

## HOUSE TO PROBE PALMER'S CONDUCT

### Louisiana Sugar Price Fixing Is Issue.

## DEMOCRATS OPPOSE MOVE

### "Covert Attack Against Popularity," Cry.

## PARTIES SOLID ON VOTE

### Attorney-General and Wilson Are Blamed for High Price of Product by Republican Members.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A hot row broke out in the house today when the republicans forced through a resolution authorizing investigation by the judiciary committee of the acts of Attorney-General Palmer in connection with prices charged for Louisiana sugar. The democrats bitterly opposed the project, charging repeatedly that it was designed as an indirect impeachment of Mr. Palmer and only intended as a means of checking the "growing popularity" of a democratic presidential aspirant.

In reply, the republicans charged that the president and Mr. Palmer were directly responsible for prevailing high sugar prices; that Mr. Palmer had no authority to recognize the high figures at which Louisiana sugar sold and that he had failed to press action against profiteers.

In two hours of debate on the resolutions offered by Representative Tinkham, republican, of Massachusetts, democratic members asserted that it was a "covert" attack on Mr. Palmer and was calculated to divert public attention from failures of the "incapable" republican leaders in congress. When the time limit expired, the resolution was put through, 162 to 124, by a party vote, and the committee will proceed with its inquiry.

### "Conscience in Price" Target.

The resolution directs that the investigation be directed "to the admitted concurrence of the attorney-general in maximum fixed prices" of 17 to 18 cents a pound for Louisiana sugar, the basis on which the prices were fixed, and whether immunity from prosecution for profiteering was given any one for charging these prices.

Republicans asserted that the actions of the attorney-general in regard to the Louisiana growers caused increased prices for the Cuban crop but this was denied by the democrats, who in turn, asserted that his action was a "saving to the consumers."

"That Louisiana crop was just enough to supply the United States with sugar for one day," said Representative Martin, democrat, Louisiana.

The president and attorney-general, "by their conduct," said Representative Tinkham, republican, Kansas, were to blame for increasing prices of sugar, but his assertion that "he did not care about politics," brought questioning "noes" from the democratic side.

## DEMOCRAT QUESTIONS MOTIVE

Representative Sanders, democrat, Louisiana, insisted that the investigation was proposed "to lessen the present popularity" of the attorney-general, who is "looming up in the public eye."

Representative Begg, republican, Ohio, asked what the attorney-general had done with "the million dollar fund given him to prosecute profiteers," adding that "not a single prosecution" had been brought.

Representative Mondell, Wyoming, said that if Representative Sanders' charges of profiteering were true, the attorney-general "had willfully failed to do his duty." He also attacked the president for "inactivity in buying the Cuban sugar crop."

Representative Garrett, democrat, Tennessee, charged the investigation resolution as "a covert attack on the highest law officer in the United States."

"The purpose of the resolution is to impeach the attorney-general," declared Mr. Garrett, adding that he had challenged any member of the house to do it in the regular way.

## PALMER SPEAKS ON INDUSTRY

### First Address Since Announcing Candidacy Deals With Problems.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—In his first speech since formally announcing his candidacy for the democratic nomination for president, Attorney-General Palmer told the National Press club tonight that the urgent need of the hour to stabilize industrial conditions was machinery to adjust differences before they got to the point of a strike.

Mr. Palmer declared there need be no compulsory arbitration or restrictions of the right to strike if provision were made for the public to be informed of disputes affecting them.

"Public opinion is the only monarchy in this country," he said, "and informed public opinion will always secure justice to both sides in industrial controversies."

"All the government sought to do in the coal strike situation, for instance, was to insist that both sides should be heard before an impartial tribunal without the country being

## BOXES IN SCIO BANK LOOTED BY ROBBERS

### ABOUT \$30,000 TAKEN FROM DEPOSITORS' CACHES.

## LIBERTY BONDS AND OTHER NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES STOLEN—MAIN VAULTS ARE NOT TOUCHED.

### Effort to Talk to Dead Leads to Asylum.

## GIRL, 15, FALLS INTO TRANCE

### Hair and Money Burned, to "Oust Evil Spirits."

## 3 MEN PROVE SANITY

### Seance, Lasting for Days and Nights Behind Locked Doors of Darkened House, Interrupted.

## INCOME EXTENSION GIVEN

### Corporations Granted Until May 15 to File Final Return.

### WASHINGTON, March 4.—Extension of time for the filing of final income tax returns by corporations to May 15 was announced tonight by the bureau of internal revenue. A tentative return or an estimate of the tax due, together with one-fourth payment must be made by March 15, however.

## ROPER RESIGNS APRIL 1

### Revenue Chief Announces Date for Leaving Office.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Daniel C. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue, will retire on April 1 from office. He called the members of his staff together tonight and informed them that he expected his resignation to become effective on that date, which will be after the many problems incident to the collection of the first installment of 1919 taxes have been largely met.

## LOAN PARLEYS RENEWED

### Polish Minister Opens Negotiations With Americans for \$50,000,000.

PARIS, March 4.—The Polish newspaper state that Minister of Finance Grabski has renewed negotiations with American capitalists as to who should cover the loan arranged for by the former minister, M. von Biliński, according to Warsaw advices to the Havas Agency.

## DRUGGISTS GET WARNING

### State Strives to Curtail Illegal Use of Patent Medicines.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 4.—A movement to prevent the sale in Nebraska for beverage purposes of patent medicines, proprietary remedies, perfumes and drugs of high alcoholic content has been launched by State Attorney-General Clarence A. Davis.

Mr. Davis has sent letters to county attorneys asking them to call together druggists to explain to them that if they sell such preparations knowing they are to be used for intoxicating purposes, they are just as guilty of violating the state prohibitions law as if they sold whiskey.

## SLEEPING MALADY TAKES 8

### Eleven Cases Exist in Portland at Present, Says Health Bureau.

According to reports announced at the city health bureau yesterday there are 11 cases of sleeping sickness in Portland at present. Deaths from the disease to date total eight, of which six were reported in December, one in January and one in February.

## HOLLAND WANTS WILHELM

### Close Guard Promised to Insure World's Peace.

THE HAGUE, March 4.—The draft of Holland's answer to the second allied note regarding the extradition of the former German emperor is completed.

It is learned that Holland, while reiterating her refusal to surrender Wilhelm, expressed her willingness to guard him and also her realization of the necessity of safeguarding the world's peace.

## LANDLORDS BOOST RENTS ON CRITICS

### WOMAN TELLS OF ADVANCE WHEN SHE RAPS PRICES.

## FARMERS AVERSE TO RADICAL ALLIANCE

### EFFORTS TO LINE UP AGRICULTURISTS DENOUNCED.

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## LOOKS AS THOUGH THERE WOULD BE A LOT OF FUN IN THIS CAMPAIGN.



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