

LODGE AND LOWELL DEBATE ON LEAGUE

Massachusetts Senator Attacks Covenant.

OPPONENT AVERS SOUNDNESS

Large Crowd Hears Speakers With Intense Interest.

TREATY CALLED "POROUS"

Constructive Criticism Offered, Especially Upon Questions of Immigration and Tariff.

BOSTON, March 19.—"If the league shall be put in such shape that it will promote peace instead of breeding disorder and will work no injustice to the United States, I will support it," said Senator Henry Cabot Lodge in replying to a question of President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard during their debate on the league of nations covenant tonight.

"I hope from my heart it will be amended," he said. "I hope that such a league will be framed somewhere. In my belief it will not be done in Paris."

A demand from Dr. Lowell that Mr. Lodge say whether he would vote for the covenant if it were amended according to his wishes led to the senator's declaration.

Applause Liberally Bestowed.
Addressing an audience of 3000 persons in Symphony hall, the distinguished speakers were applauded liberally, frequently and apparently impartially.

There was no heckling, although cries of "Good!" and "That's right!" followed telling points in the arguments.

Senator Lodge outlined his attitude briefly as in favor of a league of nations, but not of the covenant as presented.

"The whole treaty should be re-drafted," he asserted. "That is my first constructive criticism."

Roosevelt Reference Applauded.
The senator's reference to Theodore Roosevelt's attitude as in opposition to such a plan as was embodied in the covenant drew applause. He said he had discussed the idea of a league of nations with Mr. Roosevelt two weeks before his death.

"The position I have taken," he added, "in reference to this covenant is one that had Mr. Roosevelt's full approval. I do not say this to transfer any load from my shoulders to his, but it is at the same time a support to know that my position in this matter is in agreement with his expressed conviction."

Constructive Criticism Offered.
Referring to the charge that criticisms of the covenant were not constructive, Senator Lodge pointed out a number of ways in which he would amend the treaty, laying especial stress on the need of protection of the Monroe doctrine.

"The hour is rapidly approaching," said Dr. Lowell, in summing up his plea for the covenant, "when we must decide whether our country shall take its place like a great and generous nation, side by side, with others as guardians of law, order and justice in the world, or whether it shall turn its face away from a world in agony."

Draft of Treaty Held Defective.
He prefaced his argument with the statement that, although he had always been "an inconsistent republican" and frequently had been in agreement with Senator Lodge, he could not agree with his utterances on the league of nations covenant and still less with those of his senatorial colleagues.

Dr. Lowell maintained the correctness of the covenant in principle, arguing that while "very defective in its drafting" and "easily misunderstood," it should be "accepted and improved."

He described it as an experiment in open diplomacy.

Dr. Lowell Advocates Changes.
To meet certain objections raised, Dr. Lowell advocated the insertion of clauses in the covenant permitting withdrawals from the league on reasonable notice, stipulating that no foreign powers shall acquire any possessions on the American continent, and making it perfectly clear that immigration and tariff problems are to be regarded as purely internal affairs.

The debaters approached the general topic from different angles. Senator Lodge attacked the covenant "as agreed upon by the commission of the peace conference" as a "porous instrument" on the interpretation of which the signers themselves would be at odds within 12 months.

Dr. Lowell admitted that the "covenant" needed clarification but argued that in substance, as a plan for the prevention of war, it was sound.

3200 Listers to Debate.
Symphony hall was filled. Three thousand persons had seats and 300 stood. Half the audience was made up of members of the legislature, federal and state judiciary, governors of New England states, army and navy officers, members of the Harvard faculty, delegates of the central labor union and personal guests of the debaters. The other half represented the lucky ones who had been awarded admission by chance from 25 times as many applications.

Governor Calvin Coolidge presided. (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

MILK BOYCOTT PLAN OF BERKLEY WOMEN

DROP IN RETAIL PRICES ASKED BY HOUSEWIVES.

Defense Corps Announces Programme to Be Adopted to Secure Favorable Action.

Failure to Pass Appropriation Bill Causes Procrastination.

YEAR'S PLAN OVERTHROWN

Expenditure of More Than Half Billion Dollars to Give Employment Cannot Be Carried Out.

BERKELEY, Cal., March 19.—(Special.)—Unless the committee appointed by the legislature investigating the price of milk in the bay region brings forth results which will lower the price, the Berkeley defense corps of housewives will call mass meetings in Berkeley for the purpose of inaugurating a city-wide boycott on milk distributors. This announcement was made by the corps today following heated discussion among its members.

"If we do not get results from the state milk investigation committee, we will then call a boycott on the milk dealers of Alameda county," said the secretary of the club. "During this time we will have mass meetings throughout the city and will ask the citizens to stop buying fresh milk. Families with young children will not be included. If this milk strike comes off, then we of the club will supply milk at wholesale prices to the boycotters. We can make arrangements to do this anytime we wish with nearly by milk producers. Failing in this we all will use canned milk. It will mean a tremendous loss to the milk distributors in Alameda county. This plan will be put into effect immediately upon the expected whitewashing of the milk distributors by the state investigation committee."

RAILROADS TO PAY BILLS

Money Advanced Will Be Used to Meet Obligations.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The \$50,000,000 advanced by the war finance commission to the railroad administration will be used only to pay current bills and to meet obligations already incurred with railroad companies, Director-General Hines announced today.

This loan, Mr. Hines explained, does not eliminate the necessity for future appropriations and does not change the programme for financing purchases of equipment by use of trade acceptances.

It does, however, modify the proposed plan of giving certificates of indebtedness to railroad corporations for past debts.

Other loans will be made by the war finance corporation to individual railroads, but the \$50,000,000 is the only direct loan possible to the railroad administration under the law.

I. H. NASH OBTAINS PLACE

Idaho State Land Commissioner Is Elected to Take Office at Once.

BOISE, Idaho, March 19.—(Special.)—Senator I. H. Nash was today elected state land commissioner to take charge of the land department. He will take up his new duties immediately. When the reorganization law goes into effect governing the land board and land department, Mr. Nash will be commissioner.

The land board took this action on recommendation of Governor Davis. It is likely that C. A. Elmer, present registrar of the land board, will be named chief clerk in the land department when the new law goes into effect.

BRUSSELS EXPECTS WILSON

Former Residence of Princess Clementine Being Fitted Up.

BRUSSELS, March 19.—The former residence of Princess Clementine is being fitted up to receive President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, who are expected to visit Brussels before the end of the present month.

The programme for the entertainment of the presidential party includes a reception given by parliament and a visit with King Albert to Louvain. The municipality of Louvain is planning to present to the president a picture of the ruins of the city's famous library, reproduced on leather.

PLANES ALARM EX-KAISER

Appearance of Craft Above Amerongen Castle Creates Excitement.

AMERONGEN, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Considerable excitement was created at Amerongen castle, where former Emperor William is staying, when six airplanes appeared suddenly at noon from behind a bank of clouds. They came from the east and after encircling the castle twice, disappeared in a northerly direction.

The nationality of the machines could not be distinguished, but it is generally assumed they were Dutch.

RAILROAD WORK TO STOP; FUNDS SHORT

Millions of Dollars in Improvements Held Up.

BLAME PLACED ON CONGRESS

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WASHINGTON, March 19.—Instructions issued today by the railroad administration will result in the temporary suspension or postponement of millions of dollars of railroad improvement work, because of the financial predicament caused by failure of congress to pass appropriations for the administration's revolving fund.

The suspension of work applies to many new stations, under erection or planned, spur tracks, roadbed improvements, elevated tracks and construction of bridges and buildings.

TEEL PROJECT TO START

Million-Dollar Irrigation Contract Near Echo Is Let.

PENDELTON, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Bonds have been sold and the contract let to the Warren Construction company for the construction work amounting to \$1,000,000 on the Teel project at Echo, according to the announcement of the directors here today.

The work will complete an extension of the project, by means of which about 16,000 acres under the project and 4000 acres on Butter Creek will be put under water.

For a portion of the distance the canal will pass through a two-mile tunnel. The approval of the state irrigation securities commission is all that is needed to assure the completion of the plans. Work is expected to start within 60 days.

FLIGHT OBSERVER NAMED

British Select Flyer to Watch Trans-Atlantic Effort.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The Aero Club of America announced tonight that it had been notified by the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom of the appointment of Major Partridge of the royal air force as official observer at St. Johns, Newfoundland, for the trans-Atlantic flight, which will start from Newfoundland.

KIDNAPER IN TAXICAB SEIZES GIRL WORKER

16-YEAR-OLD LAUNDRY HAND ABDUCTED BY YOUTH.

San Francisco Is Scene of Daring Crime, Staged as Crowd Looks on Powerless.

WASHING, March 19.—(Special.)—Seized and ruthlessly bundled into a taxicab while her shrieks for assistance started the entire neighborhood, Josephine Castro, 16-year-old laundry worker, was abducted this morning by a well-dressed young man as she was about to enter the laundry where she has been employed.

The abduction, which took place in broad daylight and in the sight of more than a score of persons, was one of the most daring that has ever come to the notice of the San Francisco police, who are now on the trail of the kidnaped girl.

The kidnaping was witnessed by Robert Edgren, manager of the establishment, who a few minutes before the girl appeared had noticed the taxicab draw up at the curb in front of the laundry. He paid no attention to the incident, however, and it was not until he heard the girl's screams and it was too late for him to interfere that he marked the proceedings.

A passing automobile was commandeered by Edgren and others, but after a short pursuit was outdistanced by the speeding taxi. Other girl employees of the laundry, hearing the Castro girl's cries, ran to her assistance, but before they could reach the street the kidnaper and his victim sped away in the machine.

SIBERIAN TROUBLE LAID TO JAPANESE

Failure American Force to "Take Sides" Irks.

NIPPON PROPAGANDA TRAGEDY

State Department Says Military Men Obey Orders.

BETTER FEELING EXPECTED

Change in Political Power in Mikado's Realm Will Aid in Reducing Friction.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Reports of growing anti-American feeling in eastern Siberia have for some time been in the hands of the state department. This was learned authoritatively today in connection with an Associated Press dispatch from Vladivostok, telling of widespread criticism in Eastern Siberia of the operations of the American military forces there.

The reports, it was learned, came from both American diplomatic and military representatives in Siberia, and instances of this feeling were cited. Officials of the state department, it was said, have been thoroughly approved the conduct of the American forces under Major-General William S. Graves.

Middle Road Followed.
Instructions were issued to General Graves before he went to Siberia, it was said, to avoid carefully any act which would commit the United States government to either side in any factional troubles. These instructions, it was said, have been repeated from time to time, and strict observance of them by the American commander has aroused some of the hostility.

Much of the hostility in Vladivostok toward Americans is attributed in well-informed circles here to the activity of Japanese agents. It has been reported that about three weeks ago a Japanese publicity agent arrived in Vladivostok.

Japanese Are Blamed.
Within a few days, these reports say, articles began appearing in the newspapers of Vladivostok, which are said to be under Japanese influence, reflecting upon the United States and its Siberian policy, or, as the articles described it, lack of policy.

State department officials said today that the situation as regards Japanese influence was clearing. The war party in Japan, to which much of the friction was attributed in reports reaching this country, has been superseded by (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

BRITISH COMPLAIN OF EXPORT RESTRICTION

ENGLISHMEN FEAR AMERICANS WILL CAPTURE TRADE.

Chancellor of Exchequer Asserts in Reply to Critics That U. S. More-ly Books Orders Ahead.

LONDON, March 19.—In the house of commons appropriation bill discussion today, Sir Frederick Banbury, privy councillor, warned the government that continuance of present financial methods meant, eventually, national bankruptcy. Other speakers complained that control of exports permitted America to step in and capture British trade abroad.

Justin Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, replying to the criticism, said the government was trying to abolish control as quickly as it was safe. The export of cotton goods was free to every part of the world except the blockaded countries, he declared, and in this case restrictions were maintained for reasons of inter-allied policy. The house, he hoped, would hardly assume responsibility for acting in opposition to Great Britain's allies.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was advised it was not a fact that Americans were sending goods where British goods were not admitted. What the Americans had done was to book orders and give long credits for goods to be delivered when the blockade was raised. It was open to British manufacturers to do the same.

TRACE OF RUPERT IS LOST

Posee Continues Its Search for Escaped Convict.

SALEM, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—Prison officials late today had received no additional word from the posse which is searching the southern Oregon country for Clyde J. (Red) Rupert, the convict who escaped from the state lime plant near Gold Hill Sunday afternoon. He was last seen about 20 miles from Gold Hill.

Prison guards and deputy sheriffs are prosecuting the man hunt with a prison bloodhound, but they have lost all trace of the former Portland policeman and athlete, who was serving a term of from one to three years for stealing \$10,000 in liberty bonds from the Northwestern National Bank, Portland, where he was employed as a guard.

BETTER ROADS IN SIGHT

Highway Commissioner Talks Before Large Crowd in Klamath.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 19.—(Special.)—The biggest good-road gathering in the history of Klamath county was held here last evening. Commissioner R. A. Boyer and State Highway Engineer Nunn discussed the road programme for 1919. Delegations were present from every community in the county, a special train bringing many residents from eastern Klamath.

Construction of a highway running north and south through the county, passing through Merrill and Malin, and another crossing the county east to west was indicated in an address by County Judge R. H. Bunnell. He had been in conference with the road builders throughout the day.

A banquet was tendered the visitors early in the evening. A reception was held for Mrs. Booth in the afternoon.

CRANBERRIES GO OUT LATE

Ciatsop Yield This Year Averages Thirty Bushels to Acre.

ASTORIA, March 19.—(Special.)—A shipment of cranberries was made from the marshes in this county to Portland yesterday. This is the latest shipment of this fruit ever made from the district. Growers feel that the very fact of their being able to place berries in the markets at this time fully demonstrate the excellent keeping quality of the cranberry raised in this section.

The total crop for the past season was over 3000 barrels of cranberries. This average for the 100 acres set out to vines in Ciatsop county, gives an average of 30 barrels per acre.

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GIRL ADMITS POISON USED TO KILL RIVAL

Love for Husband of Seattle Women Is Motive.

POLICE OBTAIN CONFESSION

Strychnine Put in Food While Two Are at Luncheon.

VICTIM QUICKLY SUCCUMBS

Ruth Garrison, 18, at First Denies Killing Mrs. Grace Storrs, but Later Tells Circumstances.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 19.—(Special.)—Ruth Garrison, 18 years old, confessed to the murder of Mrs. Grace E. Storrs, said Captain Tennant, chief of the Seattle city detective department, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

"The confession was made to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Carmody and myself," said Captain Tennant.

"Miss Garrison told us that she had purchased 25 cents worth of strychnine at a drug store on Union street yesterday morning, and had administered the poison to her rival for Dudley Storrs' affection in the food served them at luncheon yesterday, a meal the girl had arranged."

The girl revealed the department-store tea room ahead of her guest and ordered the meal. According to the police, she placed the poison in a fruit cocktail as soon as a waitress served it. Miss Garrison, it was said, had purchased the poison at a drug store while on her way to keep the luncheon engagement.

Poison Is Discovered.
The confession followed the finding of strychnine in fatal quantities in the stomach of Mrs. Storrs by William Dahn, professor of the department of chemistry of the University of Washington, who made the scientific analysis.

Mrs. Grace E. Storrs, 28 years of age, died yesterday afternoon while luncheon with Miss Garrison, admittedly a rival for the affection of the dead woman's husband, Dudley Storrs, an automobile mechanic, formerly a deputy sheriff.

Miss Garrison, who had arranged the luncheon meeting, was arrested at 2 o'clock this morning on orders of Chief of Police Warren, and after a night in jail and a further questioning this morning by city and county officials, was remanded to her cell to await an analysis of the contents of Mrs. Storrs' stomach by chemists at the University of Washington.

Girl Arranges Luncheon.
The ingenuity, daring and resourcefulness of a Lucretia Borgia were exercised by this 18-year-old former Seattle high school girl in removing from her path the rival for the man she loved.

That she arranged the luncheon meeting to adjust a situation that had arisen because of her admitted infatuation for the other woman's husband, but that her hand had never moved toward removing the wife from her path by any sinister methods, was the first statement of the girl this morning to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Carmody and Captain Tennant.

The wife and the girl were dining yesterday afternoon, while, unknown to Miss Garrison, the mother of Mrs. Storrs, Mrs. E. B. Glatz, and a sister, Miss Alice Glatz, occupied a table a few feet away. About 15 minutes after the meal began Mrs. Storrs suddenly turned pale, collapsed and sank in a faint. She died soon after being taken to the store's emergency hospital.

It was not until Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Carmody and Captain Tennant had learned that Miss Garrison was seen by others in the Bon Marche lunch-room Tuesday afternoon who had noticed her peculiar actions that Miss Garrison's stout maintenance of her innocence was broken. Throughout the morning Miss Garrison answered the detective captain and the lawyer at every turn in a manner that while not satisfactory to her own case gave evidence on which to prefer charges.

She reiterated time and again that she had loved Storrs in great esteem, that she had an ardent friendship with him and that her affections were and had been for a long time been, although at all times proper, she said.

Deed at First Denied.
"I know nothing of the strange death of Mrs. Storrs," Miss Garrison is said to have reiterated. "I was downtown shopping Tuesday morning and it occurred to me that it would be a good time to see Mrs. Storrs. I telephoned her and made an appointment to meet her at the Bon Marche tea room. I intended to tell her that I was going to Alaska to stay six months and that during that time I would not correspond with Douglas. I intended to tell her that I was willing to let them try it out six months and that if at the end of that time Mrs. Storrs was still living with her husband that she would make no further effort to see him."

The above is practically the sum of the information obtained this morning, with one exception. This was to fix the time when Miss Garrison had seen Storrs last. She had said repeatedly that she had not seen him for some time. During her conversation, according to Mr. Carmody, Miss Garrison let slip something about having seen (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

