

Condition of Wilson is Very Serious Now

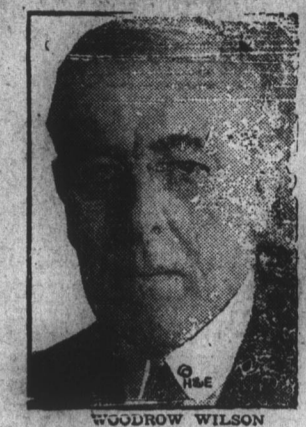
Former President Had Turn for Worse During Night and Little Hope is Entertained for Recovery.

DAUGHTER GOES TO HIS HOME

Believed His Death is Only Question of Time—Only Few Friends Have Been Admitted to His Home.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Woodrow Wilson is at death's door. Wasted by months suffering the war time President is fighting what his physicians believe may be his last battle.

DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED AT ANY TIME.



WOODROW WILSON

After the sudden turn for the worse during the night he lay through the morning hours between life and death. He rallied slightly at noon and talked in whispers to those about him. In the early afternoon, however, he again began resting easier, but his attendants saw little hope that the end could be delayed.

At 1 o'clock his friend and physician, Dr. Grayson, announced the former President was asleep and his pulse was "a trifle stronger."

A crisis may be reached before night-fall. Dr. Grayson has called in other medical advisers and Mrs. Wilson, the constant companion of her husband's protracted suffering, has summoned other members of the family to his bedside in the 8 Street home, to which returned from the White House.

"You have done the best you could," said Mr. Wilson to Dr. Grayson just before he fell asleep, "but I am a broken machine."

Then he added with a rally of his waning strength: "But I'm ready."

Washington, Feb. 1.—Woodrow Wilson, lies near death in the home here which has been his place of seclusion since he left the White House. A digestive disorder, first noticed several days ago, developed a condition during the night that was described by his physician, Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, as "very serious."

A crisis is believed likely before the day is over. Members of his family have been summoned by Mrs. Wilson who is in constant attendance. Physicians also were in attendance and an operation may be necessary. Dr. Grayson, in addition to two nurses and an orderly on duty, called in during the morning Dr. Sterling Ruffin and Dr. H. A. Fowler, both of whom helped care for Mr. Wilson while he was ill in the White House.

Aside from the physicians, only a few of the former President's closest friends were admitted to the house. Vance McCormick, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, leaving after a short talk with Mrs. Wilson, said that death might come today or might stay its hand until tomorrow.

"He may die today," Mr. McCormick said, "or he might linger over until tomorrow. Of course, where there is life at all, there is always some hope."

During the past few weeks too, he has taken an increasing part in public affairs again. On Armistice eve he delivered his first address by radio from his 8 Street home, and it was such a militant utterance on foreign affairs that the whole country realized that his illness had not modified the intensity of his old fighting spirit, whatever it might have done to his physical alertness. He also received a group of Admirers on Armistice Day and two weeks ago shook hands with the members of the Democratic National Committee as they filed through his study.

But those who knew he inside story of the years of the solitude through which he has passed, were aware of the delicate balance upon which his physical strength had rested, and knew how that had tilted now this way and now that, throughout the gallant fight of Dr. Grayson to avert a crisis.

Those who live in the vicinity of his home first guessed something was amiss when the big automobile passed as a birthday gift a month ago by anonymous friends, failed to draw up in front of the house to take the former Chief Executive for his customary afternoon drive.

On Wednesday Dr. Sterling Ruffin was summoned by Mrs. Wilson in the afternoon. Dr. Grayson, Dr. Grayson on his return to Washington yesterday confirmed the diagnosis of Dr. Ruffin and said he did not at that time regard the attack as serious unless it failed to respond to treatment.

After the change during the night, however, Dr. Grayson advised Mrs. Wilson to notify all the members of the family of his condition. None of his three daughters is in Washington.

For a brief time this morning Dr. Grayson left the bedside of his patient and made a hurried trip to his own home. He did not leave the Wilson home even then, however, until he had summoned Dr. H. A. Fowler, a Washington kidney specialist who had treated Mr. Wilson previously, to remain on watch. Dr. Grayson said the step was taken "as a precautionary measure."

News of the change for the worse spread rapidly throughout Washington as alarming rumors were disseminated over the whole country during the night by radio broadcasting stations. Early this morning before Dr. Grayson had issued his bulletin, message of sympathy and encouragement began arriving by thousands.

Condition Unchanged at Noon. Washington, Feb. 1.—At noon Mr. Wilson had rallied a little, but there was no material change in his condition. He was fully conscious and in a faint voice talked with those at his bedside.

Dr. Sterling Ruffin, one of the attending physicians, pronounced Mr. Wilson's condition unchanged shortly after noon. The physicians will issue a joint bulletin later in the day.

Foreman



J. T. Johnson, foreman for former Secretary Albert Fall at Three Rivers, N. M. Photo taken in Washington, D. C., where he was called to testify before Senate Lands Committee investigating oil lease scandals.

ONE LITTLE BOY KILLS ANOTHER IN CHARLOTTE

Claude Landis Accidentally Shot by Playmate, Brevard Marcom. Charlotte, Jan. 31.—Claude Dockery Landis, aged 9, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Landis, was shot and instantly killed by Bernard Marcom, aged 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Marcom, this afternoon about 5 o'clock at the Landis home in Dilworth.

Mrs. Landis and Mrs. Marcom had gone to ride with friends, leaving the boys at home with the servants. Mr. Marcom kept his pistol under the clothing on the top shelf of the wardrobe. The boys knew where it was and got the pistol. The Marcom boy pulled it from the shelf and while he was handling it, it went off. The ball pierced the heart of the little Landis boy, affectionately called "Billy," killing him instantly.

Neighbors were called, also physicians but it was nearly two hours before Mrs. Landis and Mrs. Marcom returned. The tragedy of the scene beggars description. The two mothers in their tragic sorrow and heart-breaking grief clung to each other, each trying to comfort the other. Mr. and Mrs. Marcom are from Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Marcom is a member of the Seaboard Shale Brick Company, this city. He and Mrs. Marcom have lived here two years, and have been with Mrs. Landis since September 1st. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

HIRAM JOHNSON DOESN'T GET EVEN A LOOK IN McKeenburgh Republican Convention

Charlotte, Jan. 30.—McKeenburgh county republican convention, yesterday at the city hall, unanimously endorsed Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge; favored presentation of the name of John J. Parker to the state convention as representative of North Carolina on the republican national committee, to succeed the late John M. Morehead; endorsed and commended the policies of William G. Braham, state chairman of the party; heard the convention address of the county chairman, C. M. Setzer; re-elected all officers and committees of the county organization to serve for the next two years, and adopted resolutions on the death of President Harding and of John Motley Morehead, late republican leader in the state.

Supporters of Hiram Johnson for the presidential nomination took no active part in the convention, having ignored the call for the precinct primaries held Monday and the convention Tuesday on the ground that the "call" was irregular and not in compliance with the "party law," according to Jake F. Newell, Johnson's state campaign manager. The "call" was illegal, according to Mr. Newell, in that it was issued through letters mailed to individuals in the county instead of being formally published.

COMMITTEE WILL REPORT OUT THE FORD OFFER

This Action Will Be Taken by House Military Committee. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—The House military committee voted to report out Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals as embodied in the McKenzie bill and the Madden amendment.

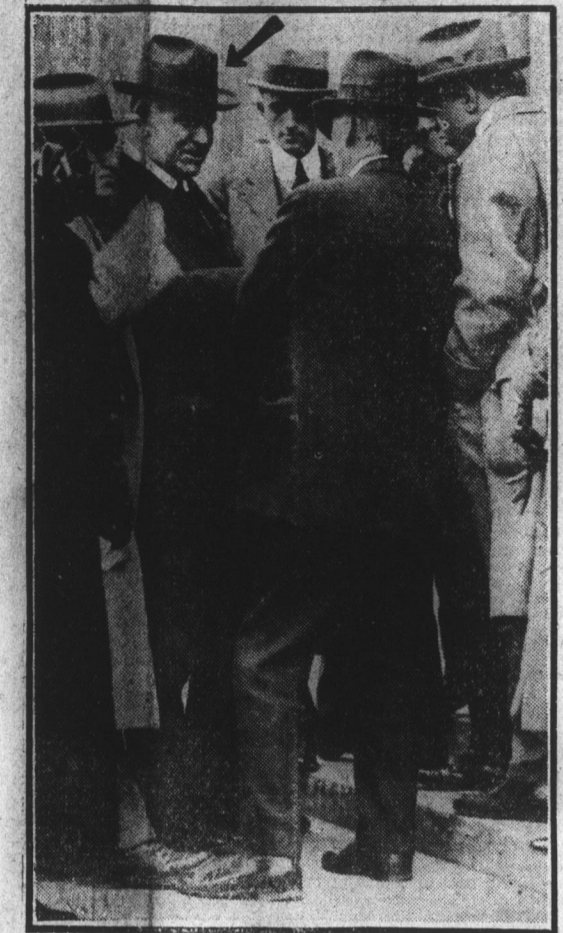
The committee defeated an amendment which would have made Ford personally responsible for the full performance of every phase of the contract. Accordingly Chairman McKenzie, republican of Illinois, was instructed to draw up a bill which would embody practically the same terms as presented to the committee by Mr. Ford.

"Pursuit Letters" Read in Court

Atlanta, Feb. 1.—Reading of letters from Mrs. Onesime De Bouchel to Asa G. Candler, Sr., was completed shortly after court convened here today and the defense announced its case was closed in the suit for \$500,000 brought by the New Orleans society leaders against the Atlanta capitalists. They were termed "pursuit letters" by Mr. Candler's attorneys.

Americans Defeat Swedes. Chamolix, France, Feb. 1 (By the Associated Press).—The American hockey team today defeated Sweden 20 to 0 in their semi-final Olympic match. The United States thus earns the right to meet the Canadians in the finals.

"I Will Not Resign"



Secretary of Navy Edwin Denby told Washington correspondents he would not quit under fire, following a meeting of the Cabinet. This photo was taken just outside the White House and shows Denby (arrow) surrounded by newspapermen and women.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Advances Followed by Reversing at the Opening Today. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Feb. 1.—Yesterday's advances were followed by considerable reversing in the cotton market at the opening today. First prices were steady, but generally 3 to 13 points lower. There were overnight buying orders, and active months sold 9 to 12 points above yesterday's closing after the call, with May advancing to 34.10. Offerings increased at this figure, however, owing to the easier ruling of Liverpool and a disposition to take profits on recent purchases for over the week-end. As a result, May eased off to 34.08 and the early market was rather nervous and unsettled.

BANK OFFICIALS HAVE NOT BEEN ARRESTED

Doughton, in Greensboro, Declares He Has Not Violated National Banking Law. Greensboro, Jan. 31. Service of papers upon J. D. Doughton, M. L. Jackson and J. L. Doughton, indicted Wednesday afternoon by a federal grand jury here on charges of violation of national banking laws, in connection with the failure of the Peoples Bank of Salisbury, will require some little time, it is understood here, as the papers will have to be made out, forwarded to the marshal of the district and served, perhaps taking a week or 10 days. Norwood is said to be in Birmingham, Ala., Mr. Jackson on business in Washington, D. C., and Mr. Doughton in Atlanta.

THEATER IS CROWDED, BUT MODEL KEEPS CLOTHES ON

Auction and Disabling Act Canceled Because Ministers Object. Hornell, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Upon request of Mayor Stephen Hollands, the management of a local theater withdrew, at the last minute tonight, the act advertised of a living model removing all her clothing on the stage as sold at auction. The theater was filled. Objection to presentation of the act was made by the Hornell Ministers' Association and others.

With Our Advertisers

Jewelry is a Valentine that will last. See new ad. of Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. Don't fail to see "Patricia," at the Central Grand Hotel tonight. Admission only 25 and 35 cents. Take a look at the big windows of the Parks-Bell Co. for the first showing of new spring patterns in dress goods. Robinson's has something interesting to say to you in his new ad. today.

New Church in Charlotte For the Moravians

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 1.—Bids for the erection of a new church in Charlotte for the Moravians of that city will be asked for in a few days, according to Bishop Edward Bendthaler and reports that the Charlotte congregation is very enthusiastic over the proposed plan. He said that he hoped to have all details complete and that ground for the structure may be broken in a very short time.

Miss Ellen Lowder, daughter of Mr. A. C. Lowder, of No. 7 township, was operated on for gonorrhea Thursday at the Charlotte Sanatorium, and her condition is reported as satisfactory.

YOUNG MAN'S THROAT BECAME KNIFE SWALLOWER

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Watching a neighborly vaudeville theater, Jacob Suenke thought he would attempt to master that classic art. He went to a 10-cent store and purchased 10 butcher knives and on his arrival at home started to practice. But one was enough. The first blade stuck in his throat.

STRONG FOR ADVERTISING

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Feb. 1.—Advertising pays. John Romer, 59, advertised for a calf that had been lost, strayed or stolen from his barn. The following morning he received a letter stating the writer did not steal his calf, but had stolen \$10 from his 10 years ago. A \$10 note was enclosed.

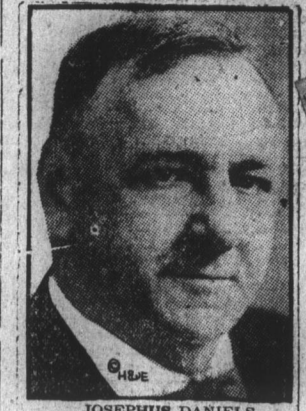
Didn't Stop American Legion Boxing Matches

Salisbury, Feb. 1.—The ruling of Judge Stack in Charlotte that declared that it was illegal in the North Carolina to box for money is not causing any shadows over the American Legion here as the result of stopping its proposed boxing matches. The legion has now set upon the plan of holding athletic programs and will start Friday night. The program will consist of physical culture classes, wrestling matches and purely amateur boxing bouts. The boxing law bans only professional bouts; it was said and the cards of the Legion will not list anyone who is in anyway professional or accepts money for boxing.

Haloos For Dancers

London, Feb. 1.—A dancer at one of London's night clubs has introduced the latest effort of the coiffeur, namely, hair which glows with a phosphoric iridescence in the dark. Nothing could be detected when the ballroom lights were on, but when they were switched off, the dancer could be distinguished by the greenish silvery halo around her head. The effect is produced by a lotion containing a luminous property, recently brought into England from India.

REFUSED TO CONSIDER LEASING OF THE NAVAL OIL RESERVES



JOSEPHUS DANIELS

MOTHER WALKS 1000 MILES TO REACH BEDSIDE OF SICK SON

Once Before Walked From Montana to Washington to Obtain Release of Youth From Prison. Detroit, Feb. 1.—Mrs. Mary Hansen watches at the bedside of her son Joseph here, after walking more than 1000 miles from Sioux Falls, S. D., to take care of him.

Three weeks ago Mrs. Hansen received word that her son was ill "somewhere in Detroit." She started out on foot to come to this city, and with the aid of motorists along the way, arrived late yesterday. Mrs. Hansen's eldest son was a lieutenant in the world war and was killed in the Argonne forest. American Legion posts and auxiliaries for this reason, she said, helped her along the way.

This is the second trip Mrs. Hansen has made on foot for her son Joseph. Some time ago she walked from Montana to Washington to appeal to the late President Harding in behalf of the young man, when he was a prisoner at Leavenworth, Kan., Federal prison. She says she was a former resident of Marion, O., and knew the late President when he was learning the printing trade.

"Walking wasn't so bad," she said today, commenting on her trip here. "I met lots of nice girls hiking and wherever I went, American Legion auxiliaries helped. Welfare boards are all right, but after all you have to do things for yourself in this world."

SAYS TIBETAN BROTHERS ALL MARRY SAME WIFE

American Explorer Explains Unique Custom of Forbidden City. New York, Feb. 1.—Dr. William Montgomery McGovern, a native American who penetrated Lhasa, the forbidden city of Tibet, for the British Government, arrived today at the Majestic. He told how he has disguised himself as a Chinese coolie, gained entrance to the mystic capital of Tibet, and for two months photographed and recorded the peculiarities of its 2,000,000 polyandrous inhabitants.

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NEW PARIS SKIRTS CUT "BARELY BELOW KNEES"

American Models Will Not Be "Too Extreme." However, it is said. New York, Feb. 1.—Cables from Paris fashion openings recently here by dress manufacturers confirm early season hints that skirts are to be much shorter. Some say the new skirts will be cut "barely below the knees."

Alumnae in Favor of Marriage

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, Feb. 1.—That the alumnae of the North Carolina College for Women is greatly in favor of marriage is evidenced by the results of the recent investigation into that question among the graduates of the college. The reports show that at least 43 1/2 per cent. of them favor marriage or at least that many of them have married.

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FALL'S CONDITION IS BEING EXAMINED BY SENATE COMMITTEE IS TOLD



Physicians Think the Former Secretary is in Condition to Appear Now for Full Examination.

SPECIAL BOARD EXAMINED HIM

Found Him Nervous, Board Report Stated, But His General Appearance is Fairly Good. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 1.—Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, is in condition to appear for examination in the Senate oil inquiry, the investigating committee was told today by a special medical commission appointed to examine him.

The committee of physicians which was appointed after Mr. Fall's doctors had reported him unable to go before the committee, submitted a written statement which said the former Secretary was under a nervous strain, but his general appearance was fairly good.

Walsh Resolution Passed

Washington, Feb. 1.—Without debate the House today passed the Walsh resolution already approved by the Senate, directing the President to bring about cancellation of the Doherty and Sinclair naval oil reserve leases. The vote was 120 to 4. The leaders agreed to forgo debate in deference to Woodrow Wilson.

Gregory and McAdoo Worked for Oil Companies

Washington, Feb. 1.—Both William G. McAdoo, Democratic candidate for the Presidential nomination, and Thomas W. Gregory, the Democrat chosen by President Coolidge to prosecute the government's oil lease cases, have at times been employed by oil interests. E. L. Doherty, California member of the Senate today before the Senate oil committee.

Mr. Doherty said his company had employed Mr. McAdoo to represent it in Washington on the Mexican affairs shortly after he had left the cabinet. Mr. McAdoo received \$250,000 "all told for our company," Mr. Doherty said, adding that Mr. McAdoo still "represents us in Mexico."

"Our company and half a dozen others employed Mr. Gregory to represent them before the President in regard to getting permits to drill oil wells in Mexico," said Mr. Doherty. "Our share of the fee was \$2,000."

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PIEDMONT LAST TIME TODAY

That William Foy Stupendous, Magnificent Production

"The Silent Command"

The Most Thrilling and Exciting Picture That Was Ever Shown in Concord Also a Good Comedy

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Cloudy tonight, probably light rains in East; Saturday fair, not much change in temperature.