

PRESIDENT WILSON REJECTS DEMANDS OF WOMEN SUFFRAGISTS

Would-Be Voters, Led by Dr. Anna Shaw and Mrs. McCormick, Invade White House in Force.

ASK FOR MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Executive Given Chance to Remedy Alleged Oversight.

DEFINES OFFICIAL POSITION

He Says Votes for Women is Not in Platform.

PERSONALLY FAVORS MOVE

Thinks the House Should Have a Committee on Woman Suffrage, but as President He Cannot Recommend It.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Women's Suffrage association that he favors 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 suffragists braved the 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 Mr. Wilson.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, summarized briefly their appeal to the president to assist the movement either by sending a special message to congress or 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.

In a cold, biting wind, that whipped their banners and played havoc with feminine finery, about 100 leaders of the cause who remained here after their last week's convention assembled at suffrage headquarters near the treasury for the march to the White House.

Between lines of police and bearing banners representing nearly every state, the women tramped off, headed by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Susan W. Fitzgerald and others appointed on the committee of fifty-five by the convention to arrange for the meeting with the president.

Defining official position, "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 but admirably guarded that I have not even the privilege of walking the streets. That is, as I were, typical of my present predicament, 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 set myself this very strict rule when I was governor of New Jersey and have followed it as president and shall follow it as president—that I am not at liberty to urge on congress in messages, policies which have not had the organic consideration of those for whom I am spokesman."

"In other words, I have not yet private views on any legislative or private views on any subject and I never shall, 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 for 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

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Receiver West of Frisco Resigns With Approval of Court

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—Judge Walter H. Sanborn of the United States 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 syndicate of ninety-nine that promoted the Brownville road and sold it to the 'Frisco.

The resignation of Mr. West was written December 3. Mr. West in his letter of resignation invites a full day 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 questions in the future administration of the company which could be better met by a receiver "without previous knowledge of them."

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

The letter of Mr. West asked for a full and free inquiry into the affairs of the road. Mr. West is chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis Union Trust company, which handled some of the Frisco's affairs before the receivership. In the syndicate that promoted the St. Louis, Brownville & Mexico road, the St. Louis Union Trust company invested \$250,000. Mr. West on his own account invested \$150,000. Mr. West now is a director of the Frisco, but was not when the Brownville road was built.

Chihuahua City is in Possession of Villa's Troops

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 8.—Chihuahua City was in complete possession of the rebel troops today, although General Villa was still working outside the city and had not entered up to noon. The troops that did enter were those under General Chao. Federico Moya, the civil governor was still in possession, but ready to greet Villa.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 8.—Twenty Mexican federal soldiers forming the advance guard of the brigaded army which deserted Chihuahua City, arrived at Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite Presidio, today.

The soldiers reported that they had not been attacked by rebels in the flight from Chihuahua and that they were being followed by other refugees, including civilians and federal officers.

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 8.—Adolfo De La Lanza, minister of finance in the cabinet of Provisional President Huerta, arrived here today from Vera Cruz on board the steamship Ypiranga. Senor De Lanza is going to Europe by way of New York. The Mexican finance minister refused to make any statement regarding the situation in Mexico. He said his purpose in going to Europe was to place his sons at Swiss schools.

Kaiser's Son Accused of Interfering in the Zabern Incident

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The hand of the German crown prince was at work in the recent crisis in Zabern, Alsace, according to Dr. Georges Weil, a socialist deputy in the Imperial Parliament. Speaking in his constituency of Metz today, Dr. Weil said:

"The crown prince sided strongly with the soldiery and visited the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, on December 3, the day on which the chancellor made the unsatisfactory speech in Parliament which resulted in the passage of a vote of non-confidence in the government."

"The chancellor's hazy references on that occasion to the emperor's anti-military orders were undoubtedly due to his desire to reconcile the wishes of the German ruler and his eldest son."

Lieutenant Baron Von Forstner of the Ninety-ninth infantry, the instigator of the trouble between the soldiers and the citizens of Zabern, told friends today that he was "as good as retired from the army."

George P. Bemis and Mrs. H. Frahm Marry

George P. Bemis and Mrs. Harriet L. Frahm were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. March at Cresco, Neb. Rev. Moses Anderson officiated at the ceremony and the couple left on the next train for Omaha, arriving here yesterday evening.

Locomotive Hits Buggy; Two Dead

OTTAWA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Harlow Kennedy, 15 years old, and Morris Antonio, 10, were killed, and Clarence Antonio and Otto Kennedy were injured, probably fatally, when a buggy in which they were riding was struck by a locomotive near here today.

SECRETARY OF TREASURY LETS BUILDING CONTRACT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(Special Telegram.) The secretary of the treasury has awarded the contract for the construction of the public building at Perry, Ia., to William O'Neill of Fairbault, Minn., at \$2,125,000.

CINCINNATI FACES A WATER FAMINE

Several Suburbs Without Any Supply and Central Part of the City Also Suffers.

RESULT OF BREAK IN MAIN

Three Laborers Drowned When a Sixty-Inch Pipe Gives Way.

SCHOOLS ARE ORDERED CLOSED

Skyscraper Elevators Shut Down and Factories Will Be Crippled.

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION

Hunt Calls Upon Citizens to Use Precious Fluid Only for Drinking and Cooking Purposes.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—Cincinnati is facing a water famine as the result of the break in the sixty-inch water main on Eastern avenue last Saturday, when three laborers working in a ditch nearby were drowned.

It was ascertained today that the break cannot be repaired until some time Thursday. Peremptory measures have been taken by city officials to prevent the waste of water. Several suburbs are without water tonight and the central part of the city is inadequately supplied.

The drain on the Eden Park reservoirs, which supply the basin of the city, became so great that Mayor Hunt ordered that whatever water is left in them be cut off and used only in case of fire.

Hotels, restaurants and saloons tonight are the chief sufferers as what water can be obtained is used only for the most vital purposes. One hospital is entirely without a water supply and the city hospital and other large institutions are without water on the upper floors and may have none at all tomorrow.

Skyscraper elevators shut down this afternoon. Manufacturing plants will be severely crippled tomorrow as there will not be enough water to supply boilers and elevators. Many of these closed today.

Mayor Hunt issued a proclamation today in which he called upon citizens to use water only for drinking and cooking purposes. Superintendent of Schools Cundon ordered all the schools closed as no sufficient water could be obtained for heating and drinking purposes.

Senators Buy Razors, Asperin and Arnica With Public Funds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Razors, grape fruit knives, spoons of red tape, horse shoes, 3,000 pounds of timothy hay, oak, hickory and birch wood, and other items for the contingent fund of the senate for the period since last March, up to the end of the last fiscal year.

This information is disclosed in the report of James M. Baker, secretary of the senate, which has just been sent to the public printer. The listment and horse shoes and the hay were for the senate stables in which are kept the horses to draw the senate messenger wagons. Just what the grape fruit knives were used for was not explained.

Among the other expenditures were \$121 for dress suits and numerous items for bags of salt for the senate bath rooms, mineral waters, taxicabs to convey senators from night sessions to their homes and items for dinners furnished to senators guests, detained at the capital by late sessions.

In the bill of a local druggist were items for asperin, Jamaica ginger, bromo seltzer, hourglass drops, quinine pills and adhesive plaster.

Sheriff Says Lopez Not Dead; Orders Mine Sealed Up

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 8.—Satisfied that Ralph Lopez, slayer of six, is still in the Utah-Apex mine, Sheriff Smith of Salt 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 that began the pursuit of Lopez on November 21, pleaded to continue the search alone. Once during the pursuit in the Lake mountains, Lopez appeared on a cliff before a posse and ask them to send for Sorenson and they might fight a duel.

G. W. Hulsey, who came from Patterson, Cal., to bury his brother who was killed in the mine by Lopez, also vigorously opposed discontinuing the search.

Aviator Plunges Into San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 8.—Silas Christofferson, the aviator, narrowly escaped death by drowning late yesterday when his hydro-aeroplane plunged almost straight downward from a height of 2,000 feet into San Francisco bay.

Showing Off for the Visitor



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

MISS SORTINA TO TESTIFY Will Endeavor to Forward Movement of Demonstrators

When She Takes the Stand Today She Will Plead Loss of Memory.

MOTHER COMES FROM ITALY

Journeys Long Way to Be with Her Daughter When She Defends Herself on Manslaughter Charge Before Jury.

Sebastiano Sortina, 11 years of age, who last March killed Santo Delucca, father of her baby girl, now 18 months old, and who is on trial for manslaughter before District Judge Sutton, will take the witness stand in her own defense this morning and testify that she bought the revolver with which she shot her faithless lover for the purpose of ending her own life. She met Delucca at Tenth and Dodge streets; he laughed at her condition and she emptied the weapon at him. She will testify that she has no recollection of the shooting.

The testimony which the accused girl will give was foreseen by Attorney Jeffrey in his opening statement for the defense. "Delucca was the man who betrayed her and laughed," said the lawyer. "The evidence will show that Miss Sortina was in a state of mind that she was unable to sleep, cried, pulled her hair and bit herself; that she bought a revolver with which to kill herself, and that when she shot Delucca reason had fled from her mind."

"The evidence will show that Miss Sortina and Santo Delucca were reared in the same town in Italy. They came to America on the same steamship and after she began working at the M. E. Smith wholesale house in Omaha, Delucca began calling on her and promised marriage. They became intimate. It will be shown that she previously was of good character."

"For a month prior to the shooting the girl begged Delucca to marry her almost daily. She frequently called him by telephone. He laughed at her and often walked past her home decked out with flowers in his coat and laughed and spat toward the house."

Jury Which Will Hear Case. The following men compose the jury which is hearing the evidence in the trial: Frank Mokry, 2223 South Eleventh; Ed Slaven, 214 Hickory; W. E. Taylor, 510 North Twenty-fourth; D. W. Jones, 435 Burdette; John E. Hilmann, 224 Seneca; J. Carter, 504 North Seventeenth; John E. Rogers, 804 North Twelfth; A. Landbald, 4512 North Thirty-eighth; D. A. Barrett, 238 Taylor; Ed Sharp, 25 North Twenty-seventh; John Bellis, 232 South Thirtieth; R. W. Tish, 275 South Twenty-eighth; Alfio Gibileto, cousin of Miss Sortina, testified yesterday that for weeks before the shooting the girl's mental condition

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The National Capital

Monday, December 8, 1913.

The Senate. Met at 10 a. m. Alaskan railroad bill set aside for emergency debate, in which Senator Swanson led in defense of the administration bill. Government steamship line from Pacific coast points to Alaska proposed by Senator Poindexter.

The House. Met at noon. Lobby committee agreed on its report. Bill introduced to pay a year's extra salary to the widow of Lieutenant Colonel Gillard.

Immigration committee set Thursday and Friday for hearings on a bill proposing a literacy test. Good roads committee heard advocates of federal aid.

Conference of Chairman Clayton of the judiciary committee with President Wilson on trust legislation deferred until Wednesday.

Admiral Victor Blue told the naval committee the navy would have its full complement of enlisted men, 91,000, by March 31, 1914.

McDonald, of Michigan, elected to vacancies on labor and pension committees.

Will Endeavor to Forward Movement of Demonstrators

Plans for advancing the movement to raise funds to help the many counties that have asked for farm demonstrators were discussed at a meeting at the Commercial club last night of the executive committee of the Nebraska Farm Development commission. Arrangements to divide the work of the commission between Omaha and Lincoln members were made.

Farm demonstrators already have been placed in four counties—Seward, Gage, Merrick and Thurston. Forty other counties have made application for them. It is hoped to have demonstrators in at least twenty more counties within a year. The demonstrating expenses, it has been found, amount to be about \$2,500 a year in each county.

While the chief aim of the commission thus far has been to assist in raising funds, it is pointed out that even greater difficulty is being experienced in obtaining competent demonstrators. In an effort to surmount this obstacle, the state farm is preparing to train men.

The following attended the meeting of the executive committee of the farm development association: Dr. E. L. Hall of Lincoln, C. B. Towle of Lincoln, J. E. Miller of Lincoln, W. S. Whitten of Lincoln, C. J. Lane of Omaha, C. F. McGrew of South Omaha, George F. Gilmore of Omaha, F. L. Hahler of Omaha, W. B. Hughes of Omaha and Carson Hildreth of Franklin.

Daughter of Rich New York Man is Reported Missing

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.

She left home Thursday morning ostensibly to go to a home for destitute children, where she did volunteer work as an instructor. (Since that time all trace of her has been lost, although a friend of the family reported today having seen a girl answering her description in Wall street Friday night. To him she appeared dazed.)

The girl's father is a personal friend of Mayor Kline and has appealed to the mayor to expedite the search. "If my position that there is no romantic reason back of Jessie's disappearance," said Mr. McCann.

Four National Banks Fail During the Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Growth and operations of national banks of the United States are detailed in the annual report of the currency bureau submitted today by Acting Comptroller Thomas P. Kane to Speaker Clark.

The report contains no reference to currency reform and no recommendations, but details the condition of banks during the year ended October 31. Only six national banks out of more than 1,000 existing, went into the hands of receivers, with aggregate capital stocks of \$4,300,000. Satisfactory progress in liquidating the assets of all was reported.

Growth of the banking power of the United States, as indicated by loans and discounts, capital stocks and deposits, is pictured over nearly 100 pages of statistics. The movement of government funds to banks all over the country to aid crop moving is referred to briefly. That is explained in detail in the report of Secretary McAdoo submitted to congress last week.

FARMERS CONGRESS CHANGES

Program is Switched for Sessions of Tuesday and Wednesday.

JONES UPON RURAL CREDITS

Indications Are that Attendance Will Be Large Because of the Great Interest Being Taken by the Farmers.

Part of the program of Wednesday afternoon for the Nebraska Farmers' congress has been shifted to this afternoon. This is done because Gordon Jones, who is to speak on rural credits, has been called to Washington, and will have to deliver his address this afternoon or not at all. This means that this afternoon he will deliver his address on the subject, "Can the European Rural Credit System Be Made Applicable to the American Farmer?" The program scheduled for this afternoon will then be shifted to Wednesday afternoon, so that the session on the rural school question will take place then. The attitude of the press toward the rural school system is to be discussed at that time by T. F. Sturges of Omaha at 1:30 in the afternoon. The subject, "Does the Rural School Meet the Needs of the Country People?" will be discussed at 2:30 p. m. by various speakers to be supplied. "Shall We Have Higher Grades in the Rural Schools; If so, How Shall It Be Brought About?" is the question to be discussed at 3:30 p. m. by speakers to be supplied.

Prof. G. W. Norman of the department of rural economics will talk Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Tuesday afternoon, besides Gordon Jones, Prof. Louis of the University of Nebraska and Mrs. A. E. Davison will speak.

The rest of the program, so far as known at present, is to be carried out as scheduled. W. S. Delano, secretary of the Farmers' congress, is to arrive in Omaha today to make the early preparations for the coming of the congress. Between 400 and 500 delegates are expected to attend the convention.

The Farmers' union of Fremont has sent word that it is coming with a strong delegation to attend the sessions of the congress. The Farmers' union is an organization for mutual help and co-operation in Dodge county.

The programs of the congress are to open this afternoon at 1:30. Mayor James C. Dahlen is to give the address of welcome.

Lobby Committee Censures McDermott

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The house lobby committee wound up its conclusions as to testimony regarding Representative McDermott of Illinois and other principal figures in the house investigation. Democrats and republicans signed a report which is said to hold Mr. McDermott guilty of impropriety of conduct, but makes no recommendations.

Representative McDonald of Michigan today completed a report agreeing to the committee statement of facts, but embodying dissenting conclusions and recommending legislation for lobbying. The report will be presented to the house tomorrow.

MOTION PICTURES ARE HARD ON EYES, SAYS MRS. YOUNG

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—As a result of several months' investigation, Superintendent of Schools Ella Flagg Young today declared that frequent attendance at moving picture shows threatens to seriously impair the eyesight of school children and, as a remedial measure, she appealed to the city council for legislation requiring the owners of this class of theaters to provide for five-minute intermissions between reels to rest the rest of the spectators.

TWO THOUSAND ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE PERISHED IN FLOOD

That Number of Negroes and Italians Believed Lost in Bottoms Near Bryan.

ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY FAIL

Figures Based on Normal Number of Tenants and Missing.

FEW DEAD FOUND, HOWEVER

Great Many Known to Have Heeded First Warning and Escaped.

THREE DIE OF EXPOSURE

Trio Leaves Town in a Motorboat, Which Capsizes, and Two Bodies Are Found in Tree Men Had Climbed.

BRYAN, Tex., Dec. 8.—Those living in the nearby thirty-mile levee district have estimated that 2,000 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 survivors 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 Jerkins and Clifton Elmie. 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 gives 13,000 tenants in the levee section, of whom 70 per cent were negroes. The rescued on both sides of the river have been estimated at only 2,000.

Boatmen today said there remained few places where there could be still marooned refugees.

Hope in the situation is had in the fact that in three days' investigation in specific localities where drownings have been reported by wholesalers, boatmen have found no bodies. A great many are known to have heeded the first warning and escaped.

RAILROAD CASES SET BY JUDGE LANDIS FOR JAN. 5

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—One hundred and twenty-nine cases, involving \$200,000 in fines, against a score of Chicago railroads were on the calendar of Judge Landis in the United States district court today. The suits were brought by District Attorney Wilkerson for violations of the twenty-eight-hour cattle law, the quarantine law and the safety appliance statute.

The cases were set for January 5, by Judge Landis. District Attorney Wilkerson announced that he would demand the full penalty of \$5,000 on each count, which might bring the total fines to nearly \$1,000,000.

BELGIAN AUTO PILOT KILLED WHILE HUNTING

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 8.—Camille Jenatton, the Belgian automobile racing pilot, was accidentally killed in a forest near the city today by a shot from a game warden. Both were members of a hunting party on the game preserve of a wealthy friend. Jenatton had been racing since 1905, when he won the International cup in Ireland. He took part in the Vanderbilt cup race in October, 1905, but did not finish. In the Vanderbilt race of 1906 he finished fifth.

TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE; ONE DEAD, FOUR INJURED

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 8.—An automobile containing five men was struck by a train near Fort Dupont today and one of the occupants, W. A. Jester, a druggist of Delaware City, was killed and the others seriously injured. Among the injured is Captain William H. Menges of the quartermaster's department of coast artillery at Fort Dupont, who is not expected to recover, and W. H. Jester, son of the man killed.

Telling a Nation What's What

New England speaks its message of mills and factories to the Great West. The West tells the East and the South of its grain, its fruit, its meats, and its food-stuffs. The East and South repeat in turn the stories of the products they make for the good and up-keep of mankind.

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The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—fair Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperature. Shows temperatures for various hours from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Temperature. Shows high and low temperatures for various dates from 1912 to 1913.