

BRYAN MAY BE A CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Also Rumored About Capitol That He Promised to Support Speaker Clark.

RUPTURE WITH WILSON EXPECTED REAL SOON

Look for Open Opposition to President at Democratic Convention.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Members of the democratic national committee, as well as the political lieutenants of President Wilson, are preparing themselves for an announcement from William J. Bryan that he will run against Mr. Wilson for the democratic nomination next year or that he will back some other man to defeat the president, if Mr. Wilson seeks re-nomination.

It became known today that during the recent sessions of the national committee the most important topic of informal discussion was the course which Mr. Bryan will take in the near future. It was the opinion of many of the "old timers" that Bryan can hardly avoid a rupture with the president unless he changes his course.

Bryan is Active.
Two interesting stories have leaked out concerning Bryan's political activities. One is that he served notice on the national committee that he would never stand for the election of Fred B. Lynch of Minnesota as its chairman to succeed Chairman McCombs.

The other is that through parties Bryan has conveyed the intimation to Speaker Clark that he ought to get into the running for president and that he would support the speaker.

The fact that Bryan is going to fight Lynch, the administration's choice to succeed McCombs, is looked on by administration leaders less as evidence of hostility to Lynch than as evidence of determination to war on the administration at every turn.

The fact that Charles Bryan, brother of the Commoner, has recently refrained from signing the Wilson petition in Nebraska, has not escaped attention here.

FULL ATTENDANCE URGED FOR MEETING

Annual Meeting of Bismarck Commercial Club to Be Held Tomorrow Night.

A full attendance of members is promised for the tenth annual meeting of the Bismarck Commercial Club, to be held in the convention hall of the organization at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

In many respects, the meeting will be the most important in the history of the organization. The past year has been an active one; it has witnessed radical changes in the club program, and it is felt that the club today stands upon the threshold of an era of great usefulness to the community.

The club closes the year with more than 600 members; it closes the year with its revenues greatly increased; its operating expenses reduced, and its indebtedness very much decreased.

The annual reports to be presented tomorrow evening will tell of a year of accomplishment, and will give promise of a year of even greater achievement to come. Optimism, founded upon firm fact, will be the keynote.

The principal address of the evening will be delivered by Rufus E. Wilson of New York City, one of America's foremost community-builders. Mr. Wilson is a rapid-fire talker with a message which he gets across in the shortest possible time. His message will be one of vital importance to Bismarck. He has come three-quarters of the way across the continent to deliver it, and it is believed that Bismarck will come out to hear him.

BRITAIN'S SONS RALLY TO COLORS ON LAST DAY

LORD DERBY'S SCHEME DECLARED A SUCCESS—TIME EXTENDED 24 HOURS TO REGISTER NAMES. EXPECT SEVERAL MILLION.

London, Dec. 11.—The enrollment of volunteers under Lord Derby's plans for immediate and future service could not be completed today on account of the number crowding around the enlistment officers throughout the kingdom at the eleventh hour.

Therefore the war office announced the extension of the time until midnight Sunday, with a possible further extension to midnight Wednesday. Recruiting will continue Sunday and if the numbers of the past few days are kept up, the total enlistment of the last three days probably will equal the total for any preceding three weeks.

Bands and Orators.
The process of investment was attended by picturesque and enthusiastic gatherings. Bands and orators, both official and volunteers from military and social life, have been busy. The keynote of the speeches has been that Britain should show to the world that her men are able and willing to defend their country without compulsion.

There is no information at present regarding the number of recruits, but the trade unionists tonight conclusively declared that the Derby campaign was a success.

Will Mean Millions.
The last census gave the number of men in England, Scotland and Wales between the ages of 18 and 49 years as 3,100,000, nearly half of whom were single. The general understanding has been that about 2,000,000 entered the army before Lord Derby's recruiting began and it is believed that between 80 and 90 per cent of the remainder have presented themselves for attestation. From the total must be deducted three classes—the physically unfit, those engaged in munition factories and those engaged in other necessary callings.

NOTE OF PROTEST SENT TO FRANCE

Deny Right of France to Remove German and Austrian Subjects From Neutral Ships.

Washington, Dec. 11.—A vigorous protest is being prepared by the state department against the removal by the French cruiser, Descartes, of German and Austrian subjects from the American steamships, Carolina, Coamo and Juan, on the high seas. The note will contend that removal of citizens of any nation from American vessels on the high seas is without legal justification.

It will assert in the note, as it was a year ago in the protest to France in the case of August Piepenbrink, that the men removed were not embroiled in the armed forces of the enemy, in the sense that the term is established in international law.

The communication, it was understood, probably will declare also that there is no justification for the removal of enemy's subject from a neutral vessel on the high seas bound to a neutral port even if he could be properly regarded as a military person. The Trent case during the Civil war probably will be cited as a precedent.

ASK SAFE CONDUCT FOR 2 ATTACHES

Secretary Lansing Files Request With Both British and French Embassies.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department announced late today that it had requested the British and French embassies to grant safe conduct to Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. von Pappen, the German military and naval attaches.

Both embassies forwarded the state department requests to their foreign offices. The secretary did not ask for safe conduct for the attaches' successors, because none as yet have been named. He is of the opinion, however, that there will be no difficulty about securing them when the time arrives.

The safe conducts were asked by Secretary Lansing in compliance with a personal request made by Emperor William when notified of the request for the withdrawal of the attaches.

Safe conduct for the successors likewise were requested by the emperor.

There was no indication as to how soon the attaches would leave the United States, but they were allowed a reasonable time.

W. J. BRYAN MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT

New York, Dec. 11.—W. J. Bryan, former secretary of state, in an order signed by Supreme Justice Whitaker today was declared in default for failure to answer a summons to appear as a witness in the suit for alleged libel brought by Petros Petanis against D. J. Vlasto and S. J. Vlasto. The court also issued an order requiring Mr. Bryan to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This was made returnable December 23.

LIBRARY PLANS APPROVED AT RECENT MEETING

Commercial Club Now Ready to Receive Books for Bismarck Public Library.

READING ROOMS WILL BE OPEN EVERY DAY

The Commercial club is now ready to receive books for the Bismarck public library. After several weeks' planning, there have been made changes in the club quarters which permit of the setting aside of a conveniently located reading room. Shelving will be installed as soon as the receipt of books warrant, and a competent custodian will be placed in charge. The library and reading room will be available during the evening hours. It is believed that these provisions, pending the erection of a permanent public library building, will fill a want which has long existed in Bismarck.

Plans for the establishment of the library were thoroughly discussed at a meeting of the Commercial club library committee with a committee of the Civic League, in the club rooms last evening. Both committees agreed that the room which the club plans to use is in every way suitable for library purposes, and that the plan which have been devised for the operation of the library and reading room are practicable.

Co-operation Needed.
The success of the plan now depends entirely upon the co-operation received from the public-spirited Bismarck people. The library for the present will depend upon donations for its books. It is the opinion of the club that there is in every Bismarck home a few books which are duplicates, or which for other reasons should be spared. If possessors of such volumes will notify the club by postal card, phone, or personal call, arrangements will be made for the collection of the books. As soon as the number of volumes received warrants the step, a librarian will be placed in charge, the books will be indexed and placed on the shelves for general circulation. All volumes donated to the present library will become the permanent property of the Bismarck public library and will later be transferred to the new library building. It has been suggested that a special plate, giving the names of the donors, be placed in these gift books, thus perpetuating the public-spiritedness of the founders of Bismarck's first public library.

Every Book Helps.
The message which the club wishes to give to the people of Bismarck today is this: A public library for Bismarck is assured; library advantages for the present winter are available, if everyone will co-operate to the extent of donating a volume or two to the library. There are 1200 books in Bismarck. If every home produces one book, the library will be very well equipped for a beginning. Magazines will also be very acceptable, as will pictures, busts or other decorations of a suitable nature. All will be carefully preserved and will be turned over to the permanent library in good condition.

Works of standard fiction, history, travel, exploration, adventure, scientific, philosophical, theological, sociological works, good literature of any kind, of any date, of any period, in any binding, will be gladly accepted by the committee; will be called for if the club headquarters are notified, and will be placed in circulation at the earliest possible moment.

OFFICIALS SAY SITUATION IS STILL GRAVE

News Received That American Note Has Been Received in Vienna.

STATE DEPARTMENT REMAINS SILENT

No Exchange of Notes Will Be Tolerated—American Demands Are Final.

Washington, Dec. 11.—There were no developments today to alleviate the serious situation that threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary.

Officials continued silent. Word that the American note on the sinking of the Italian liner, Ancona, with the loss of American lives, had reached the Vienna foreign office yesterday led to a feeling that the question will resolve itself one way or the other without much delay.

The communication is understood to ask a disavowal of the act of the Austrian submarine which sank the liner, punishment of the submarine commander, reparation for the American lives lost, and it has been clearly indicated that the United States expects that these things will be done promptly. There will be no lengthy discussion of the principles involved, such as was continued by Germany after the Lusitania tragedy.

It was apparent tonight that officials who had read the note to Austria viewed the situation as serious. The opinion prevailing as strongly as ever that diplomatic relations were in danger of being broken off unless Vienna complied immediately with America's demand.

SIX DAY RACE COMES TO CLOSE

Australian-American Team Wins Long Bicycle Grind in New York.

New York, Dec. 11.—Fred Hill and Alfred Grenda of Australia, the American-Australian team, won the 23rd annual six-day bicycle race, which closed at 13:05 o'clock tonight in Madison Square Garden. The final score was 2,770 miles and 8 laps, than the best previous record, which was set by Goullet and Grenda in New York in 1914.

McNamara and Spears finished second, while Magin and Lawrence were tied with Thomas and Ryan for third place.

The other teams finished in the following order: Egg and Dupuy, fifth; Eaton and Madden, sixth; Walthour and Moran, seventh; Hanley and Halstead, eighth; Drobach and Corry, ninth; Sceres and Linart, tenth, and Mitten and Hanson, eleventh.

SAVES UNCLE SAM MILLIONS IN JUNK



Up to the time that William Jacobus, the scrap metal expert, stepped into the limelight by showing how Uncle Sam could save millions on the scrap usually sold as junk very few people, if any, knew that one could specialize on junk and become an expert in this line. Mr. Jacobus has taught the navy department alone how to save \$2,000,000 a year.

Cartoons Of The Day



A STRONG TEMPTATION

GERMAN PRESS MAKES BITTER ATTACK UPON WILSON'S MESSAGE

Declares Recall of German Attaches Is an Unfriendly Act; Practically Declares Chief Executive Is Partial to Allies in Diplomatic Relations.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 11.—The Berlin morning papers published a special wireless dispatch from New York to the semi-official Wolff bureau stating that public opinion in America is greatly stirred against Germany, and comments as follows:

"It was to be expected that at the convening of congress the British party would make every effort to bring about a new excitement against Germany in order to distract the attention of congress from the question of British pressure on America. This also is President Wilson's intent. Beyond this it lies in the nature of the Americans that only unconditional firmness which he perceives through polite formality makes an impression on him with friends and foe."

Call Wilson "Hetze."
Several of the other papers used similar headlines with the word "Hetze" which is a hunting expression describing the setting of a dog on its prey.

Only a few of the papers print the news of the possible demands of the United States for the recall of Alexander von Nuber, the Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York. The

Morning Post, however, makes it a leading front page article with a double head and calls it "Mr. Wilson's ravages among our diplomats, thus he preserves the impartiality which we miss from him as soon as it is a case of the British or the French."

The Morning Post also publishes a message to the Wolff bureau quoting Secretary Lansing, that the recall of Captain Boy-Ed and Capt. von Pappen, the naval and military attaches of the embassy at Washington, has no political background. The Morning Post comments:

"Perhaps Mr. Wilson simply wanted to do the two officers a favor by helping them to return to their beloved home and perhaps the moisture which he has had over German Americans came from the sea of his love for everything that is German."

The Morgan Post considers the American note in the Ancona case as a further "hetze."

The Kreuz Zeitung says of the Lansing statement:

"If the demand for the recall of the attaches has no political background, it is an unfriendly act which fits perfectly into the frame of President Wilson's general policy toward Germany."

ANNUAL MEETING OF BAR ASSOCIATION

Burleigh County Bar Association Meeting and Banquet Tuesday Night.

Announcement has been made of the annual meeting of the Burleigh County Bar Association on Tuesday, December 14. The meeting and banquet will be held at 7:30 p. m., at the McKenzie hotel. President Newton states that all attorneys in Burleigh county are eligible to membership in the association, and, so far as possible, all have been notified to be present at the meeting. The by-laws of the association provide for an annual election of officers on the second Tuesday of December, and it is the custom for the association to banquet its members at the time of holding elections.

The executive committee has suggested the appointment of an informal nominating committee, who will suggest nominations for office, and the president has accordingly appointed Messrs. Alfred Zuger, Theodore Kofel and H. C. Bradley as such nominating committee. It is understood that this committee will be advisory only and that members of the association are urged to offer nominations independently of the nominating committee, if they desire to do so. The present officers are: President, G. W. Newton; vice president, F. H. Register; secretary-treasurer, B. F. Tillotson. Elaborate plans have been made for the entertainment of those who attend the annual meeting and all Burleigh county attorneys are urged to be present to assist in making the affair a success.

BISMARCK DEFEATS MANDAN

The Freshman team of the Bismarck High School basketball team defeated the Mandan Sophomore team, 30 to 15, in a game Saturday night.

KENYON FAILS TO LAND JOB

Progressives Wanted Him Appointed on Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senate Republicans finish their committee election today and Representative Mann, the house leader, expects to have his slate ready when the house convenes Tuesday. This will complete the organization of congress, as Democrats of both houses have made their committee assignments.

The senate Republicans today chose Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania and Senator Brandegee of Connecticut to succeed Senator Root and Senator Burton on the foreign relations committee. Democrats have elected Senators Pittman of Nevada and Phelan of California to the vacancies in the judiciary committee.

Senator Underwood, Democrat, of Alabama goes to the appropriation committee and becomes chairman of the committee on Cuban relations. Senator Works of California succeeds Senator Root on the judiciary committee.

The Republicans of the senate will caucus Monday morning to approve the assignment. The Progressive wing is dissatisfied over the defeat of Senator Kenyon for the foreign relations committee and is planning to protest.

Congress probably will recess next Saturday for the holidays and reassemble January 3.

THE WEATHER.
North Dakota—Generally fair Sunday and Monday; colder in the northwest portion Sunday.

WINTER STOPS ACTIVITIES ON VARIOUS FRONTS

Lemberg, Evacuated to Shorten Line During Severe Weather.

NOT TO ABANDON BALKAN CAMPAIGN

German Reichstag Is Grappling With Food Problem—Greek Situation Unchanged.

London, Dec. 11.—The main armies of Europe apparently have settled down into winter deadlock in the trenches. No news of important engagements along the main lines has been issued for several days.

The Italians continue to bombard Gorizia, but the complete fall of that town, which has been expected at any hour for the past fortnight, is still delayed.

The Austro-Germans have withdrawn from Lemberg, Galicia, according to a Kiev dispatch, which gives the prevalence of scurvy as the reason for this movement, but military critics consider it more reasonable to believe that they are strengthening and shortening their lines for the winter. They are constructing fortifications along the southern section of their front.

No Details Received.
No definite details have been received today of the retirement of the French and British troops in the Balkans along Saloniki, but the Temps asserts positively that the Allies have decided to remain with Saloniki as their base and send sufficient reinforcements to reduce their offensive.

Apparently this information was gleaned from the Anglo-French council of war in Paris, consequently the Balkans will remain in the center of interest.

The day's news from Greece is unfavorable to the Entente powers, but tomorrow may witness the shifting of the diplomatic winds to another quarter. A Reuter's dispatch from Athens asserts that the Greek government will concede all the Allies demand and that part of the Greek troops will be removed from Saloniki, while a Home front credits the decision to demobilize her army.

Control Consumption.
The German reichstag is grappling with the problem of the food supply. Various party schemes have been presented to the budget committee, all of which include the establishment of a plan to meet the great crisis. Centrists propose a most radical plan for a bureau controlling the distribution of food. Among its features are the limitation of the consumption of the principal commodities in hotels and restaurants, and special help for the poorer classes.

Copenhagen and Amsterdam furnish reports of a demonstration in Berlin, at which the crowd shouted for peace and even insulted the crown prince, who arrived at Berlin, but there is no direct confirmation of the story.

Troops More South.
Detachments of infantry have reached Philippopolis, in Bulgaria, according to the Patria, which says that an Austro-German army corps is on its way to that town.

ATTEMPT MADE TO BLOW UP BRIDGE

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 11.—A package containing six sticks of dynamite equipped with caps and fuses was found today by an Italian fisherman under a bridge over the Alameda creek, a short distance west from Martinez, which carries the main line track of the Southern Pacific railroad. Over this bridge pass trains which carry the output of the Hercules Powder company and the Standard Oil company to the east.

Officials express the opinion that the dynamite was placed under the bridge to hinder the movement of war munitions.

STEAMER RETURNS TO PORT AFIRE

New York, Dec. 11.—Fire, which caused the British steamer, Pynninghame, to put back shortly after having sailed from this port with a large cargo of sugar consigned to the British government, was extinguished late today by a fire boat.

Representatives of Bowring & Co., the vessel's agent, said that 20,000 bags of sugar in No. 4 hold have been destroyed, but they made no estimate of the financial loss.

Members of the bomb squad of the New York police department boarded the Pynninghame after she entered off the Statue of Liberty, and searched the vessel. The result of the search was not made known and the steamer's agents declined to express opinion as to the origin of the fire.