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COOLIDGE HAS TROUBLE WITH D. C. LANDLORDS

Bills Plan for Permanent Governmental Regulation of Charges.

IS WITH TENANTS
Has Asked Dept. of Justice to Investigate the Rental Situation in Washington at Once.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—President Coolidge at the November election, was given a four-year extension of his term in the White House, but nevertheless he is having plenty of trouble these days with Washington landlords.

By initiating steps to bring about permanent government regulation of residence rentals in the District of Columbia, Mr. Coolidge, whose own home in Northampton, Mass., is the rented hall of a double house, has brought down upon his head the wrath of Washington real estate men.

The new legislation requested by the president would be to take the place of existing rent act, first passed in 1919 and since twice extended, setting up a commission to determine fair rentals on application either of the tenant or owners.

This law, enacted as a war emergency, expires next May, and since last June has been inoperative by court decision affirming to the constitution of the real estate men that the war emergency had ceased, to exist.

The president previously had ordered the department of justice to investigate the rental situation in Washington, particularly regarding charges of pyramiding mortgages and fictitious sales for the purpose of raising values.

In addition asking Chairman Whaley to draft new legislation, the president instructed the department of commerce to make a survey, through the city police, of vacant houses and apartments.

When Mr. Whaley completed his bill, the president sent it to congress without passing on its merits, but with the request that it be given serious consideration.

The bill would create a permanent commission to regulate rentals because of "conditions dangerous to public health and burdensome to government employees," and clothes all buildings in the district without a public interest.

It also would provide for a standard form of leases; that the commission be empowered to examine the books and accounts of owners; that the commission promulgate rules governing maintenance and operation of properties and that rentals charged in excess of those established by the commission would subject the owner to either civil fine and imprisonment.

OLD SUBSCRIBER COULDN'T SOLVE PUZZLE; QUILTS

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 8.—The cross word puzzle craze has cost a local daily newspaper one of its oldest subscribers.

A victim of the puzzle fad, he wrote from his home near Garretson, S. D., and declared:

"I have taken your paper for 24 years and hitherto have found no fault with it. When you began running cross word puzzles, they were very good and possible to work, but lately they have become harder and harder, and now are almost impossible to solve.

Having written you about this matter and received no satisfaction, I am compelled to abandon your good newspaper and take another which prints puzzles which can be worked without staying up all night.

Inasmuch as I can take only one daily paper and no other cross word puzzles than those I get in newspapers are available, I am compelled to find a paper which is satisfactory in this department."

CATHOLICS TO BUILD SCHOOL

High School Course to Be Instituted in New and Modern Structure.

AWAIT COURT ACTION
Definite Plans Being Postponed Because of Lack of Final Decision on School Law.

The construction of a modern and completely equipped three or four-room school building, to be operated in connection with the parochial school which will be reopened in September of this year, is announced by Rev. Clery of the local Catholic church.

Plans are being made to extend the school facilities of the parish, and construction of the new building will be started in the very near future, it is expected.

Although the definite plans are not yet complete, it is the general intention of the local congregation to supply a school which will serve for several years to come, and will be open to pupils of Roseburg and the surrounding community.

The present grade school is not being used by the church this year, owing to the fact that instructors were not available. The building has been used by the public schools to accommodate an overflow class, and is now known as the Central School, but it will not be available next year, but will be re-opened as a parochial school in the fall.

GUN ELEVATION NOT VIOLATION OF ARMS TREATY

Might Promote Naval Competition However, Says Secretary Hughes.

WILBUR OPPOSES IT
Will Not Recommend Such a Program and Wants Navy to Conform to 5-5-3 Ratio.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Secretary Hughes in a letter read today to the house naval committee, took the position that elevation of guns on American capital ships would not violate the arms treaty, although it might have the unfortunate effect of tending to promote naval competition.

This letter also recited that while Great Britain had taken the view that the alterations proposed would be a violation of the treaty, Japan took the opposite position.

Mr. Hughes wrote the committee in response to a resolution asking whether any protests against the elevation program had been made by the foreign powers, the British ambassador, he said on March 15, 1923, had brought up the subject, "earnestly appealing" to the state department against any alteration of the present gun elevations and giving positive assurance that such alterations had been made on any British capital ship after its commission.

The British view, the secretary said, was that the changes proposed in American ships would constitute "major alterations" prohibited by the treaty.

Mr. Hughes agreed with the Japanese opinion that they should be regarded rather as "minor alterations," not violating the treaty, but he added that he considered they might tend toward a revival of competition out of harmony with the well established position of the United States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Although he declared the navy department wanted a navy that would accord with the 5-5-3 ratio all down the line, Secretary Wilbur told the house naval committee today that because of the administration's economy policy, he could not recommend a gun elevation program nor endorse a pending \$70,000,000 bill for new construction.

Mr. Wilbur declined to make any statement as to whether the American navy all factors considered, is equal to that of Great Britain but said American naval experts had made exhaustive studies which he would be glad to furnish the committee in strict confidence.

The committee was informed that the American government had purposely made its ships slower than Great Britain's, its architects believing it advisable to put weight in armor and guns rather than in increased engine facilities.

Discussing the speed question, he declared that after all the mobility of a fleet is determined by its slow vessels, and that Great Britain's several capital ships are unable to move at high speed.

Pressed for a further statement on gun elevation, the secretary said the navy department had neither the disposition nor the right to ask for an appropriation in violation of the president's financial program. He agreed, however, that elevation of guns would be a distinct addition to the fighting power of the fleet.

LAIDS FIND STICKS OF DYNAMITE AND HAVE GREAT TIME

HERBANK, Cal., Jan. 8.—Three boys aged 10, 12 and 11 were quite pale, trembling today after a talk with the chief of police. They had found a box of sticks, taken some to a movie theatre, where they beat them as drumsticks to the tune of the piano, and later built a bonfire near the railroad tracks and warmed their hands, when a patrolman picked them up. The sticks were dynamite and the police chief told them vividly what might have happened.

KID MCOY GETS EASY SENTENCE.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 8.—Kid McCoy, ex-prize fighter, convicted of manslaughter here last week in connection with the death of last August of Mrs. Theresa W. Mora, was sentenced today to from one to ten years in San Quentin prison.

GOV. BRYAN QUILTS

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8.—Governor Charles W. Bryan, former democratic vice-presidential nominee, bid goodby to the people of Nebraska as governor today, surrendering his office at inaugural exercises to Adam McMullen, republican, after making a plea for right economy through the abolition of several state departments.

Following up his plea, made also in his budget message of yesterday, when he asked for drastic cuts totaling \$4,838,202.72, the retiring executive reviewed his two years of administration, pointing out the reduction in the number of state employees and the cut in taxes which he said totaled approximately 33 percent as compared to the preceding republican administration of 1921 and 1922.

GEORGE NEUMER IS GIVEN THE EDGE

Attorney George Neumer has the inside track on the office of U. S. District Attorney, according to a dispatch received by the Washington bureau of the Oregonian. The message received and published by the Oregonian today is as follows:

George Neumer of Roseburg, Oregon, took the inside track today in the contest for the United States district attorney for Oregon.

Senator Robert N. Stanford, who has been holding out for the nomination of Robert B. Kuykendall of Klamath Falls, admitted that he was about to yield to his colleague, Senator McNary, who for some time has been favorable to Mr. Neumer. For a time it appeared as though the appointment would go to Allen Bryson, present assistant district attorney of Oregon, but geography, which is regarded as important, in the distribution of federal patronage, has intervened to put Mr. Neumer in the race, and besides the dry forces of Oregon have come forward demanding the appointment of Mr. Neumer if their special favorite, Ellaha A. Baker, of Portland, cannot be named.

The department of justice has served notice on the Bryson attorneys that if they fail to agree within the next two days an appointment will be made regardless of them. The choice of the department appears to be Alger Fox of Pendleton who is well known to Attorney General Stone. Mr. Fox like Mr. Kuykendall is a graduate of Columbia University law school.

"If you mean that we would be forced to bring our navy up to that of any other power, yes," replied the secretary.

BROOKHART WILL FACE A CONTEST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—A contest of the election of Senator Smith W. Brookhart, republican, Iowa, was filed in the senate today on behalf of the delegation of Stock, his democratic opponent.

The petition was filed by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader. It will go to the senate privileges and elections committee.

Action cannot be taken until the new congress convenes, since under the law each congress is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members. Luther A. Brewer, republican, also has given notice that he would contest Senator Brookhart's election.

Errors and irregularities in counting the ballots in each of the 99 counties of Iowa are charged by Stock.

Notice of another contest came into the senate when a declaration sent by Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico, to Senator Samuel Bratton, democrat, was presented by President Cummins. It was ordered filed with the secretary.

FOOTBALL IS SAME THROUGHOUT U. S.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 8.—Football as played in the east, midwest, and on the Pacific Coast, is all practically the same, according to Walter Camp, well known authority on the game, in an interview published in the Yale News. The inter-sectional matches account for this condition he says.

Mr. Camp commends the playing of the Yale team of this year, declaring that "it was marked by a gradual coordination into the team play and effectiveness without stars which to my mind is the highest credit to the coach and coaching staff."

"Notre Dame was like Yale," he is quoted as saying, "well coordinated team and dependent upon team play more than upon stars."

Mr. Camp is quoted as favoring the change in rules proposed by Head Coach T. A. D. Jones of Yale, which would not permit a player to return to the game.

ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION LAW IS A PROBLEM

Citizens Committee Calls on Coolidge and Presents Resolution.

TALKS ARE MADE
Breakfast Conference Held This Morning and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Judge Gary Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Law enforcement was discussed today around the White House breakfast table.

The president's guests were Judge Elbert H. Gary, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and other members of a special committee representing the national citizens committee of one thousand and one law enforcement, which yesterday in New York closed its annual meeting with the adoption of resolutions for presentation to the president and the governors of the various states.

The resolutions required the president and the governors to urge all officials of every rank and classification, appointive or elective, to join them by precept and example in the enforcement of the law, and to urge particularly the active participation of all enforcement officials by maintaining among all citizens in our republic the high determination to obey and enforce the law of the land.

A second resolution, "commends to the people of the United States and particularly to their official representatives the attitude of the president in their obedience to the provisions of the 18th amendment to the constitution in the hope that the example of the first citizen of our country may induce those who are not fully violating the prohibitory statute to accept his leadership in conduct and to endorse in practice the integrity of his fidelity here to the supremacy of law."

Members of the committee in addition to Judge Gary and Mr. Rockefeller, were Robert Fulton Cutting, S. S. Kresge, V. E. Hacy, George A. Plimpton, William F. Cochran, Frederick A. Wallis, Clifford Barnes, Patrick Henry chairman of the national committee.

The resolutions were presented by Judge Gary who declared enforcement of the prohibitory laws had become a problem largely of arousing public opinion to the obligation of obeying the laws. To meet this need the National Citizens committee was organized he said, adding that the committee was not seeking to halt offenders into court.

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MAN BELIEVED BE MURDER VICTIM

BEND, Ore., Jan. 8.—Alex Rouchek, 55, Russian mill worker, was found brutally murdered amid the flames of his cabin here by city firemen at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

Rouchek was struck down by an unknown assailant. Several deep gashes were inflicted on head and face. Authorities believe robbery was the motive.

Identification cards show Rouchek, entered Minnesota 10 years ago as an alien under the name of Alex Krowczyk. He received mail here under names of Rouchek and Kram. Money orders for \$100 have been sent Maryna Sidorowna Kram, in Poland. Rouchek, according to the Shevlin-Hixon mill officials, were he worked, was married, and has a wife and three children living in Russia.

O. C. SETHER IS BURIED TODAY

C. O. Sether, one of the best known residents of the south end of the county, passed away late Tuesday night after a long illness. Mr. Sether suffered poor health for a number of months and his death occurred after a protracted spell of sickness. He was a man whose friends were numerous and his death is mourned by a host of Douglas county people.

Mr. Sether, who was about 70 years of age, was a native of Wisconsin, coming to this county when quite young. He was engaged in agriculture in the Glendale vicinity for many years, and in later life became interested in timber investment and development. He owned considerable timber in the county, and in various parts of the state, and also was the owner of city property in Glendale. He was one of those concerned in the Coos Bay Townsite company, a concern organized to develop and promote a successful townsite in the Coos Bay district.

He leaves a widow and four sons, Victor, attending the University of Oregon; O. G. Carl and Truman, of Glendale; and one daughter Carrie, who is employed as an instructor in the schools at Portland. Dr. Sether of Eugene, who until recently was a resident of Roseburg is a nephew. Numerous other relatives reside in the county.

Mr. Sether was a man of sterling character, and of pleasing personality, and in his extensive business dealings had occasion to make many true friends, who are deeply grieved by his death.

The funeral services were held at Glendale today.

CLANTON TO REFUTE TESTIMONY OF ROSS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 8.—R. E. Clanton, former state minister fish warden and superintendent of hatcheries, in here today purports testimony that was submitted at the hearing given Dr. Thomas Ross some time ago following the attempt by Governor Pierce to oust Ross as a member of the fish commission.

INTER-ALLIED CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS FINE

Twenty-Ninth Session Will Accomplish More Than Previous Ones.

DEBTS A PROBLEM
Nothing Definite Has Yet Evolved But Good Spirit Prevails and Settlement Is Expected.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The twenty-ninth inter-allied conference promises better than most of its predecessors although thus far it has accomplished nothing more than the preliminary amenities.

The outstanding fact of the moment is that talks outside the conference room between the principal characters has succeeded in creating an atmosphere so propitious that in the words of Winston Churchill, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, "prospects of an early settlement are considered favorable."

With removal of the Anglo-American controversy over the payment to the United States of war damages and claims from the Dawes plan receipts, the conference "chances of success would be greatly increased. Both countries made concessions through their representatives, Mr. Churchill and James A. Logan, Jr., yesterday. Mr. Logan was busy last night and again this morning working out with Sir Otto Sluwer, British controller of finance, the details of the plan hit upon in his talk with Mr. Churchill.

The vexed question of inter-allied debts upon which much business is also being tackled in this unofficial way, and talks between Mr. Churchill and M. Clementel, French finance minister, between M. Clementel and Premier Theunis of Belgium, and between Mr. Churchill and M. Loucheur, former finance minister and reparations expert, have all been devoted to seeking a settlement satisfactory to the majority.

While nothing definite has yet evolved from them, the spirit prevailing at these conversations is thought to augur well for the future of the conference.

It is not disguised however, that the task before the conferees is one of great complexity. There are always victims in these sharings and it is to be expected that they will offer resistance as in the past. However, optimism certainly prevails and observers ascribe it to a certain extent to the reasonable attitude of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The governmental opposition in France over the proceeding with Franco was also mentioned. Thus E. "Eclair," one of the principal supporters of former President Millerand's new party, says:

"The first pourparlers of the finance ministers of the allies do not promise anything very good for us. Once more the Anglo-Saxons are going to share the cake between them. You will see that at this conference. There will remain nothing for the countries really devastated by invasion but an eye to weep with."

The newspaper also refers to what it calls "American superiority."

The exclusion of the question of war debts from the conference agenda which is generally taken for granted, will not prevent discussion of the subject here among the interested parties, with the possible exception of the American's it is thought in French official circles.

No secret is made of the fact that M. Clementel and Mr. Churchill get no further yesterday than mere statements of their respective positions, but the extent to which the revision of the reparations shares depend upon the question of debt payments is regarded as certain to make further talks necessary.

It is understood the French desire for a greater share in the Dawes annuities than provided by the Spa agreement was the principal subject discussed by the two ministers today.

CROOKED ELECTION
NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—George Roeben, a company manager and Representative, Nathan Perlman, republican, who was re-elected to congress from the fourth New York district last November today told District Attorney Banton that he had been hired to change the returns in Perlman's district so as to elect William L. Sirovich, democratic candidate and re-elect Mr. Perlman.