

ADMINISTRATION IS STILL TO WAGE FIGHT FOR TREATY

By James R. Nourse

Washington, April 6.—Administration leaders in the senate have prepared to open their batteries of opposition to the house peace resolution the moment it passes the house and comes to the senate. The tactics to be pursued by the opponents will be to delay action by long debate and to offer amendments which may hopelessly entangle the resolution and prevent it from coming to a vote.

In the event the resolution fails in the senate, it is believed by the administration leaders that the president will again submit the peace treaty to the senate with a request for ratification with reasonable reservations.

HITCHCOCK PREDICTS DEFEAT

The administration's policy with respect to the peace resolution was announced by Senator Hitchcock, who is just back from two weeks of golf at Augusta, Ga. The senator found after consultation with his colleagues that there are a number of Democrats and some Republicans who will vote against the peace resolution. He is confident that even if it should pass there will not be enough votes to pass it over the president's veto.

Senator Hitchcock, in discussing the resolution, made the interesting disclosure that among the plans considered by the administration forces to block the measure will be that of offering an amendment to the resolution the entire covenant of the League of Nations.

COTUP IS PLANNED

The effect of this will be to force the senate to go on record as to whether or not it favored the creation of the league without the treaty. It is believed such a vote would result in considerable embarrassment to members of both sides.

Senator Hitchcock said:

"It is well to remember that the resolution declaring peace is subject to amendment. When it is offered in the senate there will be a number of amendments proposed to it. Among these will be the covenant of the League of Nations. I think it will be interesting to see how some senators vote on such an amendment. It will give them an opportunity to say whether or not they are willing to take the league without the treaty."

OPPOSITION IS SEEN

"I find considerable opposition on the Democratic side and also among the Republicans who desired to have the treaty ratified. I am confident it will be impossible to pass the resolution over the president's veto which requires a two-thirds vote."

"I have had no talk with the president nor have I had any intimation as to what he proposes doing in regard to the treaty, but I am of the opinion that if the peace resolution passes, the president will send the treaty back to the senate. I believe it would be the psychological time for him to act."

"So far as the consideration of the resolution is concerned, I am quite of the opinion that we have a long and

hard fight ahead of us. It will be very easy at any time to break a quorum and there are other methods that may be adopted for the purpose of preventing action. The discussion is likely to take considerable time."

LODGE GIVES OPINION

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, said he had no information as to whether the president will return the treaty, but that if the treaty does come back to the senate, it will have to go again to the foreign relations committee, and there will be no haste in the matter of acting upon it.

Farm Bureau Gives Its Indorsement to Oregon Millage Tax

Pendleton, April 6.—Indorsement of the millage tax for higher educational institutions was given here Monday by the executive board of the Oregon County Farm bureau. The board also approved efforts of County Agent Bennion towards buying distillate from independent companies since the Standard Oil company has ceased offering it on the market here.

Samuel D. Peterson of Milton sent his declaration to the secretary of state Monday as candidate for nomination as district attorney on the Republican ticket. He had one term in the legislature from this county.

Parker & Banfield, Portland contractors, were awarded a contract to build a two story building for the Bank of Echo at Echo. The contract is for \$57,000.

Mrs. Rose Munson Dies of Disease of Heart at Age of 66

Mrs. Rosa B. Hough Munson died at her home, 308 East Irving street, at 12:55 p. m. Saturday, after a long illness. Death was due to heart disease.

Mrs. Munson was born in Loraine county, Ohio, August 20, 1854, and was married to F. R. Munson October 12, 1874. She lived for 25 years in Waterloo, Iowa, and then removed to Portland. She is survived by six children, R. F. and W. R. Munson and Dorothy Douglas of Portland, J. A. and C. R. Munson of Waterloo, Iowa; Mrs. H. L. Croak of Wilmington, Del., and a niece, Mrs. Cora Annibal of Waterloo.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Miller & Tracey's chapel, the Rev. Edward Wright officiating. Pallbearers were Charlie Gushard, Ed McKister, Dwight Green, John St. Johns, Will Holden, Robert Confrey. Interment was in Rose City cemetery.

Road Bonding Bill Launched in Coos

Marshfield, April 6.—In every city in the county Monday petitions were circulated to put on the ballot the proposition to bond Coos county for \$1,000,000 for road building. In one day the necessary signatures were secured.

Guthrie Goes to Seattle

Forest Ranger John Guthrie went to Seattle Monday to attend meeting of the committee on fire protection week, as a representative of District Forester George Cecil.

GRONNA FAILS IN EFFORT TO BLOCK SOIL SURVEY PLAN

Washington, April 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—In putting final touches on the agricultural appropriation bill, the senate reversed the action of its agricultural committee and voted \$178,900 for the continuation of the work of soil survey.

This appropriation was carried in the bill as it came from the house, and the restoration of the item in the senate assures continuation of the work. Soil surveys are carried on to a large extent in cooperation with the states. In Oregon surveys of several counties have been completed and from Professor Powers of O. A. C., Senator Chamberlain recently received a protest against abandoning this work.

GRONNA OPPOSES SURVEY

Chairman Gronna of the agricultural committee declared there was a "propaganda" by agricultural colleges in favor of soil survey, but if there were any farmers in his state who had ever asked for soil survey maps, he said, he had not heard of them. He added that he considered it an insult to the farmers to suggest that they do not know what kind of soil they have on their farms.

Senator Pomerene of Ohio, Senator Swanson of Virginia and other senators came to the defense of the work and said the farmers of their states regard it as something of great value and frequently ask for data. Knowing what is in their soils and their subsoils as well, the farmers learn how to treat them and what crops to raise.

GRONNA'S OPPOSITION IGNORED
Senators representing states of diversified farming do not regard Gronna as a howling success as chairman of the committee on agriculture. Gronna is a farmer himself, owning a large wheat farm in North Dakota, but other farmer senators find that the practical knowledge on which he prides himself does not extend beyond wheat and barley. His attitude on soil survey is characteristic. To him soil surveys, so valuable in state like Oregon, represent only so many maps and charts.

This bent of mind, which regards agriculture as consisting of wheat, is aggravated by his provincial political view. He patters at the heels of La Follette on the roll calls. La Follette has always been strong in North Dakota, and Gronna, whose term expires next year, evidently relies on La Follette and the Non-Partisan league to give him another term.

MOST SENATORS FAVOR IT

Thomas of Colorado, who opposes nearly everything in the form of an appropriation, and Norris of Nebraska were the only senators who joined Gronna in trying to kill the soil surveys. Harrison of Mississippi, Overman of North Carolina, Spencer of Missouri, Sterling of South Dakota, Snodgrass of Utah, Kenyon of Iowa and Lenroot of Wisconsin all joined with Pomerene and Swanson in upholding the value of the work and the need for continuing it.

Riveter Makes More Money Than Owner Of Yard, Court Told

San Francisco, April 5.—Being continually accused of having married money was the chief allegation of cruelty upon which Melita M. Stewart was granted a divorce by Judge Graham from David L. Stewart, shipyard employee.

"He told me daily that I had married him for his money," said Mrs. Stewart.

"If he had been a shipyard owner I could have understood such a charge," said the court, "but as he is a riveter I cannot understand it."

"Then I take it your honor knows nothing about shipyard wages," said the fair witness, "because riveters make more these days than shipyard owners."

EMBEZZLER MAKES FULL RESTITUTION

Boise, Idaho, April 6.—Charles S. Rathbun, auditor for the Boise Artists' Hot & Cold Water company, Monday was arrested on charges of embezzlement. Rathbun Saturday confessed to the theft of \$14,000 from the company through false entries in his books.

He made full restitution and the company did not prosecute.

He announced that he would leave the city immediately. As he was completing plans for a trip to Los Angeles, he was arrested on a warrant issued on information sworn to by Prosecuting Attorney Delana, charging him with embezzlement.

Rathbun, although working for a salary of \$200 monthly, purchased a \$15,000 home, paying \$10,000 cash down. He owned a large touring car and seemed to have considerable funds in the bank. A recent audit of his books uncovered the shortage. Rathbun kept a private set of books. Certain figures were followed with the letters M, I, S. He confessed that the letters meant "Money I Stole."

Rathbun is secretary of the state athletic commission and has been ordered to resign. He also is prominent in lodge and social circles. His arrest caused a sensation in business circles. He is known all over the state.

Jones Reclamation Bill Facing Hard Time in Congress

Washington, April 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Senator Ashurst of Arizona, caused a small breeze in the senate by proposing the Jones bill to provide \$250,000,000 for reclamation as a rider on the agricultural appropriation bill. After some discussion he dropped the effort, as it would have required a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules, and not even a quorum of senators was in the city.

Ashurst declared that there must be a vote on this measure before the session adjourns. He said he would expect it to be called up and senators given a chance to go on record.

"To Senator Jones of Washington and the senator from Oregon, Mr. McNary," he said, "should go the credit and will go the credit, in my judgment, for this great measure. I ought to say that in my judgment no more important piece of legislation will be presented to the sixty-sixth congress than this bill."

Conditions in congress are not considered promising for it, however. Even if passed in the senate its troubles would only be started, as it runs counter to the plans of the house leaders, where the steering committee rules.

Fire Damages Cars

The Dalles, April 6.—Two automobiles were considerably burned and an automobile truck was scorched Monday when a lively blaze flared in the repair room in the basement of The Dalles Garage company's building. The blaze started from a spark on a motor which was being cleaned. The damage was about \$1500.

Potter Funeral Held

Salem, April 6.—Funeral services for Mrs. Charles N. Potter, 80, for 44 years a resident of Salem, who died at her home here Sunday morning, were held this afternoon. Mrs. Potter is survived by three children, L. W. Potter and Mrs. Dean Cromwell of Salem and T. J. Potter of New York city.

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IRVINE HAS VISION OF WEALTH FOR PORTLAND IN TRADE WITH ORIENT

With Europe bankrupt, the Orient is to become the center of an American trade campaign, said B. F. Irvine, editor of The Journal. In an address before the members' forum of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon. The ports of the Pacific will become the emporiums of a trade greater than has yet been envisioned. The trade extension agents of great manufacturing interests will be located in Pacific coast cities. All this has significance to Portland, for this port offers not only the one water level haul of the Pacific coast, offers not only unexcelled port facilities and harbor entrance of first rank, but the city has in its own hinterland 500,000,000,000 feet of standing timber as well as millions of bushels of grain, millions of dollars' worth of meats and fruits and minerals, all the staples of exportation. The only bar to the development of a commerce which in a few years should amount to \$500,000,000 annually would be failure to take advantage of opportunity, said Mr. Irvine, who closed his address with an imagination kindling picture of what the future holds in store for Portland.

"America is sound," said R. H. Bean of the American Trade Acceptance Council, New York, who was a speaker before the forum. "We will have no panic, no strained period of readjustment. And in all America there is no fairer or more productive country, or more energetic people, than you have in Portland."

Permission to Build Wood Water Tanks Will Be Requested

An ordinance allowing the construction of wood water tanks on the roofs of buildings will be introduced before the city council within the next 10 days, according to Albert Johnson, assistant to Commissioner Barbur. The present ordinance specifically provides that tanks must be constructed of steel. Economy in construction, patronization of the wood pipe industry which is developing in Oregon, and experience of other cities which shows that wooden tanks are not fire hazards are reasons given by Johnson for amending the present ordinance.

Carnegie Foundation Gives \$25,000 for Whitman Pensions

Walla Walla, Wash., April 6.—A telegram received by President S. B. L. Penrose of Whitman college from Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie foundation of New York city, Monday contains the announcement that Whitman college has been admitted to the associated list of the Carnegie foundation and that \$25,000 has been set aside for the college.

This amount will be equal by the college and the \$10,000 fund will be a nucleus for a pension fund for the retirement of the members of the Whitman faculty.

It is understood that the income from the Carnegie fund will be \$1500. Faculty members pay a percentage of their salaries to the fund and are retired at the age of 65.

Missouri Fruit Crop Killed

Jefferson City, Mo., April 6.—(U. P.)

—The entire peach crop, apples, plums and cherries were killed by the eastern blizzard in Missouri, the state board of agriculture believed today. Damage to cherries and small truck crops out early was estimated at \$5,000,000. Average apple and peach production in Missouri is about 1,000,000 and 5,000,000 bushels, respectively.

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