

WAR HELL, BUT THERE CAN BE THINGS WORSE

Rev. Willis Martin Says Nation Can Afford to Walk Through Hades if Thereby It Keeps Its Soul.

WORD IN BEHALF OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE

Asks Americans by Birth to Consider the Difficult Position of the German-Americans and Show No Bitterness.

In the course of his sermon Sunday evening Rev. Willis Martin, pastor of the First Methodist church, who spoke on "The Present Crisis," said: "Whatever may have been true in the days of Washington of the desirability of isolation is no longer true nor possible today. In fact, we have never held ourselves aloof from world politics. In the early days we refused to pay tribute to the pirates of the Mediterranean and undertook a task that all Europe had failed to do. Then we went a step further and promulgated the Monroe Doctrine, which bound us intimately to the destiny of all America, until today we exercise control over not only our own soil but a practical suzerainty over five other American states. Then came the Spanish-American war, which obligated us with dependencies 10,000 miles from our coast and under the very shadow of Asia. The best piece of work America has done in its entire history is in the Philippine islands in the way of reconstruction and regeneration. A nation, no more than an individual, cannot live to itself.

"A half crazed assassin drops a match into the powder magazine of Europe and we are involved in the consequences of that action. We have come to another turning in the long road. Our president has spoken and there must not be any turning back.

"We feel that God has a purpose for America, a great Messianic purpose for leadership in humane movements in the world, but we must beware lest we lay our hands upon the ark of sacred responsibility.

WARNING AND CAUTION. "My word today is a word of warning and caution to America. It is no time for jingoism and cheap prating of our glory. It is a time for prayer and fasting and national sobriety. It is a time for us to recognize the supremacy of the things that are spiritual. I have feared lest we have become satisfied with goods so content with wealth and ease that we had lost the heroic fibre. It is true that war is hell, but there some things that are worse than hell. It is better for a nation to walk through hell if it thereby keeps its soul.

"In this hour, when we think that every portend points toward war, we must be a united people. There must be neither Anglo-Saxons nor Teutons. We must show that we are not a heterogeneous mass swept together from the ends of the earth, but we must evince our right to be called Americans by standing solidly back of the president in this crisis.

"I believe I speak that which will prove to be true when I say that the bulk, the overwhelming majority, of Germans in this country will be found solidly supporting the national policies. I am sure the will will prove themselves good citizens.

DIFFICULT POSITION. "That leave, me, then to say a further word. We must see to it that we do not make it hard for these fellow citizens of Teutonic extraction to be good citizens. We must recognize they are in a difficult position. They are now called to choose between the land of their birth and the land of their adoption. I believe they will choose the land of their adoption, and be loyal to it, but it will strain their hearts. Let us have sympathy for them in this hour and not increase their burden by TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

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any malicious or unthinking word. "If it is to be war, let it be upon the high plane, where the real conscience of the American people would put it. If we seek to make it a war for profit or territorial gain or pain, may God smite us, as he smote Uzziah of old. Further, it must not be a war of hate. If we go to war, let it be understood we are not fighting the Germans as a people; we are fighting against a wrong idea. That great race has been misled. They have espoused the wrong notions. They have been misguided by false leaders and they have followed false gods.

"We have no quarrel with the German people. Our contention is against militarism. Let us not go into this struggle with hate in our heart toward any. Let us fight, if fight we must, for the sake of human rights and for the welfare of humanity."

SHIP SAILINGS ONE OF BIG QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Washington, Feb. 5.—The question of sailings of American vessels especially the American liner St. Louis, promises to become one of the biggest immediate questions before this government.

Government officials decided this afternoon against conveying, as they regard this to be a physical impossibility. On the other hand, they held it to be an inalienable right that American ships can sail; but they indicated no thought had been given yet to arming merchantmen.

The state department has already unofficially counseled against sailing. Hence if American ships put out of port, they will do so knowing that they are following their right, but if Germany keeps her threat, they will be open to attack.

MEMBERS OF CREWS SEEK PERMISSION TO BE EXAMINED

New York, Feb. 5.—Members of the crews of the German ships lying in Hoboken docks this afternoon packed their kits and prepared to seek permission to go to Ellis island, pay the required \$4 tax and ask to undergo necessary examination for their freedom.

Most of the 2500 men do not expect to get through Ellis island.

With war a possibility, however, they do not want to be aboard the German liners.

TO REPORT MILITARY BILL IN THE HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 5.—The house military committee today agreed to report the military bill, totaling about \$300,000,000 tomorrow.

The committee today added \$700,000 appropriation for anti-aircraft guns to protect government arsenals from air raids and \$400,000 for ammunition.

MEMBERS OF SHACKLETON EXPEDITION ARE RESCUED

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 5.—Seven survivors of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition, who were stranded on Elephant island, have been rescued by the relief steamer Aurora, which arrived at Cape Evans, Jan. 10. Captain Mackintosh and two others of the stranded party perished.

DRY BILL PASSED BY WASHINGTON HOUSE

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—The house today passed the "bone dry" bill with only 15 votes opposing, without a speech being made. It now goes to the senate, where, it is said, the majority for it will be large.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular meeting of the Ladies of the Maccabees will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Odd Fellows hall, Ninth and Idaho streets. Luncheon will be served and all visiting Maccabees are cordially invited.

PRISON YAWNS FOR GERMANS IN U. S. WHO VIOLATED AMERICAN NEUTRALITY

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"QUEEN OF ALASKA" FINDS NEW YORK IS INSUFFERABLY HOT



Miss Louise Schem, nineteen years old, who had always lived in the eternal snow wastes of northern Alaska, where she is known as "the Alaskan queen," arrived in New York recently during the worst cold spell of the winter. "Gee! it's warm!" was her comment on the weather.

VINCENT ASTOR ON DUTY.

New York, Feb. 5.—Vincent Astor, millionaire member of New York's naval militia, was on guard duty today along with the rest of the blue-clad sailors. As an officer he went from post to post inspecting the arrangements for guarding bridges.

BUSINESS MEN OUT IN FORCE FOR THE OPENING SESSION

Twenty-five business men of Boise and vicinity were in attendance at the opening session of the business men's short course at the Boise Commercial club rooms this morning.

Mayor S. H. Hays extended a welcome in behalf of Boise, spoke of the significance of the course and announced he was glad to see the interest shown. Professor A. P. Drucker of Moscow spoke from the standpoint of a university professor. He cited that the university had been interested in mining and agriculture for years and had sought to advance both industries. Now, he stated, the business was receiving more attention, that the necessary requirements for certain classes of business was being considered in the educational realm of the university.

Dr. M. A. Brannon, president of the University of Idaho, in an address, touched upon the needs of the business men, citing efficiency upon the part of the clerks, and pointed out what high education did for the man in business.

This afternoon the visitors and their wives were issued tickets to the Natatorium or picture shows as a part of the entertainment program.

H. T. Lewis of Moscow spoke upon the topic, "Taxation," and Leonard Way upon the topic, "The Freight Question As It Affects Idaho." G. B. Graff spoke on "Freight and Allowances," which was followed by a discussion by Max Mayfield.

Tonight D. R. Hubbard will give his illustrated lecture upon "Idaho and Its Opportunities," which will be followed by an entertainment.

DEATHS—FUNERALS

WITTENMIER—Jason Wittenmier, aged 48 years, died Sunday of Bright's disease, at a local hospital. He was a stonecutter by trade, and had been in the employ of the Boise Stone company. He is survived by a wife and two children in Indianapolis, and a brother in Chicago. The body is at the Schreiber & Sidenfaden morgue. Funeral arrangements will not be made until word from relatives is received.

LANGENDORF—Paul C. Langendorf, wife of O. F. Langendorf, died at Rye Valley, Ore., Friday. Dilation of the heart was the cause of her demise. She was 33 years of age. The body was brought to Boise Sunday. The funeral will be held at the Schreiber & Sidenfaden chapel Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Snelton Bissell will conduct the services. Burial will be in Morris Hill cemetery by automobiles.

HILL—John H. Hill, aged 66 years, died at a local hospital Monday morning after a prolonged illness. He is survived by four sons: Dan T. and Dr. J. Carl Hill of Boise; Frank A. Hill of Centralia, Wash.; Dr. Isaac E. Hill of Hannibal, Mo. The body is at the Fry & Sumner chapel, and will be taken to Grand Junction, Colo., tomorrow for burial.

The Pennsylvania state department of forestry and the state highway department have completed arrangements for co-operation in planting shade trees along the state highways. The trees will be grown from seed by the forestry department in its nurseries, transplanted in areas set aside for the purpose, then turned over to the highway department when they have attained suitable size. Good roads organizations will also assist in the planting at that time. The species already transplanted are Scotch, white and pitch pines, Norway spruce, Douglas fir, sugar maple, white ash, white elm, black cherry, honey locust and European larch.

AMERICANS IN BERLIN PREPARE TO QUIT COUNTRY

Ambassador Gerard Receives His Official Notification of the Breaking Off of Diplomatic Relations.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—American Ambassador Gerard received the United States government's formal telegram withdrawing him from Berlin, at 10 o'clock Sunday night.

He expected to deliver the American government's statement to Foreign Secretary Zimmerman at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Ambassador Gerard worked until midnight Sunday arranging embassy affairs and conferring with his staff, preparing to leave. Despite the fact that every German declares the imperial government will certainly not modify, curtail or withdraw its submarine policy, nevertheless there were a number of Americans here who continue to believe that war will not follow America's break.

MANY EXPECT TO STAY. Many of these expect to stay in Germany, relying on the Prussian treaty to permit them to arrange their own business affairs. Many plan to go to Denmark and Norway, expecting to leave there for America when ships are available.

The Americans, for the most part, were calm today.

Early Monday morning the American embassy building was thronged with Americans seeking advice and help. All embassy employes have received notice from the ambassador to pack their belongings and be ready to leave at any moment.

So far, it is asserted, the route which the American diplomatic staff will take to America has not been determined. It is probable, however, that they will leave via Spain.

TO LEAVE THIS WEEK. Ambassador Gerard announced today he expected to leave Berlin on Thursday or Friday for Switzerland. From there, it is presumed, he will go to Spain, and there sail for America.

The embassy staff, with their families and members of the American Red Cross here will accompany the ambassador.

Germans in Berlin are taking matters calmly. Extra police are guarding the embassy.

Gerard spent most of today clearing up and disposing of English, Belgian and Russian diplomatic interests which he represented here.

With 700,000,000 tons of lignite coal in the soil, North Dakota is not experiencing any fuel shortage. Lignite, which is now used almost exclusively for domestic, commercial and industrial purposes in central and western North Dakota, sells from \$1 at the mine, in carload lots, to \$3 the ton, placed in the individual consumer's bin, a ton at a time.

The senate this afternoon made the bill providing for the repeal of the public utilities law a special order for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The senate also passed the bill providing for the creating of a state bureau of mines.

Argentina and Paraguay have concluded a new commercial treaty which provides for practically free trade between the two countries.

Instead of stringing beads and cutting out funny pictures, children in a California school are being taught to darn daddy's socks.

Only 49 years ago the Japanese went to battle clad from head to foot in armor, and wearing hideous masks to frighten the enemy.

NOTED BANDMASTER AS HE LOOKS TODAY



This new photograph of the famous American bandmaster was taken a few days ago as he reviewed a monster parade of St. Paul Outdoor Sports Carnival enthusiasts from the steps of the Minnesota capitol. The parade was held in honor of Mr. Sousa and Gov. J. A. A. Burnquist and was one of the big events preceding the carnival.

The Little News of Boise

POSTAGE ON SPECIAL NUMBER OF THE NEWS. Under the postal regulations portions of the Capital News Birthdays number cannot be sent at the rate of postage authorized for that class of matter. To get that rate it is necessary to send the entire paper. The postage on it is five cents. A limited number of extra copies are still available at the Capital News office.

SENT TO HOSPITAL. William C. Denton, the old street preacher, is at St. Alphonse hospital suffering from a severe cold. He was taken in charge by the city authorities this afternoon and escorted to the hospital for treatment.

SERVE DINNER TOMORROW. The Woman's auxiliary of St. Michael's cathedral will serve a dinner in the Bishop Tuttle church house Tuesday afternoon from 5:30 until 8 o'clock.

BIG AUCTION PROMISED. More than 25 head of horses and cattle have been listed for the auction on sales day, Wednesday, Feb. 7. The first sales day of this month has been given more attention than those formerly for the reason that weather conditions appear better. The committee from the Commercial club and the city has been busy and has secured more than 100 different articles for the sale, besides those which have been volunteered. The municipal band is to be out for the occasion and predictions are for a big sale.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN VOTERS. State affairs will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Boise Council of Women Voters to be held in the city council chambers at 8 o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year are to be elected and plans made for the Susan B. Anthony banquet.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY. Four calls in less than 12 hours have kept the fire department boys on their mettle since Sunday morning. This morning at 10:45 o'clock the department was called to the Frank Smith home at 113 North Walnut street. Sparks from the flue had set the roof on fire. The blaze was extinguished with practically no damage. The first Sunday call was at 11:25 in the morning. Coal gas in the home at 1905 Fort street caused fear and a telephone call took the assistant chief and two men to the scene. No service was needed. At 9:45 o'clock a small blaze on the roof of a residence on the west side of Nineteenth and Irene streets caused slight damage. At 11 p. m. a shed fire in the rear of 314 State street caused damage to the amount of a few dollars.

TO SERVE DINNER. The turkey dinner at the Bishop Tuttle church house Tuesday evening promises to be the best of the season, an old-fashioned southern feast of roast turkey, cranberries, mashed potatoes, mince pie, coffee, etc. Eighth and Washington streets.

CIVIL CASES DISMISSED. Fifty-seven civil cases which have been in court for a long time and upon which no action has been taken for more than a year, were dismissed this morning by Judge Carl Davis at the regular monthly call of the calendar.

SUNDAY EVENING WEDDING. Olean L. Nelson and Miss Dora Elvira Bowerman were married at 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening by Rev. G. W. Barnum, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. The ceremony was performed at the manse on the south side. The bridal couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christopherson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson will at once begin housekeeping at 1304 East Jefferson street.

LAW CLERK ARRIVES. William E. McFarland has arrived in the city from Coeur d'Alene and begun his duties as law clerk for Judge William Morgan of the supreme court. Mr. McFarland's father was attorney general of Idaho some 20 years ago.

BLOCKADE BROKEN. For the third time in the past 10 days the snow blockade in Wyoming has been broken. Trains from the east began moving Sunday night and the first through trains since Friday will arrive here this evening. Owing to trouble west the 12:15 train of today was annulled. The first train east is due to leave at 7 o'clock tonight.

READY IF NEEDED. The Boise Veterans of Foreign Wars are ready to answer the call of their country if needed. Several who fought in the Spanish-American war have already wired Senator Borah they stand ready to again enlist. A meeting of the veterans is to be held tonight at which a jointly signed telegram will be sent to Senator Borah in which the Boise veterans of foreign wars will offer to go on a moment's notice when needed.

HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS. Judge McCarthy was this afternoon hearing the testimony in the habeas corpus proceedings of H. R. Davis, who is seeking release from the penitentiary, although he has but a month yet to serve of a sentence commuted to one year. The word "flat" written in the minutes before the word "year," is the contention in the argument, it being contended by the attorney for the prisoner that the word was inserted as an after thought and that the pardon board merely commuted the sentence to one year, hence the prisoner is entitled to one month off for good behavior.

POSTAL RECEIPTS INCREASE. During the past two years the increase in postal receipts at the Boise post office amount to \$23,791.77. During 1916 the receipt cover 1916 were \$5791.77 and in 1916 were \$15,000 over 1914. The increase shows a healthy and continual growth of the postal business in this section and tends to show the growth of the country.

MAYORALTY CASE IN COURT. In the supreme court tomorrow will be argued the appeal case to decide the mayorship of Idaho Falls. George W. Edgington and Brasilia Clark almost tied at the city election and a contest arose over the office which in the lower court was decided in favor of Mr. Edgington. Mr. Clark took an appeal to the supreme court. Philip Averill, attorney for Mr. Edgington, has arrived in Boise. W. P. Hanson is expected to arrive here tonight.

PERSONAL. Ray M. Beauchamp is in the city from Filer. A. J. Pierce of Pocatello is a guest at the Owyhee. S. W. Hickerson is here from Wendell to spend a few days. O. H. Buck is a business visitor in the city from Jerome. W. J. Kirkpatrick of Otis, Colo., is a new arrival in the city. Miss Ruth Hart of Jordan Valley is visiting friends in the city. G. H. Reynolds of Homedale is in the city, a guest at the Pacific. M. J. Sweoley, the well known Twin Falls attorney, is in the city. Miss Loretta Wedgwood of Gooding is visiting in Boise over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Prickett are up from Fruitland on a short visit. A. B. Anderson is in the city from the Washington county metropolis. John J. Peterson is transacting business in the city. His home is at Carey. J. H. Mowry came down from Prairie Sunday and will be in the city several days. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Talley are down from Sweet, guests at the Grand. Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hyde of Downey are among the guests at the Idanha. H. Bowman is looking after business in the city. He arrived from Downey Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Boethler came in from Westfall, Ore., Sunday, and have rooms at the Bristol. Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, who have been in Boise several days, have returned to Portland. Edward Fairchild came down from Centerville Sunday and has gone to Spokane on business. J. R. Smead, deputy United States district attorney, has gone to Spokane on official business. L. E. Cox is at present looking after business in the city. He came down from Montour yesterday. L. A. Cummings came in from Salt Lake Sunday night and will be here on business for several days. Postmaster P. M. Davis, left Sunday for Washington, D. C., on business connected with the addition to the federal building. A. Ortedal, special agent of the government Indian bureau in the northwest, is in the city from Portland for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevens, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. J. E. Moore, have gone to Lewiston in hopes the lower altitude will benefit Mrs. Stevens' health. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lundy leave tonight for points in Georgia to visit relatives. They will visit New Orleans and take in the Mardi Gras while in the south returning to Boise after an absence of some three weeks. South African mines are experimenting with a dust-laying preparation which has molasses as its base.

Announcement... Beginning Tuesday we will cut the price on all classes of work one half. THE PRICE IS CUT—there is no "up" about it. The quality remains at our usual high standard and customers wishing to avail themselves of these prices will be expected to pay cash when the goods are delivered. These prices apply to ladies' and gentlemen's work alike. THE Pantorium CLEANERS & DYERS 1167 MAIN ST. OFFICE IN THE OWYHEE HOTEL PHONE 1025