

**"FOLKS BACK HOME" ATTACK AND PRAISE PLEAS OF PRESIDENT**

Is There No Way to Gag High Officials? a Constituent Asks a Congressman

**NO REASON FOR DEFENSE**

We Poles Place Poland's Downfall Upon Unpreparedness," Says Another Letter Writer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Congressmen have begun to feel the effects of President Wilson's preparedness tour. Capital halls are crowded with letters discussing the president's addresses.

Excerpts from letters received by various Congressmen since the President began his tour follow:

To Representative William E. Williams, Illinois, Democrat:

The speech of President Wilson is not far from correct, but I hope the President will not allow either the jingoes or ammunition manufacturers to stampede him.

The President's tour is doing much good.

"RECALL THE PRESIDENT."

To Representative Fess, Ohio, Republican:

Is there no way to gag high officials, to stop them racing over the country and exposing the nation's weakness, haranguing the populace? Recall the President and get down to business.

To Representative Flood, Virginia, Democrat:

I regard an army and navy increase imperative; this is my conviction without the ominous words of the President's late speeches.

To Representative Britten, Illinois, Republican:

I like the President's language, but he doesn't give enough definite facts; the President says many things, but his actions don't jibe with his words.

To Representative Cary, Wisconsin, Republican:

We Poles place Poland's downfall largely upon unpreparedness.

If testimony of experts like General Wood is not heeded in the present crisis why maintain West Point and Annapolis?

To Representative Chipewald, Illinois, Republican:

The President speaks boldly but acts cautiously.

EXCITEMENT SHOULD SUBSIDE.

To Representative Emerson, Ohio, Republican:

Reception given President's address here last week leaves no doubt as to the patriotism of Clevelanders and their patriotic demand for immediate action.

No good reason has been given or justification shown for such extensive military preparation as is now being proposed.

I write you to register my opposition against such a vast expenditure of money. I think this excitement should soon subside.

It is beyond my comprehension why any one would oppose such very modest plans for the defense of our country, unless it is that they think it is not worth defending. It would be wicked to delay.

**BALDWIN GETS WAR ORDER**

Will Make 84 Locomotives for French Service in France

An order for 84 small locomotives for the French Army was received today by the Baldwin Locomotive Works. They will be of the double stack design and will run backward and forward on a single track along the trenches. Several months ago a similar order was placed with the Baldwin concern by the French Government.

Samuel M. Vauclair, vice president of the company, refused to admit or deny that such an order had been received.

Representatives of the French Government opened headquarters today on the second floor of the Baldwin office building at Broad and Spring Garden streets. On the door of the headquarters are the words "French Commission—Private." The commissioners were sent here to inspect the locomotives and shells being made for their Government.

**May Sell Thompson Estate's Mines**

Lead mines in Oklahoma on which the late William J. Thompson, of Gloucester, N. J., held an option, will be operated, it was said, according to a decision reached today at a meeting of the creditors of the estate. The meeting was held in the office of S. Conrad Ott, in Camden, referee in bankruptcy.

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**HOUSE ACTING AS PEACE AGENT, BRITISH REPORT**

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nected with problems affecting the American embassy. The impression was also allowed to gain ground that Colonel House's trip to Berlin had to do with the submarine controversy, in particular the Lusitania and Arabic cases.

**SAW PAGE FIRST.**

Colonel House came first to London, where he conferred with W. H. Page, the United States ambassador; Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister; David Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions and the "strong man" of the cabinet; A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and Baron Reading, the Lord Chief Justice. It is also currently believed that he conferred with Premier Asquith, although such a conference was never held openly.

Colonel House then went to Berlin by way of Paris and Geneva. In Berlin the American envoy is said to have held a secret meeting with the Kaiser, but there has never been any official confirmation of this. At the German capital, Colonel House visited the general offices, where he met General von Jagow, the Foreign Minister; Herr Alfred Zimmermann, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office; Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor; and Dr. W. S. Solf, Secretary of State for the Colonies. He also held an important meeting with J. W. Gerard, the United States Ambassador.

Colonel House is now in Paris, where he has already held important conferences with Premier Briand and Jules Cambon, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

**ALSO MEETS PENFELD.**

In Geneva Colonel House held a conference with Mr. Penfield, the United States Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

With the American envoy did not meet any representatives of the Russian or Italian Governments, such omissions are not held to be important.

Colonel House will return to London on Monday, when he will probably confer again with members of the Government. He will sail for home on the 19th.

It is believed in London that Colonel House's mission will end in failure. The Allies are bound to stand together, and have pledged themselves not to consider peace until an absolute victory is in sight.

**PEACE MISSION OF HOUSE DIPLOMATICALLY DENIED**

U. S. Officials Refused to Discuss Report From London

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—In the absence of President Wilson, who alone knows the exact instructions carried by Colonel E. M. House in his European investigations, officials were reticent today about discussing the report from London that House went abroad at the solicitation of Germany. For obvious reasons the usual "diplomatic denials" were forthcoming from the State Department.

Inasmuch as the success of any plan President Wilson has looking toward a speedy ending of the war depends upon the negotiations being shrouded in absolute secrecy this was expected. Secretary Lansing refused to discuss the London story at length and insisted that so far as he was concerned it was not true.

He declines to comment in any way on Colonel House's movements in Europe, taking the position that he had nothing to add to the explanations made by the department when the original announcement was made that the President was sending a special envoy abroad.

At the German Embassy Count von Bernstorff displayed deep interest in the report, especially in that portion of it in which he was an actor. Diplomatic restrictions made it impossible for him to discuss the question for publication, although he had no hesitancy in saying that the President's special envoy had been given every opportunity while in Berlin to learn the real views of the responsible German Governmental heads on peace terms that would be acceptable to the empire or any other question involved in the war. The Ambassador had no knowledge whether Colonel House was able while in Berlin to confer with the Kaiser.

**HEAVY SNOW BLANKET COVERS CITY STREETS**

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when the fall stopped gave way early before the onslaught of 3500 men working with 700 teams, put out before daylight. Nearly 2000 men were added to the regular force and put to work shoveling snow into the wagons and sweeping away what ever remained.

Paths were broken into the heavier drifts by 18 horse-drawn plows and eight more driven by motors. By the time traffic grew to normal, the men, working under 120 inspectors, had got most of the snow out of the district from Vine to South streets, between the Delaware and the Schuylkill. About a third of the force was put to work in West Philadelphia, Germantown and outlying sections, where intersections of the principal streets were cleared.

The change from sleet to snow ac-

**The War at a Glance**

LONDON—Reported from high source that Colonel House, special diplomatic agent of President Wilson, whose mission is believed one of peace, came to Europe at express invitation of Germany, British steamship Belle of France sunk in Mediterranean by submarine. Dutch steamship torpedoed by German submarine.

BERLIN — Enemy artillery showing great activity on western front. Germans, however, occupied two craters made by explosions of English mines.

ATHENS — Thirteen persons killed and 17 wounded by bombs dropped by Zeppelin airship on Salonica. Many houses destroyed.

VIENNA—Austrians advancing into Albania crossed Mati River 30 miles south of Scutari.

companied a drop in temperature from a maximum of 43 degrees at midnight to 28 at 8 a. m. A rise occurred, however, reported by noon, with the forecast clear.

Storm warnings issued by the Weather Bureau today for the Atlantic coast from the Delaware breakwater to Eastport, Me., were caused by the "blizzard" that left here, moving northward and increasing in intensity off Cape Cod, where a storm is raging.

Ten inches of snow fell in Boston, tying up train and trolley schedules. Seven inches of snow were chronicled in New York and one death, that of Pinkie Guldolph, a poultry dealer, who died from exposure, was reported. Trains were stopped for 30 minutes to three hours late and street traffic was paralyzed.

The extra men were put to work with shovels on New York streets and the municipal lodging house is crowded.

One of the worst snowstorms that ever swept the Pacific northwest has raged and wire communications almost completely paralyzed throughout Washington and Oregon.

The dome of St. James' Cathedral at Seattle collapsed under the weight of snow, causing \$75,000 loss.

Portland, Ore., was partly cut off from the outside world today. Thousands of trees around Portland were broken by the ice which formed upon them.

**DU PONTS ASK U. S. TO PROBE AIRSHIP**

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because of the darkness he could distinguish nothing more definite than that it was an aeroplane. The aerial visitor hovered over the plant and lazily drifted toward the east, where it disappeared in about 15 minutes.

Captain Parsons at once reported to Major Clark, head of the du Pont guard at Carney's Point, his superior officer. The latter notified Major Sylvester, chief of the entire du Pont police and secret service system, formerly chief of police of Washington, D. C., who in turn conferred with the Wilmington police.

At the time the ship was seen the large Italian vessel Bologna was being loaded with powder at the pier near Deepwater Point and other powder ships were lying in the Delaware River. The Bologna has since sailed with its cargo of explosives.

Du Pont officials learned that the description of the aeroplane corresponded with those of the aircraft seen two weeks ago by persons at 6th and Broome streets, this city; at Coatesville, Pa., where the Lakens Street and Iron Works plant, situated two weeks ago; and over the Hagley plant of the du Pont Company, near Wilmington, about a month ago. The aeroplane was always seen at night, according to reports.

**Society Takes Title to Property**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has taken title to the three-story brick dwelling and two-story warehouse at 1608-10 North 21st street, from Watson W. Walton, subject to a \$5000 mortgage. The properties are assessed at \$3600.

**9 LITTLE "REBELS" SEE DOCTOR GARBER**

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spokesman for the boys, announced that they would wait around. He then posted sentinels along the hallways to see that the superintendent could not accidentally slide through any secret doors.

When Mr. Garber arrived he brought the delegation in his office, summoned his secretary and barred the doors to the newspaper men.

**UNAWAY BY POWER.**

He also summoned Dr. Theodore L. MacDowell, one of his assistants. But the presence of the two officials and the stern executive atmosphere did not appear to overawe the strikers in the least.

The conference lasted fully an hour. At its conclusion the leader, Kern, told freely what had taken place. Here it is in his own words:

"We told them that Mr. Sowden was the only one who could keep order and that he was the best man for the job for 15 years and made good. We told them that we only wanted the thing settled by common sense. Doctor Garber used an awful lot of big words and said things about law and averages. We don't know much about law or averages, do we?"

This was addressed to the other assembled delegates. "No," they replied. "Containing the boy said:

"Then the other man who came in the office told us that we could be prosecuted for remaining out of school, and then there was more talk about law. Mr. Garber is a nice man, but he is not going to do anything for us."

In addition to Kern the delegation included Ruth Phillips, Andrew McGarrigle, Dorothy Wartman, Isabel Channel, Martin Thorborg, Elizabeth Muench, Henry Scilian and George Briggs. The boys took the girls to lunch after the conference and then the delegates went to the Municipal Court to pick up some points on the law.

**MR. SOWDEN'S STATEMENT.**

The statement issued by Mr. Sowden follows:

"We were a happy, orderly and successful school up to the time the Superintendent's recommendation of a change became known. The district Superintendent ordered us as one of the good schools in his district. When the walk-out came on Tuesday it was the former principal who prevailed upon the children to return to the classroom. In the parade yesterday they said: 'Let's serenade Mr. Sowden at the Fairfax Apartments,' and immediately came the reply from a half-dozen or more voices: 'No, don't go, for he'll tell us to go back to school.'"

"On the record of the special school for truants it is a rare thing for the name of a Fitter pupil to appear. When Mr. William H. Hall, former Chief of the Bureau of City Property, now Secretary to Governor Brumbaugh, was present at an Arbor day celebration last October, he complimented our thousand pupils on the order in which they stood in the yard and told of some other schools where he had been in the morning, where the pupils ran away with the morning."

"Ask the higher schools about our pupils, and as to our being a happy school see our school song."

"Our school has been so popular that we always had a waiting list. Endeavors have been made by the superintendent to keep our numbers down by order of the department of domestic science decided to open a centre on February 1 in our building. The pupils of the cooking classes belonged to the Fitter School temporarily and later returned to their own schools."

"Our school today is nearly the same in enrollment as during the last two years, yet because of the cooking centre it technically goes from a school of Class 1 to Class 2, and because of this technically the superintendent decided to recommend a change in principals."

"Another policy in favor of making this change is that the former principal (meaning himself) has been for three years on the salary schedule of the principals of the second class, while the

school itself has just been placed in that class. In two or three years hence the present principal will catch up with the former principal.

"The Superintendent, in a letter to one of our Germantown papers, summed up the whole matter in these words: 'As you can readily understand, the only question we can take into account is the question of merit in school work.' At Fitter we thought we had it. Merit in school work, not out of school work."

"In notifying me of his intention the city superintendent said: 'The parents desire a change.' They are now earnestly endeavoring to convince the superintendent that he was mistaken."

"One of the points of charge is that the superintendent doesn't like the morning assembly held at the Fitter School."

"The Committee on Elementary Schools will announce its decision in the matter next Wednesday."

**SIGNAL CODE BOOK OF THE NAVY LOST**

Secretary Daniels Orders Court-Martial of Two Officers at Mare Island

By a Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—For the first time in the history of the navy a signal code book has been lost. The disappearance of this secret book at this time, when trouble faces this country, is regarded as most serious. Secretary of the Navy Daniels viewed the loss with such concern that he today ordered the court-martial of Lieutenant Herbert A. Jones, commander of the torpedo-boat Otilla on the Pacific coast, and Ensign Robert D. Kirkpatrick, executive officer of the Otilla, from which the book was lost.

The officers will be tried at Mare Island. It is likely that the code will have to be changed, as it is thought that it has fallen into the hands of foreign Powers.

**Judge MacNeille Has a Cold**

Judge Raymond MacNeille was confined to his home today suffering from a severe cold, and Judge Brown conducted the hearings at the Juvenile Court.

**Thrill Day Is February 3d**

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In shades to match your gowns, also some black, not all sizes.

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Glazed kid, lace and button. Sizes 2 to 5. Larger sizes, with spring heels, 5 to 8, 49c. Gummetal and glazed kid, right shape last. Sizes 8 1/2 to 2.

Boys' \$2.00 High Cut Storm Shoes at \$1.39

Black and tan, with straps and buckles. Sizes 9 1/2 to 13 1/2. Sizes 1 to 2 at \$1.79.

Boys' School Shoes, Satin Calf, at 79c

Bluchers. Sizes 9 1/2 to 13 1/2. Sizes 1 to 6 at \$1.15.

Men's Buckle Arctics 85c Women's Storm & Low Rubbers 19c Misses' and Children's Best Grade High Cut Button Arctics

All sizes. Special lot. Slightly soiled. Sizes 6 to 10 1/2 at 98c. Sizes 11 to 2 at \$1.29.

Men's \$2.50 to \$4.00 Winter Shoes \$1.98

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