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Nature In Her Endeavors To Keep Man Well Not Only Has to Fight Disease, But Often the Doctor as Well—Elbert Hubbard

SECRETARY BRYAN HAS RESIGNED FROM CABINET

Disagreed With President Wilson Over Note to Germany

IS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

Head of State Department Did Not Wish to Sign Document Which Might Mean War.

Washington, June 9.—Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan yesterday resigned from the cabinet and his resignation was accepted by President Wilson. Mr. Bryan's action was due to a difference of opinion with the president over the note soon to be sent to Germany in relation to the destruction of American lives by submarine attacks.

The president, strongly supported by the rest of the cabinet, held to a firm insistence upon the rights of neutrals and strict accountability for their violation. Mr. Bryan favored arbitration of the questions at issue with Germany.

President Wilson in accepting the resignation wrote warm words of praise for the retiring secretary, who it is intimated will continue in his political support of president.

The disagreement dates back to the first note to Germany following the sinking of the Lusitania, in which it was said that the United States would not omit "any word or any act" to protect the rights of its citizens. Mr. Bryan held that, inasmuch as Germany had accepted the principle of the United States peace treaties, differences between the two countries might be adjusted by a commission of investigation. It is reported that he signed the note only on the condition that a statement should be sent from the White House to the German government, covering this ground.

This course met with violent opposition in the cabinet, it is reported, and the president finally disapproved of it.

The belief is general at Washington that Counselor Lansing will be appointed secretary of the state ad interim. He is said to be in entire accord with the president's views on the nation's foreign policy.

Secretary's Letter of Resignation

My dear Mr. President:— It is with sincere regret that I have reached the conclusion that I should return to you the commission of secretary of state with which you honored me at the beginning of your administration.

Obedient to your sense of duty and actuated by the highest motives, you have prepared for transmission to the German government a note in which I cannot join without violating what I deem to be an obligation to my country, and the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war.

I therefore, respectfully tender my resignation, to take effect when the note is sent, unless you prefer an earlier hour. Alike desirous of reaching a peaceful solution of the problems arising out of the use of submarines against merchantment, and our ourselves differing irreconcilably as to the methods which should be employed.

It falls to your lot to speak officially for the nation; I consider it to be none the less my duty to endeavor as a private citizen to promote the end which you have in view by means which you do not feel at liberty to use.

In severing the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between us during the past two years permit me to acknowledge the profound satisfaction which it has given me to be associated with you in the important work which has come before the state department, and to thank you for the courtesies extended.

With the heartiest good wishes for your personal welfare and for the success of your administration, I am, my dear President,

Very truly yours,

W. J. Bryan.

Washington, June 8, 1915.

President Wilson to Secretary Bryan

My dear Mr. Bryan:—

I accept your resignation only because you insist upon its acceptance; and I accept it with much more than deep regret, with a feeling of personal sorrow. Our two years of close association have been very delightful

to me. Our judgments have accorded in practically every matter of official duty and of public policy until now; your support of the work and purposes of the administration has been generous and loyal beyond praise, your devotion to the duties of your great office and your eagerness to take advantage of very great opportunity for service it offered has been an example to the rest of us; you have earned our affectionate admiration and friendship. Even now, where not separated in the object but only in the method by which it is to be attained.

It is for these reasons my feeling about your retirement from the secretaryship of state goes so much deeper than regret. I sincerely deplore it. Our objects are the same and we ought to pursue them together. I yield to your desire only because I must and wish to bid you good speed in the parting. We shall continue to work for the same cause even when we do not work in the same way.

With affectionate regard, sincerely yours,

Woodrow Wilson.

GERMANY AFTER PLANTS?

Report Says She Aims to Close Bethlehem and Remington.

Chicago, June 7.—Negotiations are in progress by the German Government through German bankers for the purchase of the control of the Bethlehem Steel Company of South Bethlehem, Penn., and the Remington Arms Company of Hartford, Conn., according to information received by The Chicago Herald. These negotiations are declared to be on the eve of success. If the Germans succeed in obtaining control of the firms mentioned, the plan, according to the reports, is to shut down the works and thus prevent them from continuing the manufacture of arms and ammunition and other war material contracted for by the Allies.

The only recourse of the Allies would be to the courts. Undoubtedly the courts would compel the companies to pay damages, but Germany could afford to pay them if she obtained victory in the war. She would merely add the damages to the bill of indemnity.

It is recognized in banking and business circles here that the matter is of the highest importance to the Allies and to Germany as well. According to this theory, deprive the Allies of the output of the Bethlehem Steel Company and the Remington Arms Company and they would be unable to carry on the war successfully. The conflict is dependent upon supplies. Germany and Austria-Hungary can turn out all they can possibly require. Any lack of munitions on the part of the Allies would give their enemies a decisive advantage.

COUNTY CONGREGATIONALISTS

Forty-Third Annual Meeting of Association at Manchester.

The 43rd annual meeting of the Bennington County association of Congregational churches and ministers was held at Manchester yesterday with a good attendance and some interesting papers.

Frank B. Pope of Bennington was chosen moderator and Rev. S. T. Perkins of Manchester registrar.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Stephen S. Wood of Peru and Rev. George S. Mills of Bennington spoke on "The Reorganization of the Church." Rev. W. A. McIntyre of Danby gave an address on "Billy Sunday."

BAND CONCERT

Concert To Be Rendered by Band This Evening.

March—Light Guards Gibson
Caprice—Basking in the Sunshine
Overture—Morning, Noon and Night
Waltz—Wedding of the Winds
One-step—I'm Going Back to the Farm
When It's Night Time in Dixie Land
Med. Overture—Bits of Remick's Hits
Selection—Woodland
March—Getsemane Commandery

The Star Spangled Banner.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight and Thursday. Cooler tonight.

NOTICE

This is to notify the public that John J. O'Brien is not and never has been a member of the firm of O'Brien the cleaner, and this firm is not responsible for his actions or bills.

O'Brien the Cleaner,
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AUSTRO-GERMANS HAVE CROSSED THE DNIESTER

Pushing Back Russians In Advance Upon Lemberg

MANY MORE SLAV PRISONERS

Berlin Reports That Gen. Mackensen Has Taken More Than 20,000 Since June 1.

London, Wednesday, June 9.—The big battle in Galicia has not yet reached a decision. The Austro-Germans, having crossed the Dniester south of Lemberg, have assumed the offensive further to the south, and, according to the Austrian official report, have succeeded in pushing the Russians back between Kolomea and Kalusz in Eastern Galicia.

This operation was necessary before the Teutonic allies continued their advance toward Lemberg, as the Russian attacks in the region of Kolomea were beginning to look dangerous, after the Russians had, as reported from Petrograd last week, inflicted a rather severe defeat on the Austrians in this district.

British and Russian military opinion is that the Austro-Germans after their big effort, which regained for them the great part of Galicia, have about exhausted themselves and the view is expressed that they will soon have to secure and fortify a line on which they can withstand the Russian counter-offensive, which has already made itself felt on the lower San.

Berlin, June 8. (via London).—General von Linsingen in his advance from Przemysl in the direction of Lemberg, has reached Lubawow, forty-five miles northeast of Przemysl.

This information was contained in the following official report given out at German Army Headquarters today: Eastern Theatre of War.—Our offensive movement in the Shavli district and east of the Dubna is taking its course. Southwest of Ploceok an enemy aeroplane was captured.

Southeastern Theatre of War.—East of Przemysl the general situation is the same. The number of prisoners taken by the army under General von Mackensen since June 1 amounts to more than 20,000. In the hills near Nowoszyn, northeast of Zuralt, the troops under General Linsingen again defeated the enemy. The pursuit reached the line of Lubawow.

South of the Dniester River we crossed the Lukow River and reached Byslow, east of Kalusz, Wojnow, Feredne, and Kolodziejow. The booty taken today amounts to 4,300 prisoners, four cannon, and twelve machine guns.

Vienna, June 8. (via London).—At Army Headquarters today the following statement was given out:—In the districts of the Pruth and Dniester (Galicia) the troops of the Teutonic allies yesterday prosecuted an attack along the Lanowyn-Nadworina-Kalusz line and pushed back the enemy toward Stanialan and Halicz. Further progress was made on the left bank of the Dniester, east and north of Zurawna, 6,200 Russians being captured. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

COUNTY COURT

Probable that Business for the Jury Will Be Completed Today

It is probable that business for the jury at the present term of county court at Manchester will be completed today. It was understood that the case of the state vs. Wheeler of Dorset, larceny, would be finished today and that there would then be further jury cases.

The case of State vs. William Pike of Woodford, against whom the grand jury returned an indictment for breaking and entering will probably be continued.

It is understood that the court contemplates sending George Barney, who while an inmate of the town almshouse struck a young woman with a knife some weeks ago and who has since been in the county jail here, to Waterbury for observation.

The court will be in session for the remainder of this week and a portion of next week for the hearing of court and divorce cases.

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40 MEN OUT OF WORK

Because of Fire at Payne Brush Plant—Plant to Be Rebuilt.

About 40 men are thrown out of work by the fire Monday at the A. S. Payne Brush Manufacturing Co. plant. The fire, however, did not destroy the completed stock of brushes which Mr. Payne had on hand so that he will be able to make shipments to his customers without delay.

His plant at North Bennington, where about the same number of men are employed, is running full time and Mr. Payne believes that the fire will not cripple the business in any serious degree.

It is probable that the plant on South Branch street will be rebuilt at once. Mr. Payne rented the building of J. Dukas and last night he talked on the phone with Mr. Dukas who was at Baltimore. Mr. Dukas said that he would be in Bennington Monday and it is expected that the part of the building burned will be rebuilt. The loss on the building is probably somewhere around \$2000 and was insured.

Mr. Payne, who owned the business and machinery, finds the machinery and materials in process pretty well destroyed. His loss is unofficially estimated at \$5000 and was insured.

Because of the nature of the business Mr. Payne and his men always made it a point to keep shavings and waste cleaned up every day and this made it possible for the fire department to control the fire more quickly than is often done in a woodworking plant.

The work of the Bennington fire department deserves credit. Mr. Payne states that the department work was just as good as could be asked.

ENTERTAINING RECITAL

Successful Musicale at Academy Hall Tuesday Evening.

A successful recital was given last evening in the Academy hall by Miss Eva Lessor pianist and Miss Bessie Eadie, violinist of Blackinton, assisted by pupils. Following their selections both teachers were presented beautiful bouquets of flowers. A feature that was particularly enjoyable was the playing of Miss Eadie, also the violin duet by Miss Eva Lessor and Arthur Theberge accompanied by the composer, Fred Theberge. Although some of the pupils were a little timid each deserve credit and were appreciated. The solos by Arthur Theberge, Louise St. Mary, Cordelia Merriam of Blackinton, and Little Agnes Dion of North Adams were highly appreciated, not only for their skillful technique but for the good clear tone and expression of each one. The attendance was about 250 among which were several from North Adams.

The program was as follows: March, Stars and Stripes Forever, Sousa

Orchestra
Gleaming Star, Martin
May Neveu, Schumann
Melodie, Lillian Cantor
Blue Bells of Scotland, Violin,
Bessie Levin
Star of the Night, Bonner
Fanny Levin
Eberzto, Beethoven
Jeanette Houle
Fluttering Leaves, Koelling
Agnes Dion
Sextette, Pearls of Dew, Sartario
Violin—Rosilla Tetrault, George McGuire
Violin—Edith Merriam, Leo Ryan
Piano—Alfreda Mercier, Irene Lessor
Pastorale, Wildermere
Sarah Noon
Violin Duo, Music and Flowers
Fred Theberge
Eva Thibodeau Lessor and Arthur Theberge
The Flatterer, Chaminate
Eva Smith
Hungarian Rhapsody, Koelling
Anna Dion
Evening Star, Liszt
May Morrissey
Il Trovatore, Grand Selection, Verdi
Orchestra
Piano Trio, Les Cuirassiers, Muller
Louise St. Mary, Eva Smith, May Morrissey
Violin Solo, Kamazur Concert, Mazurka, Haesche
Arthur Theberge
Heart's Message, Hayes
Louise St. Mary
Parnis Les Lis, (by request)
Eva Thibodeau Lessor
Orchestra
Etude, Op. 25, Chopin
Cordelia Merriam
Sonate Pathetique, Beethoven
Eva Thibodeau Lessor
Les Adieux (by request)
Pablo de Sarasate
Bessie Eadie
March, Finale, Selected
Orchestra

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Thus Vermont, through its governor, would have recognized classes among its people, which would have been a source of much regret. The Messenger has previously contended that to follow such a course would have been equivalent to the creating of a one man board, as the employer and union man, being human and coming to their task with partisan predilections, would, as a rule, have voted against one another and left the decision to the lawyer chairman. This will not be the case, as neither Mr. Daniels nor Mr. Pease is connected with industrial activities on one side or the other.

The governor's course means that all partisans will have full representation before the board but not on it, and surely there can be no valid objection to such an arrangement. It is most probable, were the governor himself to explain the method by which he made his choice, he would say that he did as one would attempt to do in drawing a jury, to secure men of open minds, who had no other interest than to see that justice to all parties were done. As this is a desire with which it would be foolish to take exception it seems certain that, outside of a few disappointed circles, the governor's appointments will be heartily commended by the people of Vermont.—St. Albans Messenger.

The Spit Snake.

There is a snake belonging to the small family caudata, inhabiting Africa, that is said to have the power of ejecting its venom to a short distance. This snake is called by the Dutch Boers "spuw slang" or spit snake. When this snake erects its teeth the pressure of the maxillary bone on the gland causes the venom to flow in drops, and it may be quite possible that by discharging air from its mouth the poison may be blown some distance.

THE SUBMARINE RECORD

One Member of Salisbury's Crew Drowned When Steamer Sinks

London, June 9.—The steamer Lord Salisbury was torpedoed and sunk off Harwich today. One member of the crew was drowned and two are missing.

A German submarine has been sunk and her crew of two officers and six men were made prisoners, according to the announcement of the admiralty today.

BRYAN AT WHITE HOUSE

Secretary Made Last Official Call Early This Afternoon

Washington, June 9.—Secretary W. J. Bryan made his last official call at the White house at 12.30 today. He stated that he saw no reason why he should not be a frequent visitor in the future in his capacity as a private citizen.

TOTAL LIST SHOWS \$32,713 LOSS IN 12 MONTHS

Large Withdrawals of Personal Under 5 Per Cent Exemption Act

GOOD GAIN IN REAL ESTATE

Listers Have Completed Their Work for the Year—Gain of 118 in Poll Taxpayers.

The listers have completed their work for the year and have filed their book with the town clerk. The compilation shows that there has been a net loss of \$32,713 in the taxable list due to the withdrawal of money under the law exempting money loaned at 5 per cent.

There is a gain in real estate of \$41,420 but the decrease comes in the personal department where there is a shrinkage of \$97,733. In addition to the withdrawals under the five per cent exemption clause the listers found that many of the farmers were carrying less live stock than was the case a year ago.

The tabulation of the list is as follows:

Total valuation	\$5,554,536
Personal	1,156,758
Real estate	3,925,978
Polls	471,800

The grand list is divided up in the town and three villages as follows:

Town	\$1,191,779
Village	3,470,686
North Bennington	646,606
Old Bennington	335,465

There was a gain of 118 in the number of poll tax payers.

LOCAL OVERFLOW

Notice—Meeting of committee on Carnival of Bennington Fire Department Thursday, June 10th, 8 p. m., Stark Hose Co. rooms. George M. Hawks, president. 9912

There will be a meeting of the finance committee of the Baptist church at the parsonage tonight at 7.30. All members of the committee are requested to be present.

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