

# U. S. BACKS RUSS SAYS WILSON ON EVE GERMAN-SLAV PEACE

President in Note to Soviet Body Promises to Restore Democracy in Stricken Country; Will Make Kaiser Account for Wrongs When Allies Have Won Victory.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 12.—On the eve of the gathering at Moscow, of the Russian congress of soviets, which is to pass judgment on the German-made peace accepted by the bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk, President Wilson has sent a message of sympathy to the Russian people through the congress with a pledge that the United States will avail itself of every opportunity to aid them in driving out autocracy and restoring Russia to its place in the world with complete sovereignty and independence.

## RECOGNIZES NO POWER.

The United States now recognizes no government in Russia, but the president cabled his message to the American consul at Moscow, for delivery tomorrow to the congress, which is made up of soldiers' and workmen's representatives, and speaks for at least a considerable part of the Russian people. The message, made public tonight by the State department, was as follows:

### THE PRESIDENT'S NOTE.

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the congress of the soviets, to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment, when the German power has been thrust in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia? Although the government of the United States is unhappy not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia through the congress that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in its own affairs and full restoration to its great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and become the masters of their own life."

### "WOODROW WILSON."

**Mercy to Stricken Land.**  
Thus in his first formal word to Russia since that revolution torn country under the leadership of the bolsheviks desired the allied cause, the president indicates the purpose of the United States to disregard the hard terms upon which the German and Austrian war lords have promised peace to the Russians, and to demand an accounting upon a very different basis when victory at last shall be achieved by America and the allies.

The president does not urge the soviets to reject the peace treaty, though the delivery of his message at this time may be interpreted as suggesting such a course. In fact it is conceded in official circles that there is scant ground for hope that the congress and what remains of a government in Russia will refuse to give approval to the German terms. Trotsky, the bolshevik foreign minister, has resigned, and from Lenin, the premier, who apparently controls the regime, nothing is expected.

**May Recell Treaty.**  
But there seems to still be a strong belief here that difficulty for Germany in the east by no means is ended; that as the humiliating nature of the Teutonic terms begins to be realized by the great mass of Russians and the tyranny of the war lords in occupied territory shows itself, there will be a new uprising that will make itself felt. Whether or not anything resembling a strong central government capable of making organized resistance on a large scale is developed, the hope here is that the determination of the great numbers of the Russians to fight oppression will find expression in some way that will give the Germans much to do in the east until the ultimate victory in the west, about which no doubt is entertained, puts the United States and the allies in the position to give that direct and effective aid of which President Wilson speaks.

Coming at the time it does, the president's message may serve to lessen misgivings in Russia over the proposed intervention by Japan in Siberia. The understanding here is that there is no difference of opinion among the allies that any operations undertaken by Japan to check German machinations in the east, and protect the war stores at Vladivostok will not in any degree threaten permanently Russia's territorial integrity.

**Detectives Arrest Man**  
On Charge of Forgery

Detective Sergeants Zulowek and A. C. Anderson arrested John Blair, 2106 Douglas street, yesterday afternoon and booked him on a charge of forgery.

It is alleged that Blair had succeeded in passing several worthless checks, netting him approximately \$100.

Detectives say that Blair has signed a written confession of his acts. Blair was arrested last January on a similar offense which was amended at the time.

**Bituminous Coal Output Shows Good Increase**

Washington, March 12.—Bituminous coal production continues to increase under favorable weather conditions and improved railroad service. The output for the last three weeks, figures compiled today by the geologists survey show, averaged more than 1,800,000 tons a day. This was a considerably larger production than for the same period last year, and also was above the normal day's output for the entire year.

**Suit for \$20,000 Settled For \$10 in District Court**

Settlement of a \$20,000 alienation of affection suit brought by George Kavev against Wesley Adkins of the Adkins Commission company, was recorded Monday in district court. The stipulation was given at \$10.

## Brief City News

Have Root Print 10—New Beacon Press. Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden. Robt. C. Drusedow & Co., stocks and bonds and local securities, \$60 Omaha Nat. Bank Bldg.

**Illinois lump coal.**—\$6.75 per ton delivered. Munny coal office, city hall.

**Charged with Assault.**—Louis Saleing, 1512 Webster street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assaulting Francisco Russell, 1814 Webster street.

**Five per cent on savings.**—Savings are safe and within reach at all times. Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St.

**Negro Fought Gully.**—Charles Jackson, negro, charged with a criminal assault on Florence Allen, 16-year-old negro girl, was found guilty Tuesday by a jury in Judge Redick's court.

**Seeks Replevin.**—Jennette L. Duemer of Council Bluffs filed suit in federal court against Pearl O. Wright of Thurston county, asking replevin of \$8,000 worth of farm stock and utensils.

**Car Hits Truck.**—Dan McCure, 19 North Second street, Council Bluffs, was cut about the head when a Thirtieth street car struck an auto truck in which he was hauling cattle to South Omaha.

**New Immigration Official.**—L. G. Fuller has taken charge of the Omaha branch of the immigration office, succeeding M. A. Coykendall, who has been transferred to Washington, D. C. Fuller came here from Seattle.

**Railroad Sues.**—The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company filed suit in federal court against the Fairmont Creamery company for \$81,522 alleged to have been undercharges to the defendant on freight during 1914 and 1915.

**State Bank of Omaha.** corner Sixth and Harney streets, pays 4 percent on time deposits; 3 percent on savings accounts. All accounts in this bank are protected by the depositors guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska.—Adv.

**Colorado Man Fined.**—R. J. Walker, Fleming, Colo., was arrested at the Burlington station Tuesday morning charged with illegal possession of four quarts of intoxicating liquor. He pleaded guilty in police court and was fined \$100 and costs.

**Ploegers to Meet.**—Addison E. Sheldon of Lincoln, secretary of the Nebraska State Historical association, will address the Douglas County Ploegers' association Thursday at 2:30 o'clock in the county commissioners' room in the court house.

**Charged with Burglary.**—Guy Stewart, Kansas City, Kan., arrested by Detective Sergeant William Wiley Hitchcock by police with the burglary of the residence of J. L. Hawk, 2319 Deer Park boulevard, last Thursday night. Three diamond rings and a number of other articles are alleged to have been stolen by Stewart.

**Needed the Money.**—As Officers Buell and Mathwig entered a Douglas street pool hall Monday night C. Parker, negro, 2919 Parker street, made a sudden effort to hide a small package under his coat. The package proved to be a crepe C. chine waist. Parker's alibi was that the waist belonged to his wife and that he merely intended to pawn it so he could get "a nut to play pool."

**Cooke Lecture Series.**—The lecture series given by Miss Julie M. Cooke, New York, under the auspices of the Metropolitan Library club in the assembly hall in the City National bank building, will be followed March 13, "Fraysers," March 19, "As a Man Thinketh," March 26, "Healing Power," April 7, "The Ellixir of Life," April 14, "The Defense of Power," and April 23, "Prosperity."

**Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands.**

**Firemen Cause Halt of Great Cotton Factories**

Fall River, Mass., March 12.—Most of the big cotton mills in this city which have been working day and night to fill government contracts, were dark tonight as a result of the strike of the union firemen.

A conference of military officials and union labor called by the state board of conciliation and arbitration, has been arranged to bring about an agreement.

During the conference a telegram was read from Secretary of Labor Wilson, urging the men to return to their jobs pending arbitration of their demands for an eight hour day. He reminded them of the urgent need of the product turned out by the mills for the troops in the trenches.

Short and Andrews Named For Mayor of Sioux City

Sioux City, Ia., March 12.—In the primary election here today, Rev. Wallace M. Short and Mayor R. J. Andrews were nominated for mayor. Short having a majority over the two other candidates of 1,000 votes.

Republican Committeeman From Louisiana Passes Away

New Orleans, La., March 12.—Major Armand Romain, republican national committeeman for Louisiana, died today at his home here. He was 47 years old and served in the Spanish-American war as a major of volunteers.

**Central High Notes.**

Omaha Central High will meet Plattsburgh in debate Friday at Plattsburgh on the question of military training in high schools. The debate is the first of the district league debates in an elimination process, the winners of which will meet in June for the state championship. Omaha will be represented by Sol Rosenblatt, Barton Kuhn and Louis Freshner.

Mr. Cotton, national high school boys' worker, will speak to the Central boys Thursday evening at the first day of the "Find Yourself" campaign, held by the boys of the Central High Student club. No lectures in the fair course will be given today. The secretary of the state board of agriculture will probably speak next Tuesday.

The finals in the girls' basketball tournament will be held this afternoon in the gymnasium. The seniors and the Juniors will play the third game of the set to decide the winner.

## KNIFE DUEL OVER FLIRTATION MAY RESULT FATALLY

The timely interference of Gus Larson, proprietor of a restaurant at 2033 Farnam street, prevented John Edmiston, cook, Harley hotel, from being stabbed to death Monday night by John Mykel, waiter, 117 North Twentieth street, after the latter had already inflicted a deep wound in Edmiston's left cheek. Edmiston objected to Mykel's flirtations with his wife, it is believed.

After stabbing Edmiston Mykel attempted to attack his opponent again, but was prevented by Larson. Mykel was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with assault with intent to wound.

Officers Ross and Armstrong found Edmiston in the rear of the restaurant and took him to the police station, where Police Surgeon Negro attended the wound.

Edmiston was eating lunch with his wife, when it is alleged that Mykel said "something" to Mrs. Edmiston. When Mr. Edmiston offered objections, Mykel asked him to "come outside," whereupon both were going through the kitchen, when Mykel suddenly pulled a knife from his pocket and slashed Edmiston across the face.

## AT THE THEATERS

"The Gypsy Trail" at the Boyd.

"The Gypsy Trail," a modern comedy, in three acts, by Robert Housum; under direction of Arthur Hopkins. The cast: Frank Raymond, William Riley Hatch, Miss Janet Raymond, Ina Brooks, Frances Raymond, Charles Kennedy, Edward Andrews, Allan Dinehart, Michael, Otto Kruger, Mrs. Widdimer, Estelle Tibburs, Ellen, Nell Shipman, Sallis Bergman.

If you are a healthy person, not utterly neutralized into a social puppet, you sometimes feel the wanderlust. You grow weary of dress suits and 7 o'clock dinner and the stock ticker. You long to get away from it all, out into the fields, across the sea, up the mountains. A "Gypsy" is merely a badge of servitude and living in a certain house and doing the expected things are entirely distasteful.

"The Gypsy Trail" most deliciously touches the heart of civilized people because the hero is a charming young chap who has wandered all over the earth and done all sorts of interesting things. And here the long-suffering newspaperman come into their own.

For the hero is a newspaperman. Yes, indeed, he's one of us. And he's a mighty good specimen—a bit flatteringly, like all stage heroes—but he has the temperament, which is only to be expected, because the romance was written by a newspaperman, Robert Housum.

Otto Kruger depicted the fascinating character of this beloved vagabond in delicious manner, breezy, happy, care free and at the same time serious, and, oh, so romantic. There is another hero, Ned Andrews, who is the conventional hero, never appearing in less formal dress than a tuxedo. He's a scream of mirth. You should hear him say "grandma." He strives to gratify the romantic tastes of the girl he has humbly loved by kidnapping her, but he does this with the usual conventional safeguard of asking her father and also taking his grandmother along as chaperone.

Estelle Mackay as the girl is everything desirable, beautiful, graceful, appealing. She longs in her heart to get away from the dull conventionality of her world. The heart interest as brought out by her and our reporter here is the real kind that makes a lump come up in your throat and just feel that life isn't worth the living unless they get married in the last act.

And they do, of course, our liberty-loving hero turning out also to be a young millionaire and deciding that

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Strand—Marguerite Clark, who is appearing at the Strand theater today and Wednesday, in "The Mother Boy," has a pet theory that no one ever really grows up. "You see," she said, "I proved it last year by appearing in 'Snow White,' an out-and-out fairy tale. The grown-ups were not prepared, and all came to see me, and they all acted like children. 'The Seven Swans.' The story dealt with witches and fairies of a sort as fantastic and appealing as little 'Snow White' of last year—and even more beautiful.

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Sixty-three Omaha tonsorial artists, styling themselves boss barbers, Monday night took another rest in the pocketbook of the male portion of the common people, by adding another jitney to the price of a mere shave.

The barbers declare Omaha is the last city in the state to boost the price, which goes into effect March 15. Other vital necessities were left undisturbed. A sixteenth street philosopher said, we used to save 15 cents a day, now we will save 20.

for the sake of so lovely a girl he will settle down.

It is a real romance that fairly grips the heart and there is an abundance of comedy and so many clever lines that from start to finish it is a delight.

**Promises of the Press Agents.**

Orpheum—A large gathering from society helped fill the Orpheum last night. Theater parties were numerous and wearing apparel was superb, both on the stage and in the audience. Fritzi Siffel, the dashing star for the current week, was greeted with a round of applause, when she stopped on the stage, showing the famous prima donna stunts a favorite with Orpheumites. The Avon Grand Opera—Four were a bit and stopped the show.

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