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## CUMMINS IS CHOICE TO LEAD SENATE

### Republican Senators in Conference Reach Unanimous Agreement for Organization of Upper House.

## LODGE AGAIN CHOICE FOR FLOOR LEADER

### Discussion Deferred Relative to Opposition to Penrose and Warren

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Republican senators in conference today agreed unanimously upon a program for organization of the next senate but deferred discussion of the opposition by the progressive group to the election of Senators Penrose of Pennsylvania and Warren of Wyoming, as chairman of the finance and appropriation committees, respectively.

Senator Cummings of Iowa, upon motion of Senator Borah of Idaho, spokesman of the progressive group, was chosen for president pro tem of the senate without opposition. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, was re-elected Republican floor leader. Senator Curtis of Kansas was re-elected whip and Senator Wadsworth of New York, conference secretary. George A. Sanderson, of Chicago, was chosen for secretary of the senate and David Barry, of Providence, R. I., newspaperman, for sergeant-at-arms.

All committee assignments were left to a committee on committees which Senator Lodge was authorized to appoint and of which Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, of the regular group, will be chairman. Eight other members will be named soon and another party conference will be held, probably next week, to receive the committee's report. The seniority rule, it is expected, will be followed closely by the committee, although some of the progressives today declared privately that they would carry their fight against Senators Penrose and Warren to the senate floor.

The conference also authorized Senator Lodge to appoint a committee on order of business, or legislative steering committee, of nine members with Senator McCumber of North Dakota, as chairman and Mr. Lodge as ex-officio member. A committee on patronage distribution, headed by Senator New of Indiana, also was ordered.

No indication of the fight against Senators Penrose and Warren developed in the conference, which was confined to the routine business of plans for organizing the senate. It was said that the factional dispute was not mentioned.

## SOCIETY FOLK ARE GULLIBLE

### Mrs. Tranin, Mounted on Piano Stool, Makes Brazen Confession

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 14.—Two women, prominent locally, were arrested today charged with operating an "inside investment" scheme through which it is alleged many men and women prominent in society, in addition to a large number of working girls, have been swindled out of \$175,000 in cash and notes aggregating \$1,000,000. The notes will be pronounced valueless by the authorities said.

The women are Mrs. Samuel Tranin, wife of a produce merchant, and Mrs. R. E. Samis, wife of a motor car supply dealer. Both were arraigned today on warrants charging obtaining money under false pretenses. They pleaded not guilty and their preliminary hearings were set for May 27. They were released on \$10,000 bond each.

According to the authorities, persons who invested said that they had been offered an opportunity to invest in some commodity for which the government was about to enter the market. Returns of \$200 for every \$100 invested are said to have been offered and to have been paid. A reinvestment, however, was requested and in most cases notes were given.

Most of the victims of the alleged swindle are said to have been women. About three weeks ago reports to the prosecutors' office said Mrs. Tranin called many of her creditors to her home and no noting a piano stool, said: "Your money has been stolen. Do what you please."

## RELIEF IN EAST PROVIDED FOR

### Record Breaking Amount Goes to Help Armenian and Syrian Peoples

NEW YORK, May 14.—The largest sum ever appropriated for relief in the Near East—\$3,600,000, was voted here today by the executive committee of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief at a luncheon given by Cleveland H. Dodge, the treasurer, at which notable men, including Ambassador Elihu D. Dr. John H. Finley, and others, told of the widespread desolation and misery throughout Asia Minor. One million dollars of the amount will be spent for clothing and supplies. In addition, the following allotments were made:

Persia, \$500,000; The Caucasus, \$825,000; Beirut, Ourfa and Martin \$300,000; Aleppo, \$100,000 and Constantinople \$650,000. The balance of the sum \$225,000 will be held for emergencies.

## WIRE WRAPPED ABOUT THROAT

### Attempt Is Made to Choke Siamese Cavalryman Before Boxing Match

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—The unconscious form of Leo Delvigo, a Siamese, member of a cavalry troop, with his throat tightly bound, with strands of wire, was found in a tent at the Presidio military reservation here tonight when he had failed to appear in the main bout of a boxing contest which was being held at the army post. Surgeons said his recovery was doubtful. He was in his ring costume when found.

## Fire Destroys Hotel and Barn at Brooks

Fire, which had its origin on the second floor, is reported to have burned the Brooks hotel to the ground at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The building was of frame construction and contained about 20 rooms. It was chiefly occupied by employees in the paving plant nearby and men working on road crews. Few managed to save their belongings. It is understood that the hotel was partially covered by insurance.

The fire endangered a number of nearby buildings and school was dismissed until the flames had been extinguished. Several tons of hay in a barn beside the hotel were burned.

## Girls Conference Dated for Salem During Month

May 22, 23, 24 are the dates set for the convention of the Western Oregon Girls conference which will meet this year with the St. David school girls and young women of Salem. The delegates, who will be high school, college, and business girls, will number about 150. The program at present plans for business meetings on Friday morning, an informal reception on Friday night, meetings and picnic lunch Saturday morning. Sunday will be devoted to church services at the various churches. Rev. Harold Humbert, of Portland, will preside over the meeting. Margaret Scott, of Portland, is president of the conference and Esther Paronaugan, of Seaside, is secretary.

## Mill to Close Because of Smelters' Strike

REDDING, Cal., May 14.—The Mammoth company smelter at Kenet will close tomorrow for an indefinite period unless enough workers to make further operation of the plant possible report for duty, plant officials announced tonight. Smelters and other workers employed in the mine struck early this week for an increase of fifty cents a day in wages.

## MURDERER ARRESTED

LA JUNATA, Colo., May 15.—Jay Lynch, wanted in Missouri on a charge of murdering John M. Harlow, sheriff and his son, March 3, 1919, was arrested by sheriff's officers here today. A reward of \$5,000 was offered for Lynch's capture.

## NEW ROADS CHIEF TOPIC AT MEETING

### Market Highway Plan Liked; West Side Route from Portland to Salem Is Given Endorsement.

## ASSISTANCE TENDERED WILLAMETTE PAGEANT

### Club Receives 35 New Members in Month—Session Well Attended

Approval of the work being done by the market roads committee, support for the Willamette seventy-fifth anniversary pageant, endorsement of the west side route from Portland to Salem through Dayton, Newberg and Lincoln, a vote of thanks to the Salem banks for making Salem's quota in the Victory liberty loan, were the salient features of the well attended open forum meeting of the Commercial club last night. Nearly 100 were present.

The membership committee for the month reported 35 new members, this being a record for a thirty day period.

**Key Tells of Roads**  
In explaining the road situation T. B. Kay, chairman of the committee said: "We have adopted the county court's plan for the laying out of the market roads and by the county is divided into market road districts, each composed of several county road districts. Each of these districts will have spent on its own market roads, the money raised in the district, except in the Salem district.

In Salem, whose area extends for a distance of six to eight miles in each direction except into Polk county, two-thirds of the apportionment will be used in the district and the remainder will be distributed to the other districts of the county in proportion to their assessed valuation. This is because much of the hard way in the district is already hard way. The other districts of the county are very much pleased with this plan.

According to the schedule, there will be 50 miles of hard surface and 50 miles of macadam. The estimated costs will be \$15,000 for the former and \$4000 for the latter. "ames Stewart has been secured to help in the campaign for education on the measure. We have found some opposition from sources which are usually inactive in civic affairs, but generally people are behind the measure."

Mr. Kay paid a tribute to W. M. Hamilton for his untiring efforts in public affairs, and the roadwork in particular.

**Route Endorsed.**  
The route on the west side from Portland to Salem through Dayton, Newberg and through Polk county was endorsed by the club after having it explained by Mr. Kay and by L. L. Thornton of Amity. The route does not pass through Marion county and no financial aid was asked for it. It is the plan to make it a state highway if possible, and Mr. Thornton cited numerous endorsements of it from prominent men and commercial clubs throughout the valley.

On motion of I. Greenbaum the banks of Salem were given a vote of thanks for their services in taking the whole of Salem's quota of the Victory loan.

**To Assist in Pageant.**  
Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university explained the pageant which is to be held in connection with the commencement exercises in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the university. He asked the endorsement of the club and it was readily given. President Robert C. Paulus and P. E. Fullerton were named to represent the club in aiding the university in the movement. The request for them was made by Dr. Doney.

A delegation of Salem business men and Cherrians will attend the Roseburg strawberry festival and will invite the citizens of that city to come to Salem's Fourth of July celebration.

Routes for the tour to be taken by the delegates to the Odd Fellows' convention were discussed and it was suggested, when Ben F. West brought up the matter of automobiles, that the route taken be through the fruit districts and to Banker hill because of the scenic attractions.

**Entertainment Ends Meeting.**  
Following the meeting Mabel Brassfield gave a several vocal numbers accompanied on the piano by Viola Smith. Little Ethelwynne Kelly gave a number of readings, Cooke Patton then gave an exhibition of magic in which he did a number of clever acts of illusion. All the entertainers were repeatedly applauded and they were tendered a vote of

thanks.

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## NEW BLOCKADE MAY BE PENALTY IF HUNS HOLD BACK GERMANS CONSPICUOUSLY ABSENT AT ST. GERMAIN FRIENDLY RECEPTION EXTENDED BY FRENCH OFFICERS

PARIS, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—The council of four, composed of President Wilson, David Lloyd George, M. Clemenceau and Signor Orlando, today considered the immediate re-imposing of the blockade against Germany in case that country declines to sign the peace treaty. The subject was under discussion at two separate meetings of the council.

On the other hand it is anticipated that the blockade will be entirely lifted immediately if the German delegates affix their signatures to the treaty.

PARIS, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Karl Renner, Austrian chancellor, brought his peace delegation and attendants to St. Germain near Paris today and at a later date will appear before the representatives of the allied and associated powers to receive the conditions which will spell peace for the former empire.

A notable feature of the reception was the absence of the Germans, who had requested permission to greet the Austrians but were denied this privilege. The prefect of the department, M. Chaleil, met the Austrians courteously, and although there was no official handshaking, many members of the party were greeted by unofficial handshakes from old acquaintances as they were being shown to the waiting automobiles.

The delegates then proceeded under military escort to the villas set

aside for them overlooking the valley of the Seine and Paris and lacking the high fences and sentries so much in evidence at Versailles.

Chancellor Renner was apparently in excellent spirits and in the course of his remarks said: "I hope I may go away with as joyful a heart as I bring."

Although strict military regulations were enforced and the crowds of villagers held back by sentries, the railway stations and the avenues through which the delegates were hurried to their abiding places, these precautions were unnecessary for the crowds displayed mild curiosity, rather than hostility.

Under the military escort the correspondents were conducted ceremoniously to the station through the streets from which other traffic had been barred. It seemed like a fete day, unconnected with the war and good spirits of the crowd awaiting the Austrians appeared to be shared by them, for they emerged smiling from their special train.

It was a cosmopolitan crowd which awaited the delegation and the French, English, Italian, Japanese and American journalists and officers. Some of the Austrians gazed inquiringly from the windows as the train entered the station, uncertain of their reception, but Chancellor Renner was sure of his ground and welcomed the friendly spirit displayed with heartiness, which was reciprocated in a measure by those assembled.

Professor Lammasch was accompanied by his wife and daughter and there were several women secretaries, who were shown the greatest

courtesy. The Austrian newspapermen and subordinates were quartered in one of the requisitioned hotels.

After their arrival at the villas, the Austrian delegates again thanked the escorting officers for their courteous reception and chatted for a time, contrasting the sunshine and warmth of France with the snows and bleakness of Austria and Switzerland and the journey hither.

The Austrian chancellor, in his speech on arrival and later in conversation, spoke German but excused himself as being unable to speak French.

PARIS, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Immediate measures tending to the further subjugation of Germany if the delegates refuse to sign the peace treaty were indicated today by the announcement that Marshal Foch had been sent to take such action as may become necessary in the event that the treaty is not signed.

COBLENZ, Monday, May 12.—(By The Associated Press)—Marshal Foch is due to arrive at Coblenz on Thursday. He is making a trip which is taking him to the different headquarters of the occupied areas. The marshal will come here from Mayence and will be escorted down the Rhine by French gunboats. He will be entertained at luncheon by Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, commander of the American third army, and will then proceed to Cologne under the escort of the British gunboats.

## KELLER KEEPS "OPEN HOUSE"

### Paroled Men in Portland Have Bank Books and Are Steadily Employed

PORTLAND, Or., May 14.—Joseph Keller, state parole officer, held a unique reception here throughout today when he kept "open house" at the court house for men on parole from the Oregon state prison.

More than 200 paroled convicts, who had been notified by mail to report to the parole officer, called on him today. Of the entire lot only one was out of employment. The others, according to the parole officer, were all working steadily in Portland and their average monthly earnings were estimated by him to approximate \$85 each. Many of them showed bank pass books indicating they had started saving accounts. One was about to make an initial payment on the purchase of a home.

Every man summoned was present, the parole officer said, and nobody had a "hard luck" story. All were doing well.

## Body of Edith Cavell Escorted Through Streets

DOVER, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—The body of Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed at Brussels by the Germans, arrived here from Ostend and is resting tonight in an especially prepared chapel. It will be taken to London tomorrow and a memorial service will be held in Westminster Abbey.

The coffin was met at the pier by high naval and military officers. A procession wove through the streets to the chapel, women who rendered war service marching in the advanced ranks of the cortege.

## Victor Berger Reaches Capital With Credentials

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Victor Berger, socialist representative-elect from Wisconsin and under jail sentence for war time violation of the espionage act, arrived in Washington tonight preparatory to presenting his credentials and request admission to the seat as a member of congress when the house convenes next Monday. He declined to make any statement as to the course he would pursue to obtain his title to his seat, pending appeal of his case to the United States supreme court.

## San Jose Is Bruneless After Bayers Get Busy

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 14.—San Jose, located in the heart of the prune growing section of the Santa Clara valley, practically is bruneless today as far as the resident consumer is concerned.

According to growers and packers, prunes, which sold last year for 6 1/2 cents a pound today sold for 12 1/2 and 13 while the two highest grades went up to 20 and 22 cents.

## TEMPTATION TO ROBBERS MOVED

### Negotiable Securities, Aggregating \$2,000,000, Put Elsewhere

When the holder of a warrant for \$800 presented at the office of State Treasurer Hoff yesterday he was startled when informed that there was barely enough in the office to pay the warrant. If the money hadn't been easily available he might have had a long wait. Here is the explanation:

The epidemic of robberies and hold ups throughout the country has caused State Treasurer Hoff to take money and all negotiable securities, about \$2,000,000 in all, have been removed from the treasury. Only a few hundred dollars in currency is kept in the vaults.

"Where have you taken the securities?" Cashier Lester B. Davis was asked.

"That's a secret," he replied. Various measures of protection were discussed before Treasurer Hoff decided to remove the money elsewhere. First it was thought that each of the male employees should be armed with an automatic pistol, but there is little opportunity for target practice around the capitol and this plan was rejected.

## Boys Shot at Pinsk Not Connected With Revolt

STOCKHOLM, May 14.—The Jewish press bureau announces that according to a communication received from members of the inquiry commission at Pinsk, Russia, who investigated the recent pogrom there, 36 youths of Pinsk, who were in no way connected with the Bolshevik movement were killed.

## Four Police Officers Attacked by Irish Mob

KNOCKLONG, Ireland, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—Four police officers who were taking a Sinn Fein prisoner to Cork were attacked by an armed band at the Knocklong station today. The armed men rescued the prisoner and killed one of the policemen and seriously injured the other. A third policeman is missing.

## Kearney Will Cease to Be Demobilization Center

CAMP KEARNEY, San Diego, Cal., May 14.—An order today from the office of the adjutant general in Washington announced this camp will soon cease to be a demobilization center. This order was taken here to indicate that most of the men who went abroad from this station have returned.

## POLICE CHIEF UNDER ARREST

### Scandal Is Unearthed in San Francisco and Big Sums Are Involved

OAKLAND, May 14.—Chief of Police Henry J. Nedderman was arrested this afternoon on a warrant based on grand jury indictments which alleged money had been paid by gamblers for police protection.

With the arrest of Chief Nedderman it was disclosed that David Cockrell, said by police officials to be one of the principal figures in local gambling activities, was arrested two days ago in connection with the passing of money said to have been paid for protection.

Corporal of Police Thomas F. O'Neill also was indicted but was out of town tonight and at a late hour had not been arrested.

Charges against Nedderman, Cockrell and O'Neill were made by Inspector of Police W. J. Petersen, who under a former administration was chief of police.

More than 10,000 dollars was paid monthly by white and Chinese gamblers for protection, it was said.

Chief Nedderman was released on bonds of \$120,000.

## Vancouver-Victoria Trip by Air Made in Brief Time

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 14.—With the first aerial mail carried between Victoria and Vancouver, and making use of aerial wireless for the first time west of Toronto in Canada, Pilot Jack Clemence and Lieutenant H. S. Graves, in the airplane "Pathfinder," made a round trip from Victoria to this city today.

The flight to Vancouver was negotiated in 43 minutes and the return flight in 1 hour and 8 minutes.

## President's Ship Too Big to Enter Antwerp Harbor

PARIS, May 14.—(By The Associated Press)—President Wilson was considering sailing for the United States from Antwerp so that he might visit Brussels on the way but it developed today that the United States transport George Washington is too great a draft to enter the port of Antwerp, so the project has been abandoned. The president will visit Brussels, however, before starting on his homeward voyage.

## Representative Hawley Narrowly Misses Death

PORTLAND, Or., May 14.—A narrow escape by Representative W. C. Hawley of the first Oregon congressional district, from death in an airplane fall yesterday was recounted in a special telegram received here today. Representatives Hawley, Timberlake of Colorado and Pratt of New York were in the plane which had ascended from Bolling Field when a break came in the crest of an air wave and the machine started to fall. Only the coolness of the operator, who regained control after a swift descent of 150 feet, averted a

## PLANES MAY LEAVE COAST EARLY TODAY

### Weather Conditions Favorable for Flight by Naval Seaplanes—Departure Is Looked For.

## DIRIGIBLE SPEEDING TO JUMP-OFF PLACE

### Third Flyer Also Ready to Resume Trip—Now on Way North

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The American naval seaplanes NC-1 and NC-3 probably will be in flight before sundown tomorrow in the first attempt to cross the Atlantic ocean through the air. Official reports to the navy department late today from Trepassey Bay, New Foundland, the starting point of the proposed flight, intimated that the "hop-off" would be made within 24 hours as favorable weather along the route to the Azores was indicated.

The navy dirigible C15 may also attempt the long cross-ocean trip either tomorrow or next day. Rising from Montauk point, Long Island, early today, the big airship passed Halifax before sunset and is expected to reach St. Johns, N. F., before daylight tomorrow. A decision as to the trans-Atlantic attempt will be made immediately on the receipt of her commander's report of his arrival.

**Distance Caught To**  
The third seaplane of the trans-Atlantic division, the NC-4, held up by engine trouble on the first leg of the journey, caught up much of her "one distance" today and was moored tonight beside the mine layer Baltimore at Halifax.

Weather conditions predicted for the next 24 hours over the proposed route from Trepassey Bay to the Azores was reported at the navy department tonight as "less encouraging." This was not interpreted by officers, however, as precluding in any way a decision by Commander Towers to postpone the departure of the planes.

## TRIP IS SPEEDY ONE

HALIFAX, May 14.—The hydro-airplane NC-4, third of the American naval planes to alight in the harbor here on its way to New Foundland for the start of a flight to the Azores and thence to England, arrived today from Chatham, Mass., after a speedy trip. Favored by a brisk south wind, the seaplane covered 340 miles in three hours and fifty-one minutes and came down to the water here at 2:05 p. m.

Lieutenant Commander Albert C. Read plans to start at dawn for Trepassey, N. F., to join the NC-1 and the NC-3.

"It had been intended," said Lieutenant Commander Read, "to make only a brief stop at Halifax and continue our flight, reaching Trepassey this evening, by taking advantage of the moonlight for night flying. This would have been quite possible if we had been able to make as early a start from Chatham as we had hoped. However, minor engine troubles cropped out at the last moment and our departure was delayed by the necessity of some slight repairs."

Lieutenant Commander Read said the flight had far exceeded his expectations. This was due in part to the "tail wind" which helped the NC-4 to make the quickest speed with the least consumption of fuel.

## DIRIGIBLE IS SIGHTED

HALIFAX, N. S., May 14.—At 7:40 tonight the dirigible C-5 was sighted about 15 miles from the east coast of Nova Scotia, according to a wireless message from the steamer Lady Laurier, to the Canadian marine department.

Liscomb's about 85 miles southeast of Halifax. When the C-5 passed over Halifax harbor it was traveling at high speed. From points of vantage the balloon was plainly visible to many people in the city. It did not appear to be more than 500 feet above the water. If the blimp keeps up the same speed, experts here estimated that it will reach the New Foundland coast about 2 o'clock tomorrow.

## Gallivan of Massachusetts Would Repeal Prohibition

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Repeal of the war-time prohibition law that is to become effective July 1, will be proposed in a bill to be introduced at the opening session of congress next week by Representative Gallivan of Massachusetts. Democrat A similar measure was introduced by Mr. Gallivan during the closing days of the last congress, but it still was in committee when the session ended.