

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

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LODGE WOULD CHANGE PLAN BORAH OFFERS

Massachusetts Senator to Strike Debts, Immigration and Reparations from Amendment.

M'NARY WILL FAVOR PRESENT PROPOSAL

Return of American Troops on Rhine Urged—Johnson New Opposer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first official disclosure that President Harding is negotiating toward an international conference for the consideration of European economic problems was made by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader, during opening debate in the senate today on the proposal of Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, for the president to call an international conference to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

Would Limit Conference In opposing the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, Senator Lodge urged that the president be not embarrassed "in the efforts" which he is now making as a matter of fact.

Senator Lodge, in the course of an hour's address against the Borah amendment as presented, did not oppose the calling of an economic conference but said it should be carefully and strictly defined with such questions as reparations, allied debts and immigration specifically excluded from consideration.

Officials Silent The state department, which has consistently maintained silence as to any efforts the administration might be making in reference to improving economic and business conditions in Europe, declined to add anything to the statement of Senator Lodge but it was learned that President Harding was considering most seriously transmitting a letter to the senate giving information of his negotiations and at the same time deploring any intervention from congress which might operate to hinder his efforts.

It is understood that through the state department the president has been "sounding out" several powers regarding the desirability of holding an economic conference. Whether the proposed conference would be called by or held in the United States, or whether this nation would be a participant were, however, important details not disclosed.

Discussion Long The Borah amendment was discussed for four hours in the senate, Senator Lodge and Lenroot, Republican of Wisconsin, speaking in opposition, and Senators Borah and Williams, Democrat of Mississippi, in behalf of the proposal. No action was taken on the question and further debate went over until tomorrow.

The opening debate on the amendment developed the full force of administration disapproval for it as drafted, and also bi-partisan support and opposition. Administration leaders mapped out a program to defeat the amendment on a parliamentary point of order if possible, and on a direct vote if the parliamentary point should fail.

Republican leaders said they did not believe a decision on the point of order, which could be overturned by a majority vote, would be appealed, and declared positively after a canvass that there were enough votes assured to defeat Senator Borah's pending motion to make his amendment in order by suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote.

Lodge Leads Fight The Borah amendment was discussed for four hours in the senate, Senator Lodge and Lenroot, Republican of Wisconsin, speaking in opposition, and Senators Borah and Williams, Democrat of Mississippi, in behalf of the proposal.

THE WEATHER OREGON: Thursday rain.

LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 59. Minimum temperature, 49. River, 12 feet above normal level. Stationary. Rainfall, .72 inch. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, south.

WILSON PLANS CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY

Ex-president 66 Years Old Today—Delegation to Visit Washington Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Woodrow Wilson is expected to spend the greater part of his 66th birthday tomorrow quietly in his 8 street home, though it is understood he probably will receive a delegation during the afternoon. The Woodrow Wilson foundation, it was announced tonight, will send a delegation to the residence of the former president at three o'clock to extend birthday greetings and inform him of progress in its effort to raise a \$1,000,000 fund to advance ideas enunciated by him while president. The delegation will be headed by Hamilton Holt of New York, executive director of the foundation, and Mrs. Kate Trenholm Abrams, vice-chairman of the district of Columbia branch of the organization.

FRANCE WANTS FORESTS NOW

Poincare Would Take German Timber Lands as Guarantee of Payments

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Premier Poincare plans to follow up the reparations commission's decision declaring Germany in default of her wood deliveries, by presenting to the allied premiers meeting here next week a plan for taking over the German state forests as a guarantee. If the other premiers will not agree to this step it is understood France is prepared to act alone.

Poincare Plans Coup It now is feared that the British and French attitudes will be as far apart when the premiers reconvene as they were when the recent London conference adjourned and the latest reparations developments is taken to support this view. Sir John Bradbury went to London today to confer with Prime Minister Bonar Law and other members of the government on the effect of the reparations commission's action and on the question of the general British policy toward the premier's meeting.

France's victory in the reparations commission vote is ascribed to the personal efforts of Premier Poincare, who is said to have carefully planned the coup. The action was so quietly and swiftly executed that none of the American unofficial observers had the opportunity of being present.

CHILE AND PERU STILL AT OUTS

Coastal Republic Angered at Reply Received to Conference Invite

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 27.—The settlement of the Chilean government in favor of re-establishing diplomatic relations with Peru has undergone a decided change, it is understood in view of Peru's attitude toward the Chilean invitation to the forthcoming pan-American congress.

It was Chile's intention to resume relations as soon as the ratification of the Ancon treaty protocol, arranged at Washington, were exchanged. Peru's allegations of the mistreatment of Peruvians in Chile, injected into her reply to Chile's invitation have brought a revulsion of feeling and it now seems to be felt that relations can hardly be re-established until the arbitrators make their award in the dispute over the provinces of Tacna and Arica.

In view of the present situation it is thought unlikely that Peru will be represented in the Pan-American meeting.

AUTO BOMB-WRECKED

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—he automobile of John Danz, who operates several Seattle motion picture houses, was wrecked by a bomb that was thrown into it while it was standing empty in front of his home this evening. Mr. Danz attributed the explosion to labor controversies he has had recently.

NEAR EASTERN ARBITRATORS FEAR CLIMAX

Day of Reckoning Draws Close—Turks and Allied Powers Are Still Far From Harmony.

BRITAIN WILL NOT PART WITH MOSUL

Further Meetings of Commissions Held Useless—No Progress Made

LAUSANNE, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Great uneasiness is spreading throughout Near East conference circles as the time approaches when there must be a final reckoning on all important questions which have been passed by with only partial agreement or no agreement at all between the Turks and the allied powers.

Little Progress Made Lord Curzon's positive announcement today that Great Britain would not cede Mosul to Turkey and did not propose to discuss the question further, was the forerunner of less positive statements from the other delegations on various questions, which indicated that the conference was reaching a climax and that preparations were under way for a final showing of strength.

The sub-commissions are making little progress. Riza Nur Bey was less truculent today in the sub-commission on minorities but the Christmas rest apparently did not improve the temper of the Turks materially, and the allied delegations are clearly becoming less tractable in preparation for a final and complete statement of the maximum they will yield.

Abdul Leaders Watched The indications are that the final roundup will come early next week and the contending parties are so far apart on capitulations, control of the straits and the rights of minorities that the outcome is uncertain. It is clear that further meetings of the commissions and sub-commissions will be of little use.

Seemingly everyone is talked out. Kurds, Arabs, Assyro-Chaldeans, Armenians, Greeks, Turks, Bulgarians and Russians are now watching with tense interest as the allied leaders meet daily in private conferences which are really deciding what the may of Asia-Minor shall be. Lord Curzon, Marquis di Carroni and M. Barriere had a long discussion today on capitulations, which after Mosul oil, probably is the most stubborn question for settlement.

Capitulations Discussed The three leaders made no announcement as to what decision had been reached. The American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, and the allied delegates met this evening and discussed capitulations and the general situation of the conference. It was decided that the capitulations commission should meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in an effort to reach some agreement with the Turks on the question of consular courts and other privileges of foreign residents in Turkey.

MME. BERNHARDT SURE OF RECOVERY

Star Confident She Will See Footlights Again—Condition is Unchanged

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By The Associated Press.)—Medical men attending Madame Sarah Bernhardt said this afternoon there had been no improvement in her condition since morning but neither had there been a change for the worse. The actress herself was optimistic as ever.

"Tell them in America," she said, "tell all my friends, how much I appreciate their kind interest. I shall get well again. This message was sent out through Madame Normand, the directress of Bernhardt's household, as the doctors forbade their patient from receiving any visitors.

KLUXER WITH DYNAMITE IS PUT IN JAIL

Little Klansmen Found Lugging 2 Suitcases of Explosives—Under Bond

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 27.—Wesley Hollyoke, 21 years old, who admitted to police that he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, is being held here tonight following his arrest yesterday on a charge of illegally transporting explosives. Hollyoke, when arrested was in possession of two suitcases filled with dynamite. He said he had assisted at the ceremony on Christmas eve south of here, when a blazing cross was erected. He stated the dynamite, which he obtained in Culver, Ind., was used to attract attention to the ceremony. He is being held under high bond.

EX-MAYOR TO FIGHT RETURN

McKeon Has Many Friends Who Will Oppose Extradition Proceedings

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Hearing on the writ of habeas corpus obtained today by counsel for Dr. McKeon was arrested here yesterday on a charge of murder, by request of Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana, as an outgrowth of the Morehouse parish murder and kidnaping cases. The writ was obtained in an effort to obtain bail for the doctor prior to his fight against extradition.

Friends Will Support Requisition papers issued by Governor Parker on Governor Albert Ritchie of this state for the return to Louisiana of Dr. McKeon are not expected to reach here for two or three days. Governor Ritchie today said he would await receipt of the papers, then hear both sides of the case and render an impartial decision.

Meanwhile friends of Dr. McKeon are coming to his assistance. Telegrams were received today from many persons pledging their moral and financial support. Among them was one from two physicians signing themselves as fellows of the American College of Surgeons, composed of many leading men in the medical profession. Another telegram from the Central Savings and Trust company of Mer Rouge, offered to deposit any amount of money in a local bank in an effort to obtain release of Dr. McKeon.

Not Klansman In an interview with newspapermen prior to his arraignment in police court this morning, Dr. McKeon stated he was unable to throw any light on the deaths of Thomas Richards and Watt Danlyis, whose mutilated bodies were found several days ago in Lake LaFourche, near Mer Rouge.

"At one time," Dr. McKeon said, "I was willing to go back and tell them all that I could about conditions at Mer Rouge, but now I will fight the requisition to the last ditch." While angered at his arrest, Dr. McKeon is inclined to treat the matter lightly. He said he could account for every hour prior to the kidnaping of the murdered men and every minute since their mysterious disappearance. When asked how he could account for all the time so accurately since August, when the men disappeared, Dr. McKeon retorted:

"When the time comes I will show you." Dr. McKeon reiterated he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Neither had he been asked to join the organization, he said.

Bezdek Invites Oregon Mentor to Attend Game

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27.—Shy Huntington, head coach of the University of Oregon football team who was a member of the Oregon team when Hugo Bezdek, now coach of Penn State, was Oregon's coach, will leave tomorrow for Pasadena to witness the game between his former mentor's team and University of Southern California. "Shy" and Mrs. Huntington, who accompanies him, have been invited by Bezdek to be his guests while at Pasadena.

UNDERTAKER DIES OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 27.—Henry M. Burkett, 72, Omaha undertaker and pioneer resident, died here this noon. He was vice president of the National Funeral Directors' association. He came to Omaha from Creston, Ia., in 1883.

OLCOTT DONS WORKER'S GARB TO INSPECT COAL MINE WHILE VISITING IN THE SOUTH

GOVERNORS DON WORKERS' GARB TO INSPECT SOUTHERN MINE.



From left to right—Governor S. R. McKelvie of Nebraska, Governor D. W. Davis of Idaho and Mrs. Thomas E. Campbell, wife of the governor of Arizona, who found time from the 14th annual governors' conference at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., for a little diversion.

BIG MILL FIRE INJURES MANY

36 Hurt in Explosion and Conflagration, Loss Estimated Near \$150,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—More than 30 men are injured and burned, some perhaps fatally as the result of a dust explosion and fire at the mill of the Schreiber Flour and Cereal company here this afternoon. The plant was destroyed with an estimated loss of from \$125,000 to \$150,000.

Twenty-six persons were given emergency treatment at the general hospital and 13 of them were transferred to private hospitals for further treatment.

Several others were treated at police headquarters. No one is known to have perished in the fire.

C. T. Schreiber, manager of the mill, said late today all employees had been accounted for. The 50 or 60 men working in the mill virtually were trapped, some of them injured by the concussion. Then fire appeared to break out throughout the building. Men with burns and other injuries staggered out and were rushed to hospitals for medical treatment.

DEATH OF GIRL Baffles Police

Best Clue Reached is That Child Was Accidentally Shot by Friend

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—More than 36 hours after they began their investigation the police tonight confessed themselves baffled in their search for a solution of circumstances surrounding the death of Theresa McCarty, 10-year-old school girl, whose body with a 22-caliber bullet through the heart, was found in a toy littered room of her Brooklyn home yesterday.

The investigation after the police had laboriously sifted a half dozen nebulous clues, sifted down to two theories. The first, the one considered most credible by the police, was that the child was accidentally shot by a playmate who had been given a gun of small calibre as a Christmas present.



Gov. Ben W. Olcott of Oregon.

SERVICE MEN IN WANT, SAYS ARMY

Many Men Apply for Help Daily at Local Headquarters

Boys who have been through fire and all the heartaches that go with war are constantly appealing to the Salvation Army for help and are willing to do anything. Work seems to be the thing most needed and among some of the applicants who have recently applied was one boy who had three wound scars he received while on the firing line in the Great War. He told Captain Holbrook that he "had not had a hot meal in four days," and when he told it sounded to Captain Holbrook just like the old days in France, when hot meals were not easily had during the heavy engagements.

This boy was hastening on to reach his home in time to meet a dying mother before she breathed her last.

Captain Louise B. Holbrook says that she will gladly cook up a kettle of stew so that those who are wet and tired can have something hot in their stomachs before they have to move on if they cannot find work. Seven or eight persons a day have applied for help during the last few weeks and unless there that a man can do many of these young men will have to go on their way broke and discouraged. Captain Holbrook says that it is his desire to give these fellows every chance that he can as there are so many of them that are so willing and want to do better. He says it is not his desire to drive them into things that men would not do under ordinary circumstances, and a hot meal and a little help given at the right time will prevent many a crime.

WORLD MAY BE ON BRINK OF DEGENERATION

Scientists State That Spirit of Despondency, Unless Checked, Will Lead to Race Decline.

BRYAN AND KLUXERS BLAMED FOR UNREST

New Discoveries Held Vital if Progress is to Continue Longer

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—The maintenance of the energy of the race is the real task of our civilization, Dr. Thomas S. Baker, secretary and acting president of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, said in an address today at a sectional meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

World Chained "is degeneration inevitable," he asked. "It would be a bold prophet who would say no to this question. But to answer it in the affirmative means the acceptance of a form of fatalism that will ultimately bring with it a decline in human confidence and effort.

"The world now shows signs of alarm as it contemplates its many disorders. We are forced to notice an increase in a spirit of morbid introspection which it continued may lead to the despondency which is a characteristic of the people whose culture is falling.

New Ideas Necessary "The idea of progress has been almost an axiom in the popular thinking for nearly a century, but now in its stead, the conception of inevitable degeneration makes itself heard from time to time. Our feelings revolt at this desperate view of the future. Optimism is an essential in the conservation of our present stock of human energy. Inertia will overtake the race if we lose confidence in the future.

"Then energy of the race can only be preserved through new ideas, new discoveries and the application of these discoveries. Mankind will degenerate unless there is a continuous flow of new ideas from the brains of great thinkers to fortify and inspire the actions and the lives of the unthinking masses.

Educational Vital "We often mistake restlessness for energy. We may be making a great display of energy on enterprises that have no permanent value. The rapid increase of interest in sports and recreation is a natural corollary to the heightened feverishness of our age. If we believe that the convocation of man's energy depends on high thinking, we should attach more importance to repose and contemplation than we do at present.

"Popular education can increase the sum total of human energy by bringing to the surface powers that otherwise would have remained latent. It can liberate the mind of superior endowments.

Bryan and Klan Hit "At the present time we observe the increasing power of the masses. We can imagine that the power of the masses of unthinking people might be increased—that they might dictate more completely the path which thinkers must follow in order to secure a hearing. Should this be the case, there would result a blocking of progress not dissimilar to the circuits that was put upon the original minds of the middle ages.

"I cannot refrain from mentioning as recent samples of mediocrity the fight of Bryan to enlist the unthinking people in his struggle to stifle freedom of thought in the field of science, and efforts of the Ku Klux Klan to reduce the country to a state of mob rule.

Salesman Theory Exploded "We have no assurance that our civilization will be permanent. But so long as we believe that our culture and our ideas of living ought to be conserved, our chief means of testing our success in maintaining them will be the amount of energy and especially intellectual energy that is being produced.

At a business session the entomological society elected as its president Professor T. D. A. Cockerell of the University of

YOUNG WEIR GETS LIBERTY Father and Helen Leary Detained on Minor Charge—Case is Dismissed

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—As a result of revelations made today by Helen Leary, in which she branded as false her earlier story of the murder of a 15-year-old girl by Cash Weir and the subsequent disposal of the body in the river by the old man and his son Earl, murder charges against the two were dismissed in police court on motion of John M. Mowry, deputy district attorney. Young Weir was given his liberty but the father and the women were held on a minor charge.

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