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Events of Interest from the Seat of Government by the News Special Correspondent, J. E. Jones

REACHING THE TALKING STAGE

Washington, D. C., Jan. 12.—In all serious controversies a period is reached when the parties in disagreement refuse to speak civilly to each other, and where the nations involved spend a long time in shooting and killing before "the talking stage" is reached. Perhaps we have the Russian Bolsheviks to thank for the present condition which has brought forth statements of the aims of the English, German and American Governments; expressions of lesser importance from other sources.

It was my good fortune, the other day, to hear the President address Congress, and to make a statement of the peace terms which the United States believes in. Of course, mostly everyone has read the document; but there are features that surround the delivery of it, that are touched of very little in print. Some of the Senators and Representatives have expressed their views, and newspapers have commented editorially. To my mind, the important thing, is the temper, attitude, and hope expressed in the Congress itself.

According to the constitution Congress is the power that must declare war. According to actual fact, it will be remembered, it was the President who declared that "a state of war exists," and after that Congress made its declaration. These two phases of the situation instituted the war formally, and marked the beginning of the close co-operation that has existed between the executive and legislative branches of the Government. The "shoulder to shoulder" rule has been in operation in a way that is creditable to America and her ideals.

I have never seen the President look more fit than he did when he delivered his speech the other day. At twelve o'clock noon a telephonic message came into a senator's office, where I was attending a committee hearing, saying that the President would address Congress at half past twelve. The President had been on the golf links with Mrs. Wilson until after eleven o'clock, and he broke the news that he was going to Congress after his return to the White House.

There was a rush for the Capitol, and a jam of people attempted to gain admission to the galleries of the House. When the President speaks each Senator and Representative is allowed but one ticket for a guest. This is necessary as the seating capacity is very limited. Armed with a blue ticket I made my way to the gallery, just in time to hear the announcement from the floor below: "The President of the United States." Everyone arose and applauded. The President advanced to the desk occupied by the reading clerk of the House, and began his speech. He was interrupted repeatedly by applause, and it was most pronounced when he declared that Belgium must be restored, and Alsace-Lorraine returned to France. The suggestion of "free trade" fell with considerable of a dull thud among the Republican members.

The members made it clear that there was no wavering in their attitude toward the war; and while it was plain that the welcomed what they construed as a step toward peace, they detected the firm tone of the Presidential document, and approved heartily.

The word "peace" appears to have been made respectable by Lloyd George and President Wilson at last; and as I watched the President and his official co-workers in Congress I could not help but feel that nearly all of them had the same thought, that it

might be possible for the warring nations to get together, and amicably settle the superhuman strife that has been disturbing the world for three years and a half. Mostly all the nations have had all the fighting they want—overlooking, of course, what they believe to be the necessities that have made the war. The United States, rich in her ideals, stands for either fighting, or the "talking stage," whichever is best for humanity. Congress is in a receptive mood, and it has made it plain that its members are willing to remain "shoulder to shoulder" with the President in his efforts to put out the flames that are burning up the world.

The Investigations

The different Congressional investigations would be sufficient to startle the whole country, in times of peace; but now, with a first-class war on hand, no one pays much attention to the charges and recriminations concerning the juggling of sugar, and the milking down of a million dollars from the American people, while sugar is in the famine class. It is very apparent that the American Sugar Refining Company profited by forcing package goods on the consumer, at an advance of forty cents per hundred pounds, when granulated sugar could not be bought in the stores, largely for the reason that it was stored in Philadelphia and San Francisco. Equally entertaining has been the coal investigation; and Congress has sought to find out whether the railroads, miners, owners or coal dealers were to blame for all the cold feet and hands that have been known to exist in different sections of the country. The disclosures regarding army and navy matters, shipbuilding, and a dozen other big subjects, would have called for big newspaper headlines in normal times—but now it is quite different, and very little interest is shown in these very important investigations. However, the information that is being gained will be of great use to Congress in framing new legislation at this session.

Thompson Resigns

Colonel Robert M. Thompson has perhaps seen his pictures in the papers for the last time, as he has resigned the presidency of the Navy League. Owing to the outer attacks made upon Secretary of the Navy Daniels some months ago by the League, the Navy Department refused to permit any co-operation in war work with the League, so long as Colonel Thompson remained as its president. After a lot of storming and bluffing Colonel Thompson has finally stepped down and out. It will be interesting to watch developments, as the future attitude of the Navy Department towards the League is rather important. Patriotic women all over the country have been getting their yarn from the Navy League and they have turned back their finished garments to it. But the League, in order to get the supplies to the Navy, have been obliged to turn them over to private individuals. The widow of Admiral Dewey was the go-between for a while, and the Navy League presented all of its garments to her. In turn she passed them along to the Navy. Evidently Mrs. Dewey learned that her position in the matter was not popular, and she resigned. The League has continued to get its products to the Navy; and many of its members hope that since the organization has been "urged" thru the resignation of Colonel Thompson, as demanded by Secretary Daniels, that all will be lovely in the future.

Read the classified advs.

NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF

Ice two feet thick is being harvested at Canandaigua.

During 1917 there was 599 deaths by accident in Buffalo.

Le Roy, hard put for coal, may cut down its shade trees for fuel.

Vice is reigning supreme in Geneva, according to a social worker.

Buffalo's health department has a small supply of sugar for the needy.

Thirty-seven sheep owned by Fred Shear of Wellsville were killed by a dog.

Yates county is looking for a manager of its newly organized farm bureau.

Geneva's wire wheel industry reports an amazing growth during the last year.

Monroe County Administrator Bombright has urged Rochester people to stop hoarding flour.

Bills aggregating \$28,340 for appraising machinery for assessment purposes were declared reasonable by Commissioner Hill in Buffalo.

Western New York has been told to go easy on gas and electricity, the public service commission having issued an order to that effect in Albany.

The new corporation three per cent income tax has contributed more than \$10,000,000 to the state's revenue, according to a report of State Comptroller Travis.

Hornell is soon to have a drinkless night. Saloon men of that city have agreed to close one night each week for the purpose of conserving the coal supply.

Oliver Cabana's Lady Netherland Parlor of Elma has made a record for junior four-year-old Holstein production, her work being 583.3 pounds of milk in seven days.

At the annual meeting of the South Shore Growers and Shippers' association at Silver Creek the secretary announced the past season had been unprofitable in many ways.

Rochester's Automobile club has issued a warning against racing engines with garage doors shut. The number of asphyxiations, due to motor gas prompted the advice.

Marvin Burroughs of Rochester, aged 71, justice of the peace and prominent in Seneca county politics for 40 years, hanged himself in his bathroom in a fit of despondency.

The New York state prison commission, at its annual meeting in Albany, re-elected Henry Solomon of New York, president, and Frank E. Wade of Buffalo, vice president.

The Dunkirk board of commerce announced that it had secured a new industry for Dunkirk in the shape of the Chautauqua Wire corporation. The company will give employment to 150 men and will manufacture wire.

The new concern is capitalized at \$250,000 and has purchased the plant of the Dunston Lithograph company.

The official plurality in favor of the suffrage amendment at the November election was 102,344, the state board of canvassers announced at Albany.

The total suffrage vote, including all the soldiers and sailors of ballots, was: For 703,120; against, 600,776. The 1915 vote on suffrage was: For, 553,348; against, 748,832.

Street and highway fatalities in this state for the last year were summarized in a statement by Colonel Edward S. Cornell, secretary of the National Highway Protective Society, in advance of the issue of the detailed annual report. The year's record amounted to 837 fatalities, compared with 729 for 1916.

Several manufacturing concerns in North Tonawanda which have United States munition contracts have laid off all of their alien enemy employees. One factory laid off some 50 men. There are about 3,000 alien enemies in the Tonawandas. None of these will be permitted to work in factories where war orders are being filled.

Under the government power order, which was received by officials of the power companies, power to the Cliff and Defiance paper companies of Niagara Falls was cut off. It was expected that within a short time the big factory of the International Paper company would be forced to close under provisions of the same order.

The first woman member of a common council body in the state took her seat at the organization meeting of the Troy board of aldermen. The representative is Mrs. Patrick J. Kennedy of the fifth ward, that city, and she takes the place to which her late husband was elected in November last. The mayor filled the vacancy.

A campaign for standardization of farm tractors as a step for relieving the shortage of farm labor and increasing food production throughout the country was started at Syracuse at a meeting of farm bureau officials. The aid of every farm tractor manufacturer in the United States will be sought and under the result submitted to the government.

AGRICULTURE

Early hatched pullets are likely to produce more winter eggs and consequently greater profits.

Cordwood cut now, well piled and seasoned, will not only help next winter's fuel situation, but will bring good prices.

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