

PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO GRAIN DEALERS

ADDRESS TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WAS ALMOST DEVOID OF POLITICS.

WILSON PREDICTS NEW ERA

Discuss Ways in Which Commerce Can Be Expounded Through Tariff and Trade Commission, Federal Reserve Act, Etc.

Baltimore.—President Wilson delivered a speech almost devoid of politics before the National Grain Dealers' Convention here. Discussing ways in which American commerce can be expanded he told an audience of 3,800 persons that through the new tariff commission, the trade commission, the Federal reserve act, the shipping bill and similar measures he expected business men in this country to open up a new era for the nation.

"The purpose of legislation in the immediate future in this country," Mr. Wilson declared, "is going to be to remove all ingenious constructions and make it perfectly clear what the liberties are as well as what the restrictions of trade are in this country."

Every effort was made by the president to keep the visit to Baltimore non-partisan but when he entered the Lyric theatre for his speech he was greeted with a four-minute demonstration.

The theatre was packed with grain dealers from all parts of the country and their friends. Many visitors were turned away. The president spoke emphatically.

Regret that politics might interfere with the discussion of problems facing American business was expressed by the president at the outset. He declared he had a "supreme contempt for partisan action, although believing in party action."

ANOTHER AIR RAID ON ENGLAND BY GERMANS

Bombs Dropped in Several Places in Northern and Midland Counties.

London.—"Several hostile airships crossed the East and Northeast coasts of England between 10:30 o'clock and midnight," says an official communication issued shortly after midnight.

"Bombs are reported to have been dropped at several places in northern and north-midland counties.

"An airship is also reported off the South coast.

"No reports of casualties or damages have been received."

BULGARIANS SEIZE U. S. TOBACCO IN GREECE

Athens, via London.—Tobacco valued at \$15,000,000 of which \$2,000,000 worth is the property of American companies, is being removed to the interior by Bulgarians from storage warehouses at the Greek seaport of Kavala.

Garrett Droppers, the American minister to Greece, has asked the Bulgarian government to permit the American stocks to be taken out of the port.

AMBASSADOR GERARD'S WIFE IN AUTO CRASH

Berlin, via Sayville.—Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador, sustained a slight nervous shock when her automobile came into collision with a taxicab.

Mrs. Gerard was able to return to her home, however, without requiring the services of a physician.

FARMERS OF WEST ARE INTERESTED IN LOAN LAW

Chicago.—Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, arrived at Western Democratic headquarters after a trip through the Western States and declared that he found farmers more interested in the farm loan law than any other issue of the campaign.

"The farmer apparently is thoroughly satisfied."

VILLA BLAMES LOPEZ FOR RAID AT COLUMBUS

Columbus, N. M.—Army intelligence agents are investigating a report that adherents of Villa were here to secure information to prove that Villa was not at Columbus on March 9 but that the Columbus raid was led by Pablo Lopez, who was executed in Chihuahua City because of his alleged leadership at the Santa Ysabel massacre. It is reported that Villa is preparing a manifesto disclaiming responsibility for the Columbus raid.

KIFFIN ROCKWELL KILLED IN BATTLE

DARING NORTH CAROLINA AVIATOR MEETS DEATH IN AERIAL BATTLE IN FRANCE.

FIGHTING FOR THE ALLIES

Son of Mrs. L. A. Rockwell of Winston-Salem Honored By General Joffre as Bold and Courageous Pilot.—Wore Numerous Medals.

Winston-Salem, N. C.—Kiffin Yates Rockwell, formerly of Asheville and Atlanta, who had been serving with the French aero corps on the Western battle front, was killed in a fight with a German aircraft. Announcement of his death was contained in a cablegram from Paris received here by his mother, Mrs. L. A. Rockwell of this city.

The message announcing the aviator's death was very brief and came from an influential friend of the family in Paris. It said: "Kiffin killed this morning in aerial battle in Alsace."

Young Rockwell had been serving in the French army since September 30, 1914. He was very active in the aerial fighting around Verdun and succeeded in bringing down four German aeroplanes unassisted. For this feat he recently received a war cross and military medal from the hand of General Joffre, who referred to him as "a bold and courageous pilot." He had been frequently mentioned for bravery in the official reports.

Mrs. Rockwell had received a letter from her son only a few hours before the news of his death reached her. In the letter he stated that he had had a leave of absence of eight days and had spent the time in Paris with his brother, Paul Rockwell, and that he had had a great time. On the day he mailed the letter he was leaving for the front and said he had been transferred from Verdun to a more active sector.

Aerial fighting in which Sergt. Kiffin Rockwell of North Carolina was mortally wounded by a German airman took place over the town of Thann.

Rockwell was serving as a volunteer in the Franco-American flying corps on the Verdun front. A few hours previous to the engagement he had been promoted to the rank of second lieutenant but died without knowing of the new honor.

MEXICAN-AMERICAN COMMISSION PLEASSED.

Progress Made in First Three Weeks of Joint Discussion Satisfactory to Members.

New London, Conn.—Professing satisfaction with the progress already made, members of the Mexican-American joint commission have begun the fourth week of their conference. It is expected that the American members will continue their inquiry into the social and economic as well as the military problems of Mexico on the ground that the conditions in Northern Mexico are too intimately related to internal affairs to justify them in entering into an agreement for border control without a definite understanding of what changes for the better are to be made nearer the seat of government.

The Mexicans have received from Andres Garcia, Mexican consul at El Paso, a report of the attack on Chihuahua by Villa forces, denying that the attacking party obtained any ammunition or that Villa personally appeared in the city.

THIEVES GET GEMS VALUED AT \$15,000

Baltimore, Md.—Defying detection from the hourly visits of a night watchman, cracksmen early today chiseled their way into the inner recess of a 3,000 pound safe in the jewelry store of Cemen and Norwig and escaped with gems valued at approximately \$15,000.

WILSON AND HUGHES CALLED "CAPITALISTIC"

New York.—President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes were characterized as "candidates of the capitalistic class" by Allan L. Benson, nominee of the Socialist party for president at a meeting held in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Benson and his running mate, George R. Kirkpatrick, candidate for vice president as well as other Socialist nominees were applauded by a large crowd which assembled for the formal ratification of the candidate.

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VILLA TO RETURN SOON GERMANS SHOW VIOLENCE

WILL COME BACK TO CHIHUAHUA CITY, SCENE OF LATEST ATTACK.

Commander of El Paso Military District Tells U. S. War Department That Bandit Chief Led Mexican Independence Day Raid.

Washington.—The most detailed account yet received of the fighting at Chihuahua City when Villa celebrated the Mexican Independence Day by a successful assault on the Carranza garrison, reached the war department from Brig. Gen. George Bell, commanding the El Paso military district. It asserts that Villa personally led the attacking forces that he took and held numerous important buildings in the city for several hours; that he was joined by a thousand or more men of the Carranza garrison and retired, promising to return soon and taking with him a large quantity of captured arms, ammunition and artillery.

General Bell's dispatch does not show the source of his information and many officials believe his account of the incident was founded on rumors reaching the border and were various stories which have been transformed by state department agents. They were inclined to believe for that reason that the full truth of what transpired is not yet known. Reports so far received are similar only in that they show a fight did occur on September 16 and that the Villa followers took the penitentiary and some other buildings. They all conflict as to the part Villa played, not even agreeing that he was present.

"Evidence increases to show that Villa was completely successful in his attack Saturday upon Chihuahua and accomplished all and more than he said he would do. There is diversity of opinion and statements as to the number of men with which he entered Chihuahua. Some reports state he only had about 500, while others give him 1,700, but all agree that he was able to secure possession of the penitentiary, the governor's palace and the federal buildings, hold them for several hours and all this with a Carranza garrison at Chihuahua. He liberated over 200 prisoners, secured and carried away more than 16 automobile loads of arms and ammunition under an escort of deserting Carranza troops. He left Chihuahua with from 1,000 to 1,500 more men than he enter with.

Villa retired leisurely and practically without molestation. The firing by Trevino's artillery occurred after Villa troops had withdrawn.

NAVY CONSULTING BOARD BACK FROM TARGET TEST

Secretary Daniels and Civilian Officials See Atlantic Fleet in Action at Southern Drill Grounds.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels returned here from the Southern Drill Grounds where in company with members of the civilian consulting board he watched practice maneuvers of the Atlantic fleet including an exhibition fight from the aeroplane ship North Carolina and special operations.

The yacht Dolphin put the secretary and the board members aboard the superdreadnaught Texas in Lynnhaven roads and from the big flagship they witnessed short range battle practice and various other tests including night firing by the battleship Minnesota. A spectacular feature was a sea aeroplane flight by Lieutenant Bellinger, of the North Carolina, who was dropped overboard in his machine by the ship's crane and left to get under way in a rough sea.

325,000 WORKERS VOTE FOR STRIKE

OVER HALF MILLION ARE CALLED TO JOIN IN NEW YORK'S BIG WALKOUT.

STRIKE FORMALLY ORDERED

Organized Workers in Virtually Every Industry in Greater New York Called Upon to Cease Work September 27th at 8 A. M.

New York.—Organized workers in virtually every industry in Greater New York were formally called upon to cease work at 8 a. m. Wednesday morning in sympathy with striking traction employees. Union leaders assert approximately 600,000 men and women are involved.

The call as embodied in resolutions adopted at a conference of labor leaders representing the Federated bodies in all the boroughs of the city as well as many national and international unions. Of the 80 unions in the city represented it was said some already had voted in favor of a strike. A call it was said would be issued not only to organized workers in New York but also to those in Westchester county in which the cities of Yonkers, New Rochelle and Mount Vernon are situated, and would extend throughout a wide range of industries.

"It was decided by unanimous vote by representatives of 80 unions in Greater New York and vicinity that there shall be a general suspension of all work in all trades and industries in Greater New York and vicinity the same to commence Wednesday, September 28 at 8 a. m."

BRITISH PROPOSE MORE STRINGENT SHIPPING CONTROL.

Claim Depletion of Supply of Tonnage as Result of Submarine Action Must Be Met by Increased Measures

London.—The continued depletion of the world's supply of tonnage as a result of the operations of the submarines of the Central Powers will be met by an increase in stringent measures by which the Entente Allies design to control shipping, so as to ensure it being used to the best advantage of the Allies and prevent it even indirectly aiding their opponents, according to a statement made to the Associated Press by Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade.

Lord Robert admitted that even the present rate of destruction without considering the possibility of a resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare, meant a serious loss to the world's tonnage and that consequently it would not be expected that British coal or other British facilities should be expended on ships carrying goods to blacklisted firms. The Entente Allies will increase their shipping measures, which already are proving valuable in making the best use of available tonnage in proportion as the Germans succeed in destroying merchant ships.

RESURRECTION OF VILLA DENIED BY DE FACTO CHIEFS.

Washington.—Whether Francisco Villa again has become a factor in the military situation in Northern Mexico remained a question of considerable doubt despite nearly a week's effort by the state and war departments to ascertain what part, if any, the bandit chief took in the attack on Chihuahua City.

Secretary Baker let it become known that War Department officials do not regard as conclusive the report transmitted by Brig. Gen. Bell, saying that Villa led the Chihuahua City attack in person and the Mexican Embassy announced receipt of official advices declaring Villa was not in the attacking force. The Embassy's report came from General Trevino, commander of the garrison.

The resurrection of Villa is not true," said Ambassador Arredon. "The attack on Chihuahua City was made by a combination of juntas antagonistic to the de facto government."

18 FEET OF GREAT 12-IN. GUN BLOWN OFF BY EXPLOSION.

Norfolk.—The U. S. S. Michigan, badly damaged by the explosion of the muzzle of one of her 12-inch guns while engaged in target practice on the Southern Drill Grounds, arrived in Hampton Roads. Late in the afternoon after transferring yeoman Robert C. Cooper, injured in the accident, to the naval hospital and taking on a small boat the battleship sailed under way for the Philadelphia for repairs.

STATE APPLE CROP IS REPORTED GOOD

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SAYS YIELD IS LARGER THAN LAST YEAR.

1972000 BARRELS LAST YEAR

Winesap, Rome Beauty, York Imperial, Stayman Winesap and Limbertwig Show Larger Crops.

Washington.—The North Carolina apple crop promises well this year. Several of the leading varieties will yield far more than they did last year. In a statement issued the Department of Agriculture says that the winesap, Rome beauty, York Imperial, Stayman winesap and limbertwig have increased over the last crop.

The Department statement says: "The September 1 forecast of total apple production this year in the United States, as reported by the Bureau of Crop Estimates, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is 67,879,000 barrels of three bushels each (agricultural and not commercial basis) as compared with 76,870,000 estimated produced last year, of which not quite 85 per cent were sold. In the past ten years estimated production has exceeded the present forecast five times. Taking the country as a whole, it thus appears that the apple crop will be nearly an average, but 12 per cent smaller than last year's large crop. The crop is larger than last year in the Atlantic Coast States, including North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania, and in the Pacific Coast States, but smaller in practically all the interior states except Michigan, which has about 34 per cent more than last year. For the first time this year an attempt has been made to forecast the crop by important varieties.

"The following estimates are based upon reports from special lists of apple correspondents to the Bureau of Crop Estimates:

"The winesap forecast, North Carolina 178,000 barrels, an increase of nine per cent.

"The Rome beauty, North Carolina, 93,000 barrels, an increase of 39 per cent.

"The York Imperial, North Carolina, 92,000 barrels, an increase of 33 per cent.

"Limbertwig, 227,000 barrels, an increase of 10 per cent."

"The North Carolina apple crop of last year amounted to 1,972,000 barrels at 79 cents per barrel.

"The crop will be much larger this year if the increase in other varieties keep up the record promised by the ones mentioned by the Department of Agriculture.

New Bank Gets Charter.

Raleigh.—One new bank and amendments for two others was the record of charters and charter amendments in the office of the Secretary of State. The Carolina Bank of Gibson was chartered with \$100,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed by W. H. Sanders, E. L. Gibson and others for a general banking business.

The Bank of Pamlico at Bayboro amends its charter so as to authorize the establishment of branch banks.

An amendment for the charter of "The Citizen's Bank of Gates, Gates County, provides simply for the elimination of "The" from the charter name of the corporation.

Plan For Tuberculosis Week.

Tuberculosis Week will be observed in North Carolina the week of December 3-10. This week has been set apart by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis in which special attention shall be given this all important subject in every state in the union. Through the Tuberculosis Bureau of this state, of which Dr. L. B. McBrayer of the State Sanatorium is at the head, efforts will be made to enlist the co-operation of the churches, the schools, and all anti-tuberculosis and public health organizations.

State Engineer Surveys Bridge.

Mooreville.—State Engineer Fallis and his assistant, Lewis Craven, spent the afternoon at the river eight miles west of town, making a survey of the proposed free bridge ordered by the county commissioners to be built at once. It is quite probable that a new site will be recommended, although if it can be done, the site of the Brown and Troutman bridge will be utilized. Commissioner W. C. Johnston was with the engineers, together with a number of interested private citizens.