

Wilson's Death Expected Hourly

Ex-President Takes Decided Turn for Worse; Physicians Give Up Hope

HEALTH FAILING SINCE LATE WAR

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 1.—Woodrow Wilson has taken a decided turn for the worse, Rear Admiral Cary Grayson, his physician, stated.

Doctor Sterling Ruffin, one of the attending physicians pronounced the ex-President's condition as unchanged as he left shortly after noon.

Personal friends inquiring at Wilson's home shortly after 3 o'clock were told that the former President was very near the point of death, but that he had awakened from a short sleep and still was conscious.

SWEDEN SEEKS REDUCTION IN NATIONAL DEFENSE COST

(By Associated Press) Stockholm, Feb. 1.—Swedish politicians are deeply engaged in the solution of the problem of national defense, which is the weightiest before the country.

GENERAL BOOTH SEES EVIL IN DOLE TO UNEMPLOYED

(By Associated Press) London, Feb. 1.—In a report on the social work of the Salvation Army, General Booth refers to the effects of the "dole" on the unemployed.

ENGLAND AND WALES SHOW BIG DECREASE IN CULTIVATED LAND

(By Associated Press) London, Feb. 1.—Although the land under cultivation in England and Wales during 1923 showed a decrease of 129,000 acres, there are still as many acres being cultivated as before the war, according to the 1923 report of the board of agriculture.

Two Families Are Burned to Death

WOMAN AND THREE CHILDREN ARE BURNED

(By Associated Press) Akron, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Arthur Smith, 28, and her three small children were burned to death, and David Haynes, her brother, seriously burned when fire destroyed their home in East Akron.

FAMILY OF FOUR ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(By Associated Press) Unionville, Mich., Feb. 1.—Edward Smith, his wife and their four children were burned to death when their home near here, which was a well-known place, was destroyed by fire.

ARCHERY EXPERT CONFIDENT IN FLIGHT OF HIS ARROWS

(By Associated Press) Sheridan, Wyo., Feb. 1.—E. W. (Bill) Gollings, famed as Wyoming's "cowboy artist," plans to shoot big game this year with bow and arrow, as did the Indians who are the subjects of some of his pictures.

The artist became interested in archery a year ago and has become so skilful that he can pull and shoot a 55-pound bow, thus making things interesting for a rabbit or grouse within reasonable distance.

An arrow, shot unerringly and under favorable conditions, will pass entirely through the body of a large animal, while in many cases a bullet from a rifle will flatten out before completely penetrating.

FIJIANS ESTABLISH FIRE WALKING SHOW ON BUSINESS BASIS

(By Associated Press) Suva, Fiji Islands, Feb. 1.—Commercialism has invaded even this remote region. The natives at a recent ceremonial not only set up booths for the sale of refreshments, but charged visitors three shillings each for the privilege of watching the event.

The occasion was a "fire walking," and the shrewdness which has lately become a characteristic of the Fijians was evinced in that the tourists who came to view the event were persuaded to purchase a ticket for the island, and then climb a difficult hill nearly all the way to a natural amphitheatre before the demand for payment was made.

The "fire walking" itself is an interesting ceremony performed by natives. Little is known in explanation of the fact that their feet apparently are impervious to great heat.

The native version of the origin of the ceremony is that in the distant past a Fijian traveling in the bush met an elf, whom he suspected of being an evil spirit.

LEAKSVILLE DIVIDES DOUBLE-HEADER GAME

Playing on the Draper Graded School court, Leaksville girls last night defeated the fast Winston-Salem basketball team, 14-17. The game started with Winston-Salem taking the lead almost at once, but the snappy passwork of the Leaksville team and the exceptionally good play of the Leaksville girls.

House Immigration Committee Reports 2 Per Cent Bill Well

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 1.—A bill proposing restriction of immigration to this country to 2 per cent of the foreign born of each nation here in 1890 and permitting virtual selection of immigrants at the port of embarkation, was ordered favorably reported by the House immigration committee.

CLEVELAND TO ALTER HALL FOR REPUBLICAN GATHERING

(By Associated Press) Cleveland, Feb. 1.—Bids will be requested soon by the Cleveland convention executive committee for the national convention here next June.

PICKING THE OTHER FELLOW'S GIRL

(By Wickes Wamboldt) A friend of mine was paying devoted attention to a young woman. And then one day he met another and it was all off with the first one.

"How in the world," he said to me, "could I have cared for that other girl? There is nothing to her at all. She is shallow, she has a mean disposition and she is lazy.

"No," I said, "you pick your own wife. You have to live with her. I did advise you against her you would marry her just the same if you wanted to. Then you would tell her what I said and you would both hate me."

The fact was I did not like his second girl any better than I did his first. But I didn't tell him so. He married her, though, and they seem to be getting along all right.

Lots of people fall out because somebody tries to pick somebody else's mate. Lifelong friendships are broken up, brothers are alienated from their children, because somebody insists on dictating to somebody else whom to marry.

There is no point to it either. You and I have seen some girl out with some chap and have said, "What in the world can she see in him?" We have seen some chap out with some girl and we have observed, "What in the world can he see in her?"

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE NOT ALWAYS WELL MANAGED

(By Associated Press) Morgantown, W. Va., Feb. 1.—Declaring that the teachers in the rural schools of this county in some cases are "not playing the game with 100 per cent efficiency," Superintendent Lynn Hastings has sent a letter to all of them urging a more conscientious attitude toward their work.

The faults cited by the superintendent include the following: not punctual in opening school; close too early in the afternoon; neglect classes during the day; crochet, read or write letters during school hours; permit children while on the school grounds to use obscene language and otherwise misconduct themselves; fail to solve difficult problems in upper grade arithmetic; do not prepare their lessons properly and have to consult text books on many questions during the recitation period; too disinterested attend teachers' meetings; teachers and janitors do not build fires early enough in the morning to insure comfort when school convenes; fail to take interest in community in which they are teaching and speak disparagingly of it; do not obey the law requiring a flag to be over all school buildings while school is in session.

MARKS ONLY VALUE FOUND IN PURCHASE OF DOLLARS

(By Associated Press) Dusseldorf, Feb. 1.—Intrinsically the paper mark has long outstripped the Russian ruble in worthlessness, but unlike its brother in adversity, the mark still serves as an excellent decoy for the capture of dollars and other stable currency.

HEAVY WORDS IN HUMBLE MIEN

(By Associated Press) Manila, Feb. 1.—Several missionaries motoring recently through Tondo, a district of Manila in which many small Filipino and Chinese stores are located, noticed frequent signs on which was written the word "dammit." One of the women in the party appeared somewhat surprised that the Filipinos had adopted English profanity to such an extent as to use it on signs.

It was then explained that "dammit," in the Tagalog dialect, means clothing, and that the accent falls on the last syllable.

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Albert Fall Able To Testify Before Senate Committee

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 1.—Without debate the House passed the Walsh resolution already approved by the Senate, directing the President to bring about cancellation of the Dohney and Sinclair naval oil reserve leases.

Albert Fall, former secretary of the Interior is in condition to appear for examination in the senate oil inquiry, the investigating committee was told by a special medical commission appointed to examine him.

Weather

Rain today; Saturday fair and cooler.

Experts Testify Hilton Sears Is Partly Demented

MORE OF SCHOELLKOFF JEWELS ARE FOUND

(By Associated Press) New York.—Detectives recovered from a gem shop an additional \$75,000 worth of jewels stolen from Mrs. Hugo Schoellkopf on New Years eve of 1923. This makes a total of \$161,000 recovered so far.

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