WILSON READS MESSAGE

Great Throng Listens to President's Address.

Plans to End Trusts-Punish Men, Not Business Declares Enforcement of Strict Amendments Possible.

dent Wilson personally laid before a joint session of congress today the fundamental principles of the Demoeratic administration's program for dealing with trusts and "big busi-The President presented the case, he said, "as it lies in the thought of the country,", reiterating "that private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable," and declaring that conscientious business men throughout the nation would not be satisfied until practices now deprecated by public opinion as restraints of trade and commerce were corrected. The President spoke as follows:

"In my report 'On the state of the union, which I had the privilege of reading to you on the second of December. I ventured to reserve for discus-sion at a later date the subject of addi-tional legislation regarding the very difficult and intricate matter of trusts and monopolies. The time now seems opportune to turn to that great question, not only because the currency legislation which absorbed your attention and the attention of the country in December, is now disposed of, but also because opinion seems to be clearing about us with singular rapidity in this other great field of action. In the mat-ter of the currency it cleared suddenly and very happily after the much debat-ed act was passed; in respect of the monopolies which have multiplied about us and in regard to the various means by which they have been organized and maintained, it seems to be coming to a clear and all but universal agreement in anticipation of our action, as if by way of preparation, making the way easier to see and easier to set out on with confidence and without confusion

of counsel.
"Legislation has its atmosphere like everything else and the atmosphere of accommodation and mutual understand-ing which we now breathe with so much refreshment is a matter of sin-cere congratulation. It ought to make our task very much less difficult and embarrassing than it would have been had we been obliged to continue to act amidst the atmosphere of suspicion and antagonism which has so long made it impossible to approach such questions with dispassionate fairness. Constructive legislation, when successful, is al-ways the embodiment of convincing exce and of the mature public opinperience and of the mature public opin-ion which finally springs out of that experience. Legislation is a business of interpretation, not of origination, and it is now plain what the opinion is to which we must give effect in this mat. ter. It is not recent or hasty opinion. It springs out of the experience of a whole generation. It has clarified itself by long contest, and those who for a long time battled with it and sought to change it are now frankly and honorably yielding to it and seeking to conform their actions to it.

"The great business men who organized and financed monopoly and those who administered it in actual everyday transactions have year after year, until now, either denied its existence or justified it as necessary for the effective maintenance and development of the vast business processes of the country with modern circumstances of and manufacture and finance; but all the while opinion has made head against them. The average business man is convinced that the ways of liberty are also the ways of peace and the ways of success as well and at last the masters of business on the great scale have begun to yield their preference and purpose, perhaps their judgalso, in honorable surrender

tagonism between business and gov- is. Surely we are sufficiently familiar ernment is over. We are now about to with the actual processes and methods demn the methods and processes and made equally plain. consequences of monopoly as we condemn them, and the instinctive judgment of the vast majority of business men of legal process in the men everywhere goes with them. We matters be made explicit and intelligious forms assistant secretary of the treasury, for controller of the currency and ex-officio member of the

"When a serious contest ends, when men unite in opinion and purpose, those who are to change their ways of business joining with those who ask for sion. It would not wish to see it employed to the country would instantly approve of such a commission. ness joining with those who ask for the change, it is possible to effect it in thoughtful and patriotic men would wish to see it brought about, with as few, as slight, as easy and simple business readjustments as possible in circumstances, nothing essential disturbed, nothing torn up by the roots, no parts rent asunder, which can be left in wholesome combination Fortunately no measures of sweeping or novel change are necessary. It will be under-

Cow New Credit Basis.

Topeka, Kan. - E. T. Ransom, a

Washington, D. C., Jan. 20-Presi- stood that we desire the laws we are new about to pass to be the bulwarks ascertainable person or group of per-and safeguards of industry agaisnt the sons. These should be held individually forces that have disturbed it. What we have to do can be done in a new spirit, fall in thoughtful moderation, without rev-

olution of any untoward kind.
"We are all agreed that 'private me nopoly is indefensible and intolerable' and our programme is founded on that conviction. It will be a comparative but not a radical or unacceptable programme, and these are its items, the changes which opinion deliberately sanctions and for which business waits: "It awaits with acquiescence, in the first place, for laws which will effect-ually prohibit and prevent such inter-locking of the personnel of the direc-torates of great corporations—banks and railroads, industrial, commercial and public service bodies-as in effect result in making those who borrow and those who lend practically one and the same, those who sell and those who buy the same persons trading with one another under different names and in different combinations, and those who af-fect to compete in fact partners and masters of some whole field of business. Sufficient time should be allowed, of course, in which to effect these changes of organizations, without inconvenience

"Such a prohibition will work much more than a mere negative good by correcting the serious evils which have arisen because, for example, the men who have been the directing spirits of great investment banks have usurped the place which belongs to in-dependent industrial management working in its own behoof. It will bring new men, new energies, a new spirit of initiative, new blood, into the management of our great business en-terprises. It will open the field of industrial development to scores of men who have been obliged to serve when their abilities entitled them to direct. It will immensely hearten the young men coming on and will greatly enrich the business activities of the whole

"In the second place, business men as well as those who direct public affairs now recognize, and recognize with painful clearness, the great harm and inwith the money they need for their for increased and improved facilities of perity of the railroads and the prosof the country are inseparably sted. Upon this question those the railroads, have spoken very plain- the general conscience. ly and very earnestly, with a p we ought to be quick to accept.

because it could not obtain, further and more explicit legislative definition of the policy and meaning of the existing anti-trust law. Nothing hampers busi-ness like uncertainty. Nothing daunts nor discourages it like the necessity to "What we are purposing to uo, there fore, is happily not to hamper or interfere with business as enlightened under the condemnation of the law between the law give expression to the best business of monopoly and of the many hurtful judgment of America, to what we restraints of trade to make definition know to be the business conscience and possible, at any rate up to the limits of what experience has disclosed. These business men are ready to meet each practices, being now abundantly disother half way in a common effort to closed, can be explicitly and item by square business methods with both publicem forbidden by statute in such terms lic opinion and the law. The best-in-formed men of the business world con-ty, the law itself and the penalty being

"And the business men of the counthe strength of our position and the sure prophecy of what will ensue when our reasonable work is done.

"When a serious controller be made explicit and intelligible. They desire the advice, the definite guidance and information which can be supplied by an administer the affairs of the new cur-

powered to make terms with monopoly or in any sort to assume control men would business, as if the Government made vacant several months. itself responsible. It demands such a commission only as an indispensable instrument of information and pub- President's absence Secretary McAdo The question of changing Canadian licity, as a clearing-house for the facts has been sounding senators about the money no longer worries McComanche. by which both the public mind and nomination and believes it will be conthe managers of great business under-

Sayres Meet Poincares.

Paris - President Poincare, on rebanker of Wichita, Kan., told the ceiving Francis Bowes Sayre and his for the Western trip of the reserve Judge Landis also confiscated 46 Kansas Improved Stock Breeders' asso- wife, formerly Miss Jessie Woodrow bank organization committee have cases of decayed eggs shipped with ciation that all bankers should change Wilson, at the Palace of the Elysee been made. To the list of 13 cities their system of credit from the steer Wednesday, sent messages on behalf originally selected as points where to the cow. He was discussing the of himself and wife and the French public hearings will be given, two conservation of the cow, and asserted people to President Wilson and Mrs. have been added, Lincoln, Neb., the bakers and grocers as "seconds." that when a bank extended credit to Wilson, to which Mrs. Sayre grace- home of Secretary Bryan, and El Paso, farmers on steers it meant the removal fully replied. The interview was ex- Tex. The time to be consumed on the of the steers to a butcher shop. "But tremely cordial. The French presi- trip has been cut four days and the when the banker gives a farmer credit dent said he regretted that Mr. and committee expects to be back in Wash- has informed the American embassy with which to buy cows, he does some- Mrs. Sayre were sailing from Cher- ington February 18. This will be four that Turkey will participate officially

courts or the natural forces of cor-rection outside the courts are inade-quate to adjust the remedy to the wrong in a way that will meet all the equities and circumstances of the case.

"Producing industries, for example, which have passed the point up to which combination may be consistent with the public interest and the freedom of trade, cannot always be disdom of trade, cannot always be dis-sected into their component units as readily as railroad companies or simi-lar organizations can be. Their dis-folution by ordinary legal process may often-times involve financial conse-quences likely to overwhelm the se-curity market and bring on its break-down and confusion. There ought to be an administrative commission capa-ble of directing and shaping such cor-rective processes, not only in aid of the courts, but also by independent rective processes, not only in aid of the courts, but also by independent suggestion, if necessary.

"Inasmuch as our object and the spirit of our action in these matters is to meet business haif way in its processes of self-correction and disturbits legitimate course as little as possible, we ought to see to it, and the judgment of practical and sagacious men of affairs everywhere would applaud us if we did see to it, that penalties and punishments should all, not alties and punishments should all, not business litelf, to its confusion and of "Mother" Jones were unanimously on business itself, to its confusion and interruption, but on the individuals who use the instrumentalities of business to do things which public policy and sound business practice condemn. Every act of business is done at the command or on the initiative of some responsible, and the punishment should fall on them, not on the business or-ganization of which they made illegal use. It should be one of the main ob-jects of our legislation to divest such persons of their corporate cloak and deal with them as with those who do deal with them as with those who do not represent their corporations, but merely by deliberate intention break the law. The business men, the country through, would I am sure, applaud us if we were to take effectual steps to see that the officers and directors of great business bodies were prevented from bringing them and the business of the country into disrepute and danger from of the country into disrepute and dan- from the crown, but none is missing.

"Other questions remain which will need very thoughtful and practical treatment.

"Enterprises in these modern days of great industrial fortunes, are often-times interlocked, not by being under the control of the same directors, but by the fact that the greater part of their corporate stock is owned by a sin-gle person or group of persons who are me way intimately related in in-t. We are agreed, I take it, that but what of the controlling private ownership of individuals or actually co-operative groups of individuals? Shall the private owners of capital stock be suffered to be themselves in effect belding companies? effect holding companies? We don't wish, I suppose, to forbid the purchase of stocks by any person who pleases to buy them in such quantities as he can afford, or in any way arbitrarily to limit the sale of stocks to bona fide pur-chasers. Shall we require the owners of stock, when their voting power in several companies which ought to be did not file on its claims until late in independent of one another would constitute actual control, to make election in which of them they will exercise their right to vote? This question I venture for your consideration

"There is another matter in which im-erative conditions of justice and fair play suggest thoughtful remedial action. Not only do many of the combi-nations effected or sought to be efful clearness, the great harm and injustice which has been done to many, if not all, of the great railroad systems of the country by the way in which they have been financed and their own distinctive interests subordinated to the interests of the men who financed them and of other business enterprises which those men wished to promote. The country is ready, therefore, to accept, and accept with relief, as well as approval, a law which will confer on the Interestate Commerce Commission the power to superintend and regulate the financial operations by which the railroads are henceforth to be supplied. supplied combinations complained of and won proper development to meet the rapidly growing requirements of the country such litigants only from the date of the such litigants only from the date of the conclusion of the Government's action. transportation. We cannot postpone It is not fair that the private litigant action in this matter without leaving the railroads exposed to many serious handleaps and hazards; and the prosment has proved. He cannot afford, he has proved. He cannot afford, he has not the power to make use of such has not the power, to make use of such processes of inquiry as the Government has command of. Thus shall individual who are chiefly responsible for the justice be done while the processes of actual management and operation of business are rectified and squared with

purpose "I have laid the case before you, no It will doubt as it lies in your own mind, as it be one step, and a very important one. iles in the thought of the country. toward the necessary separation of the business of production from the business of transportation.

"The business of the country awaits"

"The business of the country awaits" "The business of the country awaits reminded you? That these are no also, has long awaited and has suffered things for which the country is not property is not property in the country is not property." pared? No; but that they are olthings now familiar, and must of cours be undertaken, if we are to square of laws with the thought and desire of the country. conscientious business men the country over will be unsatisfied. these things our mentors and col tion of peace, the peace that is honorand freedom and prosperity."

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS IS CHOSEN CONTROLLER

minister the affairs of the new cur-

President's absence Secretary McAdo The question of changing Canadian firmed. So far as known, the Presitakings should be guided, and as an instrumentality for doing justice to business where the processes of the the Federal reserve board.

Western Trip Is Revised.

Washington, D. C.-Revised plans Landis.

Socialism Is Opposed by Mill and Timber Workers

Aberdeen, Wash.—A resolution dis-continuing indorsement of the Socialist party was adopted by a small majority at the convention of the International Union of Shingle Weavers, Sawmill Workers and Woodsmen, in session in this city. The union has indorsed Socialistic principles for the past two

The adoption of a wage scale for all

The measures demanding a mini-mum wage of \$2.25 for all timber The counties

adopted and forwarded to Governor Ammons, of Colorado.

STORM UPROOTS OLD ELM; UNCOVERS ANCIENT CROWN

Vienna-Severe storms at Cracow, n Galicia, formerly capital of the kingdom of Poland, uprooted an ancient elm, revealing the hiding place of the crown worn by the kings of Poland, dating back to the 14th cen-

The hidden crown had been lost since the middle of the 18th century. Some magnificent diamonds had fallen

Long Vigil Ended by Filing on Rich Land

Spokane - Alfred Schweizer and four others, including a woman 60 years old, who started houskeeping on December 31, before the door of the government land office in the Federal building here, were rewarded January been cultivating. Forty-five other settlers, who took their places before the land office door the day before, filed either on lands on which they have lived or on lands claimed by those who had been before the door for 15 days.

The Northern Pacific railway, which has a claim on lieu land and which was feared by certain homesteaders, the day

The land on which the settlers filed is located in Stevens county, Wash.

Crisis Near in Albania; Balkan War Threatens

Berne, Switzerland - The situation in Albania is much more grave than is Councilmen Are Recalled: generally known or officially acknowledged by the European powers, according to authoritive information gathered in diplomatic circles here. all their efforts in order to prevent a ward was recalled, Dr. Hargrave win-

Wireless Site is Chosen.

of naval officers has selected as a site for a high-power radio station on the California coast a location on LaJolla Heights, about four miles east of San Diego and 11 miles from the seacoast. It is expected that a tract of land comprising 72 acres with an elevation Maniac Killed in Fight of 450 feet above the sea level soon will be acquired by the government for about \$15,000. As soon as title to the site has been acquired the departtion with funds already authorized.

Chinese Eggs Reach Port.

San Francisco-Six hundred cases leagues. We are now about to write the additional articles of our constituof the liner Siberia, which arrived admitted duty free under the new product were admitted into San Fran-

Money and Worry Lost.

Chicago - When Alexander McComanche, of Vancouver, B. C., arrived in Chicago to see the sights he had Williams is now in charge of the \$530, most of which was in Canadian hours. "The opinion of the country would fiscal bureau and is Secretary Mc-currency. He found difficulty in Adoo's first assistant in matters of spending the Canadian money and government finance. The office of finally told two friendly strangers of controller of the currency has been his plight. They agreed he could not spend the money, but expressed will-It is understood that during the ingness to gamble with him for it.

Flood Food Condemned.

the Ohio floods last spring, were or-

the understanding that they were to Independent Company Complains. be used in tanning. The government

Ten Oregon Counties to Have Field Agents

vallis.—Ten Oregon counties have now made appropriations for the support of county agricultural agents, and a number of other counties have taken steps loggers is in the hands of the commit-tee. It is believed that the new scale will demand the same wages paid for a ten-hour day for an eight-hour one.

The counties that have already made appropriations for this work are Har-Wallowa, Union, Grant, Klamath, Coos, Tillamook, Lane and Marion. Not all of these have been supplied with the field agents, but applications for the positions are being considered by Professor H. T. French, of "Mother" Jones were unanimously state leader of the county demonstration work, who announces that the positions will soon be filled.

In all of these counties the sum of money set aside for county demonstration work will be duplicated by the state. The U. S. department of agriculture also co-operates in furnishing resources for the work. Throughout the entire country there are about 200 such agents employed in the various states, some states working as high as 20 men in the field. The work is being extended very raphighly gratifying.

Oregon Agricultural College, Cor- The work of Floyd Rader, the Wallowa county agent, has shown the possibilities of expert agricultural supervision. Large savings were made by reducing the damage done field crops by smut, and a model pig house, de-signed by Mr. Rader, has resulted in a

material saving of young pigs.
In Coos county Field Agent Smith is organizing the dairy industry. He is at present supervising an organization of cow-testing associations. This is a necessary step in scientific dairying,

designed to improve the dairy herds.

County demonstration work is being organized very rapidly in the Northwest. A conference of the state leaders and county agents for Idaho, Oregon and Washington will be held at Pullman, Washington, January 26 to 29. The three state leaders and a number of county men will participate in this convention. There will be representatives from the agricultural colleges of the three states. The Oregon Agricultural college will be represented by Professor R. D. Hetzel, director of extension, and by Professor French.

The demonstration policy has received the hearty endorsement of the Union County Farmers' union. After hearing the plans explained by Professor French, the members promised idly and results in most instances are to support and co-operate in carrying on the work in Union county.

Now Sell Apples Direct; No More Consignments

Hood River-Through the efforts of their president, H. F. Davidson, who Sieg, "that by the end of January few has been passing the winter at New apples will be left in Hood River for York, where he has charge of all of sale. It is our policy to sell the fruit the eastern shipments of apples and on a basis that will give the buyers the export trade, the North Pacific the advantage of some speculation. 15, by filing on the land they have Fruit Distributors are bringing about When this system becomes thoroughly a new order of things in the exports of Northwestern box apples.

Up to this year all Northwestern box apples have been consigned. Consignments have been taboo this year, and the merchants of the Continent and England have been making direct purchases of the fruit.

"The buyers find the new order of things to their advantage," says Wilmer Sieg, sales manager of the distributors. "I get daily wire commuson, and the new method is bringing

Women Rally to Reforms

Medford - The recent city election resulted in a victory for the Citizens' The various governments are directing ticket. Councilman Millar in the Third fresh outburst of war in the Balkans. ning by a vote of 283 to 244, and avoid the difficulty of deciding which Elmer Foss, city recorder, was repart of Albanian territory should be elected by a large majority, and G. occupied by Austria and which by Samuels was re-elected city treasurer. The other members of the Citizens' ticket elected were T. W. Miles, F. V. Medynski and Col. H. H. Sargent, Washington, D. C.—A special board councilmen. The women lined up mints to his credit.

naval officers has selected as a site throughout the city for the reform Acting under i ticket. The administration forces threaten to contest the result.

A strong effort will be made, however, to forestall this action.

With Asylum Attendant

Salem-Frank E. Wallace, an inmate of the insane asylum, committed ment will begin the erection of a sta- from Portland, who gave his occupation as sailor, soldier, salesman and editor, engaged in a battle to death with Oliver Whitney, an attendant. Wallace, it is said, frequently attacked attendants.

While he was polishing the floor in of the liner Siberia, which arrived the day ward Whitney approached and from the Orient. These eggs were asked him a question. Wallace jumped upon the attendant and a roughtariff act. Under the 5-cent tariff and-tumble fight of several minutes handicap 4000 cases of the Chinese resulted. Finally Wallace was thrown to the floor, his abdomen striking Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has nominated John Skelton Wil- tion will reach 20,000 cases in the en- assistance of Whitney, but their help was not required.

Wallace's groans indicated that he had been severely injured and a physician found that several of his ribs had been fractured and that he was injured internally. He lived about two

Smallpox Cases Found.

Portland-Two cases of smallpox of been made about the other alleged Baker on Willamete boulevard. The Chicago-Four carloads of canned the father is going to and from the dered destroyed by Federal Judge in St. Johns, but so far they have es-Landis.

Caped detection. It is said there are bidden travel over the walk. at least four or five cases of this form.

Turkey Promises to Exhibit. declined to interchange service with rounding the operators of shingle ma-Constantinople—The sublime porte it over long distance lines. The Home chines. Mr. Hoff says that numerous company asks that the association be complaints have been made to him by compelled to interchange calls and that

learn lessons as to the handling of fruit. "Too much of the crop of the year is still in the hands of the grow-

understood by European buyers it will

be of inestimable benefit to the mar-

Mr. Sieg says that growers have to

keters in handling future crops.'

"It is a possible thing," said Mr.

ers. Many loads of apples are coming into the storage houses this week. This is too late to pack fruit," says Mr. Sieg. "Much of this tardiness is due to the carelessness of growers, but nications and letters from Mr. David- a system of co-operative packinghouses, where the smaller orchardists about a wider distribution of the can haul their product and clean it up fruit. We are receiving calls from earlier in the season, will do much to points in Italy and Scandinavian cities.

Deputy Turns Trapper; Catches Many Varmints

Gold Hill-New and novel employment for the idle hours of state game wardens may be found in the example set by Deputy Warden Hammersley, Germany has suggested the dispatch Councilman Stewart, in the Second stationed at Willow Flat, in a typical of a mixed army of Austrian and Italian troops into Albania in order to winning 368 to 300. In a large field disc, 20-odd miles north of this city. This warden is adding to the efficacy of game protection by a trapping campaign against predatory animals during the dull winter months, and already has a long list of captured var-

> Acting under instructions from State Game Warden Finley, the Willow Flat deputy outfitted with traps and lures last fall, established a 13-mile trap line, and began the campaign which he is now so successfully waging. Each pelt secured is carefully prepared for taxidermy purposes and is shipped to Portland, where it is mounted. These trophies will adorn the state biological collection.

Cheaper Fuel Forecast As Aid to Manufactures

J. C. Turney, of Burns, is of the opinion that the development of the oil prospects in Central Oregon and Harney county will prove a great factor in solving the problem of cheap fuel for factories in Oregon.

"Cheap fuel is the basis of the manufacturing industries, and will be the thing that will give manufacturing the biggest impulse in Oregon within the next few years," he says. "The oil prospects in Central Oregon have not yet been opened up, and thus far the work has been chiefly prospecting, but I am of the opinion that in these fields lies largely the source of the fuel supply from which the state must. draw in future."

New Bridge Is Wanted.

Florence-Because the Lane County court will do nothing to replace the the malignant type have been discov- bridge through Acme, the people of ered in St. Johns, a suburb of this that town held a mass meeting and Considerable complaint has adopted resolutions stating the conditions and applying for help from the case, which is in the family of a Mr. court. The town is built over a slough and the only means of travel through son is reported to have smallpox, and it is by this bridge, which was built along the county survey by local resifoodstuffs, which were submerged in house. For some time there have dents in 1900, and has been mainbeen several cases of mild varioloids tained by them until the last two in St. Johns, but so far they have es-

Hoff to Request Fans.

Salem-Labor Commissioner Hoff Salem-The Home Independent Tele- has issued a ruling that where possible phone company has complained to the the owners of shingle mills must in-State railroad commission that the Co- stall ventilating fans in their plants operative Telephone association had for the removal of dust from air surwith which to buy cows, he does somewith which to buy cows, he does somewith which to buy cows, he does something that means additional animals on
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bourg the next day, as he would have
the system

San Francisco in 1915.

Summerville, Elgin and Cove.