



'CRUSH THEM OUT,' CRIES WILSON IN MESSAGE TO CONGRESS DENOUNCING THE 'HYPHENATED'

President Demands That Law-makers Devise Means to Reach Those 'Who Have Poured Poison of Disloyalty Into the Very Arteries of Our National Life'

Preparedness by the Whole Western Hemisphere, a Moral Partnership of All the Americas, Urged by the Nation's Chief Executive in Stirring Words

Silence Accompanies Carefully Chosen and Slowly Uttered Words Pleading for a Larger Army and Greater Navy. House Is Crowded to Capacity

The President's message will be found on Page Six.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—In words that fairly snapped with their clear and fair strength, President Wilson today delivered a message to Congress denouncing the hyphenated Americans. It was the electric shock of his annual message to Congress.

The President demanded that the lawmakers devise a means of reaching those "who have sought to bring authority and the good name of our Government into contempt, to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes to strike at them and to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue."

WORDS CHOSEN CAREFULLY. He urged such measures "to do nothing less than to honor and self-respect of the nation."

It was evident the President chose his words carefully. The very vigor of the phrases seemed intensified by the fact that a "President himself" spoke them. "Crutch disempowers," "ugly and incredible thing," "malicious reaction" were some of his diatribes.

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BRING DISCRETED TO US. "No law, I suppose, can reach corruptions of the mind and heart; but I should not speak of others without also speaking of these and expressing even deeper humiliation and sorrow which every self-respecting and thoughtfully patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us."

Preparedness by the whole Western Hemisphere, a moral partnership of all the Americas, national policies and national economies—this was the mammoth conception of the President's message.

It was primarily a preparedness message. Members of the Senate and House knew it would ask enormous sums for national defense. But the President

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WEATHER. It requires real courage to face a sunless and gloomy day, and go to work with optimism when the steel-gray skies are in conspiracy with the imp of despair to make nothing seem worth while.

FORECAST. For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; light variable winds.

LOST AND FOUND. \$500 REWARD. Lost or stolen in New York city on June 27, 1915, a watch, gold chain, diamond ring, consisting of large, extra diamond, slightly yellow, two smaller diamonds, one on each side of center stone, mounted in platinum, with a number of very small diamonds, the owner is very anxious to recover this fine and the above reward will be paid if returned; no questions asked or shadowing of any kind. Return for identification and reward to 312 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Reward.

PRESIDENT'S SEVERE ARRAIGNMENT OF 'HYPHENATED AMERICANS'

President Wilson, in his address to the Congress, severely arraigned so-called hyphenated Americans who have made loyalty to the United States subordinate to their partiality for one side or the other in the present European war.

"I am sorry to say that the gravest threats against our national peace and safety have been uttered within our own borders. There are citizens of the United States, I blush to admit, born under other flags but welcomed under our generous naturalization laws to the full freedom and opportunity of America, who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life; who have sought to bring the authority and good name of our Government into contempt, to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes to strike at them and to debase our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue."

"America never witnessed anything like this before. It never dreamed it possible that men sworn into its own citizenship, men drawn out of great free stocks such as supplied some of the best and strongest elements of that little, but how heroic, nation that in a high day of old staked its very life to free itself from every entanglement that had darkened the fortunes of the older nations and set up a new standard here— that men of such origins and such free choices of allegiance would ever turn in malign reaction against the Government and people who had welcomed and nurtured them and seek to make this proud country once more a hotbed of European passion."

"Such creatures of passion, disloyalty and anarchy must be crushed out. They are not many, but they are infinitely malignant, and the hand of our power should close over them at once. They have formed plots to destroy property; they have entered into conspiracies against the neutrality of the Government; they have sought to pry into every confidential transaction of the Government in order to serve interests alien to our own. It is possible to deal with these things very effectively. I need not suggest the terms in which they may be dealt with."

"There are some men among us, and many resident abroad who, though born and bred in the United States and calling themselves Americans, have so forgotten themselves and their honor as citizens as to put their passionate sympathy with one or the other side in the great European conflict above their regard for the peace and dignity of the United States. They also preach and practice disloyalty. No law, I suppose, can reach corruptions of the mind and heart; but I should not speak of others without also speaking of these and expressing the even deeper humiliation and scorn which every self-respecting and thoughtfully patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us."

DAME RUMOR TELLS OF \$100,000 GIFTS TO WIDENER SERVANTS

Lets Proverbial Cat Out of Time-worn Bag During Gossip of Patrons in Ogontz Barber Shop

NOT ONE OVERLOOKED. The Widener Servants' Reward Ogontz gossip says: That "Charles" Cook, the late financier's valet for 14 years, received \$25,000 in trust, a house and his salary for life.

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UN PRELUDIO DI NUOVI ATTACCHI SULL'ISONZO

Bande Albanesi Sobillate ed Armate dagli Austro-Tedeschi Operano contro i Serbi

Il rapporto del generale Calorna, pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della Guerra dice che la fanteria italiana operante sul Carso ha fatto piccole avanzate, ma non specificò le località dove queste avanzate sono state compiute.

Notizie giunte a Roma da Cattigne, Montenegro, dicono che forti bande di albanesi musulmani aiutano gli austro-tedeschi e che le forze serbe e montenegrine hanno dovuto già combattere spesso contro queste bande.

La Parigi giunge poi notizia che il governo francese ha impedito che gli austro-tedeschi i russi concentrazioni a Reil, proibendo a tutte le navi estere di attraversare il tratto del Danubio che è esclusivamente russo.

German Loan in Serbia Only 7000



RICHARD MEEKINS. Eight-year-old boy, who disappeared eight days ago.

LETTER IN RED INK IS SENT BY KIDNAPPER

Mother of 8-year-old Richard Meekins Faints at Sight of Letter

"YOUR BOY IS IN CITY"

Abductor Says He Will Write Again, but Makes No Threat. Thumb Prints on Letter

A letter from the kidnapper of 8-year-old Richard Meekins, by the red ink, was received by the parents of the boy, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Meekins, of 2409 South 61st street, today, eight days after the disappearance of the lad.

Written in red ink, in suggestive phrases calculated to terrify the mother of the stolen boy, the letter made no direct threats of violence, nor asked ransom money.

It said the abductor of the boy would write again, and seemed to be intended only to give proof that the boy was in the hands of kidnappers.

Proof of this was given in the description of a detail about the boy's clothing which was only known to his mother and which had not been published in the descriptions of the missing boy.

The writer of the letter had accidentally smeared his fingers with the red ink, and though or finger prints are on the letter, which may serve as an important clue in the hunt for the criminal.

TEXT OF THE LETTER. The envelope was crumpled and addressed to "Mr. Richard Meekins, 2409 South 61st street," the boy's own name. The address was scrawled in lead pencil, as if written by a schoolboy, in youthful vertical handwriting, run together as if the writer was not used to penmanship.

The letter was a piece of newspaper, about 14 inches by 6, irregular on its edges and carelessly torn from an advertising sheet of the paper. The red ink messages were written between the lines of the advertisement. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Sir: Your boy is all right. He is not in Maryland or Delaware but in Philadelphia. If you think that I have not got him, keep thinking. There is a safety pin in his pants on the right side, are there not? Ask the one that dresses him. NOTICE. P. S. He has a scar between his two eyes. I will write again.

MOTHER FALLS IN FAIN. Mr. and Mrs. Meekins had just finished breakfast and were talking to a representative of the EVENING LEDGER.

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WOMAN FALLS ON KNEES, BEGS FOR MAN'S LIFE

Pleads to Governor Fielder to Save Brother, Saying He Is Insane

HE IS TO DIE TONIGHT

TRENTON, Dec. 7.—A woman stood in tears before Governor Fielder, in his office in the State Capitol today, stretched out her hands toward him in supplicating gesture, and begged him to prevent the execution of her brother in the electric chair at the State Penitentiary here tonight.

As she saw her arguments failed to move the executive, who was constrained by law and precedent from interfering, she fell on her knees before him and had to be assisted in leaving the room.

Edward C. Murphy, the brother of Mrs. Hudson D. Hullings, of Riverton, N. J., is under sentence to die tonight. The eleven-hour appeal of his sister followed a series of reverses which she had had to face, but pluckily kept up her fight.

"You are killing an insane man, a maniac," she sobbed. "Go to his cell down the street there, and look at him; you will see he is crazy, and the law does not kill a crazy man; look at him; just look at him, and spare his life!"

POWERLESS TO HELP HER. Governor Fielder said, before the arrival of Mrs. Hullings, that Murphy had been examined by Dr. Henry Cotton, of the New Jersey Hospital, and Dr. Martin D. Reddan, the prison physician, and that both had said the man was sane, and was shamming insanity. His crime had been cold-blooded murder shortly before noon. She was accompanied by her son, John Hullings. They had had a sleepless night. A small, frail woman, about 38 years of age, she was dressed in black and wore a heavy veil. At the station she leaned heavily on the youth's arm. The wind swept keenly down the street and blew the little woman's veil about. She seemed hardly able to walk at all, and wore a heavy veil.

The fight she has kept up for months, on court, with appeal after appeal to every tribunal and commission in New Jersey with money to get in the case, but told upon her strength, and she had risen from a sickbed to make her last appeal, to the Chief Executive of her State.

HER APPEAL TO GOVERNOR. On her arrival at the State House, Mrs. Hullings and her son were admitted at once to the Governor's presence. He seemed deeply affected by the sight of the slight, heavily veiled figure, wavering at the door of his office. She advanced and threw back her veil and started at what was a complete reversal of the case, which showed how carefully she had read up the law and examined every fact and every shred of evidence bearing on her brother's case.

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POLICE SUSPECT AGED MAN TRIED TO END LIFE

Widely Known Kensingtonian Found in Home With Gunshot Wound in Mouth

Michael Harmon, 72 years old, of 220 East Norris street, a retired furniture dealer widely known in Kensington, is in St. Mary's Hospital in a serious condition, suffering from a gunshot wound in his mouth. Members of the family declare the wound is the result of an accident, but the police believe he might have attempted suicide while suffering from vertigo.

According to the police, Harmon arose about 5 o'clock this morning and a few minutes later his wife heard the report of a rifle. Harmon was found lying on the floor with blood flowing from a wound in his mouth. An old-fashioned Remington rifle was found beside him.

Members of the family say he probably was taken with an attack of vertigo and brushed against the rifle, which was hanging on the wall and was accidentally discharged.

Dr. James C. Chestnut, of 817 Frankford avenue, who was called, said and the shot had shattered the palate bone and injured the man's mouth. He advised that Harmon be taken to a hospital.

BERLIN REFUSED EXPLANATION OF BOY-ED'S RECALL

Von Bernstorff Informed U. S. Will Not Give Reasons for Demand

TO DRIVE PLOTTERS OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The United States stands pat on its demand for the recall of Captains Boyd Ed and von Popen, attaches of the German embassy, Secretary of State Lansing today transmitted to Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, a note saying that this Government stands squarely on international usages in declining to make any explanation of the reasons why these officials have outlived their usefulness.

The Ambassador immediately transmitted this decision to Berlin.

At today's Cabinet meeting the President told Secretary Lansing and Attorney General Gregory that he will put off the weight of the Government behind them in their effort to drive from the United States or send to prison every one who plots against the neutrality of the country, no matter what position he may hold.

This has been made very plain to the German and Austrian representatives here, and officials were confident that when the firm purpose of the Government to insist on maintaining its neutrality at all costs is realized in Berlin and Vienna.

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Loan of Victory Continues to Show Growth in France

Subscriptions to the "loan of victory" continue at high mark in France. Subscribers have not begun to borrow at the bank on their stock.

Current accounts and deposits do not show that they are being drawn on. Deposits in banks increased from \$212,000,000 on November 25 to \$217,000,000 on December 2.

Balkan questions do not worry subscribers to the loan.

"Every one knows how Bulgaria played with the Allies and secured \$10,000,000 in gold," says Yves Guyot, editor L'Agence et Financiere, "and \$500,000,000 in material from Germany, but still subscriptions to the loan of victory go on."

An article on the French financial situation sent by M. Guyot by special cable to the Evening Ledger is published exclusively in this issue.

QUICK NEWS

KIDNAPPER'S FINGER PRINTS STUDIED BY EXPERT

The letter sent to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Meekins, parents of eight-year-old Richard Meekins, by the abductor of the boy, was taken to City Hall today and carefully examined by Harry Bodkin, in charge of the Finger Print Bureau. The kidnapper had smeared his fingers in the red ink in which the letter was written and a good record was obtained by Mr. Bodkin, who compared it with the recorded finger prints of criminals in his collection in the hope of fixing the identity of the kidnapper.

RUMANIA ORDERS MOBILIZATION OF FOREIGNERS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 7.—The Rumanian Government has ordered the mobilization of all naturalized foreigners and foreigners under the protection of the Rumanian laws up to 30 years of age.

ARTILLERY BATTLE REPORTED IN CHAMPAGNE

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The following official communique was issued by the French War Office this afternoon: "There were reported during the night only a rather violent cannonade in Champagne and a local conflict around one of our advanced posts to the south of St. Souplet."

ALLIES' GREAT WAR COUNCIL MEETS

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A second conference of the Allies' War Council, with representatives from all the Entente nations present, was held at the War Office today.

CZAR POSTPONES DUMA SESSION

PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.—Pending the completion of the budget and the decision of the great military conference, now in progress in Paris, Emperor Nicholas has postponed indefinitely reconvening the Council of the Empire and of the Duma. The Imperial decree was issued last night.

TURKS ATTACK BRITISH AT TIGRIS BASE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—Turkish forces that defeated the British in the Tigris Valley between Ctesiphon and Kut El Amara are following up their victory. The positions to which the English fell back at Kut El Amara are being attacked by the Turks, and spirited fighting is in progress there. East of El Gussa the Turks have inflicted heavy losses on the British, compelling them to retire from a position which had been fortified. A vessel laden with ammunition was captured between Kut el Amara and Baghela.

\$150,000,000 STEEL MERGER RUMORED

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Rumors in New York, with an echo from Pittsburgh, today told of a proposed merger of three large independent steel companies into a single concern, capitalized at \$150,000,000. The Lackawanna Steel Company, the Cambria Steel Company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company are the firms mentioned in connection with the merger. Pittsburgh reports said the Inland Steel Company also was mentioned there in connection with the combine. The Cambria company has taken over the New York Steel Company, of Buffalo, forming a new corporation capitalized at \$5,000,000.

FIRE DRIVES OUT HOTEL GUESTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Scores of guests at the Carleton Hotel fled to the streets minus most of their clothing early today when fire destroyed the interior of the Alhambra Theatre, adjoining. Smoke filled the hotel and the guests dashed to the street, waiting in the cold for two hours while firemen fought the flames. Damage to the theatre was estimated at \$20,000. It was built 20 years ago and was recently transformed into a movie theatre.

KAISER HOPES FOR PEACE FILLED WITH BLESSING

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes the following telegram, sent through the Kaiser's secretary to the Town Council of Saarbrücken on the 100th anniversary of the town's annexation by Prussia: "His Majesty hopes that the unanimous will and unshakable strength of the German people will, with God's help, succeed in further protecting victoriously the honor and freedom of the country against all enemy attacks and in achieving a peace that will be honorable and full of blessing."

SPEND BILLION FOR DEFENSE, SHAW ADVISES U. S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—"Build 22 dreadnaughts, instead of 16; spend \$2,000,000,000 on your armament program, instead of \$1,000,000,000." This is George Bernard Shaw's advice to the United States, contained in a letter to the International Socialist Society. Mr. Shaw sees in America's pacifism the hope of the world, "but," he adds, "it is because America is powerful as well as pacific that she will be listened to."

SPANISH CABINET QUILTS ON ARMY ISSUE

MADRID, Dec. 7.—The Spanish Cabinet has resigned. The Opposition, supported by former Premier Romanones, served notice of a proposed motion to give economic questions priority over military measures. Premier Dato declined to accept the motion and left the Chamber, later presenting the Cabinet's resignation to King Alfonso.

BRITISH CABINET OPPOSES SALARY CUTS

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The proposal that the salaries of the Cabinet Ministers be reduced does not appear to commend itself to a majority of the Cabinet. Some of the Ministers hold that it would be a good arrangement if all salaries of £25,000 and upward were reduced during the war, the Ministers' salaries included, but they ask why the Ministers, who are hard-working men, should suffer while business men who are making big incomes escape. It is apparent that any proposal to reduce the salaries of Members of Parliament would be strongly opposed because Laborites and Nationalists, for example, would not be able to continue their respective representations if they were not paid.

GIANT LINER TO BE HOSPITAL SHIP

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Britannic, the 50,000-ton White Star liner recently completed, will be used as a hospital ship. It will be equipped with 4000 beds. The Mauretania, which was visited at Naples by the American, Danish and Swedish Consuls to refute the German allegations that she is not a hospital ship, has made it possible to bring wounded from the Dardanelles to this country in a week, revolutionizing the schedule of the ordinary hospital craft.

WARSAW WANTS PROHIBITION CONTINUED

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7.—A message from Warsaw declares that, following an announcement recently by the German Administration that the Russian law prohibiting the use of all alcoholic beverages was to be considered canceled in the future, a deputation of the citizens of Warsaw waited on the Military Governor and urged that the prohibition be maintained.

E-BOAT SINKS TURK DESTROYER IN SEA OF MARMORA

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Turkish torpedo-boat destroyer Yar Hisar has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora by a British submarine. It is announced in a British official statement. A supply steamship and four sailing vessels also were destroyed by the submarine.

WHITLOCK INSISTS HE'LL RETURN TO BRUSSELS

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 7.—Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium, has arrived home for a brief rest after a motor trip from Washington. With Mr. Whitlock were his wife and her mother. Relative to a report that he will take up his residence at Havre, instead of Brussels, Mr. Whitlock said: "There has been no change in my plans. I will return to Brussels on December 28. As to the story of my going to Havre, the Administration has already said there is nothing in that." Last night a reception, in which citizens of Toledo participated, was tendered Mr. Whitlock.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE 49,874 IN ONE MONTH

GENEVA, Dec. 7.—The Russian Legation at Berne issues the following statement: "In the month of October the German official communications greatly exaggerated the number of Russians made prisoners. October was an especially successful month for the Russians, who captured 474 German divisions, 49,200 Austro-German soldiers, 21 large cannon, 1318 machine guns and three searchlights."