

SAYS U.S. IS ALREADY IN EUROPEAN WAR

Former President Taft Warns of Possible Storm—C. M. Schwab on Industries.

NEW YORK, February 9.—Former President William H. Taft, in an address here last night at the nineteenth annual dinner of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, of which John D. Rockefeller, Jr. is honorary president, declared that the United States is already in the European war.

The rights of neutrals do not count for much, said Mr. Taft. "England has violated international law and has resorted to a policy which she is insisting we should not do when we established a blockade in the south. Germany has violated our rights by attacking our shipping with non-combatants on them, and even neutrals.

Mr. Taft said he did not think we were going to have war, but warned that "we have a good deal of hay out which might suffer in a storm."

Mr. Taft declared "we are prepared adequately." Let's either give up entirely or choose one of the other. "Our first duty is to increase our navy."

Mr. Taft predicted a "bright navy" to prevent the coming of any military expedition for any country with a standing army.

Mr. Schwab's Address. The success of all great industrial enterprises in the future will depend on profit sharing with their employees, asserted Mr. Schwab.

"I trust me according to their deserts," he declared. "I pay one of my managers half a million dollars a year, and I only wish it were more. He is earning that for me, as well as for my country."

Mr. Dyer's Address. Representative L. C. Dyer spoke on "The Progress of the Negro in Fifty Years of Freedom."

Gen. Miles Tells House Committee the Plan Would Be Dangerous. Lieut. Gen. Miles, retired, once the commanding general of the army, denounced to the House military affairs committee yesterday the contemplated army plan.

Gen. Miles praised the militia, extolled the patriotism of Americans, declared compulsory military service is unnecessary and advocated regular standing army of 140,000 or 150,000 men and admitted an army reorganization plan of his own.

AMUSEMENTS

Philadelphia Orchestra. From the graceful and melodious beauty of Mozart's Symphony No. 33, in E-flat, through a veritable maze of fairy-like music as soft and dainty as a flosser's web to the crash and crush and varying musical sensations of a great carnival into which was breathed the flood of deeper thought and pathos, Leopold Stokowski led his magnificently responsive band of artists, the Philadelphia Orchestra, in a festival that seemed nothing short of mere delight to the large and representative audience that heard the concert at the New National Theater yesterday afternoon.

Louise Homer Friday. Friday afternoon at the New National Theater, the capital will have its first opportunity of the season to hear the famous contralto, Louise Homer, who appears as the artist at the birth of T. Arthur Smith's ten concert series.

Portmanteau Theater. February 22 Washington theater lovers will have an opportunity to attend a performance of truly unique character. Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Theater will enable a company selected with great care to present short plays in the spirit of early English drama.

Old Heidelberg. Richard Hamelberg's romantic success, "Old Heidelberg," will be the offering of the 19th Players next week. A. H. Van Buren will be seen in the role of young Prince Karl, heir apparent to the throne, who goes to Heidelberg to complete his education and, quite by accident, learns a great lesson of the heart.

Elmendorf. A joint from Dublin to Naples will be taken in the new series of travel talks by the Elmendorf of the New National Theater five Thursday afternoons at 4:30, beginning February 24.

Webster & Fields. Weber and Fields of Broadway music hall fame will make their farewell joint appearance at the R. K. Keith Theater next week, appearing twice every day, including the following Sunday, February 20, a heavy advance sale augurs extraordinary attendance.

Cosmos Anniversary. In celebration of its sixth anniversary next week the Cosmos Theater, which is presenting a new bill, beginning with the matinee tomorrow, will have an elaborate program of feature plays, including the Six Gordon Highlanders in a big offering of Scotch entertainment, including songs, dances and musical numbers, with the famous bagpipes in evidence.

Newman Lecture Sunday. "Bolivia, Costa Rica, Panama" is the subject of the concluding travel talk of M. N. Newman's series of photographic journeys at the Belasco Theater next Sunday evening and Monday afternoon.

"On Trial." "On Trial," a melodrama by Elmer L. Reizumant, has been one of the most conspicuous of the recent successes in New York. It tells a thrilling story that is worked out without the usual illusions of stagecraft.

"Sporting Widows." "Sporting Widows," a comedy play comes to the Gayety next week with London's "Lezard," a photoplay, will be shown at Crandall's Theater Sunday, with J. Warren Kerrigan featured. It is the story of a young American engineer whose aunt has died, bequeathing him her interest in a property in Massachusetts with its 200 or more girls pupils.

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MISS WILSON SOUGHT BY COMMUNITY FORUM

Expected to Attend Meeting Sunday at Grover Cleveland School. Miss Margaret Wilson is expected to be the honor guest at the first meeting of Washington's pioneer community forum at the civic, social and industrial center which bears her name, in the Grover Cleveland School, 5th and T streets northwest, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Abolish Recordership. Correspondent Urges That the Office Is Superfluous. To the Editor of the Star: Your editorial on the office of the recorder of deeds on February 4, was, in many ways, most pertinent.

School Principals Lauded. Albin Davis, chairman of the membership committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations and principal of the Business High School, presided at the meeting.

Temporary Officers Chosen. Officers elected to serve temporarily are: President, A. J. Dinsell, president of the Midcity Association; secretary, Miss Frances Taylor.

Tentatively Accepts Invitation. President Wilson has tentatively accepted an invitation to New York, which is the guest of the chamber of commerce there.

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GONZAGA CADET CORPS HAS BEEN REORGANIZED

Battalion to Consist of Three Companies, With Rifle and Drum Corps. After an inactivity of ten years the Gonzaga Cadet Corps, which had been reorganized in 1906, was reorganized yesterday afternoon under the direction of Maj. John A. Doherty, U. S. A. He is being assisted by Sergt. Goldblatt, U. S. A.

Old Washington Described. Old Washington was depicted in words and colored stereopticon views by Frederick L. Fishback, before the Mary Washington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the Washington Club, yesterday afternoon.

Representative Fess to Speak. Representative S. D. Fess of Ohio is announced to speak at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the Brookland School, 10th and Monroe streets, Brookland.

T. L. Kengla Cited on Alimony Plea. Justice McCoy has cited Thomas L. Kengla to show cause Friday why he should not pay alimony to his wife, Elizabeth Kengla. In her suit for a legal separation Mrs. Kengla says she

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