

BOTH HOUSES IN TURMOIL OVER 'LEAK' CHARGES

Chairman Stone of Foreign Relations Committee Denies That He Benefited by Advance Information.

MEASURE TO REGULATE STOCK EXCHANGE URGED

Complete and Public Exposition of Facts Demanded by Campbell.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Following a second conference late this afternoon between Thomas W. Lawson and Chairman Henry of the house rules committee, regarding the reported "peace note" leaks, the latter reiterated his declaration that there would be no investigation ordered.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—A storm of charges and counter charges regarding the reported "leak" from the state department to Wall street of advance information of the president's "peace notes" broke in both houses this afternoon.

Chairman Henry of the house rules committee announced he would not follow his commission under the resolution demanded in the resolution of Representative Wood.

In the senate Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee formally denied charges in a newspaper that he had benefited by the leak. He branded Thomas W. Lawson as "a disgusting scoundrel" who had "sold out" the whole committee of his secret.

Representative Henry introduced in the house his resolution which would give congress drastic powers to regulate the New York stock exchange. He took this action immediately following a long conference with Thomas W. Lawson, who had offered to give \$500,000 in the "peace message."

Coincident with Henry's action, Republican members of the committee, led by Representative Campbell (Kan.), openly denounced the "one-man conference" between Henry and Lawson.

Campbell issued a formal statement, "I am sorry that the president has a chance to tell his friends the whole committee of his secret."

"If necessary, we could subpoena the president," he said.

CONGRESS DECLINES TO ENDORSE WILSON PEACE TERMS NOTE

Senate Refuses to Vote Upon Resolution and House Refers One to Committee.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The senate again today refused to vote on a resolution endorsing President Wilson's peace note to belligerents.

The house later also refused to endorse the president's note. A resolution by Representative McKellar of Tennessee was referred to the foreign affairs committee.

When Senator Hitchcock called up his second resolution, which asks congressional approval of the president's action, Senator Lodge, in a speech tomorrow, despite a plea by Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, that there be an immediate vote.

Lodge, in opposing Hitchcock's request for immediate action, said he was not necessarily opposed to immediate action, but that he had no objection to the president's note.

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Light Skirmishes On Western Front

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—German patrol detachments entered French trenches and returned safely in the Champagne sector, the Argonne forest and on the east bank of the Meuse, today's official statement asserted. Prisoners were taken.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Squabble May Cause Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The refusal of C. A. Rishberg, Vernon, Cal. infidel, to sign a White Sox contract, giving as his reason that the Chicago club did not offer him as much money as he was receiving with the Coast league club, may cause an investigation into the salaries paid in the Pacific circuit. The figures in the contract Rishberg from here are larger than the salary paid in the coast league. It is believed that he is getting at least \$150 more than his present contract shows.

Conductor Kills Woman and Self.

Fresno, Cal., Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—J. P. Corbin, a street car conductor, shortly after noon today, shot and killed Mrs. Emma Keene, a saleswoman in a local department store, and then committed suicide at a prominent business corner down town.

Boy Killed by Brother.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—William Rand, 6, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon, by his brother Albert, 13, while the boys were shooting at targets with a rifle given them for Christmas.

Missouri to Have Contest.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Judge Lamm this afternoon at his office, signed the petition for a contest of the election of Frederick Gardner of St. Louis as governor of Missouri.

Garry Hermann Re-elected.

Cincinnati, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The National Baseball commission re-elected Garry Hermann as chairman and Charles E. Bennett as secretary and treasurer.

Earl Curzon Is Remarried.

London, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Earl Curzon of Kendalston was quietly remarried to Mrs. Grace Curzon, a native of Alabama. The earl was a widower, his first wife being Mary Victor Leiter of Chicago.

Major Successes on Eastern Front Are Reported by Berlin

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Storming and capture of height positions around Sozeva and in the Susita valley; repulse of Russo-Romanian advances; throwing back of the enemy on both sides of the Salski valley and capture of the much disputed height of Mount Faltucanu were all reported from the eastern front in today's official statement.

Russian riding detachments south of Riga, southwest of Deunaburg and west of Stanislava were also reported repulsed. Along the valleys leading from Berk mountains to the Sereth, the German attacks threw the enemy further back, according to the statement.

Three hundred prisoners were brought in from the Susita valley action.

The Ninth army is sharply pressing the enemy and defeating his rear detachments. The Russians fled to further retreat, the statement said.

"From the west and south German-Austro-Hungarian troops are appearing in the broad positions near Focsnai and Funden."

More than 1300 prisoners and war material remained in the hands of the indefatigable pursuers.

"Between the Buzau (Buzau) river and the Danube the enemy maintains the bridgehead."

East of Braila in Dobruja, German-Bulgarian troops captured and destroyed Russian positions and threw the defenders back to Macin. In the engagement the Pomeranian reserves captured a number nine distinguished itself."

Russians Regain Lost Ground.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—First Pomeranian on the river Kainai, Rumanians on the river Kainai, regained their position by counter attacks and today were maintaining it despite continuing fire attacks, today's official statement said.

The war office reported that the Austrian advance in Enkottamba and in the valley of the Sutscha was arrested by fire. Enemy attempts and an offensive action in the Chabanom valley were also unsuccessful, costing great losses in wounded and killed.

Bulgarians Take Prisoners.

Sofia, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Fifteen hundred men, six officers, four field guns and 14 machine guns were captured by the Bulgarian forces in the offensive around the bridgehead at Macin, today's official statement said.

The statement said the Bulgarian offensive continues, both in Dobruja and Rumania.

Vatican's Message to U. S. Is Prayer

Rome, Jan. 1.—May the small olive branch which has begun to appear on earth, toward the end of the year, now pass, thanks to divine grace and good will of men, grow sturdily and bring the beneficial fruits of peace for which the whole world longs.

L. W. W. Seize Freight Train.

Bemidji, Minn., Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—One hundred and fifty heavily armed members of the L. W. W. seized a Minnesota & International freight train at Gammel late this afternoon, overpowered the train crew, threw them off and started for Bemidji, where they expect to hold a large meeting this afternoon.

Towers Collapse; Four Injured.

Maywood, Ill., Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Four workmen were injured, two seriously here this afternoon when two temporary towers, used in the construction of additions to the American Can company's factories, collapsed. Snapping of cables supporting the temporary structures, caused the collapse.

No Extra Session Expected.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—No extra session of congress will be necessary to put through President Wilson's railroad legislation.

This was the confident expression of opinion at the White House today as Senator Newlands' committee resumed its hearings on the question.

Army Man Charges Alienation.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Charging alienation of his former wife's affections, Wade H. McIntosh, member of the United States army, stationed at the Wright Aeroplane factory at Dayton, Ohio, sued Louis Canaday, July 18 last, pleaded guilty to day for \$25,000.

Slayer Given Life Sentence.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Fletcher, the young Avonworth osteopath, who shot and killed Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, July 18 last, pleaded guilty to second degree murder today and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Daniels' Nomination Held Up.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The senate this afternoon held up the nomination of Winthrop Moore Daniels of the Interstate Commerce commission for reappointment.

ARREDONDO WILL GO TO MEXICO CITY TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Ambassador Fletcher will soon leave for his post in Mexico City, thus removing one source of friction between the United States and Mexico, it was reported in official circles here this afternoon.

Mexican Ambassador Arredondo leaves tonight for Mexico City to confer with official representatives of the Mexican situation, he was announced late this afternoon.

It is believed Ambassador Arredondo will be replaced by Consul General Tegueri of San Francisco, who will be recognized as Mexico's ambassador.

This belief was strengthened following a visit by Arredondo to the state department, where it is said he made an official farewell to the Secretary of State Lansing.

Hints Saturday that General Pershing's troops may be soon withdrawn developed into a near certainty today.

The war office announced this afternoon discussed Carranza's last note that accompanied the rejected this afternoon it probably would issue a formal statement at 5 o'clock.

Train With Guard Ditched.

Augusta, Kan., Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—A Santa Fe train carrying New York National Guardsmen on their way home from the border was derailed near Vanora, seven miles west of here, last night. Six cars carrying equipment belonging to the guards were derailed. Two sleeping cars also were off the track but remained upright, and none of the guardsmen were injured.

Logan Took Place So He Could Visit Home

Portland Attorney Also Asked to Be Named to Represent State at San Francisco, He Says.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—(P. N. S.)—Attorney John F. Logan of Portland arrived here yesterday to mix pleasure with business and forthwith announced that he used to shoot fish in the Alameda marsh, across from San Francisco, just to prove that he is no stranger in these parts.

"Why, I was born in a tent in San Jose, Cal., and spent my boyhood days in the valley of the Sutscha, when Brandt Wickham, formerly of Portland and former tennis star of Oregon, expressed surprise at meeting him here."

And that is why I told Oswald West, then governor of Oregon, that I wanted him to appoint me a member of the Oregon Fair association," he continued, so that I could go to San Francisco during the exposition, singing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," and he did."

Mr. Logan will remain here two or three days. He is a guest at the Palace hotel.

Calvin Heilig of the Heilig theatre in Portland is also a guest at the Palace. His here on business connected with his theatrical projects.

VALDEZ BURNS, ACCORDING TO NORTH CABLES

Business Section of Alaskan Town Gone; All Buildings Doomed, Says Message Received This Morning.

SEATTLE TAKES STEPS TO RELIEVE SUFFERING

Fire Started at 2:45 A. M. Spread Rapidly; Loss Will Be Many Thousands.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—(P. N. S.)—Cable advices received here today are that a fire, fanned by a strong easterly wind, broke out in Valdez, Alaska, and that the city apparently is doomed to destruction. The business section is declared to be being gone.

The fire started at 2:45 o'clock this morning and spread rapidly. The total loss will be several hundred thousand dollars.

Arrangements are being made here to send supplies to the relief of homeless residents of the city.

BRITISH PRESS HOPES PEACE TERMS WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ALLIES

Answer to President Wilson's Message Will Be Issued Soon in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—The answer to the entente note to President Wilson's note has been completed and it is now under consideration by the allied governments.

It is believed that the allied answer will be issued today. It is believed that the allied answer will be issued today.

By Ed L. Keen. London, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—There was increasing belief today that in the reply to Paris, England, and France, it was said, have already agreed on a joint draft, which is now before the other nations of the entente.

On their approval of the note will be handed to the state department, where it is said he made an official farewell to the Secretary of State Lansing.

A course of plain speaking and a clear statement of the terms on which the allies would consider peace negotiations is what the British press hopes the note will indicate.

England is convinced that the allies' starvation blockade of Germany is winning the day.

The German situation, he was announced late this afternoon.

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Note to Germany Is Denied by Spanish Embassy Asserts American Press Reports of Strong Terms Used on Submarine Question Were Incorrect.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Spanish embassy today denied its home government had addressed a note to Germany in the terms reported by the American press, on its submarine controversy with the Berlin government.

The following statement was given out at the embassy this afternoon: "It is not correct that the Spanish government had addressed a note to Germany upon the submarine controversy, in terms reported by the American press on December 20."

"The Spanish government merely gave to the Spanish press an official statement concerning the attitude of Spain, since the beginning of the war, upon the question of the sinking of Spanish vessels by submarines."

The press statement referred to was to the effect that Spain had addressed a strong note to Germany on the submarine controversy, requesting the German government to adhere to the principles laid down in the articles of the declaration of London.

Guardsmen Change Minds About Recall

Washington, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—A petition asking that they be sent to their homes was received by Representative Church, California, from 79 of the 85 members of Company A, California engineers.

The church was about to act on the petition, he received a telegram from A. M. Burton, an officer of the troop, asking him to withhold action until he received a letter.

The telegram said, want to rescind their action.

Storm Tossed, Swept to Sea, Cat Came Back

Steamer Johan Poulsen's Mascot Stages Most Remarkable Stunt Ever Recorded.

This is a tale of the greatest comeback ever staged by that leader of "comebacks," the cat.

Monday night at 7 o'clock the steamer Johan Poulsen crossed in the Columbia river, west of the town of Astoria, and breaking for Port Canby to Fort Stevens.

Captain Elvestad's famous cat, recognized as the most efficient on Pacific coast steamers, was warming herself in front of the galley fire. A huge combler hooked the craft from end to end, flooded the galley and carried the cat scurrying, pouncing bundle of activity, over the side. Tabby had been given up for lost, when a moment later another huge wave boarded the craft.

Within five minutes the craft was in smooth water and the jaws of the supposedly lost cat started a hasty search for her. She was found at the top of the mainmast, wet and bedraggled but alive and holding.

She had come back on that second wave. At least that is what Captain George McNeely told this morning when he was asked to give the place after bringing the ship to the office. And he says everybody on board was talking about it.

Hunter's Point and San Pedro Favored

Commission on Naval Yards and Naval Bases Said to Have Decided Upon California Sites.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Although members of the United States commission on naval yards and naval bases were silent today, it was remarked here that the commission would recommend Hunter's point as site for the proposed Pacific base, and San Pedro as the site for a submarine base. The commission will leave tonight for Portland and Seattle. No confirmation of these reports could be obtained.

Other rumors were that the commission would recommend the transfer of the United States naval training station from Goat Island to some other point.

Rain Causes Flood, Drowning Fifteen

Clermont, Central Queensland, N. S. W. Is Devastated by Continuous Downpour of Rain.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Threats of a continuous fall of rain, aggregating 16 inches, Clermont, Central Queensland, has been visited with a flood which has devastated the town and 15 inhabitants have been drowned. At least another 100 persons are missing and many families have been marooned in trees for days.

Floods in southern Tasmania have also been reported. The Derwent river rose 18 feet and damage to hop gardens along the banks exceeds \$250,000.

War Department to Refuse Discharges

Individual Applications on Ground of Resumption of Studies and Like Reasons Too Numerous for Action.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Individual applications for the discharge of soldiers on the Mexican border on the ground of resuming studies or other work are being held in check, the war department has informed Senator Chamberlain, who has taken up requests from Portland.

Adjutant General McCain says applications for discharge are so numerous that common fairness requires that all be refused.

Couple to Pay \$950 For Lifting Dry Lid

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris, joint proprietors of the Coast hotel in the north end, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the prohibition law before Judge H. H. Jones today, and they agreed to pay a total of \$950 in fines.

Army Enlistments Break All Records

Recruits taken into the army through Colonel Varnum's recruiting offices for the year 1916 totaled 732, which is close to double previous records.

Strike Injunction Reversed on Appeal

Chicago, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The United States court of appeals today reversed the ruling of the United States district court at Indianapolis and dissolved the injunction against William D. Mahon and employes of the Indianapolis Traction & Terminal company, restraining them from declaring a strike against the traction company.

The court ruled that the lower tribunal had no jurisdiction.

MILITIA TO GO AFTER RECORDS

Governor Withycombe Wires That Jefferson County Seat Fight Is Court Affair; Not for Military Interference.

MADRAS REJOICES AT SUCCESS OF "RAID"

Nearly All Official Papers Are Moved From Culver by Rival Town's "Club."

Salem, Or., Jan. 2.—Governor Withycombe today refused to send the militia to Culver to retrieve for the town the county records which were forcibly removed to Madras yesterday as a part of a black seat fight in Jefferson county.

Sherriff Ira F. Clack appealed to the governor for militia assistance. The governor conferred with Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle, who advised that the courts are the place for settling the controversy, and the governor acted accordingly. Sheriff Clack's message was as follows:

"A mob of about 100 came to Culver today and forcibly removed county office equipment and records from Culver to Madras without any order of the county court or other court. Could not prevent without great danger of life. Sheriff-elect has no bond approved, and I have not been checked out of office. Want militia assistance to return books and equipment. R. C. Hillman and George Rodman will call upon you tomorrow and explain the situation. I am armed. Let me have an answer at once."

Governor Withycombe replied as follows: "Replying to your telegram, nothing this office can do in the matter. Matter must be decided in courts."

ARIZONA TO HAVE TWO GOVERNORS AT LEAST UNTIL NEXT THURSDAY

Attorneys for Governor-Elect and Governor Agree Ouster Suit Shall Be Held Up.

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Today Arizona has two governors, two executive officers and will soon have two more. The case for the ouster of Tom Campbell, which was held up today, is expected to continue until Thursday at least, for attorneys for Governor-elect Tom Campbell and Governor George W. P. Hunt are preparing an agreement today that the application to the supreme court for a peremptory writ to oust Hunt will not be made before the state supreme court.

This morning Campbell made a fresh demand for the executive office. This was refused. Now Campbell is preparing to reach a definite conclusion of the project to reunite the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal church and adjourned.

Methodist Churches Fail on Union Plan

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—After a lengthy session today in the city, the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church south, failed to reach a definite conclusion of the project to reunite the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal church and adjourned.

Westport Physician Struck by Machine

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—Dr. Gunder Gunderson of Westport, Or., narrowly escaped death today when struck by an automobile driven by Bert Bidelle. Police declared Bidelle failed to stop behind a streetcar and struck Dr. Gunderson, who was alighting from the car. Dr. Gunderson is in the harbor hospital in a serious condition.

No Ships, So Flax Contract Canceled

Salem, Or., Jan. 2.—After weeks of negotiation, the firm of Agnew & Hamilton of Belfast, Ireland, has canceled its order for 2500 bushels of the state's flax seed because no ship will be sailing on which the seed could be sent until in February.

Tacoma Couple Reported Found

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Powell Discovered Starved; Attempts to Verify Report Failed.

Alder, Wash., Jan. 2.—(P. N. S.)—A report was brought here today from Eatonville that Mr. and Mrs. Otto Powell, the missing Ilesburg operator and his wife, had been found near Elbe, in a starved and weakened condition, but still alive. Attempts to verify the report by telephone have failed.

Railroads Are Consolidated in Big Merger

Five Lines Pool Interests Valued at \$100,000,000—Office to Be at Pittsburg.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—(I. N. S.)—A \$100,000,000 merger, by which five railroads are consolidated into one organization, controlled by and part of the Pennsylvania system, was announced today at the local offices of the Vandavia line, which is one of the railroads merged.

The new corporation is known as the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co., with general offices in Pittsburg.

PORTLAND IS THIRD IN PACIFIC COAST CITIES IN WAGES OF WORKERS

It Ranks Third With Six Large Western Cities and Keeps Same Level With 37 Others

Portland ranks third among the four large cities of the Pacific coast in average wages paid workmen. Portland ranks third, also, among the six large western cities in the average wages paid, and strangely enough keeps the same rank among 37 important cities of the country.

These findings are by Professor W. F. Ogburn of Reed college and Esther W. Ogburn of Portland. They were published in the American Statistical Review.

The average wage per hour paid in 10 trades common to six western cities was found to be as follows: Seattle, 71 cents; San Francisco, 69 cents; Portland, 67; Salt Lake, 65; Denver, 64 cents and Los Angeles, 62.

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The 10 trades used in reaching the average were bricklayers, carpenters, painters, plasterers, plumbers, gas fitters, day compositors in book and job printing, day compositors in newspaper printing and day and night newspaper operators.

The ranking of 37 cities is given as follows: Seattle, 71 cents per hour; San Francisco, 69; Portland, 67; Salt Lake, 65; Denver, 64; Los Angeles, 62; Kansas City, 62; Pittsburgh, 61; Boston, 60; Newark, 59; Washington, 58; Cincinnati, 58; St. Paul, 57; Memphis, 57; Cleveland, 57; Omaha, 56; Indianapolis, 56; Detroit, 56; Birmingham, 55; Milwaukee, 54; Little Rock, 54; Louisville, 54; New Orleans, 53; Richmond, 53; Jacksonville, 53; Providence, 52; Minneapolis, 52; Scranton, 50; Philadelphia, 50; New Haven, 50; Atlanta, 43; Charleston, S. C., 33.

Seattle Dry Goods Store Is Damaged

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—(P. N. S.)—After smoldering several hours in dry goods in the store of McCormick Bros. fire broke out today, causing \$100,000 of damage estimated at \$100,000 before firemen could place it under control. The origin of the fire is not known.

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Atlantic Liner Now Breaking Up; 30 of Crew Reported Safe

London, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The Leyland liner Nestorian is ashore and breaking up. She will probably be a total loss. Thirty members of her crew have been saved.

Fear for Safety of Liner Georgic Felt

White Star Vessel With Cargo Insured for \$1,000,000, Due in New York from Liverpool Not Heard From.

New York, Jan. 2.—(U. P.)—The 3000 ton White Star liner Georgic, which left Liverpool December 3 with a cargo insured for \$