

BARNES DISPUTES FRANCE

Plaintiff Says He Did Not Threaten to Vote Democratic Riff-Raff at Republican Primary.

ROOSEVELT WAS BOSS IN 1910

REACTING N. Y. May 14.—William Barnes resumed the witness stand in the supreme court here today to continue his direct testimony in his libel suit against Theodore Roosevelt.

William M. Evans, first asked Mr. Barnes about the testimony of Loyal W. France, a witness for Colonel Roosevelt, who quoted Mr. Barnes as saying in speaking of direct primaries that he could ruin the reputation of any man by throwing enough limelight upon him and that he could vote the riff raff of the Democratic party in the republican primaries and so disgust the people that they would demand the repeal of the primary law.

"What I said to Mr. France," asserted Mr. Barnes, "was that I was against the primary law at it then stood. I said that the opposite party could injure any man in the primaries if it desired to do so."

"Did you say the system of direct primaries was subversive to party interests?"

"It couldn't be."

Mr. Barnes said he recalled when Colonel Roosevelt went to Africa and his return. During the Colonel's absence, Timothy Woodruff was chairman of the republican state committee. Asked what happened at a meeting of the state committee to choose a temporary chairman for the state convention of 1910, Mr. Barnes said:

"William L. Ward and Colonel Roosevelt were in a room in a New York hotel. Colonel Roosevelt told me I took the direct nomination matter too seriously. He said he did not understand my action in writing for Vice President Sherman as temporary chairman as he understood I did not approve of some of the things done during the administration of Mr. Taft. He said he thought I should have voted for him as temporary chairman. I said I had read his speech at Osawatomie and the doctrine of new nationalisms and that I did not agree with his ideas. Mr. Barnes then explained how Colonel Roosevelt became temporary chairman of the convention and said that in appointing the committee of resolutions the delegates from Mr. Sherman's district had recommended a man, but that Colonel Roosevelt appointed some one else. Mr. Barnes told of the nomination of Henry H. Hinson for governor. Mr. Barnes said he nominated no one. Colonel Roosevelt made the speech nominating Mr. Hinson after he had retired as temporary chairman."

Bold Holdup Man Uses Rough Means in Robbing Woman

The same man who on Tuesday night held up and robbed four persons in residential spots near the neighborhood of Twenty-fifth and Cass last night at 9 o'clock stopped Mrs. O. M. Erickson, 577 Burt street, near the Webster Street school, and, after knocking her down, robbed her of a pair of diamond earrings, a diamond ring, \$5, a watch and two other rings. He escaped.

The robber is described as being smooth shaven, coarse featured, broad shouldered, full chested and about five feet five inches in height. He talks the argot of the professional thief. Last night he was dressed in a telescope hat, a blue soft shirt and dark trousers.

His activities caused Captain Dempsey to order an extra crew of patrolmen and detectives on duty and to increase the hours of the motorcycle police.

TWO PLAYS TO BE GIVEN BY THE FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Fellowship club of the Young Women's Christian association will present two plays in the auditorium of the Young Women's Christian association tonight. There is also to be a curtain raiser by Miss Clara Gleason and Miss Margaret O'Neil.

"The Patriot" is a drama in two acts, the scene in Boston during revolutionary times. The cast:

- Penelope Winthrop of New York.... Ruth Anderson Elizabeth, a maid.... Margaret Anderson Mrs. Katherine Dudley.... Anna Drapac Constantine Dudley and Barbara Dudley, her daughters.... Olive Larson Lottie Gehus Mrs. Howland.... Anna Erickson Anthony Howland, an American soldier.... Mr. Crow Mr. Eustis Griffin, an Englishman.... Mr. Gibson "The Heartless Shakespeare Club," a face; he can act. The cast: Caroline Gushington, the hostess.... Alice Reed Mattie Knowlton, president. Rosa Rusicka Edna Lichborn.... Mrs. Jacobson Members of the Club: Morris Weatherwax.... Ruth Dutcher Elsie Budd.... Nina Embrey Nana Giddy.... Winnie Swanson Nora O'Brien, a servant.... Clara Gleason

CHINCH BUG REPORTED BUSY IN NEMAH COUNTY

AUBURN, Neb., May 14.—(Special.)—Reports are coming in from the farmers that the chinch bug is doing more damage to wheat. The advanced spring and extreme warm weather is favorable to its work. A cold rain is being hoped for. Ordinarily this insect does not do much damage to fall wheat. No spring wheat is sown here any more.

There will be no peach crop this year, but the prospect for a bumper apple crop is excellent. Church Howe & Son have finished spraying and most of the large fruit growers have almost finished. The apples are too large to be in further danger from frost.

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What the Leading Newspapers Say in Comment on President's Note to Germany

President Wilson's note to Germany was editorially commented upon throughout the United States today with distinct praise and approbation. Excerpts from editorials of some of the leading newspapers, as indicating American sentiment, follow:

New York Times: It is the great diplomatic achievement of the note that it puts upon Germany the choice not only of what its reply shall be, but of what is to follow. The president's eloquent appeal to its great tradition, to its sense of honor and justice, must triumph over any warlike inclination it may feel to pursue a course that can have but one ending.

New York Tribune: He (the president) has drawn an indictment against the German nation which will lie for all ages to come, if the Kaiser's government fails to meet the demands of the president of the United States promptly and completely. Wronged, we have offered Germany a peaceful solution in the present crisis, but—and the president's message sums it all up—we shall omit neither word nor act necessary to the performance of our sacred duty.

New York Herald: It might have been stronger; it might have been weaker; it will serve. Mr. Wilson has overruled the influence of those members of his cabinet who are for peace at any price. He lived up to the very best traditions of his character.

New York World: It is calm, it is restrained, it is courteous, but with a cold, cutting, severity that gives added emphasis to every word. * * * By the strength of his case and the moderation of his tone, the president has made it as easy for Germany to do right as to do wrong. If he is to fail in his effort, it will be in good conscience and in a good cause.

New York Sun: The note is impeccably urbane, though not without little ironies in its tone, friendly in spirit, resolute in its assertion of American rights and of the freedom of the seas. It recalls Germany's contention for that liberty. * * * The president has spoken firmly. The country, supporting him as firmly, awaits without passion the German reply.

New York Press: Into the end of his note to Berlin, President Wilson has put some teeth and not too many at that—into the end, because the front of it is filled with those graceful but empty rhetorical phrases which long ago exhausted the patience of Americans, no less than they excited the derision of the Berlin militarists.

New York American: The president's letter is undeniably vigorous, but it is possibly dangerous as well. The nation desired that its rightful demands should be laid before the German government, but it did not anticipate that the president would go so far beyond the pliancy

and soundly rightful scope of those demands as to invite a rebuff.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican: The government's position in this case is the country's position. It is not extreme, yet it covers the ground.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier: Right-minded men of every party will approve its tone and its tenor. The closeness, the definiteness with which this presentation is made, can satisfy the most rigid Americanism that views large affairs sanely. It seems to meet every requirement of American patriotism and honor.

Albany (N. Y.) Express: There has been no backdown. Let the people's response go out from every corner of the land. We are all Americans.

Albany (N. Y.) Argus: Diminished in its tone, logical in its argument and conclusions, firm in its demands, the United States note to Germany reflects the poise of the president, Woodrow Wilson, under most trying circumstances.

Columbus (O.) State Journal: How Germany will promise to protect the lives and property of our people in the future, or in what manner this country will receive its refusal, remains to be seen. It is a grave alternative, and while it is not likely to result in war, it will bring about an amity today Germany that will be full of anxiety.

Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal: The note to Germany meets the requirements and is such as the government of the United States should address to Berlin. The president leaves little room for parley and none other than mouthings of rupture remains for Germany.

Louisville (Ky.) Anselmer: We agree with the president that the German government must explain the losses of the lives of American passengers, but we do not think that the death of Americans gives the president the right to demand the cessation of Germany's undersea warfare against British commerce so long as England does not abrogate its starvation warfare.

Chicago Tribune: Whatever the fate of our relations with Germany, the president undoubtedly has voiced the sentiment of the nation upon the use of the submarine as to the rights of neutrals on the high seas.

Chicago Herald: There is now no possibility of mistaking the position of our government. And it is a position in which the American people will sustain in their government in whatever measures may be necessary to uphold it.

Louisville (Ky.) Star: In many fashions the president's note does not shake the logic of his position, but accepts the full significance of his attitude.

St. Paul Press: The American note has

ful diplomacy. Hoping for the best, the universal American sentiment will be that America has done its duty and the people will support the president through whatever may be the consequences.

Springfield (Ill.) State Journal: It is the dignified protest of a nation which while feeling that its rights and the rights of other neutrals have been violated is neither vindictive or resentful.

St. Louis Die Westliche Post: For the press of the whole country there is at present but one sacred duty, to leave nothing undone to avert inner strife. That we Americans of German descent with a bleeding heart contemplate the possibility of an armed conflict between the United States and the land of our forefathers, no fair minded person will condemn us for. There is still hope for an honorable understanding on both sides. May Providence grant that the worst be averted.

New Yorker Staats Zeitung: While the Staats Zeitung makes no editorial comment on President Wilson's note today, reached to a wonderful height for force, it has the following to say, printed in English:

"Nor is this a time to burden millions of the American people with unjust and unnecessary anguish of mind. The German-Americans must suffer in any conflict between the United States and Germany, pains of which their fellow citizens can never know anything of. It is rather a time for showing them the greatest degree of consideration. They have fought to uphold the flag in the past and they will do so again, against any enemy whatsoever. They deserve the fruits of past loyalty until they have forfeited the right to claim them. There never can be but one flag under which he will ever fight, and that flag is the Stars and Stripes."

Cincinnati Volsblatt: The note is disappointing in that it disregards the just complaints of Germany and appears to expose the cause of Great Britain. We think that the difficulty admits of a satisfactory solution by advising American citizens to travel on American vessels. Unwittingly the president shelters British cowardice, which tries to make British ships immune to German attacks by taking American passengers aboard.

Cincinnati Freis Presse: The part of the note dealing with the loss of lives in the Lusitania catastrophe more properly ought to have been directed to London. England alone is responsible for the Lusitania's destruction through its brutal threat to starve a nation. Germany cannot stop the under sea warfare without surrendering itself bound hand and foot to a brutal enemy. We are not obliged and have no right to set up ourselves as the protectors of British shipping.

Ideal of International Justice. Cincinnati Commercial Tribune: The strength of a just man armed is apparent in the protest sent by President Wilson. Devoid of truculence, breathing the high-

est ideals of international justice this remarkable paper, freighted with momentous possibilities, brushes aside all formalities and in unmistakable language tells the Kaiser's government what the American people think of the series of incidents leading up to the slaughter of innocents on board the Lusitania.

Washington Post: The note is framed in moderate language and leaves abundant opportunity for the German government to reply in a way that will restore good feeling between the two countries. * * * The question is now up to Germany. It is unnecessary to speculate whether the American note will lead to war or peace, because the issue rests with Germany and not with the United States. The alternative is clearly set forth.

Boston Globe: President Wilson has not shirked a grave responsibility. The American note clearly shows that Germany must relent or take whatever consequences we may decide to adopt.

Great and Reasonable Paper. Boston Herald: President Wilson had never written a great state paper more exactly suited to the occasion. We hope most fervently that in a spirit of reasonableness Germany will coincide with the enlightened position set forth with clarity and power by the president.

Boston Journal: President Wilson's words are those of a patriot. We cannot believe that a nation which is bound by so many ties of friendship to this nation is so far possessed by war madness that it will fail to heed the message.

Boston Post: The note is all that such a message from a justly aggrieved nation to the aggressor nation should be. In it is the voice of the American people at its finest and best. It is a powerful appeal to German sanity.

Philadelphia Public Ledger: The administration has spoken, and spoken to the point. The German government cannot have the slightest doubt as to its meaning. Will Germany listen to the voice of prudence before it is too late?

Philadelphia Inquirer: We have not always agreed with the president of the United States, but when it comes to a question of the nation's honor the president must be upheld. The note is written deliberately and coolly. There is not a word spoken in haste.

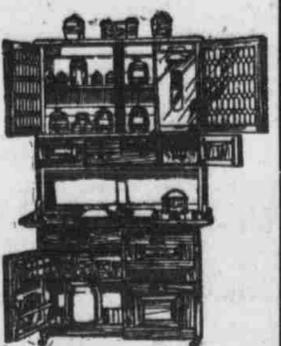
St. Louis Republic: There is not in the note any slightest hint that this government will stop short of the fullest reparation for the past and the guaranty of the recognition of the full rights of American citizens in the future.

Eplosion Wrecks Apartment House. LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 14.—A boiler explosion in an apartment house here last night killed the janitor and, tearing a hole in the roof of the basement, wrecked the apartment above and severely injured Miss M. Darling. Unconscious and badly scalded, she was dragged from the room by Mrs. Margaret Lee, an occupant of the same apartment, who escaped injury.

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