KNOX RESOLUTION TO GIVE GERMANS DISAPPOINTMENT

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Washington, May 19.—President Harding wants the Knox resolution declaring a state of peace between the United States and Germany passed by the house, but he has found it necessary to approve certain changes in it from the form in which it was passed by the senate.

The changes are fundamental and will come as a surprise to those Germans residing in America who had believed the Knox resolution would automatically end the powers of the alien property custodian and that the American government hereafter would simply hold the German property without exercising any of the broad powers of sale or supervision which were entrusted to it by the trading with the enemy act.

RESOLUTION MISUNDERSTOOD

The language of the Knox resolution as passed by the senate simply says that all enemy property now in the possession of the American government "shall be retained," but it develops that the alien property custodian, Colonel Thomas W. Miller, advised President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty that certain German interests were of the impression that as soon as the Knox resolution was passed the American government would be prohibited from selling any German property or otherwise administering it.

The fact is, the trading with the enemy act permits the alien property custodian to sell at any time any German property held by our government. Sometimes when the property is deteriorating or some other potent reason arises making a sale necessary, the alien property custodian disposes of property and holds the proceeds in trust. All this money and unsold property is held by the alien property custodian until congress specifically provides for its return to Germany. Congress has not tackled the subject yet, for the good reason that German property held by the American government is a sort of club which is held by Washington over Germany in the event that claims such as that growing out of sinking of the Lusitania are not satisfied. This will be held in abeyance, therefore, until the United States either negotiates a new treaty with Germany or ratifies the Versailles treaty with reservations.

MUST SATISFY CLAIMS

There are other amendments of the Knox resolution which are deemed necessary in order to safeguard American rights. The alien property custodian has been asked to appear before the house committee on foreign affairs. The principal change is the addition of a phrase which will provide that enemy property shall be retained and administered as now provided by law and sale and disposition made until such time as the German government has by treaty with the United States made suitable provision for the satisfaction of American claims. Thus the amendment would absolutely keep in force the present trading with the enemy act so far as it affects German property held by the alien property custodian.

Another suggested change is that the power of the alien property custodian shall be continued not merely until the time a treaty with Germany is ratified, but "until such time as congress shall have provided for such further sale and disposition pursuant to said treaty."

KNOX FAVORS AMENDMENTS

It is understood Senator Knox is favorable to the amendments and probably would have made them when the measure was in the senate except that the legal experts did not get them ready in time. There is no friction about it—no clash between President Harding and members of congress, but simply a revision of the language of the resolution as so often happens when a bill passes one house and is up for final passage in the other house. Usually important bills are amended in the senate, but the Knox resolution was put through the upper house first and it was deemed desirable to rush it through without getting it tangled up in controversies.

Nevertheless, there is one point which has occasioned considerable comment and which has produced honest difference of opinion among the Republicans themselves. It is the phrase whereby the original declaration of war is to be repealed. A few Republican senators and a large number of house representative Republicans seem to think there is no necessity for the repeal clause, because it may imply an apology by expression of regret and that a simple declaration of a state of peace is sufficient. Here is the text of the paragraph as it passed the senate: "Resolved by the senate and house of representatives that the joint resolution of congress passed April 6, 1917, declaring a state of war to exist between the Imperial German government and the people of the United States of America, and making provision to prosecute the same, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and said state of war is hereby declared at an end."

Chairman Porter of the house committee on foreign affairs seems to feel that the repeal phrase is superfluous and might lead to legal tangles. Representative Mondell, house leader, shares that view. The fear is that Germans may always look upon that repeal as an expression of regret or apology or change of heart on the part of the United States. Heretofore wars have come to an end without repealing any war legislation. The ratification of a treaty has automatically ended the state of war. That's why so many members of congress feel that it is sufficient merely to declare the war ended and a state of peace begun. Although President Harding hasn't expressed any views, there is reason to believe he would prefer to have the repeal clause eliminated.

HARDING REFUSES TO ACT AS ARBITRATOR OF 2 BILLS

Washington, May 19.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding today informed Representative Porter, chairman of the house foreign relations committee, that he was desirous of seeing a congressional peace resolution passed "within a reasonable time."

The president also told Representative Porter that he did not desire to interfere with "legislative prerogatives" and would not act as arbitrator between house and senate over whether the Knox or Porter resolutions prevail.

MARKHAM REVISITS HIS OREGON CITY HOME

Edwin Markham, Oregon's native poet, who Wednesday found the scenes of his childhood in Oregon City changed by the passage of time. At the top the poet is seen viewing the falls of the Willamette, which at this time of year have a semplance of the glory that was theirs before they were harnessed to industry. At the right is the tiny house on Main street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, where he first saw the light of day. Below is Markham leaning against a windowsill of the house in which he was born.

MARKHAM GOES TO SEE HIS BIRTHPLACE

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am directing the nine muses to watch over you."

At each succeeding stop, if the party left the automobile, Mr. Markham lugged his blanket along.

A short stop was made in front of the Catholic church, where Mr. Markham attended the funeral of Dr. McLoughlin. He remembers trudging up the steps with his mother on that occasion and she lifted him up to see Dr. McLoughlin as he lay in his coffin. A visit was made to the Congregational church. The little old church where Mr. Markham went to Sunday school and day school now stands at the rear of the new church. The little church was erected in 1849, the year the Markham family came to Oregon City.

Mr. Markham was intent on locating "those two big boulders that I could see from the door of my mother's store." They were finally located back of the Congregational church. The home of Dr. McLoughlin was visited, and as Mr. Markham caught sight of the portrait of Dr. McLoughlin he said: Yes, that's the man; that's the man that my mother lifted me up to see as he lay dead."

Keenest interest in every nook and corner of the city of his birth was evidenced by Mr. Markham, and he was particularly impressed with the wonderful view obtained from the bluff.

Following the excursion over the city, Mr. Markham was the guest of honor at a reception given at the Congregational church by the people of the city. This was followed by a reading of some of his poems. In prefacing his reading Mr. Markham said: "I congratulate myself on having the good sense to be born in Oregon City, a city of high cliffs, white waterfalls and romantic distances. I have had many birthdays, but the one spent in Oregon City I look upon as the supreme event of my life. I recall the days spent on the river bank, when I played with Maggie Kilburn. We gathered shells and flints and scraps of driftwood with which we built many 'castles in Spain.' I remember looking into the dead, but beautiful face of Dr. McLoughlin as he lay in state in the cathedral. I also remember our voyage to California. It was in the stormy end of the year and my young, wild heart was glad of the adventure."

READS HIS POEMS

Mr. Markham spoke briefly on poetry and the mission of the poet, after which he captivated his audience with the reading of a group of his poems including "Child of My Heart," "Three Green Eggs," "Lincoln, the Man of the People," "The Joy of the Hills" and, by special request, "The Man With the Hoe."

Mr. Markham left Oregon City at 5:30 for Portland, where he dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Montgomery and at 7:30 he departed for Detroit, where Henry Ford is arranging a large public reading for him.

Mate Starved Her, Plaint

Eugene, Or., May 19.—Gladys Finley has been given a divorce from Donald R. Finley. She complained that he starved her at times.

Retiring Manager Of Portland Hotel Feted by Friends

Members of the Oregon Hotel Men's association, the Oregon Greeters and the Caterers' association joined in doing honor to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Childs Wednesday evening by tendering them an elaborate banquet at the Washington street Hazelwood. Covers were laid for 100 at beautifully decorated tables.

Childs, who for four years has been manager of the Hotel Portland, has resigned from that position, and, with Mrs. Childs, will depart next week for a vacation in California. A. E. Holcomb, president of the Oregon Greeters' association, presided over the affair, and Percy Smith, president of the Hotel Men's association, acted as toastmaster. Expressions of commendation on Childs' success in the hotel business, for the active part he has taken in civic affairs and for his war work with the food administration, as well as regret over his departure, were voiced by E. E. Larimore, J. H. Joyce, Leslie Butler of Hood River, Phil Metschan, G. O. Madison and T. J. Finnigan. Governor Olcott, who was unable to be present, made his speech of commendation and regret over the long distance telephone, and this was transmitted by Holcomb.

Childs was presented with a handsome signet ring from the guests assembled, and Mrs. Childs was given a bouquet of roses.

Burglars Rob Gold Coin Cache of $670

Some time during the last three months burglars discovered the secret hiding place of W. A. Snedeker's savings in the basement of his home, 633 East Sixty-seventh street north. Snedeker reported to the police today that the prowlers had dug up a tin box and stolen $670 in gold coins, which he had been collecting for some time.

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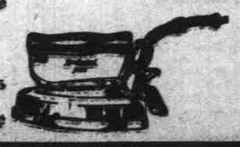

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