

SENATE OF FRANCE
IS FOR BIG FLEET

Efforts at Limitation Are Vigorously Opposed.

DIVERS ARE DEFENDED

Argument Occurs During Discussion of Marine Budget—Turning Point Is Cited.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—France's determination to have a powerful fleet and objections to the limitation efforts of the Washington conference were vigorously voiced in the senate today during a discussion of the marine section of the government's budget.

Senator Henry Berenger, who reported the marine budget, said France was at a decisive turning point. "Is France still independent in her navy as in her army?" he asked. "Has the old principle of sovereignty been sacrificed somewhat in those conferences wherein we have been promised a sort of international happiness?"

Senator de Kerguelles defended the submarine as an essential weapon of defense, but wished France to confine to military uses instead of being applied to torpedo commerce.

Some Limits Opposed.
"At the Washington conference," he said, "we were surprised to see the French delegation proposing 12,500 tons of capital ships when France does not desire to carry war into foreign waters."

Minister of Marine Guisthau, replying to Senator de Kerguelles, said he was greatly affected by the remarks about the Washington conference, but he asserted:

"Nothing has been proposed that limits France's power. Moreover, he declared, no decision reached at Washington would be effective until the French parliament had approved them."

He severely criticized the condition of the navy and other senators joined him in urging speedy reforms.

Resolution Is Published.
Proceeding the debate a resolution commission had published a resolution urging the minister of marine to increase the number of submarines so as adequately to defend the coast line, in view of the present weakness of the navy.

The concluding paragraph of the naval commission's resolution follows:

"One cannot conceive, therefore, that France's efforts in this direction should be obstructed or limited. It is a question of national independence and of the right of legitimate defense."

The result was adopted in connection with the naval commission's report on its programme, based on two principles:

That the French navy must always be superior to the German navy and sufficiently supreme in the Mediterranean to ensure French command in North Africa and the near east.

The report credits France with having 49 submarines, of which 15, it is stated, will be replaced by 125. These are to be replaced only by 12 provided in the present programme, although 21 others are scheduled for the indefinite future.

The commission also suggests two groups of under-sea craft, one to be composed of short-range and the other of long-range submarines.

BRIAND POLICY APPROVED

Chamber of Deputies Votes Confidence in Premier.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The chamber of deputies today gave the Briand government a new lease of life by a majority of 177 at the close of a two-day debate over the failure last summer of the industrial bank of China.

The vote of confidence was given on a refusal to appoint a commission to investigate alleged irregularities in this connection in addition to the pending court procedure.

SCIENCE TRUSTEES LOSE

Supreme Court Denies Motion for Injunction Restraining Directors.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The supreme court today denied the motion of the trustees of the Christian Science Publishing society for an injunction to restrain the directors of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, from removing the trustees.

The court recently held that the directors had power to remove trustees, but the trustees in their petition for an injunction asked the court to prevent the directors from taking removal action pending determination of certain issues.

PAY OF JANITORS CUT

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said Director Shull, "that we ought to continue the present system. We have had excellent results from it. I would suggest that the proper committees go over the schedule and make such reductions as will approximate a saving of \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year."

Although this was the reduction originally suggested by Director Thomas the board was in a mood for a more drastic step, and gave instant approval to Director Clark's motion that a reduction of 25 per cent be made on the annual janitors' budget.

Instances were cited in which individual head janitors, under the contract system, are getting as much as \$300 monthly, and though action was not taken upon the matter of retaining that system or substituting the proposed new hourly basis, the charges were made that exorbitant profits had in some instances been exacted.

"The individual janitor is profiting," said Director Woodward. "He has a splendid opportunity."

Legal Opinion Sought.
If the contract system, by which the head janitors engage and recommend all their assistants, is to be retained the board expressed itself as requiring explicit assurance that the eight-hour law would not be violated, and that the district would not be liable for any possible violations.

Contracts now signed by the head janitors stipulate that assistants shall serve under the requirements of the eight-hour law, but an opinion from the district attorney has held that the law does not apply to head janitors, who are exempt as contractors. Nevertheless the district attorney will be requested to submit another opinion, so that the interpretation may be of record. Until this opinion is received the board will take no action on the proposal to exchange the present system for that

INTENT TO EXPLOIT
PEOPLE IS CHARGED

suggested by the property committee. Director Shull pointed out that the aggregate of the proposed revised schedule is practically that of the existing contract system, and effects no saving. To this Director Thomas replied that, after two years' research, he had arranged the schedule and was strongly of the opinion that it should be adopted. The hourly wage there set forth, he said, was merely tentative, however, and it was his thought that the board should proceed with a reduction of the budget.

Deep-Laid Game Denied.
"I desire merely that which is best," he said. "I'm not playing any deep-laid game, nor am I building up a personal machine."

Letters to Director Thomas and Superintendent Groat from Hugh S. Magill, field secretary of the National Education association, urging that the former reconsider his recent resignation as chairman of the vocational training department of the association, were read to the board. Previous advice had been that Director Thomas was accepted, when Director Thomas had intended to resign unless the entire board would sanction the expense.

Own Expenses to Be Paid.
In his letter to Director Thomas, dated December 21, Secretary Magill said:

"I was greatly shocked to learn yesterday that you had sent in your resignation. Your experience in this department and the ability and energy you have shown in carrying forward this most important branch of educational service make your withdrawal at this time a real loss to the cause of education. I hope that you will not consider it presumptuous on my part to urge that you reconsider your action and withdraw your resignation."

Director Thomas, in commenting on this appeal, made it plain that he would not brave popular disapproval, which hitherto has characterized his astute excursions on educational matters as junketing trips, and that if he did withdraw his resignation and attend the association convention the district would sign no checks in his favor.

"If I go," he declared, "I assure you I'll be paying my own expenses."

Report Is Made Public.
In substantiation of his charges Mr. La Follette made public what he described as "a brief report of the actions of the conference," held here December 9, which he branded as "a conspiracy to betray not only the farmers but the consuming and the producing millions of the nation."

This report was made public by the senator, with an explanation of its source, as follows:

"On December 9 a secret meeting was held in Washington at which 12 high officials of the railroad, the coal and steel and lumber interests attempted to enlist the farmers in an agreement whereby all agitation by farm interests for repeal of section 15-A and for the restoration of state control over interstate rates should cease."

"The great special interests represented at this conference were successful in obtaining the consent of certain of the farm representatives to such an agreement."

National Committee There.
"This conference was participated in by the special committee representing the railway executives. It was held at the Raquet club in Washington on December 9. There had been a previous conference in New York September 21, of which J. R. Howard, made chairman. Those present at this Raquet club meeting were W. W. Atterbury of the Pennsylvania railroad, Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific, W. J. Hanrahan of the C. & O., W. B. Storey of the Atchafalpa and R. S. Binkert, who is assistant to the chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, New York."

The iron and steel industries were represented by J. A. Campbell of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company, of Youngstown, O., and C. E. Bement of Lansing, Mich., representing the New Engine company.

Lumber Men Represented.
"Railway supply organizations were represented by A. R. Johnson, president of the Railway Business Association of Philadelphia, and Frank W. Naxon, secretary of the same association. Lumber interests were represented by Charles Hill of the Southern Pine & Sales corporation of New York; A. B. Hammond of the Hammond Lumber company of San Francisco; J. H. Browne of the Pacific Lumber company, New York city; and E. T. Trigg of Philadelphia.

The national industrial traffic league was represented by W. H. Chandler, Boston, Mass., and J. H. Beck, Chicago.

"The National Association of Manufacturers was represented by J. A. Emery of Washington.

"The agricultural interests were represented by J. H. Howard, Gray Silver, S. C. McKonnie of New York, Ralph Snyder of Kansas, and O. E. Bradford of Chicago. They were all of the American Farm Bureau federation, the last three named being members of its legislative committee.

Farm Interests Represented.
"The agricultural interests were also represented by W. I. Drummond, president of the International Farm congress, and by T. C. Atkeson of the National Grange.

"Atterbury stated that the railroads decided they needed the help of the interests represented in securing further wage reductions and in opposing amendments pending in congress proposing repeal of section 15-A. After a considerable discussion, the agricultural representatives not being disposed to oppose the amendments absolutely, adjournment was taken for lunch with the understanding that representatives of the carriers and of the agricultural interests would talk the matter over. After lunch Mr. Howard reported that the agricultural representatives were prepared to agree that section 15-A should not be amended except for the removal of the proviso in paragraph 3 relating to the percentage of return for two years following March 1, 1920, which expires by statutory limitation in March next.

"It was left with a committee com-

CHARGE DENIED BY FARMERS

Nothing "Secret or Unholy" Disclosed Done at Conference.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—Denial that there was anything "secret and unholy" at the Washington conference, December 9, as charged by Senator La Follette, was made tonight by James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation.

"An attempt was made to get an agreement to oppose the copper bill which repealed the guarantee clause of the Cummins-Esch bill, and re-established the powers of the states in intra-state matters," he said. "The farm representatives objected to this, standing firm for the repeal of all guaranteed returns and the integrity of state commissions."

"Matters pertaining to reduced labor and other operating costs were discussed as well as the railway labor accord, but no attempt to reach an agreement was made. This conference grew out of the former conference held at New York September 21. At that meeting I made a plea for reduced rates on basic commodities and the result of that meeting was the 10 per cent reduction on all agricultural products effective, January 1.

The 10 per cent reduction which the railroad grant made as a result of this conference will save the farmers approximately \$100,000,000 during the next six months. Senator La Follette is not a farmer, and his ownership and operation of railroads, the American Farm Bureau federation has always advocated private ownership and operation."

NATIVE OREGONIAN KILLED
Brother of Mrs. Jonathan Bourne Victim of Heavy Truck.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Charles E. Roberts, native of eastern Oregon and half-brother of Mrs. Jonathan Bourne, was struck and killed instantly by a heavy truck on the Bladenburg road, just outside Washington, this afternoon. Mr. Roberts was 25 years old. He is survived by his widow and a small child. He had been a member of the capitol building police force for the last six months, receiving the appointment through Senator Stanford.

Mrs. Bourne, who is in the south, was advised of her brother's death tonight.

ROBBERS TAKE MILLIONS
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stocks. Mrs. Wilson is a prominent worker in Bible institute, said the officers.

The first legal appearance of the defendants was this morning, when Wilson was taken before United States Attorney Burke and closely questioned. Following the interview with Wilson, Burke said that Wilson had evinced no disposition to tell the truth, but that he had played the various transactions.

Cox Also Is Interviewed.
In the afternoon Cox, accompanied by his wife and two children, was taken to the federal building and a long interview took place in the room of United States Attorney Burke. Following this, Mr. Burke stated that Cox had not confessed anything, but that he evinced a disposition to tell the truth, and that he had played the various transactions.

Complaint Made Some Time Ago.
The original complaint against Cox and Wilson, the wives of the two men, with another party who was not yet under arrest, was sworn out before Commissioner Long on September 15, and has been in the secret archives ever since. It was the understanding that the prosecution against the women would not be pushed.

After Cox had finished his story before District Attorney Burke he was taken by Postal Inspectors Webster Cookson and Celler for an arraignment before Commissioner Long. Cox was ill at ease, and his face blanched very perceptibly when the charge against him was read by the commissioner. It charged him with holding up and robbing a mail truck on the evening of March 3, 1921, while en route from the valuable mail to Santa Fe station and, after threatening the driver of the truck with bodily injury, proceeding to rob the truck of the valuable mail. The amount taken was not mentioned in the bill of complaint.

Bond Fixed at \$50,000.
The bond of Cox was fixed at \$50,000 and the hearing was set for January 3. Later on Wilson was brought

DEBS GIVES FRIENDS CREDIT

Release from Prison Declared Due to Loyal Support.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—In a message to socialists, made public tonight, Eugene V. Debs declared his release from prison was due to the loyal support he had received from American socialists.

He said:

"I am an enemy of the capitalist class and its methods. I shall find no comfort as long as there is breath in my body.

"The administration that put me in prison knew that an inmate of this prison was a threat to the present administration and kept me there. I was not there to defend the loyal and devoted comrades who have worked tirelessly in behalf of the liberty in which cause this country was supposed to have been founded.

"The whole world is in travail. The only people who have the power and intelligence to rectify the conditions and lighten the burdens that the working class carries are the socialists—those people who understand history and are committed to a definite, scientific, social programme, which, if effected, would abolish capitalism and its attendant evils."

DEBT MEASURE IS VETOED
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protecting the people of Multnomah county.

"I recall other instances of bravery on the part of other deputies who have not hesitated to offer their own lives as a sacrifice to protect the lives of others. These men are entitled to a living wage, and I am glad to be able to be partially responsible, at least, for seeing that they get it."

Other Bills Signed.
Other bills passed at the special session of the legislature and signed by the governor today follow:

H. B. 5, by committee on roads and highways. Extending to the state highway department certain police powers in connection with the conservation of state roads.

H. B. 6, by committee on roads and highways. Relating to further restrictions on speed and loads of automobiles and trucks operating on the highways of the state.

H. B. 21, by committee on roads and highways. Placing the operation of automobile stages and commercial trucks under the jurisdiction of the public service commission.

Freedman-Dundee Bout Off.
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The match between Sallor Freedman and Johnny Dundee, scheduled for January 16 at Jersey City, has been called off. Freedman's manager announced tonight, owing to an injury to Freedman's index finger, will necessitate an operation tomorrow.

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MINERS' UNION REBUFFED

Coal Operators Want No More Conferences With Workers.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—Notice that members of the southern Ohio coal exchange, comprising 70 coal operators and operating companies, will not hold further meetings with officials of the miners' union to negotiate new wage scales and working agreements, was served upon John I. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, after a meeting of the organization late today. Members of the exchange operate in what is known as the Hocking field in the southern part of the state.

The word sent Lewis by the operators was said to have been in answer to a letter sent out by Lewis December 18, suggesting a meeting of two operators and two miners from each of the four states in the central competitive field, to be held in Pittsburgh Tuesday to agree upon a time and place for the next conference.

At the office of the postoffice inspectors, any information was requested in regard to the details of the crimes that had been uncovered by the federal authorities in the investigation extending over months. This was according to a recent ruling of the postmaster-general that the public is to be denied any information in regard to the looting of the mails.

MINISTERS' LEADY STANDING
Another Name Believed Used If Work as Evangelist Was Done.

Ministers of various denominations, with the wide acquaintance among churches of Oregon and the Pacific northwest, declared last night that they had never heard of Herbert Wilson, and that if he had served in this section as an evangelist or pastor he must have used another name.

The name of Herbert Wilson does not appear in the Congregational year book, which lists all of the accredited ministers or evangelists of that denomination in the United States.

Congregational church officials here said that this denomination had never had a church organization in Brownsville. Prominent ministers of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and United Brethren churches, with wide acquaintance, said they had never heard of any Herbert Wilson, either as a pastor or evangelist, in any of the states of the Pacific northwest. Inquiry among other church organizations and mission workers failed to produce acquaintance with anyone ever heard of the man in this part of the country.

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VETERANS ON WAY HOME

Account of Exchange Rate.

COBLENZ, Dec. 27.—Nine hundred and seven American soldiers, 22 officers and an overseas causal detachment of 38 men and 16 deaf mute soldiers left today for Antwerp. They will leave for home tomorrow. All the men are from the second brigade. They expressed regret at having to leave, inasmuch as the exchange situation is favorable and the holidays are on.

POLICE STATION ROBBED

Stranger Drugs Officer and Steals Train Robbery Evidence.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 27.—A stranger who represented himself as a postoffice inspector, entered police headquarters today and gave an officer a narcotized cigarette. While the latter was unconscious, the stranger walked out with fingerprint evidence obtained by the police from a bottle of explosive used in a recent robbery of a Santa Fe mail car near Edmond, Okla.

SILVERTON GUARD LEADS

Attendance in November.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—Silverton's national guard company holds first place for drill attendance the past month, according to a statement issued by George A. White, adjutant-general. The Albany artillery company takes second place and the Corvallis machine gun company third. All three organizations had practically all of their men at each of the six drills held in November. The artillery companies at Ashland and Newport are at the foot of the list.

Oregon continues in first place for strength and general efficiency in the entire ninth corps area, comprising western and Pacific coast states, according to a statement issued by the federal government.

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