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BIG MEN NAMED IN LEAK INQUIRY

"Hearsay" Links Tumulty With Tip on News.

R. W. BOLLING MENTIONED

President's Brother-in-Law Is Said to Be Member of Firm That Made Profit.

MYSTERY LETTER IS READ

Congress Advised to Watch Barney Baruch, of National Defense Board.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Sensational rumors of a "leak" to Wall street in advance of President Wilson's peace note were related to the House rules committee today by Representative Wood, of Indiana, in support of his resolution for an inquiry. He prefaced his testimony with the statement that he had nothing but hearsay to offer and vainly protested against an open session of the committee.

Names and rumored details of the alleged "leak" came thick and fast when Mr. Wood began his story. He mentioned Joseph H. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson; R. W. Bolling, a brother-in-law of the President; Bernard Baruch, of New York, and various brokerage houses, crediting most of his information to a letter received from "A. Curtis," of New York.

Writer of Letter Not Found.

This letter, produced later, was written on plain paper, without the writer's address, and up to a late hour tonight Kenneth Romney, deputy sergeant-at-arms of the House, in New York, in searching for A. Curtis had been unable to find any trace of him.

Statements were issued after the committee meeting by Secretary Tumulty and Mr. Bolling flatly denying the reports regarding them, and Mr. Tumulty demanded that Representative Wood publicly apologize for mentioning his name. Mr. Wood followed with a statement pointing out that he had desired to testify in private, but declaring that those whose names were the subject of rumor should court the fullest investigation.

Gardner to Be Heard.

The committee probably tomorrow will hear Representative Gardner, who declared on the floor of the House recently that he knew there was a "leak."

Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, is to appear Monday, and if he can be reached Bernard Baruch will be subpoenaed.

It is understood that Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty will be asked to testify before the committee decides on its report to the House on whether the Wood resolution, providing for an investigation by a special committee, should pass.

The committee adopted a resolution asking the New York Stock Exchange and local brokers to preserve their records of transactions from December 10 to date. Whether any of these records shall be sought as evidence will be decided later.

Information Laid to Baruch.

"I am informed," Representative Wood testified before the committee today, "that Barney Baruch had information about the note to the European belligerents two or three days before it was sent and that on two or three occasions about that time he was in consultation with Mr. Tumulty at the Biltmore Hotel in New York."

Representative Bennett, of New York, a member of the committee, said on the floor Wednesday that Baruch was reported in New York to have sold short 15,000 shares of steel on a rising market shortly before the note was made public.

Public Testimony Opposed.

Representative Wood objected to testifying in public, and said most of the statements he made were based on information in a letter to him from A. Curtis, a Wall-street broker. He did not have the letter with him, but said he would produce it later. This

LLOYD GEORGE IS IN ROME; COUNCIL ON

FRENCHMEN ARE PRESENT, TOO, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

Italian Aid in Balkans Is Purpose of Gathering, Says Berlin; Army Declared in Critical State.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Premier Lloyd George and Viscount Milner, a member of the British war council, with their official advisers, have arrived in Rome, says an official statement issued today. They will participate with the French and Italian governments in an exchange of views on the general situation.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Overseas News Agency says today with regard to the visit of Premier Lloyd George and Viscount Milner to Rome:

"The Berliner Tagblatt points out a great war council has been assembled in Rome, probably to obtain the necessary Italian co-operation in the Balkans, as otherwise the French General Sarrail's army would be irretrievably lost. This council, the newspaper adds, at least clearly demonstrates the critical situation of the entente powers in the Balkans."

PARIS, Jan. 5.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says:

"Premier Lloyd George, Minister of War, and M. Thomas, Minister of National Manufactures, including munitions, representing the French Cabinet; Premier Lloyd George and Viscount Milner, of the British Cabinet, and General Faldut, representing the Russian staff, are expected to arrive in Rome today for a war council with the Italian officials. "The coming of the British and French Cabinet Ministers is creating a most favorable opinion in the newspapers, which regard the forthcoming conference as a sign of a closer union of the allies, and as marking the beginning of more vast and formidable efforts. The Corriere d'Italia says the meeting will have significance that will not escape Berlin and Vienna, as it will be demonstrated that the entente, instead of being weakened by threats of peace, is resolved firmly to continue the war until the objects of the allies are attained."

MONTANA TO CURB VICE

Attorney-General Asks County Officials to Close Resorts.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 5.—Attorney-General S. C. Ford today announced that he is preparing letters to all the County Attorneys of the state suggesting that they enforce all laws upon the statute books, and especially that the illegal segregated districts of Montana be closed. This is in keeping with the statement of Mr. Ford in December that he meant to put an end to vice areas in Montana.

Some of the smaller towns already have taken action on Mr. Ford's suggestion.

BULGARIA TALKS PEACE

Premier Reported to Have Said Concessions Are to Be Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, which does not specify the source of its information, says Premier Radoslawoff, of Bulgaria, made the following statement to a Hungarian journalist:

"Bulgaria has won the game and can afford to sign a peace treaty satisfactory to all. Peace is nearing quickly. We are expected to make concessions, but the greatest concession—our peace offer—has already been made."

PROJECT IS UP TO WILSON

Secretary Lane Recommends Malheur Dam to President.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—It is now up to President Wilson to say whether or not Congress will be asked to appropriate \$400,000 to build the Warm Springs dam on the Malheur irrigation project, Eastern Oregon.

Secretary Lane, instead of sending his recommendation to Congress, sent it to the President on the theory that the President must recommend all new projects.

RAIDER'S CAPTURE HINTED

British Mariner Says He Saw German Prisoners in Bermuda.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 5.—A British shipmaster who declined to permit his name to be used told on arriving in port today of seeing 23 men in German naval uniform being marched under guard through the streets of a Bermuda port when his ship touched there recently.

He said the incident had given rise to a report that a German commerce raider or submarine had been captured in the South Atlantic.

BELGIANS TO LOSE METALS

Dispatch Says Germans Will Seize Even Kitchen Utensils.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says the Maestricht newspaper Les Nouvelles is authority for the statement that the Governor-General of Belgium has issued a decree ordering the seizure of all household goods made of brass, copper, tin, nickel or bronze, including kitchen utensils, doorplates and door knockers. The communities have been ordered to assist in the collection.

STRIKE AGREEMENT SEEMS TO BE NEAR

Northwest Steel in Session With Men.

WEST'S SERVICES REJECTED

Unions Refuse to Consider Wilamette's Suggestion.

MR. BAKER TRIES AGAIN

Force From Northwest Plant May Be Back at Work Monday if Conference Today Comes to an Agreement, as Expected.

Prospects are bright for an early settlement of the shipbuilders' strike at the Northwest Steel plant.

A committee of striking employees held a three-hour conference late yesterday with Joseph R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, and will meet with him again at 11 o'clock this morning.

At the end of yesterday's conference both sides seemed confident that an agreement soon will be reached.

Men May Return Monday.

If an agreement is in sight at the end of this morning's conference it is possible that the men will be ordered to return to work on Monday morning. No similar progress has been made in the negotiations for a settlement of the strike at the Wilamette Iron & Steel Company's plant, however.

Officials of the Metal Trades Council yesterday replied to George L. Baker, City Commissioner, that they will not consent to let an attorney represent them at the proposed conference with the plant officials.

Mr. West Not Wanted.

Bert C. Ball, president of the Wilamette Iron & Steel Company, had informed Commissioner Baker that he would not consent to negotiate with officials of the union who were not employees of his plant. Mr. Baker, in turn, suggested that ex-Governor West, whom he identified as a recognized friend of labor, be permitted to represent the men as attorney. Mr. Ball consented.

This suggestion was rejected, though, by the Metal Trades Council, whose officials insist that they shall have a voice in the proposed proceedings.

Mr. Baker to Try Again.

Mr. Baker will call upon Mr. Ball and upon the labor leaders early this morning in an effort to bring them together on common grounds.

The terms of the proposed agreement between the Northwest Steel Company and its striking employees have not been outlined in detail, but it is apparent that each side is ready to make some concessions.

Progress Made Pleases.

At this morning's conference Mr. Bowles will submit a plan upon which he is ready to conclude negotiations. (Concluded on Page 16, Column 1.)

VILLA DEFEATED IN FIGHT, LOSING 1500

REBEL LEADER MARTIN LOPEZ IS AMONG DEAD.

Bandit Chief Flees From Jimenez, With Carranzistas in Pursuit; Much War Goods Captured.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Jan. 5.—Villa was defeated at Jimenez yesterday by General Francisco Murguía, with a loss of 1500 rebel dead, wounded and captured, with the noted rebel leader, Martin Lopez, and another Villa General among the slain, according to an official report received here tonight from the Carranza commander. Villa and his under chief, Salazar, were said to be fleeing toward El Valle in an automobile, closely pursued by government troops.

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TACOMA COP "DOLLS UP"

Wrist Watch and Spats Adorn Patrolman Bryan.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Tacoma has a policeman who wears spats and a wrist watch. He is Patrolman Benjamin F. Bryan. Bryan's spats had been noticed and commented on by other officers, but his wrist watch was not detected until this afternoon. "I think I am doing the wise thing by wearing both," said Bryan. "The spats prevent rain from leaking into the tops of my shoes, and the wrist watch allows me to know the time, day or night, without unbuckling half my clothes."

25 DEAD IN TRAINWRECK

Ninety Others Hurt on Way From Queretaro to Mexico City.

LAREDO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Twenty-five persons were killed and 90 injured in a train wreck near San Juan del Rio New Year's morning, according to Mexican newspapers reaching the border today. A northbound stock train crashed into a passenger train en route from Queretaro to Mexico City bearing many prominent Mexicans on their way to the capital to celebrate the holiday.

SAN MARINO REGENT HELD

Embezzlement of 2,000,000 Lire Is Charged Against Official.

ROME, via Paris, Jan. 5.—Olinto Amati, twice regent of the republic of San Marino, has been arrested on a charge of embezzling 2,000,000 lire of the republic's funds, according to a dispatch from Rimini, the capital of San Marino.

He is reported to have made a number of unsuccessful speculations. (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

STATE BACKING OF BONDS ADVOCATED

Irrigation Men Seeking Change in Laws.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS GRAVE

Investment Must Be Attractive, Speakers All Agree.

SUCCESS OF OTHERS CITED

Interesting Addresses Promised for Today, Followed by Reception and Banquet at Chamber, With Music and Movies.

Complete and radical changes must be made in legislation and methods of financing projects before irrigation in Oregon becomes a success. The work is too stupendous for individual undertaking, and must have not only more hearty co-operation on the part of the residents of the state, but financial support from both the state and National governments. A way must be found to encourage the settler and aid him in his efforts to become a successful farmer and producer.

Such was the dominant note expressed by speakers at the sessions of the Oregon Irrigation Congress yesterday.

Finances Chief Hurdle.

As an immediate remedy of the present situation it was pointed out that irrigation districts should be assisted in the financing of their projects. This assistance could be in the form of guarantees of interest on bonds, either by state or Federal authorities, so that when the securities are placed on the market there would be a ready sale at prices somewhere near their real value.

The most sweeping recommendations will come from a committee appointed to investigate the condition of the present irrigation law. This committee, composed of Percy A. Cupper, Jay H. Upton, Albert E. Elder and O. Laurgaard, completed its findings yesterday and submitted its report to the committee on resolutions. It recommended that the committee be authorized to draft a complete irrigation district measure, and urge its adoption at the forthcoming Legislature. The report will be taken up in detail at this afternoon's session of the congress.

New Legislation Outlined.

The salient features of the recommended law are as follows: The holders of bonds shall have a lien on the irrigation works and other property of the irrigation district in addition to the lien on the lands within the district.

Bonds of an irrigation district shall bear upon their face a certificate of the Clerk of the Circuit Court showing that the procedure for the organization of the irrigation district and the procedure for the issuance of bonds has been confirmed by the courts. Practically the enactment of the California statute, providing for the certification of irrigation district bonds by a commission consisting of the State Engineer, Attorney-General, and the Superintendent of (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

300 ARE KILLED BY QUAKE IN FORMOSA

ONE THOUSAND HOUSES DESTROYED ON ISLAND.

City of Nanto Is Damaged by Fire; Central Part of Japanese Possession Is Affected.

TOKIO, Jan. 6.—Three hundred persons have been killed and many injured in an earthquake in Central Formosa, according to special dispatches from Taihoku, the capital of Formosa. It is estimated that 1000 houses have been destroyed.

The city of Nanto has been damaged extensively by fire.

The island of Formosa lies between the Philippine Islands and Japan and is owned by Japan. The city of Nanto is in the central part of the island, about 100 miles south of Taihoku.

SPOTS MAR FACE OF SUN

Group Now 7,987,000,000 Miles in Area Has Effect on Weather.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 5.—According to a statement given out today by Rev. J. S. Ricard, of the Santa Clara University meteorological observatory, a group of sunspots 7,987,400,000 square miles in area is now marling the face of the sun. The spots resemble a great rift or pole in the cloud atmosphere of the sun, he says, and permits the observer with a telescope to see further into the vitals of the luminary than under usual conditions.

Father Ricard says that the electromagnetic influence of these sunspots is responsible for weather conditions.

\$3000 GIVEN UNIVERSITY

Thompson Family Helps Fund for \$100,000 Woman's Building.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The largest single gift yet made to the proposed woman's memorial building at the University of Oregon was announced today by Mrs. George Gerlinger, regent. The gift is \$3000 and has been made by Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. J. N. Teal and Miss Genevieve Thompson from the D. P. Thompson estate.

This raises the total of gifts and pledges for the memorial building nearly to \$12,000. The projected cost is \$100,000.

ANCIENT PAINTING BOUGHT

Picture Owned by Queen Who Aided Columbus Brings \$150,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Michael Dreicher has acquired for \$150,000 the painting "Christ Appearing to Mary," by Roger Van Der Weyden (1400-1444). This painting was in the possession of Queen Isabella of Spain at the time she was befriending Columbus.

MEMBERS KEEP FREE SEEDS

House Has Annual Fight and Settles It in Usual Way.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—By a vote of 44 to 73 the House settled today in the usual way the annual fight over the appropriation for distribution of free garden seeds.

As adopted the appropriation carries \$243,000.

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FORCING OF GROWTH BELIEVED POSSIBLE

Any Height May Be Attained, Is Indication.

ANIMALS RESPOND TO TESTS

Substance Producing Size and Weight Is Isolated.

CANCER IS RETARDED, TOO

University of California Professor Announces Result of Discovery, Which May Be Put to Practical Use by Scientists.

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Discoveries that may result in human beings attaining any desired height with corresponding weight; that may provide a way to retard effectively growth of cancer and other malignant growths and that may have a supreme importance in throwing light on the processes of reproduction, are announced today at the University of California.

Paramount in the discovery is the isolation of tethelin, a substance produced from the anterior lobe of the pituitary body, a small body in the base of the brain, by Dr. T. B. Robertson, professor of biochemistry, for the first time in the history of biological science. From its isolation, Dr. Robertson has found, which produces growth in the human body.

Practical Use Foreseen.

The investigators at the university hold that the substance may come to be used in a practical way, increasing bodily growth or exciting to function various organs of the body or to promote growth of a body member the normal growth of which has been arrested.

Summarized, the contributions to science made by these discoveries are as follows:

Profound control over the growth of animal bodies is exercised by the contents of the pituitary bodies weighing from five to ten grains each, situated in the base of the brain and consisting of three portions, forward, middle and rear.

Growth is directly promoted at certain stages of development by a substance contained in the anterior lobe, to which the name of tethelin has been given.

Isolation Recent Achievement.

Tethelin has been isolated for the first time in the history of science by Dr. Robertson. From its isolation, the natural supposition is entertained that its administration to human beings is an imminent possibility and that this administration may be expected when attendant considerations are understood, actually to produce an increase in the size and weight of the body, to remove inhibited growth and to promote advance toward normal size in stunted bodies.

Supplementary experiments by Dr. T. C. Burnett indicate that tethelin is in a large measure responsible for the growth of cancer. From its isolation, it may become possible to control the cancerous growth by inhibition of tethelin.

Animals Respond to Tests.

Dr. Robertson said today that his experiments covered a period of four years and that the ultimate importance of the discoveries of himself and associates cannot be estimated at this time. He said:

"It is too early to attempt to calculate the importance of the discovery. Our experiments have been conducted on animals, and while there are indications that the human body may respond in the same way to the same experiments, it is not known."

"At certain stages in the development of animal life the addition of tethelin to the tissues will stimulate growth and at other stages will have no effect whatever. An increase in height for the human body would necessarily require bone growth, which ability to accelerate may not be existent in tethelin."

Effect on Cancer Established.

"The effect of the substance on cancer is well established at this time. The experiments will be continued and further developments may be expected as the isolation of the substance will render it easily obtainable to the scientists of the world."

Other experiments indicate that the study of tethelin may throw light on phases of the process of reproduction which have hitherto baffled science.

SUBMARINE U-46 IS SAFE

Craft Reported Sunk Off France Arrives in German Port.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 5.—The German submarine U-46, reported sunk off St. Nazaire, France, has returned to its home port, says an official statement issued here today.

A dispatch from Amsterdam, December 22 last, said that according to a report from German sources the German submarine U-46 had been sunk in the Bay of Biscay by anti-air naval forces. On the same day a dispatch from Paris reported the German U-46, which had sunk several steamers off St. Nazaire, had been sunk by destroyers.

