

PRESIDENT HERE FOR 10 MINUTES

Dr. Wilson, However, Fails to Give Crowd of 50 Curious Persons a Glimpse of Him

SECRET SERVICE MEN IN FORCE

They Jump Off Train and Surround Presidential Car When It Stops on the Way From Indianapolis to Washington This Afternoon

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, spent ten minutes in Harrisburg to-day and during that time he was not seen by a single person for the reason that he secluded himself in a stateroom of the private car "National" and didn't even look out of the window, much less appear on the rear platform to say "Howdy" to the fifty or more persons who had knowledge of his coming and waited in the Pennsylvania railroad station to try at least to get a glimpse of him. Nary a glimpse did anybody get.

The President was on his way home from Indianapolis where last night, at a Jackson day dinner, he made a speech in which he broadly hinted that he will again be a candidate for President by saying that "the time may come when the American people will have to judge" whether he is fit to stay where he is now—in the Presidential chair.

Naturally, after that remark, and the construction that has been placed upon it by the American people at large, it was expected that President Wilson, in passing through the capital of a State which so loyally supported him at the Baltimore convention, would at least get out on the platform and begin his 1916 campaign right off the reel, as an earnest that he meant what he said in Indianapolis. But the "Schoolmaster President" failed to show himself. He kept in the back-ground, and when the train from the West pulled into the station at 1 o'clock this afternoon, he was not too keenly seen.

Secret Service Men in Force

As the train stopped half a dozen secret service Pinkertons, Sherlock Holmeses, Old Sleuths, Hawshaws, Old Cap Colliers, Burnses and others well known as protectors of the great and good, jumped from mysterious places and began to pace up and down the platform beside the car, which meant that the few curious persons should keep away. They did. Not one of them had the temerity to approach the Presidential presence or even to attempt it.

The President was accompanied by his private secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, and his private physician, Dr. Carl T. Grayson, U. S. N., but even these two kept themselves secluded, in an apartment in the rear of the car. They were newspaper correspondents representing the New York "Herald," "World" and "Tribune," the Associated Press, United Press and International News Service. None of them had anything to do but get out and walk up and down the platform for the President, not being in evidence and not making a speech, it wasn't necessary for them to do anything.

AUTO TRUCK AFIRE IN STREET

Engines Called Out Twice This Morning As Result of Small Blazes

Firemen were called out twice this morning within three hours but only one company went into service.

The Good Will Company answered a telephone call to the restaurant of Thomas Amotts, 1219 North Seventh street at 6:45 o'clock. A partition back of a stove was burning. A chemical stream made short work of the fire, but an excited passerby turned in an alarm from box No. 47, Seventh and Verbeke streets, calling out the district companies. The loss was trifling.

A motor truck, belonging to Brown & Company, furniture dealers, 1217 North Third street, caught fire when the engine backfired at Hay alley, near Fulton street, at 9 o'clock. Acid was thrown on the blaze which was out when the firemen arrived in response to a call from box No. 24, Sixth and Cumberland streets. The auto is not seriously damaged.

Fire Chief's Auto Damaged

Assistant Fire Chief Edward Halbert driving the fire chief's automobile through the Market street subway yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, applied the clutch too suddenly and the rear axle of the auto broke. The car was taken to the garage. Chief Kindler expects to have it in service again late this afternoon. He rode on the hope company carriage in response to two fire alarms this morning.

CATCHES COLD IN HOUSE; WANTS TO HAVE IT MOVED

Representative Nissley, Suffering From Stiff Neck, Says He Will Introduce Bill For New and Better Ventilated Quarters for the State Law-makers

Contending that the ventilating system in the Senate and House rooms, in the State Capitol building are poor and injurious to the health of the legislators, John C. Nissley, a local attorney and new legislative representative from the Second Dauphin district, this morning declared he will introduce a measure, when the Legislature reconvenes, providing for the construction of an additional State building for the exclusive use of the legislative bodies.

Another reason there should be a new State building, Mr. Nissley contends, is that many State offices now are located in office buildings in the city not owned by the State and for which the State must pay rents amounting to \$6,000 or \$7,000 a year. The Representative declares he will offer a resolution providing for the appointment of a special commission with power to employ an architect, prepare plans and receive proposals on the probable cost of the new structure.

CREST OF FLOOD PASSES

Highest Stage Reached Here 12.7 Feet at 7 O'clock This Morning —Streams Are Falling Rapidly

The water in the Susquehanna river at this place began to recede at 7 o'clock this morning after a maximum stage of 12.7 feet had been reached. The danger stage here is 17 feet. The crest of the flood passed Harrisburg hours earlier than was expected, but the maximum stage verified the forecasts. The river had fallen to 12.3 feet when the Weather Bureau official made the 8 o'clock reading this morning.

The main river and all of the tributaries, from this place, north are now falling and practically all of the ice now floating in the main river or has passed out to the bay. A river stage of about 10.4 feet is indicated for Harrisburg for to-morrow afternoon. The only increases in the stages of branch rivers in the last twenty-four hours were reported from Wilkes-Barre and Solingrove.

Fair weather is predicted for to-night and to-morrow with little change in temperature. A minimum temperature of 28 degrees is expected here to-night.

UNFILED U. S. STEEL TONNAGE GROWS

New York, Jan. 9.—The unfiled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on December 31 totalled 3,836,643 tons, an increase of 512,051 over November.

WORK BEGUN TO-DAY ON INAUGURATION PLATFORM

Force of Carpenters Gets Busy on Construction of the Big Stand at Third and State Streets—Tener Will Remain for the Exercises

Senator E. E. Beidleman, chairman of the legislative inaugural committee, was confined to his home to-day with a slight attack of grip. Preparations for the inauguration of Dr. Brumbaugh as Governor on January 19 are progressing very satisfactorily, and everything will be in readiness by Monday, January 18.

Superintendent Rambo began to-day the construction of the big platform at Third and State streets with a large force. The decorations have been arranged for, and the big platform will be fairly smothered in national colors and American flags. The committee has ordered 35,000 invitations, and they will all be sent out by Monday as the envelopes to contain them have been addressed.

The various military companies to form the provisional regiment of National Guard, under command of Colonel B. Hutchison, have all been notified of their selection, and will turn out with full ranks. The Governor's Troop will look its best under Captain George Jack, acting as escort for the new Governor. The detachment of State police to take part in the parade will be here on the morning of the 18th.

In selecting the route of the parade it is intended to have the line of march only through the central part of the city. The Governor's carriage will halt at a point near the reviewing stand so that the gubernatorial party can reach the grandstand in time to meet the head of the procession and review it.

Governor Tener has changed his plans and will attend the inaugural exercises. In the afternoon he will leave for Philadelphia.

BROKER ENDS LIFE WHEN FIRM FAILS

Tragic Suicide of G. F. Stringer, Jr., Un- known When Failure Is Announced

DEATH CAUSED BY PISTOL SHOT

Crash of Firm Attributed to the Sen- sational Rise in Wheat Within the Last Few Days—Company Caught on Short Side

New York, Jan. 9.—G. F. Stringer, Jr., junior member of the Stock Exchange firm of Stringer & Co., shot himself and died instantly in his office shortly before the suspension of the firm was announced to-day on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

The firm of Stringer & Co. was organized May 23, 1912. It consisted of G. F. Stringer, Sr., and his son of the same name. At the time of its organization the younger Stringer had not attained his majority. Recently, after he had reached the age of 21, he was admitted as a partner. He was married.

A few minutes before the opening of the Stock Exchange to-day Stringer, Jr., left his own office and entered that of the Guanajuato Development Company, in which the firm of Stringer & Co. had an interest. When the Exchange opened the failure was announced. Not long afterwards the body of Stringer was found lying on the floor under a desk in the development company's office, with a revolver a few feet away. A physician and a policeman were summoned. For more than an hour, however, no announcement was made of Stringer's death. He had shot himself in the mouth.

The firm did a commission business of small proportions. For some years it had been interested in Mexican properties, especially mining companies. The unsettled political conditions in Mexico, it was said, embarrassed the firm financially and its suspension was attributed primarily to this.

C. A. Decker, counsel for the firm, said that he knew of no reason why Stringer should kill himself. Young

FIND 50 DYNAMITE BOMBS

Police Uncover Deadly Missiles in Trunk of Young Italian in Trenton, New Jersey

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 9.—About fifty dynamite bombs and fuses were found to-day by the police in the home of Inalle Gabriele, 28 years old, a resident of the Italian district of this city. He is held under arrest when he refused to determine how he came into possession of the dynamite and what he intended to do with it.

The police have been searching the Italian district of Trenton since the finding of an unexploded bomb in St. Joachim's church here last Monday.

A clue led the police to visit Gabriele's house early to-day and they placed him under arrest when he refused to open a trunk. He told the police he had lost the key. The trunk was forced open and the bombs found. They are about eight inches long and two inches in diameter.

1,500 FULL PARDONS ISSUED

Wholesale Clemency Granted Prisoners by Governor Cole Blease

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 9.—Full pardons to about 1,500 persons convicted in South Carolina of various crimes, and paroled since January 1, 1911, were granted to-day by Governor Cole Blease.

In addition to that number, who were included in a blanket pardon and none of whom is now in the penitentiary or in prison camps, the governor also granted clemency to thirty-four convicts in State prison or engaged on public works. Eighteen were pardoned, ten paroled and six were given commutations of sentence; seven had been convicted of murder and ten of manslaughter.

The Governor had prepared a special decree granting full pardons to those paroled since January, 1911, and with one sweep of his pen, he restored citizenship to approximately 1,500 men and women, who collectively had been found guilty of violating virtually every law of the State.

Governor Blease signed the blanket pardon in red ink. He accepted as correct the estimate of his office attaches that his action to-day would increase to 3,165 the total number of pardons, paroles and commutations of sentence which he has granted since he became Governor four years ago.

According to information obtainable here that places Governor Blease's record for granting pardons above that of any State Executive. He will retire from office on January 19.

Auto Fractures Boy's Leg
George Sheaffer, 7 years old, 259 Delaware street, received a fractured leg yesterday afternoon when struck by an automobile at Third and Munch streets. The fracture was reduced at the Harrisburg hospital.

NOT CONSIDERING RAISING PRICE OF BREAD HERE

Several of the Biggest Bakers Say There Is No Need to Do So at Present as They Have Flour Bought at Old Prices

The rise in the price of wheat will not immediately cause a decrease in the price of bread loaves in this city in the opinion of local bakers, or result in an advance in the price per loaf. For the most part they have flour on hand bought before the recent spectacular rise in wheat.

Bernard Schmidt, whose bread-baking business is one of the largest in Central Pennsylvania, said he is not considering an increase in the price of bread or decrease in the size of the loaves. He said he knows of no movement among local bakers to make any change for the present, saying the supply of flour on hand, bought at the old prices, will see them through for a while.

Mr. Andrews, of the Harrisburg Baking Company, is also of the opinion that there will be no immediate changes, since supplies of flour purchased at former rates are on hand.

At the Hoffer Flour Mill Company offices it was said that flour will go up five cents a barrel with each one cent increase per bushel in wheat. It will drop correspondingly with each drop in the price of wheat.

SMALLER LOAVES OF BREAD

Or Increase in Price Likely as Result of Rise in Wheat

Washington, Jan. 9.—Smaller loaves of bread or an increase in the price is one likely result of the rise in wheat, in the opinion of Charles J. Brand, chief of the Federal Bureau of Markets.

Moreover, Mr. Brand believes the American farmer will not be a first-hand beneficiary of the soaring prices. With good prices and good markets which have prevailed for the last few months, Mr. Brand believes a major portion of the 1914 wheat crop no longer is owned by the farmers, but has passed to the hands of the elevator men and the grain dealers.

No statistics have been gathered to support that view, but officials of the department say experience and practice warrants such a conclusion.

WHEAT TAKES A SLUMP TO-DAY

Opening Prices Almost Two Cents Lower Than Yesterday

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Wheat dropped to-day as if struck with a hammer. Opening prices were in some cases nearly two cents a bushel lower than last night. May sold down to \$1.39 as compared with \$1.40 7/8 at yesterday's close.

Fear of the effects of talk of an embargo on the export of breadstuffs as well as on arms and ammunition had much to do with the sudden decline.

Despite the fact that buying on the part of exporters and domestic millers afterward rallied prices completely, the market seemed to go to pieces in the final quarter hour of the session. Quotations fell a full cent a bushel below the low point at the start. May selling as low as \$1.38. Conditions at the close were much disordered at a decline of 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 net.

ICE BREAKS AT M'CALL'S

Just in Time to Save Hamlet of Safe Harbor

York, Pa., Jan. 9.—The ice on the McCall's ferry dam broke this morning just in time to save the hamlet of Safe Harbor, on the Lancaster county shore of the Susquehanna river from repetition of its disastrous flood of 1904.

The town was partly under water and many residents had fled from their homes when the gorge broke. At Shenk's ferry on the York county shore, the flood was 25 feet above low water mark, causing some property damage.

MT. JOY IS GENEROUS

Town Contributes Total Value of \$1, 087.10 for Belgian Relief

Mount Joy, Jan. 9.—The total value contributed by this town for the relief of Belgian war sufferers has reached \$1,087.10, a larger amount than that of any nearby town.

The generous citizens have shipped in all 175 barrels of flour and \$65 worth of groceries.

PRESIDENT PIERCE IN THE CITY

William H. Pierce, president of the Brotherhood of Federated Railway Employees, came to Harrisburg to-day to plan the open meeting for railroad employees in Fackler's Hall, Thirteenth and Derry streets, to-morrow afternoon.

Petitions to be sent to the Legislature protesting against a repeal of the full crew law will be circulated, it is said.

MANAGER COCKILL VISITS HARRISBURG

George W. Cockill, athletic coach at Bucknell University, and manager of the Harrisburg team in the Tri-State League, was in Harrisburg this morning on business. It was not baseball business for he did not even know when the annual meeting of the Tri-State League will be held.

PHYSICIAN DIES BY OWN HAND

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Dr. Waldemar E. Fischer, a well-known physician of St. Louis, committed suicide to-day. The fear that he was losing his mind is believed to have prompted the deed.

GRAND MEDAL FOR SOCIETY WOMAN



Miss Anne T. Morgan

Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. P. Morgan, who is well known in the social world; Andrew Carnegie, Eugene Brieux, Luther Burbank and Myron T. Herrick will be awarded the grand medal of the new National Institute of Social Sciences, the American equivalent of the grand cross of the French Legion of Honor, at the next meeting of the institute in New York city, on the afternoon of January 15. The meeting will be called to order by Dr. Hamilton Wright Mable, president, and the principal address will be delivered by William H. Taft, honorary president. The institute is limited to 1,000 and now has 840, with 160 vacancies.

BRITAIN'S REPLY IS CONCILIATORY

Friendly Tone Characterizes Preliminary Note Sent In Answer to Shipping Protest

Secretary Bryan and Other Officials Refuse to Discuss Contents Before They Submit the Document to the President Late To-day

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Bryan and other administration officials were at work to-day going over Great Britain's preliminary reply to the American note protesting against interference with commerce on the high seas. Awaiting President Wilson's return to the city late to-day, however, all officials refused absolutely to comment upon it.

TEXT NOT YET MADE PUBLIC

When the President returns the text of the British communication will be laid before him and he probably will discuss it with Secretary Bryan and Councillor Lansing of the State Department.

Such study as officials have given to the preliminary reply has convinced them that probably it will be necessary to await the supplementary note promised by the British government before undertaking to continue the negotiations so far as they relate to the general road principles involved in the American note. That, of course, will not prevent immediate consideration of special cases that may arise in connection with new seizures or detentions, nor in fact will it stop the State Department.

LEFT FRITZI HER NIGHTIE

Sheriff Attached All of Miss Scheff's Other Clothing (Special to the Star-Independent.) St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Fritzi Scheff's personal belongings were attached here yesterday afternoon to satisfy a judgment obtained against her by Henry Beudal, a costumer of New York. The attachment included everything Miss Scheff has in the way of clothing, except what she has on her back.

ELOPED WITH SON'S WIFE

Father Is Named as Correspondent in Suit for Divorce

New York, Jan. 9.—Franklin D. Wood, a young hospital interne, named his own father as correspondent in a suit for divorce from his wife brought to trial in the Supreme Court to-day.

It was alleged that the young man's father eloped with his bride on the very night of the wedding and took her to Chicago. Young Wood's mother testified in the suit that she had found her husband and her son's wife occupying apartments together in Chicago.

GERMANS REPULSED IN FIGHT WITH FRENCH CONGO TROOPS

Paris, Jan. 9, 10.42 A. M.—French troops from the Congo, who have been occupying Edea, in German Kamerun, have been attacked in force by a mixed detachment of German and native soldiers. The Germans were repulsed, leaving on the field 74 dead and wounded, one machine gun and fifty rifles.

WILL DELUGE KAISER WITH A MILLION BIRTHDAY POSTCARDS

Amsterdam, Via London, Jan. 9, 4.40 A. M.—The Prussian Minister of State, according to a Berlin dispatch to the "Telegraaf," has issued a notice that "in view of the seriousness of the times the greater public festivities, such as dinners, theatricals and dances, should be postponed on the occasion of the forthcoming birthday of the Kaiser, January 27.

"On the other hand," the notice continues, "celebrations appropriate to the significance of the day are contemplated."

LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

The French advance in Alsace apparently has been checked. Both the French and German official statements of to-day tell of the recapture by the Germans of Burnhaupt-le-Haut, the town south of Steinbach, capture of which by the French was announced yesterday.

In the Argonne violent fighting is again in progress. In one charge the French lost a number of men as the result of a trap set by the Germans, who permitted them to occupy a trench and then blew it up.

Fighting has been resumed in the Aisne region, where the allies claim to have captured three lines of German trenches covering 600 metres of the front. The German statement, however, says that French attacks in this region were repulsed.

German armies are again striking at Warsaw, from two directions. Along

FRENCH SAY GERMANS IN ALSACE WIN

Kaiser's Troops Reoccupy Burnhaupt-le-Haut, Allies Admit in Official Report

LATTER SUCCEED IN OTHER FIGHTS

In One Place the French Gain Consists of Three Lines of German Trenches and at Another an Advance of Five Hundred Yards

Paris, Jan. 9, 2.40 P. M.—Successes of greater or less importance at various points along the battle line in France are claimed in the official report on the progress of the fighting given out by the French War Office this afternoon. A German victory is admitted in Alsace, where the troops of Emperor William reoccupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut.

In one place the French gain consisted of three lines of German trenches; at another they advanced 500 yards; elsewhere lesser gains or the retention of positions are recorded. The French artillery also has been active with results declared to be advantageous. The statement follows:

"To the south of Ypres we have damaged the trenches of the enemy and reduced to silence the mine throwers of the Germans. In the region of Arras and in the vicinity of Amiens there have been artillery engagements resulting advantageously for our batteries.

Palace of Justice Set on Fire

"In the region of Soupir we yesterday morning occupied very brilliantly 'Hill 132.' Three times during the day the enemy delivered violent counter attacks. Each time they were repulsed. Our gain is represented by three lines of German trenches along a front of 600 metres. The enemy, not having been able to recapture that which they had lost, bombarded Soissons and set fire to the palace of justice.

"To the south of Laon and of Craonne our artillery demolished a camp of huts covering some machine guns, reduced to silence the artillery of the enemy and destroyed some trenches.

French Masters of Village

"In the region of Perthes the enemy delivered an attack to which we responded immediately by a counter attack. This movement on our part permitted us not only to retain our positions at 'Hill 200' west of Perthes, but also to take possession of 400 yards of the trenches of the enemy between 'Hill 200' and the village of Perthes.

"Furthermore a direct attack delivered by us on Perthes at the same time that we were making our counter attack on 'Hill 200' made us masters of the village. We installed ourselves in Perthes and we have advanced beyond the village boundary. Our total gain in this locality is more than 500 yards.

Victory Costly to Germans

"Along all the front between Rheims and the Argonne our artillery has inflicted noticeable losses on the enemy. This has been attested by prisoners. In the Argonne we were subjected on our right to a lively attack by the enemy, to which we replied, with a counter attack which brought us back to our point of departure.

"In the Woerwe district, to the northwest of Flirey in the forest of Ailly and in the forest of Lepretre we made some progress.

"In the region of Cernay we maintained our position. Further to the south the enemy strongly reinforced, reoccupied Burnhaupt-le-Haut at the expense of heavy losses."

The Cologne "Gazette" says that the Germans in Vienna are planning to send by post a million post cards, bearing Emperor William's portrait, to the Emperor on his birthday as a million fold greeting. The "Gazette" deprecates the idea and hopes its proposer will abandon it.

Tobacco For Prisoners Free of Duty

Madrid, Spain, Jan. 8, via Paris, 11.45 A. M.—Tobacco sent to Germany for German prisoners of war will be admitted free of customs duty. The Spanish embassy in Berlin, which is looking after French interests, received word to this effect to-day from the German authorities.

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