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WILSON BACK ON HIS JOB WITH HIS OLD TIME VIGOR

Receives Few Callers Because of Press of Official Business, but Considers Every Case Put Before Him in Writing—Coal Mine Wage Question Given Serious Study

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Washington, March 19.—President Wilson, who last September dropped the demand of public view to complete his isolation in a less dramatic manner, and the office of the executive is now functioning more than at any time in more than seven months.

Every indication that before the close of the white house the president will be passing his time on Tuesdays and Fridays with his usual callers will be passing his time in a never ending stream of official business, but in connection with the coming of the air of dignified and dignified surroundings the executive office in the west wing of the white house building will be noticeable.

Though but few persons have been seen in the white house during the past week or two, it is becoming more and more evident that during the time he has disposed of a large amount of work, and that press of official business, rather than physical weakness, is the barrier that is keeping back most of the callers. In days when the president was still able to receive his callers, he would only the most pressing matters, and those only before him, and that situation continued until the present week. But now any person who has a legitimate claim to the attention of the chief executive can go to his office and put his case in writing.

Callers come with public business and with private ends to serve. In the white house daily in an attempt to get the president "for one minute," having their regard for the fact that he is able to receive visitors. To all of these visitors, the president will give whatever attention it desires. Which is no idle promise, because as his correspondence goes the president is fully "back on the job."

Studies Coal Trouble

Though the president has kept in touch with the peace treaty during the past several days, the greater part of his time has been given to a study of the coal situation as contained in the majority report of his coal strike commission, signed by Chairman Henry M. Robinson and Secretary Fred A. Peale, and the minority report signed by John P. White. He has taken this in order that he may have an opportunity to study the situation of the commission, having in mind the time of its appointment, and the desirability of an agreement.

It is understood that more than the situation is tied up in this issue, however important that question may be. At the time the commission was named three months ago it was understood that the president looked forward to establishing a precedent for the settlement of future labor troubles.

As far as possible, some plan was sought to frame last fall without success. This leads to the belief that he will try long and earnestly to secure Messrs. Robinson, Peale and White to an agreement.

The Two Reports

The general understanding is that the majority report of the commission would give an increase of 25 per cent to the miners, over what they were getting prior to the strike of November 1, while Mr. White favors an increase of 35 percent and a one hour day. Neither of these reports has been made public, and it is understood to be that the president will emphasize the difference between the two views and put each in a defensive attitude rather than one of conciliation.

With the question of wage adjustment in the railroad industry looming large on the scene, it is an understanding that a final settlement of the coal situation would be a most desirable precedent which is another reason the President will let nothing interfere with his present task.

On Job at 9:30

President Wilson is at his desk on the stroke of 9:30 every day but it is not in the main building, where he was wont to receive callers. And the probability is, not that he will get back to his old desk as soon as possible, but that he will stay away from it as long as it is expedient. He will start through the oval room in the executive office. It will not be long while the president is here to give the caller a smile and a handshake.

Want To Pay Calls

There are now in Washington

nearly a dozen representatives of foreign countries waiting to pay their official calls on the head of the nation and present their credentials. When the first of these is received the last must come also within a short time, for international courtesy demands that all be treated alike. And likewise when one member of congress gains admittance to the chief executive it will be hard to deny the same privilege to others. So far during the last three months the question of our foreign relations has been one of sufficient importance to bring members of the congress to the white house.

Third Term Talk

Back of all speculation as to how soon the president will resume the full personal duties of his office, however, is the dim specter of the "third term." A few weeks ago there was little talk of such a possibility because it was thought the president could not stand up against the strain it would entail. But as spring advances, as the conventions draw nearer and the president is seen gathering the reins of government more and more into his hands, the query as to his attitude assumes a new importance.

During the four or five times the president has gone for an auto ride within the last few days, senators and senators, peddlers and politicians have caught glimpses of him, and have scanned his face eagerly to see what traces if any his countenance may bear of his long confinement. Many of them have asked of themselves and their companions, "Will he try it again?" And the echo answers "Will he?"

LUETTWITZ LEAVES BERLIN BY AIRSHIP

By the Associated Press
London, March 19.—General von Luettwitz is reported to have left Berlin by airplane and it was impossible to arrest him while the Iron division was in the city, says a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. In fact, says the dispatch, it is not known whether orders for the arrest of Wolfgang Kapp, former chancellor, and General Luettwitz have been issued.

Of greatest importance in the development of the situation is the attitude to be assumed by the workers. The general strike continues and the leaders of the socialist party have prepared certain stipulations before agreeing to return to work:

Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the Ebert cabinet, and Dr. Heine, Prussian minister of interior, must resign.

Amnesty must not be granted General von Luettwitz and his confederates in the recent rebellion.

There must be extensive participation by workers in the new government and labor legislation must be introduced in the national assembly.

These instructions were said to have been telegraphed yesterday and it was stated in Berlin the first stipulation had been fulfilled by Herr Noske leaving the cabinet.

COLBY APPROVED FOR SECRETARY STATE

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 19.—The nomination of Brainbridge Colby to be secretary of state, which has been the subject of extensive hearings by the senate foreign relations committee, was favorably reported today by the committee without an record vote.

The committee's report generally was regarded as forecasting favorable action by the senate, although it was indicated there would be considerable debate. Some Republican members of the committee gave notice that they would reserve the right to discuss the case in the senate.

FORMER CROWN PRINCE'S DOG BITES TEACHER

Wierengen, Holland, March 3.—A huge mastiff which the former German Crown-Prince Frederick William has adopted as a pet and which accompanies him on his daily strolls through this village has been made the subject of an official complaint to the village council. Schoolmaster de Kuyter charged that the dog bit him and wanted it declared a nuisance, but the petition apparently was tabled.

POLICE WOUNDED SENATE IS READY FOR TREATY IN FIGHT WITH NEGRO FOR TREATY ACTION

By the Associated Press
Baltimore, Md., March 19.—Riddled by shots and mortally wounded, an unidentified negro was captured by police early this morning after a three-hour battle with him in a barricaded house. Two policemen were wounded and another negro, mistaken for the one wanted, was beaten up by a mob.

The trouble started in the theatrical district when two negroes engaged in a fight. At the appearance of the police one of them fled and barricaded himself in the cellar of the house occupied by whites. As the police appeared, he opened fire, wounding two.

VANDERBILT VILLAGE OF BILTMORE IS SOLD

Asheville, March 19.—Following negotiations which have covered the last month, announcement is made that Mrs. Vanderbilt, widow of George W. Vanderbilt, has sold to a corporation headed by George Stephens, Charlotte capitalist, practically the entire village of Biltmore, including more than 190 houses, stores, offices, postoffice, etc., everything there in fact except the Vanderbilt church and hospital, the deal involving about one million dollars.

In addition to the village the corporation acquired about 200 acres of land which it is understood will be developed into a great residential park.

On the Asheville side of the famous village the Southern railway has acquired about 200 acres of the Vanderbilt land and on this will erect, it is reliably, stated a two-million-dollar depot.

Another deal in connection with the sale of the property is a 30-acre tract sold to Dr. J. A. Sinclair and party, along at St. Dunstan's road, adjoining the other lands, on which it is stated a great hotel will be erected at an early date.

Mrs. Vanderbilt retains the mansion and many hundreds of acres of the estate for her private property. She gives as her reason for the sale of the famous village, that she desires to be relieved of such large responsibilities and wants to turn the realty into bonds.

Biltmore village was established by the late Mr. Vanderbilt in 1896, being laid out by Frederick Law Olmstead, noted New York architect and landscape gardener, the village being patterned after English villages.

PETITION FOR CLARK FOR CITY ALDERMAN

A petition for the nomination of Mr. N. W. Clark for alderman from the second ward was filed with the city manager this afternoon, his supporters getting busy today when it was learned definitely that Councilman Gilley would not be a candidate. Mr. Gilley's letter of withdrawal will be submitted to the city manager for filing. Those signing Mr. Clark's petition are: Fred F. Murphy, Geo. Bailey, J. A. Bowles, J. L. Latta, R. W. Carver, Geo. C. Yoder, D. L. Miller, B. N. Pope, Laurence Cline, M. S. Smith, R. A. Grimes, T. P. Stevenson, W. M. Reese, Hoyle Drum, Roy Long, H. C. Lutz, Geo. R. Wooten, W. E. Kuhn, J. A. Hardin, C. T. Morrison, Harold G. Deal, R. E. Martin, J. C. Martin, J. S. Tipton, R. L. Gibbs, A. J. Essex, H. S. Smith, W. H. Nicholson.

DEMAND FOR FURNITURE OF IMMENSE PROPORTIONS

Greensboro, N. C., March 19.—Demand for furniture throughout the country is of immense proportions and it is impossible to make the supply keep up with the demand according to manufacturers who attended the meetings of the National Council of Furniture associations held here. There is every reason to believe, these manufacturers say, that the demand will be increasingly great in the future. At the same time it was agreed that the lumber shortage was the most serious difficulty confronting furniture makers and no material relief is in sight at present.

Sheriff Isenhower will be at the City Manager's office Saturday with tax books for Hickory township. As this is election year, it is also important to pay poll tax promptly.

BRYAN OBSERVES BOTH ANNIVERSARY

By the Associated Press
New York, March 19.—William J. Bryan celebrated his 60th birthday in New York today. He arrived here this morning from Washington to speak at a banquet to be given in his honor by friends at the Aldine Club tonight.

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 19.—Preparing for a final vote on ratification of the peace treaty, the senate today adopted the modified reservation preamble worked out in the bi-partisan conference under which affirmative acceptance of the reservations by the other powers would not be required.

The preamble provides that a "failure on the part of the allied and associated powers to make objections to reservations by the United States shall be taken as full and final acceptance of such reservations and understanding by said powers."

The preamble was offered by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader in the senate.

ANOTHER TREAT FOR FIFTEEN SICK PROMISED

Ward I-5 is due another feast of good things from Hickory folks. This will be welcome news to the sick soldiers at Oteen, for they know from experience what that promise means—fruit, cookies, eggs. Yes, fresh eggs, not cold storage ones that are hard to get down.

Mrs. K. C. Menzies, commandant, is still confined to her home, and Mrs. H. C. Menzies is acting for her on this occasion. Donations of coonies, fresh eggs and money to buy fruit is called for, to be left at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Menzies or at Wagoner and Martin's store on or before Tuesday, March 23, at noon.

People realize now more than ever before what this kind of food means to those poor sick soldiers whose condition is the result of their placing their bodies to the front in our defense. The donations will be generous of course.

CUMBERLAND POST AGAINST BONUS TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Fayetteville, March 19.—A cash bonus to soldiers who saw service in the late war is opposed in resolutions adopted by the Cumberland post of the American Legion, the veterans basing their oppositions on the fact that "at the present time the country is being taxed enough, and that it would not be fair to place an additional burden upon the already much suffering public."

The post favors governmental action for aid of men and women disabled in the service as well as loans to ex-service men for building homes in city or country and the setting aside of farm lands that may be purchased on long payments.

EVEN HOKE SMITH HAS LITTLE BOOM

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 19.—Replying to a telegram from Felix Jackson of Greenville, Ga., advising him of the inaugurating of a presidential boom in his behalf, Senator Hoke Smith said today he would take the matter under advisement. His final judgment, he said, would be governed by what he regarded as his duty to his constituents.

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Markets COTTON

By the Associated Press
New York, March 19.—The advance in sterling exchange seemed to fully offset lower Liverpool cables and the cotton market here today opened firm at an advance of four to 22 points. There were two March notices issued, the first so far this month, and March sold 40.25 at the start; but rallied to 40.35 on the call, which made a new high record for the season. The buying of later months was probably influenced by overnight reports of an unusually good foreign demand in eastern belt markets for this season and local trade interests were buyers of May.

Weather

For North Carolina: Rain tonight, colder in the west portion. Saturday probably fair except rain in the northern portion, somewhat colder fresh south to west winds.

SOME SEVERE FIGHTING REPORTED IN GERMANY

Clashes Between Soldiers and Workers Result in Many Casualties—Communists Control in Some Places—Industrial Districts Furnish Most Clashes

POLK TO PROTEST ON CERTAIN RULINGS

By the Associated Press
London, March 19.—Hundreds of persons have been killed in the mining districts of Germany in clashes between miners and troops, it is declared in Berlin, the Central News correspondent in that city telegraphs.

Telegrams received from the big towns in Germany, the message states, show that fighting is proceeding in nearly all the thickly populated areas where soldiers and workers are opposed. In Brunswick there is much disorder and looting of shops. In Leipzig there was street fighting all throughout yesterday and Mecklenburg-Schwerin is in the hands of the Spartacists, but their position is precarious.

In violent fighting at Kiel yesterday between workmen and troops, the workmen seemed to have got the upper hand, the message adds.

The communists appear to be masters at Cassel.

ARMENIAN RELIEF SPEAKERS TONIGHT

Dr. Frank Crane tells the following incident of an agent of the Near East Relief society, who was making a speech to raise money for the suffering Armenians at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio:

"After the address the speaker noticed a workman in a blue shirt trying to make his way to the platform. He was an engineer and his face was marked by a scar caused by a blast of steam. He stood waiting at the edge of the crowd. The speaker approached him and asked what he could do for him.

"The man said that all he wanted to know was whether it was a sure thing that all the money contributed to the fund actually reached the starving Armenians. He was assured and proofs furnished.

"It afterwards developed that this locomotive engineer, whose name is Robert Graf, had already contributed fifteen hundred dollars to the Relief Fund. This is a good deal for an engineer to contribute out of his salary.

But it was not all Robert Graf went home, sold his house for thirty-five hundred dollars, and gave that to the fund for the purpose of purchasing an orphanage in Armenia.

"The agents of the fund objected to taking the money, as it seemed too much. Whereupon the engineer applied, 'Oh, that's nothing at all. I can't stand the idea of knowing women and little children are going hungry. Why, I could sell and give away everything I've got, and still be a rich man. I have got my work, my hands, my health, and a job and I never knew what it is to go hungry. These people have no opportunity to work; they are helpless. I don't deserve any credit for giving so long as I am not suffering nor sacrificing anything myself.'

"I take my hat off to Robert Graf and all the magnificent, unreasonably, God-blessed people like him, and I am glad to know that humanity can not only go to the devil hilariously by getting drunk and spending money on Broadway, but they can go to heaven gloriously and have a glorious, intoxicating joy in doing it, by giving away all that one has to satisfy splendidly a beautiful impulse.

"The more I think of this incident the bigger this man looms in my imagination. I honestly envy his sublime courage."

Chairman J. D. Elliott hopes to wind up the Catawba county Armenian Relief drive by Sunday, and you are urged to hand in your contribution to this worthy cause as soon as possible. If it is more convenient for you just leave your money at either of the banks and it will be taken care of. If you prefer, an opportunity will be given you at all of the churches and Sunday schools next Sunday.

Three-minute talkers on Armenian Relief at the theaters tonight are Mr. W. A. Self at the Grand and Rev. C. R. W. Kegley at the Pastime.

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READY TO EXPLODE

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