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## PRESIDENT DENIES ALLEGED THREAT

### HOLLAND WILL AGAIN REFUSE ALLIED DEMAND

**Refusal to Surrender Former Kaiser Expected But Assurance of Close Guard Over Wilhelm Likely**

The Hague, Feb. 17.—Holland will answer the second note sent by the allies with regard to the status of former Emperor William by reiterating her original position, refusing to surrender him but acquiescing in the request to guard him closely, it was declared here today.

**Germany May Try.**

London, Feb. 17.—Germany has been informed she may try men accused by the allies, while Holland may intern William of Hohenzollern and satisfy the allied powers. Notes to this effect have been sent to Berlin and The Hague by the supreme allied council.

### CZECHS CONTINUE HOLD UPON IRKUTSK BUT LOSE KOLCHAK

Vladivostok, Feb. 11.—Consular officials report that because the bolshevik forces interfered with evacuation of the Czech-Slovaks from Irkutsk, the city was taken over by the Czechs January 30. The bolshevik forces took Admiral Kolchak as their prisoner when they were driven out but left the state gold treasure behind.

General Votzkofovsky with a remnant of the Kolchak army has reached Irkutsk, and General Semenov, commander in chief of the all-Russian forces was reported by the consuls as sending reinforcements and supplies from Chita, his present headquarters.

### SEATTLE SELECTING CANDIDATES TODAY

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Two candidates were being picked at a municipal primary election here today out of a field of three to make the race for mayor at the final city election on March 2.

### March May See Many of Present City Council Removed From Office

If a bill for an ordinance establishing the seven ward boundaries in the city is acted upon favorably by the ordinance committee, and is passed by the city council before March 15 that date will witness an exodus of present councilmen from the post. It may mean the induction of a complete new venire or the retirement of at least half a dozen of the present city solons, according to the belief of several councilmen, expressed at the meeting of the council Monday night.

Such a bill was presented to the council, but due to opposition cloaked in an argument that flaws might lurk in its draft, a motion to postpone the rules and pass the bill failed.

**West Resignation Taken.**

The resignation of Councilman W. A. West was accepted by the council, and a vote of thanks for his services was passed.

Councilman McClelland, saying that it looked "like the cards were stacked" and moving that suspension of the rules and passage of a motion to appoint a successor to Mr. West, he waived caused ward six, formerly represented by Mr. West, to be without representation until future action of the council in naming his successor is taken.

The office of sanitary and plumbing inspector, with an annual salary of \$1200, was created by an ordinance passed. This automatically abolishes the offices of health officer, plumbing inspector and deputy plumbing inspector.

**Streetscars Are Topic.**

Some discussion followed the submission of an ordinance providing a penalty for conversing with a motorist on a streetcar while it is in motion. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee. Its ready passage was prevented when arguments supporting the company's ability to care for its own business were offered by several councilmen. They contended that it rested with the company to establish rules governing the conduct of passengers while on the company's premises.

The approval of the Salem Senators—Salem's new baseball league—and the plans of Manager Biddy Bishop to erect a grandstand and bleachers on the park at 15th and Oxford streets was given by the council.

The formal resignation of Patrolman Walter F. Thompson from the police department and the subsequent appointment of J. F. White was acted upon by the council, pursuant to the recommendations of Chief Welsh.

**Railroads Plan Endorsed.**

The council endorsed the plan of the Oregon Electric railway company to place concrete along the track on High street, instead of bricks that were raised during the December freezing attack.

Construction of sewers along the alleys in blocks 9, 19, and 26 in Highland addition, and along the alley of block 2, Midland addition, was ordered by the council.

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans for the improvement of Division street between Front and the River.

**Residents Fear Holdups.**

Petitions reflecting the fear of residents of bandits and holdups were read. One was to change the street light from the corner of Fourteenth and Marion to Fourteenth and A streets, as that corner is a bad place for holdups. Another petition asking the city to remove the brush and trees from the north end of the Fourteenth street bridge, as that place "is a good place for holdup men to hide" was read, and the street committee was instructed to take action.

**POLICE FOLLOW FRESH CLEW IN PORTLAND CASE**

Portland, Or., Feb. 17.—A note signed "Russell Clark" and stating: "I have committed suicide on Kings Heights," received by the police here today was being investigated by city detectives, in connection with the finding last night of the body of Mrs. Russell Clark in her home fourteen miles from Portland. Mrs. Clark had been shot to death and the police at once began a search for her husband, missing since yesterday noon. Clark is an automobile dealer and a student aviator here.

### Reported Relapse of President Wilson Denied

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson continues to show improvement and was up early today, going about his usual routine, Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician said. The statement was prompted by published reports that the president had a relapse last night and that Dr. Frederick X. Dercum, a Philadelphia specialist, had been hurriedly summoned to the White House for a midnight conference.

Dr. Grayson said he had not been in communication with Dr. Dercum since Saturday.

### ITALIANS ACCUSED WILSON OF BEING LED BY ANIMOSITY

Rome, Monday, Feb. 16.—Commenting on President Wilson's note to the supreme allied council the Giornale D'Italia says:

His intervention was couched in such an ungenial form as to arouse the suspicion it was suggested only by his invincible aversion toward Italy. He must have convinced even his compatriots that he is guided only by animosity. Therefore the allies have reacted energetically against his attitude, which is offensive also to their dignity as the compromise proposals sent to Belgrade were framed chiefly by Premier Lloyd-George. Mr. Wilson, who purposely was not represented at the discussion of the compromise, has no right to veto its application.

The Corriere D'Italia contends President Wilson should have expressed his opinion of the solution of the Adriatic question when it was discussed instead of when it was about to be executed, while the Idea Nazionale says:

"Secretary Lansing's resignation proves Mr. Wilson's opinion is not the opinion of the United States. Italy's calvary is to be prolonged by the will of America who is dictating the laws of Europe," says Italia, a newspaper printed in the French language.

"Mr. Wilson's action," remarks the Tribune "places an insurmountable obstacle in the way of a settlement of the Adriatic question. Free Europe cannot tolerate the imposition of the will of one man, who in no wise represents the view of his country nor even his own party."

### SIMERAL'S FIGHT FOR COUNCIL JOB IS MADE APPARENT

The retention of his position on the city council when the appointment of successors to seats ousted March 15 from ward six is in order is obviously the aim of Ray Simeral, now representative from Ward No. 1. This was apparent Monday night when, during council session an argument on the appointment of a successor to Councilman W. A. West, who resigned, Simeral voted against the appointment of a successor, saying that the passage of the ordinance establishing the ward boundaries would automatically "throw the successor out of a job, anyhow."

The proposed boundary changes would transfer Simeral from ward 1 to ward 6. If a successor to Mr. West were named the additional name that would be in the race at the ultimate appointment would diver support from him, it is pointed out.

With the resignation of Mr. West, chairman of the ordinance committee and with the absence of Councilman Craig in California Mr. Simeral is left the only member of the ordinance committee. The ordinance establishing the ward lines thereby is left solely in Mr. Simeral's hands.

### LEGION MEN MADE NO MOVE TOWARD HALL

**Participant in Armistice Day Parade at Centralia Says Marchers Made No Move Against I. W. W.**

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 17.—Frank R. Van Gilder, Olympia, who commanded the first platoon in the Centralia contingent of the Armistice Day parade and who stood alongside Warren O. Grimm when the latter was shot, testified today in the trial of the eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with Grimm's murder, that the members of the American Legion made no move toward the I. W. W. hall before the shooting started.

Van Gilder went to Centralia to participate in the parade because several of his "buddies" who had served with him in France were to participate and because he wished to march with them, he testified. He knew Grimm, he said, and when Van Gilder arrived in Centralia, almost at the time the procession was to start, Grimm placed him in command of the first platoon of the Centralia division.

The shot which killed Grimm came from the direction of the Avalon hotel, Van Gilder testified. A shot from two directions "whizzed" past Van Gilder's ear, he testified. This shot caused him to look toward the Avalon and he saw a gun in the window of the Avalon. In the march of the parade north along Tower avenue from First street and the counter-march back south to Second street, where it halted, Van Gilder was temporarily in command of the Centralia contingent, he testified. This was due to Grimm's returning to the rear of the procession to instruct those following to salute the Civil War veterans.

"I made a 'bobbie' of it," Van Gilder testified. Grimm said, when the latter is said to have spoken about falling to salute the Grand Army men.

Grimm rejoined the division at the intersection of Tower avenue and Second street. Van Gilder testified and it was while he stood there talking that the shooting started and that Grimm received his mortal wound. Van Gilder told him to run across Second street, he testified and to get to hospital as quickly as possible. Van Gilder then gave a command to clear the streets, he said.

On cross-examination he said he saw the marchers scattering in every direction after the shooting started. He saw evidences of shooting from the I. W. W. hall, he said.

Looking George F. Vanderveer, defense counsel, squarely in the eyes, Van Gilder in answer to a question as to whether "the boys raided the hall" declared "No sir." He amplified his answer on re-direct examination by saying he didn't even know there was an I. W. W. hall until after the shooting.

Nine witnesses were examined at the morning session of court, much of their testimony being of a corroborative character.

Lela Tripp, 17, whose home is in Everett, but who was visiting an aunt in Centralia on the day of the shooting, testified to seeing a man running from the Avalon hotel after the shooting. Her testimony corroborated that given last week by Charles Briffett, who had told of seeing a man going from the rear of the Avalon, re-loading his rifle as he walked. Although he had seen Eugene Barnett, one of the defendants whom the state did not attempt to identify him in court today.

Her description, generally, of the man she saw in the alley in the rear of the Avalon, fit Barnett.

Asked if she had been told during the court recess, where Barnett was sitting on the prisoner's bench, she denied speaking to any one during the recess.

### Constantinople To Be Under Rule of Turkey

#### Admiral Benson Named to Shipping Board Berth

Washington, Feb. 17.—Rear Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations during the war, and now on the retired list, has been selected by President Wilson to succeed John Barton Payne, as a member of the shipping board.

#### SENATE'S HAND IN SALE OF HUN SHIPS PUTS CURB ON BIDS

Washington, Feb. 17.—Contrary to expectation, only one bid for any of the thirty former German liners was received today when the shipping board auction to receive competitive offers was resumed with the ships offered one at a time. A bid of \$550,000 for the Otsego by E. J. Roberts, Acme Operating corporation, New York, was the only one made for the nineteen steamers offered. Commissioner Scott then asked if there was a desire to bid further on groups of vessels and closed the auction when no offers were forthcoming.

The largest ships of the fleet, including the Leviathan, Agamemnon and George Washington were among those offered individually without attracting offers.

Commissioner Scott again informed bidders that all offers, whether received at the auction or previously, would be laid before congress before the board took action even if the auction proceedings in the District of Columbia courts did not interfere with the sale.

In addition to the three big ships named, the Mount Vernon, Von Steuben, Martha Washington, America, DeKalb, Aeolus Huron, Moccasin, Mercury, Powhatan, Orion, President Grant, Nansemond, Philippines, Wyandotte and the Freedom were offered individually without any bidders.

According to shipping board calculation the best offers received yesterday represent a total of \$21,550,000, which includes \$13,100,000 offered for six vessels by the International Maritime Marine and a total of \$8,750,000 for nine ships individually.

#### HUGHES DECLINES TO BE CANDIDATE AGAIN

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 17.—Charles E. Hughes has written a letter to County Clerk Frank DeWey asking him not to proceed with plans to present Mr. Hughes' name in the state primary as a candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency.

"I cordially appreciate your personal interest and friendly sentiment you undertake a second candidacy. I am deeply interested in republican success and anxious that there should be republican unity, but there is no lack of available men and I do not recognize any obligation to permit my name to be used. I must, therefore, ask you not to bring my name forward."

#### HOOVER STILL LEADING FIELD IN STRAW VOTE

Hoover continues to lead in the Capital Journal straw vote for president—nearly all independent voters being cast for him as well as those of many democrats and some republicans.

London, Feb. 17.—Great Britain, it was learned today has instructed Admiral DeRobeck at Constantinople to announce there that the allies have decided not to deprive Turkey of Constantinople. If the persecution of the Armenians continues, however, the admiral was instructed to say, the peace treaty with Turkey may be considered modified.

The fact that continued possession of Constantinople had been granted her should not be misconstrued by Turkey, the British representative was directed to inform the Turkish government in plain words.

Admiral DeRobeck will point out to the Turks that they must comport themselves properly or be subjected to a peace more severe than the council now is disposed to arrange.

London, Feb. 17.—The internationalization of Dardanelles, which had been forecast, was decided upon definitely by the allied supreme council today. The details of the control of the waterways, however, have not been worked out.

One of the big questions to be decided in the policing of the straits and a knotty problem is as to who will furnish the necessary troops.

Further than deciding that Constantinople is to remain under Turkish control the council has not drawn a definite boundary line.

#### PLANE PRODUCTION IS CONDEMNED AND LAUDED IN REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 17.—Condemned in one as "a riot of waste" and defended in the other as a "record of achievement" the war time aviation program was the subject of two reports just presented to the house by a sub-committee of the special committee which for several months has been conducting inquiries into war expenditures.

The report condemning the manner in which the program was carried out was filed by Representatives Fear and Magee, republicans, while that defending the project was submitted by Representative Lea, democrat. The majority reports goes at length into alleged extravagances beginning with early aircraft appropriations and ending with the closing out of contracts. It deals with the alleged failure of the Bellaville plant, alleged failure to get any kind of planes to the battlefield in sufficient numbers, condemns failure of the spruce production project in the northwest and the alleged waste of millions in cost-plus contracts and makes many specific charges of inefficiency and wanton squandering of money.

The minority takes many of these charges up, denies them and defends those charged with carrying out the program. It in turn charges the republican members of the committee with having sacrificed facts for sensationalism in an effort to discredit the democratic administration.

#### Southern Pacific Trains From South Are Delayed

Portland, Or., Feb. 17.—All traffic on the Southern Pacific railroad in southern Oregon was held up today by the derailment of three freight cars of a southbound train in a short tunnel near Brandt.

between West Fork and Glendale, railroad officials here announced today. No one was injured in the wreck. A car of poles caused the chief difficulty, reports to the railroad stated, and it was expected that no traffic could pass through the tunnel before tonight.

### WITHDRAWAL OF TREATY NOT CONTEMPLATED

**Wilson's Note Referring to Adriatic Situation is Misinterpreted Declares Statement Today**

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson in his "memorandum" to the allies concerning their proposed Adriatic settlement informed them that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the treaty of Versailles from the senate if the allies went ahead with their plans without the consent of the United States.

This statement was made officially here today with the further statement that the American position was outlined not in the nature of a threat but as a statement of a situation created "not by an act of the American government but by an act of the British, French and Italian governments" which would place the United States in the position, if it were a party to the treaty of Versailles, of surrendering thru the pact to rights of sovereignty and other agreements to which it was opposed.

The treaty of Versailles and the Anglo-French-American pact are considered inseparable as far as the question is concerned and if President Wilson should determine to determine to withdraw the treaty of Versailles, it would mean that the American-French pact would be withdrawn at the same time, it was explained.

State department officials take the position that the French press is endeavoring through setting up a cry of threat on the part of the American government, to place the blame for the situation which has arisen at America's door, "instead of on the acts of the foreign premiers where it belongs."

It was reiterated that on December 9 before Acting Secretary Paik left Paris the American, British and French representatives had agreed on a settlement of the Adriatic question and it was charged that subsequently, without consulting the United States, the allied premiers sitting at Paris adopted a new agreement which was transmitted to Ambassador Wallace for the approval of the American government.

This, it was said, came as a great surprise to the American government, which sent a communication to the premiers asking whether they proposed to settle the question without consulting the American government. The premiers were said to have replied that they did not intend to do so, but later sent an ultimatum to Jugo-Slavia that unless it accepted the new settlement the terms of the original treaty of London would be carried out.

Officials said Secretary Lansing's resignation was not connected in any way with the Adriatic question.

**May Modify Note.**

Paris, Feb. 17.—Although the reply of the supreme allied council to President Wilson's note relative to the settlement of the Adriatic question was drawn up Saturday, it has not yet been sent, according to special dispatches.

### Capital Journal's Straw Vote for President

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