

PRES. TURNS DOWN SUFFRAGISTS; DR. SHAW IS TEARFUL

President Tells Leaders He Can Only Act in Accordance With Pledges of His Party and Not As An Individual.

WILL GIVE OPINION IF CONGRESS ASKS FOR ONE

Delegates Are Deeply Disappointed and Leave White House Chagrined—March Two Abreast On Arrival.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Pres. Wilson Monday flatly refused to pledge his endorsement of the woman suffrage movement. The biggest rebuff that the fair warriors of the votes for women have met in their nationwide campaign, came when they made their appeal direct to the president in the White House.

He told them that he could only act as president of the United States at this time and as leader of a political party which had already made pledges to the people and added that his hands were full in co-operating with congress in the work of fulfilling these pledges.

In addressing the delegation of 150 suffragists, Pres. Wilson made it clear that he could not act as an individual, but only as a president and that it would be extremely dangerous for him, in the language of the street to "start something." He did not vouchsafe to the women suffrage, but conveyed the impression that he was not unfavorably disposed toward it. He absolutely rejected their request that he endorse the project in any way at the present time.

Will Give Opinion if Asked. He declared that when congress comes to him for his opinion on woman suffrage he would give it, because he could not on his own initiative urge upon congress woman suffrage legislation at the present time.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, was spokesman for the delegation. She briefly reviewed efforts of the suffragists to gain legislation from congress and said that while they always had been politely received, their bills had been "buried in committee."

Then she asked the president for any one of three things: That he send a special message to congress asking for legislation enfranchising women by a constitutional amendment; that he include such a request in a general message to congress; that he endorse the movement to create a suffrage committee in the house.

Makes General Reply. Dr. Shaw added that such a committee already had been created in the senate. To these proposals Pres. Wilson made a general reply. He opened by reciting the fact that as president of the United States every act of his must be made within certain well defined limitations. He instanced the fact that even when he went out walking he was practically under arrest, being shadowed by secret service officers. He said that as an individual he had no identity whatsoever. As the leader of party pledged to carry out certain legislation he had no right to obtrude his private views on congress for any purpose whatsoever. He emphasized the fact that certain members of the rules committee of the house had asked him what he thought of the idea that a suffrage committee be created and that he replied that he might be wise to create such a committee.

He instanced this by showing that (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

FLOOD DEATH LIST NOW PLACED AT 100

Texas Conditions Grow More Horrible—Typhoid and Smallpox Break Out—Fifty Negroes Drowned.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 8.—Horrible conditions were reported Monday from the flood swept area of central Texas. In several places typhoid and typhoid have been found in refugee camps. At Kippes Bridge eighty persons are crowded in an old gin house. Several babes have been born there. Pigs and calves being swept past by the flood waters were seized and eaten raw by the hungry refugees. The total known dead Monday was 100. The Commercial club of Bryan issued a statement that the total dead at \$50, but this is accepted with reserve.

FOR THE DISPENSARY

Table listing donors and amounts for the dispensary fund, including Miss Jennie Morley, Rev. J. H. White, St. James church, etc.

In a number of the churches the dispensary cause was urged by the ministers, as one of the worthiest in the city. Though no collection was taken up at the Indiana Avenue Christian church, Rev. Cecil Franklin, the pastor, spoke beautifully of the little ones whom the dispensary cares for, and urged all who were able to contribute to the fund in behalf of the babies as an expression of the Christmas spirit.

COUSIN FOUND DR. KNABE WITH HER HEAD NEARLY OFF

Relative of Dead Woman Tells Grewsome Details of Finding of Body—Weeps at Sight of Bloody Pillow.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 8.—When the Dr. Wm. Craig murder trial was resumed Monday morning, Miss Augusta Knabe, cousin of the dead woman physician, resumed her direct testimony. She related that she last saw her cousin alive when they parted at 5:50 o'clock at Meridian and Washington sts., following a shopping tour the afternoon preceding the morning when the dead body was found.

Between sobs and sighs she described the scene that greeted her eyes when she entered the death chamber next morning. "I saw my poor cousin lying on the bed and her head was pretty near off," sobbed the witness. "Her hands were pushed back under the railing."

SHANK GETS STAGE FRIGHT AT HIS DEBUT

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Ex-Mayor Lew Shanks of Indianapolis at his debut in Kansas City, Monday night, stumbled at the first stage fright because of the spotlight and the proximity of girls in the box seats to fight the high cost of living.

ASKS \$34,016,395 FOR RIVERS AND HARBORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Requesting an appropriation of \$34,016,395 for river and harbor improvements and an additional \$7,217,500 for contract work already commenced, Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of the army engineers, Monday presented his annual report to Secy. of War Garrison.

GRAND TRUNK CAR SHOPS WOULD ADD TO CITY'S INCOME

Pay-roll at Port Huron, Mich., Was \$800,000 a Year and the Works Were Inadequate.

LOCAL COMMITTEE TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY

Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Figure on Get-Together Scheme to Land Shops for the Former.

BY JOHN HENRY ZUVER. The Port Huron car shops of the Grand Trunk railroad, despite their inadequacy, employed 956 men in 1912, according to the latest report of the Michigan commissioner of labor, and the average wage paid was \$2.56 per day, this not including superintendents and office help.

The car shops have not been equal to the road's needs for some four years, auxiliary works being maintained at Elston, Ill. Assuming, for conservative reasoning, that the shops located in South Bend, and constructed to meet all requirements, would employ only 1,600 men at the Port Huron wage rate, it would still mean a daily increase of \$2,560 in South Bend's industrial pay-roll, or approximately \$800,000 by the year.

"I am deeply concerned in this movement," said Sam Adler, clothier, a member of the Chamber of Commerce industrial committee, Monday morning, indorsing what has heretofore been quoted from Wm. Hupp, chairman of the committee, J. B. Weber, president, and U. G. Manning, secretary of the chamber, and Mayor-Elect Fred W. Keller. "This is an opportunity that the industrial committee should not allow to get away."

Much dependence is being placed upon the co-operation which it is believed the chamber will be able to command from the next administration, when negotiations reach the point where municipal support is necessary.

Is Delicate Question. "We will have to proceed rather cautiously," said Secy. Manning Monday. "The Grand Trunk isn't any too deep in love with South Bend, and we may have to overcome prejudice. This will have to be done, if at all, without bartering away the self-respect of the city, or giving up rights, the loss of which may prove irremediable to us in the future."

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Rivals May Co-operate. Monday a hint comes from Michigan that Kalamazoo and Battle Creek may co-operate in the matter should the latter come to feel assured that its chances of landing the shops are slim.

Battle Creek has a somewhat similar condition in dealing with the Michigan Central, which has the Grand Trunk with the Grand Trunk. If the Michigan Central can be induced to abandon its main line through the city, use the Grand Trunk depot to store its baggage and parcels, perhaps, as a union depot, and go through town along the Grand Trunk right-of-way, that city might be induced to co-operate with Kalamazoo to secure the shops for the latter place.

The Kalamazoo plan is to have the Grand Trunk abandon its present line from Battle Creek to Pavilion, and follow the Michigan Central tracks from Battle Creek to Kalamazoo, then double-tracking the present spur from Battle Creek to Pavilion, and lay the line again at that point. About the only shipping point along the proposed abandoned line would be Cline, a town of about 800 population, and it would get Augusta, Galesburg, and Kalamazoo, instead.

SHE'S BACK.



SAY THAT DR. FINK PRESCRIBED DOPE

South Bend Physician to Go Before State Medical Board Tomorrow in a Case for Revocation of License.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 8.—The state board of medical registration and examination will meet here Tuesday to hear evidence against Dr. H. A. Fink, a prominent South Bend physician, charged with prescribing heroin for minors. The action is for a revocation of Dr. Fink's license.

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Raymond Holycross was one of the boys involved in the "drug" expose in South Bend last winter when several South Bend druggists were arrested charged with furnishing the "dope" to minors. The cases were dismissed, however, when it was found the statute did not cover the particular drug, heroin, which the boys had been taking.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.—Gen. Huerta's family has fled from the capital on its way to Mazatlan, a port on the Pacific coast.

DR. VITOU NAMED ON HEALTH BOARD

Succeeds Dr. Wegner—Dr. R. H. Calvert Made Physician of County Infirmary.

Dr. Henry W. Vitou, 739 S. Michigan st., a member of the present city board of health, was named by the county commissioners to be secretary of the county health board succeeding Dr. W. G. Wegner, at the meeting Monday.

Dr. Vitou's appointment is for four years. The board also named Dr. R. H. Calvert, physician at the county infirmary, a position which he has held for a year. His new appointment is for an additional year.

Dr. Vitou is a native of England, but came to this country with his parents when a child. He is a graduate of the Eclectic Medical school of Cincinnati and has been engaged in the practice here since 1896.

The board also took up the matter of supplies for the county institutions, estimates having been furnished by those in charge.

FITES CLEANED UP SIDEWALKS EARLY

Candidate for Street Commissioner Gets Busy—Keller to Make Appointments Public Next Week From 250 Applicants.

Efficiency in plowing the snow from the sidewalks, especially in the northwestern part of the city where Mayor-Elect Keller resides, and it is reported, pretty much everywhere else, was placed on exhibition early Monday morning by John Fites, present deputy street commissioner, and candidate to succeed his chief James P. Butler, under the next administration.

It was the first time in years, it is claimed, that daylight had found the fallen snow of the night brushed aside by the city's snow plows and friends of Deputy Fites are figuring that it must have earned him several credit marks on his application for appointment. The mayor-elect and the deputy had a brief talk during the early forenoon, but there is no assurance forthcoming that any promises were made.

Mayor-Elect Monday, getting acquainted with things. Several employees about the building have been called into consultation, and it has spread a general belief that a number of men, especially some in clerical positions, are to hold their jobs, at least for a while.

Deputy Controller George J. Martin, for instance, is reported to have been ordered to continue in his position during the winter, but having other opportunities open he declined, stating that he would not stay less than four years, and that before accepting, he would have to know the name of the controller who is to be his chief.

Anxious Ones Must Wait. It will still be a week or ten days before Mr. Keller will hand out his appointments according to information Monday. "I am not satisfied just yet whom I want to appoint, and until I am there will be no announcements unless the incoming administration drives me to it," he says. The mayor-elect has had some 250 applications filed with him and received scores of calls and letters for and against men whose names have been mentioned, and he submits this as evidence that he is having a merry time sifting out the men that he wants.

OLD SOL SMILES AND STORM PASSES

Blizzard Brings Lowest Temperature of Winter and Ties Up Transportation and Wire Lines Till Sun Comes Out.

The temperature, 5 o'clock.....17 degrees 9 o'clock.....30 degrees 2 o'clock p. m.....34 degrees

Old Sol, familiarly known as the sun got busy early Monday morning and with the assistance of the trouble men on the telegraph and traction companies, the snow plows of the city and the shovels of the section men, was fast clearing away the obstacles to commerce brought in by Sunday's all day blizzard.

The snow that lay heavy on the streets and sidewalks, drifting high in many places, was fast turning to slush by mid-day, the wind that had whistled through easements and key holes on Sunday, had died down and the temperature had changed from wintry to spring-like again.

To the News-Times. I enclose \$..... as my Christmas present for the babies at the Children's Dispensary and ask that it be forwarded to the directors for that purpose. Name..... Address.....

FEDS BLOCK VILLA'S PATH

Brilliant Maneuver Puts Troops Between Rebel Leader and Chihuahua City.

RUSH SUPPLIES SOUTH BATTLE BELIEVED ON

Expected Triumphant Entry Into City May Turn Into Fierce Combat.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 8.—Gen. Villa, the constitutionalist commander, has had his entrance into Chihuahua City blocked by an unexpected movement among the federals, it was reported here Monday, following a night of activity among the rebels in Juarez.

Rumors say a battle is going on. Gen. Benevides, commander of the Juarez garrison, spent the night at his headquarters in constant telegraphic communication with Villa who was 30 miles north of Chihuahua City. All the telegraph offices in Juarez except the one in Gen. Benevides' office, were closed to prevent leakage of information.

Battle Believed On. Two trains were hastily made up and sent southward over the National railways shortly after midnight. One contained troops and the other medical supplies, provisions and ammunition. This indicated that a battle was in progress, but at Gen. Benevides' office no information could be secured.

The secrecy encouraged reports that Gen. Mercado had not allowed his entire federal army to flee toward the border, but had reformed his divisions, and through a brilliant maneuver, had succeeded in barring the path of the federals near Saus, 30 miles north of Chihuahua City. The trainload of provisions, ordered by Gen. Villa to relieve famine conditions in Chihuahua City, is still lying in the National railways yards in Juarez. The rebel officer in charge of the troops guarding the rebels said that the line between Juarez and Saus was "being held open for more important business than the transfer of provisions for civilians."

Mystery About Operations. For 48 hours mystery has attended the operations of the constitutionalist rebels between the Rio Grande and Chihuahua. Gen. Villa had planned to enter Chihuahua City in triumph Sunday at the head of his constitutionalist army, but all indications Monday were that he would have to fight his way in.

No word reached here throughout the night from the war correspondent of the International News Service on Gen. Villa's train which was taken as strong evidence that Villa had met with an unexpected check and that the telegraph line was being used exclusively for important military dispatches.

Gen. Chapa, a constitutionalist commander, who has been operating in the southern part of the state of Chihuahua, was supposed to have gone (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

TO THRASH OUT CITY LIGHTING TONIGHT

Contract With Indiana & Michigan Electric Company Up for Final Passage by Council

Municipal lighting will be the bone of contention at the meeting of the common council Monday night, when the ordinance to confirm the contract between the board of public works and the Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., will come up for final passage. Another delegation of citizens, in opposition to the passage of the ordinance, is expected to be present.

Going over the heads of the board of public safety, which has refused to endorse its request for an increase of pay, the petition from the committee of South Bend firemen asking for more salary will also be submitted to the council at its Monday night session. The board at its meeting last week declined to act upon the petition, stating that the appropriation of \$22,000 for the coming year's salary expense of the fire department, would not admit of any such raise, and that besides, it was the opinion of the members that their terms of office being near to an end, the matter should go over to the next administration. Other matters to come before the session will be the ordinance turning portions of Riverside Drive, LaFayette and St. Louis streets, over to the par commissioners for additions to the city's boulevard system. It is expected that Councilman Rice, who is leading the fight against the lighting ordinance, will be on hand at this meeting with another array of figures calculated to disprove the claim of the councilmen and board of public works, that the terms for lighting submitted are reasonable.