an administrative measure as the tariff, he said.

The proposal for a central board of control to be appointed by the president, with the consent of the senate will not be changed, he said, if he can help it, however much the bankers object. Wilson said he considered the currency plan in line with the present system of control of the railroads by the interstate commerce commission. The bill provides to issue half a billion emergency currency available only when needed and to be retired when the stringency is ended. It would not conflict with money already in circulation.

He admits that the amount to be issued is debatable and might be changed. "It is the only weapon which takes from the banks the despotic power they now enjoy in granting or refusing credit at will," said the president.

Washington, June 23.—Declaring the occasion was vital to the country, President Wilson for the second time in his administration, came to the capitol personally today to deliver his message to congress. He demanded immediate action on the currency, the keynote of the speech being that the currency bill is a twin of the tariff bill, and that the currency bill is necessary so business interests can adjust themselves to the new conditions arising from a revision of the tariff schedules. He pleaded for government control of the banks so that they will be "servants, not masters, of the people."

Wilson said he thought the bill would enable the small bankers to apply directly to the government for needed cash, if their security was sufficient and get it regardless of the attitude of powerful banks. The inevitable result of the passage of the proposed currency bill, the president thinks, would be that the people would rule the banks instead of the bankers ruling the people.

When he arrived at the capitol Secretary Tumulty was his only companion. Wilson went directly to the speaker's room whence the committee escorted him to the speaker's desk. Despite a heavy rain, numerous leaders of fashion were present to listen to his plea.

A hundred and twenty-six seats were vacant on the floor of the house during the reading of the message. The administration members declared the reason was many congressmen had been excused to enable them to visit their homes. The president's arrival was applauded. He began reading without any preliminary.

BREAK IN CHICAGO LOCKOUT IS REPORTED; GARMENT WORKERS ARE IN FAVOR OF CALLING A STRIKE

Chicago, June 23.—Twenty-five thousand building trades workmen rejoiced today when the police reported a break in the ranks of the contractors. They declare suburban contractors are allowing the men to return and that patrolmen guarding the plants have been withdrawn. Union leaders are trying to force the contractors to arbitrate the dispute. The strike situation was complicated when it was learned a canvass of the ballots of 25,000 garment workers resulted in an overwhelming

EDITORS HAVE A BIG BANQUET.

Colorado Springs, June 23.—The National Press Association which convened here June 17 closed today with its annual banquet held out of doors. Instead of the banquet being the regulation hotel affair of the regulation six to eight courses beginning with soup and ending with nuts, the editors were treated to a true western style, out of doors "beef steak fry" at South Cheyenne Canon. They went to see the Seven Falls and afterwards "sat at table" under the towering granite walls of the canon. Dancing and a band concert at Stratton Park this evening will be the last affair before the editors return to their typewriters, sheers and paste pots.

The President's Message.

Washington, June 23.—President Wilson personally read his currency message today to a joint session of the senate and house. In full the message is as follows:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Congress: It is under the compulsion of what seems to me a clear and imperative duty that I have a second time this session sought the privilege of addressing you in person. I know of course, that the heated season of the year is upon us, that work in these chambers and in the committee room is likely to become a burden as the season lengthens, and that every consideration of personal convenience and personal comfort, perhaps, in the case of some of us, considerations of personal health

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POWERS LINED UP FOR PEACE IN THE BALKANS

OUTLOOK IS CRITICAL

Hope of Preventing Hostilities Looks Doubtful—Austria Is Freely Admitted to Be Behind Dissension Among Allies—Bulgaria, Servia and Greece May Clash.

London, June 23.—In the hope of preventing impending hostilities in the Balkans, the powers are bringing all possible pressure to restore peace on Greece, Servia and Bulgaria who are on the verge of war over the territories captured from the Turks.

The powers are seeking arbitration for the territorial disputes. While no confirmation has been received, it is freely reported that Austria is secretly fomenting the dissension among the allies, desiring to mark impossible the formation of a powerful slay coalition which might soon unite to disrupt Austria Hungary.

May be Ambassador.

Washington, June 23.—Following an announcement that the president had granted an interview to Frederick C. Penfield it was reported the New Yorker is to be tendered one of the European embassies. Russia, Austria, Germany, Italy and France are yet unfilled.

vote in favor of a strike unless the demands were met. The executive committee will determine tonight whether to quit immediately or open negotiations with the employers. President Simon O'Connell of the building trades council said only a few contractors in the Loop district were observing the lockout order. Less than 3000 men are idle. President Ryan of the Chicago local of Architectural Iron Workers, said sympathetic strikes had been declared in Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh.

REPORTS JACKRABBITS DEVASTATE 180,000 ACRES OF WHEAT LAND IN COUNTY ARE NOT FOUNDED ON FACT

Umatilla Given False Advertising is Verdict of Farmers—Local Grainbuyers Deny Knowledge That Pests Are Overrunning the County—Reports Declared False

That the published reports to the effect that jack rabbits have devastated 180,000 acres of wheat land in Umatilla county are exaggerated grossly, are with very little foundation in fact, and are giving this county false advertising is the general verdict of farmers, grainmen and a good many local citizens.

The reports in question were published in a local newspaper and in the Portland Oregonian under a Pendleton date line. They represented that herds of the rabbits are laying waste the country about Holdman, as far north as the mouth of Vancycle canyon, and covering a territory of 288 square miles. It is stated that this big area has been swept clean of wheat and rye and that the farmers are facing a staggering loss.

Local grain buyers, whose business it is to keep informed on grain conditions, without an exception were surprised to see the stories in print, declaring they were the first intimation that they had had that the rabbits were injuring the crops. Will Moore, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator Co., declared his belief that the reports were without any real foundation. "There are only about 275,000 acres of wheat land in the county," he said, "and if 180,000 acres of this amount had been devastated, the grain buyers would not be the last to learn of the fact."

Henry W. Collins, representative of the Balfour-Guthrie company, declared he had known nothing of the alleged damage until he had read the stories but had since been told by J. H. Hoops that there were quite a few rabbits on his place and that they were doing him some damage. Hoops' ranch is a 400 acre homestead about four miles northeast of Holdman and he has 200 acres sowed. E. C. McCook of this city, who has a farm adjoining the Hoops place, when asked today whether or not his crop was being damaged by rabbits, declared he

had not knowledge of any such damage. Another farmer of the same locality, whose name is withheld by request, branded the reports as the product of a fevered imagination. E. L. Smith, the local combined harvester dealer who is in constant touch with the farmers of the county, did not hesitate in declaring his belief that the stories were entirely unwarranted. "I have talked with a dozen farmers of the Holdman community during the past week and not one spoke a word of damage being done by rabbits. I had heard that earlier in the season squirrels had done some damage but I have never known in the thirty years I have lived in the county of rabbits damaging wheat. Moreover, there is but very little wheat land in the section said to be laid waste."

Saw One Rabbit.

As he was talking, A. F. May, who owns a farm in the Holdman section, passed, and Mr. Smith called him in. In response to the question as to whether or not rabbits were doing damage to the wheat crops, Mr. May stated that the published report was the first news he had had of it. "I was out to my ranch last week," he said, "and rode all over the Holdman community with another man and a dog. During the entire ride, we saw just one rabbit. I did not notice any evidence of damage and my hired men said nothing whatever of any depredations by rabbits."

Mr. May declared that most of the land described in the published report was sheep pasture controlled by Pearson & Johnson, the big sheepmen. Jacob Rhode, who farms near Youkum, was another who declared his disbelief of the reports. "There are no more rabbits down there than usual," he said, "and I have never known of them doing much damage

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WET WEATHER SEEMS TO BE THE GENERAL PROGRAM; NO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE IS REPORTED TO CROPS

HARD RAINS ARE EXPERIENCED IN UMATILLA COUNTY

Though extraordinarily hard rains were received over the county yesterday, Saturday afternoon and night, there was but little additional damage done to the crops, according to the best information obtainable, and such damage as was done where the grain is heaviest, will be more than offset by the benefits of the moisture received to the light land sections.

During yesterday more than a half inch of water was precipitated, according to the official weather observer, and though the downpours were heavy, there was no hail mixed with the rain and but little of the growing grain was beaten down. According to H. W. Collins, grainbuyer, he drove out over the reservation yesterday and observed but little grain down other than was put down by the hail and rain of Thursday. Other reports from farmers and grainmen are confirmatory.

The rains of the past two days seem to be quite general over the northwest. Reports from the Willamette valley have it that that country received heavy showers. All sections of Umatilla county were visited. Reports from the west end state that a heavy downpour fell Saturday night and that yesterday a number of hard showers were received. The south and north ends also received hard rains.

CORVALLIS WOMAN SHOTS HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER; TAKES OWN LIFE

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