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WILSON TRYING TO GET IN TOUCH WITH NEWSPAPER MEN

Not Seeking Advertisement but Wants to Keep Channels to the Press Open

HAS HIT THE RIGHT LICK

Takes the Press Representatives, 250 at a Time, Into His Presence and Deals Frankly

(By H. E. C. BRYANT.)
Washington, April 4.—President Wilson has been trying to find a way to get in touch with the Washington newspaper men. He is not seeking advertisement but wants to keep the channels between himself and the press open. He prefers that the public should have the truth rather than garbled accounts. His purpose is to give out all news. His private secretary, J. P. Tumulty, keeps open door. Any newsgatherer can go to him.

The President has adopted the plan of seeing the correspondents about 250 of them, twice a week—Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

At two conferences Mr. Wilson lectured the scribblers as a school teacher would his class. That 250 not work

The President did not in the right way with the newspaper men until Saturday, when he saw them and announced that he was ready for all comers with questions.

Hits the Right Lick.
"Who will shoot first?" said the President, as the 250 or more press representatives gathered about him.

"Don't all shoot at once," said the President. "I am in a bantering mood; his face wore a mischievous smile.

To questions he answered: "I am here as the agent of the Democratic party. I will carry out the party pledge. I hope the extra session of Congress will be devoted to a few important matters."

"Are you ready to give us a tariff story?" the President was asked.

No Fight With Congressmen.
"The tariff," said the President, "is what is that ancient saying? Well, in the belly of the gods. The gentlemen at the other end of the capital have it. Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee was kind enough to let me see a draft of the bill his committee has prepared. We are not far apart on it. There is no fight on between the President and the congressmen."

The President enjoyed the free-for-all conferences and made it pleasant for the correspondents. There was nothing stiff about the meeting.

The attitude at the last meeting seems to be the right one. The correspondents like it. Dozens of questions were asked.

News Hunting Like Courting.
But, after all, the fellow who hunts news is like the man who courts a girl in earnest, he does not want everybody to know just what questions he asks and what answers he gets. The scribbler with a big idea in his head will not give it away to his rival. The public gatherings are all right for the average man who gathers news for his paper, but the correspondent who hits the iron while it is hot and keeps the wires warm with live stuff knows too well the game to give his thunder away.

Mr. Wilson sees newspaper men one at a time when he feels that he should do so. Now and then he sends answers to urgent inquiries by Mr. Tumulty.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEAK

Will Make His First Address as Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Washington, April 4.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, will make his first speech as a federal official on Thursday next. The occasion will be the opening of the eighth annual convention of the Navy League of the United States. Mr. Roosevelt will deliver the address of welcome to the navy experts and enthusiasts of the nation who will be assembled.

Washington is much interested in this first speech of the man who bears the name of a former assistant secretary of the navy, who attracted much attention in that post and passed from it to even larger activities. This will be Assistant Secretary Roosevelt's formal presentation on the stage of national affairs. The general public knows little of him, but the Navy League knows him well. It knows of his activity in the organization of the Naval History Society and the important service performed by that society. It knows that he has one of the greatest private libraries on the navy that there is in the nation. It ranks him as one of the few civilian authorities upon naval affairs. It appreciates the fact that he was appointed to his present post because of his interest in naval affairs.

But nationally he has never made a speech. The public does not know what are his policies with reference to the navy. It does not know if he is an effective public speaker. The address of the day will be the first utterance of the administration on navy affairs.

The hour for this address is three in the afternoon. At the moment that Mr. Roosevelt is addressing the Navy League convention the baseball season will be in the very act of being opened at the grounds a little way and the President of the United States will be throwing the first ball. The program of the Navy League convention includes sessions for three days, which must end Saturday, April 12, so the start on Thursday is imperative.

In Honor of Mr. Daniels.
There will be a dinner in honor of Hon. Joseph Daniels, Secretary of the Navy on Friday, April 11. Before

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POLICEMAN AT LEXINGTON KILLED

J. M. Garland Shot to Death by Lee Ford

NO CAUSE IS ASSIGNED

Though Assailant, Upon Arrest, Says He Had a Reason—Filled With Buckshot

(Special to News and Observer.)
Lexington, April 4.—Policeman J. M. Garland was killed here this afternoon by Lee Ford.

The cause of the tragedy is shrouded in mystery, and no one, not even the family of the man who did the killing nor the family of the dead man, can throw any light on the subject. The killing took place at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Garland, who was a member of the night force and did police duty from 7 until 12 o'clock, worked during the day at the overall plant of the Sico Manufacturing Company. He was on his way back to the factory and had just crossed Second Avenue and stepped upon the sidewalk, about fifty feet from the factory door, when it is stated, Ford stepped out from behind the high board fence surrounding the shop of C. M. Thompson Sons.

Mr. Garland was employed, with a repeating shotgun in his hand. Without saying a word to his victim, it is alleged, he raised the gun and fired. Garland was not looking toward him when the first shot was fired, it is said, but whirled around and faced him. Rapidly advancing toward him, Ford fired twice more, it is said, and the

bullet struck the top of his head. About a dozen shot penetrated his breast, and seven or eight more entered his face. His hat was shot full of holes.

Ford slipped his gun under his arm and walked away after looking at Garland unconcernedly for a moment. Deputy Sheriff Fletcher Caudle, who was at the Southern depot, fifty yards away, heard the shooting, and was on the scene quickly. He overtook Ford, who was walking away quietly, and placed him under arrest. He made no statement other than to say that he had a good reason for killing Garland.

Miss Neila Everhart, also an employee of the Sico Manufacturing Company, was just a few feet behind Mr. Garland when the shooting occurred. A stray shot struck her in the arm, inflicting a very painful wound.

JAPAN HAS LODGED FORMAL PROTEST

Against Proposed Legislation by California

Prohibiting Alien Ownership of Land Subject of Conference Between Bryan and Chinda

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—The Japanese government has lodged formal protest with the State Department against the proposed enactment by the State of California of what it considers anti-Japanese legislation, the measure prohibiting the alien ownership of land in California.

It was learned today that this protest was made nearly a fortnight ago. Secretary Bryan and Viscount Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, were closeted for a half hour today at the State Department in a private conference, the subject of which neither would discuss.

It is known that Secretary Bryan is giving close attention to this delicate subject, studying carefully the history of the negotiations that took place between Secretary Root and Baron Takahara, in the Roosevelt administration, when a severe strain was placed upon the relations between America and Japan by the attempt of the California legislature to exclude Japanese children from the public schools.

The next step may be communication to the Secretary of State to the governor of California, calling his attention to the international question involved in the proposed actions of the Legislature.

N. C. NEWS AT THE CAPITAL

(By H. E. C. BRYANT.)

Washington, D. C., April 4.—O. F. Crowson, candidate for postmaster at Burlington, called on Secretary Daniels today. Mr. Daniels has not indicated Mr. Crowson or anybody else for the Burlington office.

S. E. Absher, of North Wilkesboro, spoke to Secretary Daniels today in behalf of Mr. Church for postmaster at his town.

H. M. Cooke has withdrawn from the race for postmaster at Spencer. George Dover has been appointed rural carrier at Shelby.

Levi Morton Improves.
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 4.—A decided change for the better in the condition of Levi Morton, former vice-president of the United States, was announced this afternoon by Dr. Herman Biggs, the attending physician. A steady improvement in Mr. Morton's condition, Dr. Biggs said, is now expected.

WOULD JOHN WEBB WALKER H. PAGE IS GIVEN WELCOME BY LONDON JOURNALS

Colorado Man "Stuck" On N. C. Congressman

LIQUOR BILL THE CAUSE

W. L. Ray Says His Name Will Go Down in History as a National Figure

(By H. E. C. BRYANT.)
Washington, April 4.—W. L. Ray, of Victor, Colorado, wants to run Representative E. Y. Webb for the Presidency. The Webb liquor bill is the cause, Mr. Ray has written Mr. Webb as follows:

"You have no doubt been swamped with congratulations over your stupendous and matchless victory over the most powerful political forces and influences in our great republic. However, I want to add my mite of praise to you as the author of the most important piece of legislation accomplished in this generation.

"Your name will go down in history as the first victorious champion of national legislation against the greatest enemy of the human race. The next great issue to be decided by the American people is the annihilation of the great curse which threatens the very foundation of good government.

"The next national convention of the great Democratic party will be forced to meet this issue, and you

will be the man of the hour. Put me down as the original Webb man—I am already negotiating a transfer to your district in anticipation of becoming a resident of the home district of the statesman who has accomplished more for his people than any of his colleagues, and who is destined to become the future president of the country he has already served so magnificently.

"You have no conception of how famous you have become all over this great country. Your victory against such very formidable enemies, is regarded as one of the greatest achievements of modern times.

"The father of four boys allow me to crown you as chief among American statesmen. You occupy this position in the hearts of thousands of true Americans from the Atlantic to the Pacific. With sincerest gratitude and best wishes."

After presenting the recent ambassador to England and paying tribute to Whitehall, the Nation adds:

"President Wilson was right in thinking from the American even more than the British standpoint, that the United States should be the Bancroft, Washington Irving, and Lowell type that even in the splendid days, wealth is not essential in a nominee to the London Embassy. We welcome and honor that demonstration. It fits in with the conception of what America should be, and at her best, really is, and it may be without its usefulness in restoring to London society a more just sense in values."

Mr. Page Welcomed.
The Nation says that becomes Mr. Page an American who it says will gain much and suffer nothing by coming to the London Embassy simply on his own merits as a citizen and a servant of the Republic.

The Weekly Spectator also extends a cordial welcome to Mr. Page.

OHIO'S LOSS 460 LIVES, 4,200 HOMES

Estimate Made By Agent of Red Cross

Reports More Than 40,000 Persons Homeless—Underwear and Bedding Needed

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—Ohio's loss in the recent flood was estimated tonight in a telegram from the American Red Cross agent in charge at Columbus as follows:

460 lives lost.
4,200 homes destroyed.
40,500 persons homeless.
5,000 families outside of Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati in need of rehabilitation.

It has been extremely difficult to get information, according to the agent, because wires are still down and transportation facilities uncertain. Emergency relief situation in each flooded district in Ohio being well covered, the telegram said. From Dayton, Columbus, Piqua, Troy, Ottawa, Sidney, Hamilton, Miamisburg, Middletown and Zanesville, covered by Red Cross representatives in these places, information is being rapidly accumulated on which to base rehabilitation. We are pushing men into other flooded towns as fast as water subsides and we can get men. Colonel Miller, chief quartermaster, reports need of underwear of all sorts, bedding and blankets.

SOME TROUBLE AT HICKMAN.

Hickman, Ky., April 4.—Water, coming through several breaches in the city levee at West Hickman, which went out today, has inundated that suburb to a depth of from four to fourteen feet tonight, and has spread to the government, or Reeffoot, levee to the west of Hickman. Additional forces, recruited from the workers who had been employed on the city dyle, joined the flood-fighters on the Reeffoot levee tonight. No work points have developed along this stretch, and while the water is lapping the sand bags piled on top of the levee, those directing the fight assert that no immediate danger exists.

IN THE OHIO VALLEY.

Cairo, Ill., April 4.—Conditions throughout the Ohio river basin as here reported to the weather bureau here tonight indicated that whether the flood waters at this point are to be held within bounds will be known within twenty-four hours. With the crest of the flood only a short distance up stream, rain was reported generally in the territory drained by the Ohio and its tributaries. Only one important river, the Washaw, was reported as falling. Both the Cumberland and Tennessee were said to be rising.

In addition, the Mississippi is rising between Cairo and St. Louis. This fact is looked upon as particularly serious of all because the Ohio needs a free outlet to prevent a backing-up of waters on the levees here.

WALTER H. PAGE IS GIVEN WELCOME BY LONDON JOURNALS

"The Nation" Says Wilson Is Right in Thinking Wealth Not Essential to Service

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT

The Appointment Taken As a Striking Compliment to the Good Sense of the British

(By the Associated Press.)
London, April 4.—The Nation, a weekly newspaper of Liberal tendency, this week deals at length with the "interesting experiment" in his reversion to the "scholar diplomat" which President Wilson has made in his appointment of Walter Hines Page as ambassador to the Court of St. James.

"In offering the London embassy to Mr. Page," The Nation says, "President Wilson has made an interesting experiment. He has modestly reverted to the scholar diplomat as the type of man most qualified to represent the United States abroad.

"In doing so he has paid a silent but striking compliment to the good sense of the British people. He has assumed that what was most valuable in an American ambassador is not his wealth and his ability to lavish it on magnificent houses and huge entertainments, but his personality and his achievements, and the extent to which

the Nation declares that President Roosevelt tried the same experiment with Dr. David Jayne Hill, former American ambassador to Germany, successor to Mr. Charles G. Tower. After a description of Mr. Hill's previous career, The Nation says:

"The change was as Mr. Roosevelt intended it to be—a thorough one. It was an appeal from the eccentric, commercialized Berlin of today to the city of plain living and high thinking—a generation ago.

"There is no need to go into the details of the unhappy but illuminating sequel. Neither the Emperor, nor Berlin came out of it with credit."

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ECONOMY COMMISSION TO BE CONTINUED

President Wilson is Expected to Recommend Action by Congress to This Effect—Conference Last Night

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—The Efficiency and Economy Commission created by President Taft will be continued under the Wilson administration. Mr. Wilson had a conference tonight with F. A. Cleveland, head of the commission, and a revision to the charter of the commission exists through John Purroy Mitchell, and Dr. Henry Bruere, of New York, and manifested deep interest in the idea of the modern, business-like plan for handling the affairs of the national government.

The commission exists through a provision in the sundry civil bill, and a recommendation for its continuation is expected during the coming session of Congress. Mr. Wilson had a similar commission in New Jersey when he was governor.

LEFT CHILD TO DIE FROM STARVATION

Such Is the Verdict of Coroner's Jury As to Death of Two-Year-Old Child—Its Grandmother Charged With the Crime

(By the Associated Press.)
Waynesville, April 4.—The coroner's inquest over the death of little two-year-old Roberta Hannah was held last night on Tate mountain, where it was found. The jury said the child came to its death at the hands of its grandmother, Nancy Kurlee, who left it in the mountains to die from starvation and exposure about six weeks ago.

The face of the little girl was badly decomposed. The grandmother, who is in jail, will not talk about it. She will be tried at the July term of court. This will be one of the most sensational cases ever tried in Haywood county. Feeling is very high against the woman, who is fifty years old.

116 INDICTMENTS.

Investigation of Chicago's "Arson Trust" is Completed.

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., April 4.—Investigation of Chicago's "Arson Trust" was completed today by the special grand jury. One hundred and sixteen indictments were voted, and evidence in connection with thirty-two was presented.

ONE HANGED AT BIRMINGHAM.

(By the Associated Press.)
Birmingham, Ala., April 4.—Walker Jones, aged 24 years, was hanged in the jail yard here today at 11:35 p. m. for the murder of Lawrence R. Evans, a mining contractor at Lawrenceburg, in October, 1911.

PARTNERS IN MORGAN FIRM WILL CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE DEAD MONEY KING



Thomas W. Lamont (top left) E. T. Stotesbury (bottom left) and Harry P. Davison.

New York, April 4.—The firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. has not suffered by the death of the great financier, who for so many years stood at its head. J. P. Morgan, Jr., and the other members of the firm give every promise of directing its affairs with the same success which has ever characterized its operations in the past.

Chief among the partners, after the younger Morgan, is Harry P. Davison, a keen, hard-faced business man, a student of economics and political development, a business man of the new type, thoroughly equipped to comprehend and handle the new problems

which the growing socialization of industry is forcing on his firm.

Thomas W. Lamont is a man in training and point of view not unlike Davison, a Harvard man, he underwent a long service in newspaper work as reporter and editor, followed that up with a notable success in the wholesale business. He became secretary and treasurer of Davison's Banker's Trust Company, then vice-president of the First National, and a Morgan partner.

E. T. Stotesbury is head of the Philadelphia branch of the house. He is a shrewd business man, with an experience of more than a quarter of a century with the firm.

KEYNOTE MESSAGE VERY MUCH ABSENT IN THEIR FIRST CAUCUS OF HOMES AND BUSINESS

Roosevelt Sends Not a Word to Followers

Third Party, Fifteen Present. Nominates Murdoch for Speaker of House

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, April 4.—At its first caucus, held this afternoon, the Progressive, the third party organization in the House, nominated Representative Victor Murdoch, of Kansas, as candidate for speaker of the House, and perfected plans for an aggressive legislative campaign. Fifteen members of the House attended the conference and the affiliation of that members who have not yet reached Washington was announced.

The caucus, of conference, was held in the main room of the House, and a crowd of interested spectators, many of them women, attended. A flood of orders swept through the entire proceedings and the new congressmen were accorded abundant applause as they denounced both Democratic and Republican parties as "reactionary," "stand-paters" and lauded Progressive principles and Theodore Roosevelt.

All expected keynote messages from Colonel Roosevelt failed to materialize.

The members who attended the conference were: Representatives Eubank, Temple, Walters, Lewis, Hurling and Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Bell and Stephenson, of California; Murdoch, of Kansas; Bryan, of Washington; Leferty, of Oregon; Chandler, of New York; and Lindbergh, of Minnesota. Those recorded but not present were Falconer, of Washington; Woodruff, of Michigan; Nolan, of California; and Thomson, of Illinois.

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MORGAN'S FUNERAL PROBABLY APRIL 14

Exact Date Will Depend Upon Arrival of the France From Haver—Interment at Hartford, Conn.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, April 4.—Monday, April 14, probably will be set aside as the day for holding funeral services here over the body of J. P. Morgan. The exact date had not been determined today and will depend upon the time of arrival of the liner France, which is bringing the financier's body from Havre.

The services will be held at St. George's Episcopal church and the interment will be at Hartford, Conn., the same day.

TARIFF REVISION BILL IS COMPLETE EXCEPTING SUGAR

Wool, Meats and Many Other Food Stuffs and Clothing on Free List

FOLLOWS WILSON'S IDEAS

Low Duties on Agricultural Products and Food Stuffs That Are Not Free

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 4.—The Democratic tariff revision bill is completed tonight with the exception of a final decision upon sugar.

From beginning to end it is modeled in accord with the ideas of President Wilson, with wool, meats and many other foodstuffs and clothing materials on the free list; with low duties upon all agricultural products and food stuffs that are not free; and with the tariff on chemicals and other commercial products cut far below the present protective rates. Senate tariff leaders today asked for an opportunity to study the bill until Sunday afternoon. They will then confer with Chairman Underwood of the House committee on ways and means and later will have a final conference with

Underwood.

Summary of Day's Developments.
Briefly summarized, the tariff developments of the day were:

President Wilson's ultimatum to sugar interests that they must agree to a tariff of one cent per pound for three years, with free sugar after that time, or he would attempt to provide for free sugar at once.

Completion of the bill by the ways and means committee with the exception of the sugar schedule. On this the committee is prepared to agree on free sugar if the President insists.

Income tax rates fixed at one percent for all corporation incomes above \$5,000; one and one-half percent for incomes from \$4,000 to \$5,000; two percent from \$2,000 to \$4,000; three percent from \$1,000 to \$2,000; four percent above \$100,000.

The Sugar Question.
The president submitted his proposal on the sugar tariff to Representative Underwood of Louisiana, early in the day, and the committee on ways and means conferred throughout the day and sounded out other members of the Senate to determine whether enough strength could be secured to fight the free sugar feature of the bill. This had reached no decision tonight, however, as to the course to take.

Notwithstanding the sugar controversy, events so shaped themselves today as to indicate that the House, the Senate and the president will come to a definite and final agreement on the tariff bill before Monday, and that the measure will be presented to the House early next week as an administrative measure and with all tariff leaders behind it.

With Underwood.
After a short meeting of Democratic members of the finance committee today, Senators Simmons, James and Hughes called on Mr. Underwood and discussed the wool sugar and agricultural tariffs. A demand from some quarters in the Senate for an increase in the agricultural duties and a doubt as to the success of both free wool and free sugar in the Senate, constitute the problems over which the Senate leaders will work tonight and tomorrow.

The House tariff makers have left matters entirely in the hands of the president. Members of the Senate finance committee today declared there would be an ultimatum conference with the president over all contested points.

Harmony Developing.
The situation as it has developed this week apparently is a consummation of the plan laid out by the president. Members of the Senate finance committee today declared there would be an ultimatum conference with the president over all contested points.

While factories are closed for repairs, men can be given work, for which they will be paid for the clearing up of the immense amount of debris, such cleaning being necessary for sanitary and other reasons. Thus a purchasing power will be given them again. They may be aided in the repair of their houses, and thus employment provided for others.

The re-establishment of his market will enable the merchant to re-employ his staff, and thus again they can return to a normal existence. Where men or women have been paying for their homes by monthly installments, they can be assisted in such payments for a time, so as to prevent the loss of their homes and possibly the failure of mutual building associations, which would be disastrous to many of the working people. All this great work the Red Cross, with the generous contributions of the American people, is undertaking.

This work of individual rehabilitation will lead to the rehabilitation of the entire community, and the setting again in motion of the wheels of normal life will be the greatest help that can possibly be given to the unfortunate victims of the flood.

With the courage of the American people on the side of the disaster, and, on the other hand, with the generosity of our sympathetic public, the Red Cross believes this can and will be accomplished.

GOTHAM GIVES \$570,000.
New York, April 4.—This city's fund for the relief of flood sufferers now totals more than \$570,000. Today the Red Cross raised \$11,000; the Merchants Association, \$1,900; the Chamber of Commerce, \$1,000; Mayor Gaynor's committee, \$1,100, and the citizens' committee, \$85.

The Red Cross alone has raised nearly half a million dollars in and around the city. Of this amount \$435,000, including a check of \$50,000 today, has been sent to national headquarters at Washington.

Adopted Wilson's Views.
This committee has agreed that for every change the President suggested in our original bill as it reached him, his suggestions were few. Most of the bill met with his hearty approval. The committee was of the mind that no bill should be presented

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