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President Outlines Policy Towards Central America

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The President Explains Why Commission Was Sent to Witness Elections in Dominican Republic—U. S. Will Not Supervise The Elections—Commission is Unofficial.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today called for the United States did not wish to establish a protectorate over any country of Central America or over 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 United States does not intend to interfere with 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 a special commission now on its way to San Domingo.

President Wilson made it clear that the United States used its good offices and refraining 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 in the language of San Domingo to witness the elections, but not as "friendly and impartial spectators."

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College or No College? Tonight Decides.

One thousand, six hundred and seventy-five dollars was the amount reported by the canvassers today at 1 o'clock at the Selwyn hotel as the addition to the fund for Queens College, the total on this the last day of the 10-day campaign being \$44,956.

The mass meeting set for 8 o'clock tonight in the Second Presbyterian church is expected to bring the campaign to a close so far as any further soliciting of subscriptions along present lines. There is expected to be a large crowd at the meeting tonight, as everybody in the city, of whatever denomination, and both ladies and gentlemen are cordially and urgently invited to be present.

Much of the time at the luncheon today was spent in reviewing the success of the campaign and the prospects for the future of the college with the present status of affairs. Several propositions were submitted to those assembled that may have a great deal to do with the future of the college. They will be divulged to the mass meeting tonight, the propositions having been merely broached and not ready for submission to the public.

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SUFFRAGETTES WANT WILSON TO TELL THEM

Washington, Dec. 8.—A large delegation of woman suffragists marched on the White House at noon today to ask President Wilson for a definite expression of his views on votes for women.

In a cold, biting wind that whipped their banners and played havoc with feminine finery about 100 leaders of the cause, who had remained here after their last week's convention, assembled at suffrage headquarters near the Treasury for the march to the White House offices.

Between lines of police and bearing banners representing nearly every state the women tramped off headed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Susan W. Fitzgerald and others appointed to the committee of 55 by the convention to arrange for the meeting with the president.

The march on the White House was caused principally by President Wilson's omission in his annual message of any reference to the suffrage question. Last week the president was suffering from a bad cold and could not see the suffragists and after two attempts to make an engagement the suffrage leaders were instructed to wait in Washington until Mr. Wilson could see them.

Suffragettes Are Received Today By President Wilson

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"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 me what I thought about this suggestion of yours of appointing a special committee of the house as the senate has already appointed for the consideration of woman's suffrage, and I told him that I thought it was a proper thing to do."

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TWENTY PERSONS DROWNED AT BROOKSHIRE

Brazos Floods Take Further Toll of Human Life—Cold Weather Adds to The Discomfort of Flood Victims.

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.

Cold weather that set in during the night added to the discomfort of thousands of refugees in the south Texas flood territory. Throughout the water bound districts of the Brazos and Colorado rivers flood victims waited in gin 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 was especially true of the Brazos. Additional fatalities were reported. Today's dispatches placed the estimate of the drowned at about seventy.

One of the wrong impressions which we are responsible for is that the people of Charlotte as a whole and particularly the Presbyterian people who compose so large and influential a part of the population are not interested in Christian education and that they are niggardly and mean in the matter of giving to enterprises for the public good. Whether we meant to create that impression or not, the fact is we have done so. The statements by which this impression has been produced emanate from us and are only half-truths.

The whole truth is that as touching this particular enterprise the response so far has not been as prompt and as generous as we are accustomed to see from these people, whatever the reason may be, but that in interest in Christian education and in other philanthropic enterprises, this city and its people favorably with those of any other place known to us. The simple facts bear me out in this. Who built Davidson college, one of the very best institutions for Christian education in the state, and who has from time to time come to its rescue when faced with financial embarrassment? It happen to be in possession of facts that will show the Presbyterian manhood of Charlotte to be some of those who have done so most nobly and with no advertisement of the facts in the case. Who endowed Union Seminary in another state but under the control of this synod and the one in which it is located? I am in possession of facts to prove that the Presbyterian manhood of Charlotte had a liberal share in this too.

"SHALL QUEENS COLLEGE LIVE?" MEETING CALLED

On the First Presbyterian church calendar yesterday was a note, written by the pastor, which read thus: "YOUR FAILURE to be present at a mass meeting of Presbyterians at the Second Presbyterian church Monday evening at 8 o'clock will go a long way to giving a negative answer to the question of the hour, 'SHALL QUEENS COLLEGE CONTINUE TO LIVE?'"

The trustees have done the best that human ingenuity could do in this matter. They declare that the college cannot continue to operate at its present site and carry a debt of \$64,000.00. They set before the Presbyterians of Charlotte an opportunity to make it possible by combining to contribute \$50,000.00, to liquidate the \$64,000.00 debt and remove the college to such a site, and rebuild on such lines as will in their judgment, make its success for the future sure.

"What shall the trustees do? The time is short. This opportunity will in a few days be gone forever. Bring your answer to the meeting tomorrow night."

Today Dr. Rblston hands The News the following article which is of vital interest to the public and especially the Presbyterian public. The article follows:

As the end of last week came on and that small company of men who have been pushing the matter of soliciting the financial assistance of the people of Charlotte for the removal and rebuilding of Queens College on the ample site offered the trustees in Myers Park found that only \$40,000.00 of the needed \$150,000.00 was in sight they were naturally disheartened and discouraged.

This note of discontentment reached the ears of the city and of the public far and wide through the columns of our newspapers which have done such faithful service in giving the exact status of the campaign as it progressed and for which service every trustee and every other person interested in Charlotte and the college must feel indebted to them.

Who pays out \$3,000.00 per year in charity work in one hospital alone and who maintains our churches and our vast mission enterprises and orphan asylums? (Continued on Page Nine.)

COLD WAVE HAS WHOLE COUNTRY IN TOW

Washington, Dec. 8.—The storm that has over the great lakes yesterday was passing 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. Temperature 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.

ELIZABETH CITY GETS SOME RELIEF

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—The Elizabeth City zone is to have after January 19th a reduction on interstate freight rates amounting to 15 cents first class, with proportional reductions in other classes of freights from Ohio and Mississippi river crossings through Norfolk to territory north of Albemarle sound.

RESCUE AT SEA SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.—Mystery surrounding the reported rescue of 137 passengers from the Mallory liner Rio Grande during a fire at sea north of the Diamond shoals early yesterday remained unsolved today and though the wireless of the South Atlantic coast was reaching out for information none was obtained to clear up several conflicting reports.

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PART OF ATLANTIC FLEET OFF FOR VERA CRUZ

On Board the United States Battleship Oregon at Sea, by wireless telegraph to San Miguel, Azores, Dec. 8. The vessels of the Atlantic fleet which have been visiting European ports, returned at noon today in latitude 41° 17' north, longitude 32.5 west.

The Oregon, Ohio and Connecticut proceeded to Vera Cruz, Mexico, by way of Guadalupe while the remainder of the Atlantic fleet continues their voyage to United States waters.

The vessels were today 2,000 miles from Guadalupe Bay and 2,500 miles from Vera Cruz.

THE SAYRES REACH LONDON.

London, Dec. 8.—Francis Bowes Sayre and his wife, who was Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, spent their first day in London making a sight-seeing trip around the city.

Mr. Sayre tomorrow will accompany Walter H. Page, the American ambassador to Cambridge University to participate in the commemoration feast at Trinity College.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina. Fair tonight and Tuesday; temperature below freezing tonight; brisk northwest winds; diminishing.

DEATH OF THE FIRST WOMAN LAWYER.

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—Miss Phoebe Cousser, who was the first woman lawyer in the United States, the first woman to hold the office of United States marshal and the first woman to be graduated from Washington University, was buried here today.

With her was lowered into the United States marshal's badge of silver presented by President Cleveland to her father and upon his death to her.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson had a cough today but otherwise seemed to be recovered from his cold. He has not finally determined upon appointments to the interstate commerce commission, where there are about to be three vacancies.