

# AMERICA'S PLEDGE SACRED--WILSON

PRESIDENT SAYS OUR PROMISE TO TRY TO PREVENT FUTURE WARS SHOULD BE KEPT.

ONLY HOPE IS IN WORLD LEAGUE

Says Germany Would Not Have Dared to Strike If Nations Had Been Banded Against Aggression.

(By Mt. Clemens News Bureau.)

St. Louis—Displaying a high confidence that his fellow citizens in the great majority agree with him in his desire to end war forever, and that the peace treaty with its League of Nations inclusion, is ratified by the senate, President Wilson is making a successful way across the country on the long journey he has undertaken for the purpose of laying before the plain people a report of his work in Paris and explaining to them just what the League means.

Thus far in his travels he has everywhere met with warm greetings, both in the great halls where he has spoken formally and in the little cross road hamlets where his train has halted at times and he has exchanged words with the villagers who pressed forward to greet him. He feels, and does not hesitate to say so when chatting with his traveling companions, that the American people want no more of war and want to become part of the League so that there may be no more war. He struck his keynote when he said in his first address, in Columbus, Ohio:

"This treaty was not intended merely to end this single war. It is meant as a notice to every government which in the future will attempt this thing (what Germany attempted) that mankind will unite to inflict the same punishment. There is no national triumph to be recorded in this treaty. There is no glory sought for any particular nation. The thought of the statesmen collected around that table was of their people, of the sufferings they had gone through, of the losses they had incurred, of that great throbbing heart which was so depressed, so forlorn, so sad in every memory it had of the five tragical years that have gone by. Let us never forget those years, my fellow countrymen; let us never forget the purpose, high and disinterested, with which America lent its strength, not for its own glory but for the defense of mankind.

"As I said, this treaty was not meant merely to end this war. It is intended to prevent any similar war. I wonder if some of the opponents of the League of Nations have forgotten the promises we made our people before we went to that peace table? We had taken by process of law the flower of our youth from every countryside, from every household, and we told those mothers and fathers and sisters and wives and sweethearts that we were taking those men to fight a war which would end business of that sort, and if we do not end it, if we do not do the best that human concert of action can do to end it, we are of all men the most unfaithful—the most unfaithful to the loving hearts who suffered in this war, the most unfaithful to those households bowed in grief and yet lifted with the feeling that the lad laid down his life for a great thing, and among other things in order that other lads might never have to do the same thing.

"I wonder what the League of Nations is for to end this war justly and fairly and merely to serve notice on governments which could contemplate that they will do so at their peril, but also concerning the combination of power which will prove to them that they can do it at their peril. It is idle to say the world will combine against you, but it is persuasive to say the world is combined against you. The League of Nations is the only thing that can prevent the recurrence of this dreadful catastrophe and redeem our promises."

A League of Nations would have prevented the late conflict, the president asserted, explaining:

"I did not meet a single public man who did not admit those things; that Germany would not have gone into this war if she thought Great Britain was going into it, and she most certainly would never have gone into it had she dreamed America was going into it. And they all admit that a nation beyond that the greatest powers of the world would combine to prevent this sort of thing would prevent it absolutely."

Approval and cheers greeted each declaration of the president that was sought to be avoided in the future by operations of the League. He pointed out other important features of the Peace Treaty, now it was the redemption of weak nations, giving them freedom which otherwise they never could have won, how it was that people have a right to live their own lives under governments which they themselves choose, and how that is the American principle and it was given a fight for it, and it was the very heart of the Treaty, he said.

He drew attention to the provision of the Treaty which has a Magna Carta of Labor, which shall secure to the hours, small hours, and hours of labor.

"It forecasts the day," he said, "when nations will realize that a nation is fortunate which is happy, whose people are not discontented, contented in their lives and fortunate in the circumstances of their lives."

In conclusion the president said he felt certain the Treaty will be accepted, and was only impatient of the delay. He added: "Do you realize, my fellow citizens, that the whole world is waiting on America? The only country in the world that is trusted today is the United States and the world is awaiting to see if its trust is justified."

## HUN FEELING IS UNCHANGED

German Clergy Still Talk of Day of Triumph in Store for the Fatherland.

The Glasgow Herald prints from a special correspondent some interesting information regarding the views of the German churches on the peace treaty. What, asked the writer, in the guidance offered by the churches at this crisis in the affairs of the nation? We are in no doubt as to its character. In the Kreuz-Zeitung recently Doctor Conrad, one of the ex-kaiser's chaplains, wrote a homily on the attitude which religious men should adopt toward the peace which is being "dealt to Germany." He wrote: "Possess your souls and do not despair. God in his good time will turn our sorrows into joy. Is there a German man with the fear of God in his heart who does not realize that this humiliation is but for a time and that before long the drama of the new fashioning of the earth will begin again? When that time comes Germany will rise supreme from the fire of her trials. It was in 1870-71 that began it; that was the prelude; we are now at the close of the second act. The coming third act will give us our final place and God will be with us. All I can counsel is this: Be patient. Our hour is coming. Certainly, sign the peace, for this will give us the breathing time we require and also time for reflection."

In the Kirchen Anzeiger there is a sermon by Stadt-Pfarrer Broekhaus, headed "What Is Now Our Duty?" The preacher after denouncing "the cruel and incredible terms" of the treaty, goes on: "There is a revenge which is holy and ennobles all those who nourish it in their hearts. We cannot sit down under the awful humiliation. But we must wait God's time. We must wait for him to die, take our course. He who led the German people from weakness to strength, he who once blessed our efforts in our world mission is punishing us now for our sin, but he has great work for us yet and he will see that we get stand on the necks of our adversaries." All through these sermons dealing with the peace and the present situation generally the German clergy continuously exhort their flocks to be patient, to be steadfast during the days of tribulation. In a perfunctory sort of way they acknowledge that tribulation has come upon the people because of their sins and shortcomings, but the sins and shortcomings have nothing to do with the guilt of causing the war or with the innumerable crimes committed by Germany in the four years of its duration.

### Amethyst Once Highly Prized.

On account of its fine color, play of light and capacity for polish, the amethyst once held a high rank as a decorative stone, perhaps next to the sapphire, but by reason of the discovery of large quantities in Brazil its popularity declined in Europe and consequently its commercial value declined in corresponding ratio.

Of all the quartz varieties the amethyst has been the most highly valued, and the most frequently used for the art of engraving. The deep shades are less brilliant and for this reason the artists of antiquity preferred the lighter shades. Consequently the ancient intagli occur almost invariably on the light-colored specimens so that engravings on the dark shade may be suspected as modern.

But some of the specimens of Egyptian, Etruscan and Roman engraving on amethysts are extant, among which may be mentioned the gem bearing the likeness of the Emperor Trajan, captured by Napoleon when he conquered Prussia in 1806; a bust of Antonia, daughter of Mark Antony; the head of a Syrian king, which is or was in the Pusky collection, and a superb engraving of Dioscorides, now in the national library in Paris.

### Natural Enemies of Mosquito.

Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the United States bureau of entomology, writing on his favorite theme, the mosquito, in a recent bulletin reviews the subject of the natural enemies of this insect. Among fish, he mentions first the common goldfish and silver fish, which destroy mosquito larvae and should be put in artificial ponds. Topinambos are great feeders on mosquito larvae, and certain species introduced from Texas and Hawaii have proved their value, while a small form of the genus Girardinus, known in Barbados as "millions," has been used successfully in other West Indian islands. Many predatory aquatic insects feed on mosquito larvae. Certain birds prey upon the adults, and bats eat them. Many plants are popularly believed to keep away mosquitoes, among them being several species of eucalyptus, the aster oil plant, the chamberlay tree, etc. Scientific observations have not confirmed the popular idea on this subject. Scientific American.

### Swift Handling of Troops.

The Camden railroad railways recently broke a speed record in the transportation of troops from one city to the other. The troopship company docked at 5 o'clock in the evening, with 4,000 returned soldiers aboard. Eleven special trains were made up to take the soldiers to demobilization points inland. The first of these specials got under way at 7:45 o'clock. The other trains followed at average intervals of 18 minutes. Within three hours all the soldiers were on their way for the interior. The troops averaged 445 men to a train and it took 150 cars to handle them.

## HIGHEST HONOR FOR HAMES

Carolinian Receives Legion of Honor Certificate From French.

Union, Sept. 11.—Lieut. William Walter Hames, of Jonesville, in this county, has received the very high distinction and honor of having conferred on him by the French Government the order of the Legion of Honor this being the very highest honor that can be bestowed upon anyone by the French Government and so far as is known, Lieut. Hames is the only South Carolinian to have received it.

Lieut. Hames received the official announcement from the French Government a few days ago, the handsome certificate bearing as its caption "Ordre National De La Legion D'Honneur" and was signed on May 19, 1919, by "Poincaré Le President de la Republique Française, and the Chief of the Military Bureau." The certificate bears the seal of the Republic of France and engraved in it is Lieut. Hames' name and that he was a member of the 372nd regiment of the American infantry, but it does not state the particular act of heroism for which the honor was conferred.

For extraordinary heroism in leading his men in attacking and capturing a German machine gun nest in the face of galling fire, during which time he was severely gassed and for other acts of heroism. Lieut. Hames was three times cited for exceptional bravery by the French Government and received the Croix de Guerre with palms. He was also cited for bravery by the American Government and received the Distinguished Service Cross.

In addition to the certificate showing that he has had conferred upon him the distinction of the Legion of Honor, Lieut. Hames will receive a very handsome decoration, which it is expected will reach him soon.

### Millions Paid To See Movies.

According to Frederick J. Haskin, the well known newspaper correspondent the best estimate available for the number of moving picture theaters in the United States is 14,000. These theatres receive about six billion admissions in the course of a year, which on the basis of 10 cents admission, would amount to \$600,000,000.

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