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BEBE CONFESES KILLING

ATTEMPT MADE TO CHOKE THE SOLDIER BILL

Comptroller of Currency Would Advise Banks Not to Accept Certificates as Loans for Security.

LEADERS STILL AVER MAJORITY UNSHAKEN

Representative Mills of New York Announces Opposition to Bonus

WASHINGTON, March 9.—While announcement today by Comptroller of the Currency Crisinger that if the revised soldier bonus bill was passed he would advise national banks not to accept adjusted compensation certificates as security for loans to former service men, created a stir among members of congress, leaders regarded it as unlikely that his stand would avert a majority of the ways and means committee members from their determination to vote the measure to the house.

With opponents of the legislation conceding that the bill would have enough friends in the committee to reach the house with a recommendation that it be passed, speculation centered on the attitude of the currency comptroller, and its probable effect.

Committeemen Talk Little

There was considerable talk among the members in the lobby, most of the representatives taking the position that it would be best to proceed with the bill as drafted by Republicans on the ways and means committee, but members of the committee were reluctant to express their views.

Republican leaders, however, indicated there would be no change in the plans for consideration of the bill by the ways and means committee Saturday with the expectation that it will be reported at that time, and for a vote on the measure under suspension of rules a week from Monday.

Twice during the day the bonus question broke into the debate on the floor of the house—once when Representative Knight of Republican Ohio, denounced the bill as "indefensible from either the economic or patriotic standpoint," and again when Representative Luce, Republican, Massachusetts, protested against the plan to take the measure up under suspension of rules which would limit debate to 40 minutes under ordinary procedure, and would shut off amendments on the floor.

Mills Against Bill

Mr. Luce declared it was proposed that the house after spending hours in desultory debate on questions of little importance, devote only 40 minutes to discussion of "one of the greatest questions this congress has had to deal with." He contended that it would be not only to the best interests of the Republican party but of the house if time were afforded for members to discuss the bonus question "freely and fully."

Another development in the situation was the announcement by Representative Mills, Republican, New York, selected as a member of the ways and means committee to succeed former Representative Houghton, resigned, that he was opposed to the bonus bill. He indicated that he would vote against a favorable report of the measure.

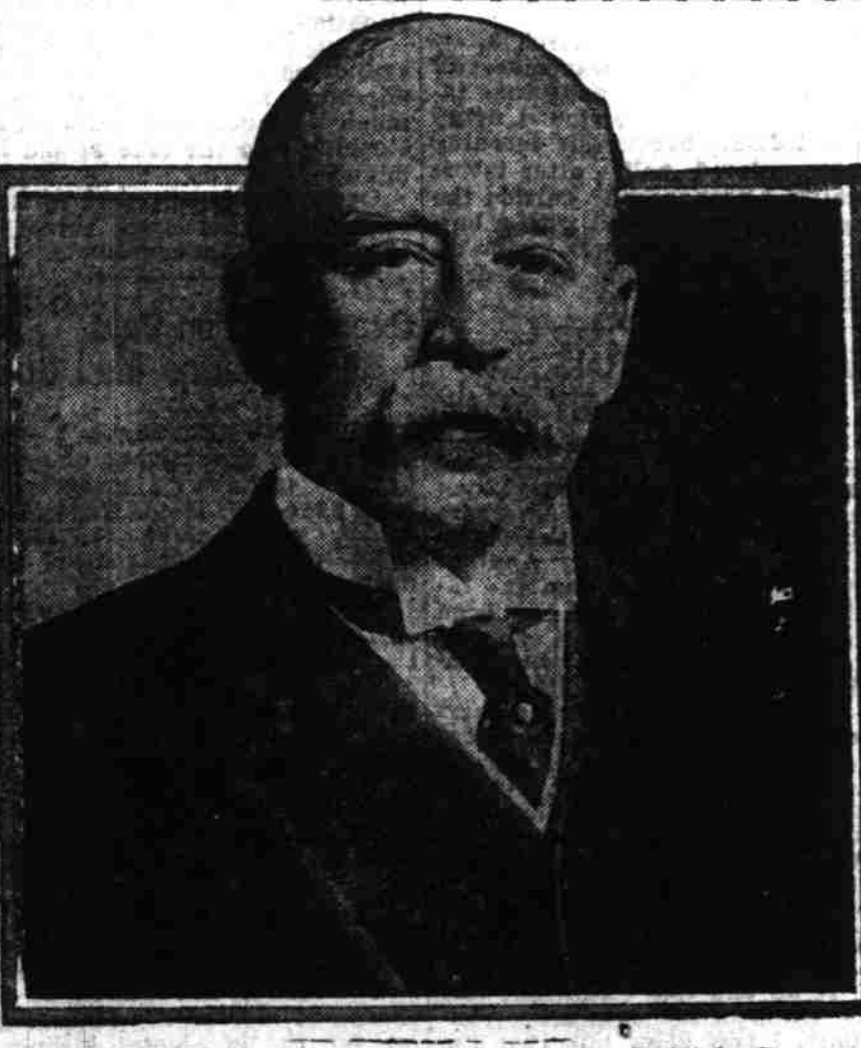
Fordney Supports Plan

CHICAGO, March 9.—The soldiers' bonus is going to be passed for humanitarian reasons and not as a political measure, Joseph W. Fordney, chairman of the federal house ways and means committee, declared in a speech before a meeting of the American Wholesale Lumber association.

"We are going to report the bill Saturday morning, ask for a suspension of the house rules on Monday morning and rush it through before everything else," he said.

"The bonus bill as we have it now, will pay the soldier a dollar

YOUNGER OF UNIONISTS IS CALLED MAN BEHIND THRONE



FOLLOWING the secret session of the British Conservative party leaders in London, upon which the fate of Premier Lloyd George and the Coalition Government depended, the British Premier is said to have informed Austen Chamberlain and Arthur Balfour that he will continue to lead a coalition, including Unionists, on one condition—that they remain spokesmen for the party. Lloyd George contends he will resign if Sir George Younger is the real "boss." Younger is chairman of the Unionist party organization and known as the "man behind the throne."

LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN RUNNING DOWN DEGENERATE

With city and county officers yesterday reporting that no progress had been made in efforts to apprehend the perpetrator who assaulted several little girls during the past six weeks, chances of bringing the criminal to immediate justice are not so good.

All peace officers who have been called into the case have been greatly handicapped by the very meagre description of the man. Since his appearance last Sunday the degenerate has vanished completely, so far as efforts at location are concerned. In fact, the public has cooperated in many ways, officers stated yesterday. The total reward offered was increased yesterday to \$1000.

The two victims of Sunday's attack, girls of 8 and 9 years, are rapidly recovering from the shock of the terrible experience, according to reports received yesterday. Sunday morning the little girls were met by a stranger who lured them to Bush's pasture. One of the girls as a result had to undergo operations for internal and external injuries.

With every officer of the city working tirelessly in the attempt to locate the criminal, another factor has arisen to add to the troubles of the police.

Amateur detectives? While many private citizens have placed their services at the disposal of peace officers, another and smaller class has evidently decided that police methods could be improved upon. This type has appeared at the police station with very little information but with a very evident desire to satisfy curiosity as to the identity of the child victims of the pervert. In some instances, the would-be Sherlock Holmes have succeeded in ascertaining the identity of the children.

"No one outside of the constituted police officials of this city has been authorized to make property seizures, conduct inquiries or to search premises in the name of this department," Acting Chief of Police Birtchett said yesterday, following receipt of information that one zealous self-appointed was giving police references.

MAYOR'S CHAIR IS CONCEDED GOAL OF FIGHT AT PRIMARY

Who will be Salem's next mayor? City political dopesters are anxiously voicing this inquiry in an effort to line out the straight trail through the pending campaign. That several candidate possibilities are in the offing with an addition of a few dark horses, has added to the troubles of the city ward heelers.

Mayor Out of Race

For one thing, some pool room politicians have breathed a sigh of relief now that Mayor George Halvorsen has announced that he will not come out for reelection. The past administration has displayed a tendency toward upholding the efforts of police department officers and city court officials in suspending the licenses of several of the city's most unsavory

JAPAN-BRITISH INTRIGUE SEEN BY SOUTHERNER

Robinson of Arkansas Says Four-Power Pact Was Drawn to Offset Embarrassment of Alliance.

LODGE AND UNDERWOOD ARE HEARD IN REPLY

Reed, Borah, Johnson and Others Hasten to Assistance of Opponents

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Charging that the four-power Pacific treaty resulted from a Japanese-British plan to offset the embarrassing effect of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, opponents of the pact sought without success in the senate today to learn exactly by whom the original draft of the document was prepared.

Both of the senate's representatives on the arms conference delegation, Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Underwood of Alabama, declared in reply to direct questions that the delegation head, Secretary Hughes, had conducted most of the negotiations leading up to the treaty.

Mr. Lodge said "many hands" had helped in the drafting and redrafting, and that he did not know who made the first suggestion. Mr. Underwood asserted that the first draft he saw was the final one, laid before him by Secretary Hughes.

Democrat Has Conjecture

The statements of the two senate leaders were made in reply to a series of questions by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, who told the senate when the cross-questioning was over that "although we don't know and will never find out from any authentic source who wrote the first draft," he was inclined to believe that the finished product resulted from the joint labors of Arthur J. Balfour for Great Britain and Prince Tokugawa for Japan. He assailed the treaty as an "alliance" and predicted it would do more harm than good.

Senator Robinson's inquiry in to the origin of the four-power idea was a part of a field day of debate which kept the senate floor in turmoil all afternoon. The treaty's opponents kept the floor throughout the session except for the explanatory statements by Senators Lodge and Underwood. In the midst of the attack the senate recessed until tomorrow when the "irreconcilables" are again expected to take the offensive.

roadsides Delivered

Broadsides against the pact were delivered by both Senator Robinson and Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, while Senators Borah, Republican, Idaho, Johnson, Republican, California, Watson, Democrat, Georgia, Shields, Democrat, Tennessee and others joined in with suggestions which struck at several other conference treaties. The next extended response from the treaty supporters is expected Saturday when Senator Underwood plans to take the floor with a prepared address explaining the purpose and results of the pact.

Arguing that the treaty really pledges more than claimed for it by its proponents, Senator Robinson called attention to the provision against discussion of "domestic questions" under the treaty clauses, and asked why it was necessary to make the exemption if "nothing but conversation" was provided for between the four signatories. He declared that three other powers regarded the power as an alliance and predicted that the United States would have to do likewise in any future war where Great Britain, Japan and France joined forces against an outside nation.

Amendments Requested

The "no alliance" reservation presented by the foreign relations committee, Senator Robinson asserted, would not be sufficient to

LARGE LIQUOR HAUL IS MADE FROM JAP SHIP

PORTLAND, March 9.—Customs inspectors today turned coal miners in the bunkers of the Japanese freighter Meiwu Maru with rich results.

Under the vessel's 70-ton coal pile they found 77 bottles of fine champagne—cognac, the like of which has not been smuggled into the port in seven years.

A great quantity of Scotch whiskey and some Japanese liquor was also disclosed.

"It was one of the biggest hauls we have made," said Deputy Collector of Customs George U. Piper.

The steamer was not seized by the officers.

GHOST NOT THERE, PROFESSOR ANGRY

New York Psychologist Says Visitor May Be Poltergeist Variety

CALEDONIA MILLS, N. S. March 9.—Apparently angered at the stubbornness of the "Anti-gothic ghost" who thus far has refused to make his acquaintance, Dr. Walter Franklin Prince, New York scientist and director of the American Institute of Scientific Research, declared somewhat testily "that he would stay on the job until he had found out something."

This is the statement attributed to the doctor by Dan McGillary, who lives near the Alex McDonald home, reputed to be the home of the ghost, and the scene of its activities when twisting the tail of MacDonald's cattle.

Prince has refused to be quoted, devoting his time and energies to arranging a reception for his eerie visitor should it deign to put in an appearance on this, the third night of the scientist's tenancy.

Dr. Prince said he was working on the theory that he has a "poltergeist" to deal with. Poltergeist is German for "racketing spirit" being in scientific terms "phenomena attributed to the actions of a spirit."

The poltergeist occupies large space in psychical history, many volumes having been written on the subject. Curiously enough, in most cases in which this type of phenomena has figured, some person, usually a girl, has appeared as an "agent."

Dr. Prince has made a secret of his desires to interview closely Mary Ellen, 15, adopted daughter of the MacDonalds, who was present at the mysterious happenings which drove the family from its house in the dead of winter.

Mary Ellen, however, was not present in the house the night Harold Whidden, a Halifax reporter and P. O. Carroll, a provincial detective slept there and claimed to have been slapped by the mysterious. Whidden and Carroll had gone to the house after its evacuation by the MacDonalds to investigate the strange tale. It was their report, corroborating the MacDonalds story that led Dr. Prince to take up the investigation.

Probably the most widely known case in which the poltergeist has figured is that which occurred in the Workshop, England, cottage home of a Mrs. White, where dishes were said to have walked in and out of the house, flown through the air with no apparent propelling force; coats ambled into the house from no place in particular, a clock jumped over a bed and various other phenomena occurred.

This was in February and March 1883 and during all the manifestations a child, Eliza Rose, was present. With her departure, peace was restored to the White household.

MAN IN STATE HOSPITAL SAYS HE KILLED JOHN PAINTER AND HIS SON; KILLING DESCRIBED

BROCCOLI MAN VISITOR HERE

R. R. Pailthorp of Federal Department Assists Growers of Valley

R. R. Pailthorp, specialist in fruit transportation and storage investigation, United States bureau of markets, department of agriculture, was in Salem yesterday, having come here to make observations and give help to the growers and shippers during the broccoli harvesting season.

Spokane is the headquarters point for Mr. Pailthorp. His main work in that district has been chiefly concerned with the problems of apple transportation and storage.

Crop Is Late

Mr. Pailthorp looked over only one field near Salem yesterday and he found very few heads beginning to form, and in these the curls are only about the size of a walnut. It is evident that the shipping season for the Salem district will be a month or more late; that little broccoli will be shipped before the first of April. This is a general condition all over the coast. The broccoli crop in California was very late.

Mr. Pailthorp will go to Roseburg today, where the broccoli comes on somewhat earlier than in the Willamette valley. Then he will go to Independence where he understands the crop is earlier than in other sections of the valley districts.

Will Remain During Season

But, however late or early, Mr. Pailthorp will be in and out of the Oregon broccoli sections during the shipping season, with the object of studying conditions and giving all the help he can this year, and getting information that may be of use in future years.

The coming of Mr. Pailthorp was not unexpected. The authorities of the United States department of agriculture had promised this assistance to the managers of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association, as there have been some losses in the past few years, due to improper packing or treatment in the cars in transit, and it is the wish of the men at the head of the federal department of agriculture that the broccoli industry in this district should be encouraged, as they realize that it promises a great future, when all the matters in connection with the growth and the delivery to the markets of this aristocrat of vegetables shall have been worked out and standardized.

The three unusual periods of freezing weather through which the growing broccoli plants passed, in both the Umpqua and the Willamette valleys, has no doubt very materially cut down the prospective output of marketable heads, but there may turn out to be a larger salvage than was at one time expected. However, this is for the present a matter largely of conjecture.

Admission Made Voluntarily to Dr. John C. Evans and Later to District Attorney Carson—Story Is That Fight Preceded Shooting—Movements Following Crime Are Related by Youth

Carson D. (Pete) Beebe, who arrived at the state hospital here a few days ago following acquittal in the Linn county circuit court on a charge of murdering John Painter, Wednesday in a confession made to Dr. John C. Evans, a physician at the institution, admitted that he killed both Painter and his son, William, and buried their bodies in a shallow grave some distance from the Painter home.

At the time Beebe was tried for the murder of the elder Painter he denied the charge and alleged that John Painter killed his son and then committed suicide. For fear that he would be implicated in the affair, Beebe told the officers that he buried the bodies where they were found later by searchers. The jurors, after hearing the testimony at the trial, acquitted Beebe on the grounds of insanity.

In his confession to Dr. Evans, which later was repeated to John H. Carson, district attorney of Marion county, Beebe said he had been employed by Painter and the day before the murder the latter went to Lacombe where he purchased some moonshine liquor and clover seed. Upon his return, Beebe said he and the two Painters drank heavily of the liquor.

The following morning Beebe said the drinking bout was resumed, and that he and the elder Painter engaged in a fight. During the fight Beebe said he received a severe blow on the head, with the result that he started to run from the house.

Shooting Described

It was then, he said, that the elder Painter reached for a shotgun which stood in the kitchen. Fearful of being killed, Beebe said he then whipped out his revolver and shot Painter three times, the latter falling dead in his tracks.

Beebe said Painter's son then started to run from the ranch, apparently to notify a neighbor of the gilling. In order to conceal the crime from publicity, Beebe said he then shot young Painter.

Youth Not Killed Outright

Beebe said he later wrapped the elder Painter's body in a blanket and dragged it to the barn. Young Painter's body was placed alongside that of his father.

Later in the day, Beebe told the physician he hitched up Painter's team and drove to the home of his father. He returned to the Painter ranch that night, however, and according to his statement, buried the bodies the following morning. Young Painter, Beebe said in his confession, lived for some time after the shooting.

Fight Is Doubtful

District Attorney Carson said last night that he placed credence in many of the statements contained in Beebe's confession, but doubted that part of his statement with relation to Painter's purchase of moonshine and the subsequent fight. The district attorney also said that it was his opinion that the elder Painter was buried the day he was killed, for the reason that fresh blood was found in his grave.

When Beebe offered voluntarily to tell Dr. Evans the alleged details of the double murder, the physician said he appeared greatly relieved and talked freely. District Attorney Carson later was notified, and Beebe repeated his confession.

Another Trial Possible

Beebe is also under indictment for first degree murder in connection with the killing of William Painter. Whether he will be tried on this charge had not been determined tonight by District Attorney Lewellen of Linn county.

Physicians at the state hospital said today that Beebe is of low mentality, but they would not say that he is insane. One mental expert at the institution remarked:

"Beebe is not insane and should not have been sent to this hospital."

John Painter's shoes were found on Beebe after the murder, and the prosecuting officers contended at the trial that robbery was the motive for the killing.

FIRST POOL OF LOGANS CLOSED

Loganberry pool No. 1 for dried loganberries has been closed by the Willamette Valley Prune association on a basis of 27.17 cents a pound and checks will be mailed today to members of the pool, according to W. T. Jenks, manager of the association.

This is on the basis of from 4 1/2 to 5 cents a pound. Mr. Jenks said, for the green fruit after drying expenses are paid. He regards this as the highest price paid for green loganberries the past season. The association is now working on pool No. 2, he said.

With reports from all parts of the country that canned logans are practically cleaned up, and that the vast quantities of barrelled loganberries which have been held in cold storage since 1919 are now going into consumption, the outlook for the loganberry business is most encouraging, Mr. Jenks said.

The coming crop of loganberries will be sold on practically a bare market, with no old stocks to hold the market down. Much of the old stock, which was bought at a high price has been placed on the market and unloaded at a sacrifice.

With a fine winter for loganberry vines and the disposition of all growers to place their vines in good conditions, everything points to favorable conditions for a large crop and the same for a satisfactory market, Mr. Jenks said.

Tax Collector Finds "Honest" Moonshiner

YAKIMA, Wash., March 9.—An assessment sheet turned in at the office of County Assessor Lincoln D. Luce Thursday by Deputy Fred C. Bear listing \$2000 worth of "moonshine" equipment for assessment, sent Sheriff Pad R. Bear and his deputies on what proved to be a wild goose chase over the Satus country Thursday afternoon in an effort to grab the conscientious bootlegger's plant.

The property described in the sheet turned out to be merely a wide stretch of sage brush instead of a ranch. There was no sign of a house or the moonshine layout, either.

THE WEATHER

Friday: Showers; strong southwest to west winds.

N. R. Dale Killed in Auto Wreck in Canada

DALLAS, Ore., March 9.—(Special to the Statesman)—N. R. Dale, son of Mrs. Lizie Dale of this city, was killed in an automobile accident at Lethbridge, Canada, the first of the week. His body arrived in Dallas last night and the funeral services were held today from the Chapman undertaking parlors.

Dale was well known to the older residents of the city. The particulars leading up to his death have been very meagre and little can be learned of just how the accident happened. Interment was in the I.O.F. cemetery.

MAN KILLED

ASTORIA, Ore., March 9.—L. Sawyer, 30, an employee of a logging company at Grays River, Wash., was fatally injured while at work there today and died as he was being brought to the hospital here. A log that was being hauled out swung around and struck the man, crushing his hip and injuring him internally.

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