

BORAH PLUMS LARGE IN WASHINGTON NOW

Armament Conference Issue
Overshadows All.

SENATOR KNOWS PUBLIC

Pleas Put Forward by Opponents of
Proposal May Be Sincere but
Are Not Convincing.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—(Special.)—The biggest thing in Washington this week is Senator Borah's insistence on a conference between America, Great Britain and Japan looking to limitation of armament. Compared with the issue of tariff and taxation are confined for the moment to the attention of special groups.

Just who is furnishing the opposition that enables Senator Borah to dramatize his campaign as a fight is not clear. The orthodox republican leaders in the senate put their opposition on the ground that they are protecting President Harding from embarrassment. How much there is in this plan cannot be said. Apparently Senators Hale and Poindexter talked to President Harding about it and got the idea that he doesn't want this resolution put through just now. On the other hand, Senator Borah himself talked to President Harding and apparently got the idea that the president did not object to his going ahead.

Probably the mere fact that President Harding and the administration are occupied with many other things has as much to do with it as anything else. Also it is quite within the possibilities that President Harding may be more or less contented to let Senator Borah build up a demonstration of public opinion and may like to seem to have his hand forced. He may like to have an ally when he comes to mentioning to foreign governments a matter which they will regard as disagreeable.

Pleas Hardly Convincing.

When you ask the regular republican leaders why America should go ahead with a conference for limitation of armament, they give reasons which may be sincere, but are not convincing. They say that it is not time for this kind of thing to be done later in connection with a larger program in the entire field of foreign affairs or that we ought to go ahead with this kind of thing before we make such a proposal, or that Japan won't disarm anyhow, or that Great Britain won't be in a position to disarm until she has finished along a little further under the burden of heavy costs.

A further complaint made is that it is embarrassing for President Harding to have to act with a vocal and militant democracy back of him. It is clear that so far as public opinion is concerned, both in the rank and file of congress and throughout the country, Borah has the best of it and if the conflict is prolonged much further the administration will be at a disadvantage. The administration is very busy with domestic and foreign affairs it faces a chaotic mess and is doing a fine job in bringing order out of it.

Borah Understands Public.

But it isn't enough that any statesman or any administration should be merely a good felder—on occasion it must also be a good batter. It isn't enough that all the incoming telephone calls are punctiliously cared for and that the desk is kept clean. A great executive must occasionally do something big in the way of an outgoing call—sometimes a long-distance call. A cabinet which devotes a whole session to discussing business conditions in Alaska and ignores disarmament may be conscientious and businesslike, but most emphatically it has lost the political sense of proportion as to what the public is thinking about.

Borah knows what the public is thinking about; none better. He has a natural nose for it. He makes it his business to keep informed. He does not have to worry as the president and cabinet members must about the multitudinous daily details of the government's housekeeping. The administration, to maintain its prestige it deserves to have, must avoid drifting into the unpopular position on such an issue as disarmament.

The momentum in favor of Borah's position comes, so far as the country is concerned, largely from women, and as a survival of the idealism which expected the peace conference to do something about preventing future wars. So far as the lower house of congress is concerned the support is related closely to reducing taxation.

Another Election Coming.

The members of the lower house realize that within a year they will face the primaries and other machinery for reelection or defeat. They know that, as one of them expressed it, they haven't a Chinaman's chance unless they have done something big enough to be felt in the way of reducing taxes. Their best, in fact, almost their only opportunity in this respect is to talk about disarmament, and on this point the lower house is quite out of the leaders' hands and is looking out for No. 1. In reducing the size of the army the lower house went to extremes.

From the standpoint of the country the risk is that if President Harding does not call a conference on his own initiative congress may sooner or later force a worse alternative. All that Senator Borah is asking is that President Harding call the three nations into open conference, with the sun streaming in on them and the world listening to talk about mutual limitation of armaments by agreement. If that is not done congress may force disarmament on America alone by the simple process of refusing appropriations.

RAIL LABOR BOARD ACTS

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tion as to what may constitute just and reasonable wages for all classes of employees of carriers, parties to decision No. 2, as to whose wages there may be disputes; and

"Whereas, The board has now heard the evidence and arguments of both parties to all such disputes which were filed and argued prior to April 18, 1921, but since said date a large number of applications for decision in similar disputes have been filed and there are reasonable grounds to believe still other such applications are about to be filed;

Decision to Be June 1.

"Whereas, The railroad labor board has, by formal resolution, declared that, in its judgment, based on the

evidence before it in the disputes already heard, prevailing conditions justified, to some extent, yet to be determined, an adjustment downward of wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the disputes already heard; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the board will, on June 1, 1921, announce its decision, covering disputes as to wages between carriers and their employees, groups into heading heretofore heard by the board, to become effective July 1, 1921.

"That Monday, June 6, 1921, be set as the date when this board will hear representatives of the parties to disputes filed since April 18, 1921, or which may yet be filed and docketed prior to June 6, it being the purpose of the railroad labor board to make its decision of the disputes heard June 6, 1921, effective July 1, 1921.

The board tonight announced a new and comprehensive classification of railroad labor to be used as the basis for the collection of data for the settlement of any future disputes. The new classification, the board announced, has been filed with the interstate commerce commission and became effective April 18.

Under the classification the positions on steam railroads are grouped in 17 major services, the services are subdivided into 129 groups and the groups into distinctive class titles and separate grades.

RAIL EFFICIENCY LAUDED

Roads Have Reached Highest Point, Declares Daniel Willard.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—In point of efficiency American railroads have now reached their highest mark, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio testified today before a senate investigating committee. Last year, he added, they were at their lowest point.

The financial problem still exists, he said, but he contended through explanation of statistical studies that the expenses of railroad operation had increased in recent years until during the last 12 months they had tended to exceed the sum total of revenues from the highest scale of transportation charges ever allowed. The excess expenses, he studies indicate, had risen very largely from the increases in labor costs.

"Comparing 1920 with 1916," he said, in explaining one table, "we find that the total hours of labor worked on American railroads increased 7 1/2 per cent, but that the total payroll increased 151 per cent. Announcement of the decision of the labor board to readjust downward wages of employees of the carriers by railroad executives here.

Because the percentages of decrease have not been determined, the statement is more or less indefinite. There was also some indication of disappointment because the revision would not become effective until July 1.

H. E. Byram, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, said: "The statement is encouraging, but the benefits we will get from it will depend on the reduction."

UNION PACIFIC PLANS OUT

Series of Conferences to Start May 23 Is Proposed.

OMAHA, May 17.—A proposal to reduce wages of some of its employees, including shop employees and telegraphers, the reduction to be effective July 1, has been made by the Union Pacific railroad company in a circular which proposed a series of conferences here on the subject starting May 23 with representatives of labor organizations affected.

The dates of the conferences and the crafts which would be affected follow:

May 23, clerical and station forces; May 24, maintenance of way and structure forces; May 25, shop employees; May 26, stationary engine (steam) and boiler room employees; May 27, signal department employees; May 28, train dispatchers; June 15, engine service employees, train and yard service employees; June 16, telegraphers, telephone and agents.

The proposal would also affect employees on the St. Joseph and Grand Island, and the Union Pacific Terminal Railroad company.

BROTHERHOOD HEADS SILENT

Comment on Board Decision to Cut Wages Is Refused.

CLEVELAND, May 17.—Heads of the railroad brotherhoods here refused to comment tonight on the announcement of the railroad labor board that it would receive the final decision of the board. W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, said: "Our convention is in session and it will do the talking," declared W. S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Walla Walla Bid Highest.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—The Union Trust company of Walla Walla made the highest bid today for the \$500,000 bond issue for waterworks improvements. The city commissioners said they probably would sell the bonds to the local concern. On the issue at 5 per cent the bids were: Union Trust company, Walla Walla, \$450,150.50; Blythe, Witter & Co., Seattle, \$450,050; Union Trust company, Spokane, \$440,250. The Union Trust company of Walla Walla offered \$500,000 plus \$50.50 premium if the bonds were issued at 6 per cent.

Nitrate Pool Makes Big Purchase.

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 17.—An announcement is made of the sale of 2,000,000 tons of nitrate by the Chilean Nitrate Producers' association to a nitrate pool in London, the price being fixed at \$14 a ton.

GERMANS PLAN BLOW

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clear that this amount would be received only on account of the 1,000,000 marks due May 31, which must be forthcoming before that date in gold or approved foreign currency, bills or drafts on the German treasury, indorsed by approved German banks and payable in pounds sterling at London, francs at Paris or dollars at New York.

The commission will meet tomorrow to decide what city shall be designated to receive the 150,000,000 marks.

DISARMAMENT BY JUNE 30

Time Limit for Germany to Comply Fixed in Allied Note.

BERLIN, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The time limit for disarmament by Germany is fixed as June 30, in an allied note received today. The note, which concerns execution of the recent ultimatum, demands that the organization of the German army of 100,000 be brought into conformity with the peace treaty by June 15, superfluous munitions and unauthorized fortifications be surrendered by May 31, and all

FRIERSON APPEARS SOMEWHAT ROILED

Albers Case Proposal Is Declared Affront.

BAR ASSOCIATION STICKS

Blunder That of Department of Justice, Says President of Oregon Organization.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—The proposal of the Oregon Bar association to have Senator McNary appear before the supreme court May 31 in behalf of the association and request the settling aside of the proceedings whereby Solicitor-General Frierson confessed error in the Henry Albers trial received a distinct setback today. The solicitor-general told Senator McNary that such action would be regarded by the department of justice as an affront and a discourtesy.

Unless stronger reasons are set forth than those cited in Washington dispatches, the Oregon Bar association will insist on its proposal that Senator McNary appear before the supreme court in the Albers case, according to announcement last night by Harrison G. Platt, president of the association.

"We of the bar association think our course is correct," he declared. "We certainly did not intend any discourtesy to the department of justice in our suggestion and I do not think it should be considered a discourtesy."

Mr. Platt said that an application to appear before the supreme court in the case was being prepared.

"Our proposed action does not reflect on the integrity of the department of justice, but does raise the issue of the propriety of the action of the department in having in effect set aside a supreme court decision to reverse the circuit court of appeals for the 9th circuit, when the only reason for the Albers case being in the supreme court is on the ground of certiorari was to enable the supreme court to pass upon and settle a conflict of rulings between the 9th circuit and the 8th circuit," he said.

"It seems to us a mistake of judgment for the department of justice to express its willingness to have the Albers case passed upon by the supreme court in accordance with the prayer of petition for a writ of certiorari to hire Linton's taxi, kill Linton and drive the car to Mexico, where they said they planned to join bandits."

Acting Governor Coyle granted White's petition for reprieve in order that Governor Hart, now in Washington, D. C., might have opportunity to act on a petition for commutation of White's sentence to life imprisonment. It was announced. Commutation of sentence was sought on the plea that White was mentally irresponsible.

PEACE CONFERENCE DUE

Harding to Confer With Representative Porter Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17.—President Harding will confer at the White House Thursday with Chairman Porter of the house foreign affairs committee on the peace conference situation in the house. Mr. Porter said no action would be taken by his committee till after the conference.

A number of republican leaders in the house expressed the opinion that the house would take up the peace resolution this week.

GUARDSMEN WIN PROMOTION.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 17.—(Special.)—Following examination, recently held, Walter S. Abbott has been promoted to a first lieutenant in Company L, national guard tank corps, and Marvin Simpson has been appointed second lieutenant in the company. The commissions date from April 22.

SCHOOL TO GRADUATE FIVE.

DUPUR, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Graduation exercises of the Dupur High school will be held at the school auditorium Thursday night, May 19. Dr. George Varney of the Oregon Agricultural college will deliver the address to the graduating class. The sermon to the graduating class was

COMPENSATION IS DEMANDED

7,000,000 Lire Required of Poles for Silesian Casualties.

ROME, May 17.—The Stefani agency has said it has been semi-officially informed that as a result of the demand made by Italian Foreign Minister Sforza for compensation for casualties among Italian troops in upper Silesia, the inter-allied commission at Opole has made an award of 7,000,000 lire which the Poles will be required to pay.

It was added that a deputation of Polish peasants visited General Romei, head of the Italian military mission at Warsaw, and offered him several million German marks for wounded Italian soldiers and the families of those killed, but that General Romei, after consulting the Italian legation, declined.

REPRIVE GRANTED WHITE

HANGING OF DRIVER'S SLAYER POSTPONED 30 DAYS.

Acting Governor Delays Execution to Give Executive Chance to Hear Petition.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 17.—Acting Governor Coyle today grants a reprieve of 30 days to Leon White, 21,

WHAT CONGRESS DID AS ITS DAY'S WORK YESTERDAY.

Senate.

Opposition to disarmament withdrawn by republican leaders and Borah plan will be attached to the pending naval supply bill.

Nomination of David H. Blair as commissioner of internal revenue again reported favorably by finance committee.

La Follette delivered more of his speech in opposition to alleged naval extravagance and recklessness, but without concluding his remarks.

House not in session.

Second deficiency bill carrying total of \$100,000,427.27 for governmental departments reported by appropriations committee.

Military intelligence first heard of Grover C. Bergdoll after he had reached Paris, committee was told.

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- Fried Chicken, Country Gravy 75
- Fillet Mignon, Hazelwood 75
- Crab Louis, 1/2 order 50
- 25, full 50
- Welsh Rarebit 45
- Hot Chicken Tamale 50
- Clubhouse Sandwich 60
- Denver Sandwich 50
- Chicken Sandwich 35
- French Pastry 15
- Strawberries, Cream 25
- Strawberry Shortcake 25
- Hot Chocolate 15
- Monte Carlo Cake 15
- Cherry Gold Ice Cream 20

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Prominent Minnesota Dead.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 17.—G. A. Brackett, 56, second mayor of this city, a prominent figure in the northwest during the civil war, and the constructing engineer who selected the iron trail of the Northern Pacific railroad, died here today. He suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday.

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