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Pres. Wilson Says America Stands for Peace

In an interview with Correspondents of National Press Club Pres. Wilson Gives Frank Review of his Three Years in the White House and his Impressions on Foreign Problems of the Day

OLD GLORY STANDS FOR PEACE SAYS WILSON

Tells of the Difficulties Which Have Confronted him in Handling America's Foreign Policy—Says he has Been Kept Awake at Nights Considering the European Situation and What is America's Duty

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson to-night made public a frank and intimate review of his three years at the White House and his impressions of the foreign and domestic problems last night before Washington correspondents gathered at the National Press Club. He spoke of the difficulties of Presidency, particularly the motives which have guided his handling of the European situation. "America," the President said, "is for peace because she loves peace, and believes the present war has carried the nations engaged so far that they cannot be held by ordinary standards of responsibility, but," he added, "the United States has grown to be one of the greatest nations of the world, therefore, must look more and less from the point of view of the rest of the world. If I cannot retain my moral influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down," he said, "if that is only the basis on which he will respect me then, for the sake of his soul I have got to occasionally knock him down." The President declared he had been kept awake at nights considering the European situation, because there might come a time when the United States would have to do what it did not desire to do "and it would have been a great burden to my spirits had it been up to me to choose when that time had come." He added, he did not conceive that he had been elected President so as he pleased, "if I were it would have been very much more interesting."

Conscientious Objectors Are Being Jailed

Men Who Refuse to Submit to Military Service are Undergoing Varying Degrees of Punishment for Refusing to Obey Military Orders

LONDON, May 16.—Many conscientious objectors, whose objections to military service have been overruled by the military tribunals, are having a hard time. A score of them left Rhyl, Wales, to-day for different prisons to undergo varying degrees of punishment on their court martial charges for refusing to obey military orders. Several were sentenced for two years with hard labour. Some of them refused to put on khaki, or shave.

Several speakers in Parliament, in the course of the discussion on the Military Service Bill, expressed the opinion that scruples of genuine and conscientious objectors often fail to receive proper consideration from those empowered to pass upon these cases. But thus far the only concession which they have been able to obtain from the Government is that none of them will have the death penalty imposed by court martial for refusing to obey military orders.

Ennisbrooke Aground

SYDNEY, May 17.—The latest report from the steamer Ennisbrooke states that she is aground on Table Head, Glace Bay. It is believed she can be easily pulled off when ice admits the free working of tugs.

Badly Damaged by Collision in Fog

QUEENSTOWN, May 17.—The British steamer "Kelvin Brae," outward bound, came into collision off Cork Harbour during a fog to-day. The Kelvin Brae is still afloat, and trying to reach harbour. Later—The British steamer Kelvin Brae had a large hole stove in her port side amidships to-day as the result of a collision during a fog off Cork Harbour. The steamer, which was outward bound, was able to make her way back to harbor, where she anchored.

Asquith Still Conducting His Investigation

DUBLIN, May 17.—Premier Asquith to-day continued his conferences with prominent persons in every sphere of Irish life. The Premier, however, did not explain the object of his investigations, confining himself to ascertaining the views of persons whom he saw.

Austrian Airmen Bomb Venice

VENICE, May 17.—Austrian aeroplanes raided Venice and Mestre last night but Italian batteries shelled them so hotly that they were forced to keep at a great height and the bombs dropped by them had little effect. There were no casualties in Venice, and only two persons were killed in Mestre. The material damage was slight.

Russian Advance Swift and Silent

Russian Advance Guard Now in Possession of Baghdad Railway—Germany Rushes Large Force To Try And Stem Russian Advance.

LONDON, May 16.—The Russian official statement announces that the advance on Mosul continues, and probably tells important news. Russian communications are generally a day or two late in announcing actual attainments, and it is considered unlikely that the Baghdad Railway, which runs along the left bank of the Tigris, has been for the last couple of days within cavalry ride of the Russian advance guard, is already cut.

The Russian advances in this direction have been swift and silent towards the east road which leads to Mosul, where the German Baghdad railway joins the Tigris. Germany has despatched large forces, it is believed, to aid the Turkish centre at Erzingan and try and stem the Russian advance, but apparently these efforts have come too late.

Hardinge Goes Back To Foreign Office

LONDON, May 17.—According to a statement published here, Baron Hardinge, former Viceroy of India, will shortly succeed Sir Arthur Nicholson, as Under Secretary at the Foreign Office, who is retiring on account of ill health. Lord Hardinge would thus resume the post he occupied before coming to the Viceroy.

An Expert's Opinion

NEW YORK, May 17.—A man just arrived Germany furnishes first hand information regarding conditions in that country. He is an American citizen, but a resident most of his life in Dresden. In describing the situation in Germany, he says, the consensus of opinion among the more enlightened classes is that Germany can hold out no longer than 9 months.

Laurier To Resign Leadership?

Report Lacks Confirmation But Members Admit There is a Serious Breach in Party Ranks Over Bi-lingual School Question

OTTAWA, May 17.—A rumour is in circulation to-night that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has announced his desire to retire from the leadership of the Liberal party, and that his followers have asked him to reconsider. The report lacks confirmation, but there is evidence of a serious breach between the French and English-speaking sections of the opposition, apparently over the bi-lingual school question, and the unwillingness of the English-speaking element to support the stand taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on this question is said to have evoked from him a threat to resign. Liberal members but are naturally reluctant to discuss a breach which they hoped to admit that there is "some trouble," said healed, but they are waiting the developments of to-morrow with considerable anxiety.

Mysterious Deaths in Old Folks Home

Twenty Cases Among Elderly People Arouse Suspicion—Woman Who was in Charge of House Accused of Poisoning Them

HARTFORD, Conn., May 15.—With Mrs. Amy E. Archer-Gilligan locked up in an isolated cell at the Hartford County jail, charged with murdering Franklin R. Andrews, a patient at her home, for elderly people, at Windsor, State police and County officials to-day continued their investigation into other deaths at the home.

The police assert that at least twenty deaths have occurred at the home, under suspicious circumstances in the last five years. Poison is alleged to have caused Andrews' death. The police and State Attorney Alcorn decline to discuss any details of the investigation. Efforts made by newspaper men to see Mrs. Archer-Gilligan, were unavailing. It was said, however, that she retains her remarkable composure and emphatically avers her innocence.

Big Majority

LONDON, May 17.—The Compulsion Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons yesterday by a vote of 250 to 25.

Case Likely Be Sent to Higher Court

Legal Experts Think Both Prisoners Will Reserve Their Defence for a Higher Court—Few Questions in Cross-examination so Far

LONDON, May 16.—Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey, who for the past two days have been undergoing preliminary examination in the Bow Street Police Court, charged with high treason in connection with the recent Irish rebellion, will probably go to-morrow whether they will be placed on trial for their lives in a higher court. The Attorney-General has virtually concluded the introduction of evidence to-day, unless the defence have some surprise in store. It is believed that the hearing will be concluded, and the Magistrates decision as to whether the prisoners shall be held for trial, will be given late to-morrow. Legal experts who are following up the case, expressed tonight the opinion that there was small doubt that Sir Roger and Bailey would reserve their defence for a higher court. Thus far the counsel for the prisoners have asked very few questions in cross-examination, apparently being satisfied to let things take their own course during the preliminaries. Neither Casement nor Bailey appeared to be much worried over their case. Sir Roger in particular maintaining a notable self-possession and cheerfulness the greater part of the time.

Fairly Busy Just Now

NEW YORK, May 18.—A London despatch to the News Agency here to-day says that Lieut.-Gen. Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, wrote to-day denying rumors in circulation in the United States that he was a prisoner in the tower of London charged with being a spy. "I regret the report that I am sojourning in the Tower of London on the charge of espionage. It cannot be correct," he wrote. "As I was taken out and shot over a month ago, according to a Chicago newspaper, I am not clear which country I was spying for, but at the moment I am fairly busy on work for Great Britain."

Killed by Press Wire

LONDON, May 17.—Brigadier-General Marchand, of Fashoda fame, has been killed in action, according to a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris to-day. Later—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Paris correspondent, who yesterday reported Brigadier-General Marchand, of Fashoda fame, as killed in action, reports his information is incorrect.

Scheme of Compensation Is Outlined

State Will Assume as a Maximum Same Liability as Would Insurance Companies if Risk Had Been Covered by Ordinary Policies

DUBLIN, May 17.—The Government scheme for compensation for property damage during the recent outbreak is outlined in a statement by Sir Robert Chalmers, Under Secretary for Ireland. In connection with the destruction both in Dublin and elsewhere of buildings and their contents, he says this State will assume as a maximum the same liability as would have fallen to the insurance companies if the risk had been covered by ordinary fire insurance policies in force at the time of the recent disturbances. The Lord-Lieutenant will appoint a committee to ascertain what sums are covered by insurance policies in force and advise what part of such sums would have been paid by companies. If the destruction of uninsured persons can fairly be dealt with, letting will be deemed similar to other acts of destruction. In no case will any grant be made to persons in complexity with the outbreak.

A Change Of Policy

Berlin, May 13 (via London, May 12)—A striking article on German-American relations which is construed here as a criticism of Admiral Von Tirpitz, appears in to-day's issue of the Lokal Anzeiger. After expressing approval of the German government's reply to the American note, the article says:

"The decision would have been earlier if public opinion had not been influenced and inflamed in other directions by certain irresponsible. It is just the same proposition as was the great mistake made in announcing the submarine war on commerce at the beginning of 1915, with great words and prescribing for the untried weapon, successes which it could not obtain. It was wrong to preach that the submarine commercial war was the only effective weapon against England, although this may have been done with the best intentions.

"Neutrals were led to prick up their ears by the pompous announcement of the new war methods, and difficult problems in international law were needlessly injected into the debates. A person can be a good organizer and still be a poor politician."

Terrible Accident At Cape Spear

Last evening Mr. Hal Cantwell of Cape Spear went to the engine house out there to do some repairs when his clothes caught in the falling and he was brought around, the machinery at a rapid rate. Fortunately his father was near, heard his first cry and stopped the engines at the alarm. The young man who is 21 years old was terribly hurt, his head being horribly mutilated, while he received other severe bodily injuries. He was taken to his home and was in an unconscious condition up to 2.30 p.m. to-day. Rev. Fr. Tierney of Petty Hr. gave him the last rites of the Church to-day, and a doctor also attended him but little hope of his recovery is entertained.

Portugal and Peace

LONDON, May 17.—In reply to a question in the Commons, the Foreign Secretary said Portugal had not signed an agreement not to make a separate peace.

Dutch Steamer Blown Up

LONDON, May 17.—A despatch from Great Yarmouth says the Dutch steamer Batavier has been blown up in the North Sea, and four of the crew lost.

Turkish Army in Mesopotamia in Great Jeopardy

Russians Bring Fresh Pressure upon Rear Turkish Armies in Mesopotamia—This Enhances Chances of Success for Russians Greatly—Entire Country Between the Tigris and Euphrates May Come Under Russian Domination

There has been activity on both sides and minor enterprises. Last night, three parties of enemy attempted to enter our trenches south of Hobbtra. Two of these parties failed to enter, but the third succeeded in entering our trenches for a brief period. On Vim ridge the troops of the Lancashire Fusiliers, after the explosion of some mines, seized and occupied the enemy's forward line on a front of some 250 yards, and inflicted considerable casualties to the enemy. Opposite Archy, a patrol raided enemy trenches, after an explosion, and penetrated towards their second line, where bombs were exchanged with the enemy. Near Woltsche, in the vicinity of Vermeles, a hostile patrol which attempted to approach our lines was dispersed by our fire.

"To-day there has been activity by the artillery of both sides about Fouquevillers, Angres, Fauquissart and Wyttschaete."

The progress of these forces has already broken the backbone of the Turkish communications between Diarbekr and Mosul. The Turkish armies covering these two points are now separated, except for a circuitous road, too far in the rear to be of much service. Some 200 miles southward another group of Russian forces is drawn up upon the Persian-Turkish border, before Khanikin, and is prepared to strike through to Bagdad.

The combined pressure from these two directions upon the Turkish rear has placed the entire Turkish army in Mesopotamia, estimated between six and seven divisions, in the greatest jeopardy. According to the latest despatches, the Turks have been forced to relax to a great extent their resistance against the British Expeditionary Army, and rush troops northward. Thus it is thought the successes which have been won by the Russians will soon have an effect on the fortunes of the British campaign.

Artillery Active in Belgium and France

Artillery of Both Belligerents Vigorous in Regions Dixmude, St. George's, in Belgium, Around Avocourt Wood and Hill 304 in France.

LONDON, May 17.—On the greater portion of the line in Belgium and France the artillery of both Germans and Entente Allies continues to be active, being especially vigorous in Belgium in the regions of Dixmude and St. George's and in France around Avocourt Wood, Hill 304 and LeMort Homme. North-west of Verdun the Germans directed another infantry attack against French position west of Hill 304 for the possession of which there has been so much sanguinary fighting, but the manoeuvre was again checked by the French occupied the advanced Russian trenches near Lake Dolje. The Russians, however, in a counter-attack expelled the invaders, and drove them back to their former positions. In the lower Stripa region of Galicia the Teutons launched an attack against the Russian trenches, but were repulsed.

Shipping Profits

LONDON, May 17.—The White Star Line, whose profits slumped in 1914 from a dividend of 65 per cent to 35 per cent, has shared in the shipping prosperity of 1915, and the dividend is again 65 per cent, with a surplus of £1,968,285, notwithstanding that half the excess of profits were taken by the Government, other special charges met, and the Arabic lost.

A Suggestion

LONDON, May 17.—One of the suggestions for dealing with the Irish problem which has gained many supporters is for the appointment of a commission to arrange a settlement, the members of which will include Premier Borden of Canada, Premier Hughes of Australia, and Premier Botha of South Africa.

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A STARTLING REQUEST
BOY SCOUT (collecting the work of the Knitting League). "The vicar wants your socks!"