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PRES. WILSON TAKES RAP AT 'ARDENT SOULS'

SUFFRAGETTES GET NO HOPE OF AID FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

FAILED TO HELP "THE CAUSE"

"Votes for Women" Movement Gets No Further Sympathy From the Administration as Punishment for Ballot

Washington, Jan. 9.—Expressing regret that "so many ardent souls" in the suffrage movement failed in the last election to appreciate that the democratic party was more inclined than the opposition to help "the cause," President Wilson today informed several hundred suffragettes he is not in a position to do more than he has done in their behalf.

Washington, Jan. 9.—President Wilson cut down on the oratory planned by suffragettes just before they assembled for their memorial service in the East room of the White House for Inez Milholland Boissevain this afternoon.

When the president learned there were to be three or four speakers and as many hundred suffrage workers in the delegation, he sent word to the Congressional Union there could be but one address.

The following memorial resolutions were presented to the president:

"We ask you with all the fervor and earnestness of our souls to exert your power over congress in behalf of the enfranchisement of women, in the same way you have so successfully used it on other occasions, and for less important measures. We are confident that if the president of the United States declares that this act of justice shall be one in the present session of congress, that it will be done. We know further that if the president does not ask it, it will not be done."

Another resolution reads:

"The death of this lovely woman symbolizes the whole daily sacrifice that thousands of women who have made answer are making for the sake of political freedom. It has made vivid the constant, unnoticed tragedy of the prolonged effort for a freedom that is acknowledged just, but still denied."

"We desire to make it known to you, Mr. President, our deep sense of the wrong being inflicted upon women in making them spend their best strength and health to win freedom under a government that professes to believe in democracy. There is only one cause for which it is right to give life and health. No price is too high to pay for liberty. As long as the lives of women are required, those lives will be given. But we beg of you, Mr. President, so to act that this ghastly price will not have to be paid."

The declaration was made to several hundred members of the congressional union when they presented resolutions to the president in the East room in memory of Inez Milholland Boissevain.

"In need not tell you," the president said, "where my own conviction and my personal purpose lie and need not tell you my circumscription I am bound as the leader of a party. As the leader of a party, my commands come from the party and not from private personal convictions. My personal action as a citizen, of course, comes from no source, but my own conviction, and therefore, my position, has been so frequently, and, I hope, so candidly, defined. It is impossible for me until the orders of my party are changed to do anything other than I am doing as a

H. K. THAW AGAIN IN LIME LIGHT

Man Who Made Sensational Escape From Insane Asylum Is Indicted by Grand Jury for Assaulting Youth

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The arrest of Harry K. Thaw, wanted in New York to answer an indictment charging him with beating a youth, is expected here momentarily, it was learned at detective headquarters today. Detective Flood of New York and Captain Tate left the city hall together. Thaw was stopping at the Belgravia hotel here, but checked out suddenly at one o'clock.

The indictment charges that Thaw persuaded Frederick Gump Jr., to leave Long Beach, Cal., for New York, and after his arrival here, tied the young man up and thrashed him with a whip at the McAlpine hotel December 25. Gump is said to have returned to his home in Kansas City and when he told his family of his experiences they asked Frank P. Walsh, former head of the government's industrial relations committee, to make the facts known here.

Included in the evidence which the then District Attorney Jarome collected against Thaw during the famous murder trials, was testimony of a number of women that Thaw had lured them into certain rooming places in New York's disreputable district and there beaten them with a jeweled whip.

RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE ON THE RIGA FRONT

London, Jan. 9.—Russia's thrust on the Riga front assumed the importance of a continued offensive today. It has already gained considerable ground against the German columns and was apparently proceeding today with extraordinary violence.

It is along the reaches of the Aa river apparently that the most bitter fighting is proceeding. Russian forces have made a distinct advance in this sector. Artillery firing has increased violently all along the line.

RUSSIANS RETAKE THE ISLAND OF GLAUDON

Berlin, via Bayville, Jan. 9.—A Russian attack, made in a dense snow storm, recaptured the small island of Glaudon, north of Iluxt, taken from them by German forces on January 4, today's official statement said, in describing the fighting south of Riga.

Renewed advances on both sides of the Aa river were completely repulsed, the statement asserted. Night advances of Slav raiding detachments between Friderichstadt and the road from Mitau to Olai was unsuccessful.

Berlin, via Bayville, Jan. 9.—Increase of lively long distance artillery firing on both sides followed clear weather, today's official report from the western war front announced.

party leader that I think nothing more is necessary to be said.

"I do want to say this: I do not see how anybody could fail to observe from the utterances of the last campaign, that the democratic party is more inclined than the opposition party to assist in this great cause, and it has been a matter of surprise to me and a matter of very great regret that so many of those who were heart and soul for this cause seem to greatly misunderstand, and misinterpret the attitude of the parties, because in this country, as in every other self-governing country, it is only through the instrumentality of parties that things can be accomplished."

BUSINESS MEN ARE ORGANIZING COMPANY FOR LEASING LANDS AND PLANTING SUGAR BEETS

Organization Will Be Incorporated and Will Seek Acreage That Is Under Irrigation and Grow Beets for the Factory During the Present Season

The forming of an incorporate company by business men of Grants Pass for the leasing of lands and the growing of sugar beets for the season of 1917 was the definite action resulting from the session of the Commercial club Monday night. The question of acreage was one of the vital issues to come before the club, and after a discussion which was participated in by many of the citizens present, the sugar beet committee, which did such valiant service last year, was authorized to proceed with the organization of the company for the leasing of lands.

Merrill Nibley, assistant general manager of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, and Alex Nibley, manager of the local factory, were present at the meeting, and through them it was agreed that the sugar company would supply a competent foreman to oversee and direct the work of the new organization's beet fields.

There are a number of tracts of excellent beet lands in the vicinity of Grants Pass that belong to non-residents, or that for other reasons might not be planted without the forming of a new company, and it is believed that at least 500 acres will be brought into the organization. It is proposed to incorporate and carry the affairs on in a most business-like manner, and with the price of beets at \$7 per ton it is expected that good returns will be made to the holders of the stock. The prime reason for the organization, however, is that the available lands will all be planted to beets, and no attempt will be made to lease acreage that would otherwise be planted.

Following the general meeting of the Commercial club, a meeting of the committee was held, and definite plans for the immediate organization of the new company were made. As a committee to have charge of the organizing and incorporation of the company, Geo. C. Sabin, R. B. Miller and Sam Baker were named. The drawing of the articles of incorporation is already in progress by Attorney Williams, secretary of the gen-

eral committee, while the stock subscription list is already out.

The first subscription of stock was made by the California & Oregon Coast Railway company. R. B. Miller, vice-president of the company, authorized the placing of his company at the head of the list with a subscription a \$250. It is believed that \$5,000, which will probably be the amount of the capitalization, will be placed among the business men in a short time. This list is in charge of a committee composed of Messrs. Ed. Bywater, Asa Holcomb, T. P. Cramer, O. F. Braeger and Paul Kirker.

Another committee which was also instructed to lose no time in getting at its work is to investigate possible acreage that can be leased and to arrange for its leasing. This committee is composed of Clarence Winetrot, Samuel Storey, A. Hood, Fred Williams, E. H. Richard and P. B. Herman. Only lands that are well adapted to the sugar beet and now under irrigation will be considered by the company.

While the bylaws of the company have not yet been drafted, it was the sentiment of the members of the general committee that the activities of the new organization also cover the sub-leasing of lands to families who might wish to come here and enter the field as beet growers. Secretary Van Dyke, of the Commercial club, stated that inquiries were coming in every day now from parties wishing information concerning the lease or purchase of beet lands, and a considerable influx of these people is anticipated. To encourage the coming of these people the new company expects to be in a position to turn lands either ready for planting or already planted over to them if they are in a position to carry the work forward.

The work of plowing and preparing the seed bed of the lands leased by the company will proceed as fast as the acreage is obtained, as it is hoped that all can be planted before the end of February, last year having demonstrated that early planting brought the best results.

STORM RAISED BY SPEECH DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR GERARD AT BANQUET

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Press ver-official press bureau and sent out by wireless, read:

"Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been as cordial as now. . . . I personally am convinced that as long as Germany's fate is directed by such men as my friend, the chancellor and Dr. Helfrich and Dr. Solz; by Admirals von Capelle, Holzenдорff and von Mueller; by Generals von Hindenburg and von Ludenoff and, last, but not least, my friends Zimmerman, the relations between the two countries are running no risk."

Other leaders of the von Reventlow were said to be urging a demonstration by Germany for Gerard's recall on the ground that his expressions of opinions as to the continuance of the office of certain German of the conciliatory group exceeded his prerogative.

That part of Gerard's speech to which the von Tirpitz adherents violently objected, as reported by the

official press bureau and sent out by wireless, read:

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ATTEMPT TO RAID FRENCH TRENCH UNSUCCESSFUL

Paris, Jan. 9.—An unsuccessful attempt by Germans to raid a French trench north of Ribourt, following an active bombardment, was reported in today's official statement.

Elsewhere along the front the night was calm.

CHICAGO POLICE CHIEF ARRAIGNED

Healy Charged by U. S. Attorney With Wholesale Graft and Corruption, Held Under \$25,000 Bond

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Chief of Police Charles J. Healy, caught in the dragnet thrown out by States Attorney MacLay Hoyne last night, was arraigned before Judge J. A. Mahoney in the municipal court today, on a charge of conspiracy and corruption.

At the request of Hoyne, and over the bitter protest of attorneys for Healy, the case was continued for 10 days. Healy's bond was reduced from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

Sergeant John Naughton, secretary and confidential clerk to Healy surrendered himself to Judge Mahoney today and was released on \$15,000 bail. Lieutenants Gray and Harford for whom warrants were issued yesterday, have not been located yet, but they are expected to surrender.

Official Chicago—at the police headquarters and the city hall—was stepping gingerly today, eagerly watching the newspapers for the least indication what States Attorney Hoyne's next move would be. From the criminal court building came rumors that the denizens of the underworld, realizing that no protective arm was shielding them, were squealing. One after another, the smaller resort keepers were breaking down and divulging evidence that may prove incriminating, not only to those under arrest, but to others that the prosecutor is trying to "get the goods on."

Mayor Thompson said he would name a new chief not later than Thursday.

The Healy arrest rocked the city hall. It was rumored that startling disclosures would be made soon. One of the men "higher up" is said to be ready to confess. Hoyne said a number had "come clean."

WOMAN AFTER JOB AS SENATE BILL CLERK

Salem, Jan. 9.—Oregon's next state senate bill clerk may be Mrs. Frances H. Whitehead, who is here today, campaigning for the position after having lived 115 miles from a railroad for three years in Christmas valley.

"I was all alone, winter and summer," she said today. "I chased the coyotes and wild cats out of that part of the country and I cleared forty acres of sagebrush land, sowed it to rye and harvested the crop—all alone."

Mrs. Whitehead indicates that the same energy she used in annihilating the wild cats would be used in battling for the office of senate bill clerk. Several men are still in the ring for the job.

STEEL PLANT STRIKE AT PORTLAND NEAR END

Portland, Jan. 9.—Managers of Portland steel plants said today that the strike had practically ended. The Willamette Iron and Steel works was going ahead with a force of 50 per cent smaller than normal. Four hundred men went to work at the Northwest Mills, but six hundred are still out.

Negotiations are proceeding slowly, with either the San Francisco or Seattle wage scale as a possible basis in the final settlement.

Chicago—Within one month, 416 towels disappeared. This explanation, on a signed towel room of a Lopp hotel, explains why the towels are padlocked.

WITHYCOMBE ADVISES FEWER COMMISSIONS

GOVERNOR OF OREGON FAVORS CONSOLIDATION OF BOARDS AND REDUCTION OF OFFICES

URGES PASSAGE BONE-DRY LAW

Would Increase Automobile License Fees, Provide Inheritance Tax and Sterilize the Unfit

Salem, Jan. 9.—In his message to the Oregon legislature this afternoon Governor Withycombe said the lawmakers were in duty bound to make the provisions of the "bone-dry" prohibition measure absolutely effective.

He urged many economies, reducing the budget \$461,000, and added taxes increasing the state's revenues \$260,000 annually.

The state penitentiary, he said, should be under the governor's jurisdiction.

Elimination of the child labor and industrial welfare commissions was advised, their work to be handled by the state industrial accident commission.

Other measures suggested were increased automobile fees to get highway funds, military training in high schools and universities, rural credits legislation, sterilization of the unfit, abolition of the state labor commissioner's office and an inheritance tax.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 9.—The House today passed the vocational educational bill. It carries \$38,400,000 to be distributed over a period of ten years beginning with 1917 and increasing each year. The funds are for co-operation with states in training and paying salaries of teachers, supervisors and directors of agricultural trade, home economics and industrial subjects.

"BONE-DRY" MEASURE IN THE LEGISLATURE

Salem, Jan. 9.—Dry, dryer and driest appears to be the program of the Oregon legislature. Representative D. C. Lewis introduced a bill today to make it a state felony, punishable by five years imprisonment, to bring liquor into the state. This measure is one of the most drastic on record. The board of health is given exclusive power to dispense all alcohol, and companies desiring to manufacture alcohol for any purpose must furnish a \$50,000 bond. Any house in which liquor is discovered, can be closed by the police and the landlord fined \$500 with six months in jail.

Lewis introduced another act prohibiting the sale of patent medicines more than one-half of one per cent alcohol by volume, except under the most stringent regulations.

The original bone dry approved by voters at the last election will probably go before the legislature tomorrow. It carries an emergency clause, making it effective when Governor Withycombe signs it.

SALESMAN SAYS HE SAW SLAYER OF MAMIE COLBERT

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—A Cleveland salesman was found today who saw the murderer of Mamie Colbert leap from her window. He declared he could identify the man positively, but that he will not say until later whether Bernard Lewis was the man.