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POLES' PLEA FOR SUPPORT DENIED

No Meddling in Europe, American Policy.

SILESIA FOREIGN PROBLEM

Nation Determined Not to Become Involved.

U. S. ENVOYS INSTRUCTED

American Members of Supreme and Other Councils to Take No Hand in Settlement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Poland's request for American support in the settlement of the disposition of Upper Silesia has evoked a formal answer from Secretary Hughes that the American representatives abroad would take no part in the discussions concerning the Silesian question.

Poland was informed further in the reply delivered to the Polish minister that "so far as at present may be seen" the American representatives on the supreme council, the council of ambassadors and the reparations commission would not so much as express an opinion as to the settlement.

In explanation of the American refusal, Secretary Hughes pointed to "the traditional policy of the United States" not to become involved in matters of purely European concern.

Secretary Hughes' note follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your note of May 11, in which you recite the reasons why, in your opinion, certain districts of Upper Silesia should be assigned to Poland and urge that representatives of the government of the United States on the supreme council, the council of ambassadors and the reparations commission be instructed to exert their influence in favor of a settlement strictly in accordance with the treaty of Versailles and the result of the plebiscite.

"In reply, I have the honor to inform you that, in my opinion, the settlement of such boundary disputes is a matter of European concern with which in accordance with the traditional policy of the United States this government could not become involved. The attitude of this government is clearly understood by the representatives in Europe, who will, therefore, so far as at present may be seen, take no part in the discussions concerning Upper Silesia and will express no opinion as to the settlement."

Adverse Decision Feared.

Poland, in appealing to the United States for support in its claims to Upper Silesia, said the inter-allied plebiscite commission has been holding in suspense for two months a decision and was "playing with the high-strung feelings of the population."

"It is rumored," said the note, "that a decision will not be in accordance with the outcome of the plebiscite, but in accordance with the political combinations and interests of powers represented in the inter-allied plebiscite commission and the supreme council.

"The result of an unfavorable decision on Upper Silesia would be the return of more than a million people to German bondage. Previous settlement of Polish affairs by the supreme council gave a basis for such a supposition. Inasmuch as the popular impression in Poland is that the decision on Danzig, Vilna, etc., taken by the delegates of the allied powers, with the exception of France, has been prompted not by principles of justice, but by the material interests of these powers, it is not surprising that the Poles of Silesia rushed to arms and preferred to perish rather than submit themselves to political combinations.

Polish Frontier Closed.

"The Polish government, which disapproves such methods, considering always the legal way as the only appropriate course, has closed the Polish frontier and is trying to calm the uprising. It addresses itself, however, to the allied and associated powers in the name of humanity and justice not to make experiments in severing a united population, appealing for their decision at the earliest possible moment and in strict accordance with the promise of the just plebiscite given to the Upper Silesian population.

"Today, when from the east are coming ideas of overthrow of the modern social order, when the ideas of democracy and progress, and therefore the future of civilization is endangered, millions of people cannot be made a plaything of the intrigues of diplomacy. Over a million Poles in Upper Silesia have given proof of their patriotism and devotion to democratic Poland, disregarding German threats. They are fully aware that in case they are returned to Germany their wives and children will not only be deprived of livelihood, but even of their lives.

"This is not a purely European matter. On the just solution on Upper Silesia depends the pacification of this province and the stimulation

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MARINE WAGE FIGHT PUT IN DAVIS' HANDS

FULL POWER GIVEN SECRETARY TO MAKE SETTLEMENT.

Details of Tentative Agreements Involving Pay Cut and Working Hours Forecast Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Full powers were given Secretary Davis by representatives of the seamen, radio operators and marine engineers at a conference late tonight to make a settlement for them with the shipowners and the United States shipping board in the marine wage controversy.

The men came here from New York for the confecence and were in session with the secretary for several hours. After placing the settlement entirely in his hands they arranged to meet with him again tomorrow, by which time it is expected they will have worked out details of tentative agreements involving wage reductions, new working conditions and overtime scales for the information of the secretary in his conferences with shipping-board officials.

The proposals which it is understood Secretary Davis will make to the shipping board will provide for a 15 per cent wage reduction as demanded by the shipowners and the board, but changes upward in overtime and working conditions may make the reductions actually range from 10 to 12½ per cent if they are accepted by the board.

The cooks and stewards were not represented at tonight's meeting. Secretary Davis, it is understood, will endeavor to have the shipowners and the shipping board agree to time and a half on Sundays for engineers while they are at sea and double time while they are on duty Sundays in port.

Representatives of the unions at the conference were William S. Brown, president of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association; Andrew Furuseth, president of the Seamen's union; Benjamin Beckerman of the United Radio Telegraphers' association, and Bert L. Todd, C. E. Thurston, William Hyman and James Dukes of the marine engineers.

ROAD POLICY SUGGESTED

Nevada Governor Tells How West Could Be Benefited.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Governor Boyle of Nevada told the senate post roads committee today that the west would be benefited by a change in the present system of allocating government road funds so as to take into consideration the vast areas of public lands in the western states.

The governor approved the Townsend bill to create a federal commission to select routes and supervise construction of interstate highways.

SWALLOW IS COSTLY ONE

Patient Gulps and Radium Worth $6000 Goes Down.

QUINCY, Ill., May 18.—Six thousand dollars' worth of radium, which was accidentally swallowed by a patient in a hospital today was recovered by surgeons in two hours by a stomach incision.

The patient was an elderly man being treated for throat trouble and while the radium container was being applied he involuntarily gulped and swallowed it.

TRIO ACCUSED OF MURDER

Alleged Offenders in Oregon Wanted in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 18.—Governor Stephens today issued a requisition asking Governor Olcott of Oregon for the extradition of Mabel Ragman and Jose E. Villa and his wife, Flora Villa, under arrest in Klamath Falls, Or., and wanted in Colusa on a charge of murder.

The trio are alleged to have robbed and murdered a Chinese gambling house proprietor.

ROBBERY ATTEMPT FOILED

Alleged Outlaw Tells of $23,000 Hold-Up in Denver.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 18.—A man giving the name of Art Williams was arrested here today following an attempt to rob a jewelry store on Main street.

According to the police, the man told them he was a participant in a hold-up in Denver about six weeks ago in which $23,000 was taken from a bank messenger.

POSTAL SAVINGS REVIVE

Tacoma Records Rise of $25,000 During Month of April.

TACOMA, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—Evidence of the improved industrial conditions in Tacoma was shown by the increase of $25,000 in postal savings here during April.

Tacoma and Boston, according to the report, were the only two cities in the entire United States to show a gain of $25,000 during April.

14 CHILDREN POISONED

Children Eat Licorice Candy and One Victim Is Dead.

CHICAGO, May 18.—Fourteen children were poisoned, one fatally, by eating licorice candy bought at a confectionery, it was reported today.

The child who died was Raymond Doolittle, aged four. The lad's two sisters are also among the poisoned victims.

ECONOMY GROUP 'PARES NAVAL BILL

Appropriation Cut After Attack in Senate.

DRYDOCK PROJECT LOSES

Sandpoint, Wash., Gets Naval Air Station.

$800,000 TO BE PROVIDED

Secretary of Navy Authorized to Accept Site for Submarine Base at Los Angeles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Economy advocates won the first bout in the senate today on the $500,000,000 naval appropriation bill. After the agreement yesterday by administration forces to support the Borah amendment, requesting the president to call a disarmament conference, attack turned today on appropriation items and on the first test of strength $1,000,000 was pared from the bill.

Through a combination of republicans with democrats, the senate by a vote of 39 to 31 cut the appropriation of $4,500,000, recommended by the naval committee for transportation and recruiting of men, to $3,500,000. On the next vote, however, enough republicans changed to sustain the committee increase from $7,500,000 to $9,000,000 for navy-yards and docks.

Drydock Project Suspended.

Another economy move was in the adoption of amendments suspending the Charlestown, S. C., drydock project until July 1, 1924. By a vote of 40 to 28, the senate adopted a committee recommendation prohibiting the drydock expenditures.

Thereafter, however, a number of the committee amendments were adopted. These included appropriations of a million and a half dollars for the development of a submarine and destroyer base at Guam; $800,000 for the Sandpoint, Wash., naval air station; $1,000,000 for development of a submarine base at San Pedro, Cal., and $15,000,000 toward the construction of two airplane carriers.

King County Wins Base.

Committee amendments authorizing the secretary of the navy to accept a tract of land from the city of Los Angeles for use as a site for a naval submarine base, and a tract from King county, Washington, for use as a site for an aviation base, were approved. Action on acceptance of a tract near Camp Kearney, Cal., for an aviation station went over by request of Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. He also obtained postponement of ac-

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FLORIDA EX-GOVERNOR ACCUSED OF PEONAGE

NEGROES PARDONED, THEN FORCED TO WORK, CHARGE.

Ex-Official Recently Indicted for Accepting $700 to Let Out Slayer Serving Life Term.

PENSACOLA, Fla., May 18.—Sydney J. Catts, ex-governor of Florida, was indicted for peonage today by a federal grand jury.

The indictment charges that Catts, after obtaining pardons for two negro convicts, forced them to work on one of his farms in west Florida. The ex-governor recently was indicted by the Bradford county grand jury for accepting $700 for a pardon for a prisoner serving a life term for murder.

ACID THROWER BIT "OFF"

Woman Who Assailed Teacher Believed Mentally Unsound.

PRESCOTT, Ariz., May 18.—Cross-examination of Dr. W. D. Olds, who attended Mrs. Anna Irene Hopkins, charged with having thrown acid in the face of Miss Lucille Gallagher at Jerome, was completed in superior court this morning. Clarence V. Hopkins, husband of the accused woman, also took the stand in her defense. Dr. Frank W. Schwartz testified that he had examined Mrs. Hopkins and her family history and believed she was not sane. Mr. Hopkins said his wife had delusions that she was being persecuted and that he associated with other women.

F. W. Smith, a stage driver, also testified that he believed Mrs. Hopkins "slightly off."

SEATTLE TO YIELD OFFICE

No Opposition to Be Offered to Removal of Land Office.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 18.—(Special.)—Consolidation of the United States land office in Seattle with the one at Vancouver, Wash., on the ground of economy, will not be opposed by the Seattle chamber of commerce, it was announced today.

The sundry civil expense bill authorized the president to provide for the consolidation of the offices of registrar and receiver, the duties being performed by one man at the various land offices. There are no government lands outside of reserves in this district open for settlement, and the total area of unapproved locations, applications where final proof is pending, is 154,000 acres.

POWDER PLANT EXPLODES

Factory Is Destroyed, but Two in Building Escape.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 18.—The plant of the United States Flashless Powder company at Carrcroft, near here, was competely destroyed early this morning by fire, following an explosion of unknown origin.

The surrounding countryside was shaken by the blast, which was felt in Philadelphia, Chester and intermediate towns.

There were only two men near the plant at the time, and both escaped.

700 DRYS TO LOSE FEDERAL POSITIONS

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE AGENTS DEPLORE DISMISSALS.

Lack of Funds to Pay Men Makes It Necessary to Cut Staff of Prohibition Workers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Federal prohibition forces will be reduced more than two-thirds for 40 days beginning Friday because of a lack of funds to pay them. Commissioner Kramer today said it was obvious that the government could not proceed to a rigid enforcement of the dry laws with a staff so depleted, but that he was hopeful that there would be little increase in illegal liquor traffic.

Anti-saloon league officials were not so optimistic. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the league, declared "a large increase in liquor lawlessness was to be expected to follow a reduction of the federal enforcements agents from 1200 to 500." He said it was a "very foolish and bad policy" for the government to permit liquor enforcement agents to be dismissed for the last 40 days of the current fiscal year for lack of an appropriation.

Commissioner Kramer said that of the 500 men who would remain after Friday only 350 were actual enforcement officers, the others being office clerks, whose retention was necessary.

He said that in February the treasury asked congress for $1,600,000, but received only $1,400,000. The $200,000 denied by congress, he said, had to be saved, and the only way was to cut the staff. When the appropriations for the next fiscal year are available July 1, he added, however, an even stronger prohibition force could be built up, as the new allotment of $7,500,000 was greater than formerly given.

The commissioner said that the prohibition officers would not call on the department of justice or any other federal agency for assistance. Some prohibition officers held that but little increase in illegal liquor traffic was to be expected, as the stringent regulations surrounding the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses had limited the supply of real liquor. Smugglers would perhaps cause trouble, they added.

LUMBERMEN'S AID ASKED

President Asks for Help in Solving Housing Problem.

CHICAGO, May 18.—President Harding has asked the American Wholesale Lumber association to do its utmost to help the nation solve the housing problem, according to a letter addressed to the president of the association and read to the convention today.

"The wholesale lumber industry," he wrote, "occupies so important a position that it can perform a useful service at a time when stabilization and liquidation are so much a part of our reconstruction problems.

"There is need for the largest measure of mutual understanding and toleration among all elements in business, and I feel that the efforts of your organization to establish arbitration of the differences in the industry deserve commendation."

A committee to act on the suggestion was named.

IT'S UP TO THEM.

BIG AREA FLOODED BY RISE IN RIVERS

Union County Farms Inundated; Loss Heavy.

DIKES AND LEVEES GIVE WAY

Columbia and Willamette Start Summer Rampage.

IDAHO STREAMS JAMMED

Tourists Scurry From Lowlands. Waters All Over Northwest Rise Rapidly as Snow Melts.

FLOOD CONDITIONS AT VARIOUS NORTHWEST POINTS.

Portland—Willamette river reaches stage of 18.9 feet and rising rapidly.

La Grande—Five thousand acres inundated and damage heavy. Dikes and levee give way. Union county roads covered by two feet of water. Families forced out of homes. Waters still rising.

Boise, Idaho—Arrowrock reservoir filled and water in Boise river high. Thawing of heavy snows in upper mountains not yet begun.

Lewiston, Idaho—Water in Snake and Clearwater rivers rises two feet in day. Driftwood jams bridge. Tourist campers forced from river banks.

Vancouver, Wash.—Columbia river rises 12 inches in 24 hours, reaching 15.5-foot stage. Lowlands flooded. Steamship agent deserts lower dock.

Weatherman Wells raised his estimate of the rise in the river yesterday and predicted a stage of 18.9 feet for Saturday. The official gauge at 8 o'clock yesterday morning showed a stage of 15.8 above zero, thus surpassing by .3 of a foot the prediction of the day before.

During the 24 hours preceding the reading yesterday the river here had risen .8 of a foot. The most rapid rise in the Columbia system was reported at The Dalles, where the Columbia river had risen 2.2 feet. It is this freshet, which was at Wenatchee Tuesday, that is expected to bring the Willamette almost to the 19-foot stage Saturday when it backs up from the Columbia. The weather bureau report from Oregon City showed that the river had fallen .1 of a foot there, though the stage at Oregon City has no bearing on the local situation.

Business Not to Stop.

At the stage of 18.9 feet forecast for Saturday the surface of the river will be just even with the deck of the lower level of Albers dock No. 2 below the Broadway bridge. At this stage only three docks on the water front will have their lower levels above the surface of the river, though what business is possible in spite of the marine workers' strike can be carried on without interruption on the upper levels. Those rising above the river surface at a stage of 18.9 feet are the Portland Flouring mills, North Bank and Crown mills docks.

Docks to Be Submerged.

Important docks which will be submerged at this level of the river include municipal terminals Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and the Irving, Mersey, Columbia, Ainsworth, Couch-street, Washington-street, Alder-street, Taylor-street and all the Albers docks.

In spite of the inundation of dock platforms, however, no damage has as yet been reported from the rising waters and none is expected unless the weather turns suddenly warmer and the snow in the mountains all tries to come down at once.

SNAKE AND CLEARWATER UP

Melting Snows Cause Rise of Six Feet Since Saturday.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 18.—(Special.)—Snake and Clearwater rivers have risen rapidly since Sunday due to the fast melting snow in the Bitter Roots and Rockies, and yesterday's rise was nearly two feet. Driftwood and debris piled up against the Clearwater river bridge and the jam had to be removed to protect the structure from damage. The automobile camping grounds about two miles east of the city were under water today, owing to the overflowing of the banks of the Clearwater. Several parties of campers were forced to leave.

It was estimated today that since last Saturday the Clearwater and Snake had risen nearly six feet. Large numbers of men and boys are taking great quantities of driftwood from both rivers, some families getting their next winter's supply.

BOISE RIVER AT HIGH STAGE

Outlets and Spillway of Arrowrock Reservoir Running Full.

BOISE, Idaho, May 18.—(Special.)—The great Arrowrock reservoir, located 22 miles above Boise, is full

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LEON TROTZKY VICTIM OF CANCER, IS REPORT

BOLSHEVIK WAR MINISTER IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

Mystery Surrounds Case, but Travelers From Moscow Say Collapse Is Authentic.

RIGA, May 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Information has reached Riga tending to confirm the report that Leon Trotzky, Russian bolshevik war minister, is seriously ill.

He was said to be in a sanitarium near Moscow suffering from cancer.

Some mystery, however, surrounds the case, as recently Moscow reports were circulated that he and Ensign Krylenko, bolshevik ex-commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, had gone to the Afghanistan frontier.

No mention of Trotzky's illness was made in any Moscow newspaper, travelers bringing the only information about him.

According to one collapse of Trotzky's health, added to the physical breakdown of several other bloshevik leaders, was increasing the difficulties in which Premier Lenine finds himself trying to stave off the fall of his regime.

DOG DROPS FROM PLANE

Fox Terrier Maks Safe Landing With Message for Officer.

RANTOUL, Ill., May 18.—"Bing," a fox terrier, made a descent of 1500 feet in a parachute from an airplane at Chanute field today. When "Bing" landed he worked himself free from his harness, overcame another dog sent to prevent his onward journey and ran to headquarters with a message carried in a pouch suspended from his neck.

The performance was to show the practicability of using dogs to carry messages when an airplane is unable to land. "Bing" was dropped off a wing of the ship by Sergeant A. G. Shoemaker. The dog is owned and was trained by Lieutenant Harry Weddington, who piloted the airplane.

SIX LEGIONAIRES WANTED

Warrants for Men's Arrest Follow Flogging of Editor.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., May 18.—Warrants for the arrest of six members of Howland Shaw Russell post, American legion, Carpenteria, were issued today as a sequel to the horsewhipping of Arthur M. Clark, editor of the Carpenteria Herald, alleged to have been administered Monday night by the accused.

The horsewhipping is said to have followed Clark's refusal to retract certain editorial utterances directed at "uniformed slackers."

Mr. Clark is an ex-service man.

MINERS OPEN FIRE AGAIN

Governor Tells Sheriff to Prepare for Trouble.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 18.—Firing from the Kentucky hills into Rawl, W. Va., a mining town, was resumed tonight and continued for 30 minutes, according to reports received by the authorities here.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 18.—Governor Morgan of West Virginia tonight authorized Sheriff Pinson of Mingo county to appoint any number of special deputies he deems necessary "to support the state constabulary and to preserve law and order on the West Virginia side of Tug river."

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FRANKLIN K. LANE, JUSTICE WHITE DIE

Heart Disease Is Fatal to Both Statesmen.

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Each Also Succumbs After Undergoing Operation.

JURIST ONCE IN SENATE

Ex-Secretary of Interior Passes Away in Rochester and Judge in Washington.

Edward Douglass White, chief justice of the United States supreme court, died at 2 o'clock this morning (Washington time) as the result of an operation Friday.

The death followed closely upon that of Franklin K. Lane, ex-secretary of the interior, who died at a hospital in Rochester, Minn., of angina pectoris yesterday. Mr. Lane had undergone an operation for gall stones May 6, but was supposed to be recovering when he succumbed to an attack of heart disease.

Chief Justice White was appointed to the supreme court by President Cleveland in 1894 and was nominated to succeed Chief Justice Fuller in 1910. His nomination was confirmed immediately, regardless of the fact that he was an ex-Confederate soldier, a native of Louisiana and of a political faith opposed to the party in power. Justice White's knowledge of the civil law was regarded as more profound than that of any other man who ever sat in the supreme court.

Franklin K. Lane was born in Canada and was educated in the University of California, to which state his parents moved during his childhood. He took up newspaper work and became part owner and editor of the Tacoma, Wash., Daily News. Later he was admitted to the bar and was appointed to the cabinet by President Wilson. He resigned in 1920 to become vice-president and legal adviser to the Mexican Petroleum companies.

LANE PASSES AT HOSPITAL

Death Overtakes ex-Secretary at Rochester, Minn.

ROCHESTER, Minn., May 18.—Franklin K. Lane, formerly secretary of the interior, died at a hospital here this morning. Death was due to an attack of angina pectoris.

Mr. Lane was operated on here May 6 for gall stones and appendicitis and was said to be recovering, when heart disease, from which he had suffered from time to time during the last eight months, developed.

Immediately after he had recovered from the influence of the anesthetic he said:

"I am surprised to be alive. I hope to be able to live a long life doing good things for others without thoughts of money."

Following his resignation from the Wilson cabinet, Mr. Lane sought to recover his health and came here in January of this year. He was advised to spend the winter in a warmer climate and visited in California, returning early this month. His condition was favorable for an operation and continued improvement was noted until the heart attack which caused death.

Mrs. Lane and George W. Lane, a brother, were called to the former secretary's bedside shortly before 5 A. M. today and were with him when he died. Last night it was thought that Mr. Lane was much improved.

Although Mr. Lane said following the operation that he was "surprised to be alive," his improvement recently had been so marked that his death was unexpected. His son, Franklin K. Lane Jr., and his daughter, Mrs. Phillip Kauffmann of Washington, were at their homes when their father died, as was his sister, Mrs. M. A. Anderson of Oakland, Cal.

George W. Lane said this morning that his brother left "no estate whatsoever."

The body of the former secretary was taken to Chicago tonight by George W. Lane, his brother; Mrs. Franklin K. Lane and Mrs. Franklin K. Lane Jr.

Funeral services will be held in Chicago, where his body will be cremated following a private funeral, one of Mr. Lane's last requests.

Messages from President Harding, Woodrow Wilson, scores of government officials and personal friends were received by Mrs. Lane today.

It was often said of Franklin K. Lane that if he had been born in the United States instead of Canada, he would have been presidential timber. After serving seven years in President Wilson's cabinet as secretary of the interior, he resigned his $12,000-a-year post in expensive Washington early in 1920 "in justice to his family" to become vice-president and legal adviser of the Mexican Petroleum companies, controlled by Edward L. Doheny.

Born near Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 15, 1864, the son of a Canadian doctor, who removed to California during the boy's childhood, young Lane was educated at

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