

Sympathy for Mankind Basis of Neutrality

Pres. Wilson Defines Neutral Stand of His Government—Has Higher Basis Than Petty Desire to Keep Out of Trouble—Whole Duty of Nation for Present Can be Summed Up in Motto "America First."

New York, April 20.—President Wilson today gave a definite and clear statement of the neutrality, which is guiding his administration during the war in Europe. He chose the occasion of the annual luncheon of the Associated Press for what he said he regarded as a statement of gravest importance to the American people. The influence of the newspaper in moulding public opinion, Mr. Wilson said, prompted him to make clear his ideas of true neutrality, and in doing so to impress upon his hearers the importance of adhering strictly to truthfulness and honesty in the dissemination of the news.

As the only great nation not engaged in the war, or suffering under the immediate influence of the war zone, Mr. Wilson declared that a great distinction awaited the United States within the hour of readjustment should come, provided this nation should prove to the world its self-control and self-mastery. The past has been difficult, he pointed out, but the future would be more difficult.

America, the President said, never would attempt to sit in judgment upon another nation. No nation was to do that, he added. But America, free from hampering ambitions as a world power, free of a just for territory, calm, cool and without self-interest, must be appealed to, to assist in the reconstructing processes of peace.

The neutrality of the United States, Mr. Wilson said, had a higher basis than a petty desire to keep out of trouble. "There is something so much greater to do than fight," he said. "Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not sympathy with one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over."

The President, greeted with cheers when he appeared at the luncheon, constantly was interrupted by applause and expressions of approval. The President said in part: "The times behind us, gentlemen, have been difficult enough, the times before us are likely to be more difficult, because whatever may be said about the present condition of the world's affairs, it is clear that they are drawing rapidly to a climax, and at the climax the test will come, not only of the nations engaged in the present colossal struggle, it will come for them, of course, but the test will come to us particularly.

America First.
"Do you realize that, roughly speaking, we are the only great nation at present disengaged. I am not speaking, of course, with disparagement of the greater of those nations in Europe, which are not parties to the present war, but I am thinking of their close neighborhood to us. I am thinking how their lives, much more than ours, touch the very heart and business, whereas we have rolling between us and those bitter dyes across the water three thousand miles of cool and silent ocean. Our atmosphere is not yet charged with those disturbing elements which must be felt and must permeate every nation of Europe. Therefore, is it not likely that the nations of the world will some day turn to us for the cooler assessment of the elements engaged? I am not now thinking so preposterous a thought as that we should sit in judgment upon them. No nation is fit to sit in judgment upon any other nation, but we shall some day have to assist in reconstructing the processes of peace.

"We must have our judgments prepared and our spirits chastened against the coming of that day. So that I am not speaking in a selfish spirit when I say that our whole duty for the present, at any rate, is summed up in this motto, 'America First.' Let us think of America before we think of Europe, in order that America may be fit to be Europe's friend when the day of tested friendship comes. The test of friendship is not now sympathy with the one side or the other, but getting ready to help both sides when the struggle is over.

"The basis of neutrality, gentlemen, is not indifference; it is not self-interest. The basis of neutrality is sympathy for mankind. It is fairness, it is good-will at bottom. It is impartiality of spirit and of judgment. I wish that all of our fellow citizens could realize that. There is in some quarters a disposition to create distempers in this body politic. Men are even uttering slanders against the United States, as if to excite her. Men are saying that if we should go to war upon either side, there will be a divided America—an abominable libel of ignorance; America is not all of it vocal just now. It is vocal in spots. But I, for one, have a complete and abiding faith in that great silent body of Americans who are not standing up and shouting and expressing their opinions just now, but are waiting to find out and support the duty of America. I am just as sure of their loyalty and of their unanimity, if we act justly, as I am that the history of this country, has at every crisis and turning point, illustrated this great lesson. We are medi-

ating nation of the world. I do not mean that we undertake not to mind our own business and to mediate where other people are quarrelling. I mean the word in a broader sense. We are compounded of the nations of the world. We mediate their blood, we mediate their traditions, we mediate their sentiments, their tastes, their passions; we are ourselves compounded of those things.

We are, therefore, able to understand all nations. The opinion of America, the action of America, is ready to turn, and free to turn, in any direction.

"My interest in the neutrality of the United States is not the petty desire to keep out of trouble. I have never looked for it, but I have always found it. I do not want to walk around troubled. If any man wants a scrap that is an interesting scrap and worth while, I am his man. I warn him that he is not going to draw me into the scrap for his advertisement, but if he is looking for trouble, that is, the trouble of men in general, and I can help a little, why then, I am in for it. But I am interested in neutrality because there is something so much greater to do than fight, because there is something, there is a distinction, waiting for this nation that no nation has ever yet got. That is the distinction of absolute self-control and self-mastery. Whom do you admire most among your friends? The irritable man? The man out of whom you can get a 'rise' without trying? The man who will fight at the drop of the hat, whether he knows what the hat is dropped for or not?

"Don't you admire and don't you fear, if you have to contend with him, the self-mastered man who watches you with calm eye and comes in only when you have carried the thing so far that you must be disposed of? That is the man you respect. That is the man who, you know, has at bottom a much more fundamental and terrible courage than the irritable, fighting man."

Patriotic Fund
C. H. Allan, secretary-treasurer, acknowledges the receipt of \$85 from St. Andrew's Curling Club.

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FUNERALS.
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attended the service. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Louis Sweeney, James Campbell, Alex. Wilson, Vincent Fitzgerald, James Kelleher, Walter O'Leary. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were received, including a pillow of white carnations and American bauby roses from Lodge No. 20, Elks, of Parry Sound, Ont.; floral heart, pink and cream roses and violets, from the Brotherhood Engineers, No. 728, Parry Sound; present of lilies and roses from St. John Street Railway.

The funeral of Mrs. James E. Vincent took place Tuesday afternoon at half-past two from the residence of her son, T. N. Vincent, 5 Garden street. Rev. W. Camp conducted the service and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. John Lynch took place yesterday afternoon at half-past two from her late residence, 26 Clarence street, to the Cathedral, where services were conducted by Rev. H. Belliveau. The remains were interred in the new Catholic cemetery.



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TWO OF OLD COUNCIL DEFEATED YESTERDAY IN SACKVILLE ELECTION

Sackville, N. B., April 20.—Town elections were held today in the new town offices in Wood block and great interest was displayed throughout. Two of the old members of the council were defeated and Messrs. T. D. Pickard and F. J. Phinney were elected to office. The latter has occupied a seat at the civic board two years ago. The results of today's polling were: Mayor, A. E. Wry by acclamation. North Ward—H. T. Knapp, 228; T. D. Pickard, 194; F. B. Doncaster, 163. South Ward—W. H. Oulton, acclamation. East Ward—G. F. Estabrooks, 201; W. B. Fawcett, 193; A. H. McCready, 167. West ward—J. W. Wheeler, 176; J. F. Phinney, 169; Harris Miller, 152; Thos Anderson, 146.

PORTAGE VALE NOTES

Portage Vale, Kings Co., April 20.—Work has reopened in the Portage pit. During the past number of years the Dominion government has done a large amount of work there each season and this year it will be up to the average—a fact which will be much appreciated by those who are looking for work. It is reported that a large amount of ballast is needed at Moncton.

On account of the day being disagreeable only a small number were out to hear Rev. C. J. Steeves Sunday morning. However, those who were had the pleasure of hearing a splendid sermon. Mr. Steeves took for his text Mat. 28:18.

Mrs. Spencer Dunfield, who has been

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE ON SALISBURY & ALBERT RY. IN EFFECT MAY 3

Hopewell Hill, April 17.—The change of time table on the Salisbury and Albert Railway will go into effect on Monday, May 3rd, last summer's time schedule to be resumed.

Mrs. A. E. Hopkins (formerly Miss Mary Newcomb of this place) writes from her home in Mantario, Sask., on the South Saskatchewan River, 25 miles east of Alsaak, that there is every prospect of a good crop so far in that locality. Owing to the failure of the crops last year on account of the dry weather the government is sending in all kinds of seed grain which the farmers get without interest until the harvest.

Mrs. Harold R. Russell received her friends on Wednesday afternoon last from 4 to 6 o'clock. She was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Percy Russell.

Privates Hugh Wright and Silas C. Wright and Corporal O. A. Reid are spending a few days at their homes here and in Albert, respectively.

Rev. W. B. Crowell of Harvey administered the ordinance of baptism to twenty-two candidates in the Shepody River on last Sunday morning at 9.30.

The friends of Miss Hazel Barbois of Riverside who underwent a serious operation for appendicitis will be glad to learn her recovery is now expected.

Miss Esther Beck of Albert was operated on for appendicitis on Tuesday evening by Drs. Lewis and Carvath.

Samuel Calhoun of Lower Cape is seriously ill at his home.

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TOWN ELECTIONS IN NEWCASTLE

Special to The Standard
Newcastle, N. B., April 20.—Town elections today for aldermen resulted as follows, the first eight being elected: David Ritchie 237; Ald. Alex. H. MacKay 232; Ald. Dr. F. C. McGrath 209; James Stables 203; Ald. Dennis P. Doyle 202; Donald S. Creighton 201; Ex-Ald. Henry Harvey Stuart 198; Chester C. Hayward 191; Ald. John G. Keith 122; Ald. Stanley W. Miller 119. The total vote cast was 217 of which six or seven ballots were spoiled. Seven of the eight elected have subscribed to the platform of the Town Improvement League, one of whose planks was the strict enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act.

REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers of property have taken place in St. John and Kings counties within the past few days:
St. John County.
Trustee of Can. Con. Lands Ltd., to C. N. Marshall, property at Lancaster, valued at \$2,700.
Philip Goldstein to Mary E. Young, property at Simonds.
Investment Securities, Ltd. to J. E. Warren, property on Third street.
E. F. Owens to Walter Loyland, property at Simonds, valued at \$250.
R. G. Stewart to R. G. and E. G. Stewart, property at Simonds.
Kings County.
E. P. Grant to J. J. Haslam, property at Sussex.
Assignee of Sidney and Charles Litley to W. H. Smith, property at Westfield.
Nathl. McCafferty to Frank Rouse, Jr., property at Havelock.

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