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WILSON TO TAKE CENSUS OF JOBLESS

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORS BELIEVE CONDITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT EXAGGERATED.

WILL HOLD INVESTIGATION

Secretary of Labor Intrusted With Duty of Making Inquiry Into Present Conditions.

Washington.—The Wilson Administration has decided to get at the bottom of the statements that there is a widespread condition of unemployment in the country. Some of the President's advisers contend that the situation is not as represented, and they believe that something should be done to counteract what they regard as a false impression that has been created largely, in their opinion, for political purposes. The representations made to the President in this connection have had their effect, and it has been determined to make an investigation to ascertain the facts.

To the Secretary of Labor has been intrusted the duty of conducting the inquiry, and he has decided to begin work in New York City, where conditions of unemployment are represented to be worse than at any time in the Nation's history. The Secretary of Labor will ask the New York authorities to instruct the police, in conjunction with the work of taking the city census this year, to ascertain the number of persons unemployed in New York City.

If such an arrangement cannot be made, the Department of Labor will send an additional force of agents to New York to do the work as well as they can. These agents will endeavor to check up on the figures furnished by the police, and in that way seek to determine the situation as accurately as possible, in the absence of an adequate force of Government enumerators.

GERMAN BATTLESHIP SUNK.

British Fleet Scores Another Victory in North Sea.

London.—An attempt by a German cruiser squadron to repeat the recent attack on Scarborough, the Hartlepool and other British coast towns, was frustrated by the British patrolling squadron, and in a running fight the German armored cruiser Blucher was sunk and two German battle cruisers seriously damaged.

The British ships suffered only slight injury. So far as is known only 123 of the Blucher's crew of 885 were saved.

A battle also occurred between the light cruisers and destroyers accompanying the bigger ships, but the result of that engagement has not yet reached the admiralty.

The British were superior in ships engaged, weight of armament and speed and the flight of the German ships into the mine and submarine infested field possibly saved them from further losses.

Battleships May Not Be Able to Pass.

Washington.—Colonel Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone, reported to President Wilson that hard work on the slides at Gold Hill and Cucaracha gave no promise of a guarantee that battleships could pass through the waterway for the opening ceremonies in March. The presidential party may be taken around the slides by train.

Indefinite Promise of Independence.

Washington.—A promise of complete independence for the Philippines when "in the judgment of the United States the people of the islands shall be fitted therefor" is contained in a revision of the preamble to the pending bill to enlarge the self-government of the Filipinos, adopted by the Senate Philippines Committee.

Supreme Court Recess.

Washington.—The Supreme Court announced it would take a recess after announcing decisions February 1 until after February 24.

He Remembered One.

At a medical college a class was being examined in anatomy, and one student was asked: "What muscles have their origin in the popliteal space?" "Well," said the bright student, "there's that one with the darned long name, and I don't remember the other two."

The Difference.

"Why doesn't Maud marry Harry? He is just dying for her."
"But what Maud is after is a living."



SENOR ENRIQUE JIMENEZ

Senor Jimenez, the fourth Dominican minister to the United States, has arrived in Washington to succeed Eduardo Solor. He has occupied a number of high positions in his country.

HAY PLEASED WITH ARMY

GENERAL DEBATE ON \$101,000,000 ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL IS COMPLETED.

Insists That the Country is Hopelessly Unable to Put Up Fight of Any Consequence.

Washington.—After an all-day discussion of national defence the house completed general debate on the \$101,000,000 army appropriation bill. Reading of the measure for amendment has begun with both majority and minority leaders urging that action on this and other appropriation bills be expedited to avoid a special session of congress.

The feature of the debate was a speech by Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the military committee, deprecating war talk and declaring it was not necessary to add a single man to the standing army. The pending bill makes no provision for additions to the army, but measures before the senate military committee with the approval of the administration, would increase the army by about 25,000 men.

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, and Kahn of California vigorously insisted that the country's present defenses were inadequate though they agreed with Mr. Hay that there was no immediate prospect of the United States being involved in war.

"How people can claim," said Mr. Hay, "that these great nations now at war, which are exhausting themselves financially and physically, as soon as the war is over, are going to turn around and attack the strongest nation on earth is beyond my comprehension. The United States is going on now to maintain peace with all the world. That is the policy of this country, not only of the administration but of the entire citizenry."

"Nobody wants war. We are not going to do anything to bring about war. All this talk of our not being prepared for war and of conditions have arisen in Europe which makes it necessary for us to go into large military expenditures is absurd. I am utterly opposed to a large standing army, to adding a single man to the present standing army."

WILL KEEP UP FIGHT.

Ship Purchase Bill May Prolong Session of Congress, Says Leaders.

Washington.—Republican Senators terminated at a conference to fight the government ship purchase bill with all resources at their command, continuing the opposition until March 4 if necessary or even in an extra session, should one be called.

Immediately after the conference the Republicans began action. Senator Smoot moved that the senate adjourn. That was defeated. Democratic members, most of whom had been absent while Senator Weeks concluded a speech against the ship bill, hurrying in on a quorum call. Senators Lodge and Root served notice that they would speak on the bill.

FIGHTING IN WEST GROWING FIERCER

HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS IN THE ARGONNE, AROUND VERDUN AND ALSACE.

WATCH EVERY GERMAN MOVE

Russian and German Troops in Poland Placed so Either May Flank Other if Vistula is Crossed.

London.—Although official descriptions of fighting in the west are brief, there is evidence that it is growing fiercer at many points. The Germans are showing renewed activity in the neighborhood of Ypres and heavy bombardments of the Allies left wing are almost incessant.

It is from the center eastward, however, that the battles are most bitter. In the Argonne, around Verdun and in Alsace heavy engagements continue apparently without any decision having been reached. But these are merely local affairs compared to what is expected when the ground becomes more suitable for moving troops.

Along the Belgian coast every German move is the signal for a renewed bombardment by British ships while the aviators of both forces are continually dropping bombs behind the hostile lines.

Dunkirk has been singled out for German air attacks, doubtless because it is believed it is being used by the British as a base of supplies from England while Ostend, Bruges and Zeebrugge are receiving attention from the Allies. There is no confirmation from official sources of the reported visit of the Allies' airmen to Essen and Dusseldorf early in the week.

A remarkable situation has arisen in Poland. Russian troops north of the lower Vistula are now 50 miles further west than the Germans in the direction of Warsaw; so that a successful crossing of the Vistula would make a flank attack by either army possible. The Germans are keeping careful guard over a possible passage of the river above Plock, evidently for this reason, but the Russian objective appears to lie to the north rather than to the south. On the whole, however, the Austro-Germans, for political reasons, must divert their attention to the southeast, where the Russians are pressing through the mountains towards Transylvania.

According to Russian statements strong Austrian forces already have been encountered and there is a suggestion that the Russians are expected to meet serious opposition before long. The attacks in front of Warsaw have grown less frequent and apparently are not being pushed with the same determination as previously. In the Carpathians the armies are snow-bound.

OBREGON FOLLOWS CARRANZA.

Tells Gutierrez He Will Stick to His Former Leader.

Washington.—General Alvaro Obregon has spurned overtures from General Eulalio Gutierrez to join an independent movement against both Carranza and the Villa-Zapata coalition, and will remain loyal to Carranza, according to an announcement by the Carranza agency here.

The following telegram from General Obregon, dated Puebla, was made public by the agency.

"Deny all versions of the report that I have joined Gutierrez. As always, I have the honor to form a part of the Constitutional army worthily commanded by Venustiano Carranza. Generals Gutierrez, Robles, Benavides, Blanco, Chao, Zuzana and Sanchez have initiated a campaign against Villa and have issued a manifesto disclosing his latest crimes. I do not know what flag they intend to follow."

Fund For Survivors.

New York.—Madame Slavko Grouitch, wife of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in Serbia, reached here to raise a fund for the restoration of families of Serbian farmers to their homes devastated by the war. Before her marriage she was Miss Mabel Dunlap of Virginia.

Democrats Agree on Ship Bill.

Washington.—Senate Democrats in caucus reached final agreement on the ship-purchase bill and adopted a resolution making it a party measure. Three Democrats voted against it, but later it was made unanimous. No material amendments to the bill as perfected in previous caucuses were advanced. The principal differences of opinion arose on Senator Hoke Smith's amendment to provide that the government after restoration of normal world conditions should lease purchased ships to private concerns.



MISS GLADYS PUGH

Miss Gladys Lowden Pugh, daughter of Judge James L. Pugh, is one of the pretty debutantes from the ranks of resident society in Washington this winter.

INDICT DEPUTY SHERIFFS

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER BEING BROUGHT AS RESULT OF SHOOTING OF STRIKERS.

Labor Leaders Address Strikers Urging Them Not to Arm Themselves and to Refrain From Violence.

Roosevelt, N. J.—With 22 deputy sheriffs named as defendants in a blanket warrant charging manslaughter, investigations were under way by the Federal Industrial Relations Commission and the prosecutor of Middlesex county into the shooting here of 19 striking employes of the American Agricultural Chemical Company.

One striker died from his wounds and several others are in a serious condition.

Twenty-one of the accused deputies pleaded not guilty when arraigned before County Judge Daley and were released on bail of \$2,000 bonds furnished by a surety company. They were sent back to guard the company's property. Counsel for the other deputy named in the warrant said his client would plead at once.

Investigators representing the Industrial Relations Commission expect to complete their inquiry. Meanwhile county authorities plan to place evidence before the grand jury.

Labor leaders addressed the strikers at a meeting, urging them not to arm themselves and to refrain from violence and not to congregate in the streets or near the company's plants. The strikers discussed without taking action a suggestion to appoint a committee to meet representatives of the company with a view to settling the wage dispute which resulted in their quitting work.

FLEE FROM MEXICO CITY.

Convention Forces Evacuate—Carranza Troops Are Near.

Washington.—Advices from Mexico City indicated that the Mexican capital soon would be evacuated by the convention forces. Carranza troops are reported at Apam, within 50 miles of the city.

State department dispatches said General Villas followers "were leaving for the North" but did not explain whether the movement was general or merely preliminary to evacuation.

The last dispatch from Mexico City, was summarized in this announcement from the state department:

"A dispatch from Mexico City states that the followers of General Villa are leaving for the North and it is reported that the general officers of the National Railway are to be at Chihuahua."

"A report was current in Mexico City on the nineteenth that a large force of Carranzistas was moving in the direction of Apam."

"The convention still continues its sessions, and has adopted the first two articles of the proposed plan of government. A manifesto has been issued calling on the Mexican nation to support the convention. General Villa was confirmed a commander-in-chief and was given a complimentary vote of confidence."

"The department is informed that General Villa was expected to arrive at Aguas Calientes on the night of the eighteenth and that so far not many

BIG MILITARY BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

\$101,000,000 ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED HAS FEW CHANGES.

AVIATION WAS DEFEATED

Artillery Appropriation Is Greatly Increased—Some Funds For All Branches.

Washington.—After two days of debate on the general staff of the national defense the house passed without a roll call the army appropriation bill, carrying \$101,000,000.

Advocates of immediate strengthening of the military establishment fought to the last for additional appropriations, but their efforts met with no encouragement from either Democratic or Republican leaders. The last roll call on a motion by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts to recommit the bill with instructions to report back an amendment carrying \$1,000,000 for aviation was defeated 253 to 34.

An amendment offered by Representative Deitrick of Massachusetts and adopted practically without opposition would prohibit use of stop watches and other "speeding up" devices in connection with so-called scientific management systems in arsenals and ships. Representatives of union labor have been fighting for this prohibition for several years.

The house also adopted an amendment by Representative Tavenner of Illinois to require that all munitions of war provided for in the bill shall be manufactured in government plants.

The bill which carries funds for all branches of the army during the coming fiscal year, includes \$300,000 for purchase of 25 aeroplanes, and \$50,000 for an armored motor-car. These items and efforts to add to them, furnished texts for long discussions on use of the aeroplanes and armored motorcars in the European war. The appropriation for field artillery material was increased from \$25,000 to \$170,000.

Representative Guernsey of Maine urged a stronger coast defense declaring that if Great Britain should go to war with the United States over questions arising from the European war "her plan would be to seize the city of Portland, set Maine off into Canada overnight and make property and life there worth no more than in Belgium today."

FOREIGN TRADE IMPROVEMENT.

Sales of Foodstuffs, Clothing, etc., Have Been Unusually Large.

Washington.—Marked improvement in the foreign trade of the United States is reflected in latest reports to the department of commerce, and official summary of which, says in part:

"Sales of foodstuffs and certain lines of manufactures have been unusually larger in November, the latest period for which detailed information is at hand. In that month exports aggregated \$206,000,000, or double the total for August last, when, by reason of the outbreak of war, our foreign trade fell to the lowest level reached in many years. In December there was further improvement, the month's exports being valued at \$246,000,000, compared with \$233,000,000 in December 1913 and within four million of the high record established in December 1912."

"An analysis of the trade figures published in the summary of foreign commerce shows that while American cotton, mineral oils, naval stores, lumber and agricultural implements are in less demand abroad than in former years there is a greater demand in foreign countries for our foodstuffs, meats, sugar, clothing and other manufactures especially in Europe."

Summer Practice Cruise.

Annapolis, Md.—The summer practice cruise of the midshipmen will be through the Panama canal, and up the Pacific coast to San Francisco, according to announcement.

Alabama Votes Dry Over Veto.

Montgomery, Ala.—Alabama will become a prohibition state July 1 under two related measures which became law without executive approval. Within a few hours after Governor Henderson had vetoed the bills and had asked the legislature to submit the prohibition question to the voters at a special election, both houses voted down his proposal and repassed the bills by overwhelming majorities. The vote in the house on repassage was

IREDELL CREAMERY OPENED

Mooreville Co-Operative Plant Formally and Auspiciously Opened For Business.

Mooreville.—The Mooreville Co-Operative Creamery was formally opened here with public exercises in the graded school auditorium, followed by a butter-making demonstration during the afternoon. It will be recalled that about 18 months ago an effort was made in Iredell county to establish a creamery, but owing to the fact that the cream routes were not organized and there was not sufficient butter-fat gathered at this point to maintain one, it was deemed advisable not to attempt starting such an institution until routes were thoroughly organized and the cream obtainable. Farmers began at once with their dogged determination to succeed, and with a united effort, the creamery was launched.

At 11 o'clock Mayor Frontis presented in a happy manner Dr. D. H. Hill, president of the A. & M. College of Raleigh, who spoke for 40 minutes of the practical methods for doing things, employing the scientific worn as the big essential. Improved methods and science have come to put a new aspect on the whole farming system and laws that control productions are now employed.

Doctor Hill made a pleasing illustration of the "practical" man who wanted employment, but knew nothing whatever of scientific or modern methods of weeding out the unprofitable work on the farm. In his closing words he said there were only three things to do that must be done to attain the highest efficiency of profit and results on the farm. For instance, select better seeds, prepare and cultivate your soil better and fertilize with a view to preserving the fertility. He referred to the man who under old methods raised only 10 bushels of corn to the acre and who under the method of selecting his seed, brought from the same acre 20 bushels of corn. He said there should not be an acre of poor land in North Carolina, where cow peas will grow in the summer time and clover in the winter, thereby keeping the soil from washing and nursing it as nature had intended it. Doctor Hill paid a high tribute to Iredell county and her progressive spirit.

J. A. Arey, formerly county demonstrator but now with the United States Agricultural Department, made a brief talk in which he referred to the early agitation of the creamery for Iredell county and how willingly the men of this community took hold of it.

TAR HEEL BREVITIES.

Western contractors are exploring the bottom of the Cape Fear river for unknown reasons.

Capt. Steve Smith of the gasboat Carl T. plying between Newbern and Adams Creek, and carrying freight, was in some way knocked from the vessel and drowned before assistance could reach him. Just how the accident occurred is not definitely known.

Provision for the erection of a monument costing \$20,000, in Wilmington to the Confederate soldier is made in the will of the late Mr. Gabriel James Boney, filed for probate recently. Mr. Boney leaves an estate estimated at \$50,000.

The Cape Fear Lath & Shingle Co., with offices in Wilmington, has announced that early in February a chain of mills will be put in operation in Duplin, Bladen, Pender and Swain counties for the manufacture of laths, shingles and lumber from gum, cypress and pine.

Resolved, That North Carolina should adopt a state-wide dog tax for the benefit of public schools," was the query discussed by the North Carolina Club at Chapel Hill at its recent semi-monthly meeting. The debate was supplemented by the audience's vote on the subject, which favorably voted for a state-wide levy on dogs, the decision standing 22 to 16.

Maj. Graham had on exhibition in his office at Raleigh a sample of paper bagging manufactured for the use in baling cotton. It was submitted by a manufacturer.

Halfway farmers intend to greatly increase their tobacco acreage this year.

Work will be begun on Charlotte's new Federal postoffice building about July 1.

Asheville Union printers are urging the selection of Asheville as site for home for tubercular printers.

Adjutant General Laurence W. Young has issued commissions to W. C. Albright as first lieutenant and R. A. Blizard as second lieutenant of Company I, First Regiment, Mount Airy. These men were elected by the company in compliance with a recent order.

Spray has become a model community. An up-to-date health officer, sanitary inspector, medical examination of school children and drinking water looked after are some of the things accomplished, and a program of systematic health education inaugurated.