

WILSON TALKED DIRECT TO HUNS IN 1916 PARLEY

Wireless Carried Messages to German People in Plain Terse English.

NEW YORK, April 5.—How President Wilson broke diplomatic precedent on Oct. 20, 1918, by direct parley with the Germans, was told here today by C. M. Ripley, wireless expert.

It was exactly at noon on Oct. 20, Mr. Ripley said, when an operator in the naval wireless station at New Brunswick started American and allied governments wireless operators with a call to the German government wireless station at Nauen.

Visions of treachery of some naval wireless operator or equally daring German spy operators, Mr. Ripley imagines, flitted through the minds of operators who were not "on the inside" of President Wilson's plan.

Couched in English

Almost immediately there flashed back from the Nauen Station:

"Your signals are fine, old man."

Then the New Brunswick operator sent President Wilson's first message to the German people, couched in plain, terse English, and informing them that no peace negotiations could be considered until William Hohenzollern was ousted.

"From that time until the signing of the armistice," Mr. Ripley said, "the president maintained direct wireless communication with Germany, couching all his messages in plain English, which the allied governments could pick up by wireless, and giving the texts to the American public as soon as the messages had been sent."

WOMEN QUAKERS IN CONFERENCE

An informal house party is being held in the West Richmond Community House this week end by a group of young women from Wilmington Yearly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting and Western Yearly Meeting for the purpose of conference.

Twenty-two young women arrived at the Community house last evening, and several more were expected today. Sleeping quarters for between twenty and thirty were arranged yesterday by women of the Allen Jay Memorial church. The Ladies' Aid society of the Allen Jay church will furnish meals in the church dining room for the house party guests. A series of events are planned for tomorrow.

The Community house which was formerly the Harrison residence, has nine bed rooms and is ideally situated for a house party. With the arrival of the guests last night the affair was named a success. Informal discussions on vital topics concerning the young Friends of the three Yearly Meetings and Friends' work in the world at large were taken up today. The future work of the young women promises to be more important than it ever was before the war, and for this work is considered necessary to ally the monthly meetings and the Yearly Meetings in cooperative work for the highest and best ideals of the Friends church, it was explained this morning. Such a conference as is being held at the Community house brings together the young women upon whose shoulders this work is to rest, if not immediately, in the near future, think Miss Ruthanna Simms and Miss Lillian Hayes, of the Young Friends Board, who have sponsored the house party.

Several letters were received today from young Friends who were unable to attend the meeting, expressing ideas to be brought forth in the various conferences held today and tomorrow.

Attendance at several of the city churches is planned for tomorrow. Breakfast will be served the young women at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Allen D. Hole of Earlham. A number of conferences will be attended throughout the day.

SOLDIER PRAISES RELIEF SOCIETIES

Private Raymond Yundt, who saw service in France, has submitted the following:

Having just arrived in the United States from France, after twenty-one months over there, I wish to state for the benefit of the people who have donated money to different relief funds, that there are no better organizations in the world than the American Red Cross, Salvation Army and Knights of Columbus. You can find them all, anywhere there is American soldiers, from the ports of embarkation to the first line trenches. The Red Cross will do anything in the world for a soldier; comfort him without expecting anything in return. You don't have to be an officer either, to get in. Socks, sweaters, gloves, cigarettes, candies and many other articles are given to the soldiers every day. The Salvation Army also, has made doughnuts and coffee and takes them to the boys at the front, the ones who need the most. The Knights of Columbus pass out candies, cigarettes and tobacco almost every day. I know; I have been there, and when the boys get back from the Rhine, they will say the same thing. Even after I landed in New York, the Red Cross took us out for sight-seeing trips, dinner parties, theather and many other places; all free. When we went to the theater we had the best seats in the house, with lots of chocolate to eat between acts. This is only a very small fraction of the wonderful work these three organizations have done, but it will serve to let the people know that anything they donated to these people was put to the best of uses.

When national guard and national army organizations have been disbanded their battle flags will be given into the custody of the states from which the majority of the men came.

What He Did

NEW YORK, April 5.—Private Edgar Pennington, rangy rancher from Altus, Okla., of Company K, Three Hundred and Fifty-seventh Infantry regiment, came home today on the cruiser Frederick, wearing the distinguished service cross.

"What did you get that for?" he was asked.

"I dunno," replied the ranchman soldier.

" Didn't you do something?"

"Did my duty," was the sententious rejoinder.

"Anything special?"

"None."

" Didn't you capture any machine guns, rescue any wounded men or—"

"Oh, yes; rescued four officers."

JOHNSON SAYS SOLDIERS FAIL TO GET JUSTICE

Country is Afflicted With Mental Farsightedness, Claims California Senator.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Urging that Americans realize the problems confronting the country, Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, in a statement issued last night, declared: "We have been afflicted with mental farsightedness" since the signing of the armistice and are unable to see and care "for the ills and problems of our own."

"Our demobilized soldiers ask for justice and work and get neither," declared his statement. "Ordinary business lags and because of the government's inactivity or indifference cannot resume its normal conditions; unemployment increases daily and foreign agitators play upon distress and discontent."

Under World Hypnotism

"We are under the spell of a world hypnotism, unconscious of what is transpiring. Our commuting government hovers around European capitals, basking in the sunlight of foreign adulation. President and secretary of state are in Paris, the secretary of the navy in Italy, the secretary of war on his way to Europe, heads of various administrative departments are scattered east and west and north and south in Europe—there is 'nobody home' in America.

"It has become a reproach in many quarters to think in terms of America for America first. It is time to call a halt. Let us make it respectable to be American again."

WILL BALLOT IN OPEN TO SELECT SCHOOL BOOKS

INDIANAPOLIS, April 5.—After a lively discussion, during which feeling ran high, the members of the Indiana state board of education, meeting in the state superintendent's office at the state-house Friday, voted to have an open ballot for the adoption of text books for the grade schools of Indiana during the next five years, and to have an open meeting for the discussion of the merits of the books submitted by bidders. The board fixed April 17 as the date for letting the contracts.

This means that on the morning of April 17, at 10 o'clock, when the books will be discussed by the board, the public, including the interested book men, will be permitted to hear the discussion, and when the board members cast their votes for the adoption of each of the books, their votes will be made in public.

Thirty-Three Bidders.
Thirty-three book firms submitted bids for providing readers, arithmetics, domestic science books and writing books. Nearly fifty agents of these companies crowded into the room to see the bids opened. As the books to be bought by Indiana school children during the next five years under the contracts to be let may amount altogether in cost to nearly \$1,500,000, the deliberations of the board have assumed great importance. There never has been a time during recent years that school book interests have exerted greater pressure of all kinds in relation to the school book letting than they have exerted this year.

A discussion started when Charles O. Williams of Richmond, superintendent of the Wayne county schools, moved that when the state board of education meets as a state textbook board to let contracts for books to be adopted for use in the schools, all ballots should be taken by roll call and shall be recorded. W. W. Parsons, president of the Indiana State Normal school, supported Mr. Williams in the motion.

"I am in favor of letting the sunlight in," said President Parsons. "Let the public see what we are doing."

WIDOW IS GIVEN MEDAL
BALTIMORE, Md., April 5.—The congressional medal of honor today was presented to Mrs. Hythron Johnston Costin, young widow of Private Henry Gilbert Costin, by Major General Beaumont Bonaparte Buck, in the Blue Room of the Belvedere hotel.

HERE'S ANOTHER RECORD

PARIS, April 5.—Lieutenant Boussetrot, a French aviator, yesterday exceeded his feet of Tuesday, when he reached an altitude of more than 20,000 feet in a large French biplane. Yesterday he ascended to between 20,000 and 25,000 feet with 13 passengers. The biplane crossed over Paris during the flight.

EIGHT MEN MADE RABBIS

(By Associated Press)
CINCINNATI, O., April 5.—Graduation exercises of Hebrew Union college, at which eight men are to receive degrees of rabbi, was to be the principal feature of the thirtieth convention of the Central conference of American Rabbis here today.

NEWS FROM EARLHAM COLLEGE

Miss Ruth Clark, of Georgetown, Ill., is spending the week end at the college visiting her sister, Miss Zola Clark. She is on her way to the offices of the Friends' Service Committee in Philadelphia, under whose auspices she will sail for that work in France April 14. Later she will go to Russia. She will be accompanied by Miss Gertrude Simms of Richmond, who will be engaged in the same work.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen D. Hole were the guests of Miss Martha Doan, who has just returned from a convention of the National College Alumnae Association in St. Louis, for dinner last evening. Following dinner an informal reception was held for them by the students in the girls' parlor of Earlham Hall.

Phoenix Literary Society held an open meeting last evening in Phoenix Hall. An interesting program was given by the Freshmen to a large audience which included a number of outside visitors.

C. S. Minor, of Indianapolis, visited the college Y. M. C. A. yesterday. Mr. Minor is the secretary of the Indiana Student Y. M. C. A. association and is director of the college Y. M. C. A.'s of the state.

The college chapel will be turned over into a moving picture theatre tonight when the "Vagabond of France," a play produced by Henri Krauss, will be presented to the students and the surrounding vicinity.

Yesterday morning the chapel exercises were turned over to the Sen-

tors when they appeared for the first time in their caps and gowns. After a short devotion led by Dr. Hole, Miss Laura Gaston, instructor of piano music at the college, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Foss of Richmond, gave four interpretations of fairy stories and Mother Goose rhymes on the piano.

The members of the graduating class are Dorcas Hiss, Esther Hodson, Althea Brown, Harold Richard Brown, Mabel Binford, Zola Clark, Mildred Cutler, Cecil Dennis, Russel Titworth, Noreenna Roberts, Vera Newsom, Wynema Binford, Frank Hill, Paul Smith, Clara Sellars, Robert Petry, Lewis Taylor, Alice Craig, Hazel Dixon, Ruby Maders, Ruth Brown, Everett Hunt, Susie Meek, Leberta Patrick, Loma Scott, C. H. Smith, Katherine Quiggle, Hobart Hoskins, Lyle Power, Elizabeth Marvel, Leslie Meeks, Marion Johnson and Jerold Hoerner.

Following the Senior program seven members of this year's basketball team were awarded "E's" by Professor Chief Miller in his monthly return, Saturday.

E. P. Trueblood. The men receiving the letters were Captain Leslie H. Meeks, Fonzo Lawler, Orval Hall, Raymond Johnson, captain-elect, Cyril Pitts, Eugene Ralford, Herbert Carey.

WATCH LAMB ADVANCE!

CHICAGO, Apr. 5.—The government is in the market for 3,730,000 pounds of lamb, it was learned today at the stock yards, the first time since the government began making large wartime purchases that it has sought any very considerable quantity of lamb or mutton. At the present time lamb is selling at virtually the same price that beef and pork are bringing.

21 FIRES IN MARCH

Twenty-one fire alarms with a total loss of \$900, about the average number for March, were reported by Fire Chief Miller in his monthly return, Saturday.

Investigation of Buenos Aires Harbor Strike Urged

(By Associated Press)

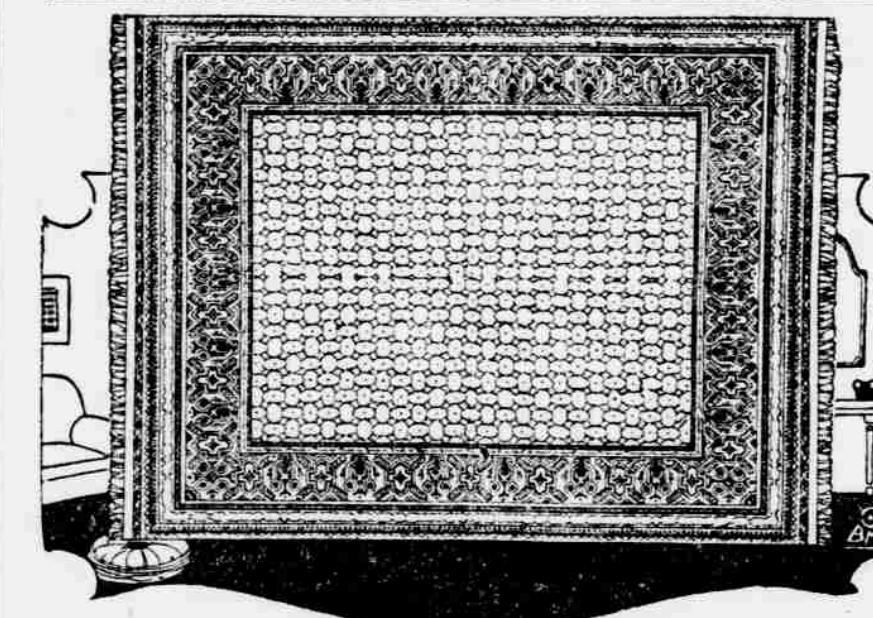
BUENOS AIRES, Friday, April 4.—An investigation of the port conflict, which remains unsettled despite efforts by President Irigoyen to end the trouble, was urged today by the radical elements in congress. Owners of coast-wise vessels remain firm in their refusal to work their ships under the presidential decree issued last week, which they declare to be confiscatory. Trans-Atlantic steamers are entering and departing from the harbor largely without tugs, less than a dozen of these craft being in operation at the present. The stevedores are working under government supervision, the controversy being carried on by the organization of the employees of tugs and the owners, government intervention being refused by them.



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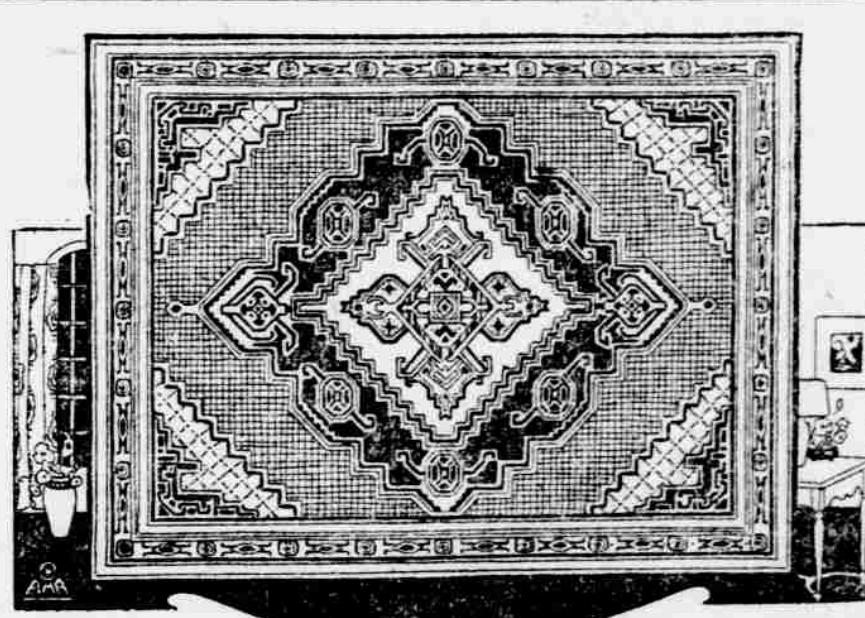
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Rugs 59c

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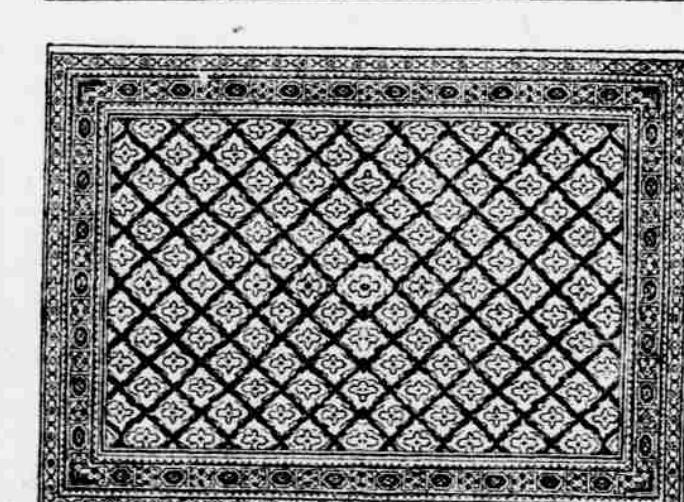
9x12 Tapestry, worth \$27.50, \$30.00, \$35.00. Sale price

\$26.75



9x12 Body Brussels—\$55.00, \$57.50, \$65.00. Sale price

\$43.60



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