

GREY BREAKS FROM HOARY PRECEDENT

His Letter on Peace Treaty May Establish New Precedent, Declares Lawrence.

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Washington, Feb. 7.—Speaking of letters destined to become famous in American history, that letter of Viscount Grey discussing the controversy between the executive and legislative branches of our government over the form in which the treaty of peace shall be ratified, establishes a precedent of far-reaching significance in international affairs. It means a long step forward in overcoming the barriers of old-fashioned diplomacy which have hitherto hindered one another.

If the letter of Lord Grey has given President Wilson offense, however, it is not merely because the British statesman has addressed a communication to the public on a matter which had previously been confined to different branches of the American government and at a moment when intense political strife over the issue cannot be ignored.

VIOLATES PRECEDENT
It is because Viscount Grey, received by the secretary of state as the special ambassador of Great Britain, entered into communication with members of the legislative branch of our government instead of confining his communications to the executive branch, which under the American constitution, has sole charge of intercourse with foreign nations.

It has been suggested that Mr. Wilson appealed over the heads of the Irish people in his address at Manchester. It has been said that he appealed to the Italian populace on the Fiume question.

Neither of those points are valid parallels because in neither instance did Mr. Wilson associate himself or communicate with members of the opposition party in the house of commons or the Italian parliament.

But there is somewhat of a parallel in Mr. Wilson's action in Paris when he besought Prime Minister Lloyd George to grant a hearing to Messrs. Frank P. Walsh and former Governor Dunne of Illinois, who came as American citizens to plead the cause of Ireland, a controversy still regarded by the British government as a domestic affair. But to have been a more exact parallel, the president should have been discovered communicating with the Sinn Fein leaders instead of taking up the matter in the natural and proper way, namely through the British prime minister, who is the executive of the British government and duly permitted to receive communications from the heads of other governments.

GREY'S ALIBI
The interesting circumstances, however, about the Viscount Grey letter is that he intended no disrespect, intended no meddling in American political affairs, but earnestly hoped to make it easier for the treaty to be ratified and America to become a partner in the enterprise of preserving peace.

That Viscount Grey failed in his cleverly worded document to include a casual reference to the unfortunate plight of the president of the United States, who signed the treaty, but has been lying ill at the White House while the contention has raged in international warfare against the document he negotiated; that the British envoy did not see fit to

express passing sympathy for the president, who did as much as any one man to bring the covenant into being and will receive the credit for the structure whether reservations are adopted or not, provided the instrument does work as Viscount Grey is confident that it will, and the discredit if it is a failure—all this had an effect on the situation in Washington during the last week which cannot be lightly dismissed as a tempest in a teapot, as some of the British newspapers are doing.

PREMIER PRAISES WILSON
Prime Minister Lloyd George is apparently awake to the seriousness of the episode, for in the interview cabled by Charles Grasty from London he states that it would be improper for him to express the views which Lord Grey expressed and exonerating the British envoy on the ground that he wrote as a private citizen. Yet the prime minister promptly steps into the gap and speaks a word of sympathy for the president and praise for his achievements in the war, his readiness to pledge the American resources to the succor of a losing allied cause.

But what the incident illustrates more than anything else is the new era in modern diplomacy. President Wilson may not like the tone of the Grey letter. He may not be pleased because Lord Grey saw fit to mingle with members of the American senate and discuss questions at the moment so vitally related to international politics, but his resentment only analogous to the anger which was stirred in Britain when Messrs. Dunne and Walsh went to Ireland and not only was received by the mayor of New York City, but when it became known that DeValera was a frequent visitor at the offices of U. S. senators, surely argue in the British friend, the president would not deny Viscount Grey the opportunity given to DeValera, for technically neither one had been received by our own government and the one had as much privilege as the other.

FEELS OVER CUSTOM
There is much unnecessary ceremony and fuss about precedents in the conduct of diplomacy and President Wilson has himself argued that article eleven of the covenant will give anybody representing any nation, the opportunity to bring before the assembly of the league for debate any question which may affect the peace, not only, but the good understanding between nations.

He has insisted that the matter of Ireland did affect the good understanding between the United States and Great Britain.

It is therefore the principle involved in Viscount Grey's intimacies with American senators, followed as it was by a public comment on a subject that had become a matter of heated dispute between political factions and not the substance of his communication which is involved.

If President Wilson permits the incident to pass without protest, formal or informal, the British government will stand as a precedent and hereafter all governments will be able to point to it as justification for direct interchange of views between parliaments and senators and houses of congress on all matters of domestic or foreign concern which touch the fringe of international interest, a direct interchange without the necessary assent of the executive branches of modern states.

Moonshine and Mash Taken, Man Arrested

Barney Patrick was arrested Saturday afternoon at his home, 15 Fifty-third street, by deputy sheriffs who also picked up 200 pints of "moonshine" and 18 gallons of rain mash on the Patrick premises. Patrick told the deputies he had bought the contraband. He is in the county jail.

To defy burglars a New York man has invented a cylindrical safe that is kept turning around by an electric motor when it is locked.

BILL WOULD OPEN KLAMATH LANDS

Representative Sinnott Proposes to Let War Veterans Get Land on Installments.

Washington, Feb. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Opening of the Klamath Indian reservation is proposed in the bill introduced in the house today by Representative Sinnott. Allotment of lands to all Indians who have not received allotment is first provided on a basis of 80 acres of agricultural lands, 80 acres timber, or 160 acres grazing land.

The plan provides for equal distribution to members of the tribe of all remaining lands under supervision of a committee of three, one appointed by the secretary of interior, one by the veterans of Oregon and one by the Klamath tribal council.

VETERANS GIVEN CHANCE
Sale of land after allotment is to be permitted with consent of Indian owners to veterans of any foreign or Civil war on a 25 year installment plan and all mineral and water power rights are reserved to the Indians for 25 years. Chamberlain and Sinnott today were informed by Secretary Lane of a telegram received yesterday from Doak and Brown, proposed lessees of Klamath lake lands, saying they are willing to modify the contract to include government lands in the allotment project, if within one year the government provides money for this purpose.

MAY REOPEN QUESTION
While the Doak and Brown project has been regarded as dead so far as government lands are concerned since last conference between Lane and members of Oregon delegation, Lane indicated today that he may consider it again and further conference with the delegation may be held.

SECRETARY LAND REQUESTS \$5,000,000 TO HASTEN WORK

Washington, Feb. 7.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Secretary Lane today asked congress for \$5,000,000 for hastening construction for existing reclamation projects during the coming fiscal year in addition to \$7,873,000 covered by regular estimates and in addition to between \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 expected to be derived from impounded oil money following passage of the oil leasing bill.

Adoption of this recommendation will provide nearly \$20,000,000 for reclamation next year. Secretary Lane declared it imperative necessary work be prosecuted at greater speed.

Additional estimates submitted provide \$200,000 for the Klamath project, \$1,000,000 for the Grand Coulee project, \$1,000,000 for the Minidoka, Idaho, \$423,000 for Minidoka, Idaho, \$511,000 for Boise, Idaho and \$734,000 for Yakima, Wash.

MANIPULATION IS LAID TO GRAIN MEN

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charge and that a similar price be fixed on flour and mill feed.

It further recommends that no appropriation be made by congress to finance wheat sales to foreign countries until such time as the American people are relieved from paying the extortionate prices now required of them by reason of grain manipulation.

HOUSER DEFILES GRAND JURY TO PROVE ALLEGATIONS MADE

"If these Spokane demagogues want to learn the truth about me and the grain corporation, why don't they come down here, like men and learn the truth?"

Max H. Houser, United States grain corporation official, named before the federal grand jury at Spokane as having profited greatly through manipulation of grain concerns, Saturday night defied anyone to prove the allegations made in the grand jury report.

The books of the grain corporation are open to these men. But they'd rather send 'gumshoes' down here," he charged.

SAYS HE LOST MONEY

"I haven't made the 'immense profit' charged by these demagogues. If I wanted to make money I would have got out of the grain corporation long ago. I have lost between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in the last two years because I neglected my own interests to the favor of the corporation.

"The trouble with them is, they don't know what they are talking about. Houser declared Minneapolis markets cornered much of the Pacific Northwest wheat crop simply because Pacific Northwesters were not sufficiently awake.

"Minneapolis bought more Pacific Northwest wheat this year than before because of the Montana crop failure," he said.

CAUSE OF SCARCITY

"One reason for scarcity of hard wheat is the price-fixing of a special presidential committee, on which several labor delegates sat. They fixed a price for hard wheat only three cents above that for soft wheat, which usually have wheat commands eight or nine cents more.

"So the farmer said to himself: 'Hell, what's the use of growing hard wheat when I can raise six or seven bushels of soft wheat to every one of hard?'"

"But notwithstanding this shortage, the mills are advertising for sale to anyone who wants to buy soft wheat at \$10 a barrel. Delivered, it costs only a few cents more."

GRAND JURY'S CHARGES ARE ABSURD, DECLARES PILLSBURY

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—Declaring the federal grand jury report at Spokane that Minneapolis manipulators controlled coast wheat was "ridiculous," John S. Pillsbury, Minneapolis miller, declared tonight that "not a bushel of Oregon or Washington wheat ever reaches Minneapolis."

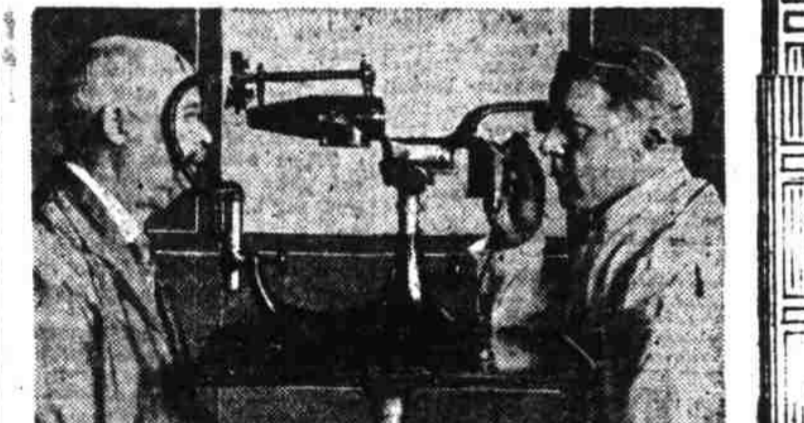
"The price of wheat in those states has nothing to do with the price of wheat in Minneapolis. We never use it. It is soft wheat and most of it is milled on the coast."

Pillsbury asserted that Minneapolis capital is interested in the coast in any way so far as he knows, and certainly not in the grain trade.

"These fellows evidently don't know what they're talking about," he said.

Stuart Declines Commission
Washington, Feb. 7.—(L. N. S.)—Henry Stuart, former governor of Virginia, who was yesterday appointed to the interstate commerce commission by the president, is preparing a letter of declination. It was learned today.

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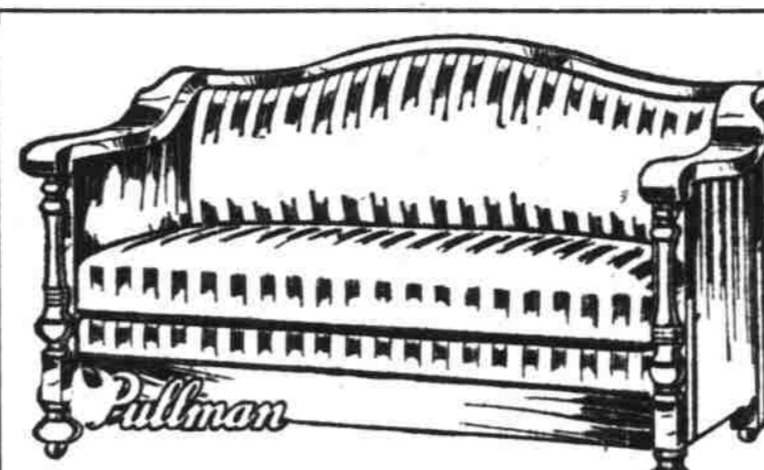
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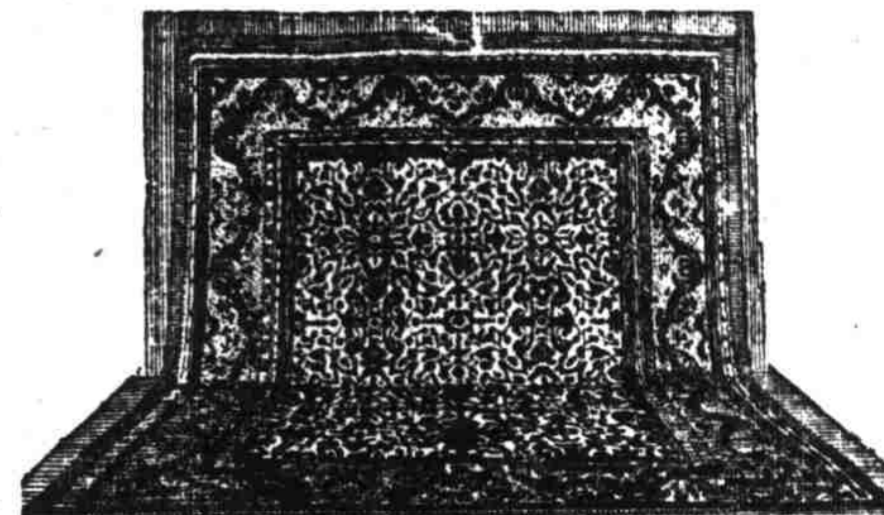
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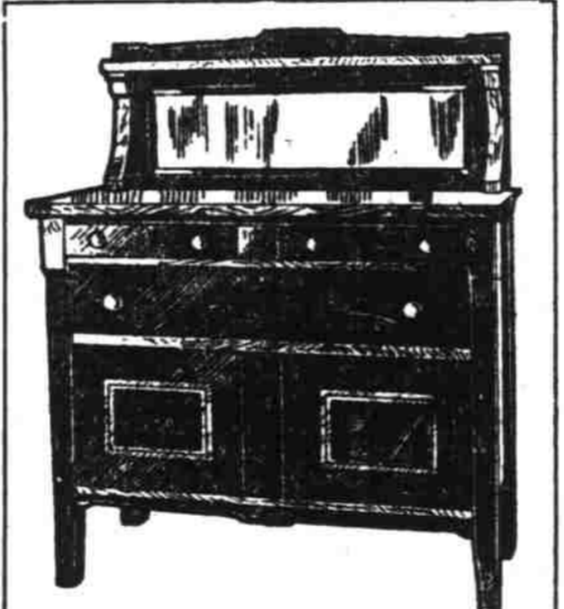
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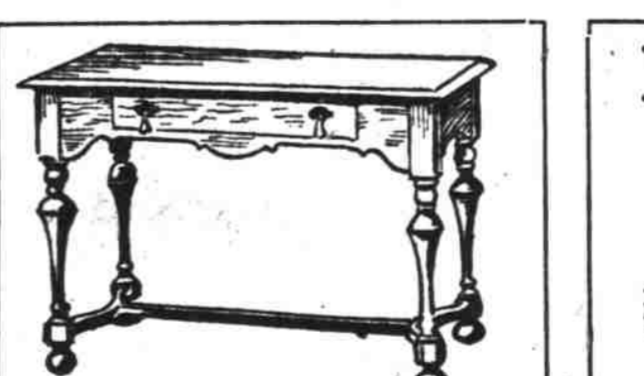
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