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Wilson Encouraged By Reports From Abroad

President is Convinced That the Principle and Fundamental Statements Which He Made Before the Senate are Receiving Earnest Consideration by Statesmen and People of Both Groups of Belligerents.

BELITTLES THE OPEN OPPOSITION BY THE REPUBLICANS

Administration Feels That General Discussion of the Program Will Result in The Development of a Strong Public Opinion, Not Only in United States But All Over The World in Favor of the Proposals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Unofficial advices from both entente and Teutonic sources indicating the favorable reception of President Wilson's peace speech tonight lent encouragement to the President. But the domestic fight against the President's proposals was brought into the open by a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Borah, declaring for adherence by the Senate to the principles of the Monroe Doctrine of "no entangling alliances abroad."

The Borah resolution will open the war for a discussion and the President's declaration of a new status for the United States among the nations of the world. Senator Borah will press his consideration in the Senate tomorrow.

No official advices were received from abroad by the State Department touching upon the peace situation. But unofficial and press dispatches relating to the speech and comment in an interview given out by Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Zimmerman in Berlin convinced the President and his advisors that the principle and fundamental statements which he made before the Senate were receiving earnest if not favorable consideration by the Statesmen and the people of both groups of belligerents.

At both Entente and Teutonic embassies here it was stated tonight that official advices relative to the President's peace speech had not been received. No comment was forthcoming from the diplomats.

Despite the apparently vigorous Republican opposition in the Senate and the far reaching peace program, the President and administration feels that general discussion of the program will result in the development of a strong public opinion, not only in the United States but all over the world in favor of the proposals.

The Senate did not discuss peace today but Senator Borah's resolution will undoubtedly reopen the subject tomorrow.

STATE GETS RURAL POST ROADS FUND

\$228,763.84 of Government's \$10,000,000 Appropriation to Come to North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—North Carolina has been apportioned \$228,763.84 for construction of rural roads in the State during the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, out of the Federal appropriation of \$10,000,000 to aid the States in accordance with the Federal good roads law passed at the last session of Congress. It was announced by the Secretary of Agriculture today.

The \$10,000,000 fund has been divided among all the States as the act provides, one-third in the ratio of area, one-third in the ratio of population and one-third in the ratio of mileage of rural delivery routes and star routes.

This is the second appropriation as \$5,000,000 was distributed last year. The good roads act provided for a five year project \$15,000,000 to be spent in 1919, \$20,000,000 to be spent in 1920 and \$25,000,000 in 1921.

Two heads are better than one. If you don't believe it, ask the truck farmer who raises cabbage.

THREE UP-STATE CITIES BID FOR STATE TROOPS

Asheville, Goldsboro and Raleigh Making Fight for Returning Regiments.

UP TO PEOPLE OF THIS SECTION TO PROTEST

It is understood that efforts are being made to have the North Carolina troops mustered out of the Federal service at three different points up-State instead of at Camp Glenn, the State camp. According to information received here at a late hour last night, plans are on foot to have the First Regiment mustered out at Asheville; Second Regiment at Goldsboro and Third Regiment at Raleigh. It is claimed that there will be less expense attached to this plan. However, there is more than one view of the proposition. It is said and on good authority that the troops will remain at the point where they are mustered out thirty days, and should this prove to be the case, it will be necessary to build some kind of camp, and the cold weather will necessitate, very substantial quarters. There is not the slightest doubt but that temporary camps could be erected with more comfort to the troops and at a great deal less cost at Camp Glenn, than any other point in the State. Too, the equipment will have to be shipped to Camp Glenn to be stored in the Government warehouses, and the clothing left by the troopers at the point of mobilization, will have to be forwarded to whatever point they are mustered out.

According to the information which has reached New Bern, these cities are putting forth every effort to have the troops mustered out in the order stated, and it is up to the people of New Bern and Eastern North Carolina to get busy. It has been suggested that the business people of this section take the matter up with Senator Simmons and induce him to use his influence in bringing the troops to Camp Glenn for mustering out. It has been stated by an influential man who was in communication with General Laurence Young late yesterday afternoon, that if the people of New Bern expect to have the soldiers mustered out at Camp Glenn, they will have to act and act quickly.

MAY BE WITHOUT A PRESIDENT FOR A DAY

March Fourth Comes on Sunday—Constitutional Sharks are Puzzled.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—A nation without an executive, and without a legislative body, is what this United States may be March 4 unless Constitutional sharks trying to prevent it, succeed.

Sunday, March 4th, is the death-day of the 64th Congress, and of President Wilson's first term.

Three precedents are found in American history—in 1821, 1849 and 1877—for adjourning Congress on March 3 at noon, as Sunday fell on the fourth. No precedent is found for continuing its sessions until the fifth.

A resolution introduced by Senator Walsh, Mont., declares it is the sense of the Senate that the present session expires on March 4, at noon. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary committee.

No decision has yet been reached as to when President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall will take their oaths of office. Either could, if necessary, be sworn in on Sunday the fourth, and then again on Monday, as a "guarantee" against fault in doing it Sunday.

Constitutional experts say the oath administered on Sunday would be completely legal and binding.

WILSON OPPOSED TO COMPULSORY TRAINING NOW

Large Standing Army Preferable, at Present Time, Says President.

ADDRESSES MARYLAND LEAGUE DELEGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—A large standing army is preferable to compulsory training at the present time, President Wilson told a delegation of Maryland League for national defense at the White House today. The delegation presented a memorial urging training and bitterly criticizing the present military system.

"No service except a standing army with professional soldiers prevents the frequent withdrawal of men from civil pursuits," said President Wilson. "That may be inevitable, but what you are proposing does not meet the difficulty which you condemn," the President continued. "It is receiving consideration at the country's hands and we in Washington, of course, share in the feelings and opinions of the United States."

LIVELY FIGHTING ON WEST BANK OF MEUSE

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 25.—The War Office issued the following bulletin tonight. "Western Theatre; on the west banks of the Meuse there was lively fighting activity. Otherwise there is nothing important to report."

TEUTONS ARE MAKING DRIVE TOWARDS RIGA

Prince Leopold's Troops Making Steady Progress in Direction of Russian Baltic Port.

3,200 PRISONERS TAKEN IN TWO DAYS

By International News Service

What three weeks ago looked like the beginning of a huge Russian offensive on the northern end of the eastern battle line southwest of Riga has developed into today what appears an earnest attempt on the part of the Teutons to break through to the big Russian Baltic port at the gates of which Hindenburg's drive stopped short more than a year and a half ago.

One thousand seven hundred and fourteen prisoners were taken by Prince Leopold's troops yesterday in a continuation of the previous day's offensive which netted them 1,500 prisoners. The original attacking front of a mile and a half has been extended to 6 1/2 miles. Last night's Berlin War Office bulletin asserts that progress was made on both banks of the Aia river.

VOTES FOR WOMEN FAVORABLY REPORTED

House Committee Favors Allowing Vote in Municipal and Presidential Elections

RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—Seven men in the lower House today voted to give women the right to vote in city and Presidential elections and only four voted against it, the suffrage bill introduced by Robert of Buncombe was reported favorably. It is the first skirmish ever won by State suffragists on the feminine roll.

The worst thing about paying as you go is to see some other fellow using a pass.

DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS FAIL TO PLAN PROGRAM

Efforts of Leaders to Clear Way for President's Legislation Result in Wrangle.

AN EXTRA SESSION APPEARS CERTAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—A caucus of several Democrats tonight failed to decide upon a legislative program for the present session of Congress. After several hours of wrangling the caucus found itself unable to agree upon a program and referred the legislative situation back to the Democratic steering committee for consideration. Efforts of the administration leaders to clear the way for President Wilson's legislative program terminated in a prolonged discussion which made it clear that an attempt to prevent an extra session was impossible at this time.

Railroad Program Doomed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The doom of President Wilson's railroad legislation now before Congress was apparently sealed tonight when a caucus of Senate Democrats met in an effort to form a legislative program that will avoid an extra session of Congress. Stripped of its compulsory investigation, the anti-strike fight, the President's railroad program was laid before the caucus by the Democrats of the Interstate Commerce Committee. A new railroad program will be before the caucus in tentative form would contain the following strict prevention provisions: "A law making it illegal to interfere or obstruct trains engaged in interstate commerce with a penalty of \$100 fine or imprisonment for six months, a law making it a misdemeanor for men engaged in interstate work to quit their jobs, a law authorizing the President to take over the operation of the railroads in time of military necessity.

Democratic Senators were not prepared to say tonight whether this program would be satisfactory to the President, but it was stated that no legislation more nearly approaching the President's original proposals can be put before Congress at this session.

VON L. MEYER URGES TRAINING FOR ALL

Former Secretary of Navy Says Compulsory Service is Necessary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The United States is in danger of falling into a position of impotence like China's, George von L. Meyer, former Secretary of the Navy, told the "Congress of Constructive Patriotism" of the National Security League here tonight. He urged a strong, well prepared navy and compulsory military and naval training.

"In the past, with the vast amount of immigration into this country, the safeguard of our Republic has been compulsory education. With conditions in the world existing as they do, the welfare of our people and the preservation of our institutions, depends in the future upon compulsory training, both military and naval.

"Let our people understand through out the land that there are duties of citizenship that we have been neglecting. Let us instill into our hearts the spirit of the Minute Men of Concord and Lexington. Let us not sacrifice the valor of youth through the valor of ignorance, but let us train every citizen before he comes of age, as Switzerland has done, in the art of defense and in the science of organization and efficiency."

EXPLOSION AT MUNITION PLANT AT TARRYTOWN

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 25.—There was an explosion tonight in the plant of the Riverside munition Co. in Irvington in a building used by them for making munitions. Several persons were injured, but it is believed that none were killed.

Don't despise little things. Faith will remove mountains, but it won't remove freckles.

BIG ARMIES AND NAVIES TO KEEP PEACE SAYS ROOT

Longs for Peace Suggested by Wilson, But Big Forces Must Be Behind It.

RINGING APPLAUSE GREETES THE SPEAKER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—Military and naval preparedness to back up the President's league to enforce peace plans, was commended here tonight by Elihu Root, of New York, speaking before the Congress of construction patriotism under the auspices of the National League. The former Secretary of State declared he fully sympathized with the President's peace proposals as outlined in his recent Senate speech, but added that such an agreement among nations to maintain peace would be worthless and meaningless unless the nation entering into the compact kept their full power behind it.

Mr. Root said much honorable idealism was found in the President's utterances and continued: "The kind of peace he describes is the peace that I long for. But the way he sees to preserve that peace is to be prepared for war. It will be a worthless agreement on our part if we haven't a ship or a soldier that we can contribute to the war, if war come for the maintenance of peace. And is it absolutely necessary that we shall build up a force, a potential power of arms commensurate with our size, our wealth, our dignity and our part among the nations of the world."

Ringling applause from the 2,000 or more that jammed the hall punctuated the remark of the Speaker.

BIGGEST U. S. WARSHIP SLIDES INTO THE DEEP

The Mississippi Takes to Water to Music of Cheers by Thousands.

COST \$15,000,000 WHEN COMPLETED

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Jan. 25.—While Miss Camille McBeath, of Meridian, Miss., daughter of J. M. McBeath, national committeeman, smashed a bottle over the graceful bow, the great battleship Mississippi slid into the water here today to the music of cheers by thousands of spectators.

United States naval officers say the Mississippi—like her sister ships, Idaho and New Mexico—is the strongest battleship in the world, either on the offensive or defensive. She cannot compare with the lightly armored battle cruiser in speed, however.

When completed, the Mississippi will have cost about \$15,000,000. The bid for the hull alone was \$7,115,000. She displaces 32,000 tons and 1,056 officers and men will man her, exclusive of the detachment of marines. From her twelve fourteen-inch rifles in the main battery she can hurl a broadside of 16,800 pounds.

The Mississippi took the name of the ship sold—with the Idaho—to Greece. With the money realized on the sale of the two old warships Secretary Daniels has defrayed the cost of one of the three new battleships.

The dimensions of the Mississippi are as follows: Length over all, 624 feet; length between perpendiculars, 600 feet; breadth, extreme, 97 feet, 4 1/2 inches; draft, 30 feet; speed, 21 knots. Her secondary battery consists of twenty-two five-inch rapid-fire guns, and she will have four submerged torpedo tubes and several anti-aircraft guns.

The propelling engine is supplied by turbines taking steam from oil-burning boilers of the water tube type.

The Mississippi has a bow shaped like a clipper's, as contrasted with the usual straight stem. The straight stem is meant for ramming, but the American naval constructors have decided that the possibility of warships

Voting Commenced In \$2,000 Campaign

ALDERMEN'S BILL IS AMENDED AND WITHDRAWN

Mr. L. I. Moore Gives Death Blow to Measure to Condemn Property for Parks.

MEASURE HAD BEEN PASSED BY HOUSE

The Board of Aldermen of the city of New Bern will not be vested with the power to purchase or condemn property for the purpose of building and maintain public parks, or such will not be the case at a very early date. A few days ago a bill, drawn up by a committee composed of the city attorney and members of the Board of Aldermen, was presented to the House by Craven county's representative, Mr. George Nail, for enactment, which, had it been passed would have given the Board of Aldermen the authority to purchase or condemn property for the purpose of building public parks in any part of the city.

The bill passed the House but when it was brought up in the Senate, Mr. L. I. Moore, appeared in the interest of property owners here, opposing the bill and succeeded in getting the bill amended so as to prevent the purchase and condemnation of property on East Front street and the bill was withdrawn. Mr. R. A. Nunn, city attorney, appeared before the committee in behalf of the city.

RETAIL MERCHANTS WILL MEET TODAY

To Decide on Whether They are To Cooperate in "National Pay-Up Week"

A meeting of the retail merchants of the city who are members of the Chamber of Commerce, has been called for this afternoon at four o'clock. Secretary-Manager Ramspeck says that he is very anxious to have a full attendance of the retail merchants members of the Chamber and that if anyone of them failed to receive a written notice that he is hereby invited.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters of especial interest to those engaged in the retail trade. The retail merchants have many interests that are mutual and in many ways they can co-operate for the benefit of all of them and their patrons.

The Chamber is planning to devote a large part of its activity toward working with the retailers. They form a large part of the city's business interests, pay a large percentage of the city's taxes and their prosperity is largely reflected in the general business conditions of the community. It affects the banks, effects the wholesalers and the families of those who are employed by the retailers, and it affects the property owners from whom they rent their stores.

One of the principal matters for the consideration of the meeting will be whether or not the local retailers will co-operate in the "National Pay-Up Week" during February. This idea has been used with much success by merchants all over the United States. Some of the local merchants are known to favor the plan. To get the maximum of success from it, however, requires the active participation of practically all of the retailers.

At any rate the people who feel the need of more exercise can always run to meet trouble.

getting close enough to ram is now too remote to be worth considering.

The armor has a thickness on the Mississippi of fourteen inches on the belt and eighteen inches around the turrets. Improved anti-torpedo bulkheads are an important feature. The armor protection is the best of any ship built or building in the world, so far as is known.

JUDGING BY INTEREST ENTERPRISE IS BOUND TO BE GREAT SUCCESS

NOMINATE YOUR FRIEND TO WIN AN AUTOMOBILE

Candidates Anxious To Work and Realize That an Early Start is Prime Factor for Success.

Judging by the interest that has been manifested thus early in THE NEW BERNIAN subscription campaign and the anxiety many of the nominees show to commence work, which the continual rain has made impossible, the enterprise is bound to be a record-breaking success.

The subscription order blanks and full instructions have been mailed to each one who has been nominated and the Prize Manager requests all who have not received them to notify him immediately and duplicates will be forwarded. He also suggests that those who have been nominated and who do not desire to participate in the campaign return the subscription order books so that they may be placed in the hands of those who will engage in the work.

The one who is debating the question with herself should call upon a half-dozen of her friends and endeavor to obtain their support and she can very soon learn whether her candidacy will enlist their aid. Just as soon as a woman has decided that she will make an effort to secure one of those prizes, she should lose no time in getting her nomination in the hands of the Prize Manager. She should notify all her friends by telephone or in person and ask them to save the voting coupons from THE NEW BERNIAN each day and give her their subscription renewals. For the purpose of communicating with friends who cannot be reached by telephone or in person the Prize Department has prepared a supply of printed letters and will furnish each competitor with as many copies as she will desire to mail. Tomorrow will be "Get Acquainted Day" and each competitor who deposits her first subscription payment for \$1.25 or more will be given the schedule of votes and in addition thereto, a certificate for 25,000 votes. Every participant should secure one of those certificates.

In the list nearly everyone will find one or more acquaintances and it is truly believed that it would have been impossible to select a more desirable list of representative women from which to choose. The candidates thus far enrolled possess the proper element of refinement, dignity and it is believed, energy, to insure a successful and highly interesting campaign.

It is impossible for the candidate to know just how much support she is receiving, for the mere fact that her name is announced as a candidate will bring friends to her aid with coupons and subscriptions, of whom she little dreamed. It is well in making an effort of this kind to secure the pledged support of churches, societies, orders, organizations and friends in general, and with such organizations behind a candidate the results are often surprisingly satisfactory to her.

Contestants and their friends should remember that early voting is of great value and that the earlier coupon ballots are cast the better position they will have in the showing early in the struggle. The coupons published in the paper count for 10 votes and candidates should see to it that their friends clip these coupons from the paper, trim them and turn them in to the Prize Department as early as possible, filled out with the name of the candidate for whom they desire to vote. After a few weeks the coupons will count five votes.

The subscription ballot with which all candidates will be supplied will count for votes according to the printed schedule of votes when properly filled out accompanying a subscription payment (see schedule). A renewal subscription for one year for \$5.00 carries with it a ballot for 2,700 votes while a payment for \$3.00 secures 1,800 votes. Payments from

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