

OFFICIAL VERSION' OF SPEECH ON U.S. PROMISE OF HELP

Text of What Wilson Said to Balkan Representatives Issued at White House—Answer to Senator.

Washington, Oct. 14.—The White House has made public what was described as an "official version" of President Wilson's address at the eighth plenary session of the Paris peace conference. The exact wording of this address, directed to the representatives of



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Roumania, Serbia and Szech-Slovakia, has been the subject of a controversy between the president and Senator Spencer, Republican, Missouri.

The senator has declared in a political speech that the president had promised Roumania and Serbia that "if any nation ever invaded their territory he would send the American army across the sea to defend their boundary lines."

Mr. Wilson, in a telegram to the senator on Oct. 5, said that this statement was "false." In reply, Senator Spencer called for the official record, saying that the statement to which he had referred was in the "stenographic notes" of the eighth plenary session, in which the president was reported to have said:

"You must not forget that it is force that is the final guarantee of the peace of the world. If the world is again troubled the United States will send to this side of the ocean their army and their fleet."

The president's words, as given in the official version made public today, follow:

"How can a power like the United States, for example—and I can speak for no other—after signing this treaty, if it contains elements which they do not believe will be permanent, go three thousand miles away across the sea and report to its people that it has made a settlement of the peace of the world? It cannot do so. And yet there underlies all of these transactions the expectation on the part, for example, of Roumania, and of Szech-Slovakia, and of Serbia, that if any covenants of this settlement are not observed the United States will send her armies and her navies to see that they are observed."

The official version of the full text of the president's address was furnished to the White House last week by Fred A. Carlson of Chicago, who was an official stenographer with the United States peace delegation and who wrote that he would "be glad to swear to the accuracy" of the transcript.

MANY DEATHS FROM CHOLERA IN WEST CHINA

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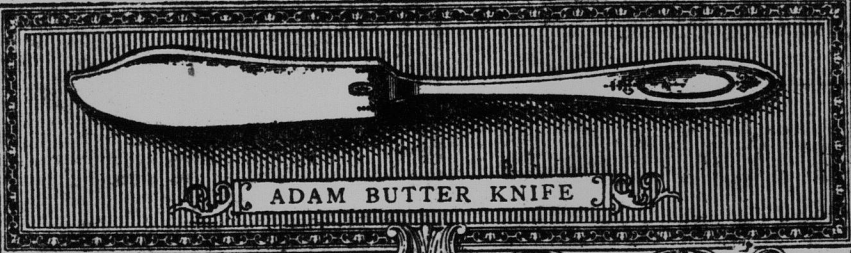
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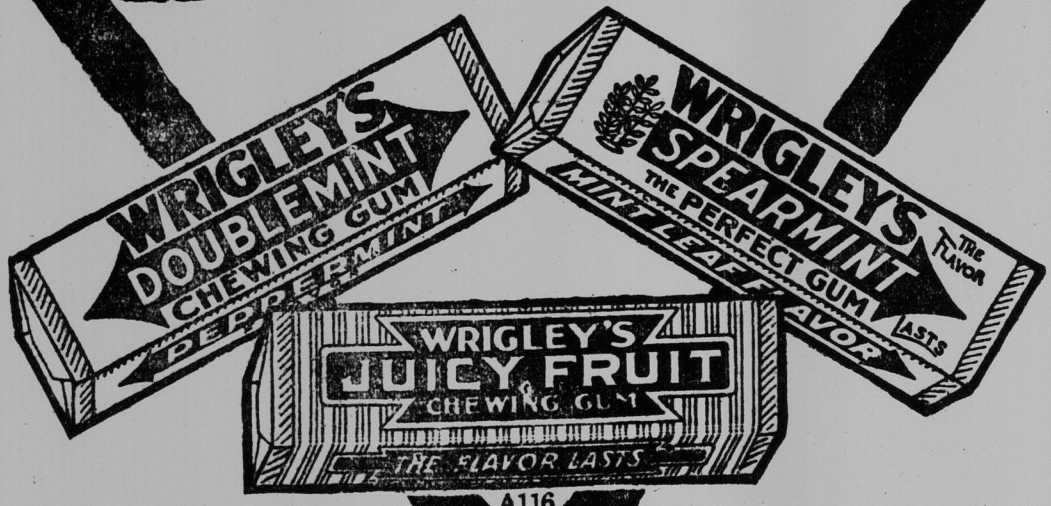
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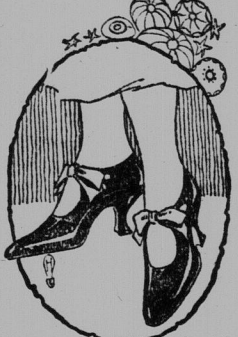
U. S. Department of Agriculture Urges Conservation of Animals.

Washington, Oct. 14.—Farming of fur-bearing animals and establishment of large sanctuary tracts as a means of preserving the nation's fur supply are advocated by the department of agriculture.

The department pointed to a recent statement of the biological survey that unless fur-bearing animals are rigidly conserved the time is not far distant when many of the more valuable species will be exterminated and furs will be worn only by the very wealthy.

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