

WILSON HINTS AT PEACE MOVE

Speaks Before 35,000 at Mecklenburg Celebration.

REFERS TO WARRING NATIONS

When You Cannot Overcome You Must Take Counsel, President Declares. Seventy Thousand Persons In The City.

Charlotte, N. C.—President Wilson, speaking here at an anniversary celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, told his hearers that America's example of bringing all the world together on terms of liberty, co-operation and peace was a prophetic sample of mankind.

Involved in the European struggle said the President, is the very thing that has been going on in America—a competition of national standards, national traditions and national politics.

"Europe," said he, "has grappled in war as we have grappled in peace to see what is going to be done with these things when they come into hot contact with each other. What you see taking place on the other side of the water is the tremendous—almost said final—process by which a contest of elements may in God's process be turned into a co-ordination and co-operation of elements.

"For it is an interesting circumstance that the processes of the war stand still. These hot things that are in contact with each other do not make much progress against one another. When you cannot overcome you must take counsel.

The reference was given significance by the President's hearers, in view of recent discussion of possibilities of ending the war.

"I would like," said the President, "to think the spirit of this occasion could be expressed if we imagined ourselves lifting some sacred emblem of counsel and peace, of accommodation and righteous judgment before the nations of the world and reminded them of that passage in the Scripture, 'After the end, after the earthquake, after the fire, the still, small voice of humanity.'

His Address Significant.

By those close to the President his speech was described as being a "development" of a position which the President may be expected to take on the question of peace in the near future. It may be stated with authority that the President, when he addresses the League to Enforce Peace this week in Washington, will further indicate the readiness of this country to enter into negotiations the ultimate object of which is to bring order out of the chaos abroad.

There were some 35,000 persons, representing the two Carolinas, that heard President Wilson. Some 70,000 more who crowded into the city from a radius of many miles were disappointed in not being able to get within range of the Executive voice.

THINK VON JAGOW WILL RETIRE.

French Papers Report Prince Von Buelow May Succeed.

Geneva, Switzerland.—French newspapers say that travelers who have just arrived in Switzerland from Berlin have the impression that the resignation of Clemens Delbrueck as Vice-Chancellor and Minister of the Interior will be followed by the retirement of Gottlieb von Jagow, the Foreign Minister. It is reported Prince von Buelow, former Chancellor, will become Foreign Minister.

ELECTRICITY RUNS WILD.

All Of McAdoo, Pa., Compelled To Use Insulators.

McAdoo, Pa.—Men were even afraid to shove in McAdoo because of a scare created through the grounding of the Lehigh Traction Company's feed wires, which sent current through water mains into houses, some of which were set afire. Barbers stood on rubber mats and handled their steel implements, and wore overshoes, in dread of a recurrence of the trouble.

BOY'S LIFE SEEMS CHARMED.

Two-Year-Old, Who Fell 4 Floors, Survives Mercury Tablet Meal.

Parkersburg, W. Va.—Physicians say Chester, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cunningham, bears a charmed life. He managed to secure a box of bichloride of mercury tablets, which he thought candy, and ate enough to kill an ordinary adult, but he is recovering. Two weeks ago he fell four stories from the Goetz Building and was unharmed.

K-2 AND STEAMER COLLIDE.

American Submarine Completes Its Trip To New York.

Washington.—A collision off the Delaware Breakwater between submarine K-2 and the steamer Arago, in which neither was apparently severely injured, was reported to the Navy Department. The K-2, which was on route from Hampton Roads, proceeded, and has arrived at New York.

SKULL PIERCED BY PITCHFORK.

Pennsylvania Farmer Victim Of A Strange Accident.

York, Pa.—His skull pierced by the prong of a hay fork, Charles Taylor, aged 20 years, is in a critical condition at his home in Corduroy township. While Taylor was sleeping in a hay mow his younger brother tossed a fork through the trap-door and struck him on the head. He is suffering from hemorrhages of the brain and paralysis of the right side of the face.

RUIN WROUGHT BY BIG GUNS

German Shells Poured Upon Enemy Troops.

VERDUN BATTLE BLOODY

Continuously Counter-Attacking, Says German Correspondent At Front—Germans Make Gains.

Berlin.—Heavy losses are being suffered by the French at Verdun, despite the protection of their earthworks, because of the enormous number of troops they have concentrated within a comparatively small area there, according to a correspondent at the Verdun front.

French prisoners, says the correspondent, declare that the destruction wrought by the German artillery is not only appalling among the troops on the firing line, but also among the reserves closely grouped in territory which the German guns are able to reach effectively.

The writer praises the bravery of the French soldiers, who defend themselves with the utmost intrepidity and are continuously counter-attacking, and remarks on the notable lines of earthworks which they have constructed not only before the battle but to even a greater degree during its progress.

Scotts At Allies' Claims.

English and French assertions that the battle of Verdun has been won by the Entente Allies are disputed by Major Straet, military critic of the Tageblatt, who points to the recent successes won by the Germans and says the French and British are incapable of prosecuting a successful offensive. He says:

"Some days ago the Manchester Guardian announced that the battle had been ended, and that the French had inflicted their third signal defeat on the Germans, the other two having been at the Marne and at Ypres. One day later the Germans reached the top of Hill 304.

"Not only have the Germans held Hill 304 against desperate French counterattacks, but they have succeeded in extending their new positions.

More Trenches Captured.

French trenches on both sides of the Hancock-Lennes high road, on the Verdun front west of the Meuse, have been captured by the Germans, the War Office announced. Nine French officers and 120 men were taken prisoners. The announcement says the captured French positions extend to the neighborhood of the southern corner of Ducks wood.

"A new attack by the French against Hill 304 broke down with very considerable losses to the enemy. "Airmen on both sides have been active. First Lieutenant Boelcke shot down his sixteenth aeroplane, south of Hippont. The Luneville station and the aerodrome and barracks at Epinal were bombed.

Violent Fighting Resumed.

Paris.—Violent fighting on a large scale was resumed on the Verdun front. Two fresh divisions of German troops attacked French positions at Avocourt Wood and Hill 204 west of the Meuse. The War Office announces the attacks on the main were unsuccessful, although the Germans obtained a footing in a small post south of Hill 287.

The Germans attempted to recapture the small fort on the northeast slope of Hill 304 which the French took on the preceding day, but their effort failed.

Infantry fighting was confined for the most part to the sector west of the Meuse. East of the river and in the Woivre the artillery was active.

The official statement says that the troops employed by the Germans in their attacks had recently been sent to the Verdun front.

Sub-Lieutenant Navarre, one of the best known French aviators, who recently engaged in a fight with five German aeroplanes, brought down his tenth machine in an aerial combat at Dolante in the Argonne.

Artillery Struggle Violent.

The War Office communication says:

"On the left bank of the Meuse the artillery struggle continues very violent on the front of Avocourt wood, Hill 204, and in the region of Le Mort Homme.

"During the night of May 18-19 our aviators made many bombing expeditions. The aerodrome at Metz-Sablon, Bréuille, Arnaville, Stenay, Sedan and Etain and bivouacs at Montfaut and Azannes received numerous projectiles.

"Blight communication: Great artillery activity prevailed, especially in the region of Dixmude, where our guns of every calibre carried out a destructive fire on the German defensive positions."

HANGED AFTER 9 REPRIEVES.

Francisco Rodriguez Murdered His Wife In 1911.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Francisco Rodriguez was hanged at the State Penitentiary at Florence for the murder of his wife here January 17, 1911. Rodriguez had been reprieved nine times. The case at one time assumed international importance when Secretary Bryan interceded on representations of the Mexican Government and obtained a postponement of the execution pending further investigation.

LUCKY DOG



UNCLE SAM DOING BETTER BUSINESS

Encouraging Report Made By Secretary McAdoo.

LARGE REVENUE RECEIPTS

Much Less Will Have To Be Raised To Meet The Larger Army and Navy Provisions Than Was Supposed.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo submitted to Chairman Kitchin, of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman Simmons, of the Senate Finance Committee, revised estimates of the government's receipts and expenditures for the remainder of the current fiscal year and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, tending to show that much less new revenue will have to be raised to meet the bill for preparedness and other large contemplated expenditures than had been supposed.

Only about \$150,000,000 in additional revenue will have to be provided during the coming year, Mr. McAdoo said. This is less by \$75,000,000 than the most conservative members of Congress calculated at the outset of the session would be needed. All of the additional revenue will come from taxes on incomes, inheritances and munitions in accordance with a plan approved by President Wilson.

News of the condition of the Treasury came as a pleasant surprise to members of the Ways and Means Committee, who have been pondering for weeks on the framing of revenue measures.

It is probable that all of the revenue measures, including provision for preparedness revenues, a tariff commission and the encouragement of the dyestuffs industry will be included in an omnibus bill. The President is understood to favor that plan.

General Fund Balance.

Secretary McAdoo's figures showed that the balance in the general fund, exclusive of disbursing officers' credits, probably would be \$150,000,000 at the end of the present fiscal year and \$13,500,000 at the end of the fiscal year of 1917. This estimate included expenditures likely to be made for the proposed increase in the standing army on the basis of the conference measure passed by the Senate and expenditures which probably will be made next year on the naval program now before Congress.

In addition to preparedness measures, the revised estimate presented by Mr. McAdoo included liberal provisions for good roads, rural credits and expenditures to prevent and cope with floods. In making up the estimates the additional cost to the country of preparedness during the year 1917 was placed at from \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000, a figure probably considerably less than appropriations to be authorized by Congress, but approximately the sum which actually would be spent during the year under the authorization.

WILSON AIDS COUNTERFEITER.

Commutes Sentence So That He May Provide For Children.

Washington.—To enable James Short to return to Brooklyn and provide a living for his two small children, President Wilson commuted the seven-year prison sentence imposed on Short in 1912 for counterfeiting half-dollars. The sentence given to Short's wife, convicted with him, has already expired.

TO TEST NEW MINES FOR U. S.

Destroyer Benham At Norfolk For Experimental Trip.

Norfolk, Va.—The destroyer Benham arrived here to make tests with a new type of mines turned out by the Norfolk Navy Yard and designed to permit mine laying from a vessel going at high speed. The Benham will try the process at a speed of 20 knots.

MORE BRITISH GOLD ARRIVES.

\$13,000,000 In All Expected To Reach United States.

New York.—Gold bars valued at \$2,400,000, received by J. P. Morgan & Co. from Canada, were deposited at the assay office. This consignment makes a total of about \$6,500,000 gold received by the banks from Canada within the past 10 days. Fully that much more is expected to arrive in connection with British obligations in this market.

SCOTT DISPELLED MEXICAN FEARS

Now Understood Intervention Is Not Intended.

PROMISES MADE BY OBREGON

No Withdrawal Of American Troops Until The Mexican Chief Demonstrates His Ability To Cope With The Situation.

Washington.—After Tuesday's meeting of the Cabinet general satisfaction was expressed by high officials of the administration over the result of Major General Hugh L. Scott's semi-diplomatic mission to the border, as a consequence of which the tension has for the present, at least, been removed from the Mexican situation and danger of a clash between the military forces of the two governments averted.

The net result of General Scott's conferences with General Alvaro Obregon, the Carranza minister of war, is as follows:

1. Major-General Scott is convinced that the Carranza de facto government has a better and more satisfactory understanding of the motive and purpose of the United States government in sending troops into Mexico and that the latter's purpose is not aggression or armed intervention.

2. General Obregon has agreed to send 10,000 picked troops into the Big Bend and Pajaral regions of Mexico to stamp out bandits.

3. General Obregon has given orders to General Trevino to endeavor to head off the bandits who raided the Glenn Springs section of the Big Bend country.

4. The United States troops will continue to remain in Mexico until the Carranza government demonstrates that it has power to control the situation in those portions of Northern Mexico, where the United States government has no troops.

5. General Obregon also gives assurances that the Carranza forces will not do certain things and among these is the assurance that the de facto forces will not attack the American expeditionary force.

The verbal report made by General Scott on his return to Washington, as well as the information he brought from El Paso in the shape of a transcript of the record of the conferences was laid before President Wilson and the Cabinet at their meeting. General satisfaction was expressed during and after the Cabinet meeting over the general character of the results believed to have been achieved by General Scott. If the de facto forces make a bona fide effort to run down bandits, develop in unmistakable manner their ability to restore order, to eliminate bandits and to prevent further incursions along the border the situation between both governments will be immeasurably relieved and the withdrawal of the American forces will be hastened. But until definite results have been achieved the American forces will remain in Mexico and General Obregon learned that they will not be withdrawn until the President himself issues the orders, and that these orders will not be issued until this government is convinced that the Carranza government has done what General Obregon promises will be done.

WOULD ASSURE NAVY FUEL OIL.

Daniels Urges President To Save California Reserves.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels appealed to President Wilson to use his influence to save the navy's reserves in the California oil fields as a vital step in the campaign for adequate national defense. Should the bill favorably reported by the Senate Public Lands Committee to legalize certain entries on lands withdrawn by President Taft in 1909 become a law, Mr. Wilson was told, the navy must abandon oil fuel and return to coal, with a consequent loss in steaming radius and speed to its ships.

15,000 BOY SCOUTS A MONTH.

Big Gain In Recruits Reported At General Conference.

New York.—The Boy Scouts are gaining recruits at the rate of 15,000 a month, according to a report made public at the General Conference of Scout Executives of Eastern Cities, in session here. Thirty-two cities east of St. Louis and Chicago are represented at the conference. The Scout Executives are considering plans for the establishment of large, permanent Scout camps in various parts of the country, as well as numerous week-end camps.

BRYAN NOT GOING TO ST. LOUIS.

Nor Will Brother Run For Governor As Independent.

Lincoln, Neb.—William Jennings Bryan is not going to the Democratic National Convention as an alternate delegate from Nebraska, according to an announcement made by him. Neither is Charles W. Bryan, defeated candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in Nebraska, planning to run independently. Mr. Bryan's statement was made, he explained, "correct the deliberate and malicious misrepresentations of corporation-controlled papers."

SHOOTS MOTHER AND CHILDREN.

Widower Then Commits Suicide On Grave Of Wife.

Rochester, Ind.—William Dollars, 30 years old, a miller at Macy, a village near here, shot and killed his mother, Mrs. Anna Dollars, 59 years old, and daughter Agnes, 5 years old; fatally wounded his son George, 11 years old, and baby Ida, 2 years old, and then went to a nearby cemetery, where he killed himself on the grave of his wife.

TO BUILD NEW RAILROAD.

Proposed Lines From Wheeling Will Open Rich Coal Land.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Application for a charter for the Wheeling and Eastern Railway Company has been made by the Secretary of State of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The company plans to build a line of railroad from McCann's Ferry, Pa., on the Monongahela river, to Wheeling, and also a branch line to Milledge, Pa., in order to open up rich coal land in Western Pennsylvania.

CAPITAL TEACHERS IN UNION.

Those Of High Schools Join Federation Of Labor.

Washington.—High school teachers here have formed a union which has become a local organization of the American Federation of Teachers and to which the American Federation of Labor has issued a charter. So far 101 of the 243 teachers in the high and normal schools have joined the union, and an effort is being made to organize the lower grades.

VOLUNTEERS PLAN WORK ON ROADS

Five-County Organizations To Co-Operate With State Bureau On Highways.

Harrisburg—

Delaware, Lancaster, York, Lawrence and Cambria county good roads organizations have sent word to the State Highway Department of plans to make effective work on the highways of the State on good roads day which comes on Thursday. Probably ten other counties have sent notices of calls for meetings to organize the volunteer workers, and the State Bureau of Township Highway has received assurances of co-operation from more than 600 supervisors in response to the call made by Deputy Commissioner Hunter.

The Lancaster county good roads people have sent word of organization of communities to cut down hills on several roads and automobile clubs have offered the use of cars, while the presidents of the Cambria county and Lawrence county organizations have sent word that the number of workers last year will be exceeded and that the work is to be systematized. In Cambria, calls have been issued to supervisors to meet with citizens of their districts to plan work. At Stewartstown, special attention is to be given to drainage of roads in the vicinity.

Several counties have reported special appeals to ministers of county churches to urge work on the roads so that the highways to churches may be made better.

Refuse Electric Territory Bar.

The Public Service Commission made public decisions by Commissioner Rilling, dismissing complaints made by the New Castle Electric Company and the Pennsylvania Power Company against the Harmony Electric Company that the latter was violating territory. The decisions are made in lengthy opinions in which Mr. Rilling finds that the Harmony Company, which was formed by the merger of some twenty-six companies, was operating in the territories complained of prior to January 1, 1914.

It obtained rights in Shenango township, Lawrence county, by taking over an electric company chartered for that district and did the same in the case of Wayne township, which is complained of by the Pennsylvania Company.

The opinion in the New Castle Company case says, "We fail to see any authority for the claim made by the claimant that by reason of it having served such territory in Shenango township, which is adjacent to the city of New Castle as it had a right on account of provisions in its charter to serve such adjacent territory, to the exclusion of a company properly organized and doing business prior to January 1, 1914, and having Shenango township named as the municipality in its charter in which to carry on its business.

Old Baltimore Pike Work.

Acting Highway Commissioner Hunter opened bids for construction of four sections of the old Baltimore Pike in which Delaware and Chester county citizens are co-operating with the State in rebuilding and for improved roads in Delaware and Montgomery counties. Awards will be made Thursday.

Lowest bids were as follows: Section 2—Aston and Concord townships, 3.64 miles, Dwyer & Co., Philadelphia, \$68,535.21.

Section 4—Birmingham township, 2.75 miles, Junata Paving Co., Philadelphia, \$50,192.61.

Section 5—Pennsbury and Kennett townships, 3.37 miles, Corcoran Construction Co., West Chester, \$62,492.54.

Section 7—Penn and London Grove townships, 1.98 miles, D. E. O'Connell & Sons, Avondale, \$44,255.73.

Whitemarsh township, Montgomery county, 4.890 feet, Paul J. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia, Amsite, \$15,912.48.

Nether Providence township, Delaware county, brick block pavement, Dwyer & Co., Philadelphia, \$21,686.52.

Each Vote Cost \$12.80.

The Rush township primary election officers filed an election expense account amounting to \$51.20 with the Dauphin County Commissioners. Just four votes were cast, two Republicans and two Democrats, making the total expense to the county for the casting of each vote \$12.80.

Strike May Cost State \$60,000.

When all the bills are in it is believed that the strike service of the National Guard organizations in Allegheny county this month will cost the State between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

State Quarantines Town.

The State Department of Health quarantined a hotel for smallpox, in Paint Borough, Somerset county, and took charge of the sanitary affairs of the town, the borough having no board of health. A case of the disease was discovered in the hotel.

Plan \$300,000 Capital Viaduct.

Greiner and Whitman, of Baltimore, were commissioned by Council to make plans for the new \$300,000 city viaduct over railroad tracks.

Falling headlong into a basin containing little more than a gallon of water, Victor, the one-year-old twin son of Anthony Caccase, of Reading, was drowned.

Leaving a note saying "good-by, I'm sick of all this raving about standing head of my class; don't worry," John Wachtman, first honor man of the Harrisburg Technical High School, has disappeared from his home in West Fairview. His parents have asked police aid in searching for him.

The body of C. J. Troy, who fell from the New Cumberland Valley Railroad bridge into the Susquehanna River, April 10, was found by Harry Nace, of Highspire. Michael Troy, his brother, paid a reward of \$100.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State.

TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Howard C. Fry, coal merchant of Harrisburg, has been elected president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club.

Council of South Bethlehem adopted a resolution pledging \$25,000 toward the erection of a new bridge across the Lehigh River.

Caldwell Fant, thirty-six years old, of Harrisburg, cut his finger while at work two weeks ago and died Thursday of blood poisoning.

An Allentown jury has awarded to the Salvation Army \$2,100 damages for the obstruction of air, light and access to its building by the "L" of the Philadelphia & Western Railway.

William Dietz, employed in the erection of an addition to the Eagle Brothers' silk mills, Shamokin, plunged from the fourth story girders to the ground. He was removed in a critical condition to the State Hospital, his skull having been fractured.

Workmen excavating for a hotel addition at York, uncovered a box containing the bones of a young man, evidently buried there seventy-five years, or more ago. The police are making an investigation. Many years ago a stable occupied the site and the property was owned by James Smith, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

As the result of a conference between officials of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. and the United Mine Workers it is expected that the strike inaugurated in the Panther Creek Valley on May 3, throwing eight thousand idle, will be settled within a few days. The proposition will be submitted to the different locals for a referendum vote.

Charles M. Schwab sanctioned the election of another large department to his Bethlehem steel plant, which means an outlay of more than half a million dollars and gives employment to several scores of skilled mechanics. On account of the demand for larger caliber guns, a new general annealing test and storage plant for large guns will be built on the hill between the Lehigh and Saucon plant.

Thirteen-year-old Ralph Schmick, of Catawissa, climbed a thirty-foot telephone pole, upon which steps had been placed, touched a telephone wire, crossed with a municipal electric wire, and was hurled to the ground, suffering concussion of the brain. The boy and his father brought suit for \$20,000. The jury gave the boy a dollar and the father \$56.

A cave-in on the main street of Mazeville, Schuylkill county, swallowed six-year-old Joseph Chubick and soon after the subsidence spread and a house fell to the bottom of the hole, which is 100 or more feet deep. The boy soon was clambering up the side of the cave-in after the first subsidence, but was caught by a second fall of earth which carried him into the interior of the Stanton Mine, of the Madeira Hill Coal Company.

A deed filed at Sunbury transferred 2,607 acres of coal land in Northumberland and Columbia counties, owned by the Anthracite Coal Company, of Pittsburgh, and leased by the Colonial Collieries Company, to the Colonial Collieries Company, a new Pittsburgh corporation, for a consideration of \$1,200,000. A \$300,000 mortgage held by the Colonial Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, was satisfied. The rights and interests of the richest coal lands in the two counties operated by the Colonial Collieries Company since 1907 thus have been acquired by the company for \$1,500,000.

The Patriotic Order of Americans in session at Harrisburg selected Reading for next year's convention. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Amber Strausser, Altoona; assistant president, Milton D. Delp, Philadelphia; vice-president, Mrs. Clara Bergman, Ashland; assistant, John M. Nugent, Philadelphia; conductor, Theresa Pearson, Philadelphia; assistant, William H. Roderwig, York; guard, Mrs. Lottie Miller, Anville; sentinel, Mrs. Cora Bastian, Milton; trustee, Mrs. Ida Reist, Schaffersburg. Resolutions favoring a flag in every schoolroom were discussed.

Ridley Park passed an \$85,000 loan bill for a new high school building by a two to one vote. The School Board, civic and woman's clubs and the home and school associations have been waging a civic campaign in its favor for weeks. The vote in the North Precinct was 79 for, 42 against; South Precinct, 52 for, 44 against.

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