

DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATION CLEARS BUSINESS ROAD DECLARES PRESIDENT

CONGRESS HEARS WILSON'S SECOND ANNUAL ADDRESS

Honest Business Has Nothing to Fear From Trust and Currency Laws—Counsels Against Undue Excitement With "World Afire With War"—Describes Making "Armed Camp."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson departed from the prepared text of his annual address to congress today, which was devoted principally to answering those who contend that the United States is unprepared for national defense, to give notice to the business world that the legislative program of his administration, as it affects regulation of business, was practically completed. He said it had resulted in a clear road for business to travel to "unclouded success."

Honest business men, the president declared, need have nothing to fear in treading the way outlined in the trust and currency bills. While the president dwelt briefly upon the subject, his words were interpreted as an assurance that no further important business legislation was contemplated.

The president's remarks in full with relation to business legislation were as follows: "Our program of legislation with regard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth, as we intended, as a whole and leaves no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business. It is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to ungrudging, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public interest is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

In the text of his address, which touched upon the administration legislative program for the session, urging passage of bills for Philippine independence, government owned merchant marine, and some other projects begun but unfinished at the last session, the president devoted most time to discussing the question of national defense, deploring a policy of militarism but endorsing a development of the National Guard and a military training for citizens.

The democratic side of both house and senate greeted with applause and laughter his declaration that "some Americans are nervous and excited," and "that we shall not turn into a military camp."

"And specially when half of the world is on fire," said the president, "we shall be careful to make our moral insurance against the spread of the conflagration very definite and certain and adequate indeed."

This sentiment was favorably received on both sides of the chamber. The president's address, the longest he had yet delivered to congress, occupied about forty minutes in the reading.

The president entered the chamber exactly at 12:30 o'clock, greeted by applause and cheers as he shook hands with the speaker and the vice-president. A moment later he began reading his address.

The democratic side of the chamber applauded loudly when the president, in discussing national defense, declared that the country never would

FLANDERS FRAY HALTED BY RAIN FIGHTING SLIGHT

Berlin Reports Decey Truth of French Victory in Argonne — Russian Flight From Lodz Being Closely Pursued, Germans Are Told—No Decisive Result Obtained.

BERLIN, Dec. 8, by wireless to London, 3 p. m.—The official statement issued by the German headquarters today says: "On the coast of Flanders the bad condition of the roads, made worse by the recent torrential rains, is causing great difficulty to the movement of our troops."

"To the north of Arras we have made some slight progress. The war hospital at Lissele was burned yesterday. This is probably a case of arson. There were, however, no lives lost."

"The statement made by the French regarding an advance in the forest of Argonne is not in accordance with the facts. For a long time past no French attacks whatever have taken place there. On the contrary, we are continually gaining ground slowly."

"The day before yesterday a French position at Malincourt, east of Varennes, was captured. The greater part of the garrison fell on this occasion. The remainder, two officers and about 150 men, were taken as prisoners."

"A French attack on our positions to the north of Nancy was repulsed yesterday."

"No special reports are at hand from the East Prussian frontier."

"In northern Poland the German troops are closely pursuing the retreat of the enemy to the east and to the south of Lodz. Besides the extraordinarily large and sanguinary losses reported yesterday, the Russians have lost up to the present about 1500 prisoners and sixteen cannon with ammunition carts."

"In southern Poland nothing special has happened."

COOS BAY I.W.W. APOLOGIZES FOR INSULT TO FLAG

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—Robert O. Graves, an attorney of Marshfield, who was recently disbarred by the Oregon supreme court for participating with a mob in deporting three Industrial Workers of the World from Coos county last year, was today reinstated by the court, and the fine inflicted on him remitted.

The court last week disbarred Graves for three months. Saturday he appeared before the court and apologized. He declared that his father had been a soldier in the Civil war and that he himself had seen service in the Spanish-American war. The American flag to him was dear, he declared, and when the three Industrial Workers insulted it by calling it a "dirty rag" he was unable to restrain himself. This apology, and a petition for re-consideration from Governor West induced the court to revoke its judgment.

MEAL GRAFTERS IN JAIL RAMPAGE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 8.—Forty unemployed serving terms in the city jail for eating meals at restaurants and refusing to pay the bills smashed \$20 worth of glass in the windows of the jail today and sang Industrial Workers of the World songs through the broken windows to a large crowd of people that gathered in the street. The police suppressed the concert.

TEUTONS BY LODZ VICTORY MENACE RUSSIAN BASE

Petrograd Still Silent On Battle—Germans Dominate Situation and Railroad to Warsaw—Allies in West Met With New Offensive—Insignificant Skirmishes.

LONDON, Dec. 8, 1:28 p. m.—While the allied armies in the west grope their way forward cautiously, grappling with the Germans here and there for slight advantages, the great struggle on land continues, with the Germans for the time being apparently scoring the most points. Russia has not yet fully conceded the occupation of Lodz, but in view of the repeated German claims and the Russian admission of the reformation of her battle line there, it would seem that the German center has achieved this goal, upsetting what for a time was hailed as a decisive Russian victory. The capture of Lodz, if indeed accomplished, will threaten the Russian line of communication with Warsaw; that is to say, the great arterial railway which runs diagonally across Poland from Czenstochowa to the Polish capital. Details of the battle are still lacking, however, and it remains to be seen whether the Germans will be able to make a further advance.

This qualification is made even in Berlin where it is pointed out editorially that the Germans must follow the retreating Russians relentlessly if they would relieve the pressure around Craew and on the East Prussian frontier.

The German armies have answered the challenge of the allies, who recently assumed the offensive, by undertaking a sharp counter attack. In Belgium along the Yser canal and in the region of Ypres the Germans have become more active. Today's official French statement says that these attacks were answered with success. The announcements from the Paris and Berlin war offices are in sharp conflict as to the outcome of the struggle, now progressing with renewed force. The French communication states the allies have gained further ground in the Argonne. This is denied flatly at Berlin where it was said that there have been no French attacks for sometime past.

To the contrary, it is said that the Germans continue to gain ground there slowly. It is also asserted that a French attack near Nancy was repulsed and that the Germans have made an advance north of Arras.

The Berlin war office says that the German forces in the east are pursuing the retreating Russians east and south of the Polish city of Lodz, capture of which by the Germans was reported recently at Berlin. An official Russian statement, while not admitting the fall of Lodz, says that its defense is no longer a matter of prime importance and adds that owing to recent developments it will be necessary to form the Russian forces in that vicinity on new lines.

FRAME POWER BOAT RACES AT 1915 FAIR

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 8.—Discussing plans for power-boat activities on Puget Sound and in British Columbia waters during the San Francisco exposition and considering nearly every phase of boat racing, delegates from Washington, Oregon and British Columbia met today at the Tacoma Commercial club for the annual convention of the Pacific International Power Boat association. Commodore S. A. Perkins of the association was re-elected. The executive council awarded to P. F. Jacobs of Tacoma, owner of the power cruiser Corsair, first place in the Do-man cup race from Seattle to Tacoma, May 30, 1914, on Jacobs' protest that the course had been changed and the Corsair was not given proper credit.

CATARRH KEEPS 'PAPA' WILHELM FROM WAR ZONE

Kaiser Ill at Berlin From Bronchial Catarrh and Fever—Able to Carry on Butchery Plans With Staff—German Aviators Drop Bombs From Air on Stricken Rheims.

BERLIN, Dec. 8, via Amsterdam and London, 6:15 p. m.—It was officially announced this afternoon that Emperor William is ill. The announcement states that he is suffering from a feverish bronchial catarrh and has been obliged to postpone for some days his return to the front, which had been arranged for today. Despite his indisposition, it is said he is able to give attention to reports of the war situation from the chief of the general staff.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Rheims was visited today by a German aviator, who dropped three bombs upon the city, destroying property, but wounding no one, according to dispatches to the French embassy from the foreign office today.

The communication duplicated today's war office statement and added: "An aviator dropped three bombs on the city of Rheims, destroying certain property, but causing no further damage."

REVEAL AUTHOR COLORADO LABOR STRIKE ARTICLE

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—Ivy L. Lee, executive assistant of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the author of "Facts in Colorado's Struggle for Industrial Freedom," according to the statement of J. F. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, at today's session of the industrial relations commission's investigation of the coal miners' strike.

Mr. Welborn, who previously had protested against revealing the name of the author of the pamphlet issued by the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, read a telegram from Lee, releasing the company from its pledge to keep his identity secret. The telegram gave the information that Lee had been employed by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

In his telegram Lee briefly outlined that Rockefeller had been impressed with what he alleged was inaccurate information of published statements of the strike and asked him to prepare a statement of the facts. He deplored the mystery which had been made of his identity. Rockefeller had had nothing to do with preparation of the matter used. Lee congratulated Welborn on what he said were the few inaccuracies in minor details that had been shown by the federal commission on industrial relations at its hearing.

English Wool Cheerful

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 8, via London.—American and Japanese competition against Yorkshire imparted a more cheerful tone to the wool sales today and prices ruled in sellers' favor.

TOKIO, Dec. 7.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Big business interests of Japan some of which have opposed from the start the participation of Japan in the war, are wondering how Japan will be able to borrow needed money from now on. "The war may be necessary for Japan from a political and ethical standpoint," said a prominent banker to the correspondent of the Associated Press, "but I wonder if it will be a good thing for business. Moreover, I think it will be impossible for Japan to borrow money in Europe within the five or seven years following the close of the war."

DUM DUM SALE TO ENGLAND BY YANKEE CHARGE

Von Bernstorff, German Envoy, Accuses Winchester Company of Manufacturing Munitions of Barbarity—Allegations Refuted—Detailed Statement Issued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—An official statement on the subject issued today by the German embassy says: "New proofs of violation of the rules of international law by British troops have been found by the German government:

"1—Soft-nosed cartridges have been delivered to a wounded soldier of the eighty-eighth Connaught rangers' regiment on his return from France. They were given to that regiment before the battle of Mons, mixed with regular infantry ammunition. "Other dum-dum bullets were given to the Duke of Wellington's infantry corps on August 8. Other kinds of dum dum bullets were made by Eley Bros., No. 254 Cray's Inn road, London."

"2—The British government has ordered with the Winchester Repeating Arms company, 20,000 riot guns with 50,000,000 of 'buckshot cartridges.' The 'buckshot cartridge' contains nine bullets. The use of these weapons and this ammunition has hitherto been unknown in civilized warfare."

"3—The Union Metallic Cartridge company, Bridgeport, Conn., on October 20, secured through Frank O. Hoagland, a patent for a 'mushroom bullet.'"

"It has been ascertained from reliable sources that since October 8,000,000 cartridges made according to this patent were sent by the above mentioned firm to Canada for use in the British army. No outside sign distinguishes these bullets from ordinary ammunition, so that the soldier who uses them does not know that he is using dum-dum bullets."

"Even if the bullets mentioned under two and three were not destined for the European war—which, however, seems unlikely, on account of the large number of cartridges ordered—but for use in British colonies, this would all the same represent a barbarous method of warfare."

"The above-mentioned facts have been brought to the knowledge of the United States department of state, with photographs and original cartridges, also with photographs of the wounds caused by these bullets."

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 8.—The following statement was given by the Winchester Arms company today: "The charge made by the German ambassador that the Winchester company had received an order for 20,000 riot guns and 50,000,000 buckshot cartridges, is absolutely without foundation. This company has not received any such order from the English government or any agent of it or from any of the other governments involved in the European war. In fact, no such order for riot guns or buckshot cartridges has been received from any one and none is expected."

FIRM LOSES ATTACK 'BLUE SKY' LAW

BOZEMAN, Mont., Dec. 8.—Holding that the company has no standing in court because of questionable business methods, Federal Judge George M. Bourquin today dismissed the suit of the National Mercantile company of Vancouver, Canada, against State Auditor William Keating. The suit sought to enjoin the enforcement of Montana's "blue sky law."

MUSCOVITE PLAN YIELDING POLISH LINE OF BATTLE

Abandonment of Lodz Now Considered, Since "Strategic Value" Lost—Rearrange Lines to Remove Abnormal Contour—Expect Lull in Conflict Along Vistula.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.—An official statement given out today by the general staff of the Russian army indicated that the Russians were considering the abandonment of Lodz. This statement says: "During the fighting in the second half of the month of November, Lodz acquired great military importance, but the German offensive on the Lodz-Lowicz line having failed, the question of the defense of Lodz lost its urgency. The defense of this large city presents many difficulties from the military point of view, and gives to our front an abnormal contour which is embarrassing to our communications with the rear. It may therefore be expected that with the setting in of a lull on the left bank of the Vistula, the Russian lines in the region of Lodz will be reformed."

BERLIN, Dec. 7, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 8.—An official of the general staff states that the report from Rome that the French near Ypres, Belgium, had captured a whole corps of German aviators is absolutely unfounded. Denial is also made of the London report that aviators belonging to the allies had thrown bombs on the Krupp factory at Essen.

The Russian statement contained in the official communication of November 29 that the German attack near Czenstochowa had failed with heavy losses is declared to be untrue. On the contrary, it is said the seventeenth Russian army corps, which was met in this attack, was defeated November 29 and suffered extremely heavy losses. The Russians, it is declared, left a large number of killed and wounded on the battle field.

The situation in the western battlefield shows little change, it is stated. The allies are said to have made a few attacks, but these have been repulsed.

News of decisive results in the east is expected here. The latest reports from headquarters assert that everything is proceeding according to program and this is taken here to mean that the operations thus far have been successful.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 8, 10:05 a. m.—The Berliner Tageblatt, in commenting on the capture of Lodz, Poland, by the Germans, considers that it may only positively be called a victory if the Russian retreat is followed by a German pursuit.

If such pursuit is victorious, it says, then the German center will be strong enough to act forcibly against the northern and southern parts of a broken Russian army.

MEXICAN CAPITAL QUIET AS TOMB

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—"Mexico City is quiet, orderly and well policed," according to official dispatches dated last night, received today by the state department. Few political arrests are reported, although five well-known Mexicans have been executed by military order on a charge of counterfeiting.

The cabinet of Provisional President Gutierrez has not been finally completed, the portfolio of foreign relations still being vacant.

KAISER'S HORDE RESUME BATTLE NORTH BELGIUM

French in Official Report Claim Capture of Vermelles After Two Months—Little Along Entire Western Battle Front—Artillery Duels in South Gain Little for Either.

PARIS, Dec. 8, 2:45 p. m.—Increased activity on the part of the Germans in Belgium was reported in the official statement given out here this afternoon. The statement is as follows: "During the day of the seventh the enemy has been more active than the day before, in the region of the Yser, and in the neighborhood of Ypres. Our artillery has answered back with success."

"In the region of Arras a very brilliant attack has given us possession, as we have announced, of Vermelles and Rutoire. Vermelles had been for nearly two months the scene of desperate fighting. The enemy had taken footing there on October 16 and from October 21 to October 25 succeeded in forcing us back from that locality. From the 25th of October sapping and mining operations brought us back until we were again in close contact and on the first of December we re-occupied the park and chateau of Vermelles."

"In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne there have been some artillery engagements, and our heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy."

"In the Argonne, forest of Gurle, and to the northwest of Pont-a-Mousson, forest of Lepretre, we have gained a little ground."

"Along the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

BIBLE FLY LEAF CLUE OF DOROTHY ARNOLD MYSTERY

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 8.—The name "Dorothy Arnold," written on the fly-leaf of a bible in possession of a young woman arrested here last night, caused the police today to investigate whether the Bible had any connection with Dorothy Arnold, the long-missing New York girl. A slip of paper had been pasted over the name.

The young woman was taken into custody along with a man giving the name of J. Fred Benson. They were held in connection with an investigation of pawn tickets for stolen goods.

FERN HOBBS NAMED UPON COMMISSION

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 8.—Governor West today appointed Miss Fern Hobbs, at present his private secretary, to be a member of the state accident commission. She succeeds C. D. Babcock and will assume office in January. Miss Hobbs won fame when, as the governor's representative, she closed the saloons at Coppertield, Ore.

WOTHERSPOON NAMED N. Y. PUBLIC HEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Major General William W. Wotherspoon, retired as chief of staff of the United States army last month, was notified today by Governor-elect Whitman that he would be appointed state superintendent of public works. Mr. Whitman said that General Wotherspoon had accepted the appointment.

SEVERE STORM OVER NORTH PACIFIC COAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The northeast gale which tore up the Atlantic coast for the last three days was whirling out to sea eastward of Cape Cod today, leaving behind a record of winds and high water.

Another storm of marked intensity is off the North Pacific coast. Overcast, unsettled weather prevails over practically all parts of the country.