

# WILSON FOR PEACE

WORLD ALLIANCE FINDS FAVOR  
—UNION OF POWERS SHOULD  
PASS ON DIFFICULTIES.

## FREEDOM OF SEAS URGED

President Declares They Should Be  
Open to Unhindered Use of All  
Countries—Address Made Before  
League to Enforce Peace.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—President Wilson declared here Saturday night before the League to Enforce Peace that the United States was ready to join any feasible association of nations to preserve the peace of the world against "political ambition and selfish hostility" and in service of "a common order, a common justice and a common peace." He expressed the hope that the present war would include such an arrangement.

Outlining suggestions for peace, which the president said he hoped the United States would make if it has opportunity to do, included provision for absolute freedom of the seas, the contention which has been the keynote of all the diplomatic discussions with Germany and Great Britain, and virtual guarantee of territorial integrity and political independence.

Officials interpreted the president's address as a preliminary feeler for peace in Europe. He outlined the conditions on which the United States would move if it made a formal mediatory offer, with the idea, it was understood, of learning how such suggestions would be received abroad.

## BIG SUM FROM REVENUE TAX.

Will Reach Over Half a Billion Dollars, Estimate.

Washington, D. C.—Half a billion dollars will be the government's internal revenue tax toll for the fiscal year ending June 30 next, according to a statement issued by Secretary McAdoo. This sum, which McAdoo says exceeds by many millions all previous estimates, will be made up substantially as follows:

Taxes on whiskey, beer, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco, \$308,000,000.

Taxes on the incomes of individuals and corporations, \$115,000,000.

Emergency tax collections, \$83,000,000.

The volume of money pouring into the treasury has steadily increased more and more since last fall, until it is now greater than at any time since the effects of the war began to be felt.

## Waite Satisfied to Die.

New York.—A declaration that he wishes no appeal in his behalf was contained in a statement from his cell in the Tombs May 23 by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, convicted Saturday of the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich. "I am satisfied with the verdict," he said, "and don't want any appeal made by Walter R. Deuel (Waite's chief counsel) or any one else. I am willing to take the punishment for my evil deeds, and the quicker that punishment comes the better."

## Knife Used On Hill.

St. Paul, Minn.—James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and pioneer, underwent a critical operation Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hill rallied quickly and favorably from the operation. There was no alarming fever and his temperature was very good. Physicians only fear because of the patient's extreme age. Mr. Hill has been suffering with a carbuncle on the posterior of his thigh, which has resulted from bowel trouble.

## Second Ford Party May Sail.

Detroit, Mich.—Henry Ford, who organized the Ford peace expedition which sailed for Europe last winter, may return to Europe to renew his efforts to bring about peace among the warring nations. This possibility was made public by Theodore De Lavigne, who is in close touch with Mr. Ford. He said Mr. Ford might sail for Stockholm about June 15.

## Man Who Saved Paris Dead.

Paris.—Gen. Joseph S. Gallieni, former minister of war, died at Versailles May 27. While Von Kluck's army was rapidly advancing on Paris Gallieni hurried force against flank and started great victory of Marne. Shortly before his death an operation for transfusion of blood was performed, but it had little effect.

## Hailstorm Sweeps Oklahoma.

Enid, Okla.—Northern Oklahoma was swept by wind and hail storms Sunday, with the damage centering around Garfield county. Seven buildings were wrecked at Fairmount.

## To Study Oil Industries.

Washington.—The seriousness with which naval officials view the threatened loss to the navy of the California oil reserve fields through enactment of legislation legalizing certain entries on the lands is reflected in the announcement by Rear Admiral Griffin, acting secretary of the navy, that a special board of officers had been appointed to study the question of oil industries in the United States, with particular attention to the present and future supply available for national fuel.

### Important News Events of the World Summarized

## European War News

Lieut. William Thaw, an American member of the French air corps, shot down a Fokker machine at Verdun, it was announced by the war office. He was wounded in the arm.

Austrian troops have stormed and captured the strongly fortified Italian positions at Chiesa, 21 miles northwest of Vicenza, after a three-day battle, it was officially announced at Vienna.

Eighteen persons were killed and a score of others injured in an air raid on Bari, on the Italian Adriatic coast, according to a Reuter dispatch from Rome. The victims were largely women and children, the dispatch says.

The repulse of three counter-attacks by the French on the village of Cumieres, west of the Meuse, on the Verdun front, was announced by the war office at Berlin. The capture of additional French trenches southwest and south of Fort Douaumont, and the recapture of the Haudemont quarry by the Germans, are also reported.

An Italian shell has blown up the largest munition depot at Rovereto and the town is now in flames, according to a news dispatch to Paris from Rome. Several heavy guns were destroyed by the explosion.

The entente allies have occupied the railroad station at Florina, south of Monastir, according to a Saloniki dispatch to Paris. The Germans have bombarded the village of Pothetes, south of Doiran.

Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgars have joined the Austrians in their present offensive, says a dispatch from Rome.

The house of commons at London passed the \$1,500,000,000 credit asked by Premier Asquith for war purposes. The credit voted by the commons brings the total since the war began up to \$11,900,000,000.

## Domestic

By a vote of 434 to 360, the Methodist Episcopal general conference at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., refused to lift the ban on amusements.

Almost without a dissenting vote the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., went on record as favoring woman suffrage.

Dr. Abram W. Harris, president of Northwestern university, was elected secretary of the board of education by the Methodist general conference at Saratoga, N. Y.

Barricaded in a houseboat on the edge of San Francisco bay, a desperado was shot to death by policemen, who surrounded his lair after he had killed a police sergeant.

Margaret Moreland, fifth wife of Nat Goodwin, is seriously ill at St. Elizabeth's hospital in New York, where she underwent an operation. Miss Moreland was formerly an actress in Mr. Goodwin's company.

Dr. Arthur W. Waite was called to the witness stand in his own defense in his trial at New York for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, a wealthy drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Mich. Waite's narrative virtually became a story of thievery.

Jack Verhoye, a nineteen-year-old boy, is alleged to have confessed to the police that he lured Gwendolyn Holden, fifteen years old, into an unused room in her home at Aurora, Ill., and choked her to death.

Maj. Robert T. Moton, a negro of unmixed blood, was installed at Tuskegee, Ala., as principal of Tuskegee institute, founded by Booker T. Washington for the uplift of the colored race.

Lieut. James Vincent Rockwell was killed when a navy aeroplane he was piloting dived into the Gulf at Pensacola, Fla. His three little children saw him fall. Rockwell was born in Indiana and appointed to the service from Iowa.

Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Maters and her codefendants, Charles S. Mellon and Harry Edwards, were found not guilty of attempting to foist a false hair upon the Probate court at Chicago. The jury was out two hours and forty minutes.

The condition of James J. Hill was reported as "satisfactory" by Dr. James S. Gilliam of St. Paul, who, with Dr. William James Mayo of Rochester, Minn., made a careful examination of the aged railroad builder at Mr. Hill's residence in St. Paul.

## Mexican Revolt

A short sharp battle between a force of American army engineers and a gang of Mexican bandits under Cervantes, one of Pancho Villa's most trusted lieutenants, was fought south of Cruces. Three Americans were wounded, one so badly that he died, and two of the bandits were killed, several wounded and the band scattered. Among those killed was Cervantes himself.

General Funston electrified the military camp at Fort Sam Houston with orders to proceed to the border as quickly as possible.

A note from the de facto government of Mexico to the government of the United States, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico, was dispatched to Washington. The note states the Mexican people do not want war with the United States, but they are ready for war rather than to have their national honor and sovereignty trampled on.

## Foreign

An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company at London says that 18 women were wounded in a fight between police and food rioters at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, according to a dispatch received at The Hague. The riot started owing to a shortage of meat.

The Greek cabinet has resigned, says a dispatch from Athens. The resignation of the ministry was brought about by growing political unrest over conditions imposed upon Greece by the war.

The rumor in circulation abroad that Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, is going on a special mission to Washington is officially denied at Berlin.

The signature of King George was affixed to the military service bill recently passed by parliament in London. The bill exempts Irish.

John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers and professor of law in the National university, was found guilty of complicity in the Irish uprising by a court-martial at Dublin. He will be sentenced later in the week.

Miss Stillemann, an American instructor at Roberts college, who had been imprisoned at Warneumunde for carrying a secret code, has been released and is departing for America, Ambassador Gerard stated at Berlin.

The Exchange Telegraph company at London says it learns from diplomatic circles that Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, is proceeding to Washington, charged by Emperor William with a special mission.

## Personal

Katherine Harkins Sullivan, wife of John L. Sullivan, once heavyweight champion, died of cancer at Boston, Mass.

Most Rev. Joseph Ferguson Peacock, archbishop of Dublin from 1897 to 1915, is dead. He was born in Queens county, Ireland, in 1835.

Meyer Livingston, the well-known theatrical man and treasurer of the firm of Klaw & Erlanger, died suddenly of heart disease at New York.

## Washington

In a note to the British and French governments, made public at Washington, President Wilson calls on the allies to cease at once their interference with American mails, which is proving so costly to Americans and in many instances profitable to British business interests.

The house military affairs committee at Washington has completed the army pay bill, which will carry a total of about \$150,000,000 for the year beginning July 1, or about \$49,000,000 more than the last bill.

Reversing his previous decision, Secretary Baker announced at Washington that the 116 members of the Texas National Guard who failed to present themselves for muster into the federal service will be brought to court-martial immediately under the present law.

The \$43,000,000 rivers and harbors bill was practically doomed in the senate at Washington when, on a test vote, the filibusters won 30 to 29.

The horse at Washington passed the Oregon-California land grant bill by a vote of 155 to 6. No roll call was demanded. The measure revests in the government title to all of the unsold portion of the original grant of land to the Oregon & California railroad, of which the Southern Pacific is successor.

Vigorous language almost equaling that employed in the last communication to Germany on the submarine issue, is understood to characterize the notes delivered to the British and French embassies at Washington, protesting against interference with neutral mails.

The army appropriation bill, carrying \$245,000,000 and including provision for carrying out the Hay-Chamberlain reorganization bill, was agreed to by the house military committee at Washington.

# WANTS WAR PLANT

DELEGATION HAS CONFERENCE  
WITH PRESIDENT WILSON.

## OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various  
State Institutions and from  
Many Different Parts of  
the Sunshine State.

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Pierre.—Upon the initiative of Congressman Harry L. Gandy of South Dakota, a delegation of the state, consisting of Senators Sterling and Johnson and Congressman Dillon (Congressman Johnson being absent), called on President Wilson at Washington May 25.

They presented to the president the advantages of locating the \$20,000,000 nitrate plant provided for under the military bill at one of the two points on the Missouri river, both in South Dakota. One of the suggested points is at Little Bend, 35 miles northwest of Pierre, and the other at Big Bend, 50 miles southeast of Pierre.

They were assured by the president that this matter would be carefully looked into and that a thorough investigation would be made before the plant is located.

It is understood that an engineering commission from the war department will be appointed to make the necessary investigations and report to the president, with whom the final decision lies.

Congressman Gandy has been working on this proposition ever since the provision became a law and had made the appointment with the president, later inviting the other members of the delegation to accompany him.

The advantages of Little Bend for this purpose are marked. The bend is 19 miles around, 1 1/4 miles across the neck with the difference in level across the neck of 18 feet and 1 inch. In 1911 engineers for the Westinghouse people investigated the Little Bend and reported it susceptible of developing 41,000 horsepower, or 120,000 120,000 horsepower per year. Experts testifying before the committee claimed that 30,000 horsepower would be enough. The channel is 4,620 feet across and the banks are 250 feet high, so the cost of construction would be slight.

The surplus of water power could be used for irrigation purposes, and the proximity of continental roads would make it possible to ship the nitrate products used for fertilizer all over the country.

The plants would be inland and inaccessible to attack from a foreign foe. More power could be developed at Big Bend, but the cost of construction would be greater on account of the physical characteristics of the river and banks.

## Points Appendicitis Peril.

When people realize that a pain from the appendix is more dangerous than a sting from a rattlesnake, and act accordingly, then, and not until then, will appendicitis be shorn of its dangers. The medical profession has a duty to perform toward the people concerning the people's apathy and indifference toward any form of appendicitis. A propaganda for instruction should be launched. This was the "keynote" of a paper read in Aberdeen at the annual meeting of the South Dakota Medical association by Dr. Daniel V. Moore, of Yankton. "Negligence of whatever kind in dealing with appendicitis should be looked upon and branded as criminal, and the instigator of such negligence should be recognized as an enemy to society," Dr. Moore said. "Where is the surgeon who has not felt deep emotion when operating in the presence of pus, gangrene and peritonitis? The reason is obvious."

## Dakota Commencement.

Class reunions and a special alumni day will be important features of commencement this year at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. The commencement exercises will be held on June 11, 12, 13 and 14. Special effort is being made to bring the alumni back to the campus for the festivities and to entertain them royally at the university. Alumni day will be Tuesday, June 13. It will be opened by class breakfasts, followed by a general reunion, outdoor sports, a buffet luncheon on the campus and the annual alumni banquet in the evening. The chief speaker of the commencement exercises will be Dr. Francis Neilson, M. P., of England, a noted lecturer and one of the leaders of the advanced liberal party in England. Dr. W. E. Jack, of the First Presbyterian church of Schaller, Ia., will deliver the baccalaureate address.

## To Modify Order.

The state livestock commission will be asked at its next meeting in June to modify the order prohibiting the shipment of any female stock into this state, except from the range sections, until a tuberculin test has been made. The regulations in most states are that no female stock shall be brought in for dairy purposes without the test, but for beef purposes it is not required. In this state it was found that many cattle brought in for beef purposes were found in dairy herds.

## Many Failures.

There were more failures than successes in the applications for teachers' certificates at the April examinations. Papers were sent to the marking board by 1,798 applicants, and of these 735 secured certificates, 392 being second grades, 339 third grades, and four primaries. There were 1,063 failures.

## Mining Industry Active.

C. C. O'Hara, president School of Mines, Rapid City, says: The Black Hills since their settlement in 1875 have produced one-eighth of all the gold mined in the world since the discovery of America. If melted into one solid mass, the Black Hills production would have a cube of pure gold approximately eight feet high. Mining and prospecting in the Black Hills is now more active than for many years. The output of gold is more than keeping up with expectations and the mining of some of the rarer metals has been abnormally active. Tungsten minerals, especially wolframite, have been receiving much attention, the war demand for tungsten metal having raised prices to a wholly unprecedented figure. Of the several carloads of wolframite that have been shipped nearly all have netted more than \$25,000, some approximately twice that amount and one carload is said to have been sold recently for approximately \$30,000. The gold production, as heretofore, has been chiefly from the northern hills, particularly from the vicinity of Lead and Deadwood, and in the Ruby Basin-Bald Mountain district around Terry. Tungsten has been produced chiefly as the property of the Wasp No. 2 property near Lead and at the Homestake mine at Lead. Much prospecting for tungsten is being done in the vicinity of Harney Peak, and several properties near Hill City and Keystone have become producers. The greatest gold producing company as for many years, has been the Homestake Mining company. The output of the precious metals for the entire Black Hills during the year 1915 was more than seven and one-half million dollars in gold and more than one hundred thousand dollars in silver. The total production of gold and silver to date is more than two hundred million dollars. The production of other minerals, including the coal mined on the western side of the state line, is more than 30 million dollars. The grand total production of all mineral products therefore from the Black Hills since their first settlement in 1875 is more than two hundred and thirty million dollars. The geology of the Black Hills is of a varied nature and few countries of like size possess a greater variety of interesting minerals and rocks. Sixty varieties of rocks and approximately 200 minerals have been identified. Aside from gold, the chief mineral products are silver, lead, copper, iron, tin, tungsten, mica, spodumene, amblgonite, gypsum, fullers earth, volcanic ash, coal, structural materials, including clays, cement ingredients and building stones. A number of mining companies have recently installed important additions to their plants. The Homestake has added immense new equipment in the way of boiler plant, hoisting and compressor engines, shaft house, electric plant building, etc. The Golden Reward company is operating its new roaster, the Trojan, Mogul and Reliance have added to their capacity, the Oro Honda is down 2,000 feet with its new shaft.

## Aberdeen's Coal Rate Case.

Aberdeen's coal rate case has been set for further hearing at Minneapolis June 19, before Examiner Gerry of the interstate commerce commission. This hearing is to determine the cost of originating coal at the head of the lakes and the cost of carrying coal from the head of the lakes to South Dakota destinations, as well as the reasonableness of present rates in and of themselves. This hearing is the result of a request on the part of the carriers at the hearing at Aberdeen to offer evidence tending to show the actual expense incident to moving coal from the head of the lakes to these destinations. This will end the oral testimony in the case and the commission should be in a position to make a decision in the matter at the expiration of from sixty to ninety days after the hearing.

## May Festival Held.

The May festival of the University of South Dakota at Vermillion May 24, closed with the symphony concert given by the festival of 45 players and soloists. Miss Mabel Duncan, the Scotch cellist, and Miss Lucille Stevenson, soprano soloist of Chicago, assisted. Among other selections the orchestra played the eighth symphony of Beethoven entire. The other concert of the festival, given on Monday night, was produced by the festival chorus, soloists and orchestra. The chief number was Coleridge-Taylor's "A Tale of Old Japan."

## Anxious to Dispose of Land.

It is alleged that Indians who are about to receive citizenship in this state are making arrangements to dispose of their real estate holdings as soon as they are given that privilege. That at the Yankton reservation, whites had made advance payments to the Indians binding them to make the transfer of their lands as soon as they secured title, and that other Indians on different reserves are only waiting the opportunity to turn their holdings into cash.

## Later, and the stricter regulations were complaint from many sources, and a modification of the order is asked for.

## NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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The annual celebration of the old settlers of DeSmet and vicinity will be held in DeSmet June 10.

The organization of the Farmers Mutual Telephone company of Little Oak township, near Timber Lake, is well under way and will be a reality in the near future.

The state fish department has offered to supply the fish for stocking Lake Cavour, a fine body of water only two miles from Cavour, and the offer will be accepted.

Running a cactus thorn into her foot nearly proved fatal to Mrs. Ives Blood poisoning developed from the injury, and for several days she was in a serious condition.

Centerville is making preparations for a big Fourth of July celebration this year. The program committee is at work arranging for attractions on the street, music and baseball games.

Several rural schools united with the town school in commencement exercises at Java. Eighteen young people received diplomas. Prof. E. C. Woodburn of the Aberdeen Normal delivered the address.

Prof. E. C. Woodburn of the Aberdeen Normal delivered the address at the joint annual commencement exercises of the Glenham, Briscoe and Vining school at Glenham. A total of 25 students received certificates.

At an enthusiastic meeting held in Faulkton tentative plans were made toward the organizing for the chaqueta which will begin about June 25 and continue for six days. Officers were chosen and an executive committee appointed.

Arrangements are completed for a shooting tournament, to be held in Hudson on June 9. The tournament will be held under the auspices of the Hudson Gun club. It is expected that Fred Gilbert and other noted trapshooters will participate.

In the annual athletic meet of the Madison state normal school, a girl proved to be the best broad jumper of all the students, Miss Ruth Habeger winning the contest with running broad jump of 17 feet, to the chagrin of a number of young men contestants.

The dries of Lemmon in contesting the recent election on the liquor question hope to throw out enough votes to prove that the town probably went dry instead of wet. With the new city commission dice boxes, slot machines and punch boards are being cleared out.

A big day for Stanley county is planned some time during the first of June when the Fort Pierre Commercial club, the County Agricultural association and the International Harvester company will join forces to hold an agricultural day. Several noted speakers have been secured.

The third annual athletic meet of the high school of the Rosebud district was held in Dallas last week with a large number of schools represented and many interested spectators from the surrounding country in attendance. The business houses were closed during the afternoon.

J. C. Canell was held to circuit court for trial at Yankton on the charge of grand larceny. Canell worked for Ole Sletten in January, 1915, and is said to have borrowed a horse and rig to go canvassing, failing to return the property. Canell was encountered in Yankton by Sletten and the arrest followed.

Farmers around Winner are jubilant over the fine rains that have visited that section recently, making the Rosebud blossom as was the case last year when one of the biggest crops in the history of the Rosebud was harvested. Every indication points to another bumper year and record breaking crops.

Woonsocket residents have commenced an agitation for a new railroad depot and a petition will be sent to the officers of the Milwaukee Railway company asking them to provide Woonsocket with a passenger and freight depot building which will be adequate for the growing freight and passenger business at that point.

The Cavour Commercial club has commenced work on the project to have the town provided with an electric light system. It is planned to have the town install the system and conduct it as a municipal plant. Estimates of the cost now are being made by electrical engineers, and in due time it is expected the proposition will be submitted to the voters.

Because they did not qualify within ten days after they were elected, F. E. Underwood, alderman, and F. E. Bigelow, city treasurer, of Faulkton, had to be re-elected by the council after the men whom they had been elected to succeed had submitted their resignations. When F. A. Spafford learned that if he wished to qualify for mayor he would have to give up his position as surgeon for the Milwaukee railway company, he decided to remain with the company, and Jesse A. Smith will continue as mayor the ensuing year.

A class of seven young people has been graduated from the Philip high school with appropriate exercises held at the opera house.

Grant Godde's of Canton is in a Sioux Falls hospital receiving treatment for wounds received in an alleged attempt at self destruction. Three bullets were fired into his body. An examination at the hospital disclosed that all three bullets had lodged in the muscles of the back. A short time before the shooting he and his wife are alleged to have had a quarrel. The affair created a great sensation in Canton, where both are well known.