

O. K.'S PEACE POLICY

SENATE INDORSES PRESIDENT WILSON'S REQUEST FOR TERMS.

VOTE ON RESOLUTION 48 TO 17

Senator Lewis, Speaking in Support of Wilson, Declared the United States Will Enter the War if the Conflict Continues.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Senator Jones substitute for the Hitchcock resolution indorsing President Wilson's peace note, which approves the request for peace terms without indorsing the note itself, was passed on Friday by the senate.

The vote was 48 to 17. Progressive Republican senators voted solidly with the Democrats for the substitute.

Speaking in the senate in support of the Hitchcock resolution to indorse President Wilson's peace note, Senator Lewis (Dem.) of Illinois asserted that the European war could not continue without the United States becoming involved in it.

Senator Lewis said that the temper of the American people would brook no apology or excuse for further destruction of American life, but "would resent and punish to the full extent of America's power."

"The very debate in opposition to this resolution," Senator Lewis said, "has done more injury to the cause of peace to which President Wilson has sought to give impulse and force than any other form of opposition that has arisen from any other source in all the United States."

"The very atmosphere that has been projected from this body that there were men here eminent in the councils of the nation who found reasons of any nature to justify them in opposing the effort of the president to bring about peace is an indication in parts of the world that there are men in this republic who would find any reason satisfactory to avoid the peace of the world."

"People of other lands, viewing this, ask what motive is behind this opposition. They reply to themselves that it either is because the power of those who make riches or the law is potent even in this body, that they could continue war that they might benefit in continuation of riches as a result of it, or that race prejudice has grown so strong in this land of all the races that these distinguished representatives in this tribunal are not able to divorce themselves sufficiently from it to give encouragement to the president of the United States to bring an end to this universal slaughter of mankind, this ravishing of women, this crumbling of civilization, this death of kingdoms and this end of a Christian era."

"Then it will be said hereafter that senators here opposed the president's receiving from this co-ordinate branch of the government a mere encouragement of his effort at a solution of peace and a tender of his good offices."

"The opposition to this resolution also will be construed abroad as an indication on the part of this body as an expression of such partiality for one belligerent against the others that we are content to continue the war merely for the object that it would beat down to destruction one of those belligerents and exalt the other to exultant victory."

TEUTONS CAPTURE 2 TOWNS

Drive Russians and Roumanians From Matchin and Jijila, in Dobruja.

Berlin, Jan. 5 (by wireless).—The towns of Matchin and Jijila, in northern Dobruja, have been captured, it was announced officially on Wednesday.

In the interior of Roumania the Russians and Roumanians have been driven back west and south of Focsani, and the invaders are now in front of the fortified Russian position.

On the Moldavian front strong attacks were made by Russo-Roumanian forces. The official announcement says these assaults failed with heavy losses to the attackers. The towns of Barseci and Topesci, as well as several hill positions, were captured by the Teutonic forces.

LAWSON BITTERLY ARRAIGNED

Senator Stone, Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee, Declares No Public Official Guilty.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, bitterly arraigned Thomas W. Lawson on the senate floor on Tuesday, and declared emphatically that "no public official is guilty of wrongdoing" in connection with the "leak" to Wall street on the Wilson peace note.

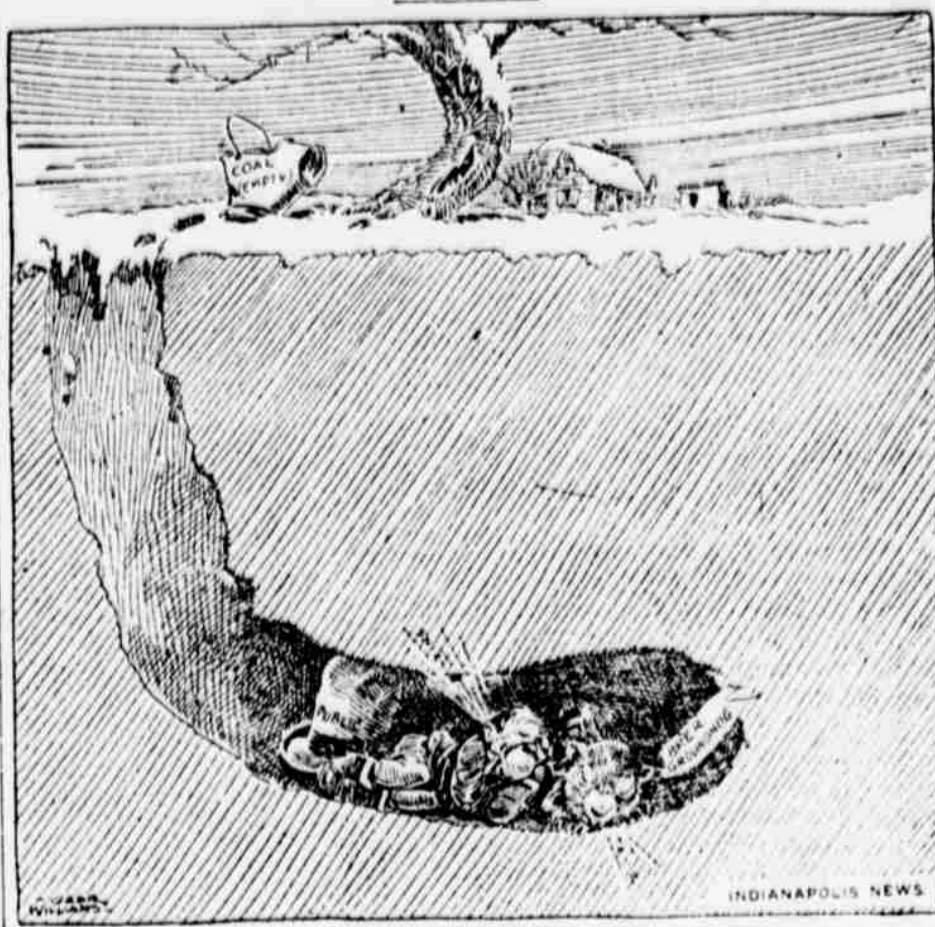
Contests Gardner Election.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 8.—A petition contesting the election of Frederick D. Gardner, Democrat, as governor of Missouri was presented to the joint session of the legislature by Senator A. E. L. Gardner, Republican.

Fire at Joliet Prison.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Fire which started in a chair factory of the Illinois state penitentiary threatened to destroy the entire prison. Convicts and officers succeeded in confining the fire to one building.

BACK TO NATURE



CARRANZA AID IS HELD MEXICO BARS PACT

CHARGED BY THE U. S. AGENTS WITH CONSPIRACY.

Alleged Mexican Consul at New York is Concerned in Illegal Shipment of Arms.

New York, Jan. 5.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul here, was arrested on Wednesday, charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October, 1915.

Three indictments have been brought against Burns, it was learned. Aside from the alleged conspiracy to violate the president's proclamation, the defendant is accused also of deceiving the customs authorities by falsely manifesting ammunition shipments as hardware.

The arrest, made by special agents of the department of justice, is the outcome of a raid on the offices of an importing and exporting company operated here recently by Mexicans and of the arrest subsequently of a man named Reuben Mier at Houston, Tex. Mier formerly was employed here in the Mexican consulate.

Burns, who was arrested as he was leaving his home, was taken to the federal building and held in \$10,000 bail.

WILSON HAS PEACE TERMS?

Former Hungary Premier Tells Allies to See U. S.—Senator Lodge Assails German Envoy.

London, Jan. 5.—President Wilson now knows the peace conditions of the Teutonic allies and the entente powers can learn what they are from him, Count Julius Andrássy, former premier of Hungary, is quoted as saying in a dispatch from Budapest, according to the Central News agency, by way of Amsterdam.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In the senate debate on Wednesday on the Hitchcock resolution to indorse President Wilson's peace note Senator Lodge attacked the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, for giving out a newspaper statement publicly approving the note.

"It is hardly to be wondered at, with such a statement as that from the German ambassador," said Senator Lodge, "that there should be general misinterpretation of the note, a general belief that it was designed and timed so as to help Germany in attaining a peace upon the terms she desires to impose."

FOOD AND FUEL QUIZ ON

Federal Grand Jury Investigates High Cost at New York—Four Dealers Examined.

New York, Jan. 4.—The January federal grand jury, sworn in, took up immediately the government's inquiry into the high cost of fuel and food products, and the jury had at its disposal the testimony taken before the December body.

ASKS RECALL OF MINISTER

Germany Asks U. S. to Remove C. J. Vopicka, American Representative at Bucharest.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Germany has asked the United States to remove Charles J. Vopicka, American minister to Roumania, stationed at Bucharest.

Motor Company Head Kills Self.

Cincinnati, Jan. 8.—Frank J. Eger, president of the Enger Motor Car company of this city, which was recently reorganized with a capital stock of \$3,000,000, shot and killed himself while in his office.

Regent of San Marino Held.

Rome, Jan. 8.—Olinto Amati, twice regent of the republic of San Marino, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling 2,000,000 lire (\$400,000) of the republic's funds according to a wire from Rimini.

CHIEF CARRANZA REFUSES TO ACCEPT PROTOCOL.

President Wilson May Recall General Pershing—Fletcher Prepares to Take Up Duties.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The American-Mexican joint commission reported on Tuesday the parting of the ways in its efforts to settle the differences between the United States and the Carranza government.

After an all-day session, thrashing over the latest refusal of Carranza to sign the protocol framed by the commission, the American commissioners made public the terms of the protocol, indicating that the negotiations had reached a conclusion. Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American section, made it clear that Carranza's refusal to sign the protocol was flat and final. The protocol made public provided simply for the withdrawal of the American forces in Mexico and their replacement by Carranza military forces.

Withdrawal of the American expeditionary force under the command of Major General Pershing is in immediate contemplation by the administration, according to persons close to President Wilson.

The protocol was signed by both American and Mexican commissioners. Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador designate to Mexico, called at the White House and spent nearly an hour in conference with President Wilson. It is believed he will be ordered to his post soon.

150 PERISH ON TROOPSHIP

British Transport Torpedoed by Submarine in the Mediterranean, Says London Statement.

London, Jan. 6.—The British transport Ivernia, 14,278 tons, has been sunk, it was officially announced on Thursday. One hundred and fifty military officers and men are missing.

The text of the announcement reads as follows: "The Ivernia was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Mediterranean on January 1 during bad weather and while carrying troops. At present four military officers and 146 men are missing."

HARDING NEW CANAL CHIEF

Will Succeed Goethals as Governor of Panama Zone—New Justice for Hawaii.

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson on Wednesday appointed Lieut. Col. Chester Harding governor general to the Panama canal zone to succeed General Goethals.

Announcement was also made of the appointment of Lieut. Commander William C. Watts of the United States steamship Michigan to be judge advocate of the navy, and James L. Coke of Honolulu as associate justice of the supreme court of Hawaii.

Stone, Peoria Postmaster.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Congressman Claudius U. Stone, Democrat, who was defeated for reelection last November in the Sixteenth Illinois district, is to be appointed by President Wilson as postmaster of Peoria, Ill. The appointment and confirmation will not come, it is said, until just before the death of the present house of representatives on March 3.

Eleven Killed in Train Smash.

Edinburgh, Jan. 6.—Eleven persons were killed and 40 injured when a train loaded with persons returning to Edinburgh after the New Year holiday collided with a switch engine ten miles outside the city.

Heavy Industrial Accident List.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—Industrial accidents in Pennsylvania during 1916 totaled 251,488, of which 2,587 resulted fatally, according to statistics made public by the state department of labor and industry.

GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL

Ceremony an Impressive but Unostentatious Affair. Synopsis of Recommendations by Incoming and Retiring Executives.

The inauguration of Keith Neville as governor of Nebraska, Thursday, was a short and unostentatious proceeding. It was witnessed by members of the legislature, many friends and relatives, and visitors from every section of the state. Messages of the outgoing and incoming governors were both listened to closely by all officials and people present. Governor Morehead, who concluded his four years' service, was roundly cheered when he took his place to read his farewell letter. No less hearty were the cheers which greeted Governor Neville. In his address the governor made the following recommendations:

GOV. NEVILLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Thirteen suggestions for a strict prohibition law, prohibiting drinking clubs, illegal shipping in and sales from drug stores, drastic penalties for violation, and a state welfare board to help law enforcement.

A publicity bureau to advertise Nebraska's possibilities as a home state.

Measures to reduce the cost of farm loans.

Correction of primary law abuses, tending to secure better candidates.

A shorter election ballot, secured by four-year terms for county officers, elimination of presidential electors' names from ballot.

Greater efficiency in educational system.

Development of irrigation in western Nebraska.

Replacement of the east wing of the state capitol, with provision for a new building.

Development of permanent roads, with the appointment of a road commission.

Economy in expenditure of public funds.

RECOMMENDED BY EX-GOV. MOREHEAD.

Continued economy in public expenditures.

Stringent laws to protect the people of the state against unsafe banking.

Road improvement by the use of convict labor.

Consolidation of state departments whenever possible.

A building committee to determine feasibility of new capitol or repairs to the old one.

Four-year term, without power of re-election, for state officers.

A shorter ballot, with more appointive power in the hands of the governor.

Election of chief justice by districts.

Extension of the public school system and health department.

Legislation for the enforcement of the prohibition amendment.

SEE SMALL GOOD IN IT

FAIL TO GROW ENTHUSIASTIC OVER BONE DRY BILL

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

More and more it begins to appear that one of the big issues of this session of the legislature is the question of how stringent and how drastic will be the laws adopted to make the prohibition amendment effective. Members of both houses already are giving that problem serious consideration, and now that the new governor has taken a definite stand on it, the discussion has warmed warmer than ever.

In the end the question may resolve itself into something like this: "Shall we adopt a bone dry law such as was adopted by the people of Oregon last November, or shall we permit shipments from outside the state with the understanding that the liquor is for private consumption only?"

On the one hand there are those who argue that the people adopted prohibition upon the promise of the dry leaders that bone dry measures would not be sought. It is urged that it is now up to the drys to live up to that promise. On the other hand it is maintained that, if there is to be any kind of prohibition at all, it should be made as drastic as possible in order that it will really prohibit.

State House Too Small

Adjutant General P. L. Hall of the Nebraska national guard is obliged to find office rooms in a down town block. The state house is too small to accommodate the legislature and state officers at the same time. General Hall will move out of rooms on the third floor of the state house to make room for the legislative reference library during the session of the legislature. He has not yet selected rooms but has several in view.

Governor Neville's First Act

The first official act by Governor Keith Neville was the signing of the certificate of election of U. S. Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, which had been held over until the new administration as a special favor. The senator and the new governor were closely associated in the bitter campaign ending in the November election.

The next rural life conference will be held at the state farm at Lincoln, June 4 to 15.

Will Turn Over Big Fund

State Treasurer G. E. Hall, who succeeds himself in office, will turn over to himself something like \$1,615,878.78 in money and \$9,903,648.33 in bonds in which state trust funds are invested. Of the cash only \$233.68 is on hand, the balance being in depository banks drawing 3 per cent interest, or in the form of warrants and bonds held as cash. Mr. Hall is holding as cash \$139,047 of university warrants, \$225,947 of normal school fund warrants and \$89,700 of bonds which the state has contracted to buy.

The democratic house caucus on the eve of the opening of the legislature resulted in victory for the Bryan forces when George Jackson of Nuckolls county was named on the fourth ballot to succeed himself as speaker, and George W. Potts of Pawnee county was nominated by acclamation to succeed himself as chief clerk.

Nebraska's inheritance tax starts with 2 per cent on estates worth \$10,000 and ranges upward as follows: All over \$15,000, 3 per cent; over \$20,000, 4 per cent; over \$30,000, 5 per cent; over \$60,000, 6 per cent.

Phone Law Held Valid

The supreme court of Nebraska has upheld the constitutionality of the Bartos law of 1909 requiring railroad companies, express and telegraph companies to install telephone instruments in their public offices when so ordered by the state railway commission.

This is the decision of the court in the case of the state railway commission against the Missouri Pacific railroad, a case arising at Panama, where the railroad company declined to install a telephone in its depot. The railway commission, after complaint and a hearing, ordered a telephone put in. The railroad company declined, and the commission applied to the district court of Lancaster county and



GEORGE W. POTTS Of Pawnee county, by acclamation elected to succeed himself as chief clerk of the house of representatives, state legislature.

obtained a writ of mandamus ordering the company to comply with the order of the railway commission. The railroad appealed to the supreme court and the judgment of the lower court is now affirmed in an opinion prepared by Judge W. B. Rose.

Roses for the Governors

Two huge bouquets of American Beauty roses—one for retiring Governor J. H. Morehead, the other for the new executive, Keith Neville—stood on the table in the governor's office, when the two men returned from the inauguration ceremonies. They were tokens of remembrance from the old and new employes in the governor's office.

In the same chair where, as speaker of the house, he presided eight years ago, Secretary of State Charles W. Pool Tuesday summoned the representative branch of the 1917 legislature to the beginning of its work. Promptly on the stroke of noon, his gavel fell and the chamber came to order. A good-sized crowd looked on from the gallery and the lobby of the house.

Prayer was offered by the newly elected chaplain, Rev. T. D. Davis. President John L. Webster of the Nebraska Historical society has appointed a committee of three to canvass the field of applicants and to make recommendation of one to become secretary of the society. G. W. Wattle of Omaha heads the committee. His assistants are George W. Hansen of Fairbury and Attorney General Willis E. Reed. Several have been prominently mentioned in connection with the position. Among them State Superintendent Thomas, whose term of office is about to expire.

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