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DEMOCRATS DELAY TREATY DECISION

Lack of Leadership Held Big Handicap.

LODGE POSITION IS CLEAR

Middle-of-Road Republicans Assured of Support.

COMPROMISE IS PREPARED

Draft Expected to Bring Democratic Factions Together; Former President Taft Aids.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Henry Cabot Lodge, majority leader in the senate, is a man of more than judicial temperament. He is one man in the world who cares nothing about personal attacks upon himself, so long as they do no harm to anyone else or injury to a cause worth while.

Just now Senator Lodge smiles as he reads how the mild reservationists on the republican side of the senate are threatening one day to displace him as majority leader or to make peace with the democrats without consulting him; how notice has been served on him that unless he does this or that he will be ignored entirely in the peace treaty negotiations and settlement.

Answer Is Satisfactory.

And doubtless the mild reservationists are smiling, too. The fact is that Senator Lodge is not standing in the way of any compromise on the peace treaty that is satisfactory to the middle-of-the-roaders and the republican side. The only notice "served" on Mr. Lodge was in the appeal made to him by a committee of five mild reservation senators last Sunday, as told exclusively in these dispatches. What he said to the committee and what he said to the senate is a matter of fact, because it will be recalled that he told them to go ahead and work out a plan for uniting the forces in the senate favoring ratification, and he stood ready to help them when his assistance was needed.

Nothing more was left to be said. Since that time the reservationists have been conferring industriously on a plan of ratification acceptable to the democrats. The republican leadership in the senate is not obstructing the negotiations; but the lack of leadership on the democratic side is admitted to be a serious handicap to an early settlement.

Democracy Offer Awaited.

The compromise offer in the original course should come from the democratic side because the republican side is satisfied with the reservations laid before the senate in the last session in the Lodge resolution and rejected. On account of the situation which renders the democratic forces helpless, as well as leaderless, the mild reservationists have stepped into the breach and are preparing to offer when the senate reconvenes a compromise which each democratic faction can support without yielding recognition to the other faction. This mild reservationists are able to confer with both democratic factions whose leaders decline now to confer with each other.

Draft Near Completion.

Former President Taft has been giving active aid to the reservationists in the form of daily suggestions which they acknowledge gratefully. It is probable that the draft of these three compromise reservations will be completed tomorrow and made ready for submission to the opposing democratic leaders. Senator McNary was confident today that an early agreement to assure ratification will be reached.

President Wilson's Proclamation.

President Wilson's proclamation turning the railroads back to the private owners on March 1, it develops, was a complete surprise to the railroad brotherhoods. Their expressions of surprise reveal the fact that their side has not been any better advised of the president's intentions as to the future of the railroads than have the railway executives.

So Sure Were the Brotherhoods.

So sure were the brotherhoods that the president would retain control of the roads indefinitely that they, accompanied by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, were confident that they would be able to secure the roads for the people.

ROCKEFELLER SEEKS COAST-TO-COAST LINE

BALTIMORE - TO - PORTLAND RAILWAY RUMORED.

New York Sun Hints Oil King Acquires Control of Union Pacific System.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—That the Rockefeller interests have determined on a coast-to-coast railroad with Baltimore as the eastern terminus and San Francisco, Portland and Seattle as the Pacific coast termini, is asserted by the Baltimore Sun today. The project is said to include a linking up of the West Maryland, Baltimore to Toledo; the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie from Toledo to Chicago, the Illinois Central from Chicago to Omaha and the Union Pacific from Omaha to San Francisco. The Rockefeller Line and Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company would be used to establish the connection with the main line at Granger, Wyo., for Portland and Seattle.

The Sun points out that the directorate in all of these railroads is quite similar to the Rockefeller interests on all boards. That the Rockefeller interests have acquired control of the Baltimore Sun, it is stated indirectly by the Sun, which refers to the recent election of Carl Gray to the presidency of the Union Pacific as an act on the part of the Rockefeller interests "transferring Gray to the larger field."

HERO'S WORDS ON TABLET

John Paul Jones Tells What Naval Officers Should Be.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels, approving a resolution recently adopted by the District of Columbia society of the Sons of the American Revolution, has ordered the commission of fine arts of the District of Columbia to place a tablet at the base of the John Paul Jones monument in Washington bearing the following words of the revolutionary war hero: "I am proud to be a member of the marine committee of congress in 1775."

AUTO UNION RAPS LEGION

Detroit Local Demands Men Quit Service Body in 30 Days.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Members of the Detroit local of the Automobile, Aircraft and Vehicle Workers of America were forbidden to hold membership in the American Legion by an amendment to the bylaws of the vehicle workers' organization adopted several days ago. It was announced tonight. The action was taken, according to I. Paul Taylor, secretary of the union, because of the "uses to which the legion has been put by certain factions."

WHISKY RUSHED TO DOCKS

Exporters Make Mighty Effort to Beat Dry-Time Limit.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 26.—Five thousand barrels of whisky were being loaded tonight in the hope that it might reach the seaboard in time to be shipped abroad before national prohibition becomes effective January 18. Distillers said they had little hope of getting more than one-tenth of it away.

"TIGER" NAMED FOR RACE

French Deputies Will Ask Clemenceau to Run for President.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A number of members of the chamber of deputies today announced their intention to induce Premier Clemenceau to become a candidate for the presidency. This report was given out today.

REVISION OF NAVAL AWARDS ORDERED

Daniels Summons Board to End Controversy.

THREE REFUSE WAR MEDALS

Atlantic Fleet Commander Joins Sims in Protest.

UNFAIRNESS IS ASSERTED

Pilot of Transport Successfully Torpedoed by Germans Rejects Decoration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels tonight ordered the navy department's board of awards re-convened Monday, January 3, to revise the recent recommendations as to medals and decorations. "While approving in the main the recent recommendations as to medals and decorations, which have been the source of a controversy brought to a head a few days ago by designation of Admiral Sims to accept the distinguished service medal while the awards remained as at present," the secretary said in his order to Rear-Admiral A. M. Knight to reconvene the board, "my examination into the subject has convinced me that there are a number of cases requiring further examination, and there have been additional recommendations since your board adjourned which require examination by a board of officers."

DE VALERA GREET'S IRISH

Recognition by United States Predicted for 1920 in Cable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A prediction that 1920 may see the recognition of the "republic of Ireland" by the United States was made in a New Year message cabled to Arthur Griffith, acting president, by Eamon de Valera, and made public tonight. "Greetings to the persecuted people of Ireland from the many millions of Americans who love liberty and admire people everywhere who will not be denied liberty. Endure yet a little while. You will be sustained. The year 1920 may see the republic of Ireland officially recognized by the United States, and then final victory after 150 years. Work and pray, everyone, colleagues and self are doing our duty. We send our affectionate regards to every Irish citizen."

LIQUOR CURES RUINED

"Prohibition," Says Remaining Los Angeles Proprietor.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Los Angeles formerly had a group of a dozen or more institutes for the cure of the liquor habit; now it has one and that one is running at a loss, according to W. M. Brown, the manager. "Prohibition has ruined us," said Mr. Brown. "We had a good business for 20 years here, but since July 1 we are losing all our trade."

STANDIFER YARD WILL BUILD THREE TANKERS

CONTRACT FOR 12,000-TON STEAMERS IS WON HERE.

Orders Will Keep Plant Busy for Another Year, After Which Pay Will Have to Come Down.

Contracts for three tank steamers of 12,000-ton deadweight capacity each have been accepted from the Standard Oil company by the G. M. Standifer Construction corporation, and work on the vessels will start as soon as the present programme of the yard is completed. It was announced last night by Guy M. Standifer, president of the corporation, who returned Christmas day from a sojourn of several months in the east.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL APPOINTED BY HART

MAJOR THOMPSON CHOSEN TO SUCCEED GENERAL MOSS.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Governor Hart today appointed Major Maurice Thompson acting adjutant-general to succeed Brigadier-General Harvey J. Moss, whose resignation was requested by the governor early this week.

HOLIDAY LIQUOR IS FATAL TO 38

Hartford, Conn., Beverage Takes Big Toll.

CHICPEE, Mass., Dec. 26.—Thirty-eight deaths have resulted tonight from the drinking of liquor bought in Hartford, Conn., and drunk in this city, Holyoke and Springfield. Yesterday, last night and today, 18 men and one woman died in Chicopee, 10 men in Hartford, five in Holyoke and four in Springfield.

ACCIDENT FATAL TO ACE

Conqueror of 45 German Planes Is Victim of Auto Mishap.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 26.—Major A. E. McKeever, M. C. D. S. O., one of the best-known Canadian aces in the great war and credited with the destruction of 45 German machines, died in the general hospital today following an automobile accident.

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WOOD ALCOHOL IS BLAMED

Five Are Under Arrest Pending Investigation.

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS ACT

Police Believe Other Residents of Three Towns Are Ill and Reports Are Awaited.

CHICPEE, Mass., Dec. 26.—At midnight the Chicopee police announced that charges of manslaughter had been brought against Charles Perry and William Baker, who have been held pending investigation.

SPRUCE HEAD RELIEVED

Colonel Van Way Ordered to Succeed Colonel Stearns.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Colonel Charles E. Van Way, now on duty with the 30th cavalry at Hinchuck, Ariz., has been detailed for duty with the air service as president of the spruce production corporation at Portland, Ore., relieving Colonel Cuthbert P. Stearns.

WILKESON CASE IS SET UP TO PALMER

New adjutant-general named in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The new adjutant-general named in Washington today is Major Maurice Thompson, who was appointed by Governor Hart of Oregon.

U. S. LEGION POSTS WIDELY SCATTERED

FRANCE, ENGLAND, CANADA, CUBA, MEXICO REPRESENTED.

New York Leads With 777 Branches, While Oregon Is Credited With Total of 72.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—American Legion posts in the United States and foreign countries now total 6561, it was announced today at national headquarters. France, England and Canada each have one post, Alaska has four, Hawaii five, Cuba one, Panama one, Mexico one and the Philippine Islands one. Ten states have more than 200 posts each. New York leads with 777 posts; Pennsylvania is second with 497, Minnesota is third with 384 posts, and Illinois fourth with 248 posts. Iowa has 245, Ohio 238, Massachusetts 232, New Jersey 224, Missouri 220 and Indiana 202.

TIDE SWEEPS TO ZION

Jewish Emigrants Go to Palestine, Relying on Britain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A great tide of emigration is sweeping into Palestine, influenced by the conviction that Great Britain will shortly accept a mandate for the Holy Land, and that the dream of a national homeland for the Jews is about to be realized, according to cable advices received by the Zionist organization of America today. The cable messages state that the world conference of Zionists, scheduled to be held at Basle on January 18, has been postponed in view of the "assured possibility" of negotiations for the mandate over Palestine.

RHINE IS AT HIGH STAGE

Melting Snow on Lower Level of Alps Threatens Flood.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Melting snow from the lower Alps has swollen the Rhine river to a level above normal, threatening to flood lower Basle and towns along the German shore. Floating trees are doing damage. Serious floods are reported from Alsace.

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PORTLAND GROPPES IN BLINDING FOG

Traffic Brought Almost to Standstill.

London doesn't have anything out of Portland for fog. At least that is what several hundred thousand Portlanders are ready to swear, with emphasis on the swear, after the experience they had groping their way through the thick blanket which descended upon the city early last night. The heavy shroud which visited the city, especially the downtown section and those sections on low ground along the river, set everyone to groping through the darkness. Even the street lights shone weirdly through the curtain and it was impossible to distinguish them a short distance away.

CITY IN FEAR OF WRECKS

Motorists and Street Car Men Are Held Up.

Portland traffic suffered heaviest of all. Street cars and automobiles were compelled to feel their way through the curtain of darkness and street car schedules suffered severely. Taxicab drivers refused to accept passengers who wished to make long trips and had to content themselves with fares who were not going far out of the business district. Not only were they afraid of the dangers to be encountered, but professed that they could not make anything on a long drive through the fog.

Objects Are Shut Out

The fog was declared by old-timers to be one of the heaviest in years, only the higher portions of the city being free from it. In the downtown section it was so thick that it was difficult to distinguish objects across the street. Portland traffic suffered heaviest of all. Street cars and automobiles were compelled to feel their way through the curtain of darkness and street car schedules suffered severely. Taxicab drivers refused to accept passengers who wished to make long trips and had to content themselves with fares who were not going far out of the business district. Not only were they afraid of the dangers to be encountered, but professed that they could not make anything on a long drive through the fog.

Autos Are Delayed.

Business men returning home in their automobiles last night discovered that it took a half hour or even more to go a distance of a few blocks. The drivers were compelled to feel their way along the streets all the time in danger of collisions or of running off the tracks over curbs or other obstructions. With a spotlight, even, it was difficult to see the roadway ahead and be sure of keeping on the road. Many automobile owners put up their cars rather than trust themselves in the machine in the fog. Those returning home on the street cars played in no better luck. The cars were all behind schedule and in cases one could make almost as good time walking.

Port Is Good Alibi.

The Portlander, who in the past was compelled to have recourse to various excuses to explain his late arrival home to his wife, had a good alibi last night. His wife, in times past may have stretched the wrong door by mistake also could explain such an accident without difficulty. From Portland heights and other high portions of the city it was reported that the lower ground appeared as a sea of clouds. Sections of the city a good distance out on the East side reported that the fog was not so heavy there.

Weather Man Has Good Time.

To the ordinary observer it was merely a fog, but to Edward L. Wells, weather man at Portland, it was a phenomenon. "Nor is the cause difficult to determine, according to Mr. Wells, who had to content himself with formidable scientific words. The weather man declared that in his opinion it was a case where the ground had become cold, causing condensing of the moisture in the air. Mr. Wells said that the city was likely to be visited with fogs at this season unless there is wind.

No Serious Accidents Had Been Reported to the Police Last Night.

No serious accidents had been reported to the police last night. Apparently drivers of vehicles and pedestrians were using the utmost caution to prevent such accidents. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company reported that its cars were running only half speed in the majority of the sections of the city, although there were some places where better time could be made. "We are doing the best we can," the dispatcher announced, "as was proved to us slow rather than have accidents." Portland was also visited by a dense blanket of fog over the city.

