

Wise Woodrow Wilson.
Premature Republican Politics.
Turk Soldiers Relieved.
Eleven Republics—Next!

Mr. Wilson's usual wisdom is shown in his courteous, considerate ruling as to treatment of Austrian subjects in the United States.

This action by the President is worth half a million men in this war. It notifies Austria-Hungary and Germany indirectly—that America really wants peace, is not inspired by hatred, and does not blame the people for the work of their brutalized, divine-right rulers.

In the dear Senate are signs of playing Republican politics. We seem to hear the voice of Colonel T. R. in discouraging statements about the army and navy and the incompetency of the Government.

Wise Republican Senators will realize that the only kind of politics that will do just now is AMERICAN politics—and they will leave it to foolish little boys to nag the President. Such nagging will not pay.

Also in the thinly veiled Republican machine attack upon the President you see the expression of Wall Street dissatisfaction. Some very big money men have come to Washington repeatedly and some away again WITHOUT SEEING THE PRESIDENT.

In good old Republican days, a Presidential secretary would have met them at the railroad station, with a deep bow. They would have driven straight to the White House to avoid loss of time, and everybody from the colored gentleman at the door to the white gentleman inside would have been "delighted."

Wall Street is saying, in the words of the popular song, "It don't seem like the same old smile." And that old smile, teeth and all, is sadly missed. It was so fierce to look at, so gentle to deal with. Ask the ghost of J. P. Morgan, or Bacon, or Morgan's partner.

Uncle Joe Cannon tells a magazine writer that he "dearly loves a crowd, especially one with a large monkey, a baboon, or an ape." This offers a strong temptation to say something about the length of his service in Congress.

There is one comfort for the people of this country: the responsibility of keeping different kinds of Christians from tearing each other to pieces at the holy places.

One of the interesting psychological sights in Jerusalem might be painted about as follows:

At the same holy place, on a holy day, arrive long-bearded, earnest Christians of one brand, coming perhaps from Russia.

At the same holy place, on the same holy day, arrive a slightly different brand of Christians, from a western country.

Promptly forgetting the holy place and the holy day, they start tearing out each other's whiskers and hair, each convinced that the other is a horrible heretic, and the Turkish soldiers in charge, quite naturally bewildered, use what force is necessary to keep the followers of the meek and lowly One from tearing each other to pieces.

This happened regularly in Jerusalem, especially around Christmas time. It made the Turkish soldiers call upon Allah and his prophet in a state of deep bewilderment, and no wonder.

There is a revolution in Finland. The government wants us to recognize it. The President will have to inaugurate a special department for recognizing new governments.

There are now eleven different revolutions and republics in Russia alone, besides the one big revolution.

Ex-King Constantine is worried by the absence of Greeks bearing gifts. They said they would give him a hundred thousand dollars a year if he would be kind enough to get out, and stay out, and they haven't paid him a cent. Intelligent Greeks.

When you read that workmen and great corporations are quarreling about wages and profits, remember this:

The workman is asking for ENOUGH to live. The corporation owner is asking for millions MORE than it costs to live. Cartoonists, statesmen, editors, and others that urge the workers to give way should remember that the workman MUST eat, whereas there is no REAL necessity for giving to the corporation man 500 per cent profit.

The courage of one man, Captain Harrison, prevented the blowing up of a second munition ship at Halifax. Harrison knew that the second ship was loaded with dynamite, went aboard, and put out a fire at the risk of his life.

In what American harbors are ships loaded with dynamite lying, if any?

Should not ammunition ships take on their loads at a safe distance from great cities, taking the load in installments from small boats?

WEATHER:
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TONIGHT;
COLDER
TOMORROW.

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TURKEY READY TO QUIT, SAYS OFFICIAL

CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF SUFFRAGE NOT BRIGHT NOW

Federal Amendment Would Have Better Hope of Passage If Vote Were Postponed, Is General Belief Here.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

Hope for the passage of the Federal amendment granting suffrage to the women of the nation is slim. Polls of the Senate and House reveal that while there is a majority in both the necessary two-thirds is lacking.

It is a time for the exercise of tact and judgment. Carefully engineered the amendment can win votes every day, and if the women will take a leaf out of the book of those who have struggled with legislation for many years they will not let the amendment come to a vote until they have exhausted every effort.

Poll of Senate.

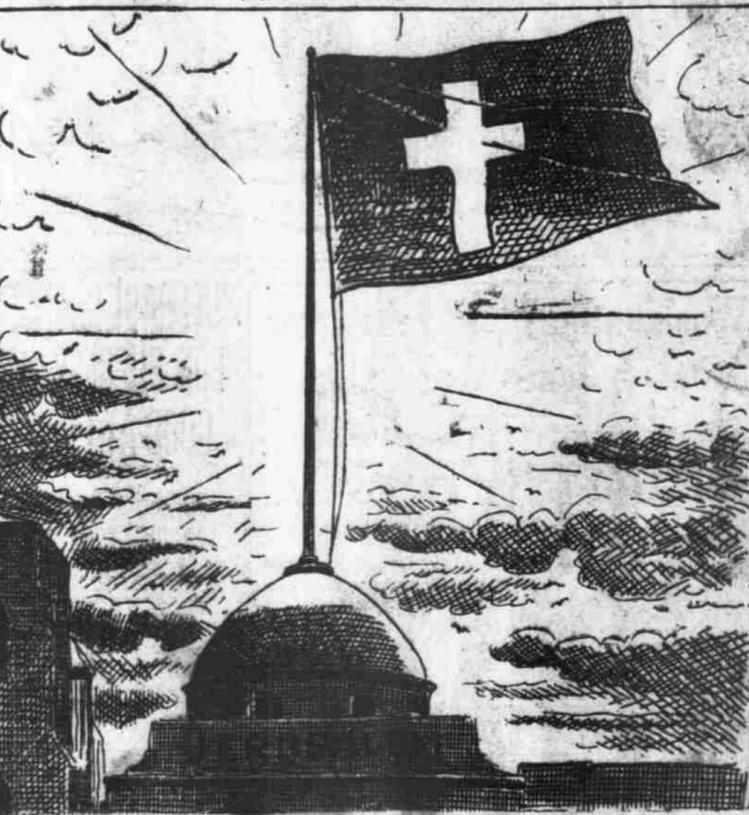
Senator Hollis of New Hampshire and Curtis of Kansas, who polled the Democratic and Republican aides, respectively, found twenty-nine Republicans against, and three doubtful, with twenty-three Democrats for, (two doubtful but inclined to favor it), twenty-five Democrats against, and two of those doubtful.

Senators and Representatives give a variety of reasons for opposing the Federal amendment, some of them sincere and some insincere. Not a few say the picketing by the National Woman's Party has influenced them.

On the Republican side, one Senator said the President can easily influence the Democrats by a single word. So argue also the suffrage pickets who think this is confirmation of their campaign against Mr. Wilson.

YESTERDAY The Washington Times GAINED 5,990 Lines of Advertising (21 Cols.)

CHRISTIANITY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT



BROWNLOW URGES HIGHER BASE PAY FOR D. C. WORKERS

Commissioner Brownlow today held a conference at the Capitol with Chairman Sisson of the House subcommittee on appropriations, which is considering the District supply bill, to actively urge an increase in the base pay of all city employees.

Separate Increase.

Commissioner Brownlow arrived at the Capitol during the morning, and after a preliminary talk with Chairman Sisson, in which he earnestly advocated an increased base pay, Mr. Sisson accompanied him to the District building, where the matter was gone over carefully.

New Cold Wave Is Due May Go Down Below 10

Another cold wave, which will drag the mercury down to 10 degrees or lower, is headed for Washington. The first icy blast is due to arrive late tonight or tomorrow morning.

NO DRY XMAS FOR D. C., INQUIRY IN BALTIMORE SHOWS

Dry Washington is going to have a real wet Christmas unless diplomatic relations with Baltimore are severed.

A pilgrimage to the great oasis today found thousands of quarts, pints, and gallons of old-fashioned red booze, popular Washington brands, all bound up in neat packages, tied in red and green holiday ribbons, properly labeled and stamped, awaiting the call of the express wagon to start them on the short journey to the Capital.

Capital Business Huge.

STORK'S RECORD HIGHEST IN D. C. FOR 37 YEARS

The stork has hustled more in Washington during the last twenty-four hours than he has in thirty-seven years, according to Clarence Welsh, who keeps tab on him for the Health Department.

ARGUMENTS LAG IN MEANS' TRIAL; SESSION TONIGHT

CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 13.—With a session tonight, arguments in the trial of Gaston B. Means, on a charge of slaying his wealthy benefactress, Mrs. Maude A. King, promised to last well into Friday's session.

ST. PAUL MEN IS CALLED OFF

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 13.—The general strike of all trades, which began here this morning, was called off this afternoon.

BILL RAISING PAY OF U. S. CLERKS INTRODUCED

Increase of pay, ranging from 15 per cent to 25 per cent over what they are now receiving, are proposed for all clerks in the classified service in a bill introduced in the House today by Congressman Huddleston of Alabama.

GERMANS FAIL TO GAIN IN INTENSE ATTACK ON ALLIES BEFORE CAMBRAI

GUESTS FLEE TO SAFETY AS FIRE SWEEPS HUDSON HOTEL

Heroic Army Officer Saves Wife of Proprietor, Then Makes Way Through Burning Building to See All Are Out.

Fire which broke out in the basement of the Hudson Hotel, formerly the Hotel Fredonia, at 1321 H street northwest, late today, spread quickly to the third floor, threatening to destroy the entire building.

Officer Saves Woman.

First Lieut. Merritt Walker, of Washington, who leaves tomorrow for Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Va., was on the second floor of the building when the fire was discovered.

Hotel Was Popular.

A thick cloud of smoke which enveloped the hotel soon gave the impression to persons in the downtown section that the hospital was afire, and the report brought hundreds of persons to watch the firefighters.

GENERAL STRIKE OF ST. PAUL MEN IS CALLED OFF

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 13.—The general strike of all trades, which began here this morning, was called off this afternoon.

Baker's message said: "In view of conflicting reports regarding existing labor disputes at St. Paul and Minneapolis, the President wishes you and the commission to stop at the Twin Cities while returning eastward, to confer with the Public Safety Commission, labor representatives, street railway managers and other parties to the existing dispute here."

Allies Beating U-Boats Despite Sinkings, Claims British Admiralty Head

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The allies are beating the submarine war game, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, told the House of Commons late today.

Shipbuilding is increasing above ship losses, and the destruction of submarines is increasing, he declared.

COZZIER FIXES BLAME FOR DELAYS

President Wilson today showed his faith in Major General Crozier by reappointing him chief of ordnance.

Secretary of War Baker was flatly charged with responsibility for delay in providing machine guns for the American army, by Chief of Ordnance Crozier in testimony before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today.

After questioning Crozier three hours in open session, the committee this afternoon went into a meeting with him behind closed doors.

Disputes Held Up Work.

Crozier reluctantly told, under stern cross-examination, how disputes over the type of machine gun had prevented manufacture of any for the American forces for a year before America got into the war.

Official Gun Untested.

Eight months after the United States entered the war, rifle factories in this country are only making half as many rifles daily as they were making for the allies before the United States got into the war.

Major General Crozier said that he demanded would reveal military information to the enemy.

Demand Cause of Delay.

Hitchcock, Weeks and Chamberlain bombarded Crozier with blunt demands why he waited from April, 1917, until August before asking for an allotment from the President's \$100,000,000 emergency fund.

This was because Crozier yesterday blamed Congress' delay in appropriating money for the delay in obtaining ordnance.

"You put the responsibility for delay on Congress and the labor situation, yesterday," said Chamberlain. "As a matter of fact, you hadn't spent all the money that had been appropriated for you when war was declared, had you?"

DELEGATE TO BERNE ASKS RIGHT TO PARLEY

With Nothing to Gain and All to Lose, Ottoman Empire Is Ready to Quit War, Is Official Belief Here.

GENEVA, Dec. 13.—Moukhtar Bey, one of the Turkish delegates sent to Switzerland for the Bernese conference on exchange of prisoners, has asked Constantinople for full power to negotiate a separate peace with British delegates, according to a report printed in La Suisse today.

Turks Ready to Quit.

Turkey has seen the handwriting on the wall, and will break away from German domination at the first opportunity, according to a high diplomatic official today.

Only the strange hold of Enver Pasha has kept the Moslems in line the past year, and even his supporters are becoming lukewarm in their espousal of Kaiserism, entente diplomats declare.

Turkey, said one official, who, after forty years residence, left Constantinople a few weeks following the Ottoman empire's entrance into the war, "has been the 'fall guy' of the central alliance.

Didn't Want War.

"Turkey's people at the outset were dead against entering the war," he declared. "Only the rabid pro-Germanism of Enver Pasha and the infamous intrigues of the Turkish and German foreign offices compromised the nation so that neutrality became an impossibility.

Is Bad Position.

"When the fortunes of war have smiled upon her allies, Turkey has been forced to feel the irresistible power of the entente war machine. One by one her possessions have been taken from her, and the end is not yet in sight.

Then the Russians occupied Erzurum and Trebizond, and the domination of the Black sea was gone. British troops soon occupied Bagdad, and the map of Asiatic Turkey was changed. Finally came Allenby's victories in the Holy Land.

GERMANS SUFFER HEAVY LOSSES WHEN BIG SMASH IS REPULED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 13.—British lines out of Cambrai held firm today, despite a tremendous blow struck in almost continuous fighting yesterday by Crown Prince Rupprecht's re-enforced army. Field Marshal Haig reported today. The German drive, he said, carried some of the enemy through the British line to obliterated British trenches, but the situation was "unchanged" by this.