

SPEAKERSHIP SCALES TIPPING FOR H. R. WOOD

Bowman Out of the Race and
Turns Support to the Ward
County Man

CAUCUS PROBABLY BE HELD THIS EVENING

Wiley Boom, Launched Last
Night Seems To Have Lost
Its Noise

PRATER SLATED.

V. J. Prater, county treasurer,
assistant secretary of the senate
four years ago, is slated for
secretary of this session. He acted
under Lieutenant Governor Kraebel
and enjoys that gentleman's
confidence. Mr. Prater has had
considerable experience in legis-
lative matters and is being urged
to accept. If Mr. Prater accepts
the position, Richard Penwarden,
county treasurer-elect, will take
charge of the treasurer's office.

With the announcement made early
this afternoon by Representative E.
A. Bowman of the Twenty-fourth dis-
trict that "everything looks favor-
able to Wood," and that he had turned his
support and influence to the Ward
county man, it was a foregone con-
clusion that Howard R. Wood of Deer-
ing would be speaker of the house.

"I was never in the race, but some
of my friends were boosting for me,"
stated Bowman, when seen in his
room in the McKenzie. "I don't care
for the position and would rather be
an out in the race and have turned
my support and influence to Mr.
Wood."

Wiley Boom Loses Noise.
The Wiley boom has lost its noise.
It was exploded late last night by
friends of the representative from
Morton county. Active in the support
of the league organization and inas-
much as he has served years in the
house, his friends wished that he
should receive the preference, but
prominent league chieftains made the
assessments that there "is nothing in
Wiley's candidacy" and that it is
"practically assured that the mem-
bers are behind Wood."

Introduce Wood as speaker.
So confident were some of the
league men that Wood would be en-
dorsed as speaker at the caucus to
be held late today or this evening
that the representative from Deering
was introduced to several of the in-
coming members as "Representative
Wood, our speaker."

Wood, Wiley and Bowman are all
league members.

Waiting For a Majority.

The caucus of the members of the
lower house, which will elect the
speaker, awaits the arrival of enough
members to have a large majority.
About 60 or 70 had reached the city
up to the noon hour. With the Barnes
county delegation and others expect-
ed in this afternoon, it was stated
that it might be possible to have the
caucus late this afternoon or early
this evening, when the employment
committee will be named to confer
with the speaker regarding the dis-
tribution of patronage. This commit-
tee, as in the past, will be made up
of one member from each judicial dis-
trict, of a working organization of 12.

F. B. Wood of Fargo, vice president
of the Non-partisan league, and father
of Howard R. Wood, arrived in the
city early this morning and when
seen in the lobby of the McKenzie
this afternoon, gave out the state-
ment which led one to infer that his
assistance in boosting his son's can-
didacy for the speakership was not
needed. Edwin Wood, a prominent
league worker, son of F. B. Wood and
brother of the candidate boosted for
speaker, is also in the city.

Senate Control in Doubt.

A quiet little caucus held last night
in which hold-over members and sen-
ators elected last November against
the opposition of the league partici-
pated leaves the control of the senate
very much in doubt. But for the prob-
ability of a constitutional convention, it
is likely that little opposition to
league domination would have devel-
oped in the senate. As it is, with the
prospect of a constitutional conven-
tion being constituted by members of
the Fifteenth legislative assembly
there is a disposition among such
members of the upper house whose
hands are not tied to find out what
there is doing and what part they are
to have in the doing of it.

The practical certainty of a consti-
tutional convention has placed an en-
tirely new light on many propositions.
There is a tendency in various quar-
ters not to stay put in view of the
probable revision of the constitution
and a revamping of the basis upon
which all legislation, property rights,
rules of state government and admin-
istration are built.

BRITISH DESTROYER HEADS OFF ATTACK

New York, Dec. 30.—Narrow escape
of the British steamer Chicago City,
from the attack of a German sub-
marine was reported when the vessel
arrived today. The vessel was fired
upon by the submarine when 120
miles off Fastnet. The Chicago City
put on full speed and escaped, after
the submarine dived, because a
British destroyer was headed toward
the scene.

Years Events Disappointing Says Expert

Review of Major Moves of Great
War During the Year That
Is Drawing to Close

HOW RUSSIANS OVERTHREW UNPOPULAR MINISTRY

Germany Follows Up Failure
About Verdun With Brill-
iant Rumanian Drive

By J. W. T. MASON.

(Written for the United Press)

New York, Dec. 30.—Events of the
past year have been disappointing to
all of the principal European belliger-
ents. The greatest victory of the year
has not been won on any of the
battlefields, but has occurred on the
field of the Russian drama.

For the first time in the history of
the Slav empire, the Russian people
were able, toward the close of the
present year, to act in concert, and to
overthrow Premier Sturmer, a well-
known bureaucrat and reactionary.
The duma forced a change in the
czar's government by a defiance of
the bureaucratic regime that will be-
come one of the great landmarks of
the Russian nation's march toward
democracy. Compared with the inde-
cisive conflicts on eastern and western
fronts, the victory of the duma
stands out as the most positive and
resultful accomplishment of the year.

The entrance of Rumania into the
war has provided the most dramatic
spectacle of the twelve months' con-
flict. There is every reason to be-
lieve that the western allies did not
want the Bukarest government to
break its neutrality. The chance of a
successful German campaign such as
followed the belligerent action of the
Rumanians, was well realized in Lon-
don and Paris. But, imperialist de-
sires turned the heads of the Ruman-
ian militarists at a most inopportune
time for their own ambitions. They
plunged into the war after Russia ex-
pended most of her reserve ammuni-
tion in conquering Bukovina, and was
consequently unable to be of large as-
sistance to the Rumanian army.

Acted Too Quickly.
Furthermore, the Rumanians out-
ran military discipline by plunging
too quickly into Transylvania and by
leaving their rear, in Dobruja, in-
sufficiently protected. An opportu-
nity for the use of high strategy was
thus presented to the German gen-
eral staff, and in the trial of military
genius that followed, the German
commanders wholly outclassed their
opponents.

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ENDURANCE FLIGHT TO PHILADELPHIA

(United Press)

New York, Dec. 30.—Twelve United
States aviators today started an en-
durance flight to Philadelphia. They
left Long Island at 9:55 a. m. and
passed Lower New York 15 minutes
later. They were flying by direction
of the United States army aviation de-
partment. They flew high and at a
great speed. The flyers were wrapped
in furs and their heads were protect-
ed by huge black hats. They plan re-
turning from Philadelphia tomorrow,
starting at 10 a. m. All the machines
used were of the Curtis military type.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

(United Press)

Hemstad, L. I., Dec. 30.—Two of
the military aviators flying from New
York to Philadelphia were forced to
descend here today on account of en-
gine trouble. They promised to start
again when repairs were made. This
absence left only ten machines in the
race.

SPENDING WEEK HERE.

Dr. S. A. Danford is spending
Christmas week in Bismarck resting
up from his evangelistic campaign in
Ohio. Mrs. Danford is in Portland,
Ore., where she is taking a course in
chiropractic in the Pacific college.

Third Set of Twins To Live in Governor's Mansion; A Charming Family Circle

Much has been said and written
about the new governor, Lynn J. Fra-
zier, but little about the first lady
of the state, who yesterday took up
her residence at the Executive man-
sion in Fourth street and Avenue B.
to reside there for the next two years.
Unlike her distinguished husband,
who is tall and dark, she is small,
with fair hair and complexion. De-
spite the fact that she is the mother
of four lovely children, the blush of
youth still glows in her cheeks.

Charming Family.
When a representative of the Trib-
une called Mrs. Frazier over the
phone yesterday at the McKenzie ho-
tel and asked for an interview, she
was graciously granted the permis-
sion and later called at the Executive
mansion, where she was given a most
cordial welcome by Governor and
Mrs. Frazier. There she found a
charming family group, the Governor,
Mrs. Frazier, the twin daughters,

VILLA CAPTURES SATILLO; HEADS FOR MONTEREY

Bandits Are Carrying on Their
March Several Thousands of
Dollars of Bullion

AMERICAN REFUGES FLEE BEFORE REVOLUTIONISTS

CARRANZA GARRISONS REPORTED TO
Have Joined the Rebels in
New Campaign

(United Press.)

El Paso, Dec. 30.—Information tend-
ing to confirm the reported capture of
Sattillo was in the hands of United
States authorities today. Upon the
approach of bandit forces, small gar-
risons throughout the vicinity of Sat-
tillo surrendered and joined the Vil-
listas, according to information that
Federal authorities had here today. It
was reported that a division of Vil-
listas are marching toward Monterey,
carrying several thousand dollars
worth of bullion.

The Americans who fled before the
Villista advance on Torreon have
reached San Luis Potosi and have
started for the border.

Military Shakeup.

Another shakeup in the commanders
of the Carranza regime, following re-
cent Villista activity was reported
officially today. Under orders of Gen-
eral Murguia, Carranzistas today began
the erection of a trench system near
Juarez. General Murguia would make
no comment other than to say that
this action is necessary.

CAN'T SUBSTANTIATE RUMORS.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Major Gen-
eral Funston, commanding the Ameri-
can forces on the Mexican border,
advised the War Department today
he had been unable to substantiate
rumors that Felix Diaz's filibustering
party had crossed into Mexico from
the United States.

NEW MEXICO POLICY SUGGESTED AT CONFERENCE

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—Counselor
Polk, of the state department, and
Charles A. Douglas, local attorney for
the Carranza government, conferred
today over the Mexican situation. Mr.
Douglas declined to comment and in-
formation concerning the conference
was withheld by department officials.
It is understood, however, that the
suggestion was presented that there
be a voluntary withdrawal of Ameri-
can troops in Mexico without await-
ing an agreement in this regard with
the American-Mexican joint commis-
sion.

MAY ORDER PERSHING'S FORCES ACROSS BORDER.

(United Press)

Washington, Dec. 30.—An entirely
new policy toward Mexico has been
completed and is being considered by
the administration today, it is report-
ed here.

One of the terms of the new agree-
ment, it is considered, the ordering
of General Pershing's forces across
the border. The Mexican-American
commission is reopening negotiations
for the protection of American life
and property in Mexico and, perhaps,
financial assistance, to Carranza. The
Carranzista minister here will be re-
cognized, the report says.

TAKE BODY HOME.

(United Press.)

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 30.—Provisions
were made today for taking the body
of E. O. Sullivan of the New Hamp-
shire militia back to his home to-
morrow. Sullivan was accidentally
shot through the heart on the bor-
der.

NEW OIL PRESIDENT WAS STORE CLERK

Unic and Versie, and the two sons,
Vernon, aged 10 years, and Willis,
the youngest, aged 7 years. Four fin-
er children could not be found in
North Dakota. The twins, their first
born are 12 years old and are almost
as large as their mother. They are
cordial and pleasant with a frankness
of manner which is most pleasing. In
Hoopie they appeared in many of the
home talent entertainments with
marked success, taking many of the
leading parts. The boys are fair rep-
resentatives of the state of North Da-
kota. They are sturdy little fellows,
resembling their father in many re-
spects. They move and act with con-
siderable freedom, which is character-
istic of their young lives spent in the
open.

REAR GUARD ACTIONS ON BALKAN FRONT

Russians and Rumanians With-
drawing Slowly Along Whole
Line in Wallachia

GREAT PROGRESS SHOWN BY GENERAL MACKENSEN

Operations in Franco-Belgian
Zone Confined to Minor
Movements

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—The Russians and
Rumanians are fighting a heavy rear
guard action as they retire toward the
line of the Sereth in northeast Wal-
lachia and southern Moldavia. To-
day's German army headquarters re-
port shows progress for Field Mar-
shal Von Mackensen's army along the
entire front between the Rumanian-
Carpathians and the Danube, despite
the strong resistance it is encounter-
ing. At the same time, the attack on
the Moldavian frontier is developing
and the Russo-Rumanian position
carried over by the in-
vaders. Repeated counter attacks are
not serving to stop them. In this
fighting, the Teutonic forces took 660
prisoners and seven machine guns.

Line of Advance.

The Teutonic line of advance on the
Wallachian plain now lies well to the
north of Rimnik-Sarat, on the rail-
road from Buzeu to Fokshani, while
on the right flank is a still near ap-
proach to Braila, the grain center of
the Danube, which is one of the main
objectives of Von Mackensen in the
present stage of the struggle.

Operations on the Franco-Belgian
front have been confined to minor
movements except in the Verdun re-
gion, where Berlin announces the re-
pulsion of several attacks made by the
French on the position of Dead Man's
Hill, of which the Germans recently
reported the capture.

CAPTURE PRISONERS.

(United Press.)

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The capture of 300
prisoners, six cannon, and twenty-six
machine guns, in the fighting Thurs-
day in the Wallachia sector, and the
mountains west of Fokshani, was re-
ported in today's official statement
of the German army headquarters. Wil-
helm has sent a message to Governor
General Von Bissing, of Belgium, who
is seriously ill, according to dis-
patches here today. In the message,
the Kaiser expressed satisfaction with
Von Bissing's work in Belgium, con-
gratulating him on his far-sighted
leadership and in keeping order and
quiet in the little nation.

At Verdun, there was calm, while
in the Champagne department of
German attempts to break through
French lines were reported in today's
official statement.

CONTINUE ATTACKS.

(Associated Press.)

Petrograd, Dec. 30.—Strong Teu-
tonic forces assisted by heavy and
light artillery yesterday continued
their attacks on the Russo-Rumanian
position on the battle front north-
east of Rimnik-Sarat, in central Rou-
mania, says the official statement
issued today by the Russian war
office. The invaders captured the vil-
lage of Bordestchi on the river Rik-
nits and pressed back the Russian de-
tachment near Zalesi.

KAISER SENDS MESSAGE.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—General Baron
Van Bissing, governor-general of Bel-
gium, who is lying seriously ill with
pneumonia at Brussels, says the Ex-
change Telegraph company's Amster-
dam correspondent has received a
sympathetic message from Emperor
William.

GERMANS ADVANCE ON RUMANIAN FRONT

(United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—German troops
have advanced along the entire front
in Rumania, especially in the Walla-
chia sector, today's official statement
said.

MINOR ENGAGEMENTS REPORTED ON STRUMA

(United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Only minor en-
gagements on the Struma plain, in
the Macedonia fighting, were report-
ed in the official statement issued to-
day.

WASHINGTON SURPRISED OVER MISCONSTRUCTION PLACED UPON WILSON'S PEACE COMMUNICATION

ADMINISTRATION EXPLAINS CHIEF POINTS IN NOTE

State Department Surprised That
Objects of Communications
Are Misunderstood

ENTENTE FEARS ACTION WOULD NOT BE BINDING

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—It has been
learned that a few days ago Presi-
dent Wilson sent a second note,
explanatory of the first, to the
Central powers and the Entente
nations. This note has not been
presented.

The reason for withholding the
second note is said to be that the
German reply received in the in-
terim showed that the German
government had not been influenc-
ed by the "misconception regard-
ing the purpose and aims of Presi-
dent Wilson's step, which an un-
friendly press in both camps at-
tributed thereto."

SECOND NOTE.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Ameri-
can government, it became known
authoritatively today, believes there
are three principal points in its note
to the belligerents and is surprised
that they are not more clearly un-
derstood, particularly by the Entente
press.

Main Points.

These points, taken in the order of
their importance from the adminis-
tration's viewpoint, are:
The fear that the position of neu-
tral nations be "rendered altogether
intolerable" if the war continues.
The suggestion that arrangements
be made as a guarantee against simi-
lar conflicts in the future.
The proposal that means be found
for preparing the concrete peace
terms of both sides.

Arouses Comment.

The first point has aroused most
comment as was first emphasized by
Secretary Lansing's statement, after-
wards modified by a statement that
the United States might be drawing
nearer entrance into the war.
The administration, however,
thought that the suggestion for an
agreement to preserve peace in the
future, would attract more attention
among the Entente allies than it ap-
parently has, and furnish means
through which these nations could en-
ter with perfect propriety into a se-
rious peace discussion.

No Ground for Fear.

If such an agreement could be ar-
ranged, the administration feels there
would be no ground for fear than an
agreement over terms made between
the belligerents would not be kept af-
ter the war ends. It pointed out to-
day that such a fear has been one of
the main objections of the Entente al-
lies to entering into peace discussion.

ANSWER READY TONIGHT.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer
to the German note of December 12
will be handed to Ambassador Sharpe
tonight, says the Petit Parisien, and
will be published tomorrow.

It is long and sets forth again the
responsibility of the Central empires
for the European conflagration. It in-
sists on legitimate reparation and res-
titutions demanded by the Entente as
outlined by Premier Lloyd George and
also that Germany, by failing to formu-
late proposals for peace, removes in
advance any basis for peace parlers.
The note seeks to suggest that the
Berlin cabinet, having proclaimed in
1914, its contempt for treaties, can-
not pretend to obtain the same con-
fidence as powers respectful of sig-
natures, and must offer guarantees.

Ready for Peace but Undeclared

That Is Position of Germany as
Prospects for Another Year
of War Looms Up

TRANSITIONS HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN EMPIRE

Democracy Making Inroads as
Indicated by Tone of Teu-
tonic Press

By CARL W. ACKERMAN.

(United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany is as
ready for peace as she is for con-
tinued war. Her record of 1916 just-
ifies either. She begins the year
1917 with her lines on the western
front unbroken, after England's and
France's supreme efforts and this de-
spite the fact that her armies have
swept victorious over three-fourths of
Rumania.

Foremost of the year's events in
Germany was the proffer of peace by
the imperial chancellor, von ethmann-
Hollweg. German public opinion ap-
plauds that sentiment which urged
this magnanimous tender. The chan-
cellor's speech in the reichstag and
his note to Germany's enemies aptly
summarized the view of the German
people.

For Allies to Decide.

In the German view, it is now en-
tirely a matter for the Allies to de-
cide—whether they desire to make
peace or continue fighting. Germany
wants peace—but her united public
opinion, her uncrushed army and na-
vy, are ready to fight on.

As a matter of fact, Germany to-
day is passing through a transition
period in her internal affairs. Be-
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NEW KING OF AUSTRIA CROWNED

(United Press)

Budapest, Dec. 30.—Ceremonies
of the royalty overshadowed the sorrows
of war today. The coronation came
with the formal inauguration of Carl
as emperor of Austria-Hungary to-
day, at the Church of St. Mathews.
Carl is the youthful successor of the
aged Franz Josef. During the inaugu-
ration, the emperor was forced to wear
the crown of St. Stephens, weighing
five pounds. All members of the
court were present as the peculiar
medieval ceremony was held. Mounted
on a white horse, the new emperor
rode to the inaugural with sword
drawn, turned to the four directions
alternately and swore in time honored
words to defend the boundaries of
Austria-Hungary.

(United Press)

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The coronation
ceremonies at Budapest today are on
the eve of a crisis in the Hungarian
cabinet. Count Tisza, chosen to place
the crown on the head of the new
Austrian monarch, Carl, is due for a
downfall, following a month's opposi-
tion to him, led by Count Apponyi.

Dispatches from Budapest today
said that while the friction is grow-
ing that it did not darken the festivi-
ties connected with the coronation to-
day. The new Emperor Carl is in-
creasingly popular there, it is said. Am-
bassador Penfield represented the
United States at the coronation cere-
monies today.

HOLD PENSION LAW SOUND.

(United Press)

Lisbon, N. D., Dec. 30.—Judge
Frank P. Allen of the Fourth district
bench has ruled here that the law
creating teachers' pensions and a re-
tirement fund is a sound, hole-proof
constitutional statute.

Toll of European War In Men and Money Shows Awful Scourge of Struggle

COST OF THE WAR TO END OF 1916.

Great Britain	\$15,500,000,000	Italy	\$1,900,000,000
Germany	14,900,000,000	Turkey	550,000,000
Russia	10,500,000,000	Bulgaria	75,000,000
France	10,100,000,000	Rumania	50,000,000
Austro-Hungary	7,900,000,000	Other countries	150,000,000
Total	\$60,725,000,000		

CASUALTIES OF THE WAR TO END OF 1916

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Russia	1,500,000	3,200,000	2,500,000	7,200,000
Germany	1,000,000	2,500,000	250,000	3,750,000
France	950,000	2,200,000	400,000	3,450,000
Austro-Hungary	600,000	1,700,000	1,300,000	3,600,000
Great Britain	400,000	900,000	100,000	1,400,000
Turkey	100,000	250,000	90,000	440,000
Serbia	65,000	150,000	85,000	200,000
Italy	70,000	175,000	90,000	335,000
Belgium	35,000	80,000	60,000	175,000
Bulgaria	25,000	60,000	15,000	100,000
Rumania	50,000	150,000	200,000	400,000
Total				21,245,000



J. C. BEDFORD
Bedford started as a dry goods clerk
in 1881. He just became president of
the Standard Oil, succeeding the late
John D.