

WILSON SAYS HIS PARTY IS IRRESISTABLE

Tells Members of Democratic National Committee Party Is Sure to Win.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CHEER HIS REMARKS

States That Constructive Policy Will Bring Democrats Victory in 1916.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told members of the democratic national committee at a luncheon in the state dining room of the White House today that the republicans had no issue for the next campaign except the tariff and that the democrats were certain to win.

"Our construction work has started an irresistible movement which cannot stop," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat."

Mr. Wilson said nothing to indicate whether he would again be a candidate for the presidency.

In Humorous Vein. Throughout his entire talk, which dealt with subjects ranging from democratic changes of victory to features of the most isolated life of a chief executive, the president was informal.

"Taking his place at the head of the table, he thrust his hands into his trousers pockets, cast aside what he termed his 'address parade' language and talked freely and confidentially."

Party is United. Democrats of all factions greeted his remarks enthusiastically. They left the White House with buoyant spirits, declaring that his optimism had inspired them with new confidence.

The president faced a united committee, declared tonight, rumor of a threatened break between Fred Lynch, the Minnesota committeeman and Chairman William F. McComb, having been promptly disposed of.

SEEK LENIENCY FOR MRS. ZIMMER HAWKES

Woman Sentenced to Be Hung in Canada Formerly Lived in Oliver County.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 8.—Petitions are being circulated in Morton and Oliver counties asking the governor of North Dakota to intercede with the Dominion authorities at Edmonton, Alberta, to save the life of Mrs. Jennie Hawkes, who is condemned to be hung on December 29, for the murder of a woman named Mrs. Rosella Stoley.

The trial, which was concluded last week, developed the fact that Hawkes and the Stoley woman had been flagrantly intimate. The Stoley family lived in half of the same house with the Hawkeses, at Wetaskiwan, Alta. Hawkes' wife was finally turned out of the house and, refused admission by the Stoley woman, and it was alleged in the trial that when Mrs. Hawkes overheard her husband and Mrs. Stoley plotting to have her placed in an insane asylum to get her out of the way, she got a revolver and shot through the door, killing the Stoley woman.

The women of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan are circulating huge petitions asking for the pardon of Mrs. Hawkes, who is penniless and without friends in that section.

The Hawkeses lived for years near Hensler in Oliver county, the husband having carried mail from Mandan. They homesteaded in Oliver county. The petitions being circulated here testify to the excellent character of the condemned woman and ask for her pardon through the intervention of North Dakota's executive.

SCOUT MASTER WAS ASKED TO QUIT

New York, Dec. 8.—Earnest Epton, who issued a statement recently saying that he had resigned as Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America did not resign, but was deliberately dropped by the national council of that organization because he is not an American citizen, according to a statement made today.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Partly cloudy and probably unsettled Thurs. day and Friday; much colder Thursday and Friday.

John Burke Lauds Equity Exchange at St. Paul Meeting

Democrats to Continue War Taxes

Washington, Dec. 8.—After a conference with Secretary McAdoo today Chairman Kitchin of the house ways and means committee announced that the democrats would put through congress before the Christmas recess a bill to continue the emergency war revenue law which will expire by limitation December 31. This is estimated to raise more than \$80,000,000 annually.

The emergency tax law probably will be extended for a year.

SLASHES WIFE WITH RAZOR

P. Tierney Then Attempts Own Life at New Rockford, N. D.

New Rockford, N. D., Dec. 8.—Peter Tierney, moved, it is believed, by jealousy, attacked his wife with a razor at their home here early Sunday and after viciously cutting the woman tried to commit suicide by cutting himself with the razor. Charles Olker, attracted to the bedroom by the woman's screams, was also attacked by Tierney.

Mrs. Tierney is now in a local hospital, and the attending physicians say she will recover. Olker's wound is not serious, while Tierney, who is held in the county jail, is also recovering from his wound.

Tierney had repeatedly charged his wife with indiscretions, and officials believe his murderous assault was the climax of a drinking bout.

Severs Wife's Windpipe.

It was between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning that Tierney, several hours after they had retired, made the vicious attack upon his wife. With a razor, he slashed her throat, making a wound so deep that it severed the windpipe, and extended from ear to ear. The woman fought desperately, and grabbed the blade of the razor, with the result that the flesh of her hand was slashed badly.

Tierney then cut his own throat, and with blood streaming from his own wound, and with the bed rapidly becoming soaked in the life blood of his wife, attacked Olker, only to be overpowered.

Four children sleeping in an adjoining room, aroused by the cries of their mother, and the oaths of the would-be murderer, ran screaming from the house in their night apparel, summoning the neighbors.

THREE FIRMS BURNED OUT AT ESMOND, N. D.

Esmond, N. D., Dec. 7.—Fire destroyed three buildings in the main business portion of Esmond, the Haysen implement warehouse, the Krebsbach poolroom, and the Drummond & Aker general store. The wind was favorable, otherwise most of the business houses in town would have been wiped out. The postoffice was saved only by the efforts of volunteer firefighters. The Bovey-Shute lumber office across the street from the Haysen building was in fire several times, but was saved. More than half of the Drummond & Aker stock was carried out, but the contents of the Haysen & Krebsbach building were total losses. Krebsbach had no insurance, but the others were insured in part. The fire originated in the Haysen building, presumably from a stovepipe.

BATTLE 20 ROUNDS WITHOUT DECISION

New Orleans, December 7.—Kid Williams of Baltimore, Md., world's bantamweight champion, and Frankie Burns of Jersey City fought 20 rounds to a draw in their battle for the title here tonight. The fight was fast and rough. Referee Ed Smith decided that honors were even.

SONS OF NORWAY AT MINOT TO DEDICATE

Minot, N. D., Dec. 6.—The Sons of Norway hall, which is almost complete, will be dedicated on December 29. The magnificent building will be opened with one of the biggest festivals ever held among the Scandinavians in this state.

Professor Julius Olson of the University of Wisconsin will deliver the dedication oration. Mr. Olson is well known through the western states as an orator of high rank. His translation of the works of H. Ibsen has brought him fame all over the English speaking world.

SEND NOTE TO AUSTRIA ON ANCONA CASE

State Department Wants Prompt Assurance Americans Will Be Protected.

STEAMER COMMUNIPAW IS REPORTED SAFE

Ambassador Page Sends Dispatch From Rome That Boat Was Captured.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack on the Italian liner, Ancona. Assurance that such an act will not be repeated and some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication was started by cable yesterday from the state department to Ambassador Frederick C. Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Burian.

Word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the department tonight.

Friendly, but firm terms, it is said, characterized the document, which is understood to make particularly a point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives.

Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commander of the submarine had been given instructions similar to those given by Germany to its commander after the Lusitania tragedy.

Want Explanation.

It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that should have been made against the Ancona after she had halted, and asked for an explanation on that point.

In dispatching the note, Secretary Lansing did so with the approval of and after consulting with President Wilson. It is stated authoritatively that the document which is described as comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once, without bringing on a series of communications such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which called for great consideration. The stated affair having become more compelling since the note was dispatched, by the reported attack on American oil carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by an Austrian submarine.

Note a Surprise.

News that the note had been sent came as a complete surprise to official Washington in general. The report which emanated from the state department early in the week that no positive or collective evidence as to what occurred when the Ancona was torpedoed had been received, misled people.

Tonight it was suggested in some quarters that information of a most conclusive nature had come to Secretary Lansing, probably late Monday, and that it had been decided then that the protest should go forward at once.

Ancona Sunk Nov. 9.

The Ancona was sunk in the Mediterranean November 9, while bound from Naples to New York. The only testimony of a native American before the department is a deposition by Dr. Cecile Grell of New York. In his deposition Dr. Grell stated specifically that the liner was torpedoed while the men, women and children in the cabin and steerage were scrambling to get into the small boats.

Communipaw Not Sunk.

The state department received late today a dispatch from Ambassador Page at Rome saying that he has been informed that the American ship, Communipaw, which yesterday was reported sunk by a submarine, has been captured and taken to a port, unnamed in his message.

The source of his information and the nationality of the captors were not mentioned.

Pending receipt of definite information relative to the Communipaw the state department will take no action.

SHOOP TO SUCCEED ELLA FLAGG YOUNG

Chicago, Dec. 8.—John D. Shoop, who has been assistant superintendent of schools during the six year term of Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, today was elected superintendent by the board of education. The board elected as its president Jacob Lochey, sponsor of the resolution placing a ban on the teachers' federation as a member of the Federation of Labor.

BIG ARMY AND NAVY MEN IN CONTROL OF NEW COMMITTEES IN LOWER HOUSE



Left to right, top: Hay, Gordon and Hensley; bottom, Padgett, McKellar and Connelly.

These men are members of the committee in the house of representatives which will have charge of army and navy legislation at the present session. Both committees are in full control of the advocates of better national defense.

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Rufus R. Wilson Here for Annual Meeting of Commercial Club

The tenth annual meeting of the Bismarck Commercial Club will be held at the club rooms Monday evening, December 12. Reports for the past year will be presented, and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

The principal address of the evening will be delivered by Rufus R. Wilson, "community builder," of New York city, whose subject will be "Community Development on Right Lines."

Mr. Wilson is a man of long and varied experience in large affairs. Among his connections in recent years have been his secretaryship of the Seattle Commercial club, when that organization was at its best in influence and membership; his conception and conduct of the Chinese relief work which in 1910 resulted in the despatch from Seattle of a government transport loaded with supplies for the starving celestials and in the subsequent forwarding to the Flowering Kingdom of money aggregating hundreds of thousands.

The speaker of the evening was the organizer and for some time the secretary and manager of the Washington Development League, a federation of all of the important commercial organizations of that state. More recently he has served as sales manager of several of the largest and most important land projects of the Pacific coast. He has done much work as an author and has to his credit several important volumes of wide circulation.

Within the past few days, the ranch syndicate, which has \$150,000,000.00 invested in South America, has placed Wilson in charge of the colonization and sale of over 30,000,000 acres of farming and grazing lands in southern Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia.

Wilson is reputed to be a speaker of real ability, and his address is expected to prove an attractive feature of the annual meeting. A full attendance of the club membership is anticipated, as the important work which the organization has mapped out for the ensuing year should merit the interest of everyone who is concerned in the upbuilding of Bismarck, Burleigh county and the slope country.

NO MUTINY ON S. S. MINNESOTA

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—A wireless message was today received from Captain Garling Garlick, master of the liable liner, Minnesota, in which he stated that the trouble of the boat journey was entirely mechanical and that there had been no mutiny or trouble with the crew.

According to a wireless message received today from the wrecking steamer, Iacona, the Minnesota is being towed towards San Francisco at about five knots an hour, and will be in the vicinity of San Pedro tomorrow morning and is expected to reach San Francisco by next Wednesday. All the Minnesota's 16 boilers are out of commission.

SEVERAL HORSEMEN NOW UNDER THE BAN

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Expulsion of three horsemen and several horses were among the penalties imposed by the American Trotting association board of appeals, it announced today.

It was ordered that Frank Arndt of Pine Island, Minn., and the gelding, Billy Buck, alias Donald C., be expelled, and W. E. Frederick of Pine Island should be cited to show cause why he should not be penalized following an investigation of races at Page, N. D., and Cooperstown, N. D.

NEW MOVE IN BALKANS IS LOOKED FOR

Rumors in Circulation That Allies Will Abandon Balkan Campaign.

CONTINUE TO LAND THEIR TROOPS AT SALONIKI

Serbians and Montenegrins Lose Many Men and Considerable Equipment.

London, Dec. 8.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The German and Bulgarian divisions has reached Kenali on the Greek border, 10 miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgars, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the Allies' rear right flank at Strumitza.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Kirvolak salient and at last account have taken up a position at Demirkapu, in a deep gorge about 20 miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki railway runs, where they were attacked by the Bulgarians who, according to the French report, were repulsed.

Plans Not Clear.

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The retirement of the Allies to Demirkapu has left a report that they intend to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Saloniki would seem to deny any such intention, while there is a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operation in the near east.

Other Fronts Quiet.

There is little news from the other fronts.

The expected offensive of the Allies in Galipoli apparently did not materialize while throughout Russia the wintry weather has put a stop to all but small ventures.

Austrian Statement.

An official statement issued today follows:

"One of our submarines on the morning of the 5th, sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels off Valona (Avlona) Albania."

Make Big Mavi.

The capture of more than 2,000 prisoners, among whom were 300 Montenegrins, by the troops of General von Kocovics is reported in today's official statement from Austro-Hungarian headquarters received here from Vienna.

Eighty cannons, 160 ammunition cars, 40 automobiles and considerable war materials were taken by the forces operating against Serbians and Montenegrins.

Premier Talks Peace.

A dispatch received here from Budapest contains an outline of a speech made by Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier of the Diet on the subject of peace.

"The conclusion of peace," said Count Tisza "depends exclusively on our enemies. The longer it takes to convince them that further prosecution of the war is nothing but useless and criminal carnage, the greater will be our victory."

"The greater sacrifices the war entails the more severe will be the terms of peace for our enemies."

More Peace Talk.

Any peace proposals of a serious nature made by the German allies directly or through neutral powers will first be discussed by the Entente governments, according to a statement made by Premier Asquith. Until this contingency arose the premier added he could give no further pledge.

The premier was replying to a request of socialist member of the chamber for a pledge that negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory should be rejected by Great Britain without knowledge of parliament.

Montenegro Wants Peace.

"According to dispatches received from the Furter Zeitung, says the Overseas News agency, Montenegro has expressed a desire for a separate peace.

King Nicholas, according to the dispatch, personally handed to the Entente ambassadors a document suggesting a possibility for a separate peace for Montenegro, which was represented as exhausted and unable to withstand the superior forces of the enemy.

The ambassador's reply was that they would break off diplomatic relations and cease giving the assistance that has heretofore been accorded Montenegro.

33 Night Riders Are Bound Over

New Madrid, Wis., Dec. 8.—Thirty-three men accused of participating in the so-called night riders depredation were bound over to the grand jury following their preliminary hearing today. It is alleged, obtained confessions from several of the men implicating others.

HORSE FELL; MRS. ALICE DORGAN FOUND DEAD

Manning, N. D., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Alice Dorgan went out horseback in the afternoon to look up some cattle which she owned. The horse was going along a side hill and although sharp shod, his shoes apparently filled up with melting snow and dirt. As a result he slipped sideways and threw Mrs. Dorgan off into a small hollow, rolling down over her, where she was found dead. There were no bruises on her body except on the chest where there were two blue marks. The supposition is that when she was thrown off into the small hollow she was either senseless or could not extricate herself in time to avoid the horse which fell and rolled over her, the pommel of the saddle striking her chest, where the marks were, and crushing out her life. No bones were broken. When the horse returned without a rider search was begun and the body was quickly found by the son of the deceased.

The body was shipped to Galesburg, Ill., and was accompanied to St. Paul by Mrs. M. S. Cuskelly whence it was taken by a brother of the deceased.

The only relatives here were her son, Earl Aldrich, and her cousin, T. M. Davis.