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PRESIDENT CALLS ON BUSINESS MEN TO PLAN FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

CVATION BY 1,100 OHIOANS

Chief Calls Himself a "Militant Democrat"—Says U. S. Is Reserve Force of the World—Nation Also Great Peace Influence—Makes Two Talks.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—Preparedness by business men to mobilize the resources of the nation as a measure of national defense was urged by President Wilson here on Friday in a ringing address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. His words were given added significance by the disputes pending between the United States and Austria and Germany.

The president declared that if the United States preserves its self-possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in reconstructing the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again.

The president's address was applauded by a nonpartisan audience of 1,100, including many of the leading officials and business men of Ohio. While he had not written it out in advance, he had thought it over carefully. His theme was the "Statesmanship of Industry." The president told the business men that it was impossible to separate business and life. The history of business in the United States, he said, was tied up with the history of the nation.

Need of ships to carry the commerce of the nation was emphasized. Since the War of 1812, he declared, the United States has purposely attended first to internal affairs. Some business men, he declared, sought foreign trade, but many disregarded it.

The banking and currency law passed during the present administration was lauded by the president as a great aid to foreign commerce. Until it was passed there were hardly any foreign branches of American banks. He criticized the policy of protection. Business, he declared, should be efficient, but it should not be organized in order to secure monopolies.

He opposed the injection of politics into business. He described himself as a "militant Democrat" and added that the Democratic party wanted to help business.

Repeating the idea expressed in his last message to congress, the president said that he believed in liberty of all peoples. He declared aggressively that as long as he was president Mexico would be allowed to choose its own government.

The European war, he declared, had put the United States in a new relation to the world. This nation will have to be the reserve force of the world, he asserted.

His message to the value of the church as a force to save society was given by President Woodrow Wilson in his address at the closing session of the Conference on Church and Country Life when he spoke to more than four thousand people who packed the great Memorial hall here. After his address, which was applauded repeatedly, the president left for Washington.

It was his second address of the day, the first being one to business men at a noon-day luncheon. In addition, he met 5,000 Ohioans at an afternoon reception in the Ohio capital. The audience at both meetings cheered the president.

"Enact a law," the president said, "that does not reflect the moral judgment of the community, that is the moral judgment only of a small minority, and the people will not understand it. Law is only a record of achievement. Christianity is the only force that can transform life."

His tribute to the church as the organized instrument of Christianity had been given earlier in his address, when he declared that while Christianity might save the soul of the individual to himself, it was only the church that might save society.

KAISER RECALLS ATTACHES

Emperor Has Personally Withdrawn Captains Hoy-Ed and Von Papan.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Emperor William has personally withdrawn Captains Hoy-Ed and Von Papan, the naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, and has made a personal request that the United States secure safe conducts for them and their successors. This was formally announced on Friday by Secretary Lansing.

It was made plain by the ambassador that the recall of the naval and military attaches was perfectly satisfactory to Emperor William, who handled the case himself.

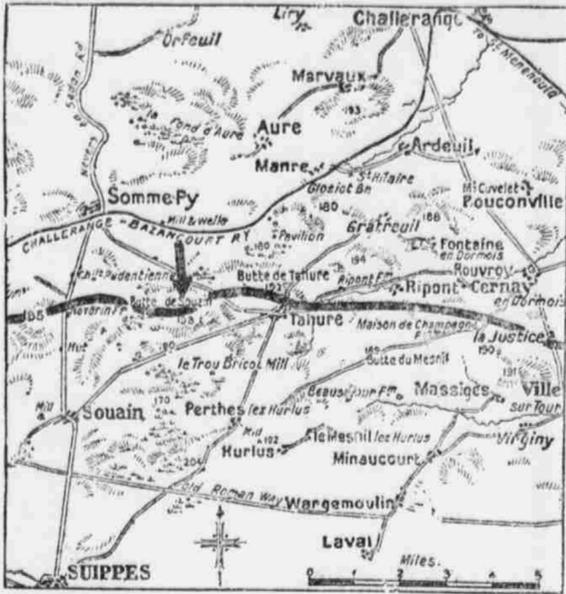
Freedom for Turk Women.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Turkey's participation in the war is bringing a greater degree of freedom to the Turkish women. The Turkish ministry announces that women are to be employed in the money-order post offices.

One Killed in Shop Blast.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 13.—One workman was killed and fifteen toilers were injured by an explosion in the plant where the Bethlehem Steel company was making shell fuses for the entente allies of Europe.

THE BATTLE LINE IN CHAMPAGNE



The Champagne district has been the scene of constant fighting since the big French offensive of last September. The Germans recently captured 500 yards of trenches on hill 193 on Butte de Souain, but the French almost immediately regained the lost ground.

U. S. ASKS INDEMNITY WOULD END WAR PLOTS

DRASTIC NOTE SENT TO AUSTRIA IN ANCONA CASE.

Pay Demanded for Deaths—Washington Requests Reparation From Vienna for Sinking of Liner.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The United States government has sent a note of a peremptory character to the Austro-Hungarian government, to be presented by Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, demanding full satisfaction for the loss of American lives when the Italian liner Ancona was torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean. The communication is couched in terms regarded as much more severe than either of the notes on the Lusitania case to Germany. The demands made are these:

1. Complete disavowal of the act.
2. Punishment of the captain of the Austrian submarine and any others who may have been responsible for the act.
3. Full indemnity for the families of the American victims.
4. In view of the fact that Germany, Austria's ally, has discountenanced such methods of warfare, the United States cannot understand why Austria engages in it, and asks for assurances against any repetition of the act.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Washington, Dec. 10.—"Anyone who thinks we can be beaten is talking through his hat," said President Wilson addressing members of the Democratic national committee at a luncheon at the White House on Wednesday at which party prospects in the 1916 election were up for consideration. The president said he thought it wasn't necessary to use parliamentary language in talking to the committee. The Democratic party, he said, should be in good order for the 1916 campaign because it had carried out its pre-election promises.

New York, Dec. 9.—Gold imports have reached the total of \$400,000,000. The steamer St. Louis brought from London 80 boxes of gold sovereigns valued at \$2,000,000.

STEAMER COMMUNIPAW SAFE

American Vessel Reported Sunk Has Been Taken to Unnamed Port by Warship, Says Page.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The state department received a second dispatch from Ambassador Page at Rome on Wednesday stating that he had been informed that the Communipaw had been captured by a warship and taken to a port unnamed in his message. The source of his information and the nationality of the captors were not mentioned.

Earlier advices from Ambassador Page reported that an American ship "held to have been the Standard Oil tanker Communipaw" had been torpedoed and sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli.

More details as to the Communipaw as well as the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, reported attacked by a submarine in the Mediterranean last Sunday morning, are being awaited.

Navy Yard to Build Warships.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The two superdreadnaughts authorized by the last congress will be built by the New York and Mare Island navy yards. Contracts for the ships were let by Secretary Daniels on Friday.

Town Fire-Swept; Loss \$200,000.

Citronelle, Ala., Dec. 13.—Fire here in the business district on Friday did damage estimated at \$200,000. A hotel and eight stores were burned. Several guests at the hotel were rescued by firemen.

CABINET ACTS TO PREVENT VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY.

Members Confer With Secretary Lansing on Hunting Down and Punishing Offenders.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Plans of the administration to prevent or punish violations of American neutrality were discussed at a long conference in the office of Secretary Lansing between the members of the cabinet whose departments are most closely connected with such subjects.

The meeting was called at the suggestion of President Wilson, who declared in his message to congress that "the hand of our power" should at once close over and crush out "creatures of passion, distoyalty and anarchy," who seek to make the United States a hotbed of European intrigue.

Attorney General Gregory, Postmaster General Burleson and Secretaries Garrison and McAdoo spent more than an hour with Secretary Lansing. They went into detail as to the best ways to carry out the president's expressed desires.

Every member of the official family is directly concerned in preventing neutrality violations. The post office department, with its corps of inspectors, the treasury department through the secret service and the department of justice through its bureau of investigation are equipped to detect any offenses of this character.

As recently announced by the attorney general, the facts gathered by agents other than those of the department of justice will be turned over to that department for action, but each branch of the government will look into any suspicious circumstances coming to its notice and where there is ground for further action it will be taken promptly.

ST. LOUIS WINS CONVENTION

Democratic National Committee Votes in Favor of Missouri City—Chicago Second.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Chicago lost the Democratic national convention to St. Louis on Tuesday because Senator Reed of Missouri needed help in his senatorial candidacy and because the Democratic national committee did not think Chicago should have both conventions. The deciding vote was St. Louis, 28; Chicago, 15, and Dallas, 9.

Democratic committeemen were told that it is a foregone conclusion Chicago will be given the Republican convention when the G. O. P. committee meets in Washington next week. The Democratic convention was presented as the only chance St. Louis had, because the word had been passed around that the Republican convention would go to Chicago.

Senator Lewis, Governor Dunne and Roger Sullivan addressed the committee in behalf of Chicago, but, as one of the Chicago delegation expressed it afterwards, the "cards were stacked against them."

On the first ballot St. Louis got 25 votes, Dallas was second with 14 and Chicago trailed with 13. Lacking a majority, a second ballot was necessary. On the second ballot Chicago gained two votes and passed Dallas. But St. Louis gained three and had a majority.

British Sink Turkish Warship.

Paris, Dec. 11.—The French war office announced that an English submarine had torpedoed and sunk the Turkish destroyer Yav Hissar in the Sea of Marmora and captured two officers and 40 men of its crew.

Fire Sweeps Genoa Quays.

Genoa, Italy, Dec. 11.—A devastating fire, fed by oil and cotton, swept the quays here. Thousands of barrels of oil stored in the warehouses exploded. Seven thousand bales of cotton were destroyed.

NO PEACE PROPOSAL

GERMANY'S IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR TELLS REICHSTAG WOULD BE FOLLY TO OFFER TERMS.

NOT A WAR FOR NEW LAND

Impossible to Reach Agreement in View of "Guilt and Ignorance of Statesmen" and "Confusion of Opinion" Among Enemies.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—Germany will make no peace proposals to the allies, but if the entente powers offer terms compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, the German government is willing to discuss them. Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg so announced in the reichstag on Thursday.

The chancellor was cheered as he rose to make his promised reply to the socialist interpellation on the question of peace, and he was cheered again as he frankly stated the government's position. He had just returned from a conference with Emperor William at army headquarters.

"As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion," said the chancellor, "it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten but lengthen the duration of the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces."

"At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to reckon with this fact. Theoretical arguments for peace or propositions will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer."

"If our enemies make peace propositions compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, we shall always be ready to discuss them."

"Fully conscious of our unshaken military successes, we decline to accept responsibility for continuation of the misery which now fills Europe and the whole world."

"Nobody can say that we continue the war because we want still to conquer this or that country."

"The longer our enemies continue this war with bitterness," he said, "the more guarantees are needed by Germany."

"We don't fight in order to subjugate other nations; we fight for the protection of our life and liberty."

"The war has always remained what it was at the beginning; a war of defense for the German nation and for her future."

"The war can be terminated only by a peace which gives human certitude that it will not return. We all agree about that. There is and there will always be the root of our strength."

The reichstag voted full approval of the government's position as regards peace, which was set forth by the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

BIG FIRE IN POWDER TOWN

Flames Sweep Hopewell, Va.—DuPont Plant Periled—\$3,000,000 Damage Done.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Flames of mysterious origin nearly wiped out the town of Hopewell and threatened the great DuPont powder plant just outside its borders following the arrest of a man caught while placing a high explosive in a DuPont warehouse, where a large quantity of gun cotton was awaiting shipment to the Anglo-French allies.

The entire business section of Hopewell was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$3,000,000. Thousands of families are homeless. One negro caught looting was lynched. Looting and rioting marked the progress of the fire through the business section. Consequently a riot call was sent to Richmond. In response state soldiers were rushed to the scene from Petersburg.

NEW ENVOY FROM MEXICO

Eliso Arredondo Named by Carranza as Ambassador to U. S.—Fletcher Stated for Post in Republic.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Eliso Arredondo, General Carranza's confidential representative in Washington, has been selected to be the next ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Secretary Lansing formally announced receipt of services announcing Mr. Arredondo's appointment on Thursday. The new American ambassador to Mexico, Secretary Lansing said, would be announced later. Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador to Chile, is almost certain to go to Mexico City.

The appointment of ambassadors restores full diplomatic relations between the two governments.

Mr. Arredondo is Carranza's cousin.

Rulers Congratulate Mackensen.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Emperor William and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria have sent autograph letters to Field Marshal August von Mackensen congratulating him upon his brilliant campaign in the Balkans.

Capture Austrian Position.

Udine, Italy, Dec. 13.—Italian troops before Goritz strengthened their positions on Thursday afternoon by capturing a strong Austrian defensive work on Calvary heights, west of the Isanzo fortress.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

A crusade has been started by the Beatrice Board of Education to stop the sale of tobacco to minors.

The postoffice at Pony Lake, Rock county, has been discontinued, mail hereafter must be sent to Thurman.

The new \$20,000 city hall at Genoa has been accepted by the city building committee and is now open to the public.

A new record for money orders was made by the Columbus postoffice for the month of November, when 1,950 were issued.

The annual meeting of county assessors of Nebraska will be held in the state capitol building, Lincoln, January 19 and 20.

At the end of the third week of the Hamilton evangelistic meetings in Seward 228 decisions for the Christian life have been registered.

Kearney was selected as the next meeting place of the Nebraska Student Conference, which held its 1915 session in Fremont recently.

Fire destroyed the large frame furniture and hardware store of Curtis & Davenport at Callaway. The loss will amount to about \$15,000.

Judge Graves in the district court at Ponca sentenced Roy Watson to twenty years in the penitentiary for an assault upon a farmer's wife, Nov. 8.

Beatrice vocalists are planning on the organization of a large chorus choir in the near future, for the purpose of providing entertainment for the winter.

The annual poultry and pet stock show at Gibbon last week proved a great success. Kearney exhibitors carried off seven silver cups at the show.

The University School of Agriculture winter short course will open at the university farm, Lincoln, Tuesday, January 4, 1916, and continue for six weeks.

William Mellor, secretary of the state agricultural board, was again elected president of the American Fairs and Exposition association at a meeting in Chicago.

The matter of establishing a hospital in Falls City is being revived. A meeting will be held soon by enthusiasts to decide if sufficient funds can be raised.

The committee arranging for the democratic press association banquet at Lincoln January 11, have received favorable reports of attendance from all over the state.

Lincoln folks celebrated the opening of two new schools last week, when the new high school, a \$600,000 structure, and the Bancroft school, costing over \$200,000, were completed.

According to the United States Census bureau the city of Hastings in 1914 had 544 persons working in factories, using 358 primary horsepower and having a capital of \$1,314,000. \$315,000 was paid in salaries during that year.

As a result of an agreement entered into by meat market proprietors of Fremont, their places of business will be closed on Sundays hereafter. The agreement will be in effect until April 1, 1916.

The Security State bank of Broken Bow is now located in its new headquarters. The new bank building is 22x70 feet, of reinforced concrete and steel, and is one of the finest structures in the city.

Fifty thousand dollars in bonds for a new junior high school was voted by citizens of North Platte at a recent election by a four-to-one majority. The new building will be a fourteen-room affair modern in every way.

The State Irrigation association at their annual convention in Bridgeport recently endorsed the Holdrege tri-county conservation project to divert flood waters of the Platte river upon waste lands of the central part of the state.

Mayor Friday of Norfolk is leading a campaign for the removal of the Madison county seat from Madison to Norfolk. More than 3,000 names of voters of the county have been secured on a petition asking for an election on the proposition.

Mrs. Estella Glaze, a blind woman living at Pierce, has started suit in Pierce county against 75 saloon keepers located in Pierce, Osmond, McLean, Niobrara, Verdel, Foster, Neligh, Petersburg, Elgin, Norfolk, Fremont, Omaha and Columbus. She alleges that her husband, Elton Glaze, has become a habitual drunkard as a result of visiting the places mentioned in her petition.

The town of Franklin is forging to the front. During the past ten years 156 homes, costing \$300,000, business buildings to the extent of \$120,000, and public improvements of \$80,000, a total of over \$500,000 has been spent. The population of the town and the assessed valuation have also doubled in that time. A new modern fireproof hotel to cost \$10,000 is soon to be built, also a new library costing \$5,000 will be erected in the spring.

Fire, thought to have originated from a lighted cigar stub thrown into a spittoon, destroyed the \$80,000 Dodge county court house at Fremont. A temporary headquarters has been obtained and a combined county and city building is being advocated.

A car driven by John Petker, in which were his wife, three children and Henry Hebert, turned turtle in the village of Henderson, killing the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Petker and seriously injuring the baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Petker were both badly injured.

Nebraska will have its state fair for 1916 at the usual time, September 3 to 9, at Lincoln.

Work has commenced on the new Northwestern passenger depot at Beemer. The building will be modern in all its appointments.

An eleventh grade has been added to the Stapleton school and the citizens of that town are felicitating themselves on the achievement.

At a meeting of representatives from the various organizations of Peru it was decided to have a community Christmas tree in Peru this year.

Two machinists employed in the old engine room at the Swift Packing Co., South Omaha, were instantly killed when an immense flywheel burst.

The new postoffice building at Peru is nearing completion and when equipped will be one of the neatest offices in southeastern Nebraska.

Nebraska Master Builders association will hold their annual convention in Omaha January 11 and 12. An elaborate program is being arranged for the occasion.

Citizens of Arlington have asked that they be given privileges of the Fremont public library, and the library board has taken favorable action on the matter.

Couch Ewald O. Stiehm of the football squad of the University of Nebraska confirms the report from Bloomington, Ind., that he would go to that school next year.

Having pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile, Earl Luman, a paroled convict, was sentenced to from one to seven years in the state penitentiary at North Platte.

Lincoln is to have a municipal Christmas tree. The tree will be located on the Capitol grounds and merchants of the city have pledged sufficient funds for the occasion.

According to figures compiled by the Nebraska Anti-Saloon league there are more dry county seats in the state than wet. The figures show 54 dry county seats and 38 having saloons.

Three hundred and ten citizens of Albion and Boone county have just sent to Congressman Stephens and Senator Hitchcock a petition asking them to do their part in checking the "prepare for war" craze.

The first block of asphalt paving in the city of Kearney has been opened to traffic. The newly finished street is part of the Lincoln highway. Kearney now has three miles of paving, with bids being asked for two miles more.

Theron H. Steen, connected with the American embassy at Vienna, Austria, who is in Kearney visiting, says that the Austrians can see nothing but victory ahead in the great war and they did little if any mourning for those killed in battle.

The plant of the Nebraska Gas and Electric company at Blair was badly damaged by fire and put out of commission December 4. The company recently sold its entire street and building service equipment to the city, which is erecting a municipal plant.

Patrick Harmon, a New York City man arrived in Kearney a few days ago on a trans-continental walk. He claims if he walks backward fifteen miles a day for the entire trip he will receive \$20,000. His average so far has been eighteen miles per day.

The tourist who likes something to drink on the side while he is traveling will be in "hard luck" through Nebraska after January 1. The going into effect of the prohibition laws of Iowa and Colorado will do away with the sale of liquor on railroad lines going into and out of these states and most of the Nebraska lines likewise run into dry commonwealths.

Holdrege expects next year to have a gardening club in connection with its public schools. It will be under the general supervision of the Agricultural college at Lincoln. Arrangements have been made by the extension service of the college of agriculture whereby any village or city in the state wishing to organize gardening in connection with public schools, may receive aid from the extension service of the college of agriculture.

The second annual meeting of the Nebraska Engineering society is to be held at Lincoln, December 17 and 18, according to announcement of the executive committee, consisting of Watson Townsend of Omaha, O. J. Fee of Lincoln and H. A. Mark of Oshkosh.

In the vicinity of Snyder, where farmers have been unable to secure the necessary help to gather their corn, cattle and hogs are being turned in the fields to do the husking. As much as 6 cents a bushel has been offered for huskers, but even this fancy price has failed to bring out the workmen.

Members of the Eno hotel project at Fremont claim they will succeed in raising the sum necessary to erect a modern block on the Eno site. The Eno committee is seeking to get the hotel located on Sixth street. Subscriptions of over \$80,000 have been made and several more that will swell the found to \$100,000 have been promised. It is the intention to erect a \$150,000 building.

A poultry show will be held by the Lancaster County Poultry association December 28-31 at University Place. A hall has been secured and arrangements are about complete for the event.

Better country roads in Douglas county will be provided if the plans of the county commissioners are carried out. They have decided to submit a bond proposition to the voters of the county at the spring primaries on April 18, asking permission to issue \$1,500,000 of paving bonds and \$500,000 of grading bonds.