

Each Passing Hour Now Finds Woodrow Wilson Growing Much Weaker

"He is Just Ebbing Away," Admiral Grayson Said This Morning After Spending Entire Night at Bedside.

WILL NOT SWALLOW ANY NOURISHMENT Pulse and Temperature Normal, But His Condition is Much Weaker—Knows the End Is Near and Is Ready.

(By the Associated Press.) No Change at 1 O'clock. Washington, Feb. 2.—At 1 p. m. there was no evidence of any material change in the condition of former President Wilson.

Washington, Feb. 2.—An official statement issued at 11:30 a. m. by physicians attending Woodrow Wilson said: "The former President is growing gradually weaker, and is too exhausted to talk."

The physicians' bulletin issued at 11:30 said: "Mr. Wilson is growing steadily weaker. He has been able to take but very little nourishment. He has had some sleep and no pain. He recognizes those about him, but is too exhausted to talk. Our efforts in the main are directed toward keeping him comfortable. (Signed)

CARY T. GRAYSON, STERLING RUFFIN, H. A. FOWLER.

"It looks as though Mr. Wilson would pull through the day," Dr. Grayson added to the formal text of the medical bulletin. "But that is subject to the hazards of a sudden change."

Steadily Losing Ground. Washington, Feb. 2.—Steadily losing ground, Woodrow Wilson continues to grow weaker and weaker.

But having lasted through a night which his physicians feared would bring the end, they cannot predict how long his remarkable vitality will hold out.

Although he has taken no nourishment in almost 24 hours and is disinclined even to take sips of water, Mr. Wilson's pulse, respiration and temperature today were practically normal.

But he was steadily weaker and weaker. Dr. Grayson, his physician, said his life is simply ebbing away.

At no time has the former President been unconscious; at no time have such heroic measures as applications of oxygen been resorted to; and at no times have opiates been given, as he has been in pain. Some stimulants have been given in small doses.

At no time has Mr. Wilson been delirious, and he seems at all times to be conscious of what is going on in his chamber, although he is too weak to carry on a conversation. He does whisper a "yes" and "no" in reply to questions as to what may be done to make him more comfortable.

All of Mr. Wilson's physicians feared the flickering flame of life would go out in the early morning hours when vitality is lowest. But while they anxiously watched his heart action continued strong and his breathing was regular while he slept peacefully.

Having come through the night the physicians now feel there is no predicting how long his tenacity will carry him. It is not beyond the range of possibility that Woodrow Wilson might linger along three or four days. It is of course possible that something may snap at any minute and he will slip quickly away.

Mr. Wilson's failure to take nourishment this morning was a disconcerting sign to his physicians. When offered light food he shook his head firmly and whispered no. When offered sips of water he made the same reply. Physicians agreed that sustenance might have to be given in some other way.

In the shaded chamber where the former President lies Mrs. Wilson is his almost constant attendant, and it has been with difficulty that Dr. Grayson has persuaded her to take any rest. She did take some sleep during the night while Dr. Grayson relieved her at the bedside. Then she took up the vigil this morning while Dr. Grayson went to his home for a brief rest. Either the physician or the wife are constantly watching and waiting.

On leaving the house this morning Dr. Grayson said: "He is slowly ebbing away. He is a brave man. He knows that life is ending."

Mr. Wilson has been conscious or partly conscious, he said, frequently during the day and night that has elapsed since the crisis came. He said also Mrs. Wilson was "bearing the strain courageously."

Admiral Grayson returned to the Wilson home shortly after 10 o'clock and announced a few minutes later that "Mr. Wilson still is conscious."

Even before the physician made his appearance and other members of the household were astray a new procession of friends and admirers began to pass the house, to leave cards as a sign of sympathy, or to stand mutely at a respectful distance. The police line again prevented vehicles from passing through nearby streets.

Secretary Hoover, who lives a few doors above the Wilson home, was the first to stop to leave a message of sympathy. A little later C. C. Hull, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, stopped also to leave his card. Joseph Tumulty, secretary to Mr. Wilson when he was president, was the first caller to be admitted to the house. When he reappeared he said "Mrs. Wilson still is hopeful."

"She still believes there is a chance, but of course she would not admit there is not a chance."

Out of the crowd that had gathered in the street a small boy carried to the house a single rose as his offering to the sick man. It was handed to the maid who opened the door.

Enormous quantities of mail and telegrams pouring into the Wilson home will be acknowledged beginning today. Close friends have volunteered to take up secretarial duties; others have offered the loan of servants motor cars or anything else needed for the emergency.

Mentions Wilson in Prayer. Washington, Feb. 2.—Chaplain Montgomery referred to former President Wilson's illness in his prayer at the House of Representatives today.

Strawn



Silah H. Strawn (above) of Chicago, has been appointed by President Coolidge to test, with former Attorney General Thomas W. Gregory, validity of oil leases granted by former Secretary Fall.

CALLS CHURCH TO ACCOUNT FOR ITS GIRL PROBLEM

Same Ones Sent Out to Whistle From Strange Men. Atlantic City, Feb. 2.—That the modern girl, who is looked upon by the church as "a problem," is the same girl the church sent out on every tag day to "accost strange men and cajole money out of them" was declared today by Cannon Gabriel Farrell, Jr., of Newark in a presentation to the annual synod of the Episcopal Church, province of New York and New Jersey, the report of the committee on religious education. "Once the natural barrier of reserve is taken down," he said, "it can never be rebuilt. The girls of today are in a position that the girls of no other generation were in. Chaperones are out of date; boys and girls go to dances together, mingle together at other functions.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Firm Today Owing to Higher Liverpool Cables.—May up to 34.22 (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—The cotton market opened firm today owing to higher Liverpool cables and continued reports of an increasing demand for spot cotton from the Continent, both in Liverpool and southern markets. May sold up to 34.22 and July to 32.88, but there was a good deal of realizing and some local selling on the advance. Trading later prices held steady within five or six points of the best during the early trading.

Cotton futures opened firm: March 33.80; May 34.20; July 32.85; October 28.20; December 27.00.

First Aid to Cupid.

New York, Feb. 2.—"A courting centre" for the lovers will be provided in the Broadway Tabernacle of Rev. Dr. Christian F. Reiser, pastor of the congregation that proposed to build it, has his way. He announced the idea today at a meeting to discuss the plans.

The temple, which has been projected for Washington Heights, would cost \$4,000,000 and besides topping all structures in the city because of the height of the land upon which it would combine with the church a dormitory and apartment building with store rooms.

Dr. Reiser said the 500 young men who would live in the dormitory would need to know attractive young women means would be best for fostering the best intentions. After they marry they can move from the dormitory into the apartment building and spend their lives there, he pointed out.

Cruiser Richmond Ordered to Vera Cruz

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.—The cruiser Richmond, at Galveston, has been ordered back to Vera Cruz to relieve the cruiser Omaha and six destroyers, temporarily detained there on instructions from Washington. The Richmond is expected to arrive in Vera Cruz tomorrow night.

Ten to Be Worn as Campaign Badges

Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 2.—Ten thousand miniature aluminum tenpins have been ordered as badges for Clackamas County Democrats in the forthcoming campaign. W. W. Woodbeck, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, announces.

FINAL PLANS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED FOR COMING OF SUNDAY

The Noted Evangelist Will Preach in First Presbyterian Church Here Monday Morning at 9:30.

COMMITTEE READY FOR THE SERVICE

Ushers Appointed From Practically Every Church in City—Service Will Last Just Exactly One Hour.

The committee in charge of the Billy Sunday meeting to be held in the First Presbyterian Church Monday morning at 9:30, announces that the doors of the church will be open to the public at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, the chairman of the meeting, and President of the Ministerial Association, will have charge of the program. Mr. Sunday and his party will arrive promptly at 9:30 a. m., and the committee in charge hopes to have the crowd seated in order that no time will be lost as Mr. Sunday will have just an hour in Concord.

The opening prayer will be conducted by Dr. G. A. Martin of the First Baptist Church, followed by Mr. Sunday and the services will be closed with a prayer by Rev. J. C. Rowan.

Alex. Howard and Jones Pharr will act as head ushers and will be assisted by A. F. Hartwell, J. E. Davis, A. L. Peedue, A. E. Harris, A. G. Odeh, J. C. Query, S. K. Patterson and J. A. Sauer, representatives from practically every church in Concord. The ushers will report at the church at 8:45 in order to get their assignments before the opening of the church to the general public. Chairs are being moved to the church in order that all available space may be occupied.

The space in the choir has been reserved for the ministers of Concord and it is hoped that every minister will be present.

PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS

For the Purpose of Interesting People in Research Work. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—Announcement of the offer of three fifty-dollar prizes for the best essays submitted in the teachers' essay contest to be conducted by the North Carolina Education Association, has been made by Jules Warren, secretary of the association.

The contest will be for the purpose of interesting the teachers of the state in research work and in investigation of conditions and methods of the state and to secure, if possible, new ideas of substance on the educational work of North Carolina, such that will be beneficial to the program of the educational work of the state.

The contestants may select their own subject but it must be along the lines of the outstanding accomplishments or the special needs of the educational system of North Carolina, the announcement says. The essays may be from 3000 to 7000 words in length and the contestants must agree that their manuscripts become the property of the North Carolina Education Association and that they may be published at any time that the Association may see fit.

In expressing the reasons for the contest, the announced said, "It is believed that hundreds of teachers in the state have done and are doing outstanding work in the fields that they represent; or whose experience will be valuable to other members of the profession; or which they have definite ideas. It is for the purpose of encouraging those teachers to give to the members of the profession, generally the benefit of their knowledge that the Association is offering these prizes."

A committee of three to act as judges will be appointed by the president of the Association.

Further information concerning the contest may be had by applying to the secretary of the Association, Jules Warren at Raleigh, N. C.

MAGNUS JOHNSON SHAKES FIST AT CORRESPONDENT

Farmer-Labor Senator Creates Scene in Senate Press Gallery. Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Labor Senator from Minnesota, invaded the Senate press gallery today to make a personal, but verbally attack on a correspondent of a Minnesota paper.

Shaking his fist in the correspondent's face, Senator Johnson used strong adjectives and epithets in taking exception to an article written by the correspondent concerning a measure before the Senate Agricultural Committee.

Half a hundred correspondents gathered around and there were cries of "throw him out" before the Senator was escorted from the gallery by the superintendent.

MINERS' CONVENTION ENDED DURING DAY

Alexander Howat Was Being Dragged From Platform as Adjournment Came. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 2 (By the Associated Press).—Amid riotous scenes the biennial convention of United Mine Workers of America was declared adjourned sine die by President John L. Lewis at 10:45 o'clock today. Adjournment was announced by the President while the delegates bowed as Alexander Howat, deposed President of the Kansas district, was dragged from the platform by two sergeants-at-arms.

Zevely



J. W. Zevely, intimate friend and personal attorney for Harry F. Sinclair, testified before the Senate committee that Sinclair loaned former Secretary Fall \$25,000. Photograph snapped on Washington street before heading on the Teapot Dome oil lease. Zevely, famous race horse, was named after Zevely.

SIGHT IS REGAINED BY "MYSTERY GIRL"

Willette Huggins, Who "Saw" and "Heard" by Smell and Touch, Is Cured. Milwaukee, Feb. 2.—Willette Huggins no longer need use her nose for eyes and her fingers for ears. After four years of total deafness and three of total blindness, the girl who astounded specialists by her ability to "see" and "hear" has been cured.

A Christian Science practitioner in the girl's home town, Chippewa Falls, is given credit for the cure. Willette herself declares God restored her sight and hearing.

Her statements that her faculties were returned were greeted with almost as much skepticism as her earlier assertions that she could distinguish colors by the smell, and sounds by touch. Specialists subjected her to just as rigorous tests to determine her cure as they did to try to prove she could see and hear two years ago.

The examination, made Sunday by Dr. T. J. Williams, of Chicago, and two assistants, was so severe that Willette was confined to her bed today. However, the physicians were satisfied her sight is 50 per cent. normal, hearing in the left ear practically normal and in the right ear 40 per cent.

They do not know how to explain her recovery unless it is due to her gradual physical improvement and her age.

The girl first said she was regaining her hearing and vision last fall. Little attention was paid to her in the State School for the Blind, where she lives, until she returned from a Christmas vacation at her home. Then Supt. J. T. Hooper made an examination and was convinced. He summoned the other physicians to confirm his opinion.

After she completely lost both sound and vision she surprised her teachers by beginning to emulate Helen Keller, of whom she had been told. Two years ago, under the most rigorous test, she sorted colored yarns, identified photographs, repeated sentences which she could "hear" by placing her fingertips on the speaker's chest, and even had telephone conversations by placing a finger on the disc of the receiver.

More Than 1,000 Miles of Highways Finished in 1923

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—More than 1,000 miles of highways were completed by the North Carolina state highway department during the year 1923, according to the monthly bulletin issued by that department. This was greater than the number of miles of roads built in the state during 1922. The cost of the 1,033 miles of roads completed in 1923 was estimated at \$22,700,000. The mileage represents over 17 per cent of the total mileage of the state highway system. This was pointed out enabling travel to be done more easily and extensively and at less expense than ever before. It was said that if the plans of the state highway department are carried out for the year 1924, that there will be even a larger amount of roads completed during the 1924 than in previous years.

Many Charlotte People Go Forward as Billy Preaches

Charlotte, Feb. 1.—Twelve hundred or more men and women went forward tonight to join the church or reconsecrate themselves, when Mr. Sunday gave the invitation after one of the greatest sermons he has yet preached. In the throng were many of the most prominent men and women in Charlotte.

The sermon was a searching one and was delivered with tremendous power. Many prominent groups of people were present, merchants, manufacturers and clubs of various kinds and others out of this personnel scores made profession of faith.

Fall Declines to Answer Questions of Committee

VALU AND NUMBER OF HORSES HAVE DECREASED Since the World War, According to Statement by State Agricultural Statistician.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 2.—The value and number of horses has decreased since the World War, according to a statement issued by F. J. Parker, State Agricultural Statistician, here yesterday. In the South they are not as useful as mules, it was said. It appears that the decrease has been about 2 per cent, during 1923, leaving a total for the State of approximately 163,000 heads, with an average value of 193 dollars for those over two years old, says the statement. The number listed for taxation in 1922 was approximately 178,000 for the State as a whole.

"The old saying that the two toughest things in the South are the mules and cotton, is probably true," said Mr. Parker. "This accounts for the gradual replacing of farm work by horses with mules. There has probably been no decrease in the estimated 230,000 mules on farms the first of this year. The number taxed in the state in 1922 was 272,000, while the total number of work stock enumerated in the Farm Census for last June was 260,000 mules were reported to average \$130 each for this month."

"The number of milk cows appear to remain the same as one year ago, the estimate being 365,000 with an average value of \$43 per head. Other cattle seem to have decreased in number, according to the crop reporters' estimates and to the number on a great many farms reported to the Department of Agriculture. The decrease during 1923 appears to be about 3 per cent, making the present number on farms 270,000, with an average value of \$42, according to the tax returns 642,000 cattle were enumerated during the summer of 1922 while 334,000 milk cows of milking age were reported on the Farm Census last June.

The 1,260,000 hogs estimated to be on the farms the first of the year represented a decrease of one per cent during the past year. The average value is estimated at \$13 per head. The number of taxed hogs listed was 1,068,000. According to the reports on the Farm Census also made by the tax listers, there were 144,000 sows of breeding age, on the farms. Both of these figures are probably less than the actual figures.

"The sheep area of the state is distinctly in the northwestern mountain countries. According to the reports of that area the number is probably unchanged from that of a year ago. Due to the United States Census making incomplete enumerations in 1920, the official estimate of 82,000 sheep has been low since that time. The average value is estimated to be \$750 per head. This value is much lower than that for the better grades found in the mountain areas. According to the tax returns, there were listed 110,000 sheep in the state for 1922. There were 68,000 enumerated in the Farm Census as being ewe sheep. Lambs were reported to have a value of \$4.75 per head, and ewes \$6.50 per head.

There was an increase of 3 per cent in the poultry on the farm during 1923. There has been a steady increase in poultry for the last two or three years. The average value is estimated at \$75 each. Farm wages continue at \$27.00 per month with and \$37.00 without board, while the daily wage without board is \$1.80. The farm labor supply appears to be about 20 per cent less than normal, while the demand is practically equal to the normal for this period.

DEMAND RETURN OF COLONIES FOR SLEEPING SICKNESS CURE

Germany Puts Price Upon Remedy Capable of Banishing Plague From Central Africa. Bremen, Feb. 2.—Unconditional restoration of Germany's colonies and pre-war rights is the price demanded by the German Colonial Society for a new remedy for the prevention of sleeping sickness. The society expresses the belief that Germany in the remedy has a powerful political weapon in hand which places her in a position to force revocation of the colonial mandates executed under the Versailles treaty.

"Germany holds the key to Central Africa in the remedy," says Dr. Zschal, well known as a colonial expert. He expresses the belief that the remedy for sleeping sickness and Tssetse fever is destined to convert Central Africa into a prosperous, fertile country, inhabited by an industrious people.

"No colonies, no remedy," is the declaration by Edouard Achelis, chairman of the Bremen section of the German Colonial Society. He suspects that this stand may provide the charge of inhumanity, but he reminds his critics of the Allied "hunger blockade" and Premier Clemenceau's dictum that there were "twenty million too many Germans in the world."

German colonial enthusiasts have demanded that the German Government immediately protect the remedy against the undue exploitation by the Entente Powers.

Cold Winter in Germany

Berlin, Feb. 2.—So severe has been the cold in Lower Germany this winter that the River Main has been completely frozen over at Mayence, to such a thickness as to be safe for traffic. This has not happened before within living memory.

Some snow falls in each of the United States. The greatest fall occurs in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountains on the Pacific Coast, where it ranges from 30 to 40 feet in depth. At Summit, California, 60 feet has been recorded in a single season 25 feet in a single month.

Haled Before the Senate Oil Committee Against Protests of Physicians Fall Any.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 2.—Haled before the Senate oil committee today against protests of his attorneys and physicians, former Interior Secretary Fall flatly refused to answer questions about the naval oil leases and his relations with Harry F. Sinclair and E. F. Doheny.

Mr. Fall gave two major reasons why he declined to reply. The first was that the authority given to the investigating committee at the last Congress had expired; and the second that in the light of the action of Congress in directing institution of court action, civil and criminal, in oil lease cases, any answers he might make tend to incriminate him.

The former Secretary read his carefully prepared statement in even and firm voice. He appeared to be suffering little from nervous strain, although he had been confined to his bed under the care of physicians since he reached Washington from New Orleans a week ago.

Mr. Fall was called before the committee to explain loans made to him by Doheny and Sinclair. Just one question was put.

"Do you care to make any further statement about the matters under consideration by this committee?" asked Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana.

After the committee had gone into executive session Mr. Fall was brought out of the ante-room where he had been awaiting its decision. He was resting heavily upon the arms of two men who virtually carried him down the corridor to the room of Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, where a lounge was found for him. He seemed dazed and very weak.

His authority to continue the investigation having been challenged by Mr. Fall, the committee decided to ask the Senate on Monday to remove all doubt by reappointing the original resolution authorizing the inquiry. The committee then adjourned until next Tuesday.

Mr. Fall will be recalled before the committee on Tuesday and should be then decline to answer questions, the Senators said the issue of the authority of the committee to compel an answer under pain of contempt proceedings in the courts would be squarely raised.

Sinclair Preparing to Come Home

(By the Associated Press.)—Mason Day, the representative in Europe of the Sinclair oil interests, today issued in behalf of Harry F. Sinclair the following statement: "I expect to return to America on either the steamship Berengaria sailing February 6th, or the steamship President Harding, sailing February 12th."

(Signed) "H. F. SINCLAIR."

COOPER INDICTED

Indictments Returned by United States Grand Jury.—Trial Monday. Wilmington, Feb. 2 (By the Associated Press).—Lieut. Gov. W. B. Cooper, of North Carolina, Thos. E. Cooper, his brother, Horace C. Cooper, his son, and Clyde W. Lassiter, were indicted by the United States grand jury here today on criminal charges growing out of the failure of the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington a year ago. The Coopers were officials of the bank and Lassiter was a customer. They are expected to go on trial Monday.

Lieut. Governor Cooper and Thos. E. Cooper are charged in one indictment containing 20 counts, with conspiring to embezzle and misapply funds of the bank of which they were chairman of the board and President, respectively. This indictment also charges them with aiding and abetting Horace Cooper, cashier of the bank, in making false entries in the books.

Another indictment charges the Lieut. Governor and Thos. E. Cooper with conversion of funds of the bank. This indictment contains 15 counts. A third indictment also containing thirteen counts, charges Thos. E. Cooper with conversion and misapplication of funds, and making false entries.

Thos. E. Cooper and Lassiter, a depositor, were charged in the fourth indictment, with abstracting and misapplying funds of the bank. This indictment charges Horace Cooper with making false entries in connection with transactions between the President of the bank and Lassiter. It contains 7 counts.

Horace Cooper is named in a separate indictment containing six counts charging him with converting and misapplying funds of the bank, and making false entries.

With Our Advertisers.

Ferndell corn on the cob at Dove-Boat Co.'s. Mud—have you seen the window display at the Porter Drug Co? The buying power of the Parker Shoe Store for their several stores makes possible their low prices.

"Fixtures of Character" only are sold by W. J. Hethcock. See the message in another column of Mr. U. B. Thrifty.

See the new coal ad. of K. L. Crayen & Sons. No left overs at Fisher's—final clearance sale of coats, wraps, dresses and millinery at Fisher's.

The great O'Henry Hotel of Greensboro, is preparing to add 100 additional rooms to the already huge building. From the very first this hotel has enjoyed remarkable prosperity.

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS.



Fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

Validity of Divorce Decree Argued.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 2.—With the jury excused until Monday, the validity of the divorce decree obtained by Mrs. Oneima DeBouché from Adolf Roquemart as it affected the legal merits of her engagement to Asa G. Candler, Sr., was argued before Judge Sibley in U. S. District court here today.

Three Killed in Explosion.

(By the Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 2.—Three persons were killed and several injured in a gas explosion here today in the building occupied by the Bailey Reynolds Chandler Company. The explosion shook the entire downtown district.