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ALBANY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

THE PRESIDENT'S AILMENT

From the first, everybody has recognized that there was more or less mystery about the nature of the disease which struck down President Wilson last fall. The mystery has finally been cleared up by the statement made by Dr. Hugh H. Young of Baltimore to the Baltimore Sun. Dr. Young has been one of the physicians in attendance on the President throughout his illness. In the course of this statement, made, as he explains, to dispose of unfounded rumors about a "setback," Dr. Young says:

"As you know, in October last, we diagnosed the president's illness as cerebral thrombosis, which affected his left arm and leg, but at no time was his brain power or the extreme vigor or lucidity of his mental processes in the slightest degree abated.

"This condition has from the very first shown a steady, unwavering tendency toward resolution and complete absorption. The increasing utility of the left arm and leg, greatly impaired at first, have closely followed on this improvement. The president walks sturdily now, without assistance and without fatigue, and he uses the still slightly impaired arm more and more every day."

So here we have it at last. Whatever may have been known by the Baltimore Sun, or by those immediately surrounding the President, last October, certainly it is news to the American public that Mr. Wilson's illness was diagnosed at that time as "cerebral thrombosis." The revelation clears up the whole matter, and the nation is correspondingly grateful, though its gratitude is mixed with resentment over the long and needless delay.

"Thrombosis" means "clot." What the President has been suffering from, if this statement is correct, is a blood clot on the brain, which, while it temporarily paralyzed his left side, incapacitating the left arm and leg, fortunately affected only the motor area of the brain, leaving the patient's mind as clear as ever.

"As to his mental vigor," says Dr. Young, "it is simply prodigious. Indeed, I think in many ways the President is in better shape than before his illness came." This may well be: certainly the important messages written by the President from his sick bed have shown no abatement of mental force and clarity.

It seems hardly likely, however, that anyone passing through such an experience will regain his full measure of physical strength. In other words, the President may hardly be expected, after his recovery, to have as much physical endurance as he had before. That fact will doubtless have its effect in his chance of occupation after March 4, 1921.

FARM PROSPERITY

The complaint of many farmers that there has been no money in farming lately in spite of high prices is not borne out by the latest estimate for last year's agricultural production. The value of the crops, animals and animal products turned out by American farmers in 1919 is placed at \$24,982,000,000. It might a swell be called 25 billions.

That is an enormous sum of money, even for distribution among 6,000,000 men. It is nearly \$300,000,000 more than the value of the previous year's production, which was greater in volume but somewhat lower in price. It is two and one-half times as much as the farmers ever received for their year's output before the war.

It can hardly be true, therefore, that the farmers find themselves worse off than they used to be, on account of having to pay such high prices for materials, machinery and

labor. The cost of living, so large a part of which, with most people, represents food, surely has not risen any more with the farmer than with the city man. If it has risen as much, it has certainly not risen to the extent of 150 per cent, which is the percentage of gain in the farmer's income.

These statistics agree with the conclusions formed from common observation, that farmers in general, though not making so much money as industrial and commercial profiteers, have as a class benefitted more than any other large class. Those who have not made more than ever before must be exceptions.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Wednesday, February 18, 1920

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

Governor Lowden of Illinois, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, begins a speaking-tour, of South Dakota today.

Gen. Leonard Wood is scheduled to speak in Minneapolis tonight under the auspices of the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association.

A committee of the New York general assembly will give a hearing today on the Bates bill which abolishes daylight saving in New York.

Plans for further curtailment of the liquor traffic will be discussed at the annual convention of the British Columbia Peoples Prohibition Party, meeting today at Victoria.

The annual convention of the National Retail Drygoods Association, which opens in New York city today, will have Secretary of War Baker as one of its principal speakers.

The first inter-denominational pastors' conference ever held in Wisconsin will open at Milwaukee today and continue in session through the remainder of the week.

Conventions Opening Today

San Francisco—Regional convention of the W. C. T. U.

Winnipeg—Western Canada Dairy Association.

Des Moines—Central and North-eastern Iowa Lumber Association.

Charlotte, N. C.—Tri-State Medical Association.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of Business Men's Assn., at New Orleans.

Baseball

Schedule meeting of International league, at New York.

Skating

International championships begin at Lake Placid, N. Y.

Tennis

Florida State championship tournament opens at Palm Beach.

Racquets

National singles championship tournament opens at New York.

Swimming

National junior 100-yard back stroke championship, at Greensburg.

Golf

Men's handicap tournament opens at Asheville, N. C.

Cuban amateur championship tournament at Havana.

Washington's Birthday tournament at Belleair, Fla.

Boxing

Jack Wolfe vs. Joe Lynch, 10 rounds at Cleveland.

Comments of the State Press

Home Products—

Loyalty to home and loyalty to state demand that the good housewife study the list of "Made in Oregon" products, familiarize herself with their trade names and insist upon them when she places her order. This same loyalty demands that merchants carry these home products and introduce them to their patrons. Providence helps those who help themselves and their state is to give their aid and co-operation in the building up of Oregon factories and industries. —Astoria Budget.

Reduce Expenses or Increase Income

With a nation as with an individual, there is but one thing to do when bankruptcy threatens—reduce expenses or increase the income.

Europe is almost bankrupt; on paper some countries are really insolvent and nothing but the industry of the people can keep such nations from the wall.—East Oregonian.

Bryan Smiles—

Did anybody catch the smile on Bryan's face when he perused the letter from Lord Grey to the London Times? This recalls the wise saying of the colored minister who, after quoting the scripture and viewing his audience with an air of supreme satisfaction, remarked: "And in this, brethren, St. Paul agrees with me." —Oregon Statesman

American Pork—

France has quit buying American pork.

England began a wholesale cancellation of American pork orders last week, and has bought no pork of us since.

Germany wants to buy our pork, but cannot do so because of the worthlessness of the German mark.—Oregon Journal.

Editor Worries About Bryan—

The Pendleton Tribune is worrying because Wm. J. Bryan may become the leader of the radicals in this country and fly the red flag in the next political campaign. That is only borrowing a lot of unnecessary trouble. Bryan may believe in free speech and have little use for government by corporations, but he is not and never has been a dangerous man. If all our citizenship came up to the Bryan standard we are inclined to think our government and our democratic institutions would be more secure than they are at the present time. Good moral and sincere religious ideals are conspicuous by their absence in the anarchistic crowd.—Eugene Guard.

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