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PEAKS SOFTLY TO SUFFRAGISTS

President Says He Personally Favors House Committee But Declines to Send Message.

AS NOT CONFERRED WITH LEGISLATORS

His Encouragement is Merely Personal and in No Wise Official, He Insists.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he favored a woman's suffrage committee of the house of representatives, but he denied their request that he send a special message to congress urging the reform.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, summarized briefly her appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to congress, by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver or by using his influence to have a special committee of the house appointed to consider the subject.

"I want you ladies, if possible and I can make it clear to you, to realize just what my present situation is," said the president to the delegation. "Whenever I walk abroad I realize that I am not a free man; I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets."

"That is, as it were, they prevent my present transference from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject, to being an official of a great government and incidentally, or so it falls out under our system of government, the spokesman of a party."

Will Not Present Private Views.
"I set myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey and have followed it as president and shall follow it as president that I am not at liberty to urge upon congress in messages, policies which have not had the organic consideration of those for whom I am spokesman."

"In other words, I have not yet presented to any legislature my private views on any subject and I never shall because I conceive that to be part of the whole process of government, that I shall be spokesman for somebody, not for myself. It would be an imperfection. When I speak for myself, I am an individual; when I am spokesman of an organic body, I am a representative."

"For that reason you see, I am by my own principles, shut out, in the range of the street, from starting anything. I have to confine myself to those things which have been embodied as promises to the people at an election. That is the strict rule I set for myself."

Favors House Committee.
"I want to say that with regard to all other matters, I am not only glad to be consulted by my colleagues in the two houses, but I hope they will often pay me the compliment of consulting me when they want to know my opinion on any subject. One member of the rules committee did come to me and ask what I thought about this suggestion of yours of appointing a special committee of the house as the senate has already appointed a special committee for the consideration of woman's suffrage, and I told him that I thought it was a proper thing to do."

NO PROTECTORATES WILSON DECLARES

President Denies That U. S. Contemplates New and "Far- Reaching" Policy With Prospect to Central America— No Negotiation in Nicaraguan Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told callers today that the United States did not wish to establish a protectorate over any country of Central America or any other part of the globe.

Published reports that the United States contemplated a new and far-reaching policy with respect to Central America, especially Nicaragua, brought a prompt denial from the White House. The president ventured the suggestion that the report might

have had its origin in the proposed treaty with Nicaragua outlined several months ago but he pointed out that in the treaty the terms of the Platt amendment to establish jurisdiction such as this government maintains over Cuba, were included at the suggestion of Nicaragua.

The president denied that there was any new development in the Nicaraguan treaty which still is in the state of negotiation.

Washington, Dec. 8.—In the grist of pleas, recommendations and complaints that pour down upon George R. Cooksey, private secretary of Secretary McAdoo, there appeared today a letter from little Lottie Lester of Seattle, Wash. It revealed a tragedy:

"Uncle Sam, Panama hat department, Washington, D. C.
"Dear Uncle: I read in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer today that you have Panama hats for sale cheap. My papa save me a nice Belgium hare bunny last Christmas and I used my Papa's Panama hat to make a nest for bunny. She had eight little bunnies but she ate almost all of papa's hat and now I have to buy a new one for papa and would like to give it to him for Christmas. Please let me know if you have one that will fit my papa for 3 cents as I have saved that amount."

The little girl enclosed a newspaper clipping telling how the government had Panama hats for sale, which had been seized by customs officers.

Writes To Uncle Sam For Cheap Panama Hat

Washington, Dec. 8.—Every policeman in Greater New York had instructions today to look out for Miss Jessie McCann, the 23-year old daughter of Robert McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, who disappeared on Thursday last as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold.

Miss McCann left home Thursday morning ostensibly to go to a home for destitute children where she did volunteer work as an instructor. Since that time all trace of her has been lost, although a friend of the family reported today having seen a girl answering her description in Wall street Friday night. To his she appeared dazed. The girl's father is a personal friend of Mayor Kline and has appealed to the mayor to expedite the police in the search.

Entire N. Y. Police Force Looking for Young Woman

"I am positive that there is no romantic reason back of Jessie's disappearance," he said today. "Had there been she certainly would have sent us some word before this because she would have known our anxiety, and it certainly would not be characteristic of my daughter to cause her family any suffering. On the other hand she has never suffered in the least from any mental or nervous trouble and the idea that she became ill and wandered away unwittingly does not seem to have the slightest fact to bear it out."

Another Missing.
Mabel Vera Moulton, 16 years old, was also reported missing today. She had not been seen since December 3, when she left a Broadway department store where she worked, to meet her mother uptown.

SAYS CROWN PRINCE HAD HAND IN ZABERN CRISIS

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The hand of the German crown prince was at work in the recent crisis in Zabern, Alsace, according to Dr. Georges Weil, a socialist deputy in the imperial parliament. Speaking in his constituency of Metz today Dr. Weil said:

"The crown prince sided strongly with the soldiery and visited the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, on December 3, the day on which the chancellor made the unsatisfactory speech in parliament which resulted in the passage of a vote of non-confidence in the government. "The chancellor's hazy references on that occasion to the emperor's military orders were undoubtedly due to his desire to reconcile the wishes of the German ruler and his eldest son."

CAPIAS IS ISSUED FOR D. M. MACKAY

Part of His Stock of Liquors Unaccounted for, is the Allegation.

A capias was issued this afternoon for D. M. Mackay, returnable before Judge Adams in Police court Thursday morning, when J. W. Haynes, who was prosecutor in the recent liquor investigation before Judge Frank Carter, will ask the court to order judgment in the case against Mr. Mackay, to which he pleaded guilty last Tuesday morning of violating the prohibition law.

This action is taken, it is stated, because when the intoxicants were seized at his store on Pack square the latter part of the week, almost 300 gallons were unaccounted for of the amount shown in the inventory of his stock taken when the investigation began. He was unable to explain this shortage and the prosecution holds that he has broken faith with the courts.

In violating the agreement made when the prayer for judgment was continued, whereby he was required to forfeit his stock of liquor and his license to sell on prescription and agree not to apply for such license again.

When judgments were entered in the cases in Police court, Mr. Mackay and the others of the defendants pleaded guilty in cases in which judgment was continued for a period of three years, during which time the defendants must appear before the court from time to time and show that they have not been engaged in the illegal traffic in liquor. This suspended judgment against Mr. Mackay will be entered Thursday morning if the court complies with the request of Mr. Haynes for the prosecution.

MUST SELL FOOD AT PEACE PRICES

Such Is Order Made by Villa to Dealers in Northern Mexico.

Jaurez, Dec. 8.—As a means of placing the Mexican rebel territory on a normal basis, General Francisco Villa today issued an order that all foodstuffs shall be sold at prices usually obtained in times of peace. Stores in Chihuahua and other rebel cities are required to sell goods at prices named by Villa.

The rebel leader said that if merchants attempted to advance his prices he would confiscate their property. Train loads of provisions are to be shipped from Ajuz to the most famished citizens of Chihuahua.

Unless the federal troops who deserted Chihuahua unexpectedly turn up and resort to guerrilla warfare the northern part of Mexico will assume a semblance of peace through the opening of the railroads.

Villa has been on the alert for a possible attack by federals and his patrol of the 225 miles from Jaurez to Chihuahua has been in the nature of precaution.

NOT TO INTERFERE WITH ELECTIONS

President Wilson Outlines Purpose of Visit of State Department Officials to Dominican Republic—To Act Merely as Impartial Witnesses.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States does not intend to supervise or interfere with the approaching elections in the Dominican republic. A special commission from Washington will merely observe the election as "friendly and impartial spectators."

That was the way President Wilson today outlined informally the mission of state department officials now on their way to San Domingo.

President Wilson made it clear that the United States used its good offices in persuading the revolutionists to lay down their arms on the promise that everything possible within international right would be done by the United States to insure fair elections.

The United States government decided to send some observers speaking the language of San Domingo to act as impartial witnesses—but not as referees or officials—so that in case of dispute it would have persons to turn to for impartial testimony. It was pointed out that the commission was

unofficial, even to the extent of not desiring recognition from the government authorities of the island. The protest from San Domingo, it was explained at the White House today, was founded on the belief that the United States intended a supervision of the elections and now that the nation has been displeased by the state department the administration here is confident there will be no objection to the presence of the American observers.

Women Speak.
Santi Domingo, Dominican Republic, Dec. 8.—Women as well as men were speakers today at an immense mass meeting in favor of "free and legal elections" in the Dominican republic. The meeting was held in the public square here under the auspices of the independence party. Perfect order prevailed.

A protest against the supervision of the elections by American commissioners was put in circulation for signature by the audience.

Explosion of Gasoline Tank Very Disastrous.
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Fred A. Krause, was drowned; her niece, Rosa Wilson, aged 8 was burned to death and several others were injured last yesterday when a pleasure launch was burned near the dam at Hale's bar on the Tennessee river. Several members of the party are in the hospital at Hale's bar, suffering from shock and exposure.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a gasoline tank. Bodies of the victims have been received.

FLOOD CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS

Twenty People Are Drowned Near Brookshire, Texas, in Floods of Brazos River.

COLD WEATHER IS CAUSE OF SUFFERING

Plans Formulated For Extending Relief to Flood Sufferers on Appeal For Help.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 8.—Reports here today that probably two thousand negroes and Italians have drowned in the thirty mile levee district could not be confirmed. The reports were based on an estimate made by land owners in the district of the number of their tenants and their total number of known rescued or those still marooned.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 8.—Ninety-six persons were known to have perished up to noon today in floods that have swept through several sections of Texas. Twenty-five of those drowned last night or early today were in territory where warnings have been posted for several days. The crest of the flood today was nearing the gulf in the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 8.—Twenty persons are known to have drowned near Brookshire, in Waller county, today in the Brazos floods. Brookshire is about 60 miles in an air-line from the river's mouth and marks approximately the position of the flood crest today.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 8.—Cold weather that set in during the night added to the discomfort of thousands of refugees in south Texas today. Throughout the water bound districts of the Brazos and Colorado rivers flood victims waited in wia houses and trees for rescue boats to take them to concentration camps on the levees that remained above the tide.

While the Brazos crest reached the gulf on Saturday, yet its fall today was slow and the territory along the river 100 miles up from the gulf experienced a record overflow. This seriously delayed rescue work. Additional fatalities were reported. Today's dispatches placed the estimate of the drowned at about 94.

Plas for Relief.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—Plans for extending relief to the flood sufferers of Texas were formulated at a meeting of the executive committee of the Business Men's league here today. The meeting was called yesterday on the receipt of a telegram by Mayor Henry W. Kiel, from the mayor of LaGrange, Tex., appealing for aid.

The telegram stated that the vicinity was in urgent need of immediate financial assistance. It estimated the damage to LaGrange and the vicinity at \$500,000 and said the city had no railroad communication.

SCHMIDT'S TRIAL FOR MURDER HAS STARTED
Lawyers Enter Plea For Insanity Without Consent Of Client.
New York, Dec. 8.—Hans Schmidt, one time assistant rector of St. Joseph's church, was placed on trial today for the murder of Anna Amuller, a crime which he confessed after portions of the girl's body had been washed ashore last September by the Hudson river.

CAPTAIN IS SLAIN BY CREW AT SEA

Sloop Mary Inez Found Adrift On Chesapeake—Her Crew Vanishes.

Norfolk, Dec. 8.—Captain James E. Marks of Sanford, Va., master of the oyster sloop Mary Inez, is believed to have been robbed, murdered and his body cast into the waters of Chesapeake bay.

The sloop Mary Inez has been found abandoned and ashore on Gaynn's island, Virginia, and Captain Marks' son was today in Norfolk asking the police to aid in the apprehension of his father's supposed murderers.

The son found on the sloop blood stains, which led to the murder theory. It is believed that the body when cast into the water was weighted with a ballast rock found aboard the vessel. Captain Marks was in Norfolk one week ago today and delivered to local oyster packers a boat load of oysters. He received a check for some \$215 and cashed this, having the money on his person when he left Norfolk on the Mary Inez with a new crew, which consisted of one or two negro men. The names of these are unknown. There was no sign of life aboard the Mary Inez when she was found ashore on Gaynn's island.

LOBBY REPORT FINISHED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

McDermott Found Guilty of Impropriety—Make No Recommendations.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house lobby committee concluded its work today by passing upon the revised text of its conclusions as to testimony regarding Representative McDermott of Illinois and other principal figures in the house investigation.

Democrats and republicans stoned a report which is said to hold Representative McDermott guilty of impropriety of conduct, but makes no recommendations.

Representative McDonald of Michigan today completed a report agreeing to the committee statement of facts but embodying dissenting conclusions and recommending legislation for reform.

COLDEST WAVE OF SEASON HITS TOWN

Thermometer Registers 17 and The Weather Man Promises No Relief.

The coldest wave of the present winter struck Asheville last night, and this morning the official thermometer of the local weather bureau registered 17 degrees above zero. That temperature alone would not have been so bad, although it follows a long spell of extremely warm weather for the season of the year, except for the bitter wind that came with it. There was a gale blowing all night and this morning at 7:40 o'clock its velocity was 38 miles an hour.

The weather man does not hold out any hopes of warm weather this week, as he says that reports this morning show temperatures below the freezing point all over the United States, except at a few points along the coast. The cold wave is attributed to a severe storm that has passed up the Mississippi valley and over the great lakes, and relief is not expected soon since the conditions are so widespread.

EXPECTS QUICK ACTION ON CURRENCY MEASURE

President Does Not Think It Will Be Long Delayed in Conference.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senate changes in the administration currency bill, so far, will not cause any protracted discussion when it goes to conference with the house, in the opinion of President Wilson. With administration leaders he hopes for passage by December 20 and smooth action in conference that will permit the usual Christmas vacation for congress.

Senator Swanson, one of the administration supporters on the banking committee, opened the debate today, generally analyzing and endorsing the measure, which he declared was the best remedy under present conditions. He urged prompt action and praised the president highly for insisting upon currency reform. The present system of mobilizing reserves in New York Mr. Swanson arraigned, saying it was responsible for "trusts and monopolies."

STEAMER DAMAGED BY COLLISION WITH DREDGE
Newport News, Va., Dec. 8.—With her bow crumpled in the American steamer A. A. Raven arrived here this morning and reported having collided bows-on with an unidentified government dredge in Delaware river late Friday night. A survey was held this morning and the damage estimated at about \$15,000, all above the water line. The Raven was bound from Philadelphia to New Orleans with a cargo of Christmas goods. These will be transferred to another vessel here.

STORM REACHES ATLANTIC STATES

Passes From Great Lakes to East—Freezing in the Gulf States.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The storm that was over the Great Lakes yesterday has passed to New England, leaving shifting gales on the lakes and the Atlantic coast, rains in the Atlantic states and snow in the Ohio valley and the lake region. Temperatures have fallen decidedly over the east and the south and it is freezing today as far south as the interior of the gulf states.

Predictions are that the weather will be generally fair tonight and Tuesday east of the Mississippi river except that snows are probable tonight in northern New England, the interior of New York, and on the lower lakes. Temperatures will be lower tonight in New England and it will rise Tuesday in the region of the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley. Frost is expected tonight as far south as northern Florida.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic Coast from Eastport to Hatteras and on the Great Lakes.

Belgian Automobile Racing Pilot Shot
Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 8.—Camille Jenatton, the Belgian automobile racing pilot, was accidentally killed in a forest near here today by the editor of a Brussels newspaper. Both were members of a hunting party on the game preserve of a wealthy friend.

Jenatton had been racing since 1903, when he won the international cup race in Ireland. He took part in the Vanderbilt cup race in October, 1905, but did not finish. In the Vanderbilt race of 1906 he finished fifth.

SAYS EMPLOYEES FAMILIES MAY HIDE ON PASSES
Pittsburgh, Dec. 8.—George Ealter, speaker of the Pennsylvania house of representatives, today issued a statement in which he declared that the public utilities act enacted by the late legislature and in force January 1 next does not cut off free transportation from the families of railroad employees in this state and any action in that direction by the railroads was voluntary on their part. The Pennsylvania railroad recently issued an order by which the families of its employees, from president to section hand, were prohibited free transportation.