

# COMPANY C BOYS HOMEWARD BOUND

## WILSON ADDRESSES SENATE; ASKS UNION TO FORCE PEACE

### OFFICIAL WASHINGTON IS DEALT SURPRISE BY REQUEST

### NO WARNING GIVEN

### PRESIDENT SENDS COMMUNI- CATION ASKING PRIVILEGE OF DELIVERING MESSAGE — IS HEARD AT 1 O'CLOCK THIS P. M.

### STONE REFUSES TO DIS- CLOSE PURPOSE OF VISIT.

Washington 22.—Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee of the senate declared that President Wilson's visit to that body did not mean war. Asked what the purpose of the visit was he said:

"I can't tell you about it. The President will be here to tell it in person in an hour and a half."

"Oh, no," he answered. "It means peace."

He refused to amplify the latter statement.

### MARKETS BECOME UN- STEADY AT PEACE TALK NEWS.

New York, Jan. 22.—Announcement that President Wilson would address the senate this afternoon on foreign relations hit Wall street entirely unexpectedly and the market broke sharply. Practically all the leading issues showed substantial losses within half an hour after the announcement. United States steel was off 2 1/2 at 112 1/4. Utah Copper slumped. Reading dropped to 150 from an opening of 102 1/2. Bethlehem steel dropped ten points to 425.

Washington, Jan. 22.—President Wilson laid before the Senate at 1 o'clock this afternoon his views of the attitude this government should take toward a league to enforce peace.

This was admitted at the White House at noon following the completion of arrangements for a special session of the senate to hear the president. He left the white house at 12:47 and arrived at the senate chambers three minutes later.

It was also stated that the president would not discuss pending peace matters at this time.

The official announcement was made public at the White House by Secretary Tamm as follows:

"The president will discuss an outline of the attitude of the United States for the eminent maintenance of peace."

"There will be no discussion of pending matters between this and other governments."

Before President Wilson left for the capitol it became known that a copy of outline of his impending address to the senate is already out of the hands of all the foreign governments.

Senators were deeply interested in the action of the president. Senator Stone when told that the White House admitted that the matter to be discussed was the formation of a league to enforce peace declared that he was hopeful that the action of the president would not be misunderstood.

A number of senators took the view that the president's action was bound to be reflected abroad and must all his efforts to restore peace in Europe. It was felt that while he could not discuss any new proposition dealing with the present war he was in a position to urge that the formation of a league would meet the objection raised by foreign minister Balfour of Great Britain that because Germany had violated pledges in the past she would have to give guarantees dealing with the future. There was a general feeling among senators that the action of the president while unprecedented and very much unexpected, was a natural advance from his original note to the warring powers and was following out a general plan already decided by him.

The President's Letter.

The president's request for permission to address a session of the sen-

## DENIES AND THEN ALLOWS PETITION

### JUDGE MAYO DECIDES AGAINST PAVING OBJECTORS, AND THEN GRANTS VENUE CHANGE UPON OWN MOTION.

Judge Henry Mayo in the county court this morning overruled the applications of Willard Gay, T. W. Burrows, Alida Conway, Hugh Colwell, Mike and John Hoffrich, for a change of venue on the hearing in his tribunal to test the validity of the ordinance providing for paving the "loop" district.

In the next breath and at his own volition the court announced that it was not his desire, to try a case in which a question of doubt had been raised against his sincerity and for this reason he would call in some other judge to try the issues. He announced that Judge A. T. Lardin, of the probate court, would sit on both cases—the locality of the ordinance and the question of benefits which will be threshed out later.

Attorneys for the objectors announced that in asking for a venue change they were merely standing upon their constitutional rights and no attempt was made to disclose in just what manner they thought Judge Mayo's presiding would be prejudicial to their interests. Attorneys Strawn and Mills for the city, argued that the petition was insufficient in its preparation and for this reason the court was not called upon to grant the change of venue. The law, they held, specifically states that all defendants must sign an affidavit calling upon the court to allow such a prayer, and in this instance only six of the eleven objectors who have filed complaint against the ordinance and assessment roll, affixed their signatures to the petition.

The judge recognized the claims of the city's counsel, but supplemented his adverse decision to the defendant's prayer, by announcing he would not occupy the bench in an instance where a venue change was demanded, no matter how minor the claims might be.

The objectors who did not sign the application were Edna Farrell, Annes McElrich (commissioner), Fred A. Hatheway, Frank Sanders and Anna K. Gindelfer.

### To Fix Date of Hearing.

This afternoon attorneys for the city will go before Judge Lardin and attempt to secure his consent for an early hearing on the validity of the ordinance and roll. They hope to get the trial out of the way within the next ten or twenty days and then start immediately upon the question of benefits. A jury will be necessary to decide the issues upon this point.

ate was read to that body by direction of the vice president. It was as follows:

White House, Jan. 21, 1917.

"My dear Mr. Vice President:

There is a communication concerning the foreign relations of the country, which I think it my duty to make to the senate and which I should very much like to make in person.

"I would be much obliged if I might be afforded an opportunity to do this tomorrow, the 22nd, if it can be arranged without inconvenience to the senate.

"I know of no other than this informal way in which to convey this wish to the senators. I have spoken to Senator Stone, the chairman of the committee on foreign relations, about it, and have asked him to confer with you.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,  
"WOODROW WILSON."

## COMMITTEE MEETS WITH CRAWFORD

Messrs. Jas. J. Lougherty, L. M. Harvey and L. M. Lacey met with R. T. Crawford, of the Norman Truck Co., in Streator Saturday evening with the view of landing the factory for this city. Nothing definite was decided upon and a meeting will be held in two weeks with Mr. Crawford.

## ADMIRAL DEWEY WILL LIVE IN HISTORY AS CONQUEROR OF SPANIARDS AT MANILA BAY



Funeral of Admiral Dewey held Saturday in Washington, was one of the most conspicuous occurrences in Washington in recent years. High tribute was paid by thousands to a departed hero and hero of the Philippines.

## POLITICAL POT BEGINS TO BREW

### TWO ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS AND ONE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER TO BE ELECTED AT APRIL 3 CONTEST.

After two and one-half months of hibernation the political sun is beginning to rise slowly on Ottawa's horizon. Candidates for township offices to be filled by the election April 3 are beginning to crop out. Some are "favorite sons" others are "rascals." Those will furnish the oil and fuel for the township political machines which have been kept in storage since last November.

Perhaps the greatest fight will be centered in the office for road commissioner. The term of Thomas Morgan, present commissioner, will expire and he will probably be a candidate for reelection. In years past the fight for road commissioner has always been the basis of contention between two well organized political factions. Both sides are grooming their contestants for the primary, which probably will take place March 17, and the succeeding election. Conventions will be held March 19, to ratify the primary. Along with expiration of term of office of Mr. Morgan will come that of two assistant supervisors, Thomas Dwyer and James P. Walsh, both of whom have been members of the board of supervisors for the past two years.

Both Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Walsh will doubtless be candidates for reelection, based on their excellent showing while members of Chairman Bronson's bunch of lawmakers.

Optimistic Thought.

A promise against law or duty is void of its own nature.

## EXTRA

### TWO MERCHANT SUBSEAS BOUND FOR U. S. A.

New York, Jan. 22. Passengers arriving here from Germany on the Norwegian steamer Bergensfjord declared today that two new merchant submarines, the Koenigsberg and the Hamburg, will start for the United States on Wednesday. The undersea boats will start their maiden trips from Bremen, with New London as their goal. Both vessels, it was stated, will carry valuable cargoes of dyes and drugs.

### TURK CAPITAL TO BE SCENE OF NEXT OFFENSIVE.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Another great offensive by the Entente Allies, with Constantinople as its objective, can be looked for in March, according to information reaching Washington today from Americans who have been engaged in the transport trade for England and Russia.

The beginning of this offensive will be an attempt to drive a wedge into the Teuton lines to break communications between Teutonic territory and the Turkish capital, with a Russian drive combining to attempt to throw the German-Bulgarian-Turkish line back to the west and north.

### U. S. SUPREME COURT UP- HOLDS BLUE SKY LAW.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The South Dakota and Ohio Blue Sky laws regulating the sale of securities issues and prescribing license qualifications for officers engaged in securities business was held constitutional by the Supreme Court today.

## ASK TOWN VOTE ON WET AND DRY ISSUE

### ANOTHER CONTEST WILL BE STAGED APRIL 3, IF PETITION- ERS SECURE ENOUGH SIGNA- TURES TO GET ISSUE ON BAL- LOT.

A petition was circulated yesterday afternoon among the anti-saloon element of Ottawa asking that a vote be taken on the wet and dry issue in April at the township election. The petition was presented at a meeting of men at the Baptist church, where F. T. L. Kottman was the speaker. More than a hundred signatures were secured on the petition without solicitation from any organized source.

It is expected that within the next week a strenuous campaign will be put forth by the dry forces securing more than the required number to have the proposition placed on the ballot in the township election April 3rd.

### Only Ottawa Township.

Only the township will vote on the proposition, as the town election for Ottawa will be held then. A leader of the dry forces, when interviewed by a reporter this afternoon, stated that he did not know under whose direction the petition originated.

### RUFF HOUSE IS SOLD FOR \$2800

The home of Mrs. Wanda Ruff was sold Saturday to Mr. Gainers for the sum of \$2800. Col. Daniel Fitzgerald was auctioneer.

## OTTAWA BOYS TO BE AMONG 25,000 GUARDSMEN TO SOON BE RELIEVED FROM WAR DUTY

## RED TAPE MAY REQUIRE A MONTH

Company C, Ottawa's fighting force now upon border duty in the federal government's service, has been ordered to its home station, as soon as railways can provide transportation facilities to move some 25,000 guardsmen now in command of the Mexican situation upon the Texas frontier.

The order, issued out of Washington last evening struck joy into the hearts of thousands of Ottawans and plans were immediately started for giving the boys upon their arrival here as hearty a welcome as was the demonstration that marked their farewell upon the night of June 23 when they left for the front.

## WOMAN DEFENDS RIGHT TO LANDS

### HOUSEKEEPER WHO WAS GIVEN FARM AND LOTS DEFENDANT IN SUIT INSTITUTED BY LEON- ORE HEIRS OF LATE CONRAD SCHMITT.

Julia Bedner, housekeeper for Conrad Schmitt, wealthy Leonore resident for whom she worked from Jan. 28, 1916, to April 25, 1916, when Schmitt died, is in the Circuit court today defending her right to ownership of an eighty acre farm and five Ransley lots which her erstwhile employer bequeathed her prior to his demise.

In an effort to have the deeds set aside Mrs. Schmitt's filed suit in the Circuit court. The plaintiffs are Peter Schmitt, Lena Schmitt, John Schmitt, Maria Green, Lizzie Evans, William Schmitt, Effie Gass, Christina Green and P. W. Schmitt, nieces and nephews of the deceased.

In their allegations the complainants allege that the uncle, who was a bachelor, was an inebriate and that during the last few years of his life was frequently under the influence of liquor. They also aver in their bill of particulars that he was under the influence of Julia Bedner and it was this latter influence that won her the farm and city lots, valued at \$30,000 or more.

In their answer denied she asserted any power over Schmitt while he was intoxicated or otherwise subject to guile. She said she had an agreement with Schmitt when she went to work for him that she would get no other compensation than that which he would leave her. The boys were bequeathed January 25, 1916, and the farm two years later.

This afternoon the task of selecting a jury began a job that probably will be completed by noon tomorrow.

## FIND FARM HAND UNCONSCIOUS IN BURNING HOUSE

Found unconscious this noon in the residence of Thomas Pillion five miles north of this city, after a fire had seriously damaged the Pillion home at 10:29 o'clock, George Felle, a farm hand, is lingering between life and death while physicians are doing everything to save his life.

At 10:30 o'clock, in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Pillion, a fire was discovered at the home by Charles Eids and Philip Bruck. Neighbors succeeded in extinguishing the fire but were unaware of Felle being in the house. He was found at noon today lying in an unconscious condition on the floor in one of the bedrooms. Late this afternoon he was reported as having an excellent chance for recovery but was still unconscious from the effects of the smoke.

The damage to Pillion's farm amounted to \$300 and the fire was caused by an overheated stove.

Action of General Funston in designating the Third Illinois Infantry, I. N. G., as a portion of the guard to be relieved of duty, will be imparted to the soldiers at San Antonio today, and immediately preparations will be made for entraining for home. This will require probably a week's time before movement of troops will be in progress, but it is expected the Illinois regiment will be the first to leave the fort.

A hint that perhaps some such plans were under way came last week when the proposed hike to Leon Springs was suddenly abandoned after all arrangements had been made for the march. This served to arouse the hopes of the men and when formal news is imparted their great hilarity will break out among the infantrymen to be favored by Funston's decision.

### May Go to Sheridan.

As soon as the soldiers are landed back in Illinois they probably will be moved to Ft. Sheridan, where they will be put thru the mustering out process. This, according to the time taken for releasing other Illinois troops, will require anywhere from a week to two weeks' time and it may be that the boys will not arrive in Ottawa until the first or second week in February. The red tape attached to the mustering out will all have to be gone thru with before formal discharge is allowed and the regiment disbanded.

### Order From Washington.

Washington, Jan. 21.—More than 25,000 National Guardsmen now on the Mexican border have been designated by Major General Funston for return home and muster out of the federal service, under the order issued yesterday by the War Department.

All of these organizations will be started homeward as soon as transportation facilities can be provided. Their departure will leave between 45,000 and 50,000 men of the guard still in the federal service doing border patrol.

The department's statement said: "General Funston has selected these organizations chiefly in accordance with the rule of returning first those troops longest in service on the border. To some extent, however, this rule could not be followed without unusual weakening of the border guard and the departures from it are explained. The total strength of the organizations selected is 25,213."

### Guardsmen Designated.

The guardsmen designated for return and muster out follow:

Arkansas—First Infantry.

Delaware—Two Battalions Infantry, District of Columbia—Battary B, Field Artillery.

Illinois—Brigade headquarters and Third Infantry.

Indiana—Second Infantry, ambulance company No. 2, brigade headquarters.

Iowa—First Squadron, cavalry; field hospital No. 1, ambulance company No. 1, brigade headquarters, Third Infantry.

Kentucky—Second Infantry.

Louisiana—First Battalion, Field Artillery; field hospital No. 1.

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