

WILSON TURNS DOWN LADY SUFFRAGISTS

PARTY PLATFORM NOT INCLINATION RULES PRESIDENT

Four Hundred Working Women Storm White House and Force Executive's Hand—He Declines to Go on Record as to Movement.

Rose Winslow, Speaker for Suffragists, Impresses President by Her Earnestness.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Wilson was called upon today definitely to declare his position in regard to woman suffrage. He did so. His hand was forced by a delegation of suffragettes, four hundred strong, who wanted to know just where he stood on the suffrage question, and they found out.

"As leader of the democratic party," the president told the delegation, "I cannot advocate any legislation which is not approved by the democratic national committee."

The women begged and implored but the president, although deeply touched by their pleas, stuck to his position.

Reception Picturesque

The reception of the suffragists was picturesque. The women had marched to the white house in a body, where a committee of twenty-five, headed by Mrs. Glendover Evans, president of the Massachusetts Tradeswomen's League, entered the executive offices. They were cordially received by the president.

Six of the delegation made speeches. "I need not tell you," the president said, "how a delegation of working women appeals to me. Your earnest appeals have touched me deeply."

"There is much I would like to say but as I have explained to other delegations of women, I cannot speak, as the leader of my party, on any legislation until my party itself takes a position on that legislation. The national democratic convention at Baltimore took a position on national questions. The suffrage question was not among its planks. As its candidate the voters approved the party's position in electing me. I feel bound to fulfill all party promises. All I can say to you is that your representations have profoundly impressed me—"

"Gunning" for Votes

"But," Mrs. Evans interrupted, "when I saw you at Seagrave—"

"Excuse me, please," broke in the president, "but at Seagrave there were many things I discussed but I made no positive statement. I went no further than I have gone today."

"You must remember," said Mrs. Evans, "that when I saw you at Seagrave you were gunning for votes—"

"I beg your pardon, Mrs. Evans."

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AMERICANS HELD FOR MURDER OF MERCHANT IN ITALY

ROME, Feb. 2.—Early arraignment of Longfield Wolff and wife of Santa Rosa, Cal., charged with the murder of Moritz Sigal, a wealthy merchant of Leipzig, was promised by the Rome police today. Sigal, it was said, was infatuated with Mrs. Wolff, who is young and pretty.

Sigal met death during an automobile ride with the Wolffs. He dropped dead as he alighted from the car at the Victoria hotel here. According to the Wolffs, he was shot from outside the machine.

The police scout this declaration, asserting that the body of the car was entirely closed at the time and is without either a hole or a scratch. A revolver that had been fired was found on the San Remo road.

The police allege that Wolff is a notorious international thief.

REBEL CABINET CALLED TO MEET IN MEXICO CITY

Carranza Issues Proclamation Calling His Leaders to Gather at Capital February 19—Torreon Approached by 15,000 Rebels.

Revolutionary Plot Leader Permitted to Escape Punishment—British Minister Off for London.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 2.—That General Carranza issued a proclamation January 19 calling a rebel cabinet meeting in Mexico City for the same date in February became known here today.

There was very indication that he was sincere, too, for 15,000 rebels were reported today approaching Torreon, and if they captured it, it was said they planned an immediate attack on Zatacas, the last stronghold between Torreon and Mexico City.

President Huerta was said to be ill today, and reports were current that he was breaking down under the anxieties of his position.

Through American Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy's influence Joseph Aquena, accused leader of the recently discovered plot against Huerta's life and Pedro Del Villar, said to have been another of the conspirators, were released from prison yesterday on their promise to leave the country.

Sir Lionel Carden, British ambassador here, has gone to London in response to a foreign office summons. It was understood, however, that he had not been recalled, but will return to his post here.

O'Shaughnessy told Huerta and other Mexican leaders unofficially that arrangements had been made to give them the protection of the United States embassy if the rebels, either constitutionalists or Zapatistas, should take the capital.

It was understood that President Wilson was determined the next head of the Mexican government shall not attain his position by killing his predecessor.

PLAN AEROPLANE RACE AROUND THE WORLD

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—Hundreds of cablegrams and telegrams asking for additional information concerning the aeroplane race around the world to be started from the Panama Pacific exposition grounds here in May, 1915, were received by the exposition managers. The queries indicated worldwide interest in the affair.

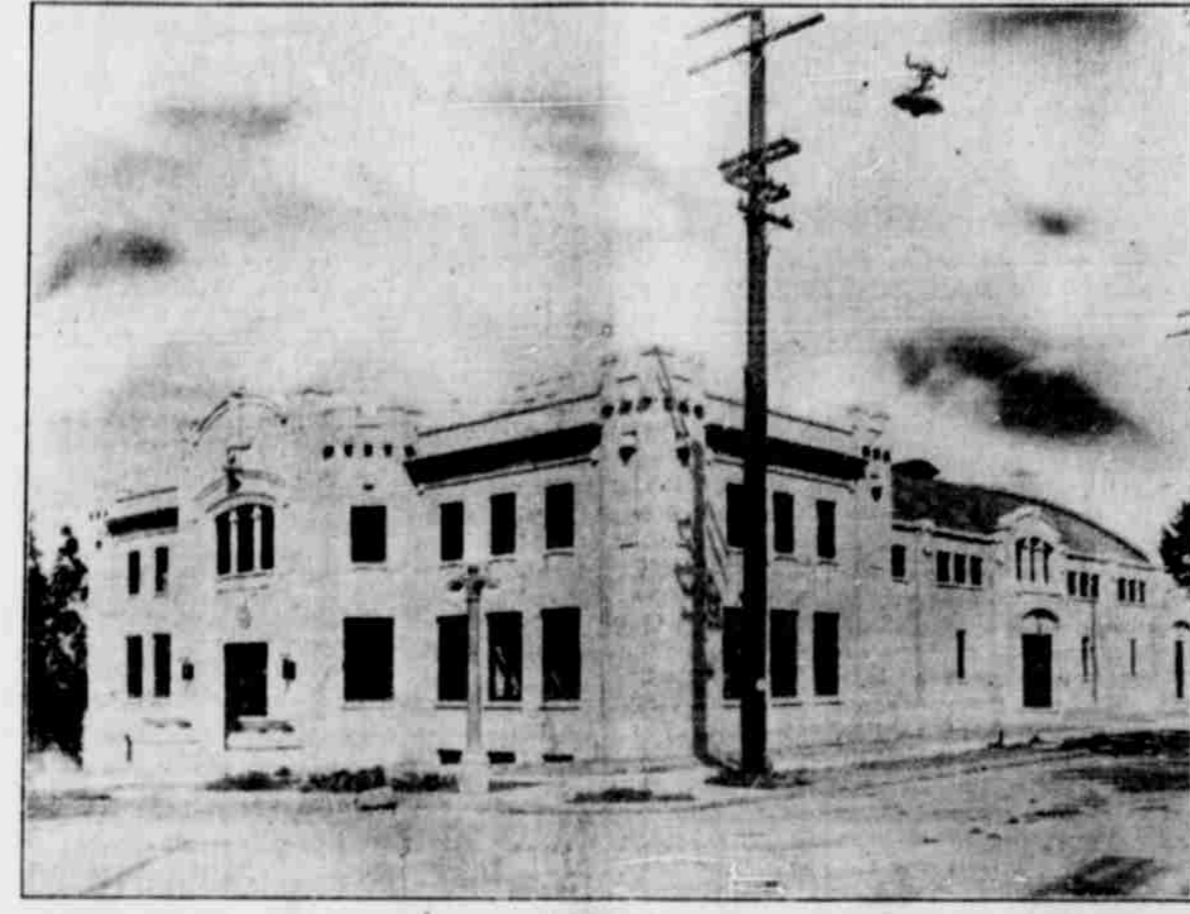
Wiring from New York today, Captain Thomas Baldwin, the first entrant, announced his intention of participating in the race.

"You may consider this my application to take part in the great contest," he wired. "It means flying 28,000 miles, but I know it can be done. I shall use a machine capable of carrying two or three persons and a mechanic. In order to make the trip in the scheduled ninety days, it will only be necessary to fly five hours a day. This will not be excessive."

EXONERATE SPEER OF DRUG USING CHARGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The subcommittee of the house judiciary committee returned today from Savannah, where it investigated charges of misconduct against Federal Judge Emory Speer of Georgia. It was authoritatively stated that the committee would exonerate Speer of the charge of using drugs, but that it probably will not report to the committee.

Ashland's New \$30,000 Armory Dedicated by Governor



PRESIDENT WILSON FAVORS RESTRICTION OF IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President Wilson believes "assisted immigration" ought to be forbidden. That was as far as he was ready to go today in discussing the problem.

The president told callers that he had not considered the literacy test in pending immigration legislation, and would form no opinion on the matter until he had had an opportunity to consult with party leaders in congress. The white house was deluged with callers who brought petitions opposing the test. The president has decided, however, to take no stand until he has fully investigated every phase of the problem.

President Wilson admitted today that he was surprised at the apparent lack of public interest in the anti-trust hearings. He thought it indicated that business is satisfied with the trust program he outlined in his recent address to congress. The president scouted suggestions that the country's leading business men were afraid to come to Washington to testify because they would be charged with lobbying.

The president also let it be known that the United States is negotiating with eleven nations interested in Secretary Bryan's arbitration proposal. Both the president and Bryan hoped treaties will result from these negotiations.

WEST'S ULTIMATUM SENT COPPERFIELD

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—Governor West has today announced that the Copperfield saloonkeepers may have their stocks of liquors seized by Colonel B. K. Lawson when the town was put under martial law and since stored in the railroad company's warehouse at Baker, if they take them by Saturday, but as Copperfield is still under martial law the liquors cannot be returned here.

The mayor has also served notice on Mayor Stewart and the committee of Copperfield that if they did not tender their resignations by Saturday the attorney general would proceed with the suit to have the town's charter dissolved.

Negligence Charge After Wreck

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—That charges of negligence will be filed with the commerce department against Captain Berry of the Merchants' and Miners' liner Nantucket, which rammed and sank the Old Dominion liner Monroe, with a loss of nearly fifty lives, was stated by Secretary Redfield.



GOVERNOR WEST DEDICATES NEW ASHLAND ARMORY

Ashland is celebrating this afternoon and evening the dedication of its new \$30,000 armory, with Governor Oswald West and wife the guests of honor. Jackson county and Ashland city officials and prominent citizens from all parts of the county will participate in the exercises. Officers of Medford's military contingent will also attend in dress uniforms. Governor West and Mrs. West passed through Medford this morning. Ashland business houses will be closed from 2 to 4 o'clock. A large delegation from this city is in attendance.

The principal event this afternoon is the reception to the chief executive and the dedicatory exercises. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. organizations will take part in the ceremony. A banquet will be served in the armory by the ladies of the relief corps. In the evening a ball will be held in the armory. Governor and Mrs. West heading the grand march. The artillery band will furnish the music for the occasion, and addresses made by prominent citizens. The Ashland militia company has been busy for a week decorating their new quarters. The military dignitaries will be in full dress. The social life of the valley will be represented at the grand ball this evening.

BUSCH IMPOSTOR'S TRIAL BEGINS

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 2.—The trial of John Ray Dew, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses, opened here today. Stella Atkinson and Frank Brunner swore that Dew represented himself as Adolphus Busch, the third, and got \$150 each from them.

Dew said he never posed as Adolphus Busch, but that he had often given the name of Charles Marion Busch. If Dew is acquitted here he will be sent to San Francisco to stand trial on similar charges.

PINDELL DECLINES AMBASSADORSHIP TO ST. PETERSBURG

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Henry M. Pindell of Peoria, Illinois, today declined the St. Petersburg ambassadorship. There has been much controversy over his appointment.

Sometime ago a letter to him was made public purporting to have been written by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, offering him the post "without work" on condition that he resign at the end of the year. Lewis repudiated the letter, intimating that it was written by a dismissed secretary.

Later the point was raised that Pindell might be unacceptable to the czar because, as was incorrectly stated, he was a Jew. All these matters were settled and he was finally confirmed by the senate.

In his letter to the president, Pindell said the squabbling had so embarrassed him, however, that he doubted if he would be able to serve efficiently.

The executive accepted his decision in a letter complimenting him highly.

It was understood that it was intended to give the Peorian an important diplomatic post elsewhere, and that Charles R. Crane, the Chicago multi-millionaire, was scheduled for the St. Petersburg embassy.

ROCK ISLAND DROPS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Rock Island shares declined sharply at the opening of the stock market today, the common dropping two and the preferred 2 1/2 points. The general list trended downward, about a point being clipped from American T. and T., Westinghouse, Western Union, Union Pacific and Reading. Later on, Rock Island broke still further the preferred increasing its loss to 4 1/2 and the common to 3 1/2. The leaders pulled up from the lowest level, but American T. and T. was still weak, losing 2 1/2 in all. By noon most of the leading issues were up or slightly above Saturday's close. Bonds were irregular.

The market closed weak.

Atlantic Steerage Rates Cut

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The Hamburg-American today cut trans-Atlantic steerage rates to \$25, marking the beginning of an ocean passenger rate war, it was believed.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Fair tonight and Tuesday; colder tonight, north and east portions; winds mostly northerly.

LITERACY TEST IMMIGRATION TO PASS HOUSE

Other Business Sidetracked During Consideration of Burnett-Dillingham Bill—California Threatens to Inject Yellow Peril in Measure.

Secretary Wilson Sends White Slave Amendments, Excluding Procurers and Immoral Women.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Other business was sidetracked in the house today during consideration of the Burnett-Dillingham immigration bill. Representative Burnett predicted that the bill would pass, with the literacy test included, by a 2 to 1 vote.

California representatives again threatened to inject the "yellow peril" into today's debate. It was expected that Representatives Hayes and Curry would submit amendments excluding Asiatic laborers.

Recommendations making the bill more drastic in regard to white slave procurers were sent to the house by Secretary of Labor Wilson. He proposed the exclusion of procurers and immoral women. Secretary Wilson said he was not opposed to the literacy test. He urged the exclusion of skilled as well as unskilled contract laborers, and requested that the labor department be authorized to deport persons who have committed crimes involving moral turpitude, even if not convicted. He also asked permission to exclude all aliens committing crimes here.

Immigration last year, Wilson said, had increased the population of this country 1,197,000, against 646,742 the previous year.

AKED DISBELIEVES IMMAGULATE CONCEPTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2.—"I believe that Joseph was the father of Jesus," said the Rev. Chas. F. Aked here today, in response to a request for some amplification of the views expressed in his sermon yesterday on the questioning of Christ's "miraculous birth."

"I do not believe in the immaculate conception," he added, definitely.

Concerning his statement that Mathew contradicted himself, he pointed to the new testament version of the Gospel according to Matthew as saying that the Savior was of "miraculous birth," and to an older manuscript, authenticated as the work of the same apostle, in which reference is made to "Joseph, the father of Jesus."

"So I have sufficient authority for my statements," said Dr. Aked. "I have the authority of the new Congressional creed, as adopted last October, but even if I had no authority, I hope I should have the courage to say what I believe."

NEW TRIAL REFUSED RICKERT AND CONWAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—United States District Judge Bean today refused to grant a new trial to Frank Richert, and J. Conway, convicted in December of misusing the mails in the exploitation of mountainous lands of Eastern and Central Oregon.

On motion of United States District Attorney Roames, Judge Bean said he would sentence Conway and Richert next Monday.

SUPREME COURT ADJOURNS WITHOUT DECIDING CASES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The United States supreme court adjourned this afternoon until February 24, without deciding any pending important cases.

LAUNCH FEDERAL INQUIRY CAUSES MONROE TRAGEDY

Congress to Fix Responsibility for Loss of Fifty Lives—Charge High Speed in Heavy Fog—Divers Are Searching Hulk of Sunken Liner.

Philadelphia Shipping Board to Probe and Make Recommendations—Safety at Sea Aim.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 2.—Federal inquiry will begin here tomorrow into responsibility for the collision last week between the steamers Monroe and Nantucket off the Maryland-Delaware-Virginia coast last week, in which the former vessel sank with a loss of nearly fifty lives. The captain of each vessel accuses the other of running at a dangerous speed.

Divers were sent today by the wrecking company to search the shattered hulk of the Monroe. Fifteen feet of the mast of the sunken vessel shows above water.

Inspector Tapley of Norfolk was instructed to prefer the accusations. It was understood Berry would be charged with running his vessel at too high a speed, considering the fog, and possibly with failing to maintain a sufficiently vigilant lookout.

The Philadelphia board of inspectors will conduct the investigation, though neither vessel sailed from that port.

Supervising Inspector Uhler and Commissioner of Navigation Chalmers were appointed a special committee to conduct a separate inquiry with a view to suggesting action, either by the commerce department or by congress, to prevent such disasters in future.

REVOLT FORCES PARADE LISBON; PLAN OUTBREAK

LONDON, Feb. 2.—That the Portuguese royalists were attempting a revolution in Lisbon tonight was reported in dispatches received here from Madrid. It was said the republican garrison had mutinied and was parading the streets, shouting, "long live the king!"

It was doubted here if the revolution would succeed. The royalists have made repeated attempts since Manuel was deposed and invariably failed ignominiously.

Recently the republican government confiscated the estates of a number of royalist exiles, and it was thought likely they were driven desperate. The republican guard, a body of military police and a survival of the old regime, has been very unpopular under the republic and naturally was discontented.

INSANE, DEVOTES LIFE TO SISTER'S CARE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 2.—That Miss Nanette Warren, herself mentally unstable, had devoted her life to caring for her sister, Miss Mary Warren, who was insane, was the declaration today of George Waldhogle of Long Beach, a family friend. Waldhogle's statement was made before Judge Hewitt, who committed Miss Nanette to a private asylum.

Miss Warren was taken into custody several days ago after she had attempted to strangle herself beside the body of Miss Mary, who had been dead three weeks, in a fashionable apartment house here. The woman's body will be sent to her former home at Toledo, Ohio.