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WILSON'S WORDS CLEAR UP DOUBT

CALIFORNIA THROWS OVER ITS LEADER, JOHNSON, AND RALLIES TO LEAGUE.

WEST GIVES HIM OVATION

All Doubtful Features of Pact Are Explained Away By President, and Former Doubters Hasten to Give Him Their Support.

(By Independent News Bureau, formerly Mt. Clemens News Bureau.)

Aboard President Wilson's Special Train—A continuous ovation along the Pacific coast and then on his eastward way back toward the capital was given to President Wilson as he came toward the end of his month daylong speaking tour in behalf of the League of Nations. California, particularly the delightful city of Los Angeles, went wild in its enthusiasm for him and his advocacy of the League, and it was in that state, perhaps, that he did his most successful missionary work. Hiram Johnson, California's former governor, now her United States senator, and considered by her as the most likely Republican candidate for the presidency in 1920, had before the arrival of President Wilson, convinced a great number of citizens that the League as at present formulated was not a good thing. He had told them that the United States, because of it, would be drawn into every petty European quarrel; he argued that we would lose our sovereignty by joining with the European nations. He had blamed the president for assenting to the possession by Japan of the Peninsula of Shan Tung in China.

BUREAU CHANGES NAME

The Mount Clemens News Bureau, which has been furnishing reports on President Wilson's tour in behalf of the League of Nations to 5,500 papers, has adopted a new name and will hereafter be known as The Independent News Bureau.

But Mr. Wilson, with clear logic and with compelling eloquence, answered to the entire satisfaction of California's people every objection which Senator Johnson had made to the League. And thousands of the state's citizens deserted the Johnson standard immediately and rallied to the support of the president. More than that, they came forward and said, "We were against you, Mr. President, but you have cleared everything up and now we are with you heart and soul." Still more than that, they let Senator Johnson know that they were no longer with him and that they disapproved of the speaking tour which he himself was making in opposition to the League and so powerful was the volume of public opinion which reached him, that the senator almost immediately abandoned his tour. The Shan Tung question, because of the anti-Japanese feeling which undoubtedly exists along the Pacific coast was the most serious which the president had to answer. He explained to the people that he had been powerless to prevent the rich peninsula from being given to Japan. England and France, through a secret treaty, had promised it to Japan for entering the war and remaining in it. That treaty had to be carried out. Anyway it was not China that was losing Shan Tung, but Germany, which had seized the territory from China in 1918 and held it ever since. Japan had promised, the president explained, to return Shan Tung as soon as the peace treaty was ratified and it was only through the ratification of the treaty with the League of Nations inclusion, that China could ever expect to get her former property back. And she surely would get it back, he declared, through the ratification of the League. Therefore, through the same instrumentality no other nation could again prey upon the "Great, patient, diligent, but helpless kingdom." As to our being drawn into any European conflict. The president pointed out that no direct action such as the sending of troops to any part of the world to maintain or restore order could be taken by the Council of the League without a unanimous vote of the council members, therefore our vote could at once negative any such proposition as sending our soldiers where we did not want them sent. Beside, Mr. Wilson argued, "If you have to quench a fire in California you don't send for the fire department of Utah." But, he argued, there probably never will be another war, if the League is established, for the members promise either to arbitrate their difference and accept the decision of the arbitrator, lay the differences for discussion and publication before the Council of the League for a period of six months, and then, if possible, accept the council's advice. That failing, they agree to refrain from war for a further period of three months and nine months of "cooling off," the president contended, would prevent any armed conflict. These clear explanations satisfied every reasonable hearer and destroyed the "Bugaboos" which Senator Johnson and others had raised against the League. Through rugged Nevada into Utah, the land of Mormons, the president swept to find that there fine people were heartily with him for the League and a permanency of peace.

The Wonders of America

By T. T. MAXEY

THE CROOKEDEST RAILROAD IN THE WORLD.

THE Mount Tamalpais and Muir Woods railway runs from Mill Valley, California, to the top of Mount Tamalpais—the guardian of our famous Golden Gate, the entrance to San Francisco bay. This miniature railway is but 20 miles long. The longest piece of straight track is 413 feet. It contains 281 curves. In one place the track parallels itself five times in a little more than 300 feet—forming an almost perfect double bow-knot. So crooked is this line that if all the curves were continuous, they would make 42 complete circles. It is one of the most wonderful pieces of engineering on the American continent.

The curious looking, oil-burning locomotive squirms its way tall first, pushing the train up the tortuous track, on a grade averaging six feet to the hundred, to the summit, 2,592 feet above the valley below.

The reason for it all is, of course, the view from the top of this peak which stands on the very edge of the U. S. A. Here, the eye, in one far-reaching sweep, commands a panorama of mountains, forest, bay, island, city and sea, lying between the Sierra mountains and the Pacific ocean which, it is said, is not surpassed from the summit of any other mountain peak in the world.

Worth mentioning in passing, too, is the fact that the government recording station here, shows more sunshine per day than any other recording station in this country.

The return trip is made by gravity—the train coasting all the way down.

WILL ROAR TOWARD GERMANY

Position of Sculptured Lion on Famous Battlefield of Waterloo is to Be Reversed.

The lion on the battlefield of Waterloo is to face the other way, and before long it will stand with open, ponderous paws roaring silently, after the manner of your fierce but considerate sculptured lions, toward Germany instead of France. Fortunately for the quiet of the countryside the roar is imaginary or the lion would long ago have become a nuisance whichever way he faced. The lion was set up by Belgium after the battle of Waterloo, and stood as a warning to France not to engage in any more Napoleonic dreams of conquest; and year after year it looked toward France, while behind it Germany prepared for the next effort to dominate other nations. It maintained its attitude while Germany carried through the program that separated Alsace-Lorraine from France; but presently behind the lion's back Belgium began to fortify, and eventually left him in the ridiculous position of looking in one direction while the Belgian fortifications looked in another. A tame lion, one might say, roaring for the edification of tourists and with no personal feeling about it. But now Belgium decides to turn him round and let him roar toward Germany as a

solemn reminder of the unwisdom of dreams of world conquest.

THINK TERM IS EFFEMINATE

Some Tennis Players Object to Word "Love" as at Present Employed in Scoring System.

There is talk among the overtors of tennis of finding another word than "love" to mean "nothing" in the scoring system, for, although it may surprise many to hear it, the game is sometimes spoken of as effeminate, and this bit of terminology is held responsible. Nobody has ever explained why "love" means "nothing" in tennis, but there is a footnote in an old and rare book about card-playing which refers to an old Scottish word "lug," which meant "nothing," and this, perhaps, may have been somehow transferred into the game of tennis. Or, again, the term may be of far eastern origin, where a word sounding like "love" was used in the old form of tennis that was once popular in the orient. Whether or not the terminology undergoes change, the game is in no immediate danger of falling off in popularity, and the repeated shouting of these seeming endearments across the tennis net has occasioned much innocent merriment.—Christian Science Monitor.

Honor Cuban Generals.

Cuba is to pay honor to the memory of General Maximo Gomez, the island republic's military hero, by erecting a costly monument. A first prize of \$25,000 was awarded recently to Aldo Gaba, an Italian sculptor, for a model of the memorial, which is to cost \$200,000. Second and third prizes went respectively to Huertas Cabarrocas, a Spanish-Cuban, and Gutson Borglum, an American. General Gomez became popular as the leader of the Cuban forces in the war for independence from Spain, from 1895 to 1898. He also took a prominent part in the Ten Years' war, a revolt which began in 1898. On the day of his death, June 18, 1905, the general's family was presented with a gift of \$100,000 by the government of Cuba. At the conclusion of the Spanish-American war, General Gomez was honored at a public reception given by the American forces occupying Havana at that time.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Helium Gas Cheapened.

Up to 1915 the total output of helium gas in all the world had probably been less than 100 cubic feet, and it was worth about \$1,700 a cubic foot. But just before the armistice was signed a shipment of 150,000 cubic feet of helium gas was sent to Europe, and it costs less than 10 cents a cubic foot.

Helium gas was first discovered on the sun, by spectroscopy. It is the best gas for use in balloons, because it is not inflammable. It is now extracted from the natural gas of Texas and Kansas.

The method is delicate and complex, but is based upon the fact that the principal constituents of natural gas liquefy when cooled to about minus 329 degrees F., but that helium remains a gas at that temperature, and hence is easily separated.

Barely alive from asphyxiation, Mrs. Thomas H. Nugent, wife of the manager of the Morris Plan Company, of Savannah, was found in the bath room at her home Friday afternoon. By her side were the bodies of her two daughters, Elizabeth, aged 10, and Hannah, aged 6.

Coming to life in time to attend her own funeral was the interesting experience of old "Aunt Mary" Callaway, a negro of Monroe county, Georgia. Aunt Mary is an interesting figure because she is reputed to be more than a hundred years old and now she is doubly interesting to the negro population of this county by reason of the fact that she came to life just when relatives were arriving for her funeral and when the mourners were beginning to foregather.

Berrien county probably holds the record for Georgia, at least in the age of a divorce as a result of a trial in the superior court last week. In the case of Rose Brady against Jackson Brady, suit for divorce, the plaintiff, aged 78 years, was granted a final verdict and her maiden name restored to her, and she walked from the court house with her freedom she remarked that she could probably marry again.

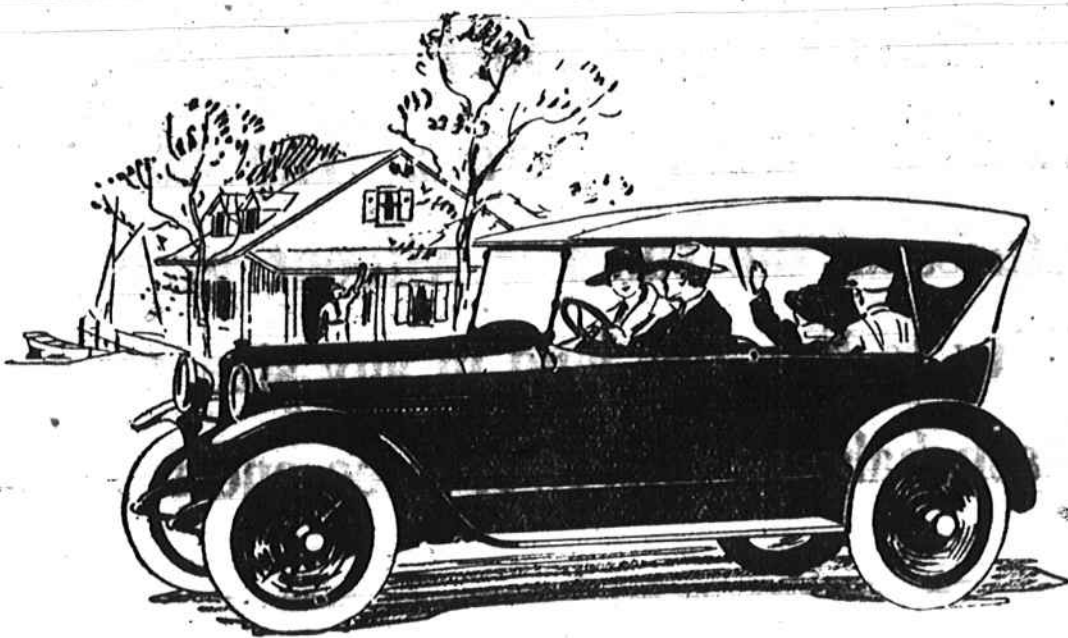
Growth of a fox farm on Kukoi island off the coast of Alaska, from 20 animals to a band estimated to be worth \$130,000 has been described by Claude Green, a former trapper, prosecutor and miner

and now one of the proprietors of the farm. The animals are fed a cooked mash of fish and grain. More than 600 foxes with an average market value of \$185 for each pelt have been raised, according to Green.

Restoration of the Carolina Special giving through service between Charleston and Cincinnati over the Southern Railroad Lines, effective Sunday, November 9, was announced by the United States Railroad Administration last Thursday.

Dr. Covington Lee, who was arrested Saturday afternoon on a warrant issued by Coroner Smith, charging him with murder in connection with the death at New Hope, Florence county, of Mrs. Bertie Anderson, wife of Mr. Walter Anderson, has been released from the custody of the officers on bond for \$5000. Dr. Lee arranged the bond late Saturday afternoon.

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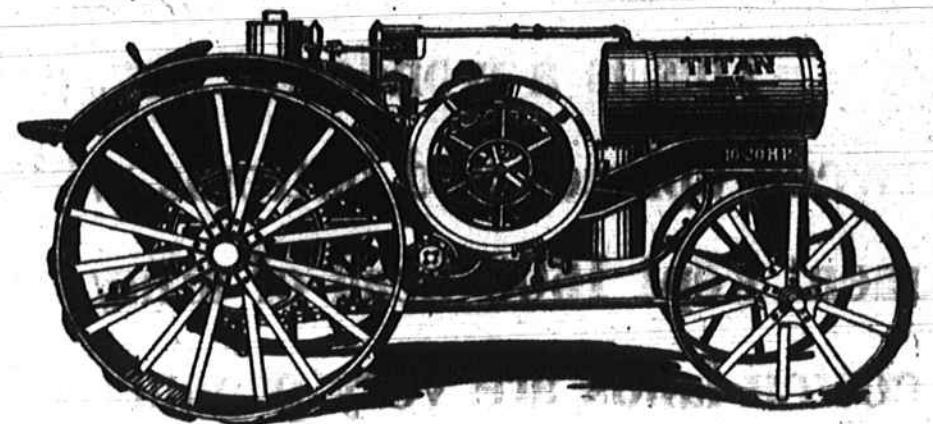
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