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WARD AGAINST PREPAREDNESS: KUGLER SPEAKS OF CITY MORALS: BARACA BANQUET BIG SUCCESS

OVER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS PRESENT AT
ELKS HALL LAST NIGHT.

HAD BIG TIME

Excellent Repast Served by Ladies
Aid Society. Good Music Enjoyed.
Interesting Addresses Made by
Visitors Present.

In a highly impressive speech at the Baraca class banquet last night, H. A. Ward expressed himself as strongly opposed to the proposed huge expenditure of funds for larger army and navy and urged the Baraca class, together with other similar organizations throughout the country, to make their influence felt and endeavor to stop this uncalculated and extravagant expenditure for war.

"It is against the doctrines of peace and the teachings of the Bible," stated Mr. Ward. "It is proposed to drag our young men away from civic work and put them behind guns and on board of ships to slay other men and to destroy property. Should not a class, such as is here tonight, do everything in its power to check such a work and do its utmost to prevent this issue?"

"I believe in protection. I believe that there should be strong forts between the boundaries of every country. But they should be such forts as are between Argentina and Chile in South America. There, high in the Andes, there is a fort that has proven most highly effective in calling a halt to all possible warfare between these two republics. It consists of a huge base, made in octagonal shape and of the purest granite. On it there stands a statue of the Christ, one hand raised towards heaven and the other supporting a cross. That is the kind of a fort that should be placed upon the boundaries of other countries. If there had been such a fort between Germany and Belgium, the latter country would not have been devastated by conflicting armies. If there had been such a fort between Germany and Russia, there would not today be over a million men in Poland. It is towards establishing more of these forts that the Baraca classes of this country can do the most effective work."

Speaks on City Morals.
Mayor F. C. Kugler, who was also called upon for an address at the banquet, spoke on the moral conditions in Washington.

"When I first came to this city," he stated, "there were twenty-one saloons in Washington. Each saloon was a place for drinking and loafing on the part of our young men. Ten or fifteen years ago there were from ten to twenty arrests every Christmas because of drunkenness. This Christmas there were only three. There is less liquor drunk in Washington at the present time than ever before. Any man who says there isn't, does so because he is against our present laws and wants to see the bar-rooms and old conditions return. Our moral condition is improving; of that there is no question. There is still much liquor brought into the city, but what we should especially guard against and try to break up is the manufacture of liquor in our own country. There are many moonshiners here and our lawful citizens are not doing all they might do towards breaking up this practice. Some of them are afraid that they will lose some of the country trade if they become workers in the cause for temperance. But I tell you, my friends, if every merchant and citizen of Washington would do his utmost towards breaking up this violation of the law, it would not so long before the entire country was rid of the practice of distilling liquor, and we would all be better off for it."

Banquet a Big Success.
The Baraca class banquet proved a big success in every way. Over one hundred members gathered at the Elks' Hall last night and enjoyed the excellent repast that had been prepared by the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church. Throughout the meal, a number of vocal and instrumental selections were rendered. Among those who sang were Miss Mabel Diller, Mrs. D. M. Carter, Miss Lewis and a quartette of young ladies. A vote of thanks was extended

to the ladies at the conclusion of the banquet for their kind assistance.

Good Addresses Made.

After the supper was over with, Toastmaster Harris made a brief introductory speech and stated therein that a letter had been received from Congressman Small, who was unable to attend the banquet and which would be read by Mr. Privette. The latter read the missive, which proved highly interesting and expressed the writer's regret at not being able to be present at the banquet. Among the other speakers called upon were J. H. Perreault of Petersburg, Va., Rev. H. B. Wright and W. M. Kear.

BEGIN MISSION AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mr. Matthews Began Week's Services Last Night. Large Congregation Heard Discourse.

A large and interested congregation attended the first services of the mission, which opened last night at St. Peter's Episcopal church. Rev. Mr. Matthews, the evangelistic preacher, who is conducting the services, delivered a most impressive sermon, taking as his text Matthew 2:10, "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Mr. Matthews dwelt upon the characters that were about the manger at the birth of Christ. The intellectual characters were the wise men who reached Bethlehem by the means of astronomy, the simple characters personified in the form of the good shepherd who adopted the Saviour by the act of simple faith, and the motherly character, represented by the Blessed Virgin.

Services will continue for a week. The nightly services will be held in the future at 7:30 o'clock instead of eight. Bible readings will be held every afternoon at four o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.

"NATIONAL EMERGENCY" IN ABOUT A YEAR

New York, Jan. 7.—Resolutions calling for military preparedness to meet a national emergency which will arise "within the next twelve or thirteen months," were passed today at the first meeting of the advisory board of the American Defense Society, attended by Col. Theodore Roosevelt, his cousin, Philip Roosevelt, Hudson Maxim, David Jayne Hill and several other well-known advocates of preparedness.

GRIP SEEMS TO HAVE REACHED ITS HEIGHT

That the grip epidemic in Washington has about reached its height is the opinion of local physicians. One doctor said today that from inquiries he had made he had been unable to find that the disease was increasing and that he felt sure that there are no more cases in Washington, as many, now as there were several days ago.

HOLD MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS BALL PARK

Meeting to be Held at the City Hall Tomorrow Night at Which Project Will be Brought Up.

A mass meeting, for the purpose of deciding upon the purchase of a park for Washington, will be held at the City Hall Saturday night. The committee in charge has sent in the following notice for publication:

"Shall we have baseball in Washington next summer?"
"You, the citizens of Washington, are the ones to answer this question right now. We have the most promising material for a good team that we have ever had and to develop it we must have suitable grounds."
"We have an option on a whole city block at the corner of Fifth and Charlotte streets on the Hudson property, which option will expire at midnight, Monday, the 10th. We are informed that we cannot renew the option. We can buy this prop-

PHYSICIANS WARN AGAINST KISSING

Osculation is Help in Causing Spread of Grippe, It is Claimed.

If kissing gives us all the grippe, The best of us, we think is "Lip" So, fearless of the harmless worms, We have the nerve, bring on the germs.

To kiss or not to kiss is one of the important questions now being discussed in Washington. Since the "wave" of grippe spread over the country and scores of Washingtonians in order to be "in style" have contracted the malady, local physicians have warned against practicing the gentle art of osculation, claiming that this is one of the worst methods of spreading the ailment.

However, this is leap year and, as might be supposed, kissing, is said to be a popular pastime and to refrain from stealing a few smacks now and then is, so it is said, a pretty hard matter.

Of course, everyone who is afflicted with a case of sneezes and wheezes did not contract it through indiscretion along this particular line, but there are, probably, a few who can trace the origin of the attack back to such and to these the medicals are pointing as a horrible example and urging others to beware.

"THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER."

"The Chocolate Soldier" is enjoying its fifth season of unabated popularity and has broken the old rule that "familiarity breeds contempt." In the case of this masterpiece of Oscar Straus and the Viennese school of music, the familiarity that the American people possess of "The Chocolate Soldier," with its captivating melodies and its scintillating wit, has only made them more eager to repeat the experience of an evening in the company of the Chocolate Soldier.

This explains the coming of the exquisite opera bouffe that Oscar Straus and his associates fashioned from George Bernard Shaw's immortal comedy, "Arms and the Man," to the New Theatre on next Thursday night. Not content with the strength of the companies of previous seasons and he widely remarked beauty of the scenic equipment, the producer of "The Chocolate Soldier" has sought to surpass former achievements and to increase if possible, the power of spell that the romantic Bulgarian atmosphere and the witching music casts over every audience.

SUNDAY'S DRY OHIO CITY TOPPLED OFF "WAGON"
Steubenville, Which Abandoned Liquor After Revival, Goes "Wet" Again.
Steubenville, O., Jan. 7.—This city, which went dry in 1911, following a revival held by Billy Sun, day, returned to the wet fold this week with a majority of 271 votes out of a total of 4,653 votes cast.

The election, one of the most exciting ever held, followed a campaign of bitterness that has never been rivaled in the State.

Attorney Ira C. Blackburne, counsel for the Steubenville Dry League, filed many affidavits charging voters with fraudulent registration and illegal voting.

The election overturned a dry regime in the city for the second time in the past ten years.

SLIDING IN THE BALKANS.



GARRISON OUTLINES HIS MILITARY PLAN

Secretary of War Would Have Congress Increase Standing Army to 140,000 Men and Create Continental Army of 400,000.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Americans must adopt voluntary military training or face conscription. This was Secretary of War Garrison's warning today when he opened the army national defense hearings before the house military committee.

He declared a large standing army undesirable and "utterly futile" and asserted reliance upon state militia "utterly unwarranted" and an "unstable foundation." His continental army plan, he said, was the only reasonable alternative if compulsory military training and conscription or service is to be avoided.

"If you adopt a system based on voluntary action (the continental army plan) of the people and that calls, then policies based on universal service or some form of compulsory service will be enacted as the only remaining remedy," said Garrison.

The secretary of war read a long statement to the committee in opening his examination outlining the administration army preparedness program, including increase of the standing army to 140,000 men, the continental army of 400,000 volunteers, and increase of munition supplies and strengthening of coast fortifications. His grilling by committee members will follow.

Garrison did not argue at length his necessity for the preparedness program.

"The people are now insisting that such proper measures for national defense shall be taken," said Garrison. "The integrity of the nation and its very existence may depend upon what is done at this time. The people have passed beyond a point of requiring further debate or reasons for necessity for such action."

"We may not solve our problem by either regular standing army or temporary force of militia."

"Our present military force is totally inadequate to our responsibilities. The chaos which a crisis always produces makes it certain that several months would intervene after outbreak of war before any considerable number of volunteers would be ready."

"There is a disposition among some that we are now facing a crisis. This is not the proper view. There is common agreement that we should have 500,000 men subject to instant call."

Garrison said it was impossible, and would be enormously expensive to maintain a standing army of that number, declaring present accommodations would care only for 50,000 additional. That the cost of a half million men would be a half billion dollars annually was declared.

"It is also impossible under present conditions to enlist more than 50,000 a year," Garrison explained. "In a democracy the nation's defense should rest upon the citizens and not upon a professional paid force," he declared.

Federalizing of the national guard Garrison said, was impossible, be-

CRAIG CONGRATULATES VOTERS FOR CARRYING BOND ELECTION IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

CYCLONE DAVIS MAKES SPEECH

Picturesque Texan Denounces Plan of Preparedness Which Calls for Big Army and Navy.

Washington, Jan. 7.—With prose and poetry Congressman "Cyclone" Davis, picturesque Texan, today made his maiden speech in the house, a violent assault upon preparedness and militarism. The veteran Populist warhorse got a big "hand." He made a unique appearance with his curly, wavy beard, black collarless coat, and vehement gesticulations. His preparation was the following:

"Small gun thunders never cease, And dynamite millions moan, We've fed the dogs of war, On human flesh? Flesh and bone?" After vigorously denouncing all war and preparation for it, Davis said:

"It is said that when the war in Europe shall have ended most of the world's free wealth will be in his country. Do not be deceived; but little squad who constitute less than a millionth part of the country's population, but control a tenth of all its wealth, when the crucial hour strikes, will again touch knees around that famous table at Judge Gary's and lay out the plan, and specifications, for making sure that not much of that wealth will reach the common man."

"It is a well conceived plan of the protected interests to join in the clamor for preparedness."

"A commercial conscience is war-mad—mad for great world power, and the millionaire magic of our country are holding convalesces and opening cables to force upon the country a stupendous program of military preparedness, hoping to put the White House a dictator to secure it. Give them an imperial army and navy, reinstate the Republican party in power, put a man at the head of the nation of the rest, as an ambitious spirit of Roosevelt and we will have reached the beginning of the end of the rule of the people. These war traffickers are lined up for a billion dollar raid on the treasury in the sacred name of national defense."

NEW PASTOR AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Riemer of South Carolina, to Preach at Local Baptist Church Sunday Morning and Evening.

Rev. A. E. Riemer, of Allendale, S. C., will preach at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Riemer comes most highly recommended and is said to be a most talented preacher and orator.

A full attendance of the church members is requested at Sunday's services. The public is also cordially invited to be present.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining unpaid for in this office for the week ending Washington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1916.

MEN—
Brooks Studio, G. D. Brown, LeRoy Bryan, Robert Brown, John C. Caldwell, C. C. Hicks, Jos. Hunter, Charlie Esing, Arthur J. Lewis, C. H. Malley, L. D. Patterson, Cal. Lee Report, Charlie Smith, Brooks Wingard, Jr.

WOMEN—
Miss Minnie Clark, Mrs. Anna Cherry, Miss Sadie Davidson, Mrs. F. Ford, Mrs. Nora Green, (2) Mrs. E. K. Hardin, Mrs. Katy Hudson, Miss Lular Johnson, Miss Janice Leary, Miss Fanny Loyd, Miss Mary Latham, Mrs. John McGay, Miss Reba Morton, Miss Maudie Plummer, Mrs. Mary J. Robinson, Mrs. E. J. Sparrow, Gertrude Selby, Mrs. Mary Spencer, Mrs. J. H. Tarrant, Mrs. Dave Willis.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 17, 1916, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised," giving date of list.

N. HENRY MOORE, P. M.

GOVERNOR WRITES LETTER EXPRESSING HIS DELIGHT OVER SUCCESS OF MOVEMENT.

HIGHLY PLEASED

States That No Community in the State Has Ever Yet Expressed Regret Because Bonds Were Issued for Improving the Roads.

A letter from Governor Locke Craig, congratulating the voters of Washington township upon having carried the bond election for good roads, was received this morning and reads as follows:

State of North Carolina
Executive Department
Raleigh
January
Sixth
Nineteen sixteen

Mr. Carl Goetz,
Washington, N. C.
My dear Sir:

Washington Township can be nothing that will contribute more to its prosperity and to the welfare of its people than the improvement of the roads. No community in North Carolina so far as I know has ever yet expressed any regret at spending money for the building of good roads. In many places good people have opposed the issuing of bonds, but after the bonds were issued and the roads were built, the difference between the new road and the old road made such a vast improvement for the welfare of all the people that all dissatisfaction disappeared.

I notice that you have voted \$50,000 for the improvement of the roads of Washington Township. I do not know the conditions on which these bonds have been issued, but I assume that they are to be issued about as other road bonds are issued. I am satisfied that the improved road will demonstrate the wisdom of the bonds.

Yours sincerely,
LOCKE CRAIG.

BRIDGE PARTY WEDNESDAY.

Was Given in Honor of Mrs. Washburne and Miss Tillman.

A bridge party, consisting of eleven tables, was given by Mrs. J. L. Nicholson and Miss Mary Hill Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Harold Washburne and Miss Bessie May Tillman. High score was made by Mrs. James Cordon. Delightful refreshments, in two courses, followed the games.

COL. ROOSEVELT GOING TO THE WEST INDIES

New York, Jan. 7.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt will start on February 15 on a trip to the West Indies from which he will not return until April 1. It was announced today. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

CARD OF THANKS.

We want to thank the neighbors, doctors and nurses and all others who so kindly assisted us through the sickness and death of Oscar Ross. The expressions of sympathy from so many are a great source of comfort.

Father, Brothers, Sisters,
Wife and Son.

Max the Haver,
When a man says "I don't want to complain," it means that he can't complain most of the time.—Aitchison News.

NEW THEATRE
TU-NIGHT
Essany presents
"The Fable of Hazel's Two Husbands"—1 reel
Biograph presents
"Ashes of Inspiration"
2 reels
Pathé presents
9th episode of
"Neal of the Navy"
Prices \$2 & 10