

WILSON DENIES STORY IN TEMPS

President Quoted by Representative of Paris Paper as Stating Neutrality Stand.

SAYS EXPRESSED NO OPINION

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Wilson tonight authorized the statement that he had given no interview and had given no expression of opinion about current affairs to Gabriel Alpaugh, who cabled to the Paris Temps what purported to be an interview with the president on European and Mexican affairs.

The president let it be known that Mr. Alpaugh, who was presented at the White House by the French minister, came merely to pay his respects, and that although he was secretary-general of the Paris Temps it was distinctly understood in advance with the ambassador present that there was to be no interview.

The statement also was authorized at the White House that President Wilson had sent no letter recently to President Poincare, as suggested by Mr. Alpaugh, but that the letter to which reference was made was sent several months ago by Mr. Wilson as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters in reply to one of President Poincare of the French academy, brought to this country in person by Emile Brieux, the French playwright.

The letter was made public at the time, White House officials recalled, and contained only felicitations of a general character.

Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, retired early tonight and embassy officials would not disturb him when dispatches containing the alleged interview in the Temps arrived.

Interview with Wilson. PARIS, April 1.—Gabriel Alpaugh, secretary-general of the Temps, who was introduced to President Wilson at the White House on Wednesday by the French ambassador in Washington, has sent to the Temps an interview which he says he had with the president.

"I am glad to see an American soil," President Wilson is quoted as having said, "frenchmen who come to satisfy themselves as to the state of opinion in the United States. You will not receive an impression, I am sure, that will give you cause reasonably to complain of that opinion."

Both Sides Complain. "Definite questions are at times considered by France or others of the belligerent countries as proof that the American government favors sometimes one and sometimes the others of the combatants. The two groups of belligerent nations complain of the attitude of the American government in equally vigorous terms. Each time one of these cases arises it is not proof that the government of the United States is conscientiously observing the rules of neutrality."

"The Germans or the allies may at times find that we are exacting—that the American government sticks too closely to these rules. The war will not last forever. When it is finished, such or such a nation will perhaps be glad that we have maintained the rules against which it protests today."

Cites Letter to Poincare. "France will avoid the error of believing that individuals of the opinion in the conflict often think—that is, that he who is not actively for us is against them. As to my own sentiments regarding France, I addressed a letter to the president of the French republic that expresses them clearly. Be sure that I do not think anything less than what that letter says."

M. Alpaugh says he asked President Wilson if the contemplated increase in the American army and navy had any precise object and that the president replied:

"No, augmentation has been retarded rather than hurried by current events. We desired to avoid false interpretations. I asked if an early end of the Mexican trouble could be hoped for, President Wilson is reported to have said:

Difficult to Reply. "It is, indeed, difficult to reply. A favorable symptom appears, however, in the last indications received here. They show a better disposition on the part of the principal Mexican chiefs to understand why they have to respect the lives and interests of foreigners. Nothing shall be neglected by the American government to accentuate these tendencies."

The letter referred to by M. Alpaugh, it is understood, was delivered three weeks ago to President Poincare by Colonel Edward M. House, who is in Europe observing conditions. The letter, it is said, was read to the French cabinet upon the members of which it made an agreeable impression.

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH SHOWS PROSPEROUS YEAR

At the annual business meeting of the Central United Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening nearly 200 members were seated at the annual dinner. There has been a net increase in membership from 231 to 234. For missions the congregation has contributed \$1,833 and for general expenses \$5,435, closing the year with practically no deficit. The total contributions, including missionary society, Ladies' Aid and Sunday school, were \$5,530, or an average of over 25¢ per member, based on present membership of 234.

E. R. Hume was re-elected treasurer, the business affairs being left in the hands of those trustees: I. A. Medlar, John J. Foster, J. H. McMillan, N. S. Brown and Ed. A. Baird, the latter being elected last evening. George F. Gilmore resigned from the session.

REVENUE RECEIPTS DROP OFF A BIT DURING MARCH

Internal revenue collections in the district of Nebraska during the last month fell somewhat below the collections for the corresponding month of 1914. E. W. North, acting collector of internal revenue, states that the total collections for March, 1915, were \$28,800.51, as compared with \$32,017.31 for March, 1914, a decrease of \$3,216.80.

Movements of Ocean Steamers. Table with columns: Port, Arrived, Sailed.

COL. WILLIAM HAYWARD (latest portrait), former Nebraska boy, just appointed to \$15,000-a-year position as public service commissioner for New York.



Crush Dreaded Foot And Mouth Scourge Everywhere in U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Practical eradication of the live stock foot and mouth scourge in the United States was announced tonight by the Department of Agriculture. Officers in charge of the campaign waged against the disease during the last six months said that with the exception of a herd of animals near Syracuse, N. Y., which had been designated for slaughter today, telegraphic reports from inspectors throughout the country showed the disease had been to the best of their knowledge completely wiped out.

Figures compiled by the department show that 12,411 animals have been slaughtered because of foot and mouth infection from the time of the outbreak in October to March 25.

It was pointed out, however, that the total loss caused by the disease could not be estimated alone by the number of animals killed.

DR. KEYS' HOUSE SOLD FOR DEACONESS' HOME

The old Dr. J. M. Keys home at Thirty-sixth street and Lincoln boulevard has just been sold to the Methodist hospital for \$30,000. Dr. Keys sold it last November to Mayor L. C. Stearns of Central City, Minn. It has now been sold to the hospital. It is contemplated to make a deaconess home of it in connection with the hospital, as this piece of property is on the same block with the hospital, overlooking Mercer park. The lot is 133 by 123. A large frame residence stands on the lot. Possession is to be given May 1.

CLERK HOYT ISSUES TRIAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL TERM

Clerk R. C. Hoyt of the federal court has issued the trial calendar for the April term of court in the Omaha division, which will begin next Monday. The docket will be called at 10 o'clock in the morning, when cases will be assigned for trial. The first day will be given over to the hearing of motions, demurrers and notices for hearing. The petit jury for the term will not be called to assemble until some time after the opening of the term. The grand jury is called to meet at 2 p. m. Monday.

WORKING ON PLANS FOR NEW FIRST NATIONAL

The Graham-Burnham firm of architects of Chicago is drawing sketches for the building to be erected either at Sixteenth and Harney or Sixteenth and Farman for the home of the First National bank. Somewhere between eight and a dozen stories are planned. The architects have been working on sketches for a month. Mr. Graham of the firm has made several trips to Omaha for conferences with his employers in this job.

COME TO ATTEND WEDDING OF DR. MILLNER APRIL 8

Mrs. E. P. Millner, mother, and Miss Josephine Hoyer, aunt of Dr. Millner, have arrived from Buffalo, N. Y., and will remain in Omaha during the summer. They came a little earlier than they had intended, that they may be in attendance at the wedding of the doctor, which occurs Thursday afternoon, April 8. At that time the doctor weds Miss Jessie Abbott Scott of Ashland.

ASQUITH TAKES PLACE OF GREY, WHO IS AWAY

LONDON, April 2.—Premier Asquith temporarily has taken charge of the British foreign office. Sir Edward Grey having been compelled to take a short holiday. It is expected Sir Edward will be away from the ministry about three weeks. The premier received diplomatic callers at the foreign office.

MOVIE SHOPS SLOW IN PAYING LICENSE FEES

The city license inspector in his report for March states that fourteen theaters and picture show houses paid 1915 license fees, nearly all having been delinquent since January. The total receipts of the office last month was \$1,861.80, of which \$1,050.50 was received from the theaters and movies.

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW GOOD GAIN

March Business Increases Nine Per Cent Over Business During Same Month Last Year.

OTHER POSTOFFICES SHOW LOSS

A gain of almost 9 per cent in postal receipts is shown by Postmaster John C. Wharton's figures for the March business at the Omaha postoffice. The gain in money was \$10,732.30, an \$13,505.45 worth of postal business was done in Omaha last month, compared with a total of \$20,772.58 for March, 1914, an increase of 4.8 per cent.

"That certainly shows that Omaha is going ahead and enjoying prosperity," says Postmaster Wharton, "for many of the first-class postoffices throughout the country are either marking time or reporting decreases in business."

Meyerfield Says Business is Good

Morris Meyerfield, president of the Orpheum Theatrical circuit, went west on the Northwestern-Union Pacific en route to the Pacific coast, having come through from New York. Said Mr. Meyerfield: "We have no reason to complain of business. Everywhere good crowds are attending at our houses and there seems to be a general improvement in conditions all through the east."

"The movies have not hurt our business. We have a line of attractions that are distinct in themselves and they continue to please theater goers as much as ever."

BARACA CLASSES ARE SHOWING GREAT RIVALRY

Quite a rivalry has sprung up between the Baraca class of the First Baptist church of this city and one of the Council Bluffs classes, and strenuous efforts are being made to outdo each other. The Omaha class started a year ago with seven members. It has grown until during the winter it won the basket ball championship without losing a game. Two weeks ago the class had an attendance of seventy-nine and a week ago sixty-nine. But in the meantime the Council Bluffs class had outstripped them in attendance by having Judge Foster of Omaha and the chief of police of Council Bluffs as speakers on civic affairs. These attractions brought out an attendance of 145. Now the Omaha class is making a publicity campaign for a large turnout Sunday morning at 9:45 at the First Baptist church.

COMPLETE OUTFIT IS REPORTED AS MISSING

At 8 o'clock Thursday night, John Covington, colored, Twelfth and Davenport streets, informed the authorities that his old gray mule team had been stolen. About 9:30 A. O. Osborn, 908 South Thirty-second street, and Emmet Avitt, 614 South Twenty-fifth street, telephoned police headquarters that valuable sets of harness had been taken from their barn. An hour later the Council Bluffs police notified Omaha that a wagon belonging to the Bartell-Miller company of that city had disappeared.

The police believe that somebody may be going into the delivery business.

BUTLER IS CAUGHT WITH GOODS RIGHT ON HIM

R. J. Butler, released from the county jail two weeks ago, was arrested at Fourteenth and Douglas streets. When searched at the station, in his pocket were found several packages of morphine and heroin. He told the officers that it had been there since his release from the county jail. Butler will be held for the federal authorities on the suspicion that he is one of the parties who has been peddling dope about town.

Seventeen Inches of Snow Here in March

Although 17.1 inches of snow fell in Omaha last month, according to the official monthly report of the weather bureau, the weather at the close of the month was so mild that all the snow had been melted and not a trace remained on the ground April 1. March precipitation, measured in inches of water, was 1.67, or 28 in excess of normal. The average daily temperature for the month was six degrees below normal, which is thirty-six degrees. Only four days during the month were classified as clear, the other twenty-seven days being classed either as cloudy or partly cloudy.

Not Insane Because He Eats Too Much

George L. Conard of South Omaha, who died leaving by will an estate of \$10,000 to his housekeeper, Miss Bertha Richards, rather than to his daughter, Mrs. Florence Beck, was sane, County Judge Crawford decided when he admitted the will to probate over the objection of Mrs. Beck. Evidence was introduced by the contestant indicating that Conard once ate three pies, a can of syrup, a can of pumpkin and a can of mince at one sitting. This did not prove that he was insane, the court held.

CENTRAL EXCHANGE GETS OLIVER AGENCY

The Oliver Typewriter company has completed arrangements with the Central Typewriter exchange to handle its entire retail business in Omaha and vicinity. The Oliver company will continue to handle wholesale business directly from the general offices in Chicago. The Central Typewriter exchange was organized twelve years ago by George Lenhoff, present president of the concern. From a small beginning on Leavenworth street this concern has prospered and recently incorporated, with Harry Feerer, the oldest typewriter man in this territory, joining issues with Mr. Lenhoff. The Central Typewriter exchange has taken over the quarters heretofore occupied by the Oliver Typewriter company at 1085 Farnam street, and will handle their general typewriter business at this location in connection with the Oliver agency.

DENVER MAN LOOKING FOR BIG CROPS IN COLORADO

Assistant General Freight Agent Cheate of the Union Pacific, located at Denver, is at headquarters, in conference with Vice President Munroe and General Freight Agent Lane. Mr. Cheate asserts that all through the territory over which he has jurisdiction crop prospects were never so good as now. Said he: "All through the central west, east of the mountains, the ground is thoroughly saturated with moisture. It seems that the surface moisture has soaked down until it has reached that coming from below, something that has never before occurred, so far as I know."

CHILDS OUT ON PAROLE; WANTED IN NORTH DAKOTA

After being paroled from the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln, while serving a term for alleged horse stealing, Glen H. Childs was immediately re-arrested by United States Deputy Marshal Hansen. He is said to be wanted at Fargo, N. D., under a federal indictment, charging that he used the mails to defraud in connection with a picture enlarging scheme. Marshal Warner and Assistant District Attorney Lane have taken Childs to Fargo.

MEASLE EPIDEMIC IS SOMEWHAT SUBSIDED

The epidemic of measles which has been sweeping over the city has run its course. For the first time this year twenty-four hours have gone by without one case being reported. There have been nearly 1,000 cases since January 1.

T. P. A. MEETS HERE IN JUNE

Indications Are that 500 Delegates Will Attend the National Convention.

SPECIAL TRAINS FOR MANY

The national convention of the Travelers' Protective association is to be held in Omaha the week of June 14, and it is expected that fully 500 delegates will be in attendance. Notices of the coming of the first of the big parties have been received. A large number of the eastern delegates will congregate in Chicago, and the night of June 12, on a special train over the Burlington, they will leave there, arriving in Omaha at 9 o'clock the following morning. It is understood that several other special trains will bring delegates. The southern delegates will come on a special train, as will those from Minnesota and the north.

MANUFACTURERS FAVOR BUYING THE AUDITORIUM

The issuance of city bonds to buy the Auditorium at \$100,000 was approved by the Omaha Manufacturers' association at a meeting of the directors Friday noon. It was recommended that the Auditorium be now acquired by the city as a place to hold the many conventions that annually come to the city. The association finally adopted the letter head it had been working on for a long time. It has a picture of Omaha's skyline which shows the skyscrapers, while at the same time it shows the chimneys of factories and the big wholesale district.

Thurston Welcomed by His Old Friends

A "welcome home" luncheon for John M. Thurston was held at the Commercial club Friday noon by a number of his old friends and former associates. Judge Leo Estelle presided at the meeting. Nine speakers extolled Mr. Thurston and extended him the hand of welcome back to Omaha. The speakers were: W. J. Connell, W. F. Gurley, C. O. Labock, John L. Webster, N. H. Loomis, E. A. Benson, John L. Kennedy, Dave Mercer and George H. Thumel. In replying Mr. Thurston said he never had felt at home anywhere but in Omaha, and that in all the years he had been away he had never written his name on a hotel register except as "John M. Thurston, Nebraska."

Berg's advertisement for Easter sale of waists and coats. Includes text: 'No Woman in Town Can Afford to Miss This EASTER SALE OF WAISTS \$6.50 Waists for \$4.75'. Also 'A Beautiful Line of Coats for Easter'.

Advertisement for Cotton Felt Mattress. Includes image of a mattress and text: 'Cotton Felt Mattress 75c Saturday. With a Purchase of \$50 or Over'.

Rubel's advertisement for furniture and appliances. Includes images of a clock, dining chair, solid oak table, and library table. Text: '3.79 For This Splendid Hall Clock', '5c Easter Flower Baskets', 'Solid Oak Dining Chair', 'Solid Oak Table', 'Solid Oak Library Table', 'Your Cash Does Double Duty During This Sale', 'Our New Terms are the "EASIEST TERMS IN OMAHA"', 'Refrigerator \$15.75', 'Rubel's 1515 HOWARD STREET'.

Advertisement for Faust Spaghetti. Includes image of a box of spaghetti and text: 'Order This When the Grocer Calls', 'ALWAYS keep two or three packages of Faust Spaghetti on hand—it's a dish that can be served several times a week in so many different tasty ways that one will scarcely ever complain on the grounds of sameness of diet.', 'FAUST SPAGHETTI is strengthening. It is made from hard Durum wheat that is extremely rich in gluten. This is the food element that builds up muscle and tissue.', 'Faust Spaghetti is also easy to digest. It's a cheap food, too—you can well afford to serve less meat when you have Spaghetti. Write for free recipe book.', 'MAULL BROS., St. Louis, U. S. A.'.