

## WILSON FAVORS SUFFRAGIST MOVEMENT

### HE TELLS DELEGATION OF SUFFRAGETTES THAT HE THINKS HOUSE SHOULD HAVE A COMMITTEE ON SUFFRAGE BUT REFUSES TO RECOMMEND IT IN MESSAGE.

### SAYS HE IS ONLY A SPOKESMAN FOR PARTY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Woman's Suffrage association that he thought there should be a standing woman's suffrage committee in the house of representatives but he denied their request that he send a special message to congress urging the reform.

Marching by twos and fours, with banners aloft, the suffragettes breathed chill winds of a raw day to storm the White House offices. They were soon ushered into the president's private office, and formed in a circle about President Wilson. Dr. Anna Shaw, president of the association, addressed briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement, either by sending a special message to congress, by including reference to suffrage in any general message he might deliver, or by using his influence to have a special committee of the house appointed to consider the subject.

"I want you ladies, if possible," said the president to the delegation, "if I can make it clear to you, to realize just what my present situation is."

"Whenever I walk abroad, I realize that I am not a free man; I am under arrest. I am so carefully and admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets. That is, as it were, typical of my present transference from being an individual with his mind on any and every subject to being an official of a great government, and incidentally, or so it falls out, under our system of government, the spokesman of a party."

"I see myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey and have followed it as president—that I am not at liberty to urge on congress in messages, policies that have not had the organic consent of those for whom I am spokesman."

"In other words, I have not yet presented to any legislature my private views on any subject and I now shall not, because I conceive that to be part of the whole process of government, that I shall be spokesman for somebody, not for myself. It would be an impertinence. When I speak for myself, I am an individual, when I am spokesman of an organic body, I am a representative."

"For that reason, you see, I am by my own principles, shut out in the language of the street, from 'starting anything.' I have to confine myself to those things which have been embodied as promises to the people at an election. That is the strict rule I set for myself."

"I want to say that with regard to all other matters, I am not only glad to be consulted by my colleagues in the two houses, but I hope they will often pay me the compliment of consulting me when they want to know my opinion on any subject. One member of the rule committee did come to me and ask me what I thought about the suggestion of yours of appointing a special committee of the house as the senate has already appointed a special committee for the consideration of women's suffrage, and I told him that I thought it was a proper thing to do. So, so far as my personal advice has been asked by a single member of the committee, it has been given to that effect. I want to tell you that I am strictly living up to my principles. When my private opinion is asked by those who are cooperating with me, I am glad to give it, but I am not at liberty, until I speak for somebody else besides to urge legislation by congress."

There was a pause and Dr. Anna Shaw spoke up:

"May I ask you a question?" she said. The president nodded assent.

"Since we are members of no political party who is to speak for us if we do not speak for ourselves?"

"You do that very admirably," remarked the president and the entire assembly joined in a laugh.

The president thanked his visitors for calling and said he would like to shake hands with them. Mrs. Shaw

thanked him for his courtesy in receiving the delegation, and the members filed by the president.

"I came from Salt Lake City," Mrs. Lulu L. Shepard told the president, "and though my husband voted for Roosevelt, I and my daughter voted for you, so you see what women's suffrage can do."

"I hope you will make him a convert," laughed the president.

Conflicting comments were forthcoming from the delegates when they lined up in front of the executive offices to have their pictures taken after the reception.

Dr. Shaw expressed the view that the president's interview was very satisfactory.

"It was all that we could ask for," she said. "He is in favor of a committee of the house; that was our chief purpose in coming to see him."

Mrs. Shaw added that she was much encouraged and expected action by congress. Some one asked Mrs. Medill McCormick if she had any comment to make on the president's reply.

"No," said Mrs. McCormick. "I want to think."

## INDIGNANT OVER KILLING OF COUNTRYMEN

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 8.—Three hundred Cornish miners employed by the Champion Mine in the copper strike district, aroused by the murder of three Englishmen Sunday morning, today held an indignation meeting. The Western Federation of Miners was denounced and a demand was made for protection and law enforcement. A committee was appointed to inform the mine management that the Englishmen will not return to work unless the company agrees not to re-instate strikers.

Palmsdale strikers were not permitted to parade today. At Battle the strikers refused to obey the order of deputy sheriffs not to traverse mine property and a shot was fired at the officers. The latter charged with riot sticks and dispersed the strikers.

The murder of Arthur and Harry Jane and Thomas Dally, English subjects at Palmsdale Sunday, has been called to the attention of the British government.

## CRITICISMS ARE ANSWERED BY INDICTMENTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—President Wilson looks on the recent indictment of officers of the United Mine Workers at Pueblo, as an answer to criticisms that the sundry civil bill exempt labor organizations from the operation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The president made it clear today that the initiative in the prosecution came neither from the department of justice nor the United States attorney but was taken by the federal grand jury itself.

When asked if the department of justice would take a hand in the case, in view of the sundry civil bills exempting labor organizations from prosecution, President Wilson recalled to his visitors the memorandum he wrote when he signed the bill, and reiterated that the special fund affected was only for employing special counsel and did not affect the ordinary processes of the department of justice.

## PROGRAM FOR YEARS NAVAL HOLIDAY PASSES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—By an overwhelming vote the house today passed the Hentley resolution requesting President Wilson, so far as he can do so, with due regard for the interests of the United States, to cooperate with the suggestion of Winston Churchill, lord of the British admiralty, for an international naval holiday, of one year.

The resolution expressed it to be the opinion of the house that Mr. Churchill's suggestion offers means of immediately lessening the enormous burden on the people and avoiding the waste of investment in war materials.

## NEW YORK HAS ANOTHER ARNOLD CASE

New York, Dec. 8.—Every policeman in Greater New York had instructions today to look out for Miss Jessie McCann, the 23-year-old daughter of Robert McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, who disappeared on Thursday last as mysteriously as did Dorothy Arnold.

## ELEVEN PRISONERS ARE ORDERED HELD BY MILITARY COURT

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 8.—The members of the military commission of the Colorado National Guard, engaged in investigation of the cases of alleged law violation growing out of the coal strike, left this morning for Walsenburg, where sessions will be held this week. Adolph Germer, international organizer of the United Mine Workers of America, now being held as a military prisoner at that place, will be among the witnesses called to testify. The commission disposed of 43

## ANOTHER "KILLING" COMING SOON.



## FLOOD DEATH LIST MAY REACH ONE HUNDRED

### SO FAR 96 DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AT HOUSTON.—CREST OF FLOOD REACHES THE GULF TO-DAY.—COLD ADDS TO DISCOMFORT OF REFUGEES.

## MANY OF DEAD HAD BEEN GIVEN WARNING

Houston, Texas, Dec. 8.—Ninety-six persons were known to have perished up to noon today in floods that have swept through several sections of Texas. Twenty-five of the persons drowned last night or early today, were in territory where warnings of the flood's coming have been posted for several days. The majority of the victims are negroes.

The crest of the flood today was nearing the gulf in the Brazos and Colorado rivers.

Cold weather that set in during the night added to the discomfort of thousands of refugees in the south in the flood territory today. Throughout the water bound districts of the Brazos and Colorado rivers, flood victims waited in houses and trees for rescue boats.

While the Brazos crest reached the gulf early today, yet its fall continued slow and the territory along the river 100 miles from the gulf experienced a record overflow.

At Wharton, on the Colorado, six persons were drowned last night. A man named Bruce, his wife and three children were drowned and a storekeeper named Ray perished when his store floated away. The river overflowed the greater part of Wharton but was falling rapidly today.

Twenty persons are known to have been drowned near Brookshire, in Waller county, today in the Brazos floods. Brookshire is about sixty miles in an air line from the river's mouth and marks approximately the position of the flood crest today.

Dead May Number 2,000. Bryan, Texas, Dec. 8.—Land owners in the nearby thirty mile levee district, have estimated that two thousand negroes and Italians have been drowned in this section of the Brazos flood. Their figures are based on the normal number of their tenants, from which they have subtracted the number of known rescued and those still marooned. Attempts to verify these estimates have failed.

News of the deaths of three prominent Bryan men who left here in a motor boat last night with provisions, was received here today. They were Howard Cavitt, Asa J. Robbins and Clifton Elsie. Their boat capsized and the bodies of Cavitt and one of the others were found in a tree into which they had climbed. The men died of exposure.

The last census gave 15,000 tenants in the levee section, of whom seventy per cent were negroes. The rescued on both sides of the river have been estimated at only 2,200.

Hope in the situation is had in the fact that in three days investigation

## BELIEVED THAT LOPEZ IS YET ALIVE

### UTAH DESPERADO TRACKED INTO MINE ROOM, AND CONFERENCE IS NOW TO BE HELD TO DECIDE WHETHER GASES WILL AGAIN BE FORCED INTO MINE.

## WAS CRAWLING ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 8.—Satisfied that Rafael Lopez, slayer of six men, is alive in the Utah Apex mine, Sheriff Smith of Lake county today ordered the bulkheads replaced in the various exits. His action caused vigorous protests, and a council of sheriffs was to be held this afternoon to decide whether again to generate deadly gases in the mine in the hope of asphyxiating the desperado.

"It will occasion a useless waste of life to continue the search said Sheriff Smith as he ordered every deputy out of the mine. "Lopez is not dead for his tracks appear but a few hours old." Deputy Sorenson, the lone survivor, of the four officers who started to capture Lopez November 21 pleaded to continue the search alone.

When on pursuit in the Lake Mountains, Lopez appeared on a cliff before the posse and asked them to send for Sorenson, that they might fight a duel. G. W. Hulsey, who came from Patterson California, to bury his brother, who was killed in the mine by Lopez, and many others also vigorously opposed discontinuing the search.

"Tracks of a man crawling on his hands and knees and dragging a rifle were found in Phoenix tunnel No. 2, of the Utah Apex mine, late yesterday, by the posse searching for Rafael Lopez, slayer of six men. They were followed until they turned into a room, and into this was flung a stick of dynamite which brought down piles of earth and rock. The room will be cleared of debris and searched.

Aside from this one possibility that the desperado lay dead in the room, the sheriffs and deputies found nothing to dispel the common belief that he had escaped before the gases, which were forced into the mine last week to asphyxiate him, had become overpowering. However, the search was pursued vigorously last night.

The pursuit of Lopez began on November 21, when he killed a Mexican miner. Since then he has killed the chief of police and four deputy sheriffs.

The heading of Lopez was found in the Minnie tunnel of the mine. The posse was of the opinion that it had been used during the last twelve hours. Extra guards were placed at the tunnel mouth.

In specific localities where drownings have been reported by wholesale boatmen have found no bodies. A great many are known to have heeded the first warning and escaped.

## SNOW BLOCKADES BEING CLEANED AWAY

### DENVER REPORTS ALL ROADS BUT TWO AGAIN IN OPERATION.—SANTA FE TIE-UP IS OVER.—STRIKERS IN TENT COLONIES SUFFER FOR WANT OF FOOD.

## COLORADO & SOUTHERN IS STILL TIED UP

Denver, Colo., Dec. 8.—Denver and Colorado made marked strides today toward lifting the three day blockade incident to the fall of more than 35 inches of snow in Denver last week.

All railroads reported more or less complete train service in and out of Denver.

Occupants of an apartment house at East Tenth Avenue and Lincoln street in the fashionable capitol hill district, were sent shivering into the street thinly clad early today by a fire, the smoke from which penetrated every floor. Fire fighting apparatus which responded to the call became stuck in a snow bank half a block from the building. When the firemen reached the structure they found the janitor in the basement overcome by smoke. He was later revived. The blaze originated in and was confined to the basement.

Only two lines of railroad were reported still blocked this morning. They were the Union Pacific line from Denver to Kansas City, and the Colorado and Southern line to Idaho Springs. Officials of both roads expressed the hope that trains would be started to the points some time today. Several roads still were operating snow plows today at various points to prevent further interruption of traffic from drifting snow.

Strikers Suffer. Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 8.—Railroad traffic, which has been at a complete standstill, since Friday, was partially restored today with the arrival of trains on the Colorado and Southern from Denver and the breaking of the blockade on the main line of the Santa Fe which extended from La Junta, Colorado, to Las Vegas, N. M. The Colorado and Southern line between here and Texline is still blocked and no Denver and Rio Grande trains have arrived since Thursday.

Supplies of food were taken to the Ludlow tent colony this morning, where hundreds of striking coal miners and their families have been snowed in for days, but the colonies at Segundo, Weston and other sections that are sorely in need of provisions are still completely shut off by snow and may not be reached before tomorrow.

Lived High During Storm. Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 8.—The pack train of mules, which left here early today with fuel and provisions to relieve the Modern Woodmen Sanitorium, snowbound since the beginning of the storm, reached the institution this afternoon, after a memor-

able trip. The snow was higher than the animals in places and shovels had to be used to assist them. On arriving at the institution, it was learned that an old log barn had been torn down to supply fuel and that the patients had been lying on turkey and chickens grown on the ranch.

Cripple Creek Suffers. Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 8.—Late reports from the Cripple Creek district which suffered severely from the storm indicate that conditions continue to cause great discomfort.

There is a shortage of fuel and food and all transportation is at a standstill except for men on snow shoes. The mines and mills will not resume work until the railroads are able to handle the ore and coals; this is not expected before Wednesday.

Efforts are being made by men on snowshoes to relieve the people in isolated cabins who are without fuel and in many cases short on food.

The shaft house of Gregory mine on Raven hill owned by the Elkton Consolidated Mining and Milling company, was burned to the ground last night by fire of unknown origin.

Electric light service has been partially restored.

## NEW RECEIVERS ARE NAMED FOR THE FRISCO

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—Judge Sanborn, of the U. S. circuit court today accepted the resignation of Thomas H. West, as receiver of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad. Mr. West was one of the syndicates of 99 that promoted the Brownsville road and sold it to the Frisco.

The resignation of Mr. West was written Dec. 3. Mr. West, in his letter of resignation, invites a full and free inquiry into the affairs of the railroad. Judge Sanborn, in his letter accepting the resignation, said transactions of the railroad and some of those associated with it before the receivership, may present grave changes in the future administration of the property which could be best met by a receiver, "not having previous knowledge of the conditions of the road."

Judge Sanborn appointed James W. Lusk an attorney of St. Paul, to succeed Mr. West as receiver. The other two receivers are W. B. Bidde, and W. C. Nixon, both of St. Louis, and in charge respectively of the traffic and operation departments of the roads.

## LOOK FOR ACTION ON CURRENCY BILL BY DEC. 20TH

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—Senate changes in the administration currency bill so far, will not cause any protracted discussion when it goes to conference with the house, in the opinion of President Wilson.

With administration leaders, he hopes for passage by Dec. 20 and smooth action in conference that will permit the full Christmas vacation for congress.

Senator Swanson, one of the administration supporters, on the banking committee, opened the debate today, generally analyzing and endorsing the measure, which, he declared, was the best remedy under present conditions. He urged prompt action and praised the president highly for insisting on currency reform.

## BATTLESHIP FLEET IS ENROUTE FROM EUROPE

On Board U. S. Battleship Wyoming, at Sea, by Wireless Telegraphy, to San Miguel, Azores, Dec. 8.—The United States vessels of the Atlantic fleet, which have been visiting European ports, separated at noon today at latitude 35.45 north, longitude 22.5 west. The Kansas, Ohio and Connecticut proceeded to Vera Cruz, Mexico, by way of Guantanamo, while the remainder of the vessels continued their voyage to the United States.

## CIRCLE DRIVE REPAIR FUND GETS \$6 MORE

Previously acknowledged, \$85.00  
Tosque Ranchers ..... 6.00  
Received to date ..... 91.00  
From the above figures it will be seen that the small amount of nine dollars is all that is needed to start work. Who will help make the fund \$100?

## PRETTY SCHOOL TEACHER INJURED IN ACCIDENT TO-DAY

The slippery roads, covered with ice and powdered snow, caused a wagon to turn turtle this morning, hurling five occupants, including a baby, down an embankment near Penas Negras, and causing serious injuries to one person and shaking and bruising the others.

The injured are: Miss Simonsita Gonzales, teacher at Canyoncito, district No. 13. Three ribs broken.

Blas Garcia, school director, bruises on body; cuts on face.

Mrs. Blas Garcia, his wife. Bruises—not serious.

Miss Garcia, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blas Garcia. Slight bruises from the fall.

The four-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Garcia seems to have escaped all injuries and bruises.

Early This Morning. The accident occurred early this

## VILLA LOWERS HIGH COST OF LIVING

### THE FAMINE PRICES IN CHIHUAHUA ARE LOWERED BY THE REBEL GENERAL, WHO ORDERS GOODS SOLD AT NORMAL PRICES UNDER PENALTY OF CONFISCATION.

## MEXICO HEARS OF NUMEROUS BATTLES

Juarez, Mex., Dec. 8.—As a means of placing the rebel territory on a normal basis, General Francisco Villa today issued an order that all foodstuffs shall be sold at prices usually obtained at times of peace. Stores in Chihuahua and other rebel cities are required to sell goods at prices named by Villa. The rebel leader said that if merchants attempted to ask higher prices on account of the war he would confiscate their property. Train loads of provisions are to be shipped from Juarez to almost famished citizens of Chihuahua. The foodstuffs are to be sold at cost price until the merchants are able to replenish their stocks when railroad communication is restored.

Unless the federal troops who deserted Chihuahua unexpectedly turn up and resort to guerrilla warfare the northern part of Mexico will assume a semblance of peace through the opening of the railroad. Villa has been on the alert for a possible attack by federals but his patrol of the 225 miles from Juarez to Chihuahua has been in the nature of protection.

It was reported that Luis Terrazas, the wealthy land owner, had paid the federal army to escort himself and other civilians to the border and that the federals, after reaching the border, might attempt to retreat to the state of Nuevo Leon.

Rebel Victory Reported. Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 8.—The capture of Yucuiltas, Tepic, by Mexican constitutionalists under Col. Rafael Buelna was reported here today in dispatches from the insurgent junta. No details were given.

Many Battles. Mexico City, Dec. 8.—A battle between the federal troops under General Joaquin Maas, former governor of Puebla, and the rebel army commanded by General Candido Aguilar is expected within a few days somewhere north of Tuxpam. War office advisers today report a general advance from Tuxpam of federals, said to number 12,000 men. The rebels are said to be concentrated near the town of Tamalapa, north of Tuxpam, and appear to be preparing to resist the federals with 3,000 men. The military authorities of the state of San Luis Potosi and Hidalgo, have been instructed to support the federal commands.

A fight in which the federal troops lost fifty killed and the rebels about the same number, is reported to have occurred several days ago, at Yocosa, in the coast territory of Tepic. The rebels, who numbered 500, were attacked by Colonel Mondoza at the head of two federal troops. After four hours fighting, the federals, using their machine guns, drove the rebels from their positions. Further hard fighting is reported near the city of Tepic, but no details have come to hand.

Arrive at Border. Presidio, Tex., Dec. 8.—Twenty Mexican federal soldiers, forming the advance guard of the bedraggled army which deserted Chihuahua City arrived at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite Presidio, today.

Going Over Finances. Havana, Cuba, Dec. 8.—Adolfo de la Lama, minister of finance in the cabinet of Provisional President Huerta, arrived here today from Vera Cruz on board the steamship Ypranga. Señor de Lama is going to Europe by way of New York.

The Mexican finance minister refused to make any statement in regard to the situation in Mexico.

Enter Chihuahua. Juarez, Mex., Dec. 8.—Chihuahua

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