

WILSON FACING TROUBLOUS YEAR

PEACE QUESTION MOST VITAL ONE.

Intricate and Dangerous Problems of Trade and Diplomacy Promise to Make 1917 Most Eventful Year of Administration.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—President Wilson faces a new year fairly teeming with the portentous problems in international affairs. Peace discussion in Europe—with the President as one of the foremost characters of the drama—loomed up large on the year's horizon. Behind this vision, however, there rose intricate and dangerous questions of trade and diplomacy, the readjustment of world affairs and the economic revolutions bound to follow the close of the war.

In brief, 1917 promises to be the most eventful twelve months of the president's administration. The year nevertheless made its bow at the White House mildly, inaugurating no changes in the regular program of the president's daily work.

Looking back on 1916, the calendar pages disclose twelve months of almost constant strain at the White House.

"Our own rights as a nation, the liberties, privileges and the property of our people have been profoundly affected" as a result of the war, Mr. Wilson declared recently.

He probably was thinking of his long tour through the central west urging immediate response to the call for preparedness; his constant difficulties with Germany and England as a result of breaches of international law; his appearance before congress with a warning that broken relations with Germany was a crisis immediately facing the United States and finally the hope of an end to these dangers when Germany professed peace to the world.

The White House itself has housed some of the most dramatic scenes in its history. Full details may never be told of the dramatic conferences between the president and administration leaders in the library of the executive mansion, when it appeared inevitable that the United States was surely to be drawn into war with Germany.

It was followed by an effort to pass resolutions in congress warning Americans off armed ships—a measure fought to a successful finish by President Wilson himself. Later he appeared before congress, notifying that body of the virtual ultimatum sent to the Kaiser, following the Sussex sinking.

There was another dramatic conference in the White House, when the gold room, famed for its spectacular social events during years gone by, was opened to a conference between the president and five hundred railroad trainmen in an effort to ward off a nationwide railroad strike. This was followed by the appearance of railroad executives, representing millions of dollars of capital, and for days the conference went on to no avail.

Immediately afterward the President wielded his "big stick" over congress and forced the passage of an eight hour law, averting the pending strike.

OREGON READY FOR PENN TEAM

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has the premier tackle of the coast. Beckett is playing his fourth and last year of college football. He is a big man, with plenty of speed and nerve and is so versatile that he has been pressed into service several times at end and halfback. Beckett has been chosen for the all-

FRENCH ATTACK PUSHES BACK LINE DRAWN BY GERMANS AROUND VERDUN



GERMAN CROWN PRINCE, COMMANDING AT VERDUN AND MAP OF FRENCH ADVANCE AT VERDUN



Photo by American Press Association.

The French attack at Verdun was on a front of ten kilometers or six and one-quarter miles from Vacherauville to a point south of Dieppe. The attackers drove through the German line for a depth of about two miles, capturing more than 2,000 prisoners and many guns, according to the reports from Paris. The shifted portion of the map indicates the advance. The ground gained in the great attack on Oct. 25 is also shown. The solid black line in the upper right hand corner of the map is the battle line last February when the Germans began their Verdun drive. Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany commands the German troops which have been attacking Verdun. The first attempts to capture the fortress last February met with a considerable measure of success, forts and fortified villages falling into the hands of the Germans before the French were able to make a strong stand. General Nivelle, recently selected to succeed Joffre as field commander in chief of the French, commands at Verdun. His new attacks are called an "answer" to the German peace proposals.

coast team for the past two years by practically every critic, and many football enthusiasts have urged his selection for all-America honors.

Scrappy Set of Forwards.

The other tackle berth is filled by Bartlett, a player of marked ability. The two end positions are taken care of by Mitchell and Tegert, the guards by Snyder and Spellman and center by Risley. The line from end to end is not only heavy but fast and scrappy. It has outcharged every opposing line during the past season. Snyder, Mitchell and Risley have been the unanimous choice of the critics for all coast honors this year.

In the backfield Oregon has a powerful combination of brain, brawn and speed. Shy Huntington, at quarter, weighs 173 pounds and is rated the surest ground gainer on the coast. He is short and closely built, with plenty of speed and courage. Shy carries the ball on a direct pass from center and is always good for a gain. He is also a clever place kicker, having contributed many points by his field goals during the past two seasons.

Like Capt. Beckett, Shy is the unanimous choice of critics and sporting editors for all coast honors.

The average weight of the Oregon team is 176½ pounds, average height 5 feet 10 inches and average age 22 years and 9 months. With the exception of Spellman and Mitchell and two of the substitutes, the eighteen players who are now in the south are residents of Oregon. Of the eleven men in the regular lineup two are seniors, five juniors and four sophomores. Under the rules of the Pacific Coast conference freshmen are no longer permitted to compete on varsity teams.

The record of the Oregon eleven for 1917 is as follows:

Oregon 97	Willamette 0
Oregon 28	Multnomah (1st) 0
Oregon 27	Multnomah (2nd) 0
Oregon 0	Washington 0
Oregon 39	California 14
Oregon 12	Washington State 3
Oregon 27	Oregon Aggies 0
Oregon 230	All others 17

\$10,000 ASKED FOR ROAD WORK

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to the traveling public a much desired trans-mountain highway. It is the desire of this court to perfect this trans-mountain road now in use to a considerable extent. The present road is comparatively impassable and in view of the fact that that part of the McKenzie highway, lying within the Cascade National forest, in Lane county, Oregon, is being constructed under a co-operative arrangement whereby federal funds as well as county funds are being used, it is asked that federal aid be granted to Deschutes county in constructing its portion of this important highway.

It is understood that the survey on the ground has been made, by your office, that approximately fourteen miles of new construction will be required and that it has been tentatively estimated that \$10,000.00 will be required to complete the work.

It is proposed that the county of Deschutes co-operate with the federal government under section 8 of the "Federal Aid Road act" in the construction of this road, each party of the co-operative agreement bearing 50 per cent of the cost of the cost of plans, estimates and construction.

The execution of this project will lie with the department of agriculture, and funds to defray the county's portion of the expense will be deposited in the United States treasury.

Following the acceptance by the county court of the proposal of C. S. Hudson, president of the Deschutes Investment company and the First National Bank, Mr. Hudson announced this afternoon that construction on the addition to the First National Bank building will begin just as soon as weather conditions permit.

The addition which will house the officers of Deschutes county will be a two story structure, identical in type of architecture to the present building. Its dimensions will be 50 by 70 feet extending from the rear of the bank to the alley. There will be 16 office rooms, of which eight will be used by the county, with two vaults, one of which will be used by the county sheriff and the other by the county clerk. The interior of the upstairs will be in harmony with the finishing of the second story of the present bank building. On the first floor the building will be partitioned into store rooms of convenient size. Just south of the present Oregon street entrance the bank will build in a work room for its book keeping department, to connect with the main banking room. The entrance will be moved 30 feet west. The upstairs hall will extend lengthwise through the second story of the building.

It is estimated that the addition will cost approximately \$20,000.

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RAILROAD CHARTERED

Harney Valley Company to Build in Oregon, Files Articles.

(Oregonian.)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—Articles of incorporation of the Harney Valley Railroad company authorized to construct a railroad line from Bend, Or., to Burns, and thence to Klamath Falls and San Francisco, were filed here today by H. H. Parker, of Portland, and M. M. Connor, of this city, the incorporators. The trustees to serve until May, 1917, are M. M. Connor, of this city, H. L. Corbett, of Portland, H. H. Craven, of Memphis, Texas, M. M. Mathison, of Portland and Isaac D. Hunt, of Portland.

The company is organized under the laws of Washington, to have a duration of 50 years, and its capital stock is given as \$25,000. The articles allow the company to build either steam or electric railroads and to conduct any branch of the railroad business.

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