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PRESIDENT WILSON HOME

Will Fight For League of Nations and Issues Challenge to Foes of Plan.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.—The steamer George Washington, bearing President Wilson and his party, arrived off the Graves, near the entrance to Boston harbor, late today.

In addition to the escort of destroyers which met the President's steamer off the coast, a squadron of submarine chasers, which left the Navy Yard here during the afternoon, picked her up off the Graves, an island at the entrance of the outer harbor.

The George Washington anchored at Quarantine shortly after 6 o'clock.

President Will Fight.

Boston, Mass., February 24.—President Wilson will fight at home as he has fought abroad for a League of Nations. Returning from France, he had been on American soil no more than three hours today before he threw down the gauntlet to those who distrust the proposed concert of governments based, he said, on the American ideals which had won the war for justice and humanity.

An America confining to her territories, her conception and purpose to make men free, he said, would have to keep her honor "for those narrow, selfish, provincial purposes which seem so dear to some minds that have no sweep beyond their nearest horizon."

Before a responsive audience that filled the biggest auditorium in the city the president pictured the old world fighting with stubborn desperation and expecting in the end nothing better for the people than he had known for centuries.

Pictures New Purpose of U. S.

He pictured the American nation entering the lists with a new purpose—the freedom of mankind. The old world had caught the vision, and any treaty of peace, drawn otherwise than in the new spirit would be nothing more, he asserted, than a "modern scrap of paper" and the present peace, unless guaranteed by the united forces of the civilized world, could not stand a generation.

Besting over the speaker's table, his face set in tense lines and his right hand clinched, the president exclaimed, "Any man who thinks that America will take part in giving the world any such rebuff and disappointment as that does not know America. I invite him to test the sentiment of the nation."

Interrupted by applause, the president halted and then evoked the greatest demonstration of the afternoon when he added that he would accept no sweeter challenge than the issue of the American purpose in the war.

"I have fighting blood in me," he said with apparent feeling, "and it is sometimes a delight to let it have scope, but if a challenge on this oc-

casional it will be an indulgence."

At another point in his address the president said that if the great hope of the world for a League of Nations was disappointed, he would wish "for my part never to have had America play any part in this attempt to emancipate the world. I have no more doubt of the verdict of America in this matter than I have doubt of the blood that is in me."

Birthday Surprise.

Mr. W. R. Jackson was greatly surprised on Thursday, the 20th of this month, when a host of friends gathered in to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday. A bounteous dinner was set and they were treated with bananas and oranges by Mr. and Mrs. Powell. After dinner was over they proceeded to the parlor, where they enjoyed the music and singing. Mrs. Blanche Warren was organist. The last song was "God be With You 'Till We Meet Again." All had a pleasant time and hoping to celebrate Mr. Jackson's birthday a year from that day.

A Friend.

Booze Relics for Posterity.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 22.—In order that future generations may be able to say, "We have seen it," Senator A. E. Scherr, of Kanawha County, favors placing in the department of archives and history a quart bottle of rye, a quart bottle of bourbon and a quart bottle of Scotch—the same to be guarded carefully and preserved to posterity as evidence of the things that were.

Senator Scherr's resolution to this effect was passed by the senate and concurred in by the house of delegates.

ALLIED WAR FUND DRIVE

Workers Enthusiastic. Time to be Extended Because of Bad Roads.

The drive to raise and collect Bates county's quota of \$30,000 for the Allied War Fund was commenced on schedule Monday morning at nine o'clock. The campaign in Butler and Mt. Pleasant township was opened with the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells.

The entire county had been thoroughly organized and a systematic campaign fully planned under the direction of Chairman Wesley Denton, and each solicitor was equipped with pledge cards and ready to begin the work at the appointed time. While conditions have not been the most favorable for the drive, the workers of every township have announced their intention of going over the top and several townships have already informed Chairman Denton that they were practically assured of their quota.

On account of the bad condition of the roads it was thought advisable to continue the campaign through next week.

GAYLORD W. VANTREES DEAD

Another of Bates County's Young Men Makes the Supreme Sacrifice.

Monday afternoon Mrs. W. S. Vantrees, of this city, received a telegram from the war department conveying the sad intelligence of the death of her son, Sergt. Gaylord W. Vantrees, of the medical department of the army of occupation in Germany. The telegram gave no particulars other than that his death, which was caused by pneumonia, occurred February 9th.

Gaylord W. Vantrees was born in Deerfield, this state, February 6, 1890, and when a small boy came with his parents to this city where the greater part of his life was spent. He was a graduate of the Butler high school and had for the last ten years been a pharmacist in the Trimble drug store. About a year ago he left Butler with a detachment of the selective army from this county. He was sent to Camp Funston for training and because of his knowledge of pharmacy he was assigned to the medical department where in a short time his ability and industry attracted the attention of his superior officers and he was promoted to a sergeantcy and soon afterwards sent with the American Expeditionary force to France. After the armistice was signed and it was determined to send an army of occupation to Germany to enforce its terms he was with that army. His death came as a shock to his Butler friends, many of whom within the last week or ten days had received letters or cards from him and in every one of them he spoke of his good health and the fine sights that he was seeing, and what he would have to tell when he returned home, which he hoped would be soon.

He was of a happy, sunny disposition. Ever looking on the bright side of life he possessed a host of friends who will mourn with the bereaved mother, sister and brother. He was a member of the E.K.s, Knights of Pythias and Odd Fellows.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. W. S. Vantrees, a sister, Gladys, and a brother, Ernest Vantrees, of Dodge City, Kansas.

Evergreen Sunday School Class Have a Pleasant Meeting.

Thursday afternoon of last week the Evergreen class of the M. E. church, South, Sunday School held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Black, on North High street. As several meetings had been missed on account of the influenza the greater part of the afternoon was taken up disposing of the accumulated business. The annual election of officers was held and Mrs. J. W. Arnold was elected president; Mrs. Charley Hupp, vice-president; and Mrs. C. H. Argenbright, secretary and treasurer. After the election a social hour was spent having a good time and the hostess served a dainty lunch.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

The Double Branch W. C. T. U. met at Mrs. W. B. Griffin's February 20, with 11 members and two visitors present. One new member was gained. They had a good meeting regardless of the rain. They observed Willard day. Also put Mrs. W. Z. Baker in as anti-narcotic superintendent. They decided it was not necessary to organize and make a drive for the reconstruction work as they received pledges at the meeting for \$55 and thought with the rest of the members and a few friends the balance could be raised. Will you read and answer the following questions for yourself, if you think tobacco is not injurious?

Why does the life insurance company wish to know whether or not the applicant smokes?

Why are athletes in training forbidden to smoke?

Why is abstinence from tobacco everywhere considered a valuable asset for a young man?

Why do cigarette smokers make a vast majority of the mistakes in book keeping?

Why are cigarette smokers an easy prey to disease, especially to tuberculosis?

Why do some states forbid the selling of cigarettes to minors? (Missouri is one of the states).

Why is it that youthful criminals are almost invariably smokers?

Why is smoking prohibited during the first three years at West Point and Annapolis, the government military schools?

Why do many firms absolutely refuse to employ boys and young men who smoke cigarettes or else give preference to non-smoking persons, if it does not hinder vocations?

Mrs. Elizabeth Porter Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Porter died at her home on North Main street in this city Monday morning February 24, 1919.

Mrs. Porter was a native of Lancaster county, Kentucky, and was born January 24, 1839. She is survived by two daughters. She moved to this city from Pleasant Gap only a short time ago.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. S. B. Moore, were held at Double Branches church Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and interment made in Double Branches cemetery.

Building & Loan Association Officers.

At the annual meeting of the Butler Building & Loan Association, held at the office of the secretary, T. J. Day, Monday night the following directors were elected for the ensuing year:

J. A. DeArmond, G. I. Lynch, D. K. Walker, Sam W. Davis, R. D. Allen, C. K. Culver and T. J. Day.

The following were the officers elected: President, G. I. Lynch; treasurer, D. K. Walker; secretary, T. J. Day.

TAFT SCORES OPPONENTS OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Impeaches Motives of Senators Who Attempted to Defeat Movement.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 19.—The gentlemen in the Senate who are setting out to defeat this League of Nations are those I would not trust over night," former President William H. Taft said here today at a luncheon in his honor by civil organizations, as part of the program of the Pacific Coast Congress of the League to Enforce Peace.

"They are citing the Constitution as an argument against it," continued Taft. "I revere, and worship that great instrument and it is a new story to me if the Constitution prevents this people from playing their part in bringing peace and order and happiness to ourselves and the other peoples of the world."

"This is not a political question. God forbid. I am glad President Wilson went to Europe, because he went bearing a promise of a league of nations."

"The application at this time of the doctrine of avoiding entangling alliances is reactionary to the extent of delaying world peace 100 years."

"The question at this time is whether the whole great plan of the League of Nations is to be defeated because we can't get a two-thirds majority of our Senate for its ratification."

Resolutions.

Whereas, God in His infinite love has called to himself the son of our beloved comrade and vice president of the Double Branch W. C. T. U., and that we, the members of the Double Branch W. C. T. U., extend to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hall, and daughter, our deepest sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement, and Be it Further Resolved: That copies of the resolutions be sent to the family, the Missouri Councillor, and The Butler Weekly Times and the Republican-Press, also be spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

Mrs. H. C. Walters, Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

South Methodist Church.

Last Sunday was the best day we have had since we came to town. Next Sunday is going to be better. Our new presiding Elder O. M. Rickman, will preach at night. He will present some phase of the centenary plan. Make an effort to hear him.

Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45.

Sermon by the pastor at 11. Subject, "The Stewardship of Life."

A welcome to all.

Farm for Rent.

40 acre farm for rent or sale. Half way between Butler and Rich Hill, Mo., on Jefferson Highway. If interested call at place or write C. I. Burk, Butler, Mo.

John H. Pyle Dead.

John H. Pyle, one of Bates county's oldest and most respected citizens, died Friday morning, February 21, 1919, at one o'clock, following an illness of a number of years. Mr. Pyle had been bedfast for the last year and suffered greatly. Death came as a welcome friend.

John H. Pyle was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1830. He was there reared and educated, and followed from his eighteenth year the trade of blacksmithing. In 1868 he emigrated to Bates county, Missouri, where he engaged in the farming and dairy business, which he continued for four years. Returning to Pennsylvania, he gave his attention to his trade at Meadville for one year. Then he again came to Bates county and established a blacksmith shop in Butler, which he conducted for several years. He was married November 9, 1854, to Miss Jane Elliott, a native of England. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania and also to the Presbyterian church. He is survived only by his daughter, Mrs. A. M. Campbell of this city and Mrs. A. M. Hunter of Modesta, California.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. John Baxter Clyde. Burial was made in beautiful Oak Hill, where so many of our old settlers are now resting peacefully.

Demobilized the High School Service Flag.

The ceremony of demobilization of the Butler High school's service flag took place in the high school auditorium Friday afternoon. The ceremony, which was beautiful and impressive, was under the auspices of the Girls Civic Club. The following program was rendered:

Song, "America."
Song, "Over There."
Address, Judge Carl J. Henry.
Response, Gardner Smith.
Solo, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."
Miss Pauline Kirk.

Demobilization of Flag, Misses Agnes Walker and Mildred Silvers.
Prayer, Rev. John B. Clyde.
Song, "Home, Sweet Home."
Song, "The Star Spangled Banner."

The flag bore thirty-six silver stars each one representing a member of the High School alumni who had taken part in the great struggle for a world's democracy.

Home Talent Play.

"Miss Fearless & Co.," a three act comedy, will be presented for the benefit of the Cemetery Association at Fisk Opera House Tuesday, March 11th. The best local talent will take part and are rehearsing daily under the direction of Frances Catron. Catchy songs—plenty of comedy.

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