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## Wilson To Go Before Congress Soon.

### Will Not Ask For Declaration of War, But For Power To Protect American Rights

The Following Bulletins Tell All Important Happenings of the War Situation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—That President Wilson will address Congress before the end of next week, asking authority to protect American rights on the seas, was regarded practically certain in official circles at Washington yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Indications that the Administration will endorse universal military training were strengthened to-day when Secretary Baker, after a conference with the President, announced that the General Staff bill would be sent to Congress.

LONDON, ENG., Feb. 22.—An Italian transport loaded with troops, sunk in the Mediterranean, and six other vessels, including two armed steamers, are reported by the Overseas News Agency as victims of submarines during the past few days.

LOUISVILLE, KY., February 22.—Kentucky theatres and picture shows have been requested by the Kentucky Society of the National Society of Colonial Dames to have "The Star Spangled Banner" or "America" played daily, and audiences are urged to stand.

BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Feb. 22.—Miss Marie Haviland, of New York, a music student, who has arrived here was required to leave all her funds, in excess of 1,000 marks, in Germany, in accordance with a rule recently established.

HARTFORD, CONN., February 22.—A former President of the United States has been enrolled in the Connecticut military census, the first New Haven man to be visited by a census agent. His name is William Howard Taft. He is a professor of law and is in his fifty-ninth year. He weighs 265 pounds and is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches in height.

BERNE, Feb. 22.—Writers accompanying Ambassador Gerard out of Berlin, declared that the censorship of the press in Germany has been irrational in the extreme, inasmuch as the German government spends millions of marks to get news to correspondents, and then the government censors rule it out.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The nationality of the schooner Dorothy, reported by Lloyd's Shipping Agency as having been sunk by a German submarine, was not disclosed by that agency. Some of the London newspapers, however, describe her as the American schooner of that name.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, of Berlin, prints prominently an appeal by the President of the German Imperial Bank for all German men and women to sell their gold valuables to the Imperial Bank and dispose of all jewels held by them in neutral countries through a diamond agency.

The appeal says the sacrifice of gold and jewels which the bank demands forms a part of the necessary supply work, but that all classes do not yet fully recognize the necessity of this further sacrifice.

NOGALES, ARIZ., Feb. 22.—Frederick Kaiser, charged with violation of the national defense laws by seeking to obtain military information, was held to trial in the United States District Court. Army men were the only witnesses at the preliminary hearing. Kaiser, a German citizen, is at liberty on \$2,000 bond.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Germany's U-boat campaign has failed in its efforts to hold up traffic on the high seas. Lord Robert Cecil has declared he announced officially that the British Government will issue a proclamation announcing a change in the attitude of the Government toward neutral shipping.

VIENNA, Feb. 22.—The American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary has handed a note to the Foreign Minister requesting clear and final information as to the standpoint of Austria-Hungary regarding submarine warfare, and whether previous assurances given by the Government are to be regarded as changed or withdrawn.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Figures given out by the British Embassy in Washington show that the average maintained by the Germans in unrestricted submarine warfare has been one sunk for every hundred clearings or entering an English port.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—One-third of the Armenian race either has been massacred or has died from starvation and disease since the European war began, and one-half of those remaining

are homeless and dying in exile, according to a cable message from John Massefield, famous English writer, made public here by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Federal indictments against Albert A. Sander and Karl W. Wunnenberg, officials of the Central Powers War Film Exchange, for alleged violation of the neutrality laws in sending men abroad to obtain British war secrets for the German military authorities, will be sought here next Friday, it was learned here to-day.

WASHINGTON, February 22.—In order that President Wilson, as Commander-in-Chief of the army and navy, may have an exact idea of the state of the two branches have been instructed to compile immediately an exact appraisal of the condition of the regular fighting forces of the country. The report will deal with questions of a material as well as personal nature.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 22.—The German merchant submarine Bremen was not lost, and the reports of its failure to reach America was planned deliberately for the purpose of mystification, according to the Aftonbladet.

This newspaper says it learns that a letter received by a German sea captain, who is now visiting Sweden, asserted that the Bremen never was intended for trips to the United States, but, on the contrary, from the beginning was to be used as a supply vessel for armed submarines.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 22.—On the double grounds that talking machine records might carry code messages containing valuable information for the German military authorities while the material of which they are made might be used to help relieve German's hard rubber scarcity, a large quantity of such records found in possession of the German officials returning home from the United States on the Frederick VII, will be confiscated by the British authorities, it was learned here.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Norwegian collier Dalbeattie, from Glasgow to Gibraltar, was sunk by shell fire Saturday. Two Americans were on board her. The crew took to the boats. The collier was shelled while the crew was taking to the boats, it is declared.

The Americans on the vessel were John Guerre, of Los Angeles, and Frank Wood, of Keene, N. H. The Dalbeattie was a vessel of 1,287 tons, built in 1879 at Middlesborough.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—A law has been passed by the Australian Government, according to a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne, forbidding the departure of women or children for Europe under any circumstances.

The Indian Government recently adopted among its new war measures a law forbidding women and children to sail for England except for the most urgent reasons.

#### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The Bourbon County Farmers' Institute will be held at North Middletown on March 8 and 9, and promises to be one of the best meetings of the Institute that has ever been held in the county. A committee is working out all the details for the program, which, it is assured, will be one that will be both entertaining and instructive to the agriculturists of the county. Almost every subject or phase of farm life and farm work will be treated in addresses and papers by men competent to handle their particular subjects.

During the sessions of the Institute the ladies of North Middletown will hold auxiliary meetings in which educational work for the farmers' wives and daughter and sisters and aunts will be discussed. They will furnish luncheon each day for the visitors.

#### SUICIDE'S REMAINS BURIED IN MAYSVILLE.

The body of Yancey Case, who suicided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells, near Paris, Saturday morning, by shooting himself, was taken to Maysville for interment in the Maysville Cemetery. No services were held and the burial was private.

The following from Bourbon county attended the burial: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Case, Mrs. E. A. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Case.

It developed later following the shooting that Case and his wife had become estranged, and that ineffectual efforts to effect a reconciliation may have been partly the motive for his self-destruction.

#### THE TOBACCO MARKETS.

##### BOURBON WAREHOUSE — TUESDAY, FEB. 20.

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company sold Tuesday 173,060 pounds of tobacco for \$30,782.01, an average of \$17.78 per hundred. The market was hardly as good as Monday. Some crop averages follow:

- J. M. Scott sold 3,100 pounds, average \$18.03.
- W. J. Urfer sold 1,365 pounds, average \$19.03.
- Skilman & Well sold 4,605 pounds, average \$19.29.
- J. W. Connell & Cassidy sold 3,170 pounds, average \$17.52.
- Baird & Pogle sold 2,135 pounds, average \$17.24.
- Metee & Ginn sold 4,995 pounds, average \$18.74.
- Arch Gum sold 2,720 pounds, average \$17.47.
- Highland & Purcell sold 7,350 pounds, average \$20.55.
- Lyme & Fletcher sold 5,775 pounds, average \$18.42.
- Gilkey & King sold 6,415 pounds, average \$20.01.
- Deglow & Knight sold 4,105 pounds, average \$18.03.
- Lair & Hick sold 5,300 pounds, average \$18.72.
- J. N. Shropshire sold 2,970 pounds, average \$19.92.
- Thompson & Morgan sold 3,125 pounds, average \$19.50.
- Arnold & Stone sold 5,080 pounds, average \$17.21.
- Charles Fisher sold 3,765 pounds, average \$21.19.
- Ofutt & Biddle sold 3,080 pounds, average \$18.39.
- Fisher & Cameron sold 1,425 pounds, average \$20.34.
- Webber & Monday sold 2,310 pounds, average \$19.93.
- Woodford & Pridmore sold 2,175 pounds, average \$18.92.

##### BOURBON TOBACCO WAREHOUSE, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21.

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company sold Wednesday 148,589 pounds of tobacco for \$25,717.23, for an average of \$17.30. The market continued steady on low grades with crop grades lower. Some crop averages follow:

- Purdy & Fryman sold 4,785 pounds, average \$21.09.
- John Welsh & Brother sold 3,000 pounds, average \$18.25.
- Grimes & Wagoner sold 3,295 pounds, average \$18.81.
- Leer & Clarke sold 5,550 pounds, average \$18.07.
- Caywood & Fletcher sold 9,240 pounds, average \$17.13.
- Jones & Butler sold 3,525 pounds, average \$19.37.
- Lair & Etter sold 3,965 pounds, average \$17.16.
- Grimes & Johnson sold 8,105 pounds, average \$18.52.
- W. M. Rogers sold 3,315 pounds, average \$17.04.
- Dedman & Gray sold 7,745 pounds, average \$17.73.

##### INDEPENDENT HOUSE — THURSDAY, FEB. 22.

The Independent House sold on its floors Thursday a total of 44,785 pounds of tobacco, at an average of \$18.18. The quality of the offerings was fair. Some of the crop averages follow:

- Leggett & Gilvin sold 4,055 pounds, average \$18.32.
- Wesley & Son sold 3,945 pounds, average \$19.97.
- Clay & Bramel sold 4,525 pounds, average \$18.77.
- Lair & Osborne sold 3,725 pounds, average \$18.49.
- Wiggins & Medlin sold 1,570 pounds, average \$18.95.
- Redmon & Mattox sold 3,255 pounds, average \$20.38.
- Lair & Osborne sold 1,900 pounds, average \$21.86.
- Gumsaully & Kiser sold 1,935 pounds, average \$17.11.
- Plummer, McClure & Vinont sold 2,085 pounds, average \$20.61.

##### BOURBON TOBACCO WAREHOUSE — THURSDAY, FEB. 22.

The Bourbon Tobacco Warehouse Company sold 88,130 pounds of tobacco for \$15,373.05, for an average of \$17.44 per hundred. The Paris Tobacco Warehouse sold 135,850 pounds of tobacco for \$24,045.83, for an average of \$17.69 per hundred. The offering at the Bourbon House was by far the poorest of the season. The market showed more strength on all grades than at recent sales. Some crop averages follow:

- George Withers sold 2,665 pounds, average \$19.73.
- Cook & Stivers sold 3,005 pounds, average \$19.02.
- Claybrook & Smart sold 5,380 pounds, average \$18.76.
- Dalley & Ryan sold 2,960 pounds, average \$19.77.
- Taylor & Thompson sold 3,075 pounds, average \$19.19.
- Columbia Brother sold 3,320 pounds, average \$19.26.
- J. L. Williams sold 6,220 pounds, average \$18.94.
- Wright & Watkins sold 5,230 pounds, average \$19.33.
- Redmon & Bonta sold 2,455 pounds, average \$21.02.
- Thomason & Bradley sold 6,520 pounds, average \$18.10.
- Lair & Etter sold 2,990 pounds, average \$18.31.
- Bryan & Morgan sold 3,145 pounds, average \$18.54.
- Hancock & Gregg sold 9,705 pounds, average \$19.02.
- J. T. Jefferson sold 2,210 pounds, average \$18.15.
- Grimes & Wagner sold 3,685 pounds, average \$20.81.

#### Y. M. C. A. DEBT-RAISING CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

For some time there has been an indebtedness amounting to about \$20,000 hanging over the Bourbon County Young Men's Christian Association, an institution that was promoted for the benefit of the young men of the city and county in equality of interest. On this amount the interest has been steadily paid, forming a severe tax and drain on the resources of the institution.

Several days ago a "get-together" campaign was inaugurated by a select coterie of Paris business men, who held an executive meeting in the rooms at the Y. M. C. A. building. Different plans of relief for the institution were suggested and discarded, until one of the men, one of Paris' most liberal givers, proposed that they take the matter in hand themselves and raise the amount, or as much as possible, at the earliest possible moment. This man started the ball rolling with a subscription of \$5,000, and in a short time there had been received pledges and individual subscriptions, six of \$1,000 each, two of \$500, one for \$400, and a number of smaller amounts, swelling the total to an amount that practically insures the raising of the \$20,000 needed. This so enthused the men that they have taken a solemn vow the money shall all be raised. They have gone about it so quietly and so systematically that this will be the first intimation the general public will have of the matter.

There is every reason why this institution should be fostered and encouraged, as its aims and objects are so well understood. There seems to have been a false impression in the minds of many persons that the Y. M. C. A. was gotten up solely for the benefit and amusement of the young men of Paris. But such is not the case. It was incorporated as the Bourbon County Young Men's Christian Association, and is for the young men of the county as much as they desire to get its benefits, as for the boys of Paris.

Let's see if we can help these men who are giving their money and time in this cause. They can possibly expect no financial returns from their contributions, but are actuated solely by a desire to protect a public institution that is undoubtedly doing a fine work here in Paris. It is a worthy cause, and one that should meet with a generous response. Keep the Y. M. C. A. going, and help to provide the sinews of war for those who are manning it.

#### PARIS VS. WINCHESTER BASKET BALL TO-NIGHT.

Devotees of the goal-tossing and foot rushing game of basket ball will gather at the Y. M. C. A. to-night at 7:30 o'clock, to witness the double-header games between the boys' and girls' team of the Paris High School and the Winchester High School.

While the score between the teams was about evenly balanced some time ago, Paris is playing a much stronger game than they did at Winchester. The boys' team was defeated by the Winchester team, while the Paris girls' team defeated the Winchester High School girls' team.

Both the boys' and girls' teams of the Paris High School have improved in team work since the Winchester game, and patrons of the sport may expect to see a corking good game when they go to the Y. M. C. A. to-night.

#### D. A. R. CELEBRATION.

One of the most unique entertainments ever given in Paris was the "Silver Tea" promoted by the member of Jimmie Johnson Chapter, D. A. R., which was held in the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon.

The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a program of patriotic music and recitations was carried out. One of the prettiest features of the entertainment was the old-fashioned minuet, danced in stately fashion by sixteen tots, all attired in colonial costumes. There was a large attendance. No admission fee was charged, but a silver offering from each one according to their means, realized a nice sum for the ladies of the Chapter.

#### POTATOES HIGH.

Potatoes are retailing on the Paris market at one dollar per peck. This is the highest price they have ever been known to attain here, and it is understood that there is not a very ready sale for the "spuds" even at this price. People seem to be managing to get along without them or are trying to find some substitute for them. At this very high price it seems certain that Bourbon county farmers will be tempted to grow a little less tobacco next season, and put in a larger acreage of potatoes.

#### MODERN WOODMAN.

There will be a regular meeting of Camp No. 11330, Modern Woodman of America, at the regular meeting place, Knights of Pythias Hall, to-night (Friday), February 23, at 7:30 o'clock. H. C. HENSON, Clerk.

#### MR. THOMPSON ATTACKS TAX COMMISSION BILL.

At the session of the Kentucky Legislature in Frankfort, Wednesday, fifty-seven varieties of arguments were heard in the House, when speakers alternately praised and condemned the proposed tax measures during the public hearing.

The Frankfort correspondent of the Courier-Journal, in his report of the proceedings, has this to say of Mr. James H. Thompson, of Paris, who is one of the leading spirits, and prime movers in the organization:

"Conspicuous because of the speaker's irony and personal sarcasm, the address of James Thompson, of Bourbon county, representative of the Kentucky Taxpayers' League, attracted as much attention as though he had been a headliner in a programme of vaudeville stunts. Although the speaker adroitly sidetracked the issue when bombarded with questions as to his idea of constructive revenue legislation, he sped along at a mile a minute during the hour he attempted to trample under foot the proposed tax.

"Mr. Thompson began by declaring that the Legislature faces the most serious problem it has faced since the Constitutional Convention in 1891. He charged that the Tax Commission's report was a theoretical and speculative instrument, made up of 'naught save theories.'

"You want a discussion of dollars and cents and you haven't gotten it yet—all the arguments you have heard in favor of these three bills has been founded on fancy, not facts and figures," he said. "Which reminds me of a patent medicine advertisement I clipped from a paper to-day. Here is a fellow who claims to have taken this tonic, says it has made a new man of him and that he was a wreck before he took the medicine. Would you fall for such an indorsement? Well, that's the way with these Tax Commissioners—they say the State is awfully sick financially and they recommend these bills as the cure-all for Kentucky's pains. Are you willing to try the experiment?"

"Mr. Thompson also attacked the proposed classification of property for taxation purposes. He said it wasn't right to have the 'little farmer and the little real estate man paying, say, a tax of \$2.80 a hundred on his property, and some big rich fellow, with a lot of stock and bonds, paying only 40 cents a hundred on his.' He declared Kentucky recognizes no aristocracy in class and that the State should make no distinctions in classifying its property. 'It's unfair to tax the poor man so heavily and exempt the rich fellow,' he said."

#### CITY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION.

In another column will be found the financial statement of the condition of the city of Paris.

Under the direction of Mayor Hinton and the Financial Committee, of which Mr. W. O. Hinton is chairman, the financial affairs of the city have certainly been well taken care of for the past year.

The resources, as shown in the statement amount to \$96,371.23, and the expenditures \$89,464.41, leaving a balance on hand in the Treasury of \$6,906.82. The statement is made out to include all items up to January 1, 1917.

The salaries of the Administrative Department for the year was \$4,809.87. The Police Department cost the city in salaries \$5,443.46. The Fire Department expenditures during the year was \$10,101.91, this includes besides salaries and general expenses, \$3-100.00 for the handsome new fire truck, and water rent of \$3,175.00. School and Hospital Funds, the allowance to the Public Library, street lighting, office, charity, etc.

Read over the statement and you will find lots of items that will be interesting to the tax payer. Compare our statement to the financial standing of other cities of the size of Paris. With the saloon license missing, which amounted to about \$17,000, the city taxes not increased, except an additional 5 cents, all of which went to the school fund, and the numerous improvements made in Paris and you will readily see that the affairs of the city have been handled in a business-like and economical manner. Much credit is due to the Finance Committee, which is composed of W. O. Hinton, chairman; D. C. Parrish and W. T. Brooks. These gentlemen are sure good financiers and deserve the endorsement of the taxpayers of the city.

#### BRENT ARNOLD, JR., PROMOTED.

Mr. Brent Arnold, Jr., son of Col. Brent Arnold, former Parisian and well-known railroad man, who has been in the office of the Louisville & Nashville for several years, has been promoted to the position of Division Freight Agent at Louisville.

It is a matter of general congratulation in that it recognizes the unquestioned ability of Mr. Arnold and promises still greater advancement in railroad work for him. Col. Arnold, 40 cents a hundred on his. He is a successful business career along railroads in class and that the State numerous congratulations upon his promotion. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have already gone to Louisville. They are both well-known in Paris.

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