

WILSON REFUSES SPECIAL ADDRESS FOR SUFFRAGET

Law But He Tells Delegation He Favors House Committee on Subject.

NOT A FREE MAN AT ALL

Is He and As President He Can Not Carry Out His Own Ideas and Wishes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage Association that he favored a standing suffrage committee in the House of Representatives but he denied their request that he send a special message to Congress urging the reform.

Marching by twos and fours with banners about the suffragists braved the chill winds of a raw day to storm the White House. They were ushered into the president's office and formed in a circle about Mr. Wilson. Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the association, summarized briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to Congress by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver or by using his influence to have a special committee of the House appointed to consider the subject.

"I want you ladies if possible," said the president to the delegation, "if I can make it clear to you, to realize just what my present situation is.

"Whenever I walk abroad I realize that I am not a free man. I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets, that it as if it were typical of my present transference from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject to being an official of a great government an incidentally or so it falls the spokesman of a party.

"I set myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey and shall follow it as president that I am not a liberty to urge upon Congress in messages policies which have not had the organic consideration of those for whom I am spokesman. In other words I have not yet presented to any legislature my private views on any subject and I never shall because I conceive that to be part of the whole process of government that I shall be spokesman for somebody not for myself. It would be an impertinence. When I speak for myself I am an individual. When I am spokesman of an organic body I am a representative.

"For that reason I am by my own principles shut out in the language of the street from starting anything. I have to confine myself to those things which have been embodied as promises to the people at an election. That is the strict rule I set for myself.

"I want to say that with regard to all other matters I am not only glad to be consulted by my colleagues in the two houses but I hope they will often pay me the compliment of consulting me when they want to know my opinion on any subject. One member of the rules committee did come to me and ask me what I thought about this suggestion of yours of appointing a special committee of the House as the Senate has already appointed a special committee for the consideration of woman suffrage and I told him that I thought it was a proper thing to do, so that so far as my personal advice has been asked by a single member of the committee it has been given to that effect. I want to tell you that to show that I am strictly living up to my principles. When by private opinion is asked by those who are cooperating with me, I am most glad to give it but I am not at liberty until I speak for somebody beside myself to urge legislation upon the Congress."

There was a pause and Dr. Anna Shaw spoke up. "May I ask you a question?" said she. The president nodded assent. "Since we are members of no political party, who is to speak for us if we do not speak for ourselves?"

"You do that very admirably," remarked the president and the entire assemblage joined in a laugh.

DOROTHY ARNOLD

Case is Recalled by the Mysterious Disappearance of Miss Jennie McCann.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Every policeman in greater New York had instructions today to look out for Miss Jessie McCann, the twenty-three-year-old daughter of Robert McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, who disappeared on Thursday last as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold. She left home Thursday morning ostensibly to go to a home for destitute children, where she did volunteer work as an instructor. Since that time all trace of her has been lost, although a friend of the family reported today having seen a girl answering her description in Wall street Friday night. To him she appeared dazed. The girl's father is a personal friend of Mayor Kille and has appealed to the mayor to expedite the police search.

E. R. Kingley, of Parkersburg, transacting business here.

NORTHERN MEXICO IS REGION OF PEACE

ELECTRIC

Roller Coaster Attracts Much Attention in Window of Plumbing Shop.

The F. C. Welch Plumbing Company has a novel window display in one of the front windows of its shop on Court street that is attracting considerable attention. It is a model of an electric roller coaster with inclines and lifts by which "loop the loops" and "gap the gaps" are made. Metal balls about the size of a walnut are used in place of the usual passenger cars.

The model is the invention of A. J. McCoy, who is connected with the Westinghouse electric manufacturing company in Pittsburgh. It is intended only for window displays for the purpose of attracting attention.

RECEIVER NAMED

For the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Coal Company by Federal Judge Day.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 8.—Attorney James H. Cassidy was today named by federal Judge Day to be receiver for the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Coal Company on complaint of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Company, which went into the hands of receivers Saturday. The complaint charges the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Company has assets of more than \$425,000 and owes seventy-five creditors \$300,000. The company has five coal yards in Cleveland.

AN INJUNCTION IS ASKED TO RESTRAIN CREDITORS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 8.—On application of the Goodman Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, James Bryan was today in common pleas court appointed receiver for John H. Jones, president of the Pittsburgh-Buffalo Coal Company, which was placed into the hands of receivers last Saturday with the Four State Coal Company, of which Jones was also an officer. The Goodman company alleged in its petition that it is a creditor of Jones in the sum of \$5,000 and that Jones is an accommodation signer of a number of notes of the coal company, which while they are solvent, they are at present financially embarrassed. These notes, the petition avers, will soon be paid by the receivers and Jones will be relieved of responsibility of endorsement. An injunction to prevent the creditors from proceeding to collect their obligations was asked. Jones filed an answer to the petition, admitting the statement, and Judge McFarlane granted an injunction, instructing Jones to turn over all his affairs to the receiver.

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR WORK ON RIVERS

And Harbors Are Recommended in Annual Report of the Chief Army Engineer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—More than \$9,000,000 for the Mississippi river, almost \$9,000,000 for the Ohio river, more than \$2,000,000 for the Missouri river, almost \$2,000,000 for the Columbia river and \$1,000,000 for the Delaware river are the amounts considered necessary by the chief of engineers of the army for the improvement and maintenance of those great waterways during the fiscal year of 1915.

In submitting to the Secretary of War his report, made public today, the chief of engineers makes estimates aggregating \$41,482,895 to be applied to 261 river and harbor projects during the year ending June 30, 1915. This is \$9,974,924 less than the amount appropriated by Congress for river and harbor works for the fiscal year of 1914.

"Liberal appropriations are considered proper and desirable for strengthening and other work necessary to make natural channels available wherever water-borne commerce exists or is reasonably prospective," says the chief of engineers. "It is believed that expenditures for such improvements are almost always useful and advantageous to the general public, especially since the introduction and rapid development of small gasoline motor boats for combined freight and passenger transportation."

Estimates of amounts needed for fortification in the United States aggregate \$1,075,000 and in the insular possessions, \$992,500.

The estimates in detail are: Mississippi River—Southwest Pass, \$400,000; Head of Passes to Ohio river, including expenses of Mississippi River commission, \$6,000,000; between Ohio and Missouri rivers, \$1,000,000; between Missouri river and Minneapolis, \$1,500,000; between Minneapolis and St. Paul, \$170,000; improving

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With the Re-opening of Railroads and Order to Have Normal Prices.

MEX. N. O. 1

As a means of placing the rebel territory on a normal basis General Villa today issued an order that all foodstuffs shall be sold at prices usually obtained in times of peace. Stores in Chihuahua and other rebel cities are required to sell goods at prices named by Villa. The rebel leader said that if merchants attempted to ask higher prices he would confiscate their property. Trailloads of provisions are to be shipped from Juarez to the almost famished citizens of Chihuahua.

Unless the federal troops, who deserted Chihuahua, unexpectedly turn up and resort to guerrilla warfare the northern part of Mexico will assume a semblance of peace through the opening of the railroads.

Villa has been on the alert for a possible attack by the federals and his patrol of the 225 miles from Juarez to Chihuahua has been in the nature of precaution. It was reported that Louis Terrazas, the wealthy land owner, had paid to have the federal army escort himself and other civilians, after reaching the border, might attempt to retreat to the state of Nuevo Leon.

ON TRIAL

Is Hans Schmidt, One Time Assistant Rector of Church, for Murder.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Hans Schmidt, one time assistant rector of St. Joseph's church, was placed on trial today for the murder of Anna Amulder, a crime which he confessed after portions of the girl's body had been found washed ashore by the Hudson river. His defense of insanity was made by his lawyers without his consent. The district attorney charges that Schmidt is shamming insanity and that his plea to be permitted to expiate his crime in the electric chair is insincere.

SMALL FIRE.

A small fire occurred Monday afternoon at the home of J. C. Smith, at Wolf Summit, the interior of one room and the attic being badly burned and considerable household goods being destroyed. The blaze originated from a defective fuse. The loss is \$500 or more.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Grover Hill Jenkins and Mary Maggie Albright.

W. C. Day, Jr., of Parkersburg, is here looking after business affairs.

FLOOD VICTIMS

In Texas Now Number Ninety-Six, with Twenty-Five Last Night.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 8.—Ninety-six persons were known to have perished up to noon today in floods that have swept through several sections of Texas. Twenty-five of the persons drowned last night or early today were in territory where warnings of the flood's coming had been posted for several days. The majority of the victims are negroes. The crest of the flood today was nearing the gulf in the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

ASSIGNMENT

Is Made by Wealthy Farmer, Convicted of Criminal Assault on Miss Turner.

CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., Dec. 8.—E. Graham Wilson, the wealthy farmer and horseman, who was convicted here a week ago of criminal assault upon Miss Kate Turner while she was his wife's guest, today made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. He placed his liabilities at \$17,000 and his assets at \$12,000. Mrs. Wilson owns one of the finest estates in West Virginia near here. Wilson will be sentenced on Wednesday but his attorneys have arranged to carry the case to the supreme court of appeals.

COURT TERM OPENS.

The December term of the county court opened Monday morning. John S. Rixey qualified as a notary public.

BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR HONORED DEAD OF ELKS' LODGE

Profound and Eloquent is an Address Made by a Most Beloved Brother.

SONG SERVICE IS DIVINE

Solemn Ceremonies Presided over by Exalted Ruler Beautiful in Simplicity.

Memorial services for its honored dead were held by Clarksburg Lodge, No. 482, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Robinson Grand theater with almost 400 members of the lodge in attendance and an assemblage of friends which filled the spacious theater to the overflowing point. Many were unable to gain admission on account of the crowded condition of the house.

The ceremonies were most impressive with Charles F. Kester, exalted ruler of the lodge, officiating in most graceful manner and the various other officers of the lodge in their respective chairs did their part of the services well.

The following program was observed:

- Prelude—Cadenza Orchestra
- J. Frank Cork, director.
- Exalted Ruler Charles F. Kester Solo—"Lead Kindly Light"
- A. J. Smith Responsive service.
- Officers of the Lodge Opening Ode—"Auld Lang Syne"
- Elks' Male Choir Invocation
- The Rev. Charles Baird Mitchell "Nearer, My God to Thee"
- Elks' Male Choir Memorial address
- Brother Arthur C. Moreland New York Lodge, No. 1
- Rock of Ages—Elks' Male Choir Closing ceremonies, Officers of Lodge
- "Now the Day is Over"—Elks' Male Choir
- Benediction

The Rev. Charles Baird Mitchell, the choir consisted of A. J. Smith, director; Jesse Shinn, A. W. Rapp, John Denham, Henry Coyne, Charles Gill, R. E. Hill, Ralph Stager, Eugene Richards, A. J. Schulte, Leo Snodgrass, Wirt Lewis, F. C. Welch, J. M. Knox, R. A. Parland and W. G. Reel. The names of the deceased members are C. Sprigg Sands, W. Ebert Dawson, W. B. McGary, G. Carl Kunst, Charles J. Goff, R. T. Lowndes, Jr., J. F. Jones, Harry W. Hendershot, Edward Tunstall, E. B. Carlin, Frank H. Rhodes, M. J. McAndrew, M. Frost, W. D. Floyd, James T. Drury, W. G. Showalter, Thomas B. Seely, Thomas T. Wallis, C. A. Templeton, Edward R. Davis, Charles M. Gaylord, Clyde R. Bartlett, Ben F. Horner, W. J. Nicolas, Lee Davison, Owen Kraft, Michael J. Francis, W. Frank McCullough, F. G. Pickard, R. P. Williams, Hugo Herb, Henry B. Ward, William J. Brim, John Perry, James M. Devine, John H. Clifford, W. Roy Byrd, D. E. Kough, Mark F. McDonnell, Elmer V. Lowe and M. D. Sheridan.

The officers are as follows: Exalted Ruler—Charles F. Kester. Esteemed Leading Knight—Wilbur C. Morrison. Esteemed Loyal Knight—Walter B. Wilson. Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Roscoe C. Brown. Secretary—Will H. Cole. Treasurer—William H. Lewis. Esquire—John S. Stone. Tiler—H. Frank Horr. Chaplain—William T. Byrd. Inner Guard—John M. Horr. Trustees—J. J. Denham, C. L. Hickman and P. H. Shields. Memorial committee—S. R. Bentley, H. A. Heinze, E. L. Spraker, Will H. Cole and Fleming H. Holden.

Music by the Cadenza orchestra under the direction of J. Frank Cork was beautifully pathetic and was played perfectly.

The male choir under the direction of A. J. Smith featured the services with its selection sung as only the best local talent, whose high ability is well known, can sing, and Mr. Smith's solo showed him in even better than his usual fine voice. Arthur C. Moreland, of New York, editor of the Elks' Antler, former grand lodge secretary, prominent in Elkdom and the most widely known and best beloved Elk today, as orator of the day, discussed life and immortality with great eloquence. Not only was his address noted for eloquence but it also contained a full store of profound thought on the subject.

Special attention was given by the speaker to death as doubtless marking the transition of the soul into a higher and nobler sphere of existence and faith practiced was shown to develop purer and nobler natures, and while no one knows or can know what is beyond the grave belief in immortality gives the hope which brings man to higher and better civilization. He declared that the value of a life was not its length but rather the greatness of its activity for good no matter how short.

Discussing the principles and beliefs of the order he showed that Elkdom is a haven for all Americans—mortality, integrity and true brotherhood qualities, irrespective of their religious creed and that in no way conflicted with their religious beliefs. He iterated the fact that a supreme power is the dominant belief of the order and charity and brotherhood are its prominent ennobling practices. The address was pronounced the

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OHIO RIVER TOWN FIGHTS GAS RATES

Cecil B. Highland of That City Thinks Rates Are Already Too High.

WHEELING, Dec. 8.—Cecil B. Highland, of New Martinsville, was in this city Saturday attending the hearing which is being conducted before Judge Howard N. Ogden, of the Public Service Commission.

Mr. Highland says that the consumers of his city were much opposed to any increase in the gas rate and that the rate should be reduced as New Martinsville is paying the highest rate of any city or town in that vicinity and is almost in the heart of the gas producing territory. He says that the consumers want the gas company to receive a good return for their money invested and were not complaining of the present price; but as the matter is now up for an equal and just rate all over the state, the gas rate in New Martinsville should be reduced.

He also said that the New Martinsville Glass Manufacturing Company, which is one of the best managed and most prosperous in the state, would be very much affected by any increase, and it is now paying the highest rate. The glass plant is owned by the glass workers and business men of the city and while it is in a prosperous condition and pays all the employees fair wages, the stockholders on their money and any high return on their money and are satisfied as long as the plant can be run to help uphold the city and give employment to so many high class men and women.

Mr. Highland also called our attention to the August report of 1913, of H. P. Taylor and Company, who are large dealers in investments and securities, in which they state: "The Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, for the six months ending June 30, 1913, showed a balance available for dividends of \$1,300,000, or an annual rate of fourteen per cent. The stock (there is but one class) now pays seven per cent, and an increase of dividend is being talked of." It looks like the company should be satisfied with the present price of gas, as they are now making, according to their own statement, fourteen per cent net on their capital stock.

Mr. Highland adds: "I have called this statement to the attention of one of the attorneys who represent the consumers, and the matter will be gone into thoroughly before the hearing is ended. The consumers of New Martinsville have great confidence in the Public Service Commission and believe that when the hearing is over we shall be able to show that our present gas rate is too high."

TO ORGANIZE CLUB.

For the purpose of organizing a local Masonic club, a meeting of members of all branches of the local Masonic fraternity will be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in the Masonic temple.

CARRICO IS KILLED DURING THE NIGHT

By a Train as It is Passing through Town of Bridgeport East of City.

BRIDGEPORT, Dec. 8.—The body of Seymour Carrico, aged 23, of Grassell, was found lying near the railroad a short distance from here at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. A coroner's jury decided he was struck by a train which caused his death. His skull was crushed and there were several minor bruises. He had come from Clarksburg on a late trolley car.

Surviving him are his mother, Mrs. Joanna Carrico, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Bert Williams, Mrs. James Thomas and Delbert and Arthur Carrico, all of Grassell. The funeral was held from the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon and burial was in the church cemetery.

LOPEZ'S TRAGEDY

Indicate That He Has Not Succumbed to Poisonous Gases in the Mine.

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 8.—Possess continued their search of the Utah Apex mine today for Ralph Lopez. The discovery of his tracks yesterday indicated that he had not succumbed to the poisonous gases forced into the tunnel last week to asphyxiate him. Armed with shotguns the deputies exploring the working were prepared for another underground battle such as occurred November 29, when two of their number were killed. That Lopez had escaped from the mine several days ago was still the general belief.

PHOEBE COUSINS

First Woman Lawyer in the United States is Buried Today in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Miss Phoebe Cousins, who was the first woman lawyer in the United States, the first woman to hold the office of United States marshal and the first woman to be graduated from Washington University, was buried here today. With her was lowered into the grave her most prized possession, the United States marshal's badge of silver, presented by President Cleveland to her father and upon his death to her. Miss Cousins died in poverty Saturday. Her burial was provided for by Mrs. William Thompson, wife of a banker, who in childhood was Phoebe's playmate.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris, of Pittsburgh, are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Large.

PURE FOOD LAW TO BE CHANGED

So As to Improve the Good Supply and Better Protect Public Health.

WILL CHANGE DISTRICTS

Free Seed Distribution by Congressmen May Be Discontinued Altogether.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Reorganization of the department of agriculture, is foreshadowed in Secretary Houston's first annual report presented today to President Wilson. A plan to be submitted to Congress in the fiscal estimates for 1915 proposes to carry out the work of the department in five or six main groups, such as research, state relations, rural organization, forest service, weather and regulation. Such a plan, Secretary Houston believes will promote co-ordination.

Plans for re-districting the country for the enforcement of the pure food law are announced and the secretary announces his intention to ask for authority to prepare amendments to the pure food law to improve the food supply, protect the public health and promote uniformity in food legislation.

Free distribution of seeds by congressmen should be discontinued, the secretary recommends. He would conduct in its stead a constructive work in securing and distributing new seeds and plants.

Conditions very widely in the United States, says the report, because farmers do not equally need better credit arrangements and all sections are not similarly circumstanced. It contends that when all necessary allowance has been made for fundamental factors, it is probably clear that the rural communities are not as efficiently served as they should be by existing financial arrangements. The secretary believes there does not appear to be need for unique or special legislation or legislation which shall aim to give the farmer credit on easier terms than other members of society. What is needed is the creation of conditions and machinery which shall enable him on similar credit foundations to secure money at the same rate as those that prevail for other classes and for other sections.

"Even though the problem of how the farmer can best sell his produce and can improve the conditions under which he can secure the necessary capital were, there would still remain vital things to be accomplished before rural life can be made fully efficient, profitable, healthful, pleasurable and attractive, and before a larger disposition to remain on the farm develops. Good roads are prerequisite for better marketing, for better schools, and for more comfortable rural living. Better sanitation and hygiene in the home, in the school, and in the community are just as vital for the rural community as for the urban," says the report.

To gain information to enable the department better to serve rural women, the secretary has addressed letters of inquiry to the women of 55,000 selected farms covering every county. Other surveys and studies were also conducted. Analysis of the small part of the letters as yet digested shows that farm women desire assistance in all phases of home management, especially as to ways of securing running water, introducing household power machinery and labor-saving arrangements, and providing better hygienic and sanitary conditions. Many seek advice as to the better marketing of the articles they produce. Others ask the department to prove to the man that their work is worth something in dollars and cents. The oversight of women and children and the difficulty of securing domestic help are mentioned by a number of the writers. The department believes that intelligent help to women in matters of home management will contribute directly to the agricultural success of the farm. It proposes, therefore, to ask Congress for means and authority to make more complete studies of domestic conditions on the farm, to experiment with labor-saving devices and methods and to study completely the question of practical sanitation and hygienic protection for the farm family.

As to federal aid for good roads, the secretary says the federal government should deal with the state as the lowest unit, through an expert highway commissioner as its agency. The plan should provide for maintenance as well as construction. Preference should be given to the improvement of roads over which products from the farms can be taken to the nearest railway station. A scheme of road construction and maintenance within a state should be developed and mutually agreed upon. Money appropriated by the federal government should be apportioned on the basis of such factors as total population, farm population, area, taxable valuation and mileage.

Special emphasis is laid on the fact that the figures for crops quoted are estimated. From the estimates at hand it appears that the production of crops in 1913 was materially below the average, the yield per acre of all crops combined being smaller than in any year in the last decade with the exception of 1911. The corn crop, the most valuable product of this country, according to the estimate fell below 2,500,000,000 bushels, which is smaller than any

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MAN STABBED

Edward Hamilton Stabbed by Grover Blankenshiff and is in Serious Condition.

Edward Hamilton lies in Kessler hospital today in a serious condition and Grover Blankenshiff is held in the county jail as a result of a cutting scrape in the East End Saturday afternoon. Blankenshiff is held pending the result of Hamilton's injuries.

Hamilton has two stab wounds, one in the left side below the heart and the other in the left shoulder. According to the story told by Hamilton he was attacked by Blankenshiff suddenly and without any provocation whatever. He alleges that he went into a saloon in the East End and upon coming outside he was suddenly attacked by Blankenshiff, who was standing near the door. Hamilton's wounds bled profusely and he was rushed to the hospital.

The matter was reported to the police and county authorities and within a short time Blankenshiff was arrested by Police Officer Simms by a clever piece of detective work. Officer Simms, disguised as a farmer, went to the home of Blankenshiff a short distance from this city and engaged in conversation with Blankenshiff. He was not sure that Blankenshiff was the man he wanted. However they had conversed only a few minutes before Blankenshiff told the officer that he had been in a fight. He was immediately arrested and brought to the city and locked up in the city jail and was later turned over to the county authorities.

A warrant was sworn out against Blankenshiff by Sheriff Ross F. Stout in Magistrate Nicewarner's court this afternoon, charging him with feloniously stabbing Hamilton.

MRS. PANKHURST

Is Welcomed by Suffragets as with Tottering Steps She Alights from Train.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Millant suffragets gathered to welcome Mrs. Emmaine Pankhurst on her arrival from Exeter today. She was released from jail last night. Although an ambulance and a stretcher were taken to the station they were not needed as she was able to alight from the train with the assistance of a nurse. She looked very weak and made her way with tottering steps from the train to a carriage. She was taken to a nursing home at the head of a long procession of taxicabs containing her cheering supporters.

Mrs. W. Percy Goff returned Sunday morning from New York.

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