

### OPEN DATE IN THE PRESIDENCY

March 4, Falling on Sunday, Defers Inauguration to Day Following.

### LAW OVERLOOKS POINT

Washington, Nov. 13.—(Special).—The fact that March 4, inauguration day, falls in 1917 on Sunday is causing more or less academic discussion. The matter has been considered informally by many officials and by members of the cabinet, senators, and congressmen who stand close to President Wilson. No one has reached a definite conclusion as to the precise legal solution.

The outgoing president usually holds office until noon of the day of the inauguration of his successor. Probably a law or state paper signed by him on March 4 before noon would be held by the courts or by congress to be legal and of full force and effect. Likewise, any similar action by the new president in the afternoon of that day would be of full legal force. Secretary Lansing, on whom would fall the responsibility of acting as president ad interim, according to the view of some authorities, has acknowledged that he has reached no conclusions regarding the technicalities and knows of none reached by others. He also feels quite sure that no situation will arise nor will any necessity be likely which will impose on him the brief authority of a chief magistrate.

Attorney General Gregory is another member of the cabinet whose attention has been drawn to the perplexing question of who would be president in the Sunday interval. His view is that no precedent exists under which to formulate a legal opinion as to the necessity for any intermediate holding of the office.

Little light is afforded by examination of the law provided by congress to meet the contingency of the failure to perform the duties of his office. This law has been passed by the late Senate of Massachusetts and went into effect in 1886. It provides that in case of "the removal, death, resignation, or inability of both the president and vice president of the United States, the secretary of state shall act as president until the disability of the president or vice president is removed or a president elected."

In case there should be no secretary of state, or he should be unable to act, then the secretary of the treasury should act, and so on in turn, if each member of the cabinet according to priority of the office should be unable to act, the one next lower should be president pro tem. This law, however, was not enacted to meet what will happen March 4, 1917, which is not regarded as a legal official or legislative day.

This is not, either, the first time March 4 has rolled around on Sunday. The first inauguration of Andrew Jackson fell on the day of rest. So did Rutherford B. Hayes' inauguration. In those cases the oath of office was taken on March 3, the Saturday before the actual beginning of the term of office, and the new president moved into the White House on Monday, the 5th, which, of course, avoided all criticism from good people who did not believe in moving into a new house on Sunday.

In short, the legal view of induction into office seems to depend on the qualification of the principal rather than the time or place of inauguration. Andrew Johnson took the oath of office as president at the Kirkwood house within an hour after the death of President Lincoln, and later repeated it before the United States senate. Congress has fixed the time when a term of office begins, and if the president-elect has taken the oath of office in the proper and legal manner any time before his term begins he is regarded as qualified to enter on his duties whether they begin on Sunday or any other day.

If Mr. Hughes were elected president and should take the oath of office on Saturday, March 3, 1917, he would inaugurate his presidency of the United States according to law and precedent at the stroke of high noon March 4, even if he should happen to be listening to the benediction from Dr. Greene in Calvary church, or himself singing the doxology.

### Insurgent Greeks Evacuate Katerina

Litokhoron, Greece, Nov. 13.—The insurgents have completed the evacuation of Katerina, leaving the town in the hands of a few French guards. The government troops have recommenced their withdrawal southward to take up quarters at Peloponnesus, on the isthmus of Corinth in compliance with the agreement between the contending and the royalists.

### POLICE TOO BUSY TO GRAFT

New York Thinks It Is Cleared of Gunmen, Dopers and Gangsters.

The old days of the police force, when its reputation rested on the chance phrase of a politician and graft was rampant seem to have been ended for the time being, at least. Of course, there still is some graft, but it is no longer possible for an inspector to reign in the tenderloin for a year or two and then retire to live at ease. Nowadays the police are too busy to graft.

For instance, take the crusade against the illegal sale and distribution of drugs. By pounding at this evil systematically, the police have been able to curb materially the number of agents, thus reducing the illegal traffic.

In very much the same way the gangster has been all but wiped out. When the detective bureau and the special squads set to work on this first thorough housecleaning of the slum districts, they made up a list of 5,000 known names of "gunmen" to work on. By a process of elimination, comparing of several aliases belonging to "the same man," they reduced this to a concrete list of 1,352. Of this number, 751 were arrested during 1915 and 576 during 1916, which leaves only twenty-five of the original number of gangsters at liberty. —New York Herald.

### Brazilians Urge Formation of New League for Neutrality

Society of International Law Makes Proposals to the National Parliament.

### AIMED AT THE BRITISH

Washington, Nov. 13.—Full details of the recent proposal to the Brazilian parliament by the Brazilian Society of International Law for the formation of a league of neutrality to resist trade restrictions and other encroachments by belligerents were made public today through the official Gazette of the Brazilian parliament. The proposed league would consist of all present neutrals and would spring automatically into effect whenever another war broke out.

The society urges the government to take immediate steps to secure the co-operation of all neutrals for the declaration of a uniform series of neutral rights and for their enforcement. The rights suggested are the immunity of enemy goods under a neutral flag, complete liberty of trade between neutral nations regardless of ultimate destination, freedom from any extra territorial actions such as blockading, and the forbidding of any alien to influence a foreign government

of matters which might lead to belligerent restrictions. Violations of these regulations would be met under the plan, first by the withdrawal of the neutral league of the privilege of friendly treatment for the offending nation, including the trade rights. In case a consular or diplomatic official should be concerned, his credentials would be handed him at once. If it is proved unavailing, hostilities might follow.

The report, while directed at all belligerents, is more concerned with British trade violations. The efforts of the United States are recognized, but are declared ineffective. The allied blockade is particularly criticized. A case is cited in which a Brazilian vessel is alleged to have been seized, taken into Martinique, and forced to surrender some of its merchandise bound to Brazil.

The Brazilian report created great interest in official circles. South American nations have been hard hit by British trade restrictions and some time ago an official announcement was made in Chile that the Chilean ambassadors to the United States, Brazil and Argentina had been requested to seek joint action on the British blacklist. The State department, however, says that as yet neither the Chilean nor the Brazilian proposal has been definitely submitted.

### BRITONS RUN DOWN SUBSEA SURVIVORS

Germany Roused at Report Patrol Vessel Tried to Sink Rowboat.

### FLYING AMERICAN FLAG

Berlin, Nov. 13.—A deep impression has been made on the German public by the recent report from the admiralty that a British patrol ship, flying the American flag, after destroying the German submarine U-41 deliberately ran down a row boat containing the two survivors of the submarine's crew in an endeavor to remove the only witnesses.

"Indignation is growing in Germany," says the Overseas News Agency, "and the excitement is stimulated by the fact that German submarines returning from trips report that they have been attacked treacherously by hostile merchantmen."

### Immigration Decree in Argentina is Postponed

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, Argentina, Oct. 31.—On the representations of the British, Italian, Dutch and Spanish ministers to the Argentine, the decree restricting immigration to this country, which was to take effect this month, has been postponed for four months, which means until the new administration has had time to consider, and possibly rescind it. The decree, which was recently reported in these dispatches, was of a very drastic nature, aimed particularly against a possible influx of undesirable after the war.

### VILLA'S BANDITS ON THE WAY NORTH

Crew Who Executed Carranza Guard Come Closer to American Forces.

### NO INTENT TO EVACUATE

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Nov. 13.—Villa bandits, who looted the Mexican Central train at Laguna station and executed twenty-nine Carranza guards, October 30, are now marching toward San Buenaventura (El Valle) near the American expeditionary forces' outpost. It was announced at military headquarters here today.

The bandits are believed to be those in command of Silvestre Quevedo, who looted the Gallego station last week. A cavalry column from the Carranza garrison at Sauz, is pursuing the bandits and driving them toward the American lines.

General Trevino formally denied today the report that he had intended to evacuate the state capital. He said he would remain and defend it to the last. Trevino attended the formal dedication of Avenida Independencia, the new boulevard here, which was dedicated by his brother, General Francisco Trevino, today.

Mexico City, Nov. 22.—It is reported here that the foreign office has replied to a recent note from the State department at Washington, in which inquiry was made concerning protection for foreigners if it were deemed advisable to evacuate Chihuahua. The reply is reported to have said that strong reinforcements had been sent to the north and that the situation at Chihuahua was such that there was no possibility of there being an evacuation.

### PREPAREDNESS IN LITERATURE

Washington's Famous Saying Traced Back to the Fourth Century, A. D.

Of remote antiquity is the familiar saying, "In time of peace prepare for war," which may be traced back from George Washington's "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace," through Burton's citation in the "Anatomy of Melancholy" of the inscription in the Venetian armory, "Happy is that city which in time of peace thinks of war," and Shakespeare's ("Henry V." ii, 4): "It is most meet we arm us 'gainst the foe; For peace itself should not so dull a kingdom, Though war nor no known quarrel were in question, But that defenses, musters, preparations, should be maintained, assembled and collected."

As were a war in expectation, to the "In pace ut sapiens apartit idonea bello" (Like as a wise man in time of peace prepares for war) of Horace and the "Qui desiderat pacem, praeparat bellum" (Let him who desires peace prepare for war) of Vegetius. The last named little known writer of the fourth century, A. D., seems to have, next to Q. Horatius Flaccus, the best claim to the paternity of the admonition.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### How Are Your Bugs? U. P. Wants to Know

Hereafter if you get a job with the Union Pacific, besides meeting the regulation requirements, you will have to present a certificate from a reputable physician, showing that you are free from disease germs.

In the past the Union Pacific has required health certificates from those desiring to enter the train service, but now and effective at once, the rule is applied to those seeking employment in all other departments. The order applies to clerical as well as other positions. The order emanates from the office of the president and it is said has come to stay.

### Greeks in United States To Be Asked to Contribute

Athens, Nov. 13.—The provisional government has decided to float a loan, which will be placed among Greeks residing in the United States and other foreign countries. Makor Cheroules and Colonel Kontratos of Queen Sophie's own regiment have deserted the royal forces to join the Venizelists at Saloniki.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Mr. Louis Kustle has been engaged as choir director of the McCabe Methodist church. Miss Sara Trevillo has gone to Madison, Neb., to sing at the dedication of the new pipe organ installed in the Catholic church. Earle H. Dearrell, nephew of Charles M. Dearrell, court reporter, is visiting in Omaha this week. The visitor comes from East Claire, Wis., and with his mother is on his way to the Pacific coast. He is stopping at the home of Charles M. Dearrell. City Commissioner Parks is confined to his room with an attack of rheumatism. City Commissioner Withnell has gone on a hunting trip.

### Small American Tugboat Makes Successful Crossing in Storm

London, Nov. 13.—The New Haven correspondent of the Central News telegraphs the following remarkable story of the sea:

"One of the most extraordinary voyages ever made across the Atlantic has just been completed by the Vigilant, a small American tug, belonging to New York and bound from St. Johns, N. F., for Cardiff. Two days out from St. Johns, which it left a week ago last Sunday, the Vigilant experienced terrific weather and on the fifth day sent out S. O. S. calls, the captain fearing it would founder. The Holland-American liner Ryndam picked up the signals, and proceeded to its assistance.

"The captain and twelve of the tug's crew were taken off by the Ryndam which was bound for Rotterdam, but three men refused to leave. They were the second mate, Robert Ferguson, a Scot, the third engineer, Thomas Walsh, an Irishman, and an American fireman named John Smith.

"Taking control of the ship, these three men overcame tremendous difficulties and actually succeeded in bringing it within sight of the Irish coast, where they were picked up by a British patrol vessel. Ferguson was locked in the wheel house and the other two in the engine room. The terrible weather prevented their moving and they remained at their posts for fifty hours, without food, water or sleep. Several parts of the ship were smashed in the gale, including the shaft of the dynamo in the engine room. This caused the tug to be in total darkness by night, and added to the terror of the situation."

### For Catarrhal Deafness and Head Noises

Here in America there is much suffering from catarrh and head noises. American people would do well to consider the method employed by the English to combat this insidious disease. Everyone knows how damp the English climate is and how dampness affects those suffering from catarrh. In England they treat catarrhal deafness and head noises as a constitutional disease and use an internal remedy for it that is really very efficacious.

Sufferers who could scarcely hear a watch tick tell how they had their hearing restored by this English treatment to such an extent that the tick of a watch was plainly audible seven and eight inches away from their ear.

Therefore, if you know someone who is troubled with catarrh, catarrhal deafness or head noises, cut out this formula and hand it to them and you will have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. The prescription can be easily prepared at home for about 75c and is made as follows:

From your druggist obtain 1 oz. of Parment (Double Strength) about 75c worth. Take this home, and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved. Take a tablespoonful four times a day.

Parment is used in this way not only to reduce by tonic action the inflammation and swelling in the Eustachian Tubes, and thus to equalize the air pressure on the drum, but to correct any excess of secretions in the middle ear, and the results it gives are usually remarkably quick and effective. Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this recipe a trial and free themselves from this destructive disease.—Adv.

### Dr. Braun is Located at Courtenay, Florida

The missing Dr. Braun, whom Le Marquis Henegan of Villa Villa, N. J., tried to locate through Postmaster C. E. Fanning, has been found. He is living at Courtenay, Fla., conducting a school of health there. George H. Braun, 1621 Dorcas street, is a son of Dr. Braun. He saw the item in The Bee that Le Marquis Henegan was searching for his father and informed the postmaster of his whereabouts. Dr. Braun lived at Eighth and Lothrop streets in Omaha for several years. Another son, Walter, and a daughter still reside here.

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