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O folds of white and scarlet! O blue field with your silver stars! May fond eyes welcome you, willing feet follow you, strong hands defend you, warm hearts cherish you, and dying lips give you their blessing! Ours by inheritance, ours by allegiance, ours by affection—long may you float on the free winds of heaven, the emblem of Liberty, the hope of the world!—Anonymous

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

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WILSON AND THE WAR

1917—Feb. 3, President Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany on her renewal of ruthless submarine warfare.

April 2, read his war message to congress.

1918—Jan. 10, laid before the senate his 10 points.

Nov. 11, the armistice signed with the German revolutionary government.

As he stood at the door's foot, in the hall of the house of representatives on the evening of April 2, 1917, President Wilson was the central figure in one of the great moments of world history. Not only the eyes people but mankind stopped to listen.

The president had been considered only five months before because "he kept us out of the war." Also, "the war would not keep out of the United States."

The year took on new fury, with the resumption of ruthless submarine warfare which Germany had modified the year before at our demand. The president thereupon handed the German ambassador his passports, and next he proposed that we should arm our merchant ships. The Administration scented failure to give him this authority, he proceeded himself to arm them. But shipping vanished from the sea, with its hidden terror, and at last he called the newly elected congress in extraordinary session to receive a communication—concerning grave matters of national policy.

No other president in the whole course of his service has had to make so many momentous decisions as Woodrow Wilson has had to make in



Wilson and His First Grandchild.

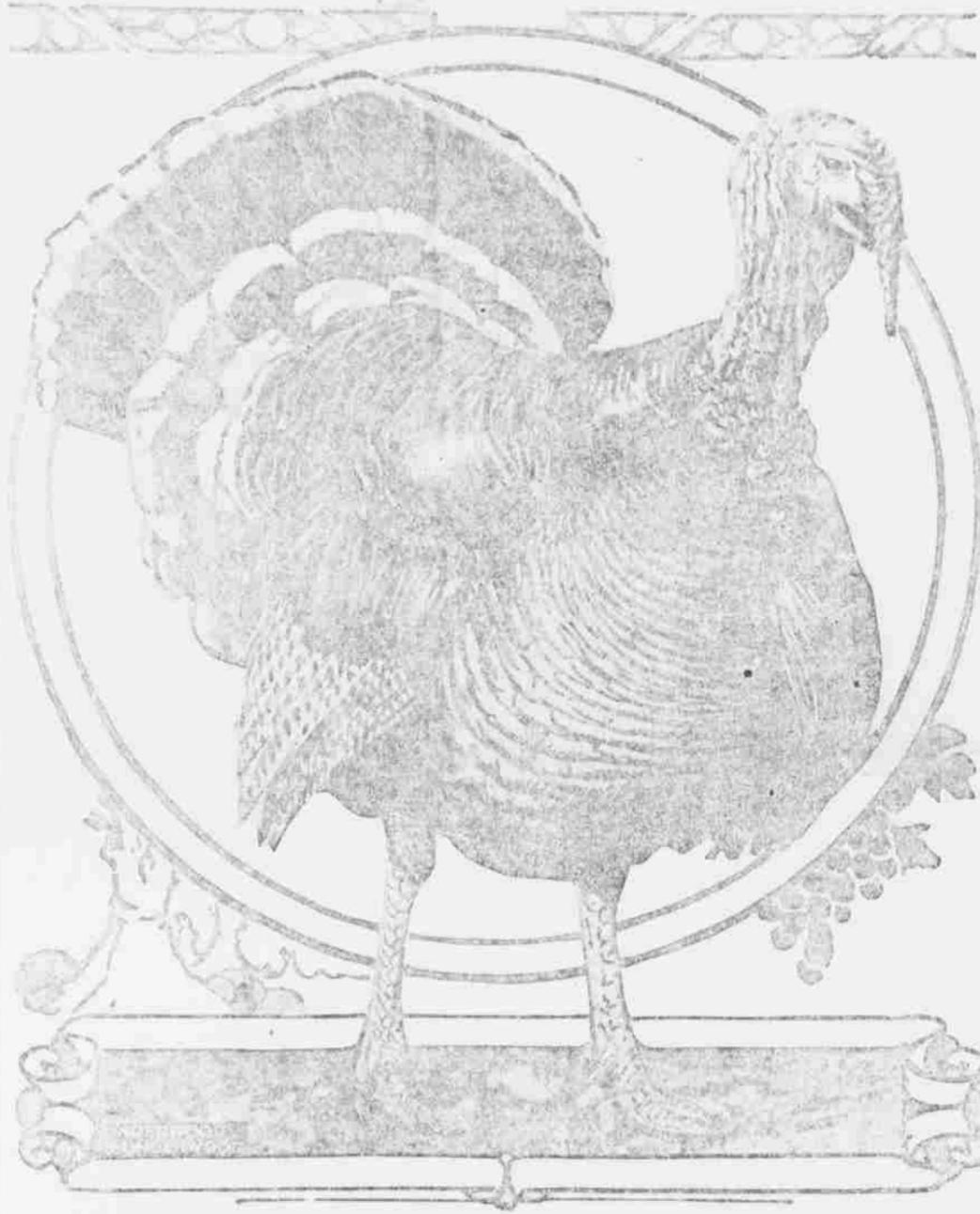
the solitude of his study at the White House in those anxious days before the assembling of congress. He could not divide the burden of such a heavy responsibility; he had to bear it alone and without a precedent to guide him. Should we give a further trial to

NICE JUICY TURKEY may be a powerful incentive to Thanksgiving, yet is not necessary when there is genuine appreciation of the real blessings of the year.



His Highness

GIVING THANKS may be made so formal that the Almighty doubts the existence of gratitude. It was the poor Publican's prayer that was commended to us all.



WHAT WOULD THE DAY BE WITHOUT A BIRD LIKE THIS TO GRACE THE BOARD?

armed neutrality? Or should we enter upon an independent naval warfare against the submarine menace to our shipping? Or should we back the allies with money and supplies, but leave them to do the fighting? Or should we join forces with them unreservedly, contrary to the historic policy of America to go it alone?

These alternatives were in every mind in that bewildering period, and the president had to choose between them in framing the policy to be submitted to congress. He made the harder choice of going into full partnership with the entente allies, pooling with them all our resources, our man power, our money power and our producing power.

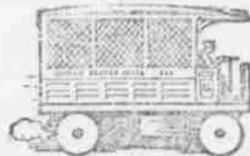
The broad plan which he unfolded and which congress quickly approved assured in advance the success of the great, unparalleled undertaking, and he pushed it through to victory with grim, unrelenting persistence. Americans generally assumed at the start, and the British government agreed with them, that we should not have to send a great army to Europe, if indeed any at all. But when it became an imperative necessity to go at double quick to the relief of the broken line in France, the foundation was so well laid that we rose to the unforeseen emergency, building up in a year and a half an army of 4,000,000 and ferrying 2,000,000 soldiers across the Atlantic.

The brains of the country, all the talents, were mobilized for the war—merchants and scientists, bankers and railroad men, labor leaders and cler-

gymen, each being charged with the task for which his training fitted him. "It is a race between Wilson and Hindenburg," said Lloyd George, when the big German drive surprised the entente and smashed through its front in the spring of 1918. Well, whoever won the war, Hindenburg lost that race.

The rest—the president's journeys to Europe, the treaty and the battle over it, are history still in the making. Many years must pass before that extraordinary chapter in the story of the presidency will be finished and may be told in the spirit of historical impartiality.

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THE WEEK'S NEWS IN OKLAHOMA

HAPPENINGS GATHERED FROM ALL SECTIONS OF STATE

NEW OZARK TRAIL BRANCH

Proposed Route to Extend From Shawnee South into Arkansas, is Planned.

Atoka, Okla.—Towns between Shawnee, Okla., and Texarkana, Ark., were secured a branch of the Ozark Trail when the Ozark Trails association, Stamford-Texasiana division, was organized at Atoka.

Several live highway delegates representing Stillwater, Ada, Stonehill, Centralia, Tapelo, Comrade, Lehigh, Adairs, Isabel, Hugo and Fort Towson, Okla., and Foreman, Ashdown and Texarkana, Ark., attended the meeting.

H. B. Beach of Ada was elected president of the association; H. N. Naylor, Isabel, first vice president; H. C. Foreman, Foreman, Ark., second vice president and William Gill, Atoka, secretary-treasurer.

A budget of \$7,500 was made for the erection of concrete pyramids, twenty-four feet high, at each important town, giving the distance to and

from all towns in each direction along the highway.

The branch will be a part of the proposed "Great White Way" of the Ozark Trails extending from Los Angeles, Cal., to New Orleans, La.

RUSHES WORK ON BRIDGES

Original Plan At Union City Revised To Include Much Larger Project.

Chickasha, Okla.—Work on three bridges which will furnish an outlet to Chickasha over the South Canadian river is being rushed to completion.

The Norman bridge on the Ozark trail between Chickasha, Oklahoma, and Shawnee, will be completed in the near future. The Union City bridge, to cost \$475,000, is expected to be completed by September 1, 1922.

The bridge building at Newcastle, which has been delayed sometime, is now put under way. Shortage of funds has hampered the work but funds are being assembled rapidly to complete the bridge.

Original estimate of cost of the Union City bridge, on the Meridian highway between El Reno and Chickasha, was \$294,000. These plans were changed when it was decided to build a heavier, more substantial structure.

One-fourth of the cost of the bridge will be paid by Grady county, one-fourth by Canadian county and one-half will come from federal and state aid. These counties have paid \$75,000 each and have been given until 1923 to pay the remainder.

Revised plans call for a bridge 4,000 feet in length, reinforced concrete. All steel to be used in the bridge is in the ground. The north abutments and two steel spans and six or eight feet have been installed.

T. M. McElroy, chairman of the Grady county board of commissioners has made application for federal aid in repaving the road leading up to the bridge on the Grady county side.

Since the movement to complete the Newcastle bridge has been started, a toll bridge over the South Canadian river between Tuttle and Mustang probably will not be constructed. That a toll bridge would be constructed in the Tuttle-Amber district was rumored several weeks ago.

PONCA SEEKS GOOD ROADS

Livestock Industry Growth Causes Action To Be Made

Ponca City, Okla.—Because of the rapidly increasing pure bred livestock industry throughout Kay county, the Ponca City chamber of commerce went on record asking that a good road between this city and the Oklahoma A. and M. college at Stillwater be built as early as possible.

Committees were named to have charge of the campaign. One committee was named to work with the state authorities and includes F. A. Scherling, member of the legislature; L. A. McCann, county commissioner, and C. E. Hall.

The road suggested is that running north by way of Morrison and the Otoe and Whiteagle Indian agencies and includes a four-mile stretch of road recently opened south of Ponca City by the federal government across Ponca Indian land.

Kay Poultry Show Date Set. Ponca City, Okla.—Notification has been sent out by George Fry, secretary of the Kay County Poultry association that the next annual county poultry show will be held at Blackwell December 21-24.

Chelsea Paved Highway Completed. Chelsea, Okla.—Falling in line with other cities and communities in an effort to better the highways and give employment to idle men C. E. Canady, street commissioner, has just completed a hard surface road from the far

Microbes With a Double Life. The transformation of microbes from one form to another has been described by many investigators, and it has even been suggested that the same microbe in different forms may be responsible for different diseases.