

PRESIDENT NOT IN ON MEXICAN DEAL

Lansing Says He Has Not Discussed Affair.

SENATORS WILL INVESTIGATE

Fall and Hitchcock Named to Call at White House.

RUMORS ARE DISTRESSING

Senate Committee Will Seek to Learn Whether Wilson Is Incapacitated From Duty.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU,

Washington, Dec. 4.—More important information than what the president thinks of the Mexican situation is expected to result from the visit to the White House of the special committee of the senate foreign relations committee appointed this afternoon. Rumors of the last few days have been of such a distressing nature that the question of what is the actual state of Mr. Wilson's health has become one of transcendent interest. What the senate most wishes to know and what the country at large would like to ascertain is whether the commander-in-chief of the army and navy, the head of the government of the United States, is incapacitated for discharging the duties of his office.

This senate committee, which is composed of Senators Hitchcock, democrat of Nebraska, and Fall, republican of New Mexico, of course, must first arrange an audience with the president. The attitude of Mr. Wilson's attendants toward the proposed visit of this committee will have some significance.

Color was lent to some of the rumors that have filled the atmosphere of the national capital the last few days when Republican senators of state, told the senate foreign relations committee quite frankly this afternoon that he had never discussed the Mexican question with the president since the latter's return from Paris.

Hitchcock Makes Denial.
This had been denied in the senate only a few hours before by Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, who said he had gathered the confident impression that Lansing and the president had conferred with regard to Mexico. In the same colloquy Senator Fall of New Mexico said his understanding from the confidential Secretary Lansing, had been that Mr. Lansing had not seen the president.

When Secretary Lansing had departed this afternoon and the committee adjourned, Senator Hitchcock would not be interviewed. Senator Fall, however, whose resolution for a severance of diplomatic relations with Mexico is before the senate, was ready to answer questions, though guarded in his replies. He carried a large bundle of papers in his hand, containing evidence gathered by the special investigation subcommittee of which he was chairman, relative to Mexican conditions, together with several reports from the state department files.

These papers, filled with information of serious concern to the United States government, it was elicited from him, had never been examined by the president. Mr. Wilson, he learned, had not so much as seen one of the important reports received by the state department from government agents in Mexico since last June.

Senator Fall Cautioned.
After this special committee has performed its mission of calling on the president, Senator Fall is sure to be the most-sought-after man in Washington, because candor is characteristic of the man. He will give his impressions of the president's condition and the country will know all of the facts. To do this, it is obviously necessary to break through the cordon maintained about Mr. Wilson by Secretary Tumulty and one or two others, names not mentioned.

By reason of the time required to consider this Mexican question the concurrent resolution declaring war at an end was not taken up by the foreign relations committee, it is understood.

SEAT SELLS FOR \$26,000

Price for Place on New York Cotton Exchange Sets New Record.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A seat on the New York Cotton Exchange was sold today for the record price of \$26,000. This is \$2250 above the best previous price.

ENGRAVED NEWSPAPER ISSUED AT ANACONDA

PRINTERS WALK OUT AND REPORTERS GET BUSY.

"Butte Daily Upstart" Is Name of Publication; Typos Are Ordered to Resume Work.

ANACONDA, Mont., Dec. 4.—With the Anaconda Standard temporarily suspended as the result of the walk-out of printers, 15 reporters of the Anaconda and Butte offices of the Standard today got out their first completely engraved newspaper ever published. It is called the "Butte Daily Upstart."

The Standard did not publish today as a result of the walk-out over a wage dispute.

Word was received today that the executive council of the International Typographical union had ordered the Anaconda Standard to suspend work on the paper and required them to comply with the terms of the contract with that paper and the laws of the international union.

"If this mandate is not complied with," the telegram says, "the charter of the Anaconda union will be suspended."

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 4.—Following a "walkout" this morning of the printers in the office of the Butte Daily Post, an afternoon newspaper, a dispatch was received tonight from International Typographical officers advising the printers that their action is illegal and instructing the men to return to their positions. As a consequence, it is said, the men will abide by the decision and the Post will be published again tomorrow afternoon.

The instructions from the international officers are also said to affect the printers who within the last few days have left the Miner office. Those printers who have left their positions until a new scale and working conditions can be adjusted, but have not taken the transfer cards and still are in Butte, are expected also to return to their former situation.

The Butte Miner with a small force of men will publish its newspaper again tomorrow morning, though the size of the Miner will be somewhat reduced.

STORES SHORTEN HOURS

Billings Acts to Conserve Its Fuel Supply.

BILLINGS, Mont., Dec. 4.—The growing austerity of the coal shortage has prompted the city council in the passage of an ordinance by the city council closing all business places in the city from 4 P. M. to 9 A. M. daily, excepting lodging houses, coal yards, restaurants and some public offices. Schools, churches, theaters and all other places of amusement and non-essentials must remain closed continuously, effective immediately.

Declaring that if the thin stream of coal reaching here from the Sheridan, Wyo., field were to be shut off the city would experience a "dark famine" within 24 hours, the city administration is continuing its appeals for volunteer coal miners to work in a mine at Bear Creek. It is believed a crew of about 75 volunteers will be here in a few days to begin coal production.

U. S. PROTECTION WANTED

Chinese Consul-General at Mexico City to Make Appeal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—F. L. Yuen, Chinese consul-general in Mexico City, left San Francisco today for Washington to ask the assistance of the American government in obtaining protection for more than 5000 Chinese living in the state of Sonora. The Chinese, he said, were in danger of being massacred and having their property confiscated because of the inability of the Carranza government to protect them.

2 SUB-CHASERS MISSING

State Department Is Asked to Locate Small Convoy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The state department at Washington has been asked to locate the United States army tug Slocum and a convoy of two submarine chasers, which departed from Balboa on November 23.

SOUTH DAKOTA RATIFIES

State 21st on Record for Federal Suffrage Amendment.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 4.—Ratification of the federal woman suffrage resolution was completed by the South Dakota legislature when the senate passed the measure early today. The lower house acted Wednesday.

FLOOD ENDS MINE FIRE

South Dakota Property Loss Is Estimated at \$1,000,000.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 4.—Fire burning in the famous Homestake mine since September 25 has been extinguished by flooding. It was necessary to flood the mine only to the 600-foot level.

The fire loss is estimated close to \$1,000,000.

2 KILLED, 3 HURT BY CRAZED FATHER

New Jersey Architect Takes Own Life.

PLANS CAREFULLY MADE

Madman Cuts Throat With Razor Following Crime.

MENTAL STRAIN BLAMED

Mother and Children Struck With Ax After Being Chloroformed While Sleeping.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—(Special)—A strange and horrible tragedy was discovered late this afternoon in the home of Mason R. Strong, an architect and structural engineer, at No. 237 Lexington avenue, Passaic, N. J., one of the finest residential parts of that city.

Crazed by misfortune, Strong had attempted to destroy his entire family, including himself, some time Tuesday night. Creeping through his home at the dead of night when his wife and four children were asleep in their beds, the man had dealt them terrific blows with an axe and had then taken his own life by cutting his throat with a razor.

His wife was found dead in one room, his 16-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, in another. He himself was dead in the bathroom.

The list may yet total four dead, for his only son, Nathaniel, 12, is in the Passaic general hospital with only slight hope of recovery.

Two other children—Nina, 14, and Susanna, 9, are also in the hospital, disfigured. They probably will live.

Small Things Cause Worry.
It was not until the two little girls recovered consciousness yesterday afternoon and Susanna telephoned to their family physician that "Papa's murder and suicide were discovered."

Strong had been considered "queer" for some time. Last summer he suffered a nervous breakdown. He had worried a great deal about his business affairs and called to see his lawyer on the night of the tragedy regarding a trivial matter which caused him great anxiety.

A number of things had been plying on his mind. Within a year his two sisters, who lived with him, had died and he had had a severe attack of pneumonia.

He was last seen alive about 8 o'clock Tuesday night. At that time he left the home of his lawyer, William F. Gaston, about a block from his own house, and went home. He and his family retired for the night.

Little is known of what passed in the home.

GOVERNMENT DROPS CONTROL OF SUGAR

FEDERAL AGENTS TO WATCH FOR PROFITTEERING.

Attorney-General Palmer Says He Cannot Handle Matter—Leeway Open for Price Rise.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The government will not attempt to control the disposition and sale of sugar after the sugar equalization board is dissolved, December 31.

Attorney-General Palmer, in making this announcement today, said that as no funds had been provided by congress for carrying on the work of handling sugar, the department of justice will confine its efforts to the punishment of profiteers.

In explaining the abandonment of the programme for defeating the sugar shortage, Mr. Palmer said he had put the proposition up to congress as he lacked "both the power and the facilities" for obtaining tangible results. After officials had outlined plans for a continuance of the control under supervision of the department of justice, he said, the necessary funds and authority were not forthcoming.

Mr. Palmer's action was generally accepted as opening up the source of more sugar supplies by permitting refiners to pay more for the Cuban raw stock. It also was believed to mean that sugar prices would soar. The department will continue to hunt down profiteers, but without means of checking up on the cost to the refiners or without control of the price at which the supplies come into this country, it was believed domestic consumers would be forced to pay high prices after January 1.

THOUSANDS JOBLESS SOON

Coal Shortage Forces Shutting Down of Mines and Mills.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 4.—Thousands of copper miners and millworkers in Michigan will be thrown out of work by the shutting down of mines and mills, except a few of the larger companies, as a result of the fuel shortage, which brought an order from the railroad administration today prohibiting shipment of coal over government-controlled lines to both mines and mills.

The Calumet and Hecla and the Quincy companies own their own railroad lines and were not affected by the order. The Mohawk and Wolverine companies have sufficient coal to continue operation.

The Calumet and Hecla company's subsidiaries will be closed, affecting 7000 men.

CITY GETS JESS' WOOD

Topeka Volunteers Cut Fuel on Willard's Farm.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 4.—Twenty-six volunteer woodmen armed with axes and cross-cut saws left the city hall on motor trucks this morning to cut wood for the municipal wood yard. Another corps of wood cutters started this afternoon.

Wood is to be cut on a large farm seven miles east of Topeka owned by Jess Willard, former pugilist.

HAGEN FOUND GUILTY IN FARGO BANK CASE

CHARGE OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS HELD PROVED.

Conviction Follows Closing of Scandinavian-American Institution for Alleged Insolvency.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 4.—The jury in the case of H. J. Hagen, president of the Scandinavian-American bank of Fargo, charged with having made false statements to the state bank examiner, tonight returned a verdict of guilty.

The jury was out four hours and 40 minutes. Appeal from the verdict will be taken, attorneys for Hagen said tonight. James Manahan, attorney for Hagen, said that the court would be asked tomorrow to set aside the verdict. If the request is refused, he said, the case would be taken to the state supreme court.

The case against P. R. Sherman, cashier of the bank, indicted on the charge, will be postponed until another court term.

The arrest of Hagen and Sherman, October 4, grew out of the closing of the Scandinavian-American bank October 2, because of alleged insolvency. The state supreme court later declared the bank solvent and it was reopened October 25. Hagen's trial lasted nine days.

The three counts on which the men were indicted involved two items of notes, one for approximately \$37,000 and the other \$31,000. The state charged that the \$37,000 in notes sold by the Scandinavian-American bank to the Bank of Commerce and Savings of Duluth had been ordered out of the Duluth bank by the Minnesota bank examiner, was sent back to the Fargo bank on September 4 or 5, but not entered on the books until September 12. In the meantime the state claimed Deputy Bank Examiner P. E. Hallderson examined the Fargo bank September 9 and found the item listed as money due from the Duluth bank.

The second count charged that the Fargo bank sent \$31,000 worth of notes to the Duluth bank under conditions that did not constitute a bona-fide sale, only an agreement by which the Duluth bank would give credit on its books for them, this credit not to be withdrawn by draft.

The third count charged that this item should have been listed under red-inked paper while in the Duluth bank.

HUNTING PARTY WOUNDED

Firing on Motor Cars in Ireland Followed by Clash.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(By the Associated Press).—All the members of a shooting party, including H. V. Macnamara and his two sons; Donough E. F. O'Brien, son and heir of Baron Inchiquin; Lady Beatrice O'Brien, a game keeper and a chauffeur, were wounded today when fired upon while traveling in motor cars in the Carron district of Ireland, says a dispatch from Ennis, County Clare.

The party was held up by a number of men wearing disguises and an exchange of shots ensued. Members of the party say they saw two of their assailants fall. The dispatch says it is presumed the object of the attack was the seizure of arms carried by the party.

FARMERS FAVOR BAN ON ASIATICS

Absolute Prohibition of Immigration Asked.

CONVENTION TAKES STAND

Legislation Canceling Japanese Holdings Advocated.

DALLEE MEETING CLOSES

Oregon and Southern Idaho Delegates Want Early Ratification of League Covenant.

THE DALLEE, Or., Dec. 4.—(Special).—Absolute prohibition of future Asiatic immigration into the United States or any of its possessions and the forbidding and canceling by law of the holding of real property by Japanese were advocated by a resolution unanimously adopted late today by the Oregon and southern Idaho sections of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America, in the final day of its session here.

The union solidly declared in favor of the early ratification of the covenant of the league of nations without amendments or reservations and denounced all opposing the passage of the league of nations for political purposes or unpatriotic and un-American.

It declared further that no paper should be published in this country except in the English language, unless it be printed in foreign language with the correct translation in parallel columns.

False Labels Condemned.
A resolution was adopted which condemned the selling of any commodity under a false name or a price in excess of its real value, making such procedure punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment.

The immigration into the United States should be entirely discontinued and that the holding of lands either directly or indirectly should be allowed only to persons of the Caucasian race was another recommendation adopted.

Following is the anti-Japanese resolution: "Resolved, That the Asiatic immigration into the United States or any of its possessions be prohibited by statute and that the holding of real property by Japanese or any of their posterity be absolutely forbidden and canceled by law, this to include ownership, incorporation or combination of real property."

It will be noticed that the resolution does not include the confiscation of lands already held by yellow races other than the Japanese, it being the opinion of most members that the Japanese are the worst transgressors upon the agricultural lands and one of the most unassimilable of races.

Treaty Resolution Adopted.
The treaty resolution follows: "Resolved, That this organization is heartily in favor of the early ratification of the covenant of the league of nations without amendments or reservations and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the senate of the United States, furthermore, that we condemn all opposition to the passage of the league of nations for political purposes as unpatriotic and un-American."

The organization of a state-wide "Buy Tomorrow" club as a lever to assist in pulling down the high cost of living was recommended at the annual banquet of 350 delegates and guests at Hotel Dalles, by J. T. Rorick of this city in his address.

"Wear and use what you own now to the absolute limit of its efficiency and its ability to make at least a respectable appearance," Rorick emphasized. "When you think you have come to the end of the wear of an article, don't cast it into the ash-travel. Glance it over and decide to use it again. Do this several times, and if the people of Oregon and every other state in the union will do the same, it will bring the manufacturers of the country and the laborers who in many cases are making outrageous demands, to their senses and lower the existing high costs."

Red Menace Recognized.
Every speaker in the programme, while admitting the problem of the "reds" now confronting the country is a serious one, declared their hold over the country but a temporary one which would be shaken off eventually by the sane citizens of the United States. It was the consensus of opinion that the disturbing I. W. W.'ism has now opened the eyes of the majority of loyal Americans and that the alleged notorious organization would be summarily dealt with.

"In order to gain recognition at the markets where prices are made we must expand our organization," asserted Professor Hylop of Oregon Agricultural college. "A campaign must be undertaken by the farmers to link themselves together into a solid union of concerted effort. By this means the agriculturists will be enabled to get rid of their products systematically and to stabilize prices."

The opinion was expressed by many that the farmers and people at large in the United States now are engaged in a struggle.

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RAIN SLATED TO PUT COLD SNAP TO BED

PLUVIUS TO BE IN ACTION TODAY, SAYS WEATHER MAN.

Clouding of Sky Indicates Higher Temperature; Snow Held Likelihood in Eastern Oregon.

Oregon rain is to free the city from the cold snap in which it has been gripped for several days past, if the prognostications of the "weather man" are correct. "Friday rain, moderate easterly winds" is the forecast handed out by the local weather bureau yesterday afternoon, and a clouding of the sky was taken as an indication of warmer weather.

The mercury again touched 25 degrees today, equaling the cold record of each day for the past three days. The maximum yesterday was 40 degrees. With continued fair weather yesterday the river kept up its decline and has now nearly returned to the normal stage. The river reading yesterday morning was 3.6 feet and the fall in the last 24 hours was .7 feet.

The section east of the mountains continues in the grip of the premature cold spell, and Baker and Spokane yesterday experienced minimum temperatures of 2 and 4 degrees above zero, respectively. Helena held the record for low temperature in the United States with 8 degrees below zero.

Western Oregon will have rain today and eastern Oregon will have either rain or snow, according to the forecasts, while fair weather will prevail in Washington.

A continuation of the cold snap would mean skating very soon, a number of the east side lakes and ponds being covered with sheets of ice yesterday. Nowhere was the ice solid enough for skating, but devotees of the great winter sport were looking over their shoulders to be ready to take advantage of continued cold weather.

FRANCE TO PAY CLAIMS

U. S. Will Give 12,000,000 Francs to Liquidate Bills.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Under agreement with the war department liquidation commission, France undertakes to settle all claims and controversies against the United States arising from American activities in France during the war, the war department announced today.

In return the government will pay France 12,000,000 francs, and an additional \$48,000,000 of the claims exceed the original payment.

GERMANS IGNORE NOTE

Oral Agreement to Be Attempted.

Berlin Paper Says.

BASEL, Switzerland, Dec. 4.—According to the Berliner Tageblatt the German government does not intend to answer the last note of the supreme council with regard to signature of the protocol guaranteeing execution of the peace treaty.

Instead it will attempt to reach an oral agreement.

MOTOR WRECK KILLS 3

Bus Jumps Rails; 11 Hurt, Two Are Unaccounted For.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Dec. 4.—Three persons were burned to death, 11 injured and two are unaccounted for in the wreck of a motor bus which jumped the rails of the Muscatine, Burlington & Southern railway near here tonight.

The bus was fitted for use on railway tracks.

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PASSENGER TRAINS ONE-THIRD FEWER

Service From Chicago to Be Cut Monday.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAS BARRED

Exclusive Mail and Express Unchanged for Present.

EVERY ECONOMY ORDERED

Senate Discusses Anti-Strike Section of Railway Bill—Short Line Delegates Meet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—All railroad passenger service on north, west and northwest lines running out of Chicago will be cut one-third beginning next Monday, under an order issued today by T. S. Eustis, chairman of passenger systems on these roads.

An order directed that the saving in operating expenses be used for the club, lounge and observation sleeping car services were tentatively ordered discontinued, but later it was announced the order was premature and that sleeping cars would remain. Special trains for business or pleasure were prohibited.

The order instructed the federal managers of the various roads to eliminate "those trains which can be spared with the least inconvenience to the traveling public." They were told also "not to hesitate to lengthen or change the schedules of remaining trains with the least inconvenience to the traveling public."

"There must be no second sections of regular trains," said the order. "Business must be cared for by adding extra trains, but beyond the prescribed limit, and by lengthening the schedules of existing trains."

"When capacity of regular trains is reached, overflow of travel will be necessary wait over or seek carriage elsewhere."

There will be no immediate reduction in the number of exclusive mail and express trains, but additional trains or extra sections to take care of the Christmas rush were forbidden.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—After speaking three days, Senator Cummins chairman of the interstate commerce committee, concluded late today a detailed explanation of his railroad bill, designed to meet conditions with the return of the roads to private ownership and control.

Discussing the anti-strike provision of the measure, as proposed by the committee, Senator Cummins declared "there has been an industrious effort to misrepresent the bill." He denied that it interfered in any way with the railway employees or officials who desired to quit work.

Emphasizing that he was not opposed to labor organizations, Senator Cummins said the committee, in inserting the anti-strike provision, felt that "the civilization of America cannot continue or endure unless organized society can find some plan to preserve industrial peace and order."

President Wilson's message to congress Tuesday, he declared, was a direct endorsement of the proposed legislation.

The sentiment developed today in favor of curtailing debate so as to hasten the bill, but senate leaders said no plan of procedure had been determined.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Orders for limitation of train service to conserve coal, similar to those issued for the general west coast, today were received here today by the United States railroad administration from Hale Holden, regional director at Chicago, but local officials said the use of oil by the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and other lines obviated much curtailment of service in California.

In the Pacific northwest, where the railroads burned coal mostly, they stated, transportation would be materially affected.

Director Holden's order specified that passenger service on roads burning coal must be reduced "at least one-third of the present train mileage." Delegates of the Western Association of Short Line railroads, at their annual meeting here today elected a new board of directors and perfected amalgamation with the American Association of Short Line railroads.

The directors elected included Guy W. Talbot, Portland, Or. The directors met immediately after the adjournment of the delegates' session to name two representatives to the American association.

The session was given over principally to the discussion of bills before congress providing for the return of railroads to private ownership. The railroads represented at the meeting are not government operated.

Officers were elected as follows: President, D. M. Swob; first vice-president, L. G. Canon; second vice-president, George F. Dietrich; secretary and general counsel, C. M. Odell. The directors decided to