

ADMINISTRATION FORCES WIN FIRST TEST VOTE IN HOUSE; CONFIDENT OF DEFEATING M'LEMORE RESOLUTION ON FINAL BALLOT

COMPLETE VICTORY IS INDICATED; NUMBER OF REPUBLICANS FIRMLY BEHIND WILSON IN HIS ATTITUDE

Representative Pou Declares it is "Infamous Lie" to Say Executive Wants War—Second Roll Call Also a Victory.

Washington, March 7.—By substantial majorities, on two heavy test votes, President Wilson's stand that congress shall not advise Americans to abandon their rights to travel on merchant ships armed for defense, was endorsed in the house. Administration forces ruled the field and defeated determined efforts to amend the resolution to the liking of the president's opponents, and put it squarely before the house for a final vote, probably at 6 o'clock tonight.

In the first test vote in the house on the armed ship question, the administration forces won 256 to 160. The opportunity for amending the McLemore resolution to warn Americans of armed ships of the European belligerents was removed, and the house turned to debate on the resolution itself, with every indication that it would be tabled as the president desired, as a demonstration to foreign nations that dissonance against his foreign policy do not represent the majority of congress.

The question to adopt a special rule was then put. Representative Campbell demanded yeas and nays, and at 1:15 o'clock roll call began on adoption of rule to consider warning resolution.

ASSEMBLE AT 11 O'CLOCK FOR BIG FIGHT. Previous to this, promptly at 11 o'clock, the house assembled for the all-day fight of the administration forces to kill the McLemore resolution. Speaker Clark was in the chair, and Acting Chairman Pou of the rules committee, submitted a special rule under which debate proceeded. Pou asked unanimous consent for a 90-minute debate on the rule. There was no objection and debate began.

POU GETS FIRST APPLAUSE. Pou took the floor and opened the fight for rule. The first outburst of applause from the floor came at the outset of Pou's speech when he said: "All the lips of hell never devised a more infamous lie than the declaration that has been made that President Wilson wants war."

NO THOUGHT OF WAR. "The thought furthest from President Wilson's mind is a desire for war," declared Representative Campbell, republican member of the rules committee, announced when Pou concluded that if the motion to close debate on the rule were defeated he would offer a substitute for the McLemore resolution which would be a direct warning to Americans to keep off armed ships.

"If the rule is defeated," declared Representative Harrison, democrat, of Mississippi, the administration leader, "you will not only send joy to the hearts of the people in a foreign capital, but you will stab your own president in the back."

REPUBLICAN LEADER MORN. In a ten-minute speech, pleaded that the house defeat the rule in order that the McLemore resolution might be amended and a vote on the straight warning resolution obtained.

IS QUESTION OF AMERICA FIRST. Representative Harrison of Mississippi took up the debate for the administration. "This is not a question for us to divide upon as democrats or republicans," said he. "It is a question of America first. It is a question whether you shall rise above narrow partisanship and stand for the American government."

"The question today," he concluded, "is whether you are with the president or against him."

MUST STAND WITH PRESIDENT. Representative Chipmunk of Illinois, republican, declared he favored standing with President Wilson.

"The people of Illinois," he declared, "are desirous of standing by the president to preserve the flag of the nation unblemished and unshaken, but there is no more dangerous man than he who at once insists on the full measure of his rights, regardless of what disastrous consequences might follow. He usually is either a fool or a knave and sometimes both."

LOUIS CHEER GREETED THIS DECLARATION. Scattered applause from the democrat greeted Representative Gardner, republican, who spoke on the parliamentary status of the McLemore resolution.

"If you want to stand with the president and two ex-presidents you will vote to sustain the rule and table the McLemore resolution," he said.

The rule providing for four hours' debate on the motion to table McLemore warning resolution was adopted on roll call, 271 to 113. One man voted present. With no action the administration forces scored another victory, and placed the McLemore resolution before the house for debate and vote without amendment.

ADMINISTRATION LEADERS SAID THERE IS NO DOUBT THE TWO PREVIOUS VOTES SHOWED they could table it by a large majority.

St. Louis, March 7.—An advance of one cent a gallon in the price of gasoline, effective today was announced here yesterday. The new schedule is 17.5 cents from all wagons and at the standard oil company.

San Francisco, March 7.—A decree for the sale of the Western Pacific railway was asked yesterday in the United States court in a stipulation filed by the Equitable Trust company of New York and other parties to the Western Pacific receivership.

The writ was asked by Jared How, attorney for the Equitable Trust company, to prevent enforcement of Judge Van Fleet's order that the Missouri Pacific railway and the Denver & Rio Grande railroad appear in the proceedings within thirty days.

The appearance of the Missouri Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande in the receivership case, he said, might delay the sale of the Western Pacific for years, while the exact status of the two guarantors was being determined. He said also that the expense of underwriting the proposed \$20,000,000 issue of new bonds under the plan of receivership would be lost. This was to have been completed by July, 1916.

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PAGE DISAGREES WITH PRESIDENT AND WON'T RUN

Washington, March 7.—Representative Robert N. Page of North Carolina, brother of Ambassador Page at London, has announced in a letter to his constituents that he will not be a candidate for reelection because he disagrees with the president in the submarine controversy. Page's announcement caused a sensation in the house.

DEPOSITORS TO BE PAID; BANK OPENS IN WEEK

Directors of Casselton Institution Contribute Large Sums.

Fargo, N. D., March 7.—It was officially announced here today that the First National bank of Casselton would be reopened within one week. The exact opening day has not been fixed. Every depositor will be paid in full, each director of the bank having contributed \$25,000 with the exception of one, who contributed \$50,000 to cover alleged shortages and slow paper that were the immediate causes of closing the bank.

"TWINS' NIGHT" SERVICE HELD

Twins of All Sizes and Ages Attend Meeting for Their Own Good.

Chicago, March 7.—There were all sizes and sexes of twins at the Diversary Boulevard Methodist Episcopal church Sunday night. They had been rounded up by the Rev. Burt E. Smith, the pastor. Those whom the stork had not left in pairs had loaned their presence and their moral support to the success of the "Twins' Night" services.

The Rev. Smith had chosen for his theme, "The Birthright." He had enumerated the powers God gives to each of his children, principal among them being the power to discover oneself through the Almighty, and thus attain the highest intellectual and spiritual strength.

There were twins in the choir. Twin girls whistled as a musical accompaniment to hymns; twin girls played sweet violin music. And then— "There are wonderful possibilities, heretofore hidden, in each of you," the pastor said. "Who is there among you who has not given his life to Jesus who wishes to come forward and do so now?"

The choir was singing "God Will Take Care of You" when a well-dressed man with an iron gray mustache rose and came forward. With him came his two twin boys, 9 years old. The singing stopped and at the Rev. Mr. Smith's request this man turned and consecrated his own life and his boys.

"I intended leaving for Milwaukee on a business trip when I saw the Rev. Smith's announcement of twins' night," the convert said later. "I had been slipping a bit and I gave up my trip for the sake of my boys."

PROTESTS TO SUPREME COURT

Reason for Action is That Brandeis Made Statements That Were Disliked.

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FEDERATION OF INSURANCE MEN PLANNED

Meeting to be Held in Fargo Monday—Grand Forks Men to Attend.

Fargo, N. D., March 7.—Advancement of the interests of the insurance business in North Dakota is the object of the proposed North Dakota Insurance Federation, which will be organized at a meeting of insurance agents to be held in Fargo next Monday, and to which will be invited by insurance men from all sections of the state.

Mark T. McKee, secretary of the National Council of Insurance Federations, who comes to Fargo from Detroit, Mich., will be joined in Minneapolis by a group of Mill City insurance men, and on the day following the North Dakota meeting in Fargo, Mr. McKee will be at Minneapolis for the Minnesota state meeting.

Fargo committees, of which Harry Carpenter is the secretary, have received reports from a great number of insurance men who will be here for the session. Entertainment features are being provided by the Town Criers club of this city.

In the preparation of the plan, two sectional committees of the plan, two men have been appointed, as follows: Southern Section—J. F. Treat, H. G. Carpenter, E. V. Moore, J. J. Beckler, E. W. Thomas, Wright Schaefer, P. W. Clemens, F. H. Wilber, W. C. MacAdams, J. P. Gleason, A. O. Rupert, A. W. McNair, C. H. Anheiler, J. H. Duhl, C. C. Turner, R. T. Baker, T. B. Hull and E. F. ...

Northern Section—R. F. Brockhoff, S. B. E. Sessa, A. F. Clifford, J. E. Sheehy, G. H. Gimstead, J. D. Taylor, A. W. Dennis, J. J. McKinsie, J. Johnson, C. C. Nuss, J. B. Wheman, J. B. Giesler, C. E. Garvin and C. A. ...

Principal objects credited to the proposed insurance federation include a campaign of education, in which the whole problem of insurance will be presented to the insuring public, to the end that a better understanding of the business shall be attained.

SUPERIOR DOCTOR NOT TO BE SHOT

Los Angeles, Cal., March 7.—Reports that Dr. James A. Rene, formerly of Superior, Wis., was to be executed by Carranza at Mazatlan, on March 15, were denied today by Carranza's daughter, Miss Adelade Rene, daughter of the physician, who is in Los Angeles.

Miss Adelade Rene said she received this information late today in a telegram from William E. Alger, the American consul at Mazatlan, which reads: "The report is false. Dr. Rene is in no trouble here."

Efforts of Miss Rene and other relatives to get into communication with Dr. Rene thus far have been fruitless.

SOCIAL SURVEY JOB ABOLISHED

Chicago, March 7.—The city council yesterday abolished the position of superintendent of social survey by failing to appropriate for it.

This place was occupied by Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, who resigned recently and charged her superior officer, Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, of compelling her to pay a third of her salary for the alleged benefit of Mayor Thompson's sister-in-law.

INDIANA PRIMARY IS HELD TODAY

Indianapolis, Ind., March 7.—One of the most heated campaigns in the history of Hoosier politics closed last night and the voters today are expressing their preferences in the statewide preferential primary to be held in Indiana.

Candidates for the nomination for president are being voted upon. President Wilson is without opposition on the democratic ticket and former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks is the only candidate for the republican nomination for president on the Indiana ballot.

Three candidates are seeking the republican nomination for United States senator and three the nomination for governor.

GERMAN WAR SHIPS LEAVE

Twenty Dreadnoughts Sail From Kiel, Says Delayed Reports.

Rome, March 7.—Twenty German dreadnoughts have left Kiel, according to information received here.

The foregoing cable was held up by the British cable for two days. Another dispatch, filed in London this morning, said a fleet of 25 German warships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. This message was received in London from Vlesand, North Holland.

SENATOR SUTHERLAND, REPUBLICAN, SUPPORTS WILSON; COUNTRY MUST PROTECT ITS NATIONAL HONOR

Washington, March 7.—Discussing the armed ship issue in the senate, Senator Sutherland of Utah, republican member of the foreign relations committee, stood squarely behind President Wilson in his policy in dealing with Germany in the submarine negotiations.

"I do not want war at any time," said Sutherland, "and I pray God that it may not come. But I would rather have war with all its sacrifices and suffering than that this nation, with its long history of heroism and glory, should play the part of a nation when confronted by a premeditated and deliberate attack upon its national honor."

"I am one of those who desire peace," Senator Sutherland continued, "but a nation, when all other means have failed, that will not resent a flagrant and illegal attack upon the lives of its own citizens is only less deplorable than a man who will not fight for his wife and children. And, believing as I do about that, if the life of an American citizen is again taken by the illegal and deliberate sinking without warning of a merchant ship, unarmed or armed only for defense, I believe that this government should bring the offending nation to a stern reckoning. I shall never give my consent to the issuance of a formal and official notice such as has been proposed, which if not heeded, would, without minimizing our duty in the least, have the effect of embarrassing and weakening our moral standing. If we should once more be under the sad necessity of seeking reparation for the destruction of the lives of our people."

ENLISTS IN LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE



Dr. W. O. Thompson.

The Ohio branch of the League to Enforce Peace, the object of which is to establish and maintain peace after the close of the present war, has just been organized with Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio state university, as its first president. The league does not attempt to end the present war but to combat preparedness. Its aim is to establish an effective international court.

WORST NOT TO BE CANDIDATE

Will not be Nominee of Non-Partisan League is the Report.

(Herald Special Service.) Fargo, N. D., March 7.—John H. Worst, deposed president of the North Dakota agricultural college, will not be the nominee of the North Dakota Farmers Non-partisan league, if opinion expressed by the officers of the league, and a number of its campaigners, can be accepted as being indicative of the probable temper of the state convention which will be held in Fargo early in April—when the league's candidate will be nominated.

For some time—in fact, ever since Worst's breach with the board of regents—the possibility that the agricultural college president might become the league's candidate for the governorship has been quite generally discussed and commented upon by the press of this state—but so far as it is possible to learn from league officials, there is no disposition on the part of that organization to back Worst for the governorship.

Pledged to a program which has the advancement of the farmer and his interests, the league's official publication has repeatedly declared the need of placing a farmer on the ticket as a candidate for governor. Hence, to turn from that program at this late hour is not looked upon as feasible.

Another plea made by the league is against the adoption of the candidacy of any man who has been previously allied with the politicians of the state, and the fact that Worst has been very active in politics, being a candidate for senator two years ago, disqualifies him under the provision of the league's program.

Dr. Worst has not yet determined what he will do, but it is understood that he is considering an offer to become the author of a new constitution. His decision probably will be announced shortly, but he has declared that whatever line he adopts, he will continue a resident of North Dakota.

FORMER BOMB MAN COMPOSES BIG HIT

Eugene, Ore., March 7.—Professor Albert Perfect, director of the Eugene municipal band, and also of the university band is the author of a burlesque that is the hit of the season in the east, though his production has only been on the market six weeks.

"Alka-Ike," a burlesque with a subtitle, "A North Dakota Misunderstanding," is the name of the piece and it is being published for band and orchestra.

Mr. Perfect formerly directed the Milnor band.

NO PLACE FOR BACHELOR JUDGE

Court of Domestic Relations Not Liked by Judge Jacob Hopkins.

Chicago, March 7.—The court of domestic relations is no place for a bachelor judge.

Judge Jacob H. Hopkins has reached this conclusion after six months on the bench of this tribunal.

To save the remnants of his shattered ideals of matrimony, he has asked to be transferred to some other court. To avert what seemed an impending tragedy to a bachelor and Chief Justice Harry Olson has granted his request. Judge John R. Newcomer will succeed Judge Hopkins in his position.

Judge Hopkins is handsome, wealthy, cultured and regarded as one of the city's eligible bachelors. When not listening to marital woes he has been kept busy dodging the darts of cupid and the traps of designing mammas.

Couldn't Stand It. "Yes," said Judge Hopkins, "I'm through. I couldn't stand it any longer. As judge of the court of domestic relations it seems to me I have listened to the stories of all the domestic unhappiness in the world. I didn't know anything about it."

"I had been brought up in a straight tradition. I had ideals of matrimony. I viewed marriages through rosy mist of sentimentality. I believed there was still love in the world—love that endured from the altar to the grave. I remained a bachelor, it is true. But the world need not know everything about my dreams. I may get married some day. Who knows?"

Heard Much. "I brought my ideals with me into the court of domestic relations. I sat there day after day listening to nothing but the sorrows and tragedies of married couples, to the sordid tales of wife-beatings, disloyal husbands, treacherous wives, adulterous men, wine, love whose requiem was the fox-trot music of the cabaret.

"My illusions died one by one. I began to wonder whether any such thing as marital happiness exists on earth. I was almost tempted to believe marriage was an inferno above the portals of which might be inscribed: 'All hope abandon ye who enter here.'"

Wanted Transfer. "So I asked to be transferred. It was a last desperate measure of self-defense. My mind means something to me. A bit of sentiment spells happiness. An illusion is a fortune in itself.

This court has killed most of my illusions. But deep down in my soul, a cyclone cellar of my soul, some may have escaped. I wanted to quit this court of tragedies before they too were destroyed. I mean something."

"You see," added Judge Hopkins, "I may get married some day. Who knows?"

POLICEMEN'S HOURS GREATLY REDUCED

Minneapolis, March 7.—Mayor W. C. Nye yesterday issued an order reducing the hours of policemen from ten to eight hours a day, in the hope of bringing about greater efficiency and cutting down the number of minor robberies and other crimes. In a statement to the public he pleaded for a larger force and said that the police department had been too severely criticized.

The grand jury which today began an investigation of vice conditions in the city questioned several young girls who have told stories of being lured into lives of crime.

VARSITY WOMEN TO COMPETE FOR PRIZE

Great Interest Being Aroused in the Dramatic Reading for the Dr. King Oratorical Award.

Great enthusiasm among the students has greeted the recent announcement of the university board of debate and oratory that a part of the Dr. King oratorical prize will be available for prizes in a dramatic reading contest.

The fact that the proposed contest will be open only to women has sharpened interest in it. Under the will of the late Dr. F. J. King of St. Thomas \$1,000 was left at the disposal of the university authorities, the income from which was to be used as prizes in some forensic contest. This is the first year in which a part of this income is available.

UNIVERSITY READINGS. 7 a. m., 15 minutes; 2:30 p. m., 15 minutes; 7:30 p. m., 15 minutes; 9:30 p. m., 15 minutes. Precipitation, .22 inches.

WEATHER FORECAST. Fair tonight and colder in east. Wednesday fair with a rising temperature.

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FRESNES TAKEN

Berlin, March 7.—The war office announced that the village of Fresnes, in the Woerwe district, south-east of Verdun, was captured this morning by the Germans.

Further Progress. Paris, March 7.—Further progress has been made by the Germans in the Verdun drive to the west of the Meuse river. A semi-official announcement is made here that the Germans had succeeded by violent bombardment in pushing the big guns transferred to the neighborhood of Reimsville. The war office announced that a division of German troops advancing to the attack has captured hill No. 265.

Australian Troops Help. London, March 7.—Dispatches from Melbourne published here stating that Minister of Defense Pearce had announced that the Australian siege brigade is fighting at Verdun. The first statement printed here was that the British forces were operating with the French at Verdun.

It has been reported here that British artillery has been moved to Verdun and that it had been doing good execution, but it is not known whether the big guns transferred are being manned by British or French artillerymen.

\$1,000 DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE

Mandan, N. D., March 7.—A fire occurred at the home of Dr. M. Kranz doing in the Mandan district, \$1,000 worth of damage to floor, furniture, heating plant and personal effects in the basement. The loss was fully covered by the fire insurance.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been over-heated pipes of the heating plant in the basement, as the first sign of smoke was seen in the basement. Mrs. Kranz rushed to the basement door with the intention of going down in the basement to see what the trouble was but the basement was so full of smoke she could not enter. The fire department soon arrived and it was but a few minutes before the fire was under control.

AUTHOR AND STAR SEPARATE

Mrs. Belmont and Marie Dressler Sever Connections Abruptly.

New York, March 7.—Diplomatic relations between Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont and Marie Dressler, late star of "Melinda and Her Sisters," the musical comedy, Belmont admits authorship, have been abruptly severed.

The break between the erstwhile associates came last Wednesday night. Now Mrs. Belmont has her lawyer on Marie, and Marie Dressler has spurned the gift with which the society leader recompensed the burlesque artist's services for a Christmas gift. "But the crowning insult of all—Miss Dressler has bestowed on Mrs. Belmont a second name, the derivative title of 'Melinda Belmont'."

And it is all for a song the Beat Russe, in which Miss Dressler gave a screaming satire on "The Faun." It was the bit of the piece and is the center and circumference of the quarrel.

Miss Dressler claims the song as her property; Mrs. Belmont insists it is a part of "Melinda Belmont." Mrs. Belmont's lawyer demands its return. Miss Dressler demands six weeks.

The story of the affray dates back six weeks before the performance on February 19 of the Waldorf-Astoria when society watched its prettiest debutantes, in setting off distinguished professionals act as superior chorus ladies. The opera, written by Mrs. Belmont and composed by Elsa Maxwell, netted \$8,000 for the Congressional Union.

The Russian ballet song was introduced when Miss Maxwell discovered a similarity between Miss Dressler's chief song and one now being used by another well-known performer. Miss Dressler wore over, with Miss Maxwell the idea of a satire on the "Faun." It was agreed that it should not be performed with the opera. Miss Dressler gushed up her song and took it home. The next day she was called from Mrs. Belmont, who was not aware of the song's earlier career, a flattering letter of thanks and a jeweled parasol handle. Miss Dressler was happy over the letter and the gift. Her awakening came nine days later, when Mrs. Belmont demanded the return of the song.

Denies Charge. "I don't fancy being called a thief," Miss Dressler said. "The song is mine. If Mrs. Belmont felt herself too poor to pay for it myself, The 'Beat Russe' was not printed in a score of 'Melinda' and will not be. I, however, went to Mrs. Belmont's house and put that \$75 parasol handle into the hand of her Turk at the door and asked him to deliver it to Mrs. Aiva. Economic conditions are such that I have my own pocket on that opera, but I'm a good loser. I'm waiting for the next opera."