PRESIDENT OPPOSES VARDAMAN'S ELECTION

His Return to Senate Would Be Condemnation of Administration, Wilson Writes

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 12.

President Wilson, through a letter to Myron McNeil, an attorney of Hazelhurst, Miss., has declared that should the voters of Mississippi re-elect Senator James K. Vardaman to the United States Senate he would regard their action as a condemnation of his administration, as Senator Vardaman has been conspicuous among the Democrats in the Senate for his opposition to the Administration.

The President's letter, which was made public here tonight and which was in reply to a letter written by Mr. McNeil, follows:

"Replying to your letter of the 23d of July let me say that it is always with the utmost hesitation that I venture to express an opinion about candidates for election, either to the Senate or to the House, because I feel that it is not from any point of view my privilege to suggest to the voters of a State what their action shall be.

"But upon questions of fact, I am at liberty to speak.

"You call my attention to certain statements made on behalf of Senator Vardaman, in which an effort is made to create an impression that I would not regard the return of Senator Vardaman to the Senate as a verdict against the present Administration. Such statements are calculated to put a very false face upon Senator Vardaman's candidacy. Senator Vardaman has been conspicuous among the Democrats in the Senate for his opposition to the Administration.

"If the voters of Mississippi should again choose him to represent them, I not only have no right to object; I would have no right in any way to criticise them, but I should be obliged to accept their action as a condemnation of my Administration, and it is only right that they should know this before they act."

RAILROAD CONTRACT IS MODIFIED BY U. S.

Payment of Balane Between Liabilities and Assets is Deferred

Baltimore, Aug. 12.

S. Davies Warfield, president of the National Association of Owners of Railroad Securities, in a letter to the members of the organization, tells of the progress of negotiations with the authorities in Washington regarding modifications of the draft contract of July 5. He says:

"Section 4, operation and accounting—Important modifications to this section have been granted, the effect of which is to give to a railroad credit for its supplies and materials turned over and at the option of the railroad to defer payment of the balance as between current assets and current liabilities until the end of Federal control whenever it appears that the total current assets, including supplies and materials, are clearly equal to the total current liabilities. This relieves the railroads from having to raise and pay to the Government large amounts of cash and tends further to stabilize and make more certain the standard return."

The provisions regarding the upkeep of the roads and excess maintenance has been modified to read:

"The director general may expend such sums, if any, * * * as may be requisite for the safe operation of the property * * * assuming a use similar to the use during the test period and not substantially enhancing the cost of maintenance over the normal standard of maintenance of railroads of like character and business during said period * * *."

"The specific purposes for which expenditures for excess maintenance may be made," says Mr. Warfield, "are now defined; formerly they were not. We still contend, however, that while this modification is a decided improvement, no such charge should be made in priority to fixed charges and to such dividends as were paid during the test period. Such charges for excess maintenance should be carried over until the end of Federal control, so that the standard return shall be a fixed amount and not subject to reduction during Federal control.

"No substantial progress has yet been made affecting the broad powers of the director general in making additions and betterments without limitation and charging the same against the companies. Under the proposed contract the cost of additions and betterments made by the director general may be deducted from the standard return before payment of such dividends as have been regularly paid by a railroad during the test period. Our contention is no deduction for any class of capital expenditures should be made from the standard return until after such dividends have been provided for, and abnormal additions shall be accounted for only at the termination of Federal control. Taxes and rentals of leased lines and properites are, however, now provided for and come before any deductions for the cost of additions and betterments from the standard return."

EX-MINISTERS CHARGE TREASON

German - Controlled Rumanian Cabinet Jeered as Traitors

Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—The members of the Rumanian Government that brought Rumania into the war propose to ignore the impeachment proceedings against them by the present German-controlled Rumanian Government, according to Jassy dispatches to German newspapers.

Amid scenes of excitement, the former minister's reply to the indictment was read at Monday's sitting of the Rumanian Parliament. It was signed by J. J. C. Bratiano, the former Premier, and the members of his cabinet whose names were mentioned in the charges.

They declared they did not recognize the moral or legal authority of a Parliament composed of "traitors and deserters."

"With full confidence we look forward to the final consequences of this war and with pride to the judgment of history," the reply said.

STABILIZING ITALIAN MONEY

Measures to Stop Adverse Speculation in U. S. Are Adopted

Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

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Rome, Aug. 12.—"America has adopted the strongest measures to put an end to speculation against Italian money on the American market, which depreciated its value and made exchange constantly and unjustifiably against this country," says the Giornale d'Italia in an article, evidently of a semiofficial character, examining the successful efforts of Signor Nitti, Minister of the Treasury, to ameliorate the exchange situation, which affected Italy not only financially and economically, but morally.

"Now that international agreements have been entered upon with the Allies, it is hoped that exchange will be stabilized, as it was between France and England. In fact, the exchange on the pound, which was nine lire and eighteen centimes on June 1, has fallen today to seven lire and eighty-four centimes."

SIRE AND SONS IN SERVICE

Otto Kennedy (top), 542 Noble street, Norristown, is in the Y. M. C. A. service in France; Arthur, twenty-four years old, is "over there" with the medical dispatch, while Odus, twenty-two years old, is awaiting overseas orders as a motorcycle dispatch rider. Harry, nineteen years old, is training for the quartermaster department at a Kentucky cantonment

FOUR OF FAMILY IN SERVICE

Norristown Man and Son "Over There": Two Boys Going

Norristown, Pa., is proud of Otto Kennedy and his three sons—Arthur, twenty-four years old; Odus, twenty-two, and Henry, nineteen. All are in the service. "Daddy" Kennedy is already "over there." So is Arthur.

At the Kennedy home, 542 Noble street, Norristown, Mrs. Eva Kennedy, the wife and mother, and Miss Florence, daughter and sister, are sorry they are not also overseas.

The father enlisted in the Y. M. C. A. service a year ago, but the sons have only recently joined the colors. Arthur enlisted in June in the medical dispatch service and landed in France five weeks later. Odus enlisted soon after as a motorcycle dispatch rider and will soon be sent overseas. Harry, the youngest, "got in" a short time ago and is in Kentucky training for work in the quartermaster's department.

ARGENTINE FEELS WAR PINCH

Food Is High, Wages Low, and Work Scarce

Buenos Aires, Aug. 12. — Argentina, although not in the war, is suffering its material consequences, is evidenced by the constantly increasing cost of living scarcity of work, lowering of wages, development of "trusts," cornering of articles of consumption and extensive speculation in public necessities.

The Government is being urged to adopt emergency measures similar to those pursued by other countries where the war produced such conditions. It has been suggested that special committees be appointed by the State to intervene or that additional powers be extended to those branches of the public administration, which, from the nature of their functions, are best equipped for coping with the evils.

Comparison of prices of various articles of prime necessity n force last year with those ruling today indicate that many increases may not be attributed directly to the war, but rather to artificial factors engendered by speculation, price-juggling and cornering of supplies.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR FRATERNAL PARADE

The Executive Committee Announces Arrangements for the Big Pageant

W. Freeland Kendrick, chairman, and Arthur B. Eaton, secretary, have issued this announcement of the final arrangements for the fraternal conclave:

The National Fraternal Congress of America, representing a majority of the fraternal and beneficial societies of the United States and Canada, with a membership of over 20,000,000, and the National Fraternal Press Association will hold their annual conventions in Philadelphia during the week of August 26-30. The fraternal, beneficial and social organizations of this city and vicinity have arranged to celebrate the event by a huge demonstration and pageant to be held at the shrine of American liberty, Independence Square, on Tuesday evening, August 27.

Every such organization here is expected to have its members participate either in the pageant or have them assemble for the exercises of the patriotic fraternal conclave at Independence Square at 8 o'clock and pledge anew their faith in one God, one country, one flag.

From reports received it is estimated that there will be about 40,000 fraternalists participating in the pageant, and to avoid confusion the pageant committee has arranged the following details:

All societies meeting north of Market street will form in line of march with their members, bands and floats at Broad and Spring Garden streets and streets north thereof, the right resting on Broad street.

All societies meeting south of Market street will form in line of march with their members, bands and floats at Broad and South streets and streets south thereof, the right resting on Broad street.

All societies meeting in West Philadelphia will form in line of march with their members, bands and floats at Twenty-first and Market streets and streets west thereof, the right resting on Market street.

The head of each column will move promptly at 7:30 p. m., marching toward Independence Square.

The pageant marching south on Broad street, when they arrive at Arch street, will march east on Arch to Sixth, south on Sixth to Walnut, west on Walnut to Broad, north on Broad to Spring Garden and dismiss.

The pageant moving north on Broad street, when they arrive at Spruce street will march east on Spruce to Fifth, north on Fifth to Market, west on Market to Broad, south on Broad to South and dismiss.

The pageant marching east on Market street will march around the City Hall and east on Chestnut to Fourth, south on Fourth to Walnut, west on Walnut to Broad and north on Broad street around City Hall, west on Market to Twenty-first street and dismiss.

The committee requests each society to carry a service flag as a feature of the parade.

The committee having charge of the exercises of the conclave has arranged these details: Only those connected with the societies in a body will be admitted to Independence Square and every organization will be assigned to reserved positions. The exercises will start at 8 o'clock with singing by the Liberty Chorus. Addresses will be delivered by two orators of national renown. The President will probably issue a proclamation declaring Tuesday, August 27, as Fraternal Day.

A declaration of fraternalism will be presented and adopted by the assembled hosts, as follows:

"Therefore, recognizing the truth of the President's statement that "whatever disturbs the life of the whole world is the concern of the whole world and it is our duty to lend the full force of this nation, moral, and physical, to a league of nations, we stand for a permanent world agreement through a league of nations and justice through an international court, as also with the aid of an international council of conciliation, and to utilize, through the organization of the units of the National Fraternal Congress of America and the National Fraternal Press Association and fraternal and beneficial organizations everywhere, national and international constructive opinion to make the world safe for democracy.

"After victory has been achieved with honor in the contest for the principles of fraternalism and uplift as opposed to the powers of darkness seeking supremacy, we favor the signing of a declaration of world peace at Independence Hall, which will be made perpetual by the league of nations and the international council of conciliation, thus inaugurating the ages of fraternalism.

At the stroke of the Independence Bell the "Star Spangled Banner" will be sung. Every large city in the United States will receive an electric flash at the same moment and the voices of millions of fraternalists throughout the country will join with their brothers in Philadelphia in singing our national anthem. This message will be cabled to General Pershing and our boys "over there."

This pageant and patriotic fraternal conclave has received the indorsement of Francis C. Brunner, State director of fraternal and beneficial societies, Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and committee of public safety and the war camp community service, Courtney Baylor, director. The allied fraternal committee of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense for Philadelphia County and the war camp community service will co-operate with and participate in the pageant and conclave.

The success of the pageant and conclave depends entirely upon the individual and collective support of every fraternalist in Philadelphia and vicinity, and no true fraternalist who enjoys the Heaven-inspired blessings of liberty and democracy and desires to perpetuate the teachings of fraternalism as a heritage to posterity can afford to miss this opportunity to participate in this wonderful and historic pageant and conclave at such a critical period in our country's history.

ARTISANS' ORDER

Highest Executive and Largest Assembly Co-operate on Parade

Progressive Assembly was represented by seventy-eight of the faithful, whose presence in such numbers was a matter of surprise as well as pleasure to Master Artisan Hubbs, considering the record-breaking day of 106 in the shade and not much better in the evening.

Another surprise was that two candidates turned up promptly for initiation, to whom M. E. M. A. Chalmers gave a congratulatory and advisory talk. Master Chalmers afterward made a plea for a large representation of No. 4 in the fraternal conclave parade on August 27. Recorder Knapp, of Lehigh, claimed that he would have delivered Brother Chalmer's speech had he been called on first. Dr. Edward Beecher Finck, medical examiner, who brought his son, Anthony, aged eighteen, for enrollment to membership, expressed the feeling of deep appeal to him of the efficiently rendered memorial and patriotic service and the pleasure of his twenty-five years' connection with the assembly.

The main feature of the proceedings was the service of Deputy Jordan, who delivered the charge from each of three chairs, instructions, etc., and the chirage of the patriotic ceremony. He gave also several talks of vital interest to the assembly and the order. Nearly every member in the room promised to report for the big parade on August 27, and Recorder Kammerer announced that he would send out an appeal to the other members, with the expectaiton of having not less than 200 men in line.

Horticultural Assembly had petitions of four applicants who did not appear. A warm welcome was given Recorder Donnelly and Superintendent Ridenour, of St. John's, and M. A. Peck, of Underdown, whose appeal for representation in the fraternal parade of August 27 brought promise of a delegation. The feature was P. M. E. M. A. Jordan's patriotic address. The vocal quartet numbers added to the pleasure of the evening. Recorder Baden and a committee talked over arrangements for an open meeting and reception to the Florists' Club at the October session.

Eureka Assembly entertained Brothers Pollock, Arnold and Peck, of the Triangle Association, on the mission of the fraternal parade, and while the condition of the weather was not conducive to high enthusiasm, an effort will be made to get out a delegation in line.

Waverly Assembly had enough attendants to transact the necessary business, installing in the office of cashier Brother August Emshoff, vice John Duseman, deceased. It was announced that an effort would be made to take part in the big fraternal parade.

West Philadelphia Assembly, notwithstanding the heat, had a good attendance at the hall, 4010 Chestnut street, and were so well pleased with the new quarters that it was decided to make the engagement permanent. Recorder Prentzel will endeavor to get out a good crowd in the Artisans' line of parade.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Supreme Officers to Take Part With Councils in Fraternal Parade

The Royal Arcanum councils are preparing to lend their best support to the great patriotic fraternal conclave in Independence Square Tuesday evening, August 27.

They will assemble at 7 o'clock at Broad and Spring Garden streets, and march with bands, regalia and flying colors. Marchers will be equipped with paraphernalia at the place of meeting, and many will be attired in Palm Beach suits. The line will include most of the supreme officials of the order, who will be here attending the session of the National Fraternal Congress.

Guarantee Council had the honor of a visit from its energetic deputy, Dr. F. H. Bellof, who performed his semiannual duties and paid the council a high compliment upon the report of the first half of 1918. Other visitors were Supreme Representative W. T. Wallace, D. D. G. R. Whitaker and Stewart and Treasurer Kolb, of Pennsylvania Council. The council is lending every aid possible to make the fraternal demonstration a big success. The fall and winter program will be announced by the ways and means committee at the next meeting.

Pennsylvania Council initiated Brother Curtis's candidate, Mr. Evans. Grand Trustee William L. Young was present, and communicated the semiannual password and his usual message of good cheer. Brother Nicholas, the champion of all patriotic movements, proposed the payment of all special dues for new entrances during June, July, August and September. The auditing committee made an interesting report showing the names of 476 members upon the roll of the council. Traveling Dan Stewart was also present.

Brother Goldsmith, of Guarantee Council, reports the receipt of an unusually interesting letter from the Rev. Robert P. Zebley, of this council, relating his experience on a torpedoed transport on the way to France. Brother Zebley gives high praise to our American soldiers over there, of whom we have increasing cause to feel sincerely proud.

ENLISTS AT 11TH ATTEMPT

Doctor, Rejected Ten Times, Finally Gets Into Canadian Army

Boston, Mass., Aug. 12.—After having been ten times rejected by the United States and Canadian military authorities, Dr. Philip A. E. Sheppard, of 419 Boylston street and Arlington Heights, has been accepted for the royal army medical corps, and has started from the British Canadian recruiting mission here on the first leg of his journey for Canada.

"I am going into the fight," he said, "for God, for right and for justice. I could not stay behind here and be happy while these brave men of America, of England, of Canada and of France are shedding their blood that democracy may live. I am going among them as a doctor, but if the time comes when I can take up the rifle and fight I will do it."

Doctor Sheppard made six attempts to get into the United States army and once into the American navy. Also he was barred three times in Canada because of a slight physical ailment which he himself has since corrected. He is best known as the "Billy Sunday of the Red Cross" and as a big game hunter in Africa.

EVANGELISM NONESSENTIAL

War Board Decides Against "Billy" Sunday Tabernacle

Providence, R. I., Aug. 10.—"Billy" Sunday's work is not a war essential, says the priority committee of the war industries board. Special Agent Howick, of the Department of Justice in this city, has made public a letter from the board in Washington stating it will not consider priority to material entering into construction of the "Billy" Sunday tabernacle, now being built here, unless such materials are in abundant supply.

Death of A. E. Sanborn

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 12.—Andrew E. Sanborn, counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and prominent in Masonic circles, died suddenly of apoplexy at his summer home at Wildwood Crest. He was sixty-one years old and leaves a widow. He was a graduate of Lafayette College and studied law under the late Levi O. Bird, famous lawyer of Wilmington, and became his law partner.

CRIPPLE CREEK GOLD VALUE IN JULY $912,110

Dividends Paid During Month Aggregate $272,000—Rich Ore Found

Denver, Col., Aug. 12. — During the month of July Cripple Creek district produced 96,710 tons of gold ore, having a gross bullion value of $912,110 and an average value of $9431 a ton. Of this output, 2000 tons with an average value of $55 a ton were shipped to the smelters and the remainder was treated by the mills at Colorado Springs, Victor and Cripple Creek.

Dividends paid by the Cripple Creek mining companies in July amounted to $272,000, as follows: Cresson, $122,000; Golden Cycle, $45,000; Portland, $60,000, and Vindicator, $45,000.

The Portland Gold Mining Company has announced its intention to dismantle its Victor mill and use the machinery of that plant for enlarging the company's Independence mill, the daily capacity of which will be increased to 3000 tons of ore, or in excess of 1000 tons over the capacities of the separate mills. About eight years ago the Victor mill was erected on top of a hill—a poor site, but the only one available. It was built largely as an experimental mill to treat low-grade ores, and proved so successful that the company purchased the Independence property, including the mill.

This mill is at the bottom of the hill on which the Portland property is situated and is more economical of operation, because ore is sent down to it from the Portland mine through a great tunnel by gravity, the cost for delivery of the ore to the Independence bins being less than nine cents a ton.

Rich ore on both the Portland and Cresson properties recently was encountered by the Roosevelt deep-drainage tunnel. These two discoveries are considered important by mining men, since they give additional proof that deep operations in the Cripple Creek district have many profitable years in prospect.

COTTON SUBSTITUTE FOR SILK IS TESTED

Ordnance Department May Save $35,000,000 in Powder Bags

Washington, Aug. 12.

Chemically treated cotton cloth, as a substitute for silk, is being tested by the Ordnance Department, and if found practicable for ordnance uses will effect the double result of meeting a serious shortage in silk and of bringing about a money saving in the ordnance program estimated at between $25,000,000 and $35,000,000, according to a War Department statement.

Preliminary tests have encouraged the department to proceed further with its experiments, and for this purpose an order for 5000 yards of the new material has been placed.

"At present millions of yards of silk are required in making the bags which contain the large powder charges used in the firing of heavy artillery," said the department's statement. "These bags are inserted in the gun immediately behind the projectile, and the firing of them gives the propelling force that hurls the projectile at the target.

"Heretofore silk has been depended upon for these bags, for the reason that no other cloth material has been found that would meet the peculiar conditions required. It is essential that not a particle of the bag container shall remain after the gun is fired. Otherwise a smouldering piece of the fabric might cause a premature explosion when a new charge was inserted.

"Owing to the great scarcity of silk, however, the cost of this material has increased enormously. This shortage is felt by all the warring Powers, including Germany.

"Early in the war Germany is understood to have used a chemically treated cotton as a substitute for silk, but has since been compelled by the diminishing cotton supply to resort to other substitutes.

"It is estimated that the chemically treated cotton cloth now being tried out by the Ordnance Department, if entirely suitable, could be purchased in almost unlimited quantities and at a cost far below that of the silk fabric now used."

GERMAN ADMITS FAMINE

Munich Post Objects to Term "Unfavorable" Food Situation

London, Aug. 12. — Germany's unrestricted U-boat warfare could neither keep the army of the United States from the battlefields of France nor break the will of the Allies to continue the war, is the admission made by the Munich Post, a copy of which has been received here. In a review of the situation at the beginning of the fifth year of the war, the Post says:

"Eighteen months of unrestricted submarine warfare could not break the enemy's will to war nor prevent America's putting a well-equipped army of 1,000,000 men on the western front. Hopes that after concilsion of peace in the east the final struggle in the west would be decided in favor of Germany and bring a general peace have proved deceptive, and the eastern peace itself is a disappointment, and not only politically."

The Post takes exception to the word "unfavorable" in describing the food situation in Germany, and says "chronic famine" would be nearer the truth."

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