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AMBASSADOR ASKED TO PRODUCE PROOF

Senator Chamberlain on Heels of Page.

COPY OF SPEECH DEMANDED

Definition of Monroe Doctrine Is Particularly Desired.

CANAL MENTION IS ISSUE

Resolution Calls on Diplomat to Support Assertion America Is Pleas'd That Britain Will Reap Most Profit.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Walter Hines Page, American Ambassador to Great Britain, was made the target of inquiry in a resolution adopted today by the Senate, calling on the Secretary of State to investigate alleged public assertions by the Ambassador relative to the Monroe Doctrine and the Panama Canal.

Senator Chamberlain, aroused over reports of a speech by Ambassador Page in London last night before the Associated Chambers of Commerce, introduced the resolution of inquiry and his request for immediate consideration resulted in its adoption without debate.

Evidence Is Demanded. The resolution requests the Secretary of State to procure a copy for the use of the Senate of Ambassador Page's address and to call on the Ambassador for evidence upon which he based the alleged statement that "it added greatly to the pleasure of the people of the United States in the building of the Panama Canal to know that the British would profit most by its use."

Particular request is made in the resolution for a verbatim report of that portion of the Ambassador's address in which he is reported to have defined the Monroe Doctrine as meaning merely that "the United States would prefer that no European government would gain more land in the new world."

After the resolution had been adopted, Senators heard of dispatches from London saying the Ambassador's speech was delivered extemporaneously late in the evening and not reported verbatim, and quoting Mr. Page as explaining that his reference to British use of the Panama Canal was in a light vein. It was taken for granted at the Capitol, however, that in response to the State Department's request, the Ambassador would furnish his recollection of just what he had said with the desired legislation.

No attempt to oppose the resolution was made when Senator Chamberlain offered it, the usual custom being to pass such measures as a matter of course. Later in the day a similar resolution was introduced in the House by Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, a Democrat, but it did not get before the body for discussion.

MONROE DOCTRINE NOT WAIVING

There was no official comment on the speech or the action of the Senate. In an informal discussion at the White House, however, President Wilson indicated that the Monroe Doctrine was as much a part of the American foreign policy today as a hundred years ago. He did not express an opinion concerning the Ambassador's speech, but when asked whether he considered the Monroe Doctrine obsolete, replied he had not heard that it was "falling in any way."

The Senate resolution had not reached Secretary Bryan tonight. According to custom, if Ambassador Page does not forestall action by voluntarily forwarding an explanation of the incident, the resolution will be called him tomorrow as soon as it is sent to the State Department.

Representative Murray's resolution sets forth that the remarks of Ambassador Page seem "to pervert the policy of the State Department to abandon, upon demand, the Monroe Doctrine and to invite European violation." It would ask the State Department whether "a new American policy of subjecting American wealth to the selfish interests of the nations of Europe" is the fundamental reason for the demand to repeal the law now in force exempting American vessels conducting a coastwise trade from canal tolls.

Portland Protest Revisited. It was recalled at the Capitol that Senator Chamberlain last November introduced in the Senate a petition of protest against reported remarks by Ambassador Page from members of the Confederated German Societies and the Robert Emmet Society, of Portland, Or.

MAN WHO CUTS OFF FEATHER SET FREE

JUDGE UPHOLDS INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE.

Young Woman Calls Man Who Objects "Old Fool," and Causes Arrest, but He Triumphs Later.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Every man has an inalienable right to protect himself from the long feathers with which a modern hat is adorned, ruled Judge Turnbaugh in the Municipal Court today, when he discharged Ernest de St. Aubien, a real estate dealer, who had been arrested on the complaint of Miss Eva Julien.

"He set behind me and mother," said Miss Julien. "He got mad and pulled the feathers out of my hat. All I had done was to call him an old fool."

De St. Aubien produced a feather from his pocket and said he had torn it from the hat when it struck him in the face every time she half-turned her head.

"I protested and she called me an old fool and gave me a look of disdain. Then she whirled around and the feather hit me in the eye, so I gently removed it," he said.

TODAY IS "SALMON DAY"

Portland to Take Part in National Observance of Date.

This is Salmon Day. Everyone is authorized to eat at least one can of salmon. Portland will take a prominent part in the national observance of salmon day. The Transportation Club will conduct a salmon luncheon at the Multnomah Hotel at noon. Salmon in various appetizing forms will be served. Every man will receive a large can of choice Chinook to take home with him. An excellent speaking programme has been arranged.

PRESIDENT GREETED COUSIN

Portland Man Is Guest at White House for Three Days.

A. M. Wilson, who lives at 539 East Twenty-second street, North, a cousin of President Wilson, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he was the personal guest of the President in the White House for three days. He attended the Congressional reception and lunched with ex-President Taft, Senator Elihu Root and Secretary of State Bryan.

FLY DOOMED IN PORTLAND

Should Pest Avoid One Snare, Another Will Trap Him.

Should a fly avoid one snare in Portland this summer he will fall into another, for every method of pestering them to death was adopted by the fly campaign committee yesterday. Butchers and grocers will aid, or patrons will write them and tell them how many flies are in their shops. Prizes will be given the best swatters in school and all sanitary inspectors will join the hunt.

SCHOOL REPLACES SOCIETY

California Girl to Study Domestic Science at Corvallis.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 12.—(Special.)—Miss Sara Yeatman, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Yeatman, has chosen to devote her time to study rather than to social gaieties. For the next three years Miss Yeatman will be a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, specializing in domestic science. She left here today to begin her course, which is similar to that taken by Miss Margaret Meek, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Meek, also studying in the North.

HURRICANE SWEEPS PORT

Spanish Cruiser at Melilla Saved by Putting Out to Sea.

MELILLA, Morocco, March 12.—A hurricane of unparalleled violence did enormous damage today to the port of Melilla and shipping. The Italian steamer Leonardo was torn from her moorings and dashed against the mole and it is feared will be a total loss. A tug caught by a terrific wave also was smashed to pieces, while 17 fishing boats were sunk.

FOSSIL HINTS AT FINE RACE

Aged Skeleton Held to Prove Highly Developed Race Existed Once.

BERLIN, March 12.—A valuable anthropological discovery in the northern part of German East Africa is reported in the Lokai Anst. per by Dr. Hans Reick, of the Geological and Paleontological Institute of Berlin University. It is a fossil human skeleton in a magnificent state of preservation. This is held to prove that many tens, nay hundreds, of thousands of years ago a highly developed race of men inhabited the African continent.

AMBASSADOR SPEAKS LATE IN EVENING

Extemporaneously. LONDON, March 12.—Ambassador Page said today his speech of last night (Concluded on Page 2.)

ALASKA RAILWAY TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

President Signs Bill in Happy Mood.

LANE DEVELOPS HIS PLANS

Goethals Unlikely to Finish Canal in Time for Job.

LEASING BILL IS NEXT

Attempt to Be Made to Gather Working Force This Year, and President Will Study Map Showing Conditions.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson today extended what he termed "the hand of real helplessness and brotherhood to Alaska" when he signed the bill authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000,000 for the first Government owned railway constructed by the United States.

Secretary Lane, a group of Senators and Representatives and members of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce stood by the President as he affixed his signature to the act which passed both houses of Congress by substantial majorities. The President was in a happy mood as he signed and in laying one souvenir pen aside to use another, smilingly remarked:

"I'll change engines."

WOMEN WILL GO ARMED

Target Practice Part of Fitting of Sex for Police Duties.

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SCORES VOLUNTEER IN WAR ON METERS

Move to Refer Act Is Started With Cheers.

ECONOMY IN CITY DEMANDED

Speakers Cite City Costs and Hint Political Machine.

ELECTION EXPENSE IS NIL

Vote May Be Taken at Regular City Election, Chairman of Protest Meeting Explains—Big Profit on Water Now Shown.

Scores of Portland citizens, aroused against the proposed expenditure of \$500,000 for the unnecessary installation of water meters, gathered at the East Side Library last night and became voluntary circulators of petitions that will refer the Daly universal meter ordinance to the people.

The meeting, which had been called by a committee of citizens, was unanimously opposed to the meter ordinance. An economical administration of the city's affairs was demanded.

Every speaker, except one, agreed that payment of \$500,000 for meters, when two-thirds of the city's present water supply is running over the spillways, is an actual and an economic waste.

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PASTORS, LIFE PARTS, ARE DADS OF TWINS

FRIENDS WED FRIENDS, START FAMILIES SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Stork Brings Boy and Girl to Each Home on Same Day—Careers of Men Strangely Coincide.

LANCASTER, Pa., March 12.—The birth today of twins, in both cases a boy and a girl, in the home of Rev. Nathan E. Yergler, of Rohrerstown, and Rev. Elbert E. Landis, of this city, has called attention to a series of life parallels which are extraordinary.

Both ministers are Lutherans, and although they were born in different sections of the state they have been friends from boyhood. They entered college at the same time and were roommates for four years. They were graduates in the same class and were stationed in Lutheran churches in the same county. They were married on the same day and the wedding trips were taken together.

ALBANIANS IN DISTRESS

Smallpox and Famine Combine to Cause Suffering.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—An appeal for more money to combat famine and pestilence, which already has carried off hundreds of lives in Albania, was received today at Red Cross headquarters from Henry Morgenthau, American Ambassador to Turkey, and W. W. Peel, treasurer of the American Red Cross chapter in Constantinople. They cabled in part:

"Our relief committee in Albania reports smallpox and no bread at Elbasan. Four thousand refugees are at Berat. Great destitution is everywhere. Hundreds have already succumbed. Hospitals are overcrowded. Temporary hospitals have been opened; bedding, clothing and medicine are required. Have sent all we can, but more funds are urgently needed."

SHRINERS END LONG TRIP

Mystic Nobles Who Went to Install Lodge at Manila Return.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 12.—One hundred and fifty Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, representing most of the important temples in the United States and Canada, returned on the steamship Minnesota today from Manila, where they went under the auspices of Nile Temple, of Seattle, to install 150 novices.

ANCIENT CAR DISPLEASES

Albany Residents Prefer to Walk Till Company Gets New Vehicle.

ALBANY, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—Ninety-seven residents of First and Lyon streets, along which the Portland, Eugene & Eastern operates a lone streetcar, last night petitioned the City Council to have the car removed, on the grounds that it is "antediluvian" and an eyesore to the neighborhood.

The Council ordered it removed until May 1, when a new car is to take its place. The old car makes so much noise and is out of repair so often, the patrons say, they prefer to walk.

IDAHO COUNTY DRY AGAIN

Kootenai Vote Affects 24 Saloons, Six Wholesalers and Brewery.

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, March 12.—Kootenai County, one of the largest counties in Northern Idaho, voted "dry" yesterday by 465 majority, according to unofficial returns counted today.

Twenty-four saloons, six wholesale liquor houses and one brewery must close within 90 days. Kootenai County went dry some years ago, but returned to the wet column at a later election.

MAN BEATS BEAR TO DEATH

Quinalt Valley Rancher Fights Hard Battle Without Gun.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 12.—(Special.)—John Bunch, a rancher in the Upper Quinalt Valley, killed a large black bear last Friday after a desperate fight with nature's own weapons—stones and clubs—as he was without a gun. His two dogs attacked the bear, otherwise the owner probably would have been killed.

EXPRESS RATES HIGHER

Astorians Complain of New Schedule for Local Service.

WATERFRONT FIRE SWEEPS 4 BLOCKS

Docks, Ships and Grain Among Ruins Now.

ORIGIN OF BLAZE IS MYSTERY

Lucky Change of Wind Helps Firemen Halt Flames.

RESCUES ARE THRILLING

Harbor Patrol, Vessel Officers and Patrolmen Counted Among Heroes—Insurance Covers Half of Loss Totalling \$600,000.

DAMAGE OF EARLY MORNING FIRE TOTALS MORE THAN \$600,000

Estimated losses by the fire which early yesterday morning destroyed the Columbia No. 2 and Montgomery No. 1 docks and damaged the coaling steamer Cricket and the British liner Glenroy are distributed as follows:

Columbia No. 2 dock, owned by Allen & Lewis (fully insured)	\$30,000
Cricket (fully insured)	400,000
Montgomery dock No. 1, owned by Montgomery estate (half insured)	40,000
Freight consigned to O. W. R. & N. (partly insured)	30,000
Coaling steamer Cricket (partly insured)	60,000
Asphalt contents of Cricket (insured)	11,000
British liner Glenroy (insured)	20,000
Albina Fuel Company (not insured)	2,500
Total damage	\$643,500
Insurance covers more than half the losses.	

Two great docks were burned, nearly \$500,000 worth of grain ruined, and two steamers badly damaged by an early morning fire which broke out at 4:12 yesterday morning on Columbia dock No. 2, foot of Albina avenue, and worked rapidly northwest to the foot of Randolph street, four blocks away.

Springing from the Columbia No. 2 dock to the Royal Mail liner Glenroy, and to the Montgomery No. 1 dock, the fire consumed \$400,000 worth of wheat, oats and barley owned by M. H. Houser and stored on the two docks. Thence it passed to the asphalt laden coaler Cricket, whose cargo of 4000 barrels of asphalt, a quantity of sulphur and several drums of gasoline soon was blazing.

The bulk of the damage was done between the time of the first alarm and 5 o'clock, when the wind, which had been northwest in direction, switched about and blew east.

The fire stopped at the slip of the lower Albina ferry, but the Cricket, breaking loose, started downstream, bumped into the Montgomery No. 2 dock and set it afire in a minor way and went on downstream.

Change in Wind Fortunate.

With the lucky change in the wind, the firemen, who had laid in lines at the ferry slip, were enabled to stop the blaze at the yards of the Albina Fuel Company and the north end of the Montgomery No. 1 dock. But the whole surface of the two docks blazed away until 7 o'clock before they were put under control. Two cars of asphalt on a siding on the Montgomery dock contained 89 barrels of the product, and the fierceness of the blaze scorched cars standing on East Water street 100 yards away. Red embers fell in Union avenue and for four blocks in any direction from the fire.

Quick and heroic work on the part of engineers and watchmen saved the two county ferries in Albina, the Webster and the Mason. S. P. Lee, watchman on the Mason, came up from the hold at 4:15 to find his boat surrounded by flames and badly scorched. He started the engines and conveyed the ferry single-handed to the West Side slip.

Engineer Reeces, of the Webster, though not so near the blaze, took his ferry out of the way, with the aid of J. Isaacs, watchman. County Commissioner Holman, on receiving information from Superintendent Murnane, sent the crews of the ferries letters of thanks and congratulations.

No Fatalities Recorded.

No fatalities and few serious injuries marked the big blaze. R. L. Sanders, first officer of the Glenroy, dislocated one shoulder when he fell down a companionway into the hold. He was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital. Of the 33 Chinese, members of the crew of the ship, but three, Oi Mal, Ah How and Ah Sing, were burned. Oi Mal seriously. They were treated at the emergency hospital.

The cause of the fire has not been defined and probably will not be surely known. The blaze started either in a pile of coal on the Columbia dock near the berth of the Glenroy or in the small boats of the Glenroy itself. The first three persons on the scene say that the blaze started at this point and was going strong when first seen.

Accident saved one company \$10,000 and cost another company \$11,000 on account of the fire. The Cricket, whose cargo was consigned to the Montgomery dock No. 2, on which is the Barber (Concluded on Page 13.)

