



DEFENSES OF NATION NOT NEGLECTED, SAYS PRESIDENT IN MESSAGE

Executive Urges Adoption of Plan to Give Young Men of Country Practical Training in Army Work; Also Asks Passage of Conservation Bills, Bills for Ultimate Independence of Philippines and Government-owned Merchant Marine

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson, in his annual address to Congress to-day, gave his answer to those who contend the United States is unprepared for national defense.

"Let there be no misconception," he said, "the country has been misinformed. It has not been negligent of national defense, we are not unmindful of the great responsibility resting upon us, we shall learn and profit by the lesson of every experience and every new circumstance; and what is needed will be adequately done."

Assembled in joint session in the hall of the House, senators and representatives heard the President, reading his address in person from the clerk's desk, outline the administration legislative program and voice a fervent hope that the United States might be instrumental in bringing peace to Europe.

The legislative program includes passage of the conservation bills, the bills for ultimate independence of the Philippines, ratification of the London convention for safety at sea, a government owned merchant marine, charting the perilous waters of the Alaskan coast and measures for economy in all branches of the government.

Changes His Text The President did not stick to the text of his message with respect to business. With regard to business legislation he said in full:

"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."

The Democratic side of both House and Senate greeted with applause and laughter his declaration that "some among us are nervous and excited" and that "we shall not turn America into a military camp."

"And especially when half 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 has yet delivered to Congress, occupied about forty minutes in reading.

Discusses Nation's Defense

But the portion of the President's address which commanded interest was that in which he discussed the subject of national defense. "It is said in some quarters that we are not prepared for war," said the President. "What is meant by being prepared? Is it meant that we are not ready upon brief notice to put a nation in the field, a nation of men trained to arms? Of course we are not ready to do that; and we shall never be in time of peace so long as we retain our present political principles and institutions. And what is it that it is suggested we should be prepared to do? To defend ourselves against attack? We have always found means to do that, and shall find them whenever it is necessary without calling our people away from their necessary tasks to render compulsory military service in times of peace."

Must Depend on Citizenry

"From the first we have had a clear and settled policy with regard to military establishments. We never have had, and while we retain our present

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FIXING GUN RANGE



This German artilleryman is shown finding the range of the enemy's position by means of a newly invented telescope, similar in many respects to the periscope of the submarine.

ALLIES TAKE OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT

Official Advices From Berlin Do Not Indicate, However, That Movement Has Yet Reached Formidable Proportions; Germany Is Already Looking Forward to Investment of Warsaw as Result of Occupation of Lodz; 100,000 Russians Reported Captured

Official advices from Berlin to-day confirm the reports that the allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is said, have been few in number and have been defeated. Private dispatches from Holland are to the effect that fierce fighting is in progress along the Yser canal. These reports are in partial agreement with the latest official French communications, which, however, tend to show that the forward movement of the allies is being attempted at points all along the lines.

Berlin is already looking toward the possible investment of Warsaw as a result of the capture of Lodz. Russian Poland. It was said officially at the German capital to-day that news of decisive results in the campaign against the Russians may be expected at any time and that latest reports from the military headquarters lead to the belief that "operations thus far have been successful." It is reported unofficially in Berlin that 100,000 Russians were captured at Lodz.

In the Balkans Austria's armies apparently have met with checks in their operations which recently have been attended with marked success. A semi-official statement from Nish asserts that the Austrians have been overwhelmed by the Serbians in the recent fighting and have retired in disorder, losing 1,800 men.

WAR DECREASES REVENUE

Japan's Budget Shows Estimated Expenditures of \$278,000,000

Tokio, Dec. 8.—Japan's budget for the coming year shows estimated expenditures of 556 million yen (\$278,000,000) and a decrease in the revenue of \$40,500,000. The war has caused a decrease of \$8,500,000 in the customs.

ment will permit of credits for two additional army divisions, the completion of three dreadnoughts, the construction of eight torpedoblast destroyers and two submarines and the addition of ten torpedoblast destroyers authorized last summer.

GERMANS TAKE 100,000 PRISONERS WHEN LODZ IS LOST BY THE RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 8, 11:50 a. m.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that according to a message from Berlin, it is reported there that upwards of 100,000 prisoners were taken by the Germans when they captured Lodz, Russian Poland.

News of the capture of Lodz, this message says, aroused extraordinary enthusiasm at Berlin. The houses there are decked with German and Austrian flags. No official report has yet been received concerning the number of prisoners and guns captured.

GERMANY MAKES DENIAL OF ALLIES' CLAIMS IN BOTH EAST AND WEST

Berlin, Dec. 7, via wireless to Sayville, Dec. 8.—An officer of the general staff states that the report from the front 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

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MAY REORGANIZE THE REORGANIZERS

Movement to Throw Out the Present Democratic Leaders Bobs Up on Scheduled Time

HARMONY IS NOW DEMANDED

Belief Here That State Chairman Morris Will Hang on; Committee Has Debts

Dissatisfaction with party management, of which the reorganization faction in the Democratic party took advantage in 1911 to ride into power, may lead to a new reorganization of the party, in which the reorganizers are likely to be subjected to a dose of their own medicine.

Several days prominent Democrats not hand in glove with the present bosses but said to have counteracted from Washington, which wishes a truce between the wings of the Keystone Democracy, have been at work in an effort to construct a harmony program. The chief considerations are said to be the election of a whole new set of leaders and the relegation of A. Mitchell Palmer, Vance C. McCormick, James I. Blaisdell, Roland S. Morris, Joseph F. Guffey and others

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34 LOSE LIVES WHEN OIL STEAMER BURNS

Vessel From Port Arthur, Texas, Went Ashore Today Near Barrow

ONLY TWO MEN WERE SAVED

Built in 1893 and Was Owned by Associated Oil Carriers Company, of London

Barrow, Dec. 8, via London, 11:15 A. M.—The British steamer Vedra, from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of gasoline, went ashore near here this morning in a heavy gale.

The cargo ignited and of the crew of thirty-six men on board the vessel only two were saved, and they were severely burned.

The steamer Vedra left Port Arthur for London November 14 and passed Norfolk on the 21st. She was reported yesterday as passing Tuskar, in the Irish Sea, which would indicate that she had changed her destination and was bound for some port on the west coast of England.

The Vedra was under the command of Captain Brewster. She was built in 1893 at Sunderland, England, was of 4,957 tons and belonged to the Associated Oil Carriers Company of London.

Champ Clark to Ignore Detroit Lecture Story

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Speaker Clark may give out a general statement about his trip through the West later, but will not refer to the Detroit Free Press's article about his condition at Detroit.

This is the information given out at his office at the Capitol to-day by his secretary, Wallace Bassford. Mr. Bassford said that Mr. Clark would ignore the published statement that he was forced from the lecture platform at Detroit by the manager of the hall, who turned out the lights for that purpose.

Oregon Said to Tire of Primary Election Law

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—Oregon is tiring of its primary election law. To wipe it out and have an election instead of a primary and a general election is the purpose of a bill to be introduced in the coming legislature. It will be warmly supported on the ground of economy and opposed with equal heat.

It is estimated roughly that the direct primary costs the taxpayers \$200,000. The following election costs as much. In the proposed measure aspirants for office will have all the freedom of running they now enjoy, but the winners of the most votes in the primaries will be considered elected.

STOUGH'S STAYING IS LARGELY UP TO HIM

Executive Committee Will Invite Evangelist if Continuing of Fight Is Necessary

THINK WORK IS INCOMPLETE

Sentiment at Tabernacle Meetings Will Largely Determine the Question

General sentiment regarding the staying of the Stough party in the city for another week or for the indefinite period "until hell freezes over," as Dr. Stough expresses it, seems somewhat vague, and all indications are that the question will not be definitely decided until near the end of the week.

All local men in close touch with the campaign who have been interviewed say that they have not conferred with Dr. Stough lately, and do not know the opinion of the executive committee and ministerium as official bodies. The personal opinions were that the evangelist will be welcome to stay in the city if he thinks it is for the best.

E. F. Weaver, secretary of the executive committee, said he probably does not know as much about the general feeling of the public as the reporter who talked to him, but said he thought Stough might do the city

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CLOSER SCHEDULES ON HILL ARE NECESSARY

Residents Demand Quicker Service Along With 'Cross Town Belt Line

ASK FOR BIGGER CARS, TOO

Want 5-cent Fare to Rutherford, All Night Service and Cars East and West in Market

Belt line out Herr street and across Allison Hill. Closer schedules on all Allison Hill lines.

These are the things the people of Allison Hill will request of the Harrisburg Railways Company within a few weeks. Action to this effect was taken at a meeting of Hill residents last night in the Shamrock Fire Company house, Fifteenth and Herr streets.

Ultimately the railways company will be asked to provide further: Five-cent fare to Rutherford. All night service on Hill. Cars running east and west in Market street beyond Thirteenth. Cars with greater seating capacity on Berryhill street line.

At last night's meeting W. Van Dyke, a Hill lumberman, was elected chairman of the organization of citizens and H. E. Klugh, of the State

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ATLANTIC CITY IS STORM SUFFERER

Damage on Absecon Island Is Estimated at Present at \$250,000

TROLLEY SERVICE RESUMED

Battered Music Hall on Ocean End of Steel Pier Is Still Above Water

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 8.—The storm damage on Absecon Island as the result of the northeaster is estimated at \$250,000. Atlantic City, the principal municipality on the island, suffered damage estimated at \$80,000. Longport, at the southern end of Absecon, was damaged to the extent of \$80,000, and Ventnor, \$60,000.

The storm to-day dropped to a mere shower compared with the gale that whipped up the sea in this section for the last four days. Part of the island is still submerged, but normal conditions are being rapidly established. Trolley car service has been generally resumed.

The much-battered music hall on the ocean end of the steel pier is still above water, but the management expects to dynamite it if the damage to the hall is as severe as it appears from the examination that is possible at this time.

During the storm shipping remained well off shore and the coast guards were not called upon to help a single vessel.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy to-night and Wednesday; not much change in temperature; moderate north winds.

River The main river and the lower portions of its principal tributaries will rise slightly to-night and Wednesday. Other streams of the system will remain practically stationary. A stage of about 3.6 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

General Conditions The Atlantic coast storm is now central off the coast of New York moving slowly northward. It has caused rain in the South Atlantic and rain and snow in the Middle Atlantic and New England States during the last twenty-four hours, the heaviest precipitation occurring in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The winds have moderated along the Middle Atlantic and Southern New England coasts, the highest velocity reported at 8 a. m. to-day being twenty-four miles at New York City.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 34. Sun: Rises, 7:14 a. m.; sets, 4:39 p. m. Moon: Rises, 10:19 p. m. River Stage: 3.1 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 36. Lowest temperature, 33. Mean temperature, 34. Normal temperature, 34.

POULTRY SHOW ON WITH 1,000 ENTRIES

Fanciers From Ten States Compete For Prizes; Wyandottes Big Feature

With nearly one thousand exhibits the Central Pennsylvania Poultry Association opened its second annual show in Chestnut Street Hall to-day. Ten states are represented in the entries this year, and as in the past there is keen competition between the fanciers. Dauphin county poultry raisers are largely represented. Birds are on exhibition from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, New York and Connecticut.

Owing to delays in the arrival of a number of entries, the exhibition will not be in full swing until this evening. The show will be open daily from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night the rest of the week. In addition to poultry exhibits the latest and devices, including incubators, feeders, etc., are prominent at the exhibit. Feed that brings the results is also shown.

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SIGLER CO. PREPARES TO MOVE INTO MILL

New Manufacturing Concern Will Occupy New Factory by Latter Part of This Month

Officials of the Sigler Piano-Player Company are busily engaged getting ready to move into their new factory building in the course of erection at Eighteenth and Carlisle streets, this city.

C. M. Sigler, president of the company, has just returned from an extended trip throughout the Middle States, and he announces great success in the placing of agencies in all the cities which he visited. He states that wherever he went scores of dealers expressed enthusiasm at the Sigler "adaptable" action which can be placed in any piano, no matter of what size, shape or make, converting the old instrument into a player of the highest grade.

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LABOR LEADERS IN LONG DISCUSSION

Dr. Jackson Gives Some Ideas About Legislation; Three-day Conference Is On

Representatives of almost 100 branches of organized labor began their biennial conference on labor legislation at the Capitol this afternoon and will spend the next two days outlining their program for the coming session. Workmen's compensation and changes to the labor laws will probably be the big subjects, although anthracite miners' leaders are said to have an extended list.

James H. Maurer, president of the federation, was the chief speaker this afternoon and the State government was represented by Dr. John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor and Industry, who said that he thought conditions were ripe for a fair compensation law and who advocated medical examination of all miners between 14 and 16 who desired to go to work. The dean also said that night work by anyone under sixteen should be prohibited after 9 o'clock.

Paul H. Furman, secretary of the Child Labor Association, also presented some ideas regarding legislation.

GERMAN AND FRENCH REPORTS CONFLICT

In Belgium, along the Yser canal and in the region of Ypres the Germans have become more active. To-day's official French statement says the allies are meeting with success. The French communication states that the allies have gained further ground in the Argonne. This is denied flatly at Berlin. The Berlin War Office says that the German forces in the east are pursuing the retreating Russians east and south of Lodz. An official Russian statement, while not admitting the fall of Lodz, says that its defense is no longer a matter of prime importance.

Boiling Springs, Dec. 8.—While working in the barn on his mother's farm this morning, a lantern which John Swartz was carrying exploded, setting fire to the place. In less than half an hour the barn, with several tons of hay, three horses, seven cows and valuable farming implements, was entirely destroyed, the loss reaching almost \$5,000. The loss is covered by insurance. No other property was destroyed, and Swartz escaped uninjured. The place, known as the Oyster farm, is owned by Mrs. Susan Swartz.

WANTS TO BUY NEW YORK CLUB

New York, Dec. 8.—Jacob Ruppert, New York brewer, is negotiating with William S. Devery and Frank Farrell for the purchase of the New York American League baseball club. The price wanted by Devery and Farrell is \$500,000.

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 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.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Eddie Collins, star second baseman was to-day sold to the Chicago Americans.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Stocks closed steady: General Asphalt, 33; General Asphalt, pfd., 67; Lake Superior Crops, 13; Lehigh Navn., 75 3/4; Lehigh Valley, 64 1/2; Penna. R. R., 52 3/4; Pha Electric, 22 3/4; Pha Rapid Transit, 11; Reading, 69 1/2; Storage Battery, 47 1/2; Union Traction, 39 1/2; United Gas Improvement, 82 1/4.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Rollings and Ellen Jones, Wiconisco. John Henry Woulbridge and Verna Mae Horley, Lykens.